

Bomb threats disrupt LCC campus

By Dariush Shafa
THE KENTUCKY KERNEL

A recent string of bomb threats at Lexington Community College has caused the campus "a lot of frustration, aggravation and disruption," said LCC president Jim Kerley.

Since Sept. 13, LCC has received six bomb threats, the most recent just after 11 a.m. yesterday.

"The feeling is someone is getting their kicks getting us out of class," Kerley said. "We assume we have to take every call seriously, and we do that."

Because each bomb threat is treated as if it is real, the building is evacuated, Kerley said. The evacuations mean that students and faculty are losing precious time, he said.

"When you lost that time, it's

hard to recapture," he said. "Students feel a little cheated and faculty have planned (schedules). We lost valuable time in the classroom."

Kerley said though police are doing everything possible, including tracing phone numbers, no arrests have been made.

Because of the number of threats, LCC, at the urging of UK Police, contacted Crimestoppers,

and a \$1,000 reward is being offered for information leading to the arrest of the person or people behind the threats.

"We will prosecute," Kerley said. "It's a felony. Someone could actually go to prison for this."

Though the administration is taking the threats seriously, some LCC students don't.

"It's not really a big deal at all," said undeclared LCC sopho-

more Justin Hamm. "People don't take it seriously. They're slow about doing things."

But while some students might be less fazed than the faculty, they can understand the frustration.

"It is kind of bothersome," Hamm said. "I think it's pretty stupid."

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Recap of threats

Six bomb threats have been phoned into LCC, leading administrators and police to offer a cash reward for information.

1 p.m. Sept. 13

The first threat called in to LCC's switchboard threatened to detonate an explosive in the building.

12:40 p.m. Sept. 15

Someone calls in threatening "to cause damage and/or death" with a bomb.

1:39 p.m. Sept. 23

Caller says there is a bomb hidden somewhere at LCC.

8:05 a.m. Oct. 5

Caller phones in with bomb threat for the fourth time. No further details are given.

1:11 p.m. Oct. 8

Caller tells the person on the line that this is a "bomb threat."

11:04 a.m. Oct. 11

Male caller tells person on the line that there is a bomb hidden somewhere at LCC.

5 students charged in bookstore thefts

Police say cashier rang up items for less than their sale prices

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Five students have been arrested in connection with a series of thefts from the UK Bookstore, totaling more than \$1,100 in merchandise.

One of the students, Sheree Cowan, 18, of Lexington, was a cashier at the bookstore and is being charged with nine counts of felony theft.

"It was more in-depth than just a simple theft," said UK Police Maj. Joe Monroe.

Four men, Christopher Harper, 18, of Louisville; James Ray Jr., 18, also of Louisville; Jonny C. Lee, 18, and Steven Thomas, 18, were arrested.

No address was given for Lee and Thomas.

All but Thomas are being charged with counts of felony theft.

Thomas is being charged with a misdemeanor receiving stolen property, a misdemeanor.

Attempts to contact everyone but Harper were unsuccessful.

Harper declined to comment.

Monroe said that Lee had been arrested, but no record could be found of him at the Fayette County Circuit Court and the Lexington-Fayette County Detention Center.

Monroe said that bookstore managers became suspicious last Tuesday and began watching Cowan by using security cameras.

Carol Behr, general manager of Kennedy's Bookstore and the UK Bookstore, said bookstore personnel observed Cowan pretending to ring up merchandise worth over \$300 but then only charging \$10.

Bookstore managers called police and Cowan was arrested.

The UK Bookstore will prosecute Cowan and the other four men involved with the theft charges.

"If you make a judgment call you can get into trouble," Behr said, stating that it's the bookstore's policy to prosecute to the fullest extent.

"You have to be consistent," Monroe also said this is not a typical case for UK Police.

"This is not a common occurrence as far as an intentional theft problem," he said.

Since the five charged in connection with the thefts are students, if convicted they could face repercussions from the Office of Student Affairs as well.

Dean of Students Victor Hazard said the students could face a variety of consequences, and if a student has a history of disciplinary problems with the student affairs office, they could face harsher consequences than they would with a clean record.

Overall, Hazard said he believes the accused will be treated fairly throughout the process.

"We will move appropriately when it is placed in our hands," Hazard said.

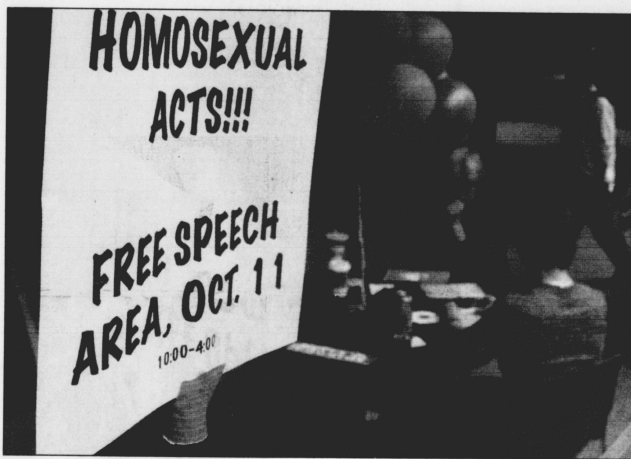
"Depending on that involved, it could be anything from a letter of warning to suspension (or dismissal)."

