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Complications with SG elections continue to grow

Rules: Chairman adds evidence to call for re-election, saying candidates were given outdated constitution

By Paul Leighty
STAFF WRITER

Candidates in the Student Government election may have been misinformed about election finance rules because they were given an

outdated copy of the constitution, some in SG say. Kellen Baker, the SG Elections Board of Supervision chairman, said that an "incorrect" and "incomplete" copy of the constitution was distributed to candi-

dates at an official meeting before the campaign season began. He said a similar outdated copy was being distributed to the public from the SG office and SG Web site.

Various individuals in SG say they don't know who would have been responsible for making sure the updated version was available.

Baker said he would add

the constitution situation to a claim he is submitting today to the SG election Board of Claims, in which he is recommending that a new election be held for all races.

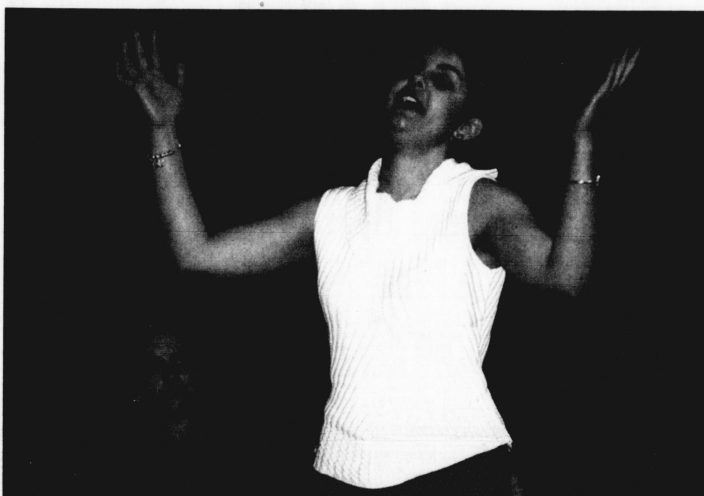
The situation with the constitution comes on top of mounting complications with last week's election. In the results of that election, a discrepancy of 171 votes has

left senate candidates uncertain if they will have to campaign in a new election sometime before finals week.

Although Baker has said there shouldn't be a new election if it isn't in every race, the discrepancy was not sufficient to throw Rachel Watts' win of the presidential election into question.

David Hutchinson, who lost in his bid for the presidential race, said the election results are invalidated by various problems, in particular the question of the constitution. He said he also plans to file claims against the Watts/Rippeteo campaign today on grounds of various campaign violations.

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Auditioning for stardom

Micha O'Connor, a UK theatre junior, auditions for CBS's "Star Search." "I think you can learn a lot about yourself in an audition," O'Connor said. "It's nice to say, 'yeah, I can go to a cattle call for a hit TV show, and I can do it well.'"

Producers in search of Lexington's stars

By Brittany Clark
STAFF WRITER

Micha O'Connor glances at the number on her wristband. "Ninety-seven," she reads over the din of activity in Worsham Theater. Around her, people are singing to themselves, making nervous conversations or fumbling with applications. Some, like O'Connor, sit quietly and wait for their number to be read from a clipboard.

All are preparing for the chance to see dreams and goals realized. All are about to audition for "Star Search."

"Star Search" is CBS's classic talent program, recently resurrected and revamped for primetime audiences. The open

call held yesterday was for contestant-hopefuls in the Adult Singers, Junior Singers, Models and Young Dancers categories.

"I am here because I always wanted to be on 'Star Search' when I was a kid," says O'Connor, a UK theatre junior. "I wanted to do the theme song from Fievel (An American Tale). My parents were really strict when it came to me pursuing a career in this field, so they never let me try out. But I saw an ad in the Kernel for this and I'm here today — skipping all my classes."

O'Connor's been at the Student Center since 9 a.m., when she started by filling out an application and getting a wristband, putting her in a block of 15-20 other adult singers.

"There's been a lot of standing and waiting, but I've been

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LCC recruiting a more diverse enrollment

Unique outreach: President, minority affairs director visit church youth groups to promote LCC to minorities

By Matt Towner
STAFF WRITER

Creative recruitment efforts have helped make LCC one of the most diverse schools in the state.

Tony Hartsfield, the director of multicultural affairs at LCC, is using unique methods to promote diversity and combat the stagnancy facing other state institutions.

Hartsfield and LCC President Jim Kerley have been branching out into local churches in an effort to increase diversity at the growing school.

"It's an innovative and unique form of recruiting," Hartsfield said. Ministers allowed Kerley

and Hartsfield to address the entire congregation and visit with youth groups.

"The ministers have been extremely generous ...," Kerley said.

The approach is paying off for the growing community college. This semester, LCC's black student population rose six percent from last spring. The 870 black students now enrolled is a 72 percent rise from five years ago.

"My goal is to continue to show an increase each year," Hartsfield said. He said he thinks the college's student population should mirror the state's demographic makeup.

