



Campus life

College student concerns

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National briefs

Have you tried dynamite?

SAN DIEGO — And you think your job stinks? One unlucky life guard has been assigned to guard the smelly, rotting carcass of a gray whale that washed up at Devil's Cove. Surveillance is necessary to keep vandals from spraying graffiti on the whale or stealing the ropes and pulleys attached to it. Neighbors to the new beach occupant are complaining about the stench, and curious tourists are plugging their noses to take a gander at the expired mammal. The problem is life guards don't know what to do with the 30-ton whale. Efforts to secure the corpse and pull it out to sea were stymied when authorities discovered that someone had cut off the tail.

Little prank

AGRA, Kan. A little graffiti has turned the north-central Kansas community of Agra into *Viagra* Town. About two weeks ago, someone scalded the water tower in the community of 300 and painted a "v" and an "i" in front of the town's name, resulting in "*viagra*" — the impotency treatment drug. Residents have found the vandalism, well, uplifting. Mayor Merle Barnes said the new lettering will likely stay. "As far as I'm concerned, it'll be there until the water tower gets painted again. I'm not going to go up there and paint it." Source: <http://www.usatoday.com/news/nw/ind.htm>

— RON NORTON

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AT ISSUE



State Sen. Joey Pendleton smiled during a forum at UK attended by several legislators to discuss Kentucky's share of the tobacco settlement.

Following the cash

Somber yet hopeful: State's farmers, politicians sound off on who will benefit from billion-dollar tobacco settlement

By Pat Clem
ASSISTANT NEWS EDITOR

The somber mood at the Agricultural Science North Auditorium Tuesday night was accented by uncertainty, rampant emotions and a healthy dash of hope. "We're dealing with people's lives here," said Betty Hunt, who attended a public forum last night along with several Kentucky farmers and about 62 senators and congressmen to address the future of \$5 billion coming to Kentucky from the tobacco settlement. The senators attending were part of the Tobacco Task Force, which was created as a committee to draw up proposals on how to spend the money. Five tobacco companies have agreed to pay \$206 billion to the states. Kentucky's share of the money is divided into two pots. The first pot, about \$3.5 billion, is designated for health care purposes and farmer aid, while the second pot of about \$1.5 billion has been allocated for agricultural use. The money compensates for a 30-percent drop in quotas — the amount of tobacco that will be bought from the farmers — because of the new cigarette price increases. One of the task force's flyers estimated that for every 10 percent increase in

pricing, a 4 percent lower amount of consumption follows. The controversial topic at the forum is how much of the money going to the farmers. "I think every bit of it ought to go to the grower," said Ted Hollins, a resident of Scott County. "There should also be no taxes on any of the money going out." Others understood why some of the money is appropriated for health care. "It's obvious that cigarettes are bad for people," said Harrison County resident Richard Wade. "So some of the money does need to go for health care purposes." One of the other major concerns of the forum was who will be included when the second half of the money starts getting handed out. "There's a division on how to split that money," said Rep. Pete Worthington (D-Fleming County). Four groups of people — farm owners, farm tenants, quota holders and quota leasers — are involved. Many favored tenants and farm owners receiving all of the money. "The way I see it, lease prices will rise and so leasers will really lose no money," said Tony Harrington, of Cynthiana. Many farmers got emotional about the subject. "I've raised my three girls on a tobacco

farm," said Carl Moore of Mercer County. "And you all (the government) are taking away my income." Others were light-hearted about the subject. "My daddy taught me about supply and demand years ago," said Pete R. Dailley of Bourbon County. "I never really listened to him that well though, otherwise I wouldn't be in this mess." The forum did not resolve anything in the end, but that was not its intention. "It (the forum) was for the committee's benefit, to just let them know all the different ideas and viewpoints that are out there," said David Lloyd of Woodford County. "I don't think (the senators) even know how it will be done yet." Apparently, the senators agreed. "There's a hundred different opinions," said Rep. Lonnie Napier (R-Madison County). "We've got a lot of things to work out." **Up in smoke?** Other parts included in the tobacco settlement: ● Prohibits youth targeting in advertising ● Ban on use of cartoon characters in advertising ● Restricted brand name sponsorships of events with significant youth audiences. — Source: master tobacco settlement

Theft an issue on campus

Students, administrators try to dispel myths, encourage measures to ensure safety

By John P. Boyce
CONTRIBUTING WRITER

The freshman was excited to get home from a long day of classes. She walked into her room on the 17th floor of Blanding Tower. It was the same as she had left it. She turned on the TV, but it shut off again, seemingly on its own. She leaned over and turned it back on. This time the channels began to change erratically. Little did she know the next moment would bring her one step closer to the shock of her life. She turned, only to find the remote in the hand of a large man, who was hiding in her roommate's closet. She screamed and the man ran away. Safety might not be a major concern when deciding on a college, but administrators say it is an issue that should not be taken lightly, as illustrated by this 1996 incident. The campus is a safe environment, but (it) seems secluded from the surrounding city; and many residents ignore the fact that crime does occur on campus," said Tony Ralph, assistant director of Residence Life. "I don't want the residents to worry, but I wish they would be cautious and aware of the possibility." Stories around campus about scary incidences do cause some residents to worry. "I am concerned about my safety, mainly because we live around a populated area," said Tara Wilson, an allied health sophomore. "I would like to know how the residents are protected." Residence Life and Housing have taken many steps to ensure student safety. Cameras have been installed at the main entrances and fire exits of every residence hall. Haggin and Donovan halls also have slide card lock systems, which only permit students who live there to enter the building. "I would like to see all of our residence halls ... with card access ability," said Jim Wims, director of Residence Life. "The cameras that are located in the residence halls mainly focus on the entrances, through which unwanted individuals could enter." Undeclared freshman Melissa Mortimer, who lives in Blanding II, said she feels safe living in the dorms. "It's very safe," she said. "You have to sign your guest in and escort them while they are in the building. It's not like people are walking in off the streets." Mortimer did say the use of security can go too far. "I feel it's overly protective," she said. "It's ridiculous with the cameras and signing people in. I feel like I'm in prison." Being overly protective is a concern shared by the residence hall staff. "We could run into problems when dealing with surveillance," Wims said. "We

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CAMPUS SAFETY

Apartment fire has students thinking more safety-conscious

By Lexie Cheatham
CONTRIBUTING WRITER

Melissa Holloway says she'll be a lot more careful where she puts her cigarettes out from now on. The anthropology sophomore, who lives in Greg Page Apartments, said that because of last Thursday's fire at the complex, she is more aware of where she smokes now. The fire, caused by a discarded cigarette left two apartments with \$10,000 in damage. "It's unfortunate that it takes a tragedy to spark student and administration awareness," Holloway said. UK Fire Marshal Barry Beach said there would be no change in the smoking policy at Greg Page because no rules were broken. "It was a freak accident," Beach said. "A one-in-a-million shot." Smoking has been the cause of a few fires in residence halls over the years, but the last three or four, many fires on campus were caused by arson. Arson was also the cause of the Murray State University fire, which resulted in the death of one student last fall. Beach indicated false fire alarms, espe-

cially in dorms, might be as large a threat to students as arson. "It is hard to protect against arson," Beach said. "This is more of a security issue. Students need to accept responsibility. Fire alarms are not play tools." Tony Ralph, assistant director of Residence Life, said the danger of false alarms exists in the potential for students to become desensitized to the gravity of the situation. As a result, they tend to move slower and increase the risk for tragedy. "People don't realize how fast they can get trapped," Ralph said. "People start to ignore fire alarms. It is like crying wolf." Some students see false alarms and fire hazards as more of a problem in the dorms than at Greg Page. "The fire at Greg Page was very unfortunate, but an isolated incident," said Veronica Stidham, an integrated strategic communications senior who lives in Greg Page. She said she feels safer living at Greg Page than in Blanding Tower, because fire hazards are not taken as seriously in the dorms. "In the dorm, a student may decide to

sleep through a fire drill. At Greg Page, hazards are taken more seriously. Pranks aren't often pulled," Stidham said. Some students think some notice should be given before fire drills. "If there are notices in residence halls alerting students of the possibility of a drill, in the event of an actual fire, the alarm would be taken more seriously," said undeclared freshman Devin Stewart, who lives in Jewell Hall. Students who do not evacuate the building during a fire drill are punished. After the first offense, a student will be educated on the importance of evacuating during a fire drill, Ralph said. Repeat offenses result in more strict punishments. Students can take part in fire safety and prevention classes in the dorms. Fire extinguisher classes are available upon request, and students can also view training tapes. Those who want to see changes or get involved can attend fire awareness forums, but Beach said a forum held at the Blanding-Kirwan complex last fall had poor results. Holloway said most students aren't aware of safety regulations or the forums

Safety first

Students can also prevent fires in their rooms. Students should remember:

- Not to use extension cords as permanent wiring.
- Halogen lamps and candles are prohibited.
- Use flame retardant decorations and do not over decorate.
- Use a proper ashtray when smoking.
- Do not smoke under smoke detectors or in bed.
- Do not use cooking appliances or space heaters.

— Source: UK Police

held by the UK Fire Department. Others, she thinks, aren't interested. "Some students just don't care," she said. "We need more emphasis on fire awareness." Another forum is planned for spring or early fall, depending on the weather, officials said.

ALL THE NEWS THAT FITS.

The Low-down

New jail late, costing more

LOUISVILLE — Jefferson County's new 983-bed jail will open six months late and cost \$5 million more than the county planned to spend when it started the project in 1987.

Judge-Executive Rebecca Jackson's administration confirmed the project — building a state-of-the-art jail out of the skeleton of the old Metropolitan Sewer District headquarters — will cost the county about \$22 million.

The new jail is just south of the Hall of Justice, which contains the main jail. The new jail is expected to open around Labor Day.

County officials say the higher price tag can be traced to three key factors:

• A decision to move nearly all Corrections Department administrative offices into the new jail from leased private offices.

• The need to make major changes in the design of the building's heating and air conditioning systems to accommodate the old structure and security concerns.

• Upgrades to increase security and to take advantage of technological advances.

"Jails are the most difficult of structures to build" and also among the costliest, said Schuyler Olt, Jackson's chief administrative officer.

The Jackson administration essentially inherited the jail project from Dave Armstrong, who was Judge-Executive before becoming mayor of Louisville last month.

Shepard's parents speak out

CHEYENNE, Wyo. — The parents of Matthew Shepard, the gay college student beaten to death last October, say they don't want his death used by activists to further any political agenda.

"It's a very frightening concept as a parent that your son now becomes a martyr, a public figure for the world," Judy Shepard told "Dateline NBC" for a story scheduled to air Friday. "He's just our son."

Some gay advocacy groups have invoked Shepard's case in seeking harsher sentences for people convicted of crimes involving bias against the victim. A move to pass hate crimes legislation in Wyoming was defeated yesterday by a committee.

Shepard was found Oct. 7 beaten with a handgun and tied to a fence outside the University of Wyoming college town of Laramie, 40 miles west of Cheyenne. He died five days later in a Colorado hospital.

Police said he was chosen as a victim in part because he was gay.

Vanity Fair also reported in its March issue that Shepard tested HIV-positive at the Fort



JUST WANTS TO TOUCH: Jenna Elfman likes performing more than she likes being a star. "It's not my goal to be famous," said the "Dharma & Greg" co-star. "It's my goal to inspire and touch people the way I love to be inspired and touched by other people."

Collins, Colo., hospital where he died. The article said two Hispanics who fought with suspects Russell Henderson and Aaron McKinney after Shepard's attack may have come into contact with Shepard's blood and have been put on AZT.

40 years for new sexual attacker

RICHMOND, Va. — A convicted rapist who was considered a success story for going through a "chemical castration" was sentenced to 40 years in prison yesterday for a sexual attack on a 5-year-old girl.

Joseph Frank Smith was convicted in November of breaking into the girl's house — wearing nothing but a cloth covering his face — and molesting the girl in her bed in 1983.

DNA evidence found at the scene was linked to Smith this summer after he was arrested in a peeping Tom case in the Richmond suburbs.

Prosecutors suspect Smith in numerous other break-ins in which a man entered the homes of young girls, wearing only a bandanna.

"You have brought this on yourself," Judge Buford F. Parsons Jr. said in sentencing Smith.

"You have brought a lot of hurt to other people. You know what you were doing was wrong."

Clinton's chance of running for Senate about 50-50, official says

ALBANY, N.Y. — The leader of the state Democratic Party said yesterday there is a 50-50 chance Hillary Rodham Clinton will enter New York's Senate race next year.

Just weeks ago, state party Chairwoman Judith Hope was saying she did not believe Mrs. Clinton would run for the seat being vacated by Democrat Daniel Patrick Moynihan, and that the first lady had asked her several months ago not to encourage such speculation.

"Now you hear me saying something different," Hope said yesterday.

The party leader said after spending time with the first lady at a \$10,000-a-person Democratic fund raising event in New York City on Tuesday night, "it's my very strong impression that she has not ruled this out... I'm sharing with you my impressions that she left with me and I think with others."

"My best guess is that it's 50-50," Hope said. Hope refused to say if she had spoken directly to Mrs. Clinton or close aides to the first lady in recent days about the situation.

Meanwhile, a recent poll had Mrs. Clinton leading New York City Mayor Rudolph Giuliani in a theoretical Senate matchup.

The poll conducted by Quinnipiac College's Polling Institute had Mrs. Clinton favored by 51 percent of registered voters to 42 percent for the Republican mayor with 6 percent undecided.

Giuliani has said he is considering a run.

Much of Mrs. Clinton's support came from women, who favored her over Giuliani 58 percent to 36 percent. Male voters preferred Giuliani 49 percent to 44 percent.

Compiled from wire reports.

Health care forum held

Large number of graduate students discuss proposed new health insurance package

By Mark Vanderhoff
CAMPUS EDITOR

An open forum yesterday allowed graduate students waiting on the outcome of their health coverage to voice concerns and opinions regarding a proposed health insurance package.

"There was some excellent interaction between students and panelists," said Roy Moore, chairman of the University Senate Council.

The meeting, in the President's Room of the Singletary Center, lasted two hours, 45 minutes of which was filled by students, Moore said.

Dr. Spencer Turner, director of University Health Services, was on hand to educate students about health insurance. He estimated 70-75 students attended the meeting.

Graduate students, who are funded full time as teaching, research or graduate assistants and fellows, stand to receive free health benefits under a proposal written by Susan Mains, Graduate School senator for the Student Government Association and a member of the Senate Council.

Mains' proposal received unanimous support from the University Senate. Mike Nietzel, dean of the Graduate School, will submit a proposal to President Charles Wething.

"When looking at insurance, you ask 'What can I do to make this better, to keep it current,'" Turner said.

Students got a chance to learn all about what makes good health insurance at the forum, Moore said.

"The students asked a lot of questions and were able to find out about the current policy and what improvements would be made with the proposed policy," Moore said.

GOOFS

Corrections

A story in Monday's edition misidentified Ernesto Score. He is a state senator.

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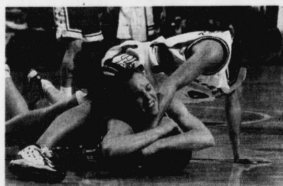
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Involving community

People who care: Students attend forum on how schools, community can better interact

By James Ritchie
NEWS EDITOR

Make schools safer. Get parents more involved. Train teachers to handle diverse classrooms.

Their ideas were varied, but the participants in a forum at Lexington Community College all arrived with the same agenda: to find ways to improve education in Fayette County.

About 35 people, many of them students, showed up for "Speak Out Lexington!" on Tuesday. The topic was "How Can Our Community Be More Connected To Our Schools?"

"Speak Out Lexington!" is an annual community conversation sponsored by the Lexington-Fayette Urban County Government. Tuesday's session was one of dozens to be held in Lexington in January and February; the ideas shared at the forums are being compiled into a report to be submitted to Mayor Pam Miller, Fayette County Schools Superintendent Peter Flynn, the Urban County Council and the school board. The report will also be made available to businesses, to community organizations and to the public.

Each comment made by a participant was written on poster-sized paper at the front of the room. The group discussed the ideas and then voted on ways to get the Lexington community more involved in the schools. Organizers said all ideas mentioned during the session will be included in the report.

Another, similar forum will be held at 3:30 p.m. Friday in the Taylor Education Building auditorium at UK.

The forum at LCC involved an interesting cross section of the Lexington community, said Randolph Hollingsworth, an LCC



Kelly Woodall (left), a public administration graduate student, moderated a forum Tuesday at Lexington Community College.

history and women's studies professor who served as recorder at the forum. "You saw people offering views as students, as parents, adults and children," she said. "Many LCC students are playing a variety of roles."

As a community college, Hollingsworth said, LCC should strive to help get residents involved in issues that affect Lexington.

"I really feel like this is part of the mission at LCC," she said.

Kelly Woodall, a public administration graduate student at UK who moderated the forum, said such discussions make residents feel more involved.

"It becomes a community problem with community solutions," she said.

She is volunteering at three of the forums this year. The forums started in Lexington in

1992. The topic is different each year. Last year's was "What's Going on with Young People in Our Community." Previous years' topics have included "How Can We Heal Racial & Other Divisions in Our Community?," "Building Permanent Prosperity For Our Whole Community" and "How Can We All Help Make Our Community's Big Decisions?"

Most Speak Out meetings are organized by civic clubs, neighborhood associations, workplaces, schools, churches and other community organizations. Each session is led by a trained volunteer moderator who guides the conversation. A trained recorder records the comments and prepares a brief report.

Helping to bring the Speak Out session to LCC was the Mandala Movement, a group whose mission is to encourage diversity and sensitivity on the campus.

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BLACK HISTORY MONTH

Sorority: Get to know new 'Faces'

Programs: Zeta Phi Beta honoring famous blacks who made a difference in society

By Chyrica Banks
CONTRIBUTING WRITER

Zeta Phi Beta social sorority wants people to know what Black History Month is all about.

Not just the big names, like Martin Luther King, Jr., but some of the lesser knowns, like Zora Neale Hurston.

So, the sorority is sponsoring an event called "Facts and Faces." This is the first year for the event, which the sorority created as a means of honoring unfamiliar blacks who have made major contributions.

"We want to show that we are not always the victim, and we have overcome and did a lot," said Lisa Ewing, a nurs-

ing senior. Ewing said she hopes to get a good response to the event from the student body.

Wallis Malone, a sociology senior, said the numbers of the organization are small, making it harder to sponsor big events.

"We want to help out by doing a little education," she said.

Each week sorority members will hand out strips of paper with information about two important figures. The information will include a picture of the individual followed by autobiographical information. One male and one female will be recognized.

Featured this week are Zora Neale Hurston, author of

Their Eyes Were Watching God and James Weldon Johnson, the man responsible for the anthem, "Lift Every Voice and Sing."

Next week, one of the figures will be Carter G. Woodson, the founder of National Negro History Week, which evolved into Black History Month.

Ewing said everyone knows about Martin Luther King Jr. and Malcolm X.

"We want to give them some more positive role models to stimulate their interest in the past," Ewing said.

Ebony Moore, a psychology and sociology senior, sees this event as a good idea that should be continued throughout the semester.

"Everyday there are important figures, like who invented the spotlight... that go unnoticed," Moore said.

On Feb. 12, the organiza-

tion will host a party for Head Start and Micro City government children. They plan to take "Facts and Faces" to them to spread the word about black history.

This event is a "starting point to get people to look into their history themselves and not just have it handed to them," Moore said.

The "Facts and Faces" event will continue through the first week in March, when the sorority begins Greek Week. The person who can name the most facts and faces featured at the end of the event will receive a prize.

The prizes will be distributed at the male pageant to be held sometime during the week of March 1-6.

For more information and details about any Zeta Phi Beta events, call Wallis Malone at 276-2827.

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GU rally not enough

Same goes at Duke: Weekend protests over adoption of code of conduct for athletic apparel dealers doesn't affect decision

By Clay Risen
THE MOYA

WASHINGTON — Concurrent protests at Georgetown and Duke universities over the weekend were not enough to stop the two from moving closer to signing a controversial code of conduct that would improve working conditions for producers of athletic apparel.

Students at both universities said the code, which was written by representatives from a number of universities and the Collegiate Licensing Company, is flawed by a number of loopholes.

The Atlanta-based company manages apparel licensing for more than 170 universities and colleges.

While Duke has signed the code, representatives of the university's Students Against Sweatshops, which organized the protest there, managed to reach a concession with administrators in which the university reserves the right to withdraw the code if significant changes are not made

during the next year.

Georgetown, which Dean of Students James A. Donahue said will likely sign the code sometime this week, has not reached a similar agreement with students. Georgetown Solidarity Committee President Ben Smith said he hopes the Duke agreement will pressure university officials to agree to a similar compromise.

"We hope to be in meetings soon ... We're really going to give them hell if they don't follow Duke's lead," he said.

Donahue also said university administrators had been in contact with Duke officials to learn more about the agreement reached there over the weekend.

Georgetown officials have admitted there are serious flaws in the code, but they say signing it is the best way to improve it.

The code places a number of conditions on the production of licensed apparel in foreign factories, such as a 60-hour maximum work week, paying workers their country's minimum wage and voluntary

disclosure of factory locations.

Opponents say that by not requiring location disclosure, companies can avoid independent monitoring of working conditions.

They also said that in many cases, a country's minimum wage is still not enough to live on, and are calling on the company to require a "living wage" for all workers.

The Georgetown protest, which drew more than 100 students to Red Square last week, began with speeches by faculty and students, including associate philosophy professor Mark Lance and Graduate Students Organization President James Class.

Planning to confront University President Leo J. O'Donovan in his office, the protesters moved to Healy Hall, but were met on the steps by Donahue, Executive Vice President of Communications Dan Porterfield and a number of Department of Public Safety officers.

In addressing the students, Donahue said the university was committed to rectifying the flaws in the code, and that it would set up a standing committee of administrators, students and faculty to review the code.

MORE PROTESTS

Sex clause stirs up debate

By Sue Britt
THE CURRENT

ST. LOUIS — A vote by administrators at UM-St. Louis last week to adopt an anti-discrimination policy elicited protest from some students, who said the policy does not go far enough to protect against discrimination based on sexual orientation.

"The policy was established to create a positive work environment and to enable all members of the University community to effectively perform their work or to achieve their educational goals," said Manuel Pacheco, president of the UM system. "It was intended to include all legal categories of non-discrimination as well as other types of discrimination, including that based on sexual orientation."

A committee was established to study the issue of including sexual orientation into the anti-discrimination policy, Pacheco said.

Public hearings were held Nov. 13 at Columbia where faculty, staff and students from all four campuses addressed the committee in person and hundreds more commented by letter, e-mail, fax and telephone. After reviewing all the comments, the executive committee held a conference call meeting on Dec. 1 to discuss the issue, Pacheco said.

The committee asked him to present

the board with his recommendations, which included making an extended version of executive order three into policy, Pacheco said. The order reads, in part, that the university should provide an environment "where all individuals are treated with respect, regardless of their status."

Proposed additions to the order included making the policy more broadly distributed, training programs and a spelling out of the grievance procedures in the policy.

"Training programs devised with the advice from the Equity Access Council includes four modules," Pacheco said. "Racial discrimination, sexual discrimination, sexual orientation and disability awareness."

During the discussions after Pacheco's report to the board, Curator Paul Steele opposed making the order into policy.

"Sexual orientation is a private matter or it should be a private matter, a personal inner matter, and I believe it should remain that way," Steele said.

Within the meeting immediately following the decision, Dean Anderson, a student from UM-Columbia, shouted, "Full inclusion. Nothing less."

Others began chanting, "Inclusion now."

The group of students protesting the

decision was moved into the hallway where it continued to protest.

Tim Peacock, vice president of the Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual Students for Change, said the Curators did not specifically list sexual orientation as a protected group.

"The decision is a load of something," Peacock said. "All the other things (included in the anti-discrimination clause) are delineated, and they need to delineate this too."

Spokesman Maurice Manning addressed the issue of differing opinions concerning the use of broad vs. specific language.

"The problem everybody has is that they list certain groups and then there's something that you didn't anticipate," he said. "There's an evolution in society that you aren't prepared for. When someone brings a complaint on that basis, you say, 'Well that's not one of our protected groups.'"

Michael Rankins, vice president of the Student Government Association, disagreed with that argument.

"It's fine for a policy to be somewhat flexible," Rankins said. "But vagueness only invites people to interpret that. Well, they're not mentioned, so they're not covered."

THE ENVIRONMENT

Toxic waste site to open next spring near UW

Biggest for best: Third-largest university in nation gets one of the largest sites in state

By Haydn Bush
BADGER HERALD

MADISON, Wis. — The proposed hazardous waste processing site near the University of Wisconsin-Madison's southeastern dorms received approval from the Madison Plan Commission Monday and is scheduled to open in the spring of 2000.

David Drummond, UW-Madison Safety Department director, said the site will be an improvement on the current locations.

"The Environmental Management Center will replace two inadequate and obsolete stations," he said.

"The site will be regularly inspected by the federal government and the state, and is per-

fectedly safe."

Drummond said the university needed the new building. He added that the site would continue an ongoing project.

"We are the third-largest research university in the nation, and we need first rate facilities," he said. "We've already constructed the offices and shops for the site, and this second phase will complete the EMC."

Drummond also said the building would not undergo major exterior alterations.

"There will be minor modifications to the loading dock, but that's about it," he said.

Local official Mike Ververse said the site would pose any risk for residents of the area.

He said he was convinced the site was safe.

"Like most residents, I was quite concerned when I first heard about the EMC, then I got the facts," he said. "I realized the facility will pose zero threat to the health of residents, Kohl Center patrons or office workers."

Ververse said he was pleased with the way the university handled the proposal.

"They did a good job addressing concerns," he said. "They invited thousands of people to their open house."

Ververse said his only complaint about the plan was the location of the site, which adjoins the Kohl Center.

"I would have liked something there that would have complemented the Kohl Center," he said.

"It won't attract anyone to the area."

Ververse also said the site had been on the drawing board

years before the idea for the Kohl Center was envisioned. He said the university struggled to find funding for the plan.

"Unfortunately, getting money for the EMC was not easy," he said. "(UW) didn't get any generous donors like Herb Kohl."

Ververse said Madison residents will not have to worry about problems developing in or around the site.

"This is a state-of-the-art, modern facility," Ververse said. "The Environmental Management Center won't end up like Chernobyl."

Drummond was the only person who spoke at the public hearing on the issue.

The conditional use permit the site needed was unanimously approved by the Plan Commission. With any luck, construction of the site should begin shortly.

SAFETY

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don't want to invade the privacy of residents."

The safety of the dorms must be a group effort between the residence hall staff, the UK police and the residents themselves, said Crime Prevention Coordinator Stephanie Bastin.

The resident advisers go through training that prepares them to deal with certain situations.

"Through rounds and their work at the front desk, they see possible security issues that need to be addressed," Wims said.

"It is necessary for the RAs to educate students about safety for they come here with

a flawed belief in security and safety."

Another program offered by the UK Police teaches students how to prevent crime.

Through the Adopt-A-COPP program we provide awareness, education and crime prevention techniques," Bastin said. "We also break down the barrier of the uniform. This increases the communication between students and police officers."

Bastin said the main cause of theft, the most common crime at UK, is student apathy.

"Students need to assume responsibility for their own safety," she said. "This is part of the maturing and growing process."

The best defense against crime, Bastin said, is common sense.



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UF wants revenge

Gators hope comforts of home will turn tide against UK tonight

By Jen Smith
SENIOR STAFF WRITER

Florida Coach Billy Donovan has issued a challenge: You beat us before, now beat us in our house.

"We now play a whole lot better than we did in Lexington," Donovan said. "I think we're a better team than we were in January."

Florida better be, as it prepares to take on the Cats in Gainesville tonight at 7:30.

UK Coach Tubby Smith said that while he thinks the Gators (15-4, 6-3 Southeastern Conference) have improved, they'll still need a stellar game to beat the No. 5 Cats (19-4, 8-1).

"They're much better," Smith said. "We're going to have to make some serious adjustments. But we've been getting better, too, since then."

Part of Donovan's plan includes pressure defense and a classic run-and-gun style of play.

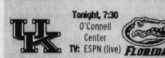
"They're not going to run and press the way we run and press," Donovan said. "Tubby's going to play half-court defense. I think that's where we have the advantage. I think we're going to go 94 feet and fight them all the way."

And not to add to the drama, but Smith has gotten a little crazy with his press. UK whipped it out in its demolition of Louisiana State Saturday.

"We've been practicing against the press all year," sophomore Saul Smith said. "We press so much in practice, I was beginning to wonder when we were going to use it for Florida."

It didn't take a press for UK to beat Florida 93-58 at Rupp Arena on Jan. 2, but it might

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G Desmond Allison	4.1	1.8
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F Scott Padgett	11.9	6.0
C Michael Bradley	11.7	5.7

Florida Gators (15-4)

Probable Starters	PPG	RPG
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G Koryiah Weeks	9.9	2.7
F Brent Wright	7.9	5.2
F Mike Miller	13.2	5.5
C Udons Haslem	12.6	6.6

take it to beat them at the dead-end O'Connell Center, where the Gators are 11-0 this season. UK players ranked it among the hardest places to play in the SEC.

"It will be tough," forward Scott Padgett said. "They've practiced there every day; they know every bounce and every dead spot on the floor."

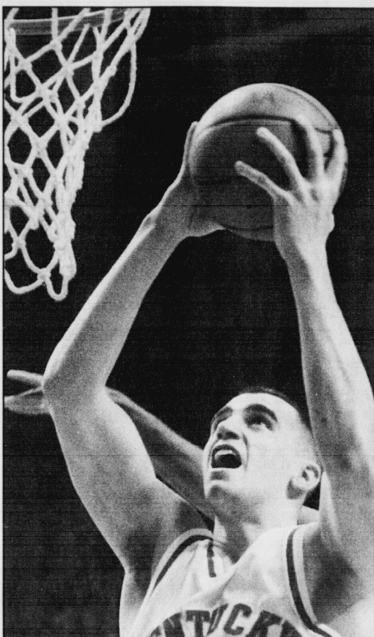
Coach Smith said the heckling crowd, which sits about four feet from the floor, is a big factor.

"They're definitely better (at home)," he said. "You can see the difference in their play when they are at home — they really attack the basket."

But the Cats are equally as good, losing only one game to a home crowd of another team.

And Smith said the team will make the necessary adjustments, like complete defense.

UF leads the SEC in scoring offense. UK is second overall in scoring defense. UF is first in free-throw percentages at 73 percent. It is first in the SEC in three-pointers made, averaging 8.47 per game.



UK center Michael Bradley blew past two LSU defenders on his way to the basket. The Cats will try to make UF roll over as LSU did Saturday.

Freshman Teddy Dupuy is third in the SEC with 41.9 percent treys made; teammate Greg Stolt is fifth at 41.3 percent.

But the Cats said they have enough incentive without knowing all the stats.

"Our incentive is we want to win every game we play," Padgett said. "There are eight games left, this is the first step."

Cats need big bench play

UK looks for help from bench after loss of two starters

By Dave Gorman
SENIOR STAFF WRITER

UK Head Coach Bernadette Mattox is getting her groove back.

Her Wildcats are 14-7 overall and, for the first time in the last four years, has a real possibility of making the NCAA Tournament.

With previous experience as an assistant coach at Georgia and a men's assistant coach at UK, Mattox watched those teams make the NCAA Tournament 10 out of the last 11 seasons. She was part of a winning tradition.

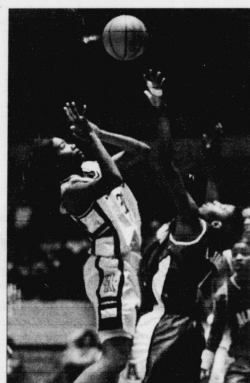
Now she is finally starting to build a tradition of her own in the UK women's basketball program.

This season her Cats are on track to finish with Mattox's first over-500 season. UK was hot winning three in a row, including a huge win at home over No. 18 Alabama. But the Cats are coming off a disappointing 69-74 overtime loss to Arkansas on Sunday, which makes tonight's matchup at home against No. 19 Auburn that much more urgent.

Mattox said she can't complain about the loss though.

"I felt good with the way we played against Arkansas," Mattox said. "When you lose two starters in overtime, you run into a lot of obstacles."

Those obstacles can be overwhelming when those starters are guard Tiffany



Up for grabs: The UK women will try to rebound against Auburn tonight after their loss Sunday.

Wait, who had 15 points, and Shantia Owens, who had 9 points and a team-high 11 rebounds. But Mattox has been getting help from both ends of the bench, which couldn't be said for her teams in past years. Almost all of her starting five average in

double figures. Owens is averaging 9.0 points per game.

Although UK has been coming around, Mattox said the team can't let up in the tough Southeastern Conference.

UK isn't the only team coming off an overtime loss. The Tigers lost to Louisiana State in overtime in their last game. Adding to their need for a win was their loss to UK earlier this season on their home floor, where the Cats won 68-62.

"They're going to want revenge but we can't worry about that," Mattox said. "We have to come ready to play every night regardless."

Times have changed since their first matchup. UK is 4-5 in the SEC despite its overall winning record of 14-7. AU is 6-3 in the SEC, and they have a newly developed weapon in senior Tasha Hamilton, who is averaging 15.5 points per game. Mattox has seen how AU Head Coach Joe Ciampi has molded his senior.

"Tasha has really stepped up her game since Ciampi has given her more minutes," Mattox said. "She's helped her team, and also brought better defense to their team."

The Cats also have a new star in freshman LaTonya McDole. She puts up 6.7 points and 5.3 rebounds per game. She is a spark and a versatile athlete, Mattox said.

As for McDole, she is happy with her first-season perks.

"Most freshman don't get to play," McDole said, "and I'm playing and contributing."

If the Cats pull out a victory, the team will move into third place in the SEC.

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- Bob Dole, former presidential candidate, joking about his purchase of the Watergate apartment where Monica Lewinsky once lived.

"If she decides to do it, she'll be the candidate and I'll do what she's done for me the past two times — stand there smiling while she makes the same speech over and over."

- Dole, also joking about a possible run for his wife, Elizabeth.

Teen bash

DALLAS — Police, acting on a tip, descended on a party organized by teenagers at about midnight Saturday and ticketed more than 150 teenagers from the Park Cities, two wealthy enclaves north of downtown Dallas.

On Tuesday, about 200 students were suspended from extracurricular school activities, including sports.

Compiled from wire reports.

Chain reaction

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Recently, our campus has been marauded by the question of whether or not a gay fraternity should form at UK. As such fraternities continue to form at other schools around the nation, the Dialogue page decided it was time to take a look at both sides of such an organization at UK.

Gay frats?

Gay fraternity would be a step in the right direction



Ashley Shrewsbury
 KERNEL COLUMNIST

From my induction into the world of college life at a small liberal arts school, complete with sorority rituals and fraternity formals and parties, the idea of gay fraternities not only seems quite plausible, but also seems almost a repetitive phrase. From the unique perspective of a college freshman, I had the misfortune of witnessing something called "Naked Olympics" at a prominent national fraternity marked by its high number of football players.

Now, not to disparage athletes or their fraternities, I must admit that they were quite comfortable with each other's nudity as they shouted obscenities and remarked on each member's exposed "members." In relating this story, it also bears repeating that not all fraternities are alike. But after hearing last week's comments regarding the possibility of gay fraternities on campus, the blatant displays of homophobia became apparent.

Allow me to be naive. The purpose of fraternal organizations, at least from a historical perspective, has been to foster community among men. Many fraternity charters cite community service and personal growth as important objectives. Thus, fraternities seem to exist as ways to bring people together under common goals to make the community a better place, as well as to make each member a better person. Of course, the reality isn't quite as rosy, but fraternity members seem to enjoy the company of their brothers and the corresponding social advantages of group membership.

Therefore, people, regardless of sexual orientation, might enjoy similar benefits.

Unless there is an unspoken rule that one must be straight to join a fraternal group, the lack of acceptance of gay frats eludes me. Perhaps current IFC representatives might like to explain the relevance of sexuality in fraternity organizations. Could it be that fraternities are afraid to associate with gay men for fear that it might interfere with some higher purpose of throwing parties to shag a few women? Surely not, that would be highly unlikely in today's collegiate atmosphere. Surely it's not because these young men are homophobic or bigoted in their beliefs regarding people of different backgrounds. What on earth could be the problem?

Regardless of this campus' feeling about gay fraternities, the UK Lambda organization has expressed no desire to create a fraternity.

The future, though, might hold different possibilities. Although the dawning of a new age of social tolerance and acceptance might be just around the bend, perhaps foreshadowing might speed things up. All Greek affiliates should look inward and question their involvement in their groups. Whatever keeps them involved is good enough to keep their wallets open each month. Imagine just for a second that gays and lesbians might wish to have similar experiences — to join a group of people that shares common thoughts and goals. The network of influence and power that accompanies national groups holds great potential for effectuating both political and social change. A fraternity can be a great institution, but it's only as good as its members. So it might be wise to lay prejudices aside and allow fledgling organizations the opportunity to contribute to society and coexist with other fraternities in a manner intended and already encouraged by the Greek system.



Fraternity not necessary for gays



Manish Bhatia
 KERNEL COLUMNIST

I won't mention the bulging leather wallets or the preppy Tommy slacks. I won't talk about hazing rituals and heterosexual conquests. I won't bring up beer kegs and the loud parties.

I will bring up one question, though. How can a group of people struggling to exist in a close-minded society expect to fit in a much more exclusionary and stereotypical segment of the same society? I am talking about 2,529 episodes of anti-gay violence in 14 U.S. cities in 1996. I am talking about a 102 percent increase in anti-gay violence from 1990 to 1995 (Philadelphia Task Force, 1992). I am not talking about the Watermelon Bash or the annual Pie Eating Contest.

There is a flip side to living in a free country. It's called acceptance of non-conforming ideas and people.

In a society that emphasizes the uniqueness of the individual,

there are bound to be deviations from popularly held beliefs. But human nature resists such sharp changes. It will always oppose any attempts to redefine existing paradigms.

Let us assume UK does establish a gay fraternity. How many Greeks are going to be comfortable with the idea of two guys kissing each other at the next formal ball?

With the overwhelming majority of this fraternity's brothers interested in members of the same sex, there are bound to be relationships that go beyond the boundaries of platonic brotherhood.

UK does not need a special gay fraternity to throw a party, organize social events or get together with people of similar interests.

We already have UK Lambda for this purpose. As publicly stated by the group's president, the organization serves young men and women from other colleges besides UK, like EKV and Transylvania University. It offers them an alternative to gay bars to meet like-minded people.

The reshuffling of a few Greek alphabets will not change the basic goals of a gay organization.

It won't stop the hate crimes. It won't bring Matthew Shep-

ard back to life.

Unlike a Greek fraternity, UK Lambda serves more than just a few selected members of UK. It serves a community that suffers constant attacks by religious and social groups.

Any gay or lesbian club's goals are a lot more complex and hazardous than planning the next game of flag football.

If a gay or lesbian student wants to join a fraternity, he or she will need to go through the same channels as any other student. Education is heightened by inclusion and not by creating new isolated fragments.

Any discrimination against the gay members must be swiftly dealt with under the discrimination policies laid down by the University.

The highly isolationist Greek system goes directly against gays and lesbians, who already feel isolated from mainstream society.

There is no difference between UK Lambda and a Greek fraternity besides a few nifty Greek letters on baseball hats, duffel bags and Tupperware.

Community service is not an exclusive right of the Greeks and neither is the right to get intoxicated, loud and stupid.

READERS' FORUM

Expressions

Comments in article were misunderstood

To the editor:

This is in response to the controversy of establishing gay fraternities at UK, specifically Ryan LaFollette and the Kernel's article last week.

I would like to clarify my remarks made about gays interacting in Greek life.

First of all, I did not say that I was against the establishment of a gay fraternity here at UK. But when I was asked whether my chapter would socially interact with gays (such as a mixer or date party), I answered that question based on reality, not on utopia.

Anyone who knows how the world works realizes that if you were to put 70 heterosexual men with 70 gay men in a Greek sponsored social event, this would

make all who attended extremely uncomfortable.

That is not discrimination, that is reality. My chapter would have no problem associating themselves with a gay fraternity at an IFC meeting, intramural event or philanthropy project.

But in situations such as mixers, where people attend to meet members of their same sexual interest, the point of having the mixer would be lost.

The same would be true if we were to have a mixer with another straight fraternity. As far as being "deceived into believing" no gay members are in my group, LaFollette and the Kernel misunderstood the context of that question.

I was asked if any members have admitted to being gay since I pledged, and how members of my chapter would react if someone did.

Because no one has come out to say they were gay since I pledged, I have no way of knowing the reaction of 70 people, therefore I don't think about it.

I, for one, tend to take the

popular old attitude of crossing that bridge when we get there.

I am not against gays establishing a fraternity here at UK, but being president of a fraternity or any organization, the welfare of your members comes first. Do you really think the members of a gay fraternity would target their rush toward heterosexuals? Who is to say they are not discriminating? They want members in their fraternity to be ones that have similar interests just like the existing Greek community does now.

I realize the sensitivity of this issue, but one must understand that I want the best for the members of my chapter, just like presidents of gay fraternities would.

By doing that, I am not a bigot, I am a president doing my job.

JOHN STOGER

PRESIDENT, DELTA TAU DELTA FRATERNITY

Gay fraternity members should not be an issue

To the editor:

The issue of whether or not a

gay fraternity should be formed on UK's campus should be one of diversity, not morality.

The Greek community is already quite diverse. During "Rush Week," potential initiates can visit different fraternities and make a decision about which group of individuals he wants to associate with.

Joining fraternity ABC is not the same as joining XYZ.

The issue of whether a gay fraternity would be accepted, on the other hand, will depend solely on the level of maturity of the IFC and Greek community at-large.

I would hope that a "gay" fraternity would not consist entirely of gay men, but the heterosexual friends, brothers, sons and even cousins of gay men as well — in short, diverse in the fraternity's composition.

When I was active in a UK fraternity in the mid-late '80s, my fraternity consisted of about 55 active members, of whom at least five (including perhaps two of its officers) were gay.

It was never an issue.

Furthermore, no matter how narrow the parameters of tolerance or how strict the rules of conformity, any fraternity that asserts that "it's never happened" is lying.

MARC JOHNSON

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UK shoots to please

Cats finish second in Murray, will host their own match at the UK corral on Saturday

By Michael Heppermann
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Second place may not be the greatest, but sometimes it's not that bad, especially when Alaska is involved.

Alaska is the No. 1 rifle school in the country, a title it proved it deserved on Friday at the Withrow Invitational in Murray.

"Alaska shot real well," Head Coach Harry Mullins said. "They came close to setting some national records over the weekend."

Two to be exact. And they did more than come close.

As a team, Alaska set a new national record in both events, the smallbore and the air rifle. Their smallbore score

of 4,710 beat the old record by 12 points and their 1,567 score in the air rifle tops the old score by eight points.

UK finished second, an effort not to be overlooked as it finished ahead of 22 other teams.

Mullins was pretty pleased with the Cats' performance and hopes they can match it in two weeks when they try to qualify for the NCAA Tournament.

"If we can turn in scores like we did at Murray this weekend, I'm pretty confident we'll be in the top four or five," he said. "Our goal is to be in the top three."

For the tournament, eight teams can qualify in each event, and each team must compete in both events to be eli-

gible to win.

The Cats were coming off a win on Jan. 23 over Xavier in Cincinnati but suffered two losses in a row before the winter break. The first was at the hands of none other than Alaska, the second to West Virginia. And even though they suffered the sting of their second loss to Alaska this past weekend, they managed to find redemption.

"We saved face in this match by beating Murray State," senior Darren Fowler said. "We definitely had a better performance this time around. When we met them earlier this year, we had one of the lowest team shots that we had all year."

Murray State was on their heels again, though, finishing in third place, just 25 points behind UK's aggregate score of 6175.

Senior captain Mary El-

sass led UK in the smallbore and air rifle events with scores of 1170 and 387, respectively.

"The seniors have really been stepping it up lately," Fowler said. "The scores are a lot better this semester."

UK will host its final match of the season this Saturday against Rose Hulman.

"This will be a very enjoyable match, because it's the last match at home," Fowler said. "This will be the last chance to really enjoy a match because nothing is really riding on it. But the pressure is on in two weeks to qualify."

Mullins said the team will use the next few weeks to train for the big dance.

"Right now we're just trying to get our foot in the door (of the NCAA's)," he said. "If we get three or four weeks to train for one match, it will really amplify our chances."

Low blows are best kept to boxing

Falcons' Eugene Robinson should have thought about his team; promoters should think about showing Tyson-Golota



Dave Gorman
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While his coach probably told him to get ready to kick some ass on Sunday, Robinson was too focused on trying to get some ass. If he was my teammate, I would just slap him on the back of the head and yell, "Stupid!"

The best part about all of this is the so-called prostitute was an undercover cop. Talk about embarrassment. He deserved it. He now belongs on the Wall of Shame along with Mary Albert and Michael Irvin. In the words of Bruce Hornsby, "That's just the way it is, things will never be the same."

"Stupid!"
The worst part about the incident was that his team had his dirty cloud lingering

over them. You could only imagine the scrutiny the rest of the team was under. I bet they couldn't even walk down the beach or enter a club without people looking down on them. Not only did he ruin his own image, but he put a blemish on the entire team.

Take the Dallas Cowboys for example. I feel sorry for Dan Reeves, who has come so far since his operation. Not to mention the fact that the Falcons were underdogs.

"Stupid!"
The team went from the fun-loving "Dirty Birds" (you know the dance) to "Did you hear about what that guy did?"

There's a big difference between driving by and hollering at girls and throwing price tags at women like they're pieces of meat. My advice for Robinson is to move to L.A. and hang out with Eddie Murphy and Hugh Grant, picking up circus freaks off of the street.

How could he stoop so low or ask her to do the same?
And speaking of low blows... I am all for the possibility of a Mike

Tyson-Andrew Golota "below-the-belt" heavyweight matchup. Scouting reports say Golota goes straight for your family jewels, so Tyson better wear a cup for protection. I recommend Golota wear ear muffs. This would be a huge test for the supposedly "changed" Tyson. Golota is even more messed up in the head than Tyson. Even worse, he can't understand the English language, so he won't listen to the referee.

In my mind, Golota is less stable, because he has been called for low blows repeatedly. Tyson, it seems, has learned his lesson. But if Tyson can't take Evander Holyfield's little head butts, how is he going to handle getting jabbed in the gonads?
Let's go back to a Miller Genuine Draft moment when Golota faced Riddick Bowe — that fight was stopped because Golota repeatedly handed out low blows. I only hope they can fight for a few rounds without stopping the fight for ridiculous reasons or for a two-minute knockout. I wouldn't want to pay \$50 and then be disappointed.

That would really blow.

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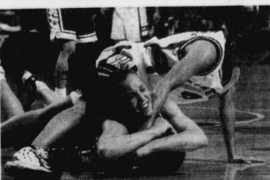

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