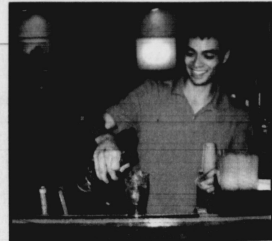


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UK Police officer charged with sexual abuse

Officer has worked at UK since 1997, on leave at time of arrest; official says incident not UK-related

By Ben Fain
STAFF WRITER

A UK Police officer was charged with three counts of first-degree sexual abuse Monday afternoon.

Officer Hugh Donovan Turner, 34, was arrested on Wilson Downing Road after an

investigation by the Lexington Police, said Lt. Kelli Edwards with the Lexington Police.

Edwards did not know the victim or victims' ages, sex or relation to Turner.

First-degree sexual abuse is a Class D felony, which carries a sentence of one to five

years in prison. If found guilty, Turner could face up to 15 years in prison.

Turner served as a UK Police patrol officer from September 1997 until April 29 of this year, when he took an unpaid leave of absence from his \$26,520-a-year job.

UK officials said his leave had nothing to do with the sexual abuse charges or any sort of misconduct but would not elaborate.

"The situation with Officer Turner is not related to the UK community and in no way jeopardizes the safety of our students, faculty or staff," said Mary Margaret Colliver, director of UK Public Relations.

Turner could not be reached for comment.

The university declined to give information on Turner's background with the force or where and which shifts he

worked while patrolling campus.

Colliver said it is university policy to not comment on pending investigations.

A police report was not available Monday night but should be available this morning, said court employees.

Turner is one of 36 sworn police officers and one of 26 patrol officers.



Turner

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And the beat goes on

The snare drums of the UK drumline practice in unison Tuesday evening.

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State tuition program self-sufficient

Program helps more than 7,000 students keep college tuition from increasing throughout the years

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FRANKFORT, Ky. — If Kentucky's Affordable Prepaid Tuition program remains as is, it may have to dip into its reserve funds but would remain self-sufficient, program administrators said Monday.

The program — which allows enrollees to lock in future college tuition costs at current prices — would not need additional money from the state's general fund, Jo Carole Ellis, KAPT executive director, said.

Currently, the KAPT program is backed up by the state's unclaimed property fund. If the program remains as it is now, it should cover its own expenses, Ellis told a legisla-

tive subcommittee on post-secondary education.

"Right now we have more in the reserve than we have in actuarial deficit," Ellis said.

Right now, the KAPT program has more than 7,000 prepaid tuition accounts.

The General Assembly, which created the plan in 2000, as part of the current state budget approved a moratorium on any new accounts. The moratorium expires at the end of June 2004.

If lawmakers tapped KAPT's reserve fund for other purposes, the first deficit would show around 2021, Ellis said. But, if the reserve stayed in place, the money in it would be

enough to cover costs, she said.

And, if the program were to start accepting new accounts, it would still have enough money to cover itself, Ellis said.

For further insurance, the state could begin charging 5-percent to 10-percent premiums on new accounts, Ellis told the committee.

"The premiums are not a preferred option," Ellis said. "There are a lot of avenues available to us."

The program could have a \$12.8 million actuarial deficit in 2021, said Steve Rowland, a financial consultant to the unclaimed property fund.

That could translate to about \$13.7 million by 2021, while its reserves by that time are expected to be about \$75 million, Rowland said.

"It never is at risk of running a deficit. The program is fiscally sound," Rowland said. "Ideally you would want the program income to support it outside of the reserve, however the reserve fund is there for a reason."

Joe McCormick, executive director of the Kentucky Higher Education Assistance Authority, said he thought the program would be "manageable," and not a problem if the reserve fund stays intact.

"What you do to manage the deficit is the key," McCormick said. "And that's where the reserve fund comes in, that's where the will of the legislature to protect that reserve to apply to those future deficits comes in. And if those things are in place, it's a manageable program."

Newman Center, Habitat team up to build house

UK students volunteer time to construct one-story house for Lexington mother of three

By Joon-lyeong Lee
CONTRIBUTING WRITER

They came to sweat. They came to hammer. They came to build.

The Newman Center, a long-term participant for Lexington Habitat for Humanity, started their 12th annual build last Friday and Saturday.

For the past two days, dozens of UK student volunteers worked on the framing of a new house, setting up the walls and building the porch.