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Sheree Cowan

OUT IN THE OPEN



Students marked National Coming Out Day on campus yesterday. Emphasizing that gays are no different than other people, (left) Rebekah Eleazer, an undeclared junior, and Stephanie Little, a philosophy senior, play Scrabble outside the Student Center in the Free Speech Area behind a sign touting "homosexual acts."

SG senator seeks administrators' records concerning SAB

By Tricia McKenny
THE KENTUCKY KERNEL

Student Government Senate President Braphus Kaalund has requested documents from administrators about Referendum One, which concerns the election of Student Activities Board leaders.

On Oct. 6, Kaalund filed an Open Records request with the Office of Legal Counsel, which requested documents from several administrators.

In the request, Kaalund asked to receive any documents, memos, personal notes or e-mails between administrators and anyone else regarding SAB or Referendum One.

In the copy of the request forwarded onto the people whose information was requested, UK legal counsel said personal notes and e-mails did not have to be re-

leased.

The referendum, which was passed by 1,614 votes to 571 votes in the SG elections last spring, asked students if SAB leaders should be elected since they use student fees. It has been a source of debate between SG and SAB leaders since.

Leaders of both groups met with administrators last Friday to try to come to a resolution, but the meeting ended with no solution.

Kaalund also asked for documents from the University Budget Office regarding "the financial condition of the Student Activities Board and/or the University Budget Office's statement(s) as to the recordkeeping practices of the Student Activities Board."

Student Services Director Rhonda Strouse was one of the administrators named in the request and said she has

no documents regarding any of these things.

"If I had any documents, I would provide them," she said. "There are no documents to provide."

Also named in the request were Barbara Jones, UK's general counsel; Provost Michael Nitzel; Pat Terrell, vice president for student affairs; and Chris Poore, student publications director.

Poore said he also did not have anything to give them.

"I haven't found the need or desire to correspond with anyone about referendum whatever-it-is," said Poore, who is adviser for the Kernel and The Kentuck-

ian yearbook. "If I had, I would certainly be happy to share it."

Kaalund also requested copies of the Terrell's professional calendar, including any meetings involving SAB.

He could not be reached for comment on his request.

Terrell was delegated by President Lee Todd to present an opinion on the issue. On Sept. 29, she tried to present her opinion to SG members before they voted unanimously to propose changes to SAB's constitution, but

was not allowed to speak before the vote was taken.

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2 Jessamine men accused of stealing UK Hospital's linens

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Two Jessamine County men accused of stealing \$10,000 in hospital linens were arrested at the UK Chandler Medical Center on Saturday and charged with felony theft.

James R. Gates Sr., 49, and his son, James R. Gates Jr., 19, were arrested in connection with a series of linen thefts over the past three weekends, said UK Police Maj. Joe Monroe.

After two consecutive weekends of heavy thefts, hospital security became aware of the situation, Monroe said. On the third weekend, security caught the two on camera and police made the arrest, he said.

Neither of the two is employed at the Chandler Medical Center, but James Gates Sr. is a physical plant employee, he said.

Attempts to contact both Gates and his son were unsuccessful.

Mary Skeen, director of material management at the hospital, said that because of the budget crunch, any theft, especially one this large, is a cause for worry.

"Any loss right now is a sizable chunk because we're being held accountable every minute of every day," she said.

The hospital's linens vary in price. Sheets are \$6.85 a piece, fitted sheets are \$8.18, towels are \$2.80, pillowcases are \$1.45, and wash-

cloths are 19 cents each. UK Hospital spends about \$300,000 a year buying linens, Skeen said.

Because of the recent thefts, Skeen also said security personnel would be on guard more so than before.

"My security in the area will be a lot stricter than it has been," she said.

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James R. Gates Sr.



James R. Gates Jr.

Running mates: Cheney's wife inspires him on the trail

By Lisa Rein
THE WASHINGTON POST

ST. JOSEPH, Mo. — Lynne Cheney — brainy policy wonk, crusader against political correctness and talk-show host who used to sign off from *Crossfire* with "From the right, and right on every issue" — is gushing over her high school sweetheart.

"I've known Dick since he was 14 years old, and he was a good-looking 14-year-old, too!" the wife of the second most powerful man in the country confides to a crowd of 2,000 people. "When I first knew him, he was working at the Ben Franklin store in Casper, Wyoming. And his job was sweeping out the store."