Kerley said he shares LCC staff and officials

"We want to mirror the society that people will work in," he said. He added that LCC has also placed advertisements in minority publications.

State figures from last fall show blacks make up 8.3 percent of Kentucky's population. In comparison, the percentage at LCC is already at 11 percent. The goal for public universities set forth by the state is 7.3 percent.

LCC's diversity figures also compare well with other state community colleges.

During the fall semester, black enrollment was eight percent in schools in the Kentucky Community and Technical College System, which includes 62 schools that are open or under construction in 16 districts.

LCC staff and officials

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WAR IN IRAQ

U.S. may have hit Saddam and his sons



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Moving in

U.S. Army soldiers from A Company 3rd Battalion 7th Infantry Regiment approach a bomb-damaged presidential palace in Baghdad Monday, after entering the Iraqi capital in force at dawn. At center is Lt. Lars Nadig.

Target: At least three buildings destroyed during attack on upscale neighborhood

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BAGHDAD, Iraq — The U.S. bombing of an upscale neighborhood where Saddam Hussein and top aides were believed to be meeting blasted a 60-foot-deep crater, ripped orange trees from their roots and left a heap of concrete, mangled iron rods and shredded furniture and clothes.

At least three buildings were destroyed in Monday's 2 p.m. attack on the western Baghdad district of al-Mansour, which broke windows and doors as far as 300 yards from the site.

Rescue workers looking in the rubble for victims said two bodies had been recovered and the death toll could be as high as 14. They didn't release any names.

A single B-1B dropped four "bunker-busting" bombs on the district after U.S. military intelligence was tipped that Saddam, his sons Oday and Qusai and other Iraqi leaders might be meeting there, U.S. officials said.

"A leadership target was hit very hard," said Marine Maj. Brad Bartlett, a spokesman for U.S. Central Command in Qatar.

He said he could not comment on casualties or say how long it would take to determine the damage. Battle assessment typically involves ground reconnaissance or satellite imagery, though Bartlett would

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Former UK law student joins gubernatorial ticket

By Rebecca Neal
STAFF WRITER

A UK law professor has fond memories of one of his former students — Stephen Pence, the new running mate of Republican gubernatorial candidate Ernie Fletcher.

"He was a good student and a nice young man — though I guess he's not such a young man any more," said law professor Robert Lawson.

Pence, who attended UK's College of Law from 1978 to 1981 and graduated in 1981, announced his candidacy Monday in Lexington. He replaces Fletcher's first running mate, Hunter Bates, whom a judge ruled ineligible because Bates had spent the past few years in Virginia and didn't meet residency requirements.

Lawson said Pence's legal work is well-respected.

"He's smart, he's capable and he's fair," Lawson said. Pence, 49, resigned Sunday from his post as U.S. attorney for the western district of Kentucky.

Lawson said he hadn't thought about Pence entering politics. "He's got a good reputation as a lawyer, and he must have had some good political ties too," Lawson said.

Steve Pence

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ALL THE NEWS THAT FITS

The Low-down



These guys are going to die in droves. They keep trying to ram the tanks with car bombs."

Col. David Perkins, on the estimated 6,000 Iraqi troops who were killed.

Kentucky native wins prestigious award

John "Jack" Challis, a physics and mathematics junior, has won the Barry M. Goldwater Scholarship, an honor given to only 300 students nationwide. Challis' award is worth about \$7,500 and covers tuition, fees, books, and room and board. To compete, the Erlanger native did research on lasers. Challis is a 2000 graduate of Villa Madonna Academy in Villa Hills and hopes to earn a doctorate in theoretical physics.

UK observes National Alcohol Screening Day

To help reduce and prevent high risk and binge drinking, UK is participating in National Alcohol Screening Day on Thursday. The program will give students the chance to complete an anonymous written questionnaire about alcohol, talk one-on-one with health professionals and, if necessary, receive a referral to a support or treatment service. The program is sponsored by the University Counseling and Testing Center and is free. Screenings will be held Thursday from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. in the W. T. Young Library lobby.

Professor awarded for research in geriatrics

Jayakrishna Ambati, assistant professor of ophthalmology, was awarded a 2003 Dennis W. Jahnigen Career Development Scholars Award from the American Geriatric Society, the leading clinical society devoted to the care of older adults. Each award provides two years salary and research support of up to \$200,000 intended to assist young clinical research faculty in initiating or sustaining careers in research and education in the geriatric aspects of their fields. Ambati conducts research in angiogenesis, the growth of blood vessels in the eye, and targeted drug delivery for ocular disorders. Research in Ambati's laboratory has led to discoveries about the mechanisms underlying age-related macular degeneration, the leading cause of blindness among the elderly in the United States.