"It's a lot of fun. It's nice to see everybody interacting together," said Brad Presley, a psychology senior who has been actively participating in the Catholic Newman Center's Habitat projects.

The one-story, four-bedroom house construction will continue every Friday and Saturday through Oct. 18 at 501 Breckenridge Street downtown.

Volunteers will work from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. About 100 people are expected to join the building during the six-week session.

Kevin Steele, minister to students of the Newman Center, said students and staff are welcome to help build this house.

Steele said the project attracts a diverse group of volunteers.

"Standing on the roof of the house last year and hammering together were students from Africa, Latin America, Europe, North America, including graduate and undergraduate students and faculty," he said.

The Newman Center isn't the only campus group that has built Habitat homes. Some UK students volunteered for another partner family this summer through St. Augustine Chapel in May and June. With students' labors, Lexington Episcopal churches dedicated a home at 1720 Gerald Dr. to a mother of four sons, the eldest with a mental illness.

The Newman Center has participated in the project since 1991.

As a partner of the Lexington Catholic churches, which sponsors a house a year for the Habitat, the on-campus ministry has provided students laborers.

This year the churches will contribute about \$40,000 for the new house. It will be 205th Habitat home built in Lexington.

The LHH builds about 15 to 20 homes in Fayette County each year with the help of sponsors like the Catholic churches.

The house currently underway belongs to Sherylena Burnett, a 32-year-old single mother. She has lived in a Housing Authority apartment with her three children and has worked at the Food Service Department at Samaritan Hospital for the last 10 years. She also coaches cheerleading in the Police Activities

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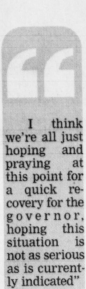
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The Low-down



Online music traders being sued
 WASHINGTON — The music industry's largest trade group filed 261 copyright lawsuits across the country Monday against Internet users who trade songs online, an aggressive campaign to discourage piracy through fears of expensive civil penalties or settlements.

I think we're all just hoping and praying at this point for the governor, hoping this situation is not as serious as is currently indicated"

The Recording Industry Association of America warned it ultimately may file thousands of cases. Its first round was aimed at what it described as "major offenders" illegally distributing on average more than 1,000 copyrighted music files each.

Durwood Pickle, 71, of Richardson, Texas, said his teenage grandchildren downloaded music onto his computer during their visits to his home. He said his grown son had explained the situation in an e-mail to the recording industry association.

"I didn't do it, and I don't feel like I'm responsible," Pickle said. "It's been stopped now, I guarantee you that."

An estimated 60 million Americans participate in file-sharing networks, using software that makes it simple for computer users to locate and retrieve for free virtually any song by any artists within moments. Internet users broadly acknowledge music-trading is illegal, but the practice has flourished in recent years since copyright statutes are among the most popularly flouted laws online.

"Nobody likes playing the heavy" said RIAA President Cary Sherman, who compared illegal music downloads to shoplifting. "There comes a time when you have to stand up and take appropriate action."

Sen. Norm Coleman, R-Minn., has already promised congressional hearings into how the music industry has identified and tracked the Internet users it's suing.

The RIAA did not identify for reporters which Internet users it was suing or where they live. Federal courthouses in New York, Boston, Chicago, San Francisco, Dallas and elsewhere reported receiving some lawsuits.

Indiana governor suffers stroke

CHICAGO — Indiana Gov. Frank O'Bannon suffered a massive stroke in his Chicago hotel room Monday, and was in critical condition following surgery.

The doctor who operated on the governor refused to speculate on O'Bannon's chances for recovery. "We're hoping he's going to recover function. How much, we don't know" said neurosurgeon Wesley Yapor.

O'Bannon, a Democrat in his second term, was found Monday morning after a staff member called hotel security to say the governor had missed a morning meeting and was not answering his phone, said Northwestern Memorial Hospital spokes-



EXCITABLE BOY: Warren Zevon, who wrote and sang the rock hit "Werewolves of London" and was among the wittiest and most original of a broad circle of singer-songwriters to emerge from Los Angeles in the 1970s, died Sunday. He was 56. A life-long smoker until quitting several years ago, Zevon announced in September 2002 that he had been diagnosed with terminal lung cancer and had only months to live. He spent much of that time visiting with his two grown children and working on a final album. Zevon died in his sleep at his home, publicist Carise Yatter said. He faced death with the same dark sense of humor found in much of his music, including songs like "I'll Sleep When I'm Dead," "Life'll Kill Ya" and "Things to Do in Denver When You're Dead." Zevon said he "chose a certain path and lived like Jim Morrison and lived 30 more years. You make choices and you have to live with the consequences."

woman Kelly Sullivan.