The vice president's wife is wearing a crimson jacket. It's the color she wore on their first date in 1958. As she tells audiences on the campaign trail, her grandmother sewed her a strapless red crinoline dress for the occasion "with a million yards of ruffles on it."

Now 63, Lynne Cheney credits the dress with getting her a second date with the boy who had moved to town in eighth grade and, in high school, would rather read a book on military history than drive to the local A&W Root Beer stand.

The war leader who declares at every campaign stop that it's only a matter of time before terrorists hit us again has been quietly standing downstage from his wife, with his hands clasped. He looks almost sheepish.

"It's true she's known me since I was 14, but she wouldn't go out with me until I was 17," Cheney, 63, says when it's his turn at the lectern, and the audience breaks into knowing laughs. "I often tell people that the reason we got married is because Dwight Eisenhower got elected president."

Cheney's father, who worked for the Agriculture Department's Soil Conservation Service, was transferred to Casper when Eisenhower reorganized the government. "And that's

where I met Lynne." The couple celebrated their 40th wedding anniversary this fall, the vice president says.

Political wives can humanize their husbands. But Lynne Cheney does more. While Elizabeth Edwards, Teresa Heinz Kerry and Laura Bush crisscross the country solo, Lynne Cheney is almost always with her husband aboard Air Force Two.

"It's almost as though Lynne Cheney is the vice president's muse," says Julesanna Glover Weiss, who was the vice president's press secretary in 2001.

"He almost levitates in his public appearances when she's around." With Lynne Cheney on a stool next to him at town hall meetings, he will indulge in a full smile. For Dick Cheney that is buoyant.

"We have other surrogates," says Mary Matalin, one of the vice president's advisers. "But no one can do what Lynne does for him. He likes to have her around. He's happier. The events come off better."

Matalin denies Lynne Cheney is trying to soften her husband's edges. "One thing you should never do with a strong personality is make it into something else," Matalin says. "He's all business."

Liz Cheney, who with her sister Mary is working on the campaign, says of her father, "He's not a big showman. He just doesn't pretend to do the backslapping stuff. His interest is always the substance."

This is why some voters find it refreshing when the couple sits side by side and gets personal. Lynne and Dick Cheney come across a lot like the voters they're wooing.

"I like the idea that she watched him grow up," says Darryl Hammond, a minister who came to hear Cheney speak in St. Joseph. Now 40, he met his wife in 11th grade.

The Cheneys have campaigned side by side since 1978, when Dick Cheney, fresh from being President Gerald Ford's chief of staff, ran for Wyoming's House seat. The couple,

their two daughters, their dog and Dick Cheney's father piled into the family RV and drove from small town to small town.

That summer, at age 37, Cheney had the first of four heart attacks. He was off the campaign trail six weeks and Lynne campaigned for him.

Now on the stump, the former head of the National Endowment for the Humanities makes the first policy pronouncement, telling crowds that one lesson her husband learned doing manual labor as a young man "is how important it is for hard-working people to get to keep as much of their paychecks as they can." That would be a plug for the tax cuts President Bush signed into law.

On education issues, the vice president defers to his wife, a former college professor with a doctorate in 19th-century English literature.

"Lynne's really the expert in that," he told a dozen voters recently at a diner in Green Bay, Wis., when one asked about No Child Left Behind, Bush's signature education law.

In 2000, Lynne campaigned for the Bush-Cheney ticket on her own between appearances with her husband. The solo stumping is gone this year.

"We all know it's my father's last campaign," daughter Liz says. "If either one of them had to choose, they would rather campaign together."

When her mother had a cold last month, Liz filled in, introducing her father in Reno, Nev. "My dad is of the American West," his daughter said. "He's got a firm handshake. He looks you in the eye. And his word is his bond." Then she left the stage.

"I'm delighted to be here with my daughter Liz, who is filling in for my wife, Lynne," Dick Cheney said. "Liz didn't do too bad today, did she?" But the vice president was off his game. He spoke in even more of a monotone than usual.

Laugh lines fell flat. The half-closed smile returned. He looked as though he couldn't wait for his muse to return.

NEWS BRIEFS

Kernel, WRFL-FM to host political debate

Student issues will be at the forefront of the first-ever Kentucky Kernel/WRFL-FM 6th District Congressional Debate. The event is tomorrow at 6:30 p.m. in the Black Diamond Room at the Radisson Plaza Hotel, 369 W. Vine St., downtown. State Sen. Tom Buford, R, Nicholasville; Constitution Party candidate Stacy Abner, Berea; and Libertarian candidate Mark Gallely, Berea, will take part in the debate. The event is free and open to the general public and will be broadcast on WRFL, 88.1 FM, immediately following its completion tomorrow night. Send questions for the candidates to slives@kykernel.com. Call 257-1915 for more information.