Three alumni awarded for work in business

The chairman of a managed care company, the president of a Tennessee coal company and the retired chairman of a Louisville accounting firm were inducted into UK's Gatton College of Business and Economics' 10th annual Alumni Hall of Fame. The 2003 inductees are Nolan C. Allen of Louisville, Lee Congleton of Knoxville and Jeffrey L. McWaters of Virginia Beach, Va. McWaters, 47, is founder, chairman and CEO of Amerigroup Corp., established in 1994 to help states respond to the health care needs of low-income and uninsured families and people with disabilities. Congleton is president of Concoal Corp. in Knoxville, Tenn., as well as president of Richland Coal Co., Conrich Tennessee Inc., Conrich Ohio Inc., Spring Collieries Inc., Stroud Coal Co., BBC Coal Co., and Hill & Hill Coal Co. Allen, is the retired president and chairman of Cotton & Allen, a Louisville CPA firm.

Compiled from staff reports



STILL STANDING: Johnny Cash was released from a Nashville hospital this week after being treated for pneumonia, a hospital spokeswoman said. The 71-year-old singer was admitted to Baptist Hospital on March 10. He was released Tuesday night, said spokeswoman Jennifer Jackson. "He's obviously doing much better," Jackson said Thursday. "We wanted to make sure he was completely better before we let him go." Cash, whose hits include "I Walk the Line" and "A Boy Named Sue," suffers from autoimmune neuropathy, a disease of the nervous system that makes him susceptible to pneumonia. He was diagnosed with the disease about 15 months ago. He won his 11th Grammy Award in February for male country vocal performance for "Give My Love to Rose." Cash was hospitalized in August for an allergic reaction, and twice in the fall of 2001 for bronchitis.

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not say what method was being used.

Those close to Saddam have said the Iraqi leader is so obsessed with security that very few people would know about his movements. He maintains dozens of residences and uses doubles to keep people guessing. An exiled dissident told The Associated Press that only two people are kept posted about Saddam's whereabouts — his son Qusai, who commands the Republican Guard and heads the president's security, and his private secretary, Abed Hameed Hmoud, a member of Saddam's Tikriti clan.

Even oldest son Odai is thought to be out of the loop because he is considered to have a reckless nature.

About three miles from the al-Mansour district, white smoke from U.S. artillery fire rose early Tuesday from Saddam's Old Palace grounds on the banks of the Tigris River.

Heavy machine gun fire and the buzz of aircraft broke the silence of a quiet night, and silent, yellow flares illuminated a sky even blacker from Baghdad's wartime power outage.

Under cover of darkness, U.S. Marines spent the night patrolling a field in the southeast corner of the capital, probing foxholes, trenches and what appeared to be bunkers dug under roads. Snipers, machine gunsners

and infantrymen made sure the area was free of Iraqis.

Marines stopped suspicious vehicles. Snipers saw two men carrying an AK-47s.

They shot two of them and the rest fled into the night.

More than 70 tanks and 60 Bradley fighting vehicles took part in the lightning thrust Monday by the Army's 3rd Infantry Division, with tank-killing A-10 Warthog planes and pilotless drones providing air cover against mostly disorganized resistance.

Iraqi snipers fired on an American platoon from rooms in the state-owned Al-Rashid Hotel on Monday afternoon while the soldiers patrolled a neighborhood near the palace, soldiers said. U.S. tanks returned fire.

LCC

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Charles McGrew, LCC's strategic planning coordinator said the increase in minority faculty since last year reflects a tradition at the college.

"We've traditionally been higher than the university as a whole," he said.

Kerley said that the open enrollment policy at a commu-

nity college helps LCC maintain this advantage over the state's universities.

Margaret Perry, an early childhood education freshman, said she has been pleasantly surprised by the LCC's diversity.

"It's not nearly as bad as I thought it would be," she said.

Curtisha Bracken, an undeclared sophomore, said more work can still be done.

"Groups should try to bring more than one culture together," she said.

That is where Hartsfield's office comes in. He said the Office of Multicultural Affairs has celebrated Native American, Hispanic, Appalachian and women's history and traditions.

LCC staff and faculty can also volunteer to participate in the Mandala Movement, a diversity awareness program.

Over 40 members of the LCC community have participated in the program.

"The goal is to develop LCC into a diversity-aware program," Hartsfield said.

PENCE

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At a news conference, Pence said he joined Fletcher's race because he was disgusted with state politicians.

"I know that Frankfort needs change, and I know that the top leadership needs change," he said.

Fletcher is a congress-

man representing central Kentucky's 6th District, which includes Lexington.

Pence gained prominence for prosecuting and investigating high-profile Democrats, including Lt. Gov. Steve Henry and Don Blandford, former speaker of the Kentucky House. He has also helped investigate whether Gov. Paul Patton misused his office during an extramarital affair.

Others on the May 20 primary ballot include Republican Jefferson County Judge-Executive Rebecca Jackson, state Senator Virgil Moore and state Representative Steve Nunn, whose campaign is pursuing a court battle to keep Fletcher from filling the vacancy on his ticket.

Democratic candidates include Attorney General Ben Chandler, state house speaker Jody Richards and businessman Bruce Lunsford.

The Associated Press contributed to this story.

Paleontologist Paul Sereno has encountered some of the weirdest creatures that ever walked the earth. Yet some of the scariest things he's discovered aren't likely to become extinct anytime soon. Sad to say, mutual fund management fees will probably outlast us all. That's why Dr. Sereno **was afraid of getting eaten alive.**

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Experts disagree on prospects for SARS

Mystery illness: Some say epidemic leveling off

ASSOCIATED PRESS

WASHINGTON — The number of people infected by the mysterious flu-like illness dubbed SARS is beginning to stabilize, a top Bush administration official said Monday, even as other health officials cautioned that the international epidemic could continue to spread.

The numbers continue to creep up for severe acute respiratory syndrome. Worldwide, more than 2,300 people have been sickened, and the death toll hit 100 on Monday. There are now 148 U.S. cases in 30 states with no deaths.

"I think we've started to stabilize in the number of cases. We're not seeing these large jumps every day," said Jerry Hauer, acting assistant secretary for public health preparedness at the Department of Health and Human Services. "We're hoping that this lack of a rapid growth is a true indicator that maybe it's slacking off a bit."

In an interview with The Associated Press, Hauer added that it's too early to declare victory. "We don't know yet whether... we're through act one of a two-act play or whether we're just four lines into a three-act play."

With China a hotbed for new respiratory bugs, Hauer said, U.S. officials are working to install health officials in China who could monitor events year-round.

He said that officials expect to distribute a test within a week that can definitively diagnose the new virus. That would allow laboratories around the nation to easily settle whether a patient is truly infected with SARS, or is

sick with a more common bug. And he said officials are baffled as to why U.S. patients are less sick than those in Canada, where SARS has forced thousands of people in Toronto to be quarantined and has killed 10.

"It might be that some of these folks in Canada just got more of the virus, were in closer contact," he said. "Any theory I give you at this point in time would just be a theory."

Testifying before a congressional committee, top health officials cautioned that things may get worse.

"This has very quickly become an international epidemic," Dr. Julie Gerberding, director of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, told the Senate Health, Education, Labor and Pensions Committee. "We don't know where this is going to go. We have to be prepared for

this to continue to spread." Officials believe the virus originated in Guangdong, a southern province of China, where respiratory illnesses often start and spread. Chinese officials kept news of the disease secret for months, allowing SARS to spread before international health authorities could begin to fight it.

Hauer hopes that will change if international experts are stationed there permanently.

Just Monday, Chinese officials reported that the disease had spread farther than they initially reported. State television reported one SARS death each in the provinces of Shanxi in the north, Sichuan in the west and Hunan in central China — the first reported fatalities in those areas and an indication the disease was more widespread than previously acknowledged.

ELECTION

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Matt Rippetoe, Watts' running mate, said the problem with the constitution shouldn't make any difference, and he said there shouldn't be a new election.

"It's something that's become a tradition at UK [in SG]. After an election, you're supposed to look for ways to do it again" and have the results overturned, he said.

SG Election Investigator Eric Mills said he didn't think the omissions were significant enough to make

much difference in the election. He said he didn't think the amendment made any changes that were different from accepted procedures within SG.

Mills said that although he has been caretaker of the SG Web site along with Edwin Orange (who recently resigned), "I don't feel like because we update the Web site, that that puts us as the custodian of the constitution."

Mary Katherine Thompson, SG president, said that she wasn't sure whose job it is to make sure that an updated copy of the constitution is available.

At least one change not included in the available ver-

sion of the constitution concerns campaign finance. Dated November 2001, the amendment makes additions dictating how campaigns should report certain donations and expenditures.

For example, a campaign Web site designed by a student would count as a free service and would not have to be reported as an expense.

The amendment also specified rules regarding the burden of proof in election overspending claims.

If someone files a claim, the burden is on them to prove the truth of their claim, the amendment states.

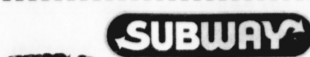
What's missing

The version distributed during the election stated in Article V, Section 5, Paragraph E: "All monetary, material, and commercial services donated to candidates shall be attributed as expenditures of that candidate at a reasonable retail value. The Election Board of Claims has the jurisdiction to settle valuation disputes."

The November 2001 amendment included several changes, including some lengthy additions. Phrasing such as "all monetary, material, and commercial" was omitted. Another change states that a candidate doesn't have to report donations of services made by students, including Web site hosting. Another addition says that decisions by the Board of Claims can be appealed to the SG Supreme Court. A final addition states that persons filing claims have the burden of proof.

It's ... become a tradition ... after an election, you look for ways to do it again."

— MATT RIPPETOE, SG VICE PRESIDENT-ELECT



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CAMPUS CALENDAR

Week of April 7 - April 13

The Campus Calendar is produced by the Office of Student Activities. Registered Student Orgs. and UK Depts. can submit information for FREE online ONE WEEK PRIOR to the MONDAY information is to appear at: <http://www.uky.edu/CampusCalendar>. Call 257-5867 for more information.

MEETINGS
*Admin, 7:00pm, Student Center, Rm. 119
*TNT Worship Service, 7:30pm, 429 Columbia Ave
*Conversational English Class, 3:30pm, Baptist Student Union
*Green Thumb Environmental Club Meeting, 7:00pm, Student Center, Rm. 108
*Lafayette Student Union Meeting, 8:00pm, Student Center, Rm. 228
*UK ShaoLin-Do Karate Club, 5:30pm, Student Center, Rm. 113
*Inter-University Christian Fellowship, 7:15pm, UK Student Center, Rm. 230, Free!

ACADEMIC
*Chemistry Tutoring, (All 100-level courses), 6:00-9:00pm, Holmes Hall Lobby
*Biology, (All 100-level courses), 6:00-9:00pm, Commons Rm. 307
*Math Tutoring, (All 100-level courses), 6:00-9:00pm, Holmes Hall Lobby
*Physics Tutoring, (All 100-level courses & 211/213), 6:00-9:00pm, Holmes Hall Lobby
SPORTS
*Women's Rugby Practice, 4:45-7:00pm, Rugby Pitch
*UK ShaoLin-Do Karate Club, 5:30pm, Alumni Gym Loft
*Tae Kwon Do practice, 6:30-8:00pm, Alumni Gym Loft
SPECIAL EVENTS
*Flat Cat Car Show April 12th, 2003. Currently accepting applications online at: www.phatcatcarshow.org

MEETING
*Encounter, 7:00pm, Student Center, Rm. 230
*Institute of Religion/Discipline & Covenants Study, Noon, Student Center, Rm. 119
*Dressage Team, 5:00pm, Garrigus, 2nd floor conference room
*Leverette Society Meeting, 6:00pm, Student Center, Rm. 106
*Fellowship of Christian Athletes, 8:00pm, CSF Building, Corner of Woodland and Columbia

*Table Francaise, French conversation group, 3:00-4:30pm, Student Center, Rm. 228
*Constitutional Democrats Meeting, 7:45pm, Student Center, Rm. 211
ACADEMIC
*Chemistry Tutoring, (All 100-level courses), 8:00-10:00pm, Commons Rm. 307
*Biology, (All 100-level courses), 8:00-10:00pm, Commons Rm. 307
*Beginning and Intermediate Japanese Tutoring, 7:00-8:30pm, Young Library, check the circulation desk for the room
*Math Tutoring, (All 100-level courses), 10:00-2:00pm, Math Resource Center 063 Classroom Building
*Math Tutoring, (All 100-level courses), 6:00-10:00pm, Holmes Hall Lobby
*Math Tutoring, (All 100-level courses), 6:00-10:00pm, Commons Rm. 307
*French Tutoring, 4:00-5:00pm, Keeneland Hall Lobby

LECTURES
*Veritas Forum, 7:00pm, Memorial Hall
SPORTS
*Women's Rugby Practice, 4:45-7:00pm, Rugby Pitch
*Equestrian Team, 6:00pm, Ag. North Building
SPECIAL EVENTS
*Flat Cat Car Show April 12th, 2003. Currently accepting applications online at: www.phatcatcarshow.org
ARTS/MOVIES
*French Film Series, 7:00pm, WT Young Library Auditorium, Free!


MEETINGS
*UK Lambda, 7:30pm, UK Student Center, Rm. 231
*Institute of Religion: History of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, 12:00-12:50pm, UK Medical Building 3rd Floor
*Devotions & Lunch, 12:00pm, 429 Columbia Ave, \$1.00
*Freshman Focus, 7:30pm, Baptist Student Union
*Conversational English Class, 7:30pm, Baptist Student Union
*Symphony, 8:00pm, CSF Building
*Advisory International Meeting, 7:00pm, Student Center, Rm. 228
*Amateur Radio Club, 7:00-9:00pm, Chemistry Physics, Rm. 163

ACADEMIC
*Interviewing Skills, 3:30-4:30pm, Career Center
*Math Tutoring, (All 100-level courses), 2:00pm-6:00pm, Math Resource Center, 063 CB
LECTURES
*Veritas Forum, 7:00pm, Memorial Hall
SPORTS
*UK ShaoLin-Do Karate Club, 5:30pm, Alumni Gym Loft
*Women's Rugby Practice, 4:45-7:00pm, Rugby Pitch
SPECIAL EVENTS
*Pi-Artisan, 4:00pm, Goodbarn Field, Free Event!
*Ham Radio License Training Class, 7:00-9:00pm, Chem-Physics Building, Rm. 163, Free!

*Flat Cat Car Show April 12th, 2003. Currently accepting applications online at: www.phatcatcarshow.org
INTRAMURALS/RECREATION
*Flat Defenses/Kempo class, 6:30-8:00pm, Alumni Gym Loft, Free! No experience needed.
SPECIAL EVENTS
*Flat Cat Car Show April 12th, 2003. Currently accepting applications online at: www.phatcatcarshow.org
*La Residence francaise, 5:00pm, Keeneland Hall
SPORTS
*Tae Kwon Do practice, 5:30-7:00pm, Alumni Gym Loft
ARTS/MOVIES
*A Taste of Chinese Music, John Jacob Niles Gallery Series, Rm. Lucille Little Fine Arts Library
*Robert C. May Photography Lecture, 4:00pm, UK Student Center, Rm. Worsham Theater

SPECIAL EVENT
*Flat Cat Cruise In (Car Show), 12:00pm-6:00pm, Blue Lot Commonwealth Stadium
SPORTS
*Tae Kwon Do practice, 11:00am-12:30pm, Alumni Gym Loft
INTRAMURALS/RECREATION
*Flat Defenses/Kempo class, 6:30-8:00pm, Alumni Gym Loft, Free! No experience needed.
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*International Student Bible Study, 6:30pm, Baptist Student Union
*Alpha Kappa Psi Executive Board Meeting, 7:00pm, Student Center, Rm. 203

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chatting and getting to know the other people in my audition group," she says. "I'm a little worried that I'm not as practiced as other people here are. Many of them are pursuing singing, whereas I am an actor who sings on the side. That is a little intimidating."

Despite the nerves, O'Connor's been preparing her voice for her shot at impressing the judges. "I've been humming and doing tongue twisters to keep my voice from getting cold," she says.

Each performer will have 90 seconds to do one acappella song. O'Connor's chosen Etta James' "At Last."

"I have been singing it in the car in the shower, in my apartment," she says. "I find it easier to sing without music. It gives me more freedom to find my own take on the song."

O'Connor isn't the only one that has been practicing — 500 to 1,000 people are expected to fill out applications for the show during the Lexington stop. Many are UK students or residents of Lexington, but others have traveled from miles around to be here.

"It's kind of strange. You think a big audition for shows like this would be in Chicago, New York, Atlanta ... big cities," O'Connor says. "But Lexington has, in one year, had a major motion picture (*Seabiscuit*) and a major TV show come to town. It is a great opportunity for the entertainment district in Lexington to grow, and for people to understand that there is a lot of talent here."



JOHN WAMPLER | KERNEL STAFF

Next stop — Hollywood

The Star Search bus waits across the street from Memorial Coliseum on Monday. The first round of try-outs at UK for the show was on Monday. Callbacks will be held today.

Robert Willrich, Star Search production manager, agrees Lexington is a good place to scope out new talent.

"We've been to Chicago, we've been to Cincinnati," he says. "We find that there is a lot more interest in smaller towns because they don't see it as often. In L.A. and New York and Chicago they're more used to it. In smaller towns it's hard for artists to be seen by the right people."

The UK stop is the third in their five-college bus tour to scope out new talent.

"We're trying to widen the demographic," Willrich says. "Kids and older people seem to watch our show so we decided to go to colleges."

Finally, O'Connor's number is called and her audition

group is led into a small room with two "Star Search" producers, who explain the procedures for the audition.

"CBS has the final say on who gets on the show, we're here to preview and give recommendations," Willrich says. "The producers have a very good idea of what CBS is looking for."

After watching competitors sing, O'Connor sings "At Last", maximizing her theatrical training with dramatic gestures and strong voice.

"I think I did pretty well," O'Connor says when the group has finished. "It's so hard to compare myself to other people. My belief that there is a lot of talent around here has been confirmed."

"I didn't think I'd be nearly as nervous as I was, but I

was shaking. I can get up in front of a house full of people and do *Hamlet*, but singing in front of people is different to me." Even though she doesn't expect to get a callback, O'Connor says she would kick herself if she got one and didn't go. "As of 9 p.m. last night, she had not been contacted. "I'm an entertainer and I want to pursue any door that's opened to me, even if it's just a crack."

See more stars

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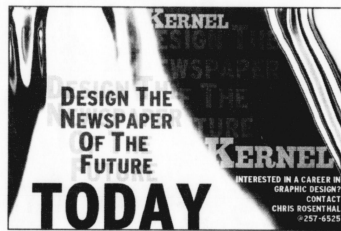
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To schedule an audition contact the Band Office at (859)237-BAND.

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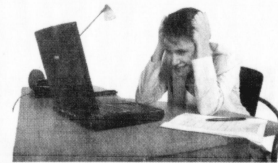
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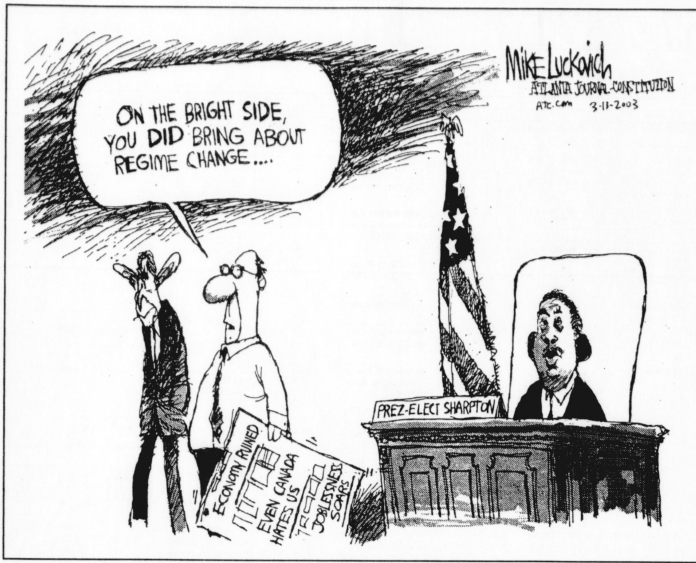
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IN OUR OPINION

Message to Athletics: Listen to the voters

UK students have spoken, and they're tired of spending Monday nights in Memorial Coliseum.

A referendum on the Student Government election ballot last week surveyed whether students supported an online ticket lottery. Twice as many students, 1,714, voted in favor of an online system compared with the 875 who voted in favor of the current system.

Now UK athletics officials should heed the students' wish. "We wanted to get the student opinion (anyway)," said Joe Sharpe, UK Assistant Athletic Director who directs ticket sales. "Definitely, we want to help out the students as much as we can." Let's hope Sharpe and athletics administrators keep their word.

Lottery goes nowadays have to wait for hours on end at Memorial for tickets they're aren't totally guaranteed of getting.

It is hard to identify anything the athletics department actually stands to gain by creating an online lottery system other than improving its public relations with the student body.

The system could be costly and it might take

significant research to determine the best way to make it work. It will have to accommodate group seating and must include an efficient policy for picking up and paying for tickets.

It is certain that making this kind of devotion to reinvent the lottery system would be more difficult than just paying a few athletics employees a few hours overtime Monday night to oversee the current Coliseum lottery.

Several students who opposed the lottery in last week's referendum vote said they did so because the online system might be based on a loyalty system. This system rewards students with the most loyalty points to get the best tickets first, unlike the current lottery that is selected completely randomly.

But Sharpe said the loyalty system would only be used in special circumstances like if UK was to participate in neutral court tournaments away from Lexington during the season.

The system should be created. The students want it, and the athletics department can show it cares about its cheering section.

READERRESPONSE

Official's comment inappropriate

To the Editor:

I was a little more than set aback by the comments of Eric Mills, a SG election investigator. His comment on the recent bad comedy that student elections have become illustrates both an attitude and a large part of the problem. To state, "It's just a stupid-ass mistake, and frankly, it probably did not impact the outcome of this election" is inappropriate, ignorant, and detrimental to the entire conceptual philosophy of voting and the power of an individual casting a vote.

I would first question the appropriateness of selecting and retaining an individual in this position whose intellectual acumen and ability to express themselves conflates a real problem with real consequences to being "stupid-ass." The inability of SG to monitor an election process that has already demonstrated opportunities for fraud and malfeasance of office illustrates the rather lackadaisical and conditional philosophy that seems to surround the whole student governmental election process. This sort of thing is moving far past time.

Secondly, to state that 171 votes "did not impact the outcome of this election" is to say that the opinions of 171 individuals did not count. And this presumes that no fraud or monitoring incompetence is responsible for this "mistake." And if fraud were to be revealed, it says to 171 legitimate voting students that their votes were unimportant in the "vast scheme of things." Neither interpretation of individuals involved with the process that subscribe to such tenets I am sure that Mr. Mills lexicon also includes the term "halfassed," for that certainly is what this election process to date has been.

PATRICK THRUSH

GRADUATE STUDENT IN THE HISTORIC PRESERVATION PROGRAM

Protesters work to preserve freedoms

To the editor:

In response to Kernel Columnist Wes Blevins' column, "Don't apologize for being American" (April 3, pg. 8), I want to apologize, but I will try and understand what it means to be an American.

Apparently Blevins wishes the "pathetic" anti-war leftists to stop "going crazy" and cease to voice their opinion. How American is this? It's rather contradictory that he points out how our ancestors have fought and died to protect our freedom, and it is this very freedom he wishes the anti-war faction of the country to surrender.

We don't hate this freedom, as Blevins asserts, we embrace it. The war protesters in this country are not desperate people honed in on keeping our so-called hatred for America in the newspaper, as he says. Rather, they are people with valid points of view that understand what it means to live in a free, democratic society.

People are drawn to this country because of the freedoms it offers. I agree. But contrary to Blevins, I believe in preserving those freedoms. Mr. Blevins, you shouldn't apologize for being American, either. But I would challenge you to step out of your ideological shell and give strong consideration and respect to what the rest of the country, or for that matter, the world, has to say.

JAY SWINDLE

SOCIOLOGY SENIOR

E.U. unprepared for Middle East refugee influx

The war in Iraq has been accompanied from the very beginning with an increased concern for humanitarian catastrophes. If we scrutinize carefully, we will discover one of the reasons France and Germany opposed the war was their concern that skirmishes would probably spur floods of refugees. As happens often in these cases, a mixture of war refugees and illegal migrants threatens to inundate Western Europe.

Actually, the European Union stance regarding asylum and migration has changed dramatically. On their way to strengthening internal cohesion, the European Union member countries have recently projected plans to unify and reform their migration and asylum rules. These changes comprise great leaps toward not only a new asylum and migration policy but also toward new concepts and principles related to these issues.

The intention for a common asylum and migration policy emerged at the end of the 1990s. The European Council of Tampere in October 1999 set a guideline that was enhanced at the European Council of Seville in June 2002.

There are three main issues that would be reformed in order to formulate this new E.U. policy. First, a sudden differentiation between countries considered safe and those that are experiencing turmoil, wars and violations of human rights. Generally, asylum seekers from safe countries will have a prompt rejection of their request and a hasty repatriation.

Second, the E.U. will accelerate the process of Refugee Status Determination for asylum seekers from problematic countries. This will conclude with severe measures of repatriation for those judged non-eligible for protection.

Third, the E.U. focuses on external border control improvement, reinforcement of entrance restrictions and visa



Ridvan Peshkopia
KERNEL COLUMNIST

regime. Fourth, the E.U. is planning to assist some neighboring countries that produce and/or transfer refugees. This assistance will range from economic reconstruction and institution building to border management and asylum systems.

It is not difficult to figure out that some of these reforms violate the 1951 Geneva Convention and its 1967 Protocol. This happens because even though some Eastern or South-eastern European states have taken significant leaps toward political stability, respecting human rights and free market economies, there are still many issues foreseen by the Convention that have yet to be addressed by these states.

For example, even though the Balkans states and other Eastern European countries might be considered free and open societies and, therefore, included on the safe countries' list, women from these countries who are victims of white slavery might clearly use the convention to seek haven in a safe country. The same argument is valid for homosexuals, bearing in mind that homosexuality is still outlawed and legally punishable in many of these countries. According to the 1951 Convention, it is not difficult to include homosexuals in what the article 1, paragraph 2 of the convention considers to be members of "a particular social group."

Furthermore, the phenomenon of vendetta has yet to find a unified solution in the international commentary of the convention and different countries treat it in different ways. Asylum seekers from safe countries might use this loophole in the system.

The very categorization "citizen of a safe country" causes yet another violation: Article 34 of the convention and its declaration of the prohibition of expulsion or return. This situation has been aggravated because of E.U. plans to sign readmission agreements with countries that serve as refugee transits. The E.U. is planning to negotiate detention centers in some of these transit countries, such as Albania,

Morocco, Somalia and Turkey. The way the E.U. is conceiving these detention centers, even the existing centers within the E.U. mainland, is another violation of the convention, precisely of Article 26 (Freedom of Movement).

Rather than blaming the E.U. for these violations, we may conceive that some principles of the convention are no longer compatible with the new conditions of our era. The United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees, Ruud Lubbers, is trying to help the E.U., the United States and other countries experiencing problems with flows of illegal migrants. In October 2002, Lubbers launched the plan he calls "Convention Plus" to persuade the convention's major actors to align with him for a further improvement of the convention. It seems Lubbers biggest challenge will not be to pull countries in the convention's emendation but to refrain them from making radical changes. The March 2003 council in Veria shows that the E.U. is seeking far more amendments than Lubber.

In these conditions, the E.U. is unprepared to cope with a massive refugee influx from the Middle East. The asylum systems of different E.U. member countries are not unified yet, the new selection rules are not in place, the admission agreements with third countries are not yet signed and the detention centers in transit countries are not yet built. An influx of refugees, who would prefer to use this opportunity as a good chance to be converted into legal migrants, will disturb an E.U. that is already experiencing high rates of unemployment. Such an influx will be an additional economic and social burden that threatens to erupt tides of xenophobia and further political support for the extreme right wing that, even without this argument, recently noted significant electoral results in some E.U. member countries.

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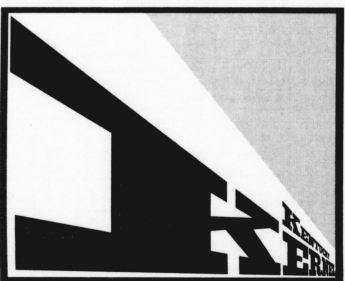
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