Yapor said surgeons removed blood from O'Bannon's brain. The doctor said some of the blood probably came from an injury, suggesting that the governor fell after becoming ill.

Yapor said O'Bannon, 73, was in a drug-induced coma and on a ventilator.

The outcome depends on how much bleeding occurs, how much of the brain is affected, and how long the patient goes without treatment. Survivors can suffer brain damage and often suffer permanent disability including paralysis, loss of speech and vision, and weakness.

"I think we're all just hoping and praying at this point for a quick recovery for the governor, hoping this situation is not as serious as is currently indicated," said state House GOP Leader Brian Bosma.

Widening I-75 costly and inconvenient

CINCINNATI — Widening a key stretch of Interstate 75 to handle projected traffic by 2030 could cost \$1.5 billion and wipe out swaths of homes and businesses, coordinators of a regional study said Monday. The project would include widening I-75 to six northbound lanes and six southbound lanes between the Ohio River and Interstate 675 just south of Dayton, said Judi Craig, spokeswoman for a committee doing the study.

If recommended and fully funded, the widening would require the government to acquire 160 acres and eliminate 103 homes and businesses, Craig said.

The committee realizes that would be a substantial impact but, if nothing was done, the alternative would be gridlock as traffic volume exceeds the highway's capacity by as much as 30 percent, she said.

The committee of regional planners and state and federal transportation officials is considering various alternatives to ease congestion on I-75, a major artery that runs from the Canadian border to south Florida.

The committee studying the stretch of I-75 between Cincinnati and Dayton is evaluating proposals that could be submitted for a vote on Oct. 9 by the Ohio-Kentucky-Indiana Regional Council of Governments. The regional agency recommends transportation projects for government funding.

The committee also is considering various alternatives including making the I-75 stretch four lanes all the way; combining road improvements with a light-rail transit system; restricting truck traffic during high-volume hours, and reserving a lane for cars with more than one occupant.

Any final recommendation would be subject to a state review as to what priority it would be given among transportation projects around Ohio. Even if funding were available, engineering studies and environmental impact assessments would have to be done before construction could begin.

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POLICE

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Edwards said it was tough for officers to arrest Turner, regardless whether they knew him.

"Anytime any police officer is arrested, it's a difficult situation," she said. "Other officers don't like to see any others in our line of work charged with a crime."

Although the Lexington and UK police divisions are separate, officers often know each other.

"If you get somebody who worked the north part of town, they proba-

bly crossed paths with UK Police from time to time," Edwards said.

UK officials said these charges should not reflect negatively on the entire police department.

"Our police shouldn't be judged on the behavior of one individual," said Victor Hazard, dean of students.

Hazard also stressed that people should not conclude Turner is guilty until the case is settled.

As of Monday night, Turner was at the Fayette County Detention Center on a \$15,000 bond, said Corporal Ralph Balltrip with the detention center.

Turner will be arraigned today at 1 p.m.

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HABITAT

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League.

Beside her job, since last September Burnett has volunteered in Habitat construction toward "sweat equity hours" to earn her homeownership, said Tip Kendall, communications and special events coordinator of LHH.

In return, Burnett will pay a 20-year, interest-free mortgage. "Habitat is a 'hand up,' not 'hand out,'" Kendall said.

After laboring in the build of their home, the family will finally see their dream house where each of the kids will have their own bedroom.

"I am excited about it. I am blessed and appreciate their choosing me for a partner family," Burnett said. Kendall said building homes helps build students' character.

"The opportunities and benefits for students to be involved in Habitat are numerous," Kendall said. "Finally,

it is a way for them to grow as individuals by learning new skills and giving of their time and talents to help someone in need."

And while they're helping out others, the volunteers also have fun working together, many said.

"I like to build the house," said student Brad Presley.

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For more info

The building schedule for the Newman Center house at 501 Breckinridge Street is

- Sept. 12 and 13: roofing; installing insulation and vinyl siding
- Sept. 26 and 27: painting; hanging doors; installing trim, windows, cabinets and countertops
- Oct. 3 and 4: completing painting
- Oct. 10 and 11: putting hardware; hanging blinds; installing bath fixtures
- Oct. 17 and 18: finishing the cleaning and final touch-ups

For more information, call Brad Presley at 255-8566.

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NCAA presidents discuss future of football bowls

Without commenting on specifics, presidents say they want to keep the college bowl system

By Steve Ivey
SPORTSDAILY EDITOR

Twelve university presidents from Division I football schools said Monday they "laid the foundations for future discussion" about the direction of NCAA football postseason play.

NCAA president Myles Brand facilitated the meeting in Chicago. One president from each of the six conferences in the Bowl Championship Series — Atlantic Coast, Big East, Big Ten, Big 12, Pac-10 and Southeastern — conferences and Notre Dame — met with one president from each of the five non-BCS confer-

ences. The BCS is under investigation by the House Judiciary Committee for violation of anti-trust laws. Big Ten commissioner Jim Delaney told Congress on Monday that the BCS is fair in including only six conferences and Notre Dame.

Tulane University president Scott Cowen spent the summer garnering support for a separate coalition to oppose the BCS exclusivity. None of the presidents would comment on specifics discussed at the meeting.

"We weren't seeking closure today," Cowen said. "This was an initial meeting

to discuss the very broad principles that should govern postseason play."

One alternative to the BCS may be a playoff system similar to the NCAA basketball tournament in March.

"Right now we're just trying to present things that put student-athlete welfare first," University of Oregon president David Frohnmayer said. "With an issue like a playoff, there aren't two sides, but probably five or ten. We'd like to see some form that would preserve the traditional bowl approach."

The University of Nebraska president Harvey Perleman said he hasn't seen much enthusiasm for a playoff system, but "a playoff can mean different things to different people."

The BCS includes a four-

year rotation of the Sugar Bowl, Fiesta Bowl, Orange Bowl and Rose Bowl. Six of the eight spots are reserved for the six BCS conference champions. The remaining two spots are selected by the individual bowl committees irrespective of conference alignment. Delaney said Monday the goal of the BCS is "to bring to college football fans a true national championship game every season matching the No. 1 and No. 2 teams in the nation."

UK is entering its first year out from under an NCAA postseason ban. Six wins would guarantee a bowl bid; an SEC championship would earn a BCS berth.

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- DAVID FROHNMAYER, UNIVERSITY OF OREGON PRESIDENT

Bengals worst in NFL for last 12 years, on their way to 13

New head coach tries to convince players this year will be different from the last 12 losing seasons

ASSOCIATED PRESS

More than once, coach Marvin Lewis warned his Cincinnati Bengals that there would be some rough moments as they try to resurrect a franchise.

They didn't expect so many so fast.

Eight months of optimism were dashed Sunday by three hours of familiar football.

They did the same things they've done for the last 12 years, the length of their reign as the NFL's worst team.

What now?

Lewis has to make sure that one dreadful game doesn't snowball into another dreadful season. His immediate predecessors — Dave Shula, Bruce Coslet, Dick LeBeau — each tried a different approach, and each failed.

"The approach is certainly different," cornerback Artrell Hawkins said, following team meetings. "Whether that translates into how we perform or not, only time will tell. We've got to make sure we've done everything in our power to make sure that quicksand thing doesn't happen."

It happens every autumn in Cincinnati — the Bengals

start losing and can't stop sinking. They're 9-37 in August and September since 1991, the mark of a team that crumbles easily.

"I guarantee it's not going to be like that this year," receiver Chad Johnson said.

Based on the opening performance, it's certainly got that potential.

Lewis had urged his players not to get too caught up in the hype over the opening game in front of a capacity crowd.

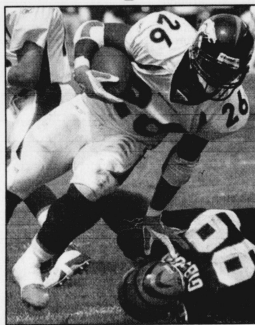
"You kind of get that deer-in-the-headlights look, and you've got to move beyond that," Lewis said. "We know that going into it."

The Bengals got blown out even though Broncos quarterback Jake Plummer threw three interceptions and had a 21.7 passer rating.

Bengals quarterback Jon Kitna forced passes, fumbled twice and threw two interceptions. His backhanded shovel pass was intercepted and returned for the clinching touchdown.

Lewis is sticking with Kitna as the starter and leaving No. 1 draft pick Carson Palmer on the sideline.

"Right now, (Kitna's) our best option," Lewis said. "We're going to get this figured out with Jon, and Jon's



Denver Broncos running back Clinton Portis runs over Cincinnati Bengals defensive tackle Oliver Gibson in the Broncos' 30-10 win Sunday.

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going to take that pressure off his shoulders."

A few more losses, and the owner might weigh in with a little pressure of his own. Mike Brown likes to switch quarterbacks when one struggles, and rushed first-round picks David Klingler and Akili Smith into the lineup during their rookie seasons.

"It's about our quarterback giving us a chance to win," Lewis said. "That's the most important thing. You have no patience with anyone at any position if they're not getting the job done for you."

Bengals schedule

- Sep 7 Denver
- Sep 14 at Oakland
- Sep 21 Pittsburgh
- Sep 28 at Cleveland
- Oct 5 at Buffalo
- Oct 7 BYE
- Oct 19 Baltimore
- Oct 26 Seattle
- Nov 2 at Arizona
- Nov 9 Houston
- Nov 16 Kansas City
- Nov 23 at San Diego
- Nov 30 at Pittsburgh
- Dec 7 at Baltimore
- Dec 14 at San Francisco
- Dec 21 at St. Louis
- Dec 28 Cleveland

Brigham Young University at 7:30 p.m. Friday as part of the UK Invitational Tournament.

Gym Kats begin practices under new head coach

New gymnastics coach Mo Muhammad began fall practice sessions Monday at the Nutter Fieldhouse. The season begins at 6 p.m. Nov. 22 at Memorial Coliseum. The Gym Kats will compete in an intrasquad scrimmage. A poster signing and question and answer session will follow.

The Gym Kats' first competition comes Jan. 4 at Ohio State University in Columbus, Ohio. UK's home opener is Jan. 9 at the 21st annual Excite Nite. UK will compete against Brigham Young University.

Kobe case not must-see TV

Cameras will be banned from the courtroom during the preliminary hearing in

Kobe Bryant's sexual assault case.

Court rules prohibit cameras at pretrial hearings in criminal cases except for initial advisements and arraignments, Eagle (Colo.) County Judge Frederick Gannett said in a one-page decision Monday.

Court TV, The Denver Post and the Rocky Mountain News had requested permission for cameras in the courtroom during the Oct. 9 hearing.

Bryant is charged with sexually assaulting a 19-year-old woman June 30 in his suite at a mountain resort where she worked and he was a guest.

Bryant is scheduled to return to Eagle for the hearing, where Gannett will determine whether there is enough evidence to hold the Los Angeles Lakers star for trial.

Gannett allowed cameras during Bryant's initial appearance last month.

Compiled from wire reports.

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IN BRIEF

Sportsbytes

Rains in S.C. cut Men's golf tournament to two rounds

Tied for fifth place, UK's men's golf team finished day one of the Cleveland Golf Kiawah Island Intercollegiate at the Turtle Point Golf Course on Kiawah Island, S.C. UK's team total of 298 tied them with Southern Methodist University and put them six strokes behind the tournament leaders, the University of Mississippi.

Junior Mark Blakefield paced the Cats, shooting a first round 68, a new career low. He is tied for second place with Pope Spruiell from Ole Miss.

All-American John Holmes finished the day with a 72 and tied for tenth place. A downpour this morning halted play until 12:30

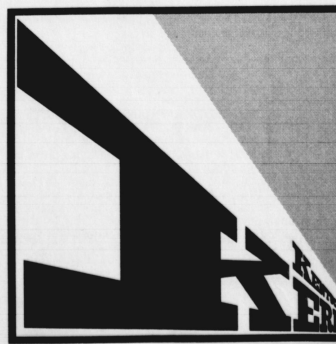
p.m. Tournament officials decided to cut the third round and play the second and final round tomorrow.

Women's soccer players named to all-tourney team

UK women's soccer junior defenders Jamie Hutchison and Jessica Laswell were named to the Nike Carolina Classic all-tournament team Sunday in Chapel Hill, N.C. The 24th-ranked Cats lost to the top-ranked University of North Carolina 4-0 Friday and tied with No. 8 Duke University 2-2 on Sunday.

Hutchison teamed with Laswell to assist Elizabeth Ramsey in UK's first goal to tie the against Duke at 1-1. Hutchison then assisted Laswell's goal that tied the game again.

The Cats will play



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EDITORIAL WEEK IN REVIEW

Here's a look back at Kernel editorial board opinions from last week. If you want to sound off on any of these, e-mail the Dialogue desk at dialogue@kykernel.com

TUESDAY

In light of several recent reports of sexual abuse on Kentucky college campuses, including a reported sexual abuse incident near WT Young Library on Aug. 26, UK Police are right to increase patrols on campus.

But increasing patrols will be futile, unless police sustain throughout the year those stronger efforts at preventing violence on campus.

Students also have the responsibility to be concerned for their own safety and to take measures to that end.

WEDNESDAY

Student Government has a tough challenge this semester in restoring its credibility. Last spring, former President Tim Robinson resigned and pleaded guilty on a voter registration interference charge. Later, the SG elections hit several snags with vote-counting and constitutional issues, and the final blow was a \$10,000 deficit for the year.

SG's priority should be student advocacy and not entertainment — such as last year's \$55,000 Montgomery Gentry concert — although that could include working with other organizations to hold events, when it would benefit students.

THURSDAY

Student Activities Board has been doing well and should continue providing a wide range of activities to students.

Recent examples include the Spotlight Jazz series, last year's speech from Playboy playmate and AIDS activist Rebekka Armstrong, the free Jason Mraz concert and the Phat Cat car show.

SAB should also make an effort to work with other organizations, in particular SG, who take it upon themselves to hold major events on campus.

FRIDAY

Fall semester has just begun, and UK has already seen a new chapter in its ongoing parking saga.

The story this time is at least twofold. Monthly street cleaning in neighborhoods near campus began last week, forcing students to park only on streets not designated as part of the sweeping. Also, many parking lots that did allow non-permit parking after 4:30 p.m. are now extended to 7:30 p.m.

Street cleaning may be necessary, but accommodations could have been made to make the ordeal less of a burden on commuters. And the less than \$90,000 that extended permit hours will earn is not worth the safety concerns and inconveniences it will create for students.

MONDAY

Last week's accident and injury of a pedestrian on South Limestone Street should serve as a reminder to everyone on campus of a few truths so simple they're easily forgotten: One should look both ways before crossing the street, and motorists should be careful of pedestrians.

The accident should also be a signal to UK administration of the need for options making it safer to cross the street, such as more footbridges and crosswalks.

MAKE YOUR VOICE HEARD

The Dialogue page is looking for submissions from all corners of campus. Are you a leader of a student organization searching for a way to reach citizens? The Kernel is read by thousands of people daily. Are you a student with a gripe about campus issues? The Dialogue page is a great way to discuss current events. Maybe you just need some extra cash to blow at the bars on Friday night. The Kernel offers paid positions to interested writers. Drop the Dialogue editor a line at jsullivan@kykernel.com.

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

New parking hours pose safety concerns for some

I am disgusted to see that UK will soon require permits for evening parking. I feel that the university is taking advantage of its students, while not asking our opinions.

Being a woman, my first reaction dealt with safety. Some classes are only offered at night, so we have no choice but to enroll in these. One of my classes, for instance, meets from 6:30 to 9:15 at night.

I felt comfort in the fact that I could park by the stadium and endure a short and well-lit walk to my evening class. Now the university wants me to purchase a forty-eight dollar permit for that one class.

I, like many other students, recently spent over three hundred dollars for textbooks and supplies, in addition to tuition fees. This means that on top of the class tuition and book, I will be paying an additional 50 dollars this semester to attend!

The alternative would be to walk home from South Campus after 9 p.m. and endanger myself. With recent assault and rape cases on and near campus, I would rather not.

When referring to the proceeds from evening permits, Parking and Transportation Services Director Don Thornton told the Kernel, "it's not a tremendous amount of money, but every little bit helps." Is the "little bit" of money raised by evening permits worth risking the safety of many young women?

The university seems to have endless supplies of funding for sports endeavors, but looks to the common student to pick up the tab for projects viewed as less important.

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IN OUR OPINION

Campus construction hinders accessibility

Construction on UK's campus represents the rebirth, growth and flowering of the university. The pounding of jackhammers and the concrete dust are symbols of new and exciting things in process.

But to many students, faculty and staff walking around campus, construction represents something else as well: a hassle.

On South Limestone Street, for example, it's nigh on impossible to take a sidewalk straight down due to construction of the biological/bio-medical sciences research building and its connecting footbridge to the Kentucky Clinic.

The west sidewalk of Limestone is closed from Virginia Avenue to Leader Avenue, and walking down the east sidewalk requires taking a detour past the clinic's front door.

The inconvenience of this is probably tolerable for most people, but it is likely a considerable pain when someone tries to ride a bicycle down Limestone and then finds him or herself wedged in between a high construction fence and Limestone traffic.

And the conditions are probably even worse for physically disabled persons navigating campus.

But there might not be a whole lot we can do about it.

Jack Miller, manager of Capital Project Management Division, a UK department that oversees contracted construction projects, said that UK and its building contractors do their best to ensure pedestrians' safety.

"It's unfortunate when we get into one of these situations where we have to put a little crimp in the normal flow of what people are used to," he said.

"We try to make sure at all times that there is an alternate route, both for normal traffic and for folks with disabilities."

Miller added that there may be a safety advantage to what he calls "a fairly minor detour" around the Limestone construction.

He said that, prior to the sidewalk closings and reroutings, pedestrians were not inclined to use crosswalks in that area of Limestone. Now, they generally have to use a crosswalk, because that's the only route around the fences.

It is our opinion that, while the Capital Project division and contractors have put in a significant effort to ensure pedestrians' safety, it still seems excessively difficult to get around in some areas of campus.

Ensuring that contractors make accommodations — especially for the disabled — should be a priority.

Democrats have an uphill struggle in '04

It was often said that the 2000 electorate was as "agreeably disagreeable" as any in our history. In many respects, the year 2000 represented the (for the moment) pinnacle of America and the election results reflected that (an ambivalence on what to do now).



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 KERNEL COLUMNIST

Democrats are on the horns of a dilemma. They will be facing a powerful incumbent who will try to remain above the politics, and may need to forcibly polarize America to have a substantial chance for victory. If they go that route, however, there is the possibility of a severe backlash.

Despite a 271-266 (600,000 vote difference) Electoral College result, the populace was not polarized in the conventional sense of the word. In 1968, it was arguable

that we were, and to a lesser extent, in 1992 as well. Americans desired a change in tone and demeanor without a change in policy.

Nevertheless, going on three years of the Bush administration, this nation has been irrefutably altered. Much of that can be attributed to Sept. 11, but do not be fooled — it is not simply the war on terrorism that has changed this country.

Which leads me to this question: At this time, some polls have infamously shown that Americans have no earthly idea who any of the Democratic candidates for president are — roughly 14 months from Decision 2004. So, can President Bush pull a stunner, à la Nixon in 1972, and find that "Silent Majority"?

Of course it was not stunning that President Nixon was reelected, only the substantial electoral margin, and the more than 60 percent of voters whom he won. Looking back, it seems rather bizarre.

How did an obviously di-

vided nation, with the out-party holding a near visceral level of contempt for the incumbent, not become electorally polarized? How, despite the fact that Richard Nixon had narrowly held off Vice President Hubert Humphrey the previous election cycle? Could history be replicating before our very eyes?

One unnamed pundit has actually claimed that this will be the most polarized election since 1860, threatening to divide the country on levels not seen in anyone's lifetime.

By this time next year, the dueling campaigns might be at a feverish pitch, with control of the federal government on the line. By all accounts, the presidential election of 2004 will be of great importance, perhaps as far-reaching in impact as any since the cumulative "down" vote on President Carter in 1980.

President George W. Bush is (potentially) the most divisive political figure since former Vice President

Henry Wallace, with far more mainstream popularity, and with far greater capability than Messrs. Clinton, Gingrich, O'Neill, Reagan, Nixon and LBJ ever had.

Which makes this looming nationwide referendum on Bush incredibly relevant, because the battle, to use a poor metaphor, will be whether or not Democrats can make Mr. Bush as divisive to the citizenry as his politics and policy initiatives. The Democrats failed that test in 1972, and many fear that Dr. Howard Dean will lead them down that road once more.

As I see it, the Dems have but one option: Run as the frontrunner. After all, the Democratic Party has garnered a plurality the last three times, and Republicans have not carried New York (site of the GOP National Convention) since 1964.

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Specialty drinks keep patrons coming back



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Daniel Barnes, an art studio junior and bartender at Friends & Co. on Lane Allen Road, prepares a drink for a patron.

Unique concoctions: Mixes and atmosphere key for bar-goers.

By Lindsey Keith
STAFF WRITER

What's shaking in Lexington bars? Specialty drinks, mixed at various bars around town are drawing new patrons and making regulars come back for more. "Our specialty drinks and atmosphere bring our customers back," said Travis Hightower, manager of Gambino's on West Maxwell Street. People know about their drink all over town and come to Gambino's just to try the most popular drink "Downtown Soda," he added.

The Kernel offers a quick guide (right) to some of the unique concoctions made by the bartenders around town. And for those who aren't 21, having your own refreshing drink is just as simple as leaving out the alcohol (of course). The mystique and secrets surrounding some of the most famous drinks in town still goes unsolved, but the base of the drinks and a few ingredients of each are disclosed.

One bar owner likes to keep the important ingredients under wraps. "If I told everything (all the ingredients) I could walk in DeSha's and have my drink," said Roger Roberts a partner in the Fish Tank Bar and Grill on Euclid Ave.

Atmosphere is always a factor for bar-goers.

"Our atmosphere and drinks are a big deal here," said Jerry Snelling, bartender at Atomic Café on North Limestone. People love the frozen drinks, especially in the summer time, he added.

Mixed Blend

Here are tips from the drink experts that will help get you started with your own mixed specialty.

Atomic Café, 265 N. Limestone St. Drinks (on the rocks)

Atomic Palm - A rum based drink, with coconut rum and pineapple juice mixed in.
Yellow Bird - Black rum and pineapple juice.
Goombay Smash - Dark rum, pineapple juice, and something special thrown in.

Frozen Drinks

Champagne Caribe - Champagne, banana liqueur, coconut rum, and pineapple juice

Shots

Makin' Me Crazy - Spiced rum, sweet and sour mix topped with cranberry juice.
Atomic Blast - Simply anaretto and coconut rum
Parrot Head - A vodka base mixed with coconut rum

Cheapside Bar and Grill, 131 Cheapside Drinks

Cheapsider - A mix of vodka with juices to top it off.

Fish Tank Bar and Grill, 500 Euclid Ave. Drinks

Sweet Tart - Two different, with a sweet twist.

Shots

Bong Water - A coconut rum base, with undisclosed ingredients gives this shot an eerie greenish-brown color.

Gambino's, 124 West Maxwell St. Drinks

Downtown Soda - Orange Vodka and Red Bull are just the beginning for this drink.

Shots

Shot of Love - Bourbon and Peach Schnapps are a couple of this shot's key ingredients.

Virgin drinks

Non-alcoholic mixes for the under-21 crowd.
Virgin Strawberry Daquiri - fresh lime juice, frozen strawberries in syrup, sugar, cracked ice
Virgin Pilsa Colada - coconut milk, crushed pineapple, pineapple juice, crushed ice, pinch of brown sugar
Virgin Bloody Mary - tomato juice, lemon juice, Worcestershire sauce, a dash of hot sauce, a pinch of celery salt, pinch of pepper, ice

But not all bars are just about the summery drinks.

"We hang out and listen to the jukebox, but no one comes here necessarily just for the specialty drink," Roberts said.

The reality of summer drinks is simple, said Todd Dutton, president of Lexington

Bartending School.

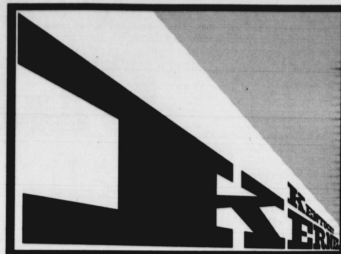
"Light liquors are produced in hot countries, and citrus fruits also," said Dutton. "(It's) connecting summer drinks to fruits," said Dutton.

The summer breeze is slowly dying, and soon the

patio days at the bar will be over.

Now is the time to get out and see what's shaking at the local bars.

Maybe one of these special potions above will have you coming back for more. E-mail kernel@uky.edu



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