Nobel Prize laureate to lecture

Nobel Prize laureate and University of Kentucky alumnus Dr. William Nunn Lipscomb will deliver the 2004 Blazer Lecture at 7:30 p.m. Thursday in Memorial Hall. Lipscomb's talk, "The Pursuit of Ideas in Science," is free and open to the public. The lecture is the academic centerpiece of the College of Arts and Sciences Hall of Fame Week, slated Thursday through Saturday.

For more information, visit the Arts and Sciences Web site at www.ucas.uky.edu, or contact Nancy Smith at (859) 257-8124.

Health career fair set for Oct. 22

The UK College of Health Sciences, in conjunction with the UK James W. Stuckert Career Center, will hold its first Health Professions Career Fair from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Friday Oct. 22, in Room 127 of the Charles T. Wettoning Jr. Building. For a complete list of employers, visit www.uky.edu/careercenter. Internships, externships, and part-time and full-time positions are available. Dress is business casual.

For more information, contact Deedie Lutz at (859) 323-1100, ext. 80546.

FDA denies early knowledge of flu vaccine shortage

WASHINGTON — The Food and Drug Administration yesterday again denied the agency had any early indications that there were serious problems at a British vaccine company that was supposed to supply half of the U.S. flu vaccine.


Lester M. Crawford, the FDA's acting commissioner, made the statement during a telephone briefing in response to reports that the agency had been alerted before last week that Chiron Corp.'s flu vaccine plant in England was experiencing major difficulties. Friday, British health officials said U.S. officials were informed Sept. 13 that problems at Chiron's plant could disrupt supplies.

Crawford denied that was the case. Although the FDA was in regular contact with Chiron and British health officials, he said, the agency was not alerted to any serious concerns until last week, when British officials abruptly announced they were shutting down the plant.

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CORRECTION

A story in last Friday's Kernel incorrectly stated Vice President Dick Cheney's stance on gay marriage. He advocates that gay marriage remain an issue for the states to decide. To report an error, call the Kernel at 257-1915.




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FOOTBALL NOTEBOOK

Cats search for inspiration from Hollywood

By Jeff Patterson
THE KENTUCKY KERNEL

Forget about running out on the field. James "Radio" Kennedy really wanted to eat with the UK football team.

"He's a big eater," said UK receivers coach Joker Phillips.

Kennedy, the subject of the Cuba Gooding Jr. movie *Radio*, ate eggs, bacon and pancakes before UK's game Saturday against Alabama. Then, clutching freshman running back Rafael Little's hand, he led the team out on the field.

"He's never experienced anything like that, coming out with somebody — hand in hand," Little said.

Kennedy, who has been a fixture at T.L. Hanna High School in Anderson, S.C., for more than 40 years, became a celebrity after a movie about his life debuted in 2003.

While lighting up the T.L. Hanna scoreboard, Little became friends with the lovable football assistant.

When Phillips signed the Anderson, S.C., back in February, he went to lunch with Little and Kennedy. They discussed the possibility of Kennedy visiting Commonwealth Stadium and running out on the field with the Cats.

"That's something that he has always wanted to do," Phillips said.

However, Kennedy didn't roam the sidelines like he does at T.L. Hanna. Instead, he sat in a booth up in the press box.

"He said the next time he comes, he doesn't want to go to the (press) box. He wants to stay down with me," Phillips said. "I think I've got him sold on this place."



Get the duct tape

After UK's offense struggled to gain only 177 yards in its 45-17 loss Saturday to Alabama, senior quarterback Shane Boyd looked for answers.

He hoped to find them in the movie *Friday Night Lights*.

Before watching the movie Saturday night, "I'm going to see if there are any plays we can use," Boyd said.

And on Monday, apparently he didn't like what he saw. "I don't think it was all they hyped it up to be," Boyd said. "It seemed like a gloomy-type movie."

"Football is supposed to be fun — that didn't seem like a fun movie, seemed like there was too much trouble going on."

The relationship between one of the running backs and his father (played by Tim McGraw) was concerning.

After the son had trouble holding on to the football, the father duct-taped his son's hands to a football.

Boyd and redshirt freshman quarterback Andre Woodson better watch out and hope none of their coaches have seen this movie.

Boyd fumbled once against Bama. Woodson fumbled twice.

It might serve as a good strategy for the UK coaching staff to act that scene out.

"Me and Dre had three fumbles, so we might have to do that to hold on to the ball," Boyd joked.

UK head coach Rich Brooks doesn't plan to go McGraw on his quarterbacks to stress ball security. He has a much simpler plan.

"I'm going to tell them not to fumble," Brooks said.

Block Party
With Lonnell Dewalt's

Freshman receiver Lonnell Dewalt blocked his fifth field goal of the season in the first quarter of UK's loss to Alabama Saturday. UK has blocked a kick in all five of its games this year. UK hosts South Carolina Saturday at 7 p.m. at Commonwealth Stadium.

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blocked field goal in the first quarter against Alabama. UK now has blocked a kick in each of its five games this season.

Dewalt, a 6-foot-6 freshman receiver, has five of them. Junior linebacker Raymond Fontaine blocked an extra point against Indiana.

"I've never been around anything like it," Brooks said. While the credit has gone to Dewalt and Fontaine, the push from linemen Vincent Burns, Trey Mielsch, Ricky Abren and Jason Leger sets it all up.

With basketball season starting this weekend, Dewalt, who plans to walk out to that team, will have other things on his mind than Friday night's Big Blue Madness.

"I ain't going to go," Dewalt said. "I'm going to be worried about the game."

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Sincere apologies for UK football's sad state

I apologize.

After listening to Rich Brooks speak at his weekly press conference, I realize I am the problem here.

You see, the UK head football coach explained yesterday how "scribblers" like me (and possibly fans like you) are holding the Cats back.

Books said it's all about perception.

"One of the problems in digging out of this hole becomes where are we headed, and are we headed there together?" Brooks said. "Or are we going to fracture and disintegrate when things aren't going exactly as some fan or other person in the media wants them to go?"



Tim Wiseman
SPORTS EDITOR

See, you're either with us, or you're against us.

"If the perception is fire the coordinator, fire the coach, these guys don't know what they're doing and what a terrible place to go play then that's another problem you have in recruiting," he said.

This makes perfect sense. When things are bad, we can't let on that we see the problems out there. That would only make things worse. If we act like things are good, they'll have to get better, right?

I am sorry for pointing out mistakes UK's coaches may have made and for writing about UK's weaknesses. I have to start pulling my weight if things are going to get better around here.

This time, I'll try to do better, so I'm giving it the ol' college try.

Here are the talking points for UK fans and media from last weekend's game, so we

can all have a positive perspective:

A) UK held Alabama to a measly seven completions for 83 yards and no passing touchdowns. This was the first time the Cats had held an opponent to under 100 yards passing since allowing 81 yards against South Florida Sept. 9, 2000. (If things are going to improve we have to forget about the Tide's 304 rushing yards.)

B) UK junior kicker Taylor Begley nailed a career-long 52-yard field goal. (We must emphasize this instead of the fact that UK totaled just 177 yards of offense.)

C) Through five games, UK ranks first in the Southeastern Conference in red zone defense, allowing opponents to convert 15 of 24 attempts for 62.5 percent. (Don't mention UK has allowed more red zone attempts than any other school in the conference or that UK has given up five

touchdown plays of 40 yards or more.)

D) We speculate or fantasize about a dream coach for the Cats.

"We could bring in (Steve) Spurrier. We could bring in Bill Walsh (Huh? Isn't he like 80 years old?). We could bring whoever you want to bring in, and they still have to line up and put these players in position to execute with the current situation," Brooks said. (See, it's OK for Brooks to say his players aren't that great, but you can't.)

"This is a total problem that belongs to me right now," Brooks said. "I didn't create it — I'm trying to fix it."

Sorry Coach, for creating this problem.

From now on, we (the fans and media) will just follow your lead.

You tell us when things get really bad.

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Choosing digital cameras is a snap

Eds. note: This is the first of a two-part series on cameras and camcorders.

A n a-logue is definitely out — digital is decidedly in. With things constantly being smaller, faster and more advanced, it can be difficult to keep up. (That's where having a local tech guy who keeps up with these things can save you time, money and the headache of all the research you have to do to make a smart choice — this is where I come in.)



Paul Ross
TECH COLUMNIST

There are many advantages to going with digital pictures over the old 35mm. You can review a picture on the camera's LCD screen right after taking a shot, which means no more awkward pictures of your shoe or the inside of your camera case. Best of all, that also means you never miss a good shot — if it's missed up, you can retake it.

Digital photography also equals privacy. You can print pictures from your home computer or from a photo printer with a built-in memory card reader. Newer printers have Bluetooth — you can print pictures wirelessly from a cell phone or personal digital assistant. (Anyone who's seen *One Hour Photo* can appreciate the comfort of this feature.)

While it's true that digital equipment costs more than instant Polaroid models, digital will save you money over time. You'll never purchase film again, and you develop only the pictures you want, as opposed to paying for

every single print on a roll. Your only costs are ink, paper and batteries.

When looking for a digital camera, ask yourself, "What am I really going to do with this camera?"

If you print pictures, also ask, "How large will I print my pictures?" The three most common sizes are 4-by-6, 5-by-7 and 8-by-10.

Once you know the answer to these questions, finding a model becomes a lot easier. The measure of resolution for a digital camera is the "megapixel." Megapixel means "million pixels," so it is the number of little colored dots that makes up your image. The more megapixels your camera has, the higher the resolution.

But before you spend too much on a camera, let me clarify a point: The human eye is incapable of discerning the difference between pixels at a certain scale, so if you only print small pictures or only view images on your computer, you don't need many megapixels as someone who prints larger ones.

In general, if you are the type who only prints out a 4-by-6 — the picture size you normally get from a photo lab — then you need to look for a two-to-three megapixel camera.

This will allow you to digitally zoom, crop and still print out a quality product. The larger your prints become, the more megapixels you'll need. Currently you can find cameras with anywhere from two megapixels to 11.1 megapixels.

Another feature people often look for is zoom. There are two types of zoom in a camera: optical and digital.

You'll want to look for optical zoom, as it doesn't hurt picture quality. With optical zoom, the camera lens bends

light to enhance it before it ever enters the camera's sensor.

Think of it as "glasses" for your camera — because it's just light bending, not a digital alteration, each pixel remains unique for the best outcome. Most cameras will feature a 3x optical zoom; it enhances what your eye can see by three times. You can get more than this, but be prepared to limit your selection — and pay more.

Digital zoom, on the other hand, hurts picture quality. Essentially, digital zoom crops pictures — the outside edges of your shot are removed, leaving the area in which you wish to "zoom" in. The picture is then stretched to fill the print area with fewer pixels, and the image appears larger at a lower resolution. Because many free software titles will allow you to do this with AA, it's wise to pick up a set of rechargeable ones — they'll end up saving you money.

Lithium batteries will last about 250 to 300 shots per charge, with most charging in as little as 30 minutes. The downside: running out of juice. You either have to carry a spare battery or stop what you're doing and charge.

After a year or two of use, the battery will develop a "battery memory" and you'll have to replace it. Lithium

batteries can retail anywhere from \$20 to \$70, depending on the make and brand.

Don't forget to budget for accessories. The price tags on digital cameras seem fairly reasonable, but with accessories added in, the sticker shock that hits once the cashier presses "total" could send you into panic. So be prepared and know what you need before it's time to pay.

Most digital cameras will come with enough memory to take eight to 10 pictures out of the box. If you're only using your camera for eBay, then that may be enough. But try getting away with eight to 10 pictures at a wedding, birthday party or vacation, and you'll find that number an insult — buy a bigger memory card.

You can find them anywhere from 64 megabytes all the way up to 4 gigabytes (that's about 4000 megabytes). How many pictures these hold depends upon how many megapixels your camera is, so ask the sales associate how much the card will hold for the camera you choose.

Finally, pick out a case for your camera. Don't be foolish. Many people balk at buying something they think the manufacturer should have provided in the box, but spending an extra \$8 to \$10 now can cushion your wallet — and your camera — if you accidentally drop it, as neither manufacturers nor extended warranties will cover damage as a result of dropping.

And that's Digital Cameras 101, kids. Knowing these basic concepts will help you get the right camera for your needs, and all your digital photographs will be picture-perfect — despite my horrible pun.

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Portable speaker system not perfect but on right road

By Kevin Hunt
THE HARTFORD COURANT COLUMNIST

Portable digital devices suddenly are being treated like some kind of lunar module — they all need a docking station.

The Cambridge SoundWorks PlayDockXM is the new mother ship for the XM Satellite Radio's ingenious little iPod-style Delphi Roady2 receiver. It's a portable amplified speaker system with a built-in rechargeable battery cell that turns the Roady2 into a monster radio more potent than either the Bose Wave or Cambridge SoundWorks' own Radio 730.

But take a look at the \$200 PlayDockXM, and you'll wonder what is going on. It's far too cumbersome to be a sensible portable, and its design contradicts the new Lifestyle movement. And that squishy rubbery dock for the Roady2 looks like something regurgitated from "Alien." Yet it sure knows how to sing.

The Roady2, introduced in July, is the second-generation version of a portable satellite receiver that plugs into a car's cigarette lighter and, with a postage stamp of an antenna, plays XM Satellite Radio's programming (120-plus, commercial-free stations) through the car radio's

speakers. It's cheaper (the Roady2 costs \$130) and less intrusive than installing a new satellite radio in the car's dashboard. And because it's portable, about as big as an iPod mini, it's an easy trip into the house.

That's where the hulking PlayDockXM lurks, with three speakers, three amplifiers and a sealed gel-cell battery equal to about 40 rechargeable AA batteries hidden behind a speaker grille that stretches across the PlayDockXM like a crescent moon. The "flexible-glove" dock sits on top, a throne for the Roady2. Snap in the Roady2, connect the power/signal plugs and a little fold-out antenna and you're ready to go.

Programming, from Urban Top 40 to CNN News and MTV Radio, is dialed in with the Roady2, which displays the name and artist of each song. Operational controls, like volume and mute, are stacked on the dock's right side. The PlayDock's deep, wide sound comes from the three speakers, each in its own sub-enclosure with its own low-powered amplifier, with the larger 3-1/4-inch subwoofer arranged between two, 2-1/4-inch drivers. The smaller drivers flare out,

positioned 60 degrees off axis, producing an extremely wide sound field, though not quite an identifiable stereo effect. In the PlayDockXM's "wide" mode, the sound becomes even bigger, designed for listening at least 4 feet away.

After an initial 12-hour charge, the PlayDockXM operated at least eight straight hours on a single charge. To turn it on in battery mode, however, required the extra step of pressing the mute button after the on-off push button. Some people might not like this unusual double move. In my audition, it was more confusing than bothersome. (For clarity purposes, future PlayDockXM editions will have mute buttons labeled "Play/Mute," says Cambridge SoundWorks Product Manager Fred Pinkerton.) There also was a delay of several seconds in battery mode before the Roady2 actually turned on.

Cambridge SoundWorks says the battery which alone costs about \$30 should last several years. But I've got some news for the PlayDockXM: You're better off without the battery.

The added weight — at almost 14 pounds, it's like lugging around a shot put — and

bulk (about 9 inches high, 10 wide and 10 deep) virtually disqualifies the PlayDockXM as a portable. It won't fit easily in a suitcase or an overnight bag. At the beach, the speakers could get sand kicked in their face. The dual handles on the back help with maneuverability, but not enough.

How about a smaller, lighter, less expensive PlayDockXM without the battery? The PlayDockXM would also be more valuable as a universal docking station for digital devices, whether it's a Roady2 or an iPod. With some extra connections, the PlayDockXM will, indeed, play other devices, but Cambridge SoundWorks welcomes only what will fit in that "flexible glove," and that's the Roady2. The first PlayDock, the PD200, was introduced in 2001 as a solo partner for the Nomad Jukebox digital music player.

The commercial-free, all-digital XM Satellite programming available for \$9.99 a month can be addictive, too. (I got stuck on the Real Jazz station.)

The PlayDockXM, despite its imperfections, makes the Roady2 more versatile and an even better value. Now, the Roady2 has a home away from home.

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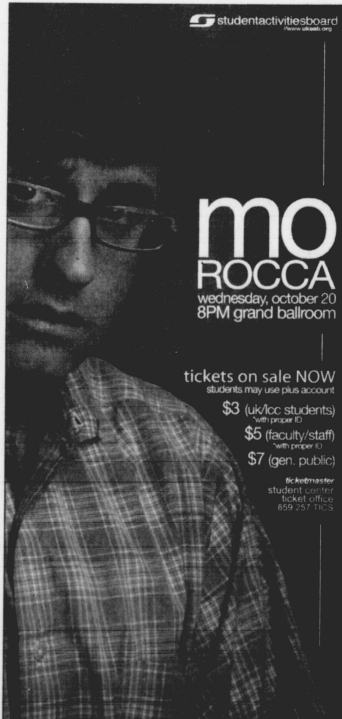
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Ramadan: a time of reflection for Muslims

By Lindsey Keith
THE KENTUCKY KERNEL

The Islamic faith begins its monthlong celebration of Ramadan on Friday. This holiday is an intense test of strength that is experienced by more than 1 billion Muslims around the world, according to Submission.org, a Muslim Web site.

One of the main components is fasting from sunrise to sunset each day — abstaining from food, drinks, smoking and sex during those hours. The holy month ends Nov. 12.

"It is a test of willpower," said Roula Alouche, president of the Muslim Student Association. "We fast from sunrise to sunset every day — the purpose is to be grateful for what we have."

Alouche said the hunger she feels before sunset is the way she remembers to appreciate what she has and is one way she connects with the people around the world who are less fortunate.

"I even appreciate hunger and not being able to satisfy

urges immediately," Alouche said. "It's self-discipline."

The idea of fasting is similar in all religions, and most non-Muslims do not have misconceptions about the reasoning behind fasting.

"Fasting is so (Muslims) can focus all their attention on their God," said accounting senior Martha Kerbaugh, who is a Christian. "Also, they cannot give in to all their wants."

Kerbaugh said that other than her basic understanding of fasting, she knows little about Ramadan.

Alouche said the month of Ramadan is used by most Muslims to improve themselves in certain areas of their lives.

Personally, Alouche said she will focus on improving her patience during the month. She said she looks forward to this time and the focus it gives her for the rest of

the year.

"It is a time for Muslims to change and improve ourselves," Alouche said. "We use the month to change."

Submission.org said not all Muslims are expected to participate in the fasting aspect of Ramadan — children who have not reached adolescence and people who are ill, pregnant, nursing, have just given birth or are menstruating do not fast for the approximate 13.5 hours per day throughout the month.

Another important aspect is Mohammad the Prophet, and the day the Quran was revealed to him, Alouche said. The Quran was revealed to the prophet on the 27th night of the month, and this day has special importance to Muslims; it is called the Night of Power.

The majority of Muslims will stay up throughout the

night in prayer.

Many misinterpretations stem from Mohammad and Islamic prophets.

"We believe in all the same prophets as Christianity," Alouche said. "The Quran and the Bible are similar about prophets."

Alouche said Mohammad is the last in the line of prophets that God sent to Earth, and that the Quran's text is similar in relation to each prophet.

Still, Mohammad the Prophet is one of the most prominent figures in the Islamic faith.

"(Mohammad) is the example we should all follow, and how we should act in reference to others," Alouche said. "He is the ultimate example for us."

Alouche said she understands there are misconceptions about Islam, but Ramadan is about taking time and being spiritual.

Ramadan is "looking inward and focusing on religion," Alouche said.

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The sweet smell of success is a fragrance

By Greg Morago
THE HARTFORD COURANT

Elizabeth Taylor, amid heaps of fluttery curtains and gauzy focus, walks up to the handsome gambler and nonchalantly pulls umpteenth cartons of ice from her ivory earlobes. Tossing them to the table, she says to the card shark, "These have always brought me luck."

It's one of the fragrance world's most enduring images — a Hollywood icon and her breathy suggestion of dazzling indulgence. It's what has made Elizabeth Taylor's White Diamonds a fragrance bestseller for more than a decade now.

Today, however, you need more than luck to make it in the crowded arena of celebrity fragrance. For every Elizabeth Taylor there's a Cher, whose Uninhibited is among those failed scents littering

the perfume graveyard. As celebrity and lifestyle merge ever closer, celebrity fragrance has never been hotter.

Such superstars as Jennifer Lopez and Celine Dion have enjoyed lucrative fragrance launches, spurring the likes of Britney Spears, Jessica Simpson and Beyoncé to enter the fray. The growth of the celebrity scents — a \$100 million-a-year business — within the overall fragrance market is lucrative enough to entice stars one wouldn't normally associate with the musky, woody, spicy, citrusy, flowery world of skin spritzers.

Cases in point: billionaire Donald Trump's eponymous scent, which will come on the market in November; and Spirit Antonio Banderas, a new fragrance inspired by the handsome Latin lover that is on store shelves now. On the horizon is a curious

entry — teenage Wimbledon sensation Maria Sharapova's fragrance to be launched next year — and a wholly logical choice for super-luxurious wafers: Sean "P. Diddy" Combs' highly anticipated fragrance in fall 2005.

"It's a hot, hot thing. Everyone is on the bandwagon in just the last two years — everybody," says Rochelle Bloom, president of the non-profit Fragrance Foundation.

"Because sales in the industry have been flat, people have not gone out and bought new fragrances or have been too overwhelmed by the many new fragrances out there. But if there's a personality behind that fragrance, you might just go out and try it. It's 'I want to be like J.Lo so I'm going to buy J.Lo.' The industry recognizes that these celebrities are big draws. People like Beyoncé are bringing in a

youth market. Nicole Kidman brings someone back into the fold."

Kidman, while she doesn't have her own fragrance, is the much-hyped new face of Chanel No. 5 and is enjoying an advertising campaign for the world's most famous scent that reportedly costs as much as a Hollywood movie.

It's heady stuff. And for fragrance lovers, almost impossible to resist.

As long as there are people who aspire to be like celebrities and celebrity lifestyles, there will probably be a market for celebrity fragrances, Bloom says.

"It's aspirational. It's about relating to him or her," she says. "It's 'I may not be able to buy the fancy clothes and the jewels, but I can wear that fragrance.'"

In other words, if you can't be like Trump, you can smell like him.

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*Pre-Dental Society Meeting, 7:00pm, Dental School
*Baptist Student Union's English Conversation Class, 8:00pm, 429 Columbia Avenue
*Baptist Student Union TNT, 7:30pm, 429 Columbia Ave.
*UK Students for Life Meeting, 8:00pm, Student Center, Room 115

SPORTS
*Shoalin-Do Club Meeting, 5:00-8:30pm, Alumni Gym Loft, \$60 per semester fee
*UK Fencing Club, 8:00pm-10:00pm, Buell Armory on Administration Dr.
*UK Water Ski Club, 8:00pm OFF CAMPUS, Call (859)953-4123 for more info.

SPECIAL EVENTS
*Homecoming Movie Night, 8:00pm-12:00am, South Campus Commons Area, and North Campus Courtyard
*Comedy Caravan presents Ron Shock, 8:00pm, Student Center, Cats Den

ARTS/MOVIES
**Open the Gates of Consciousness: Art Nouveau Glass and Pottery," Noon-5pm, UK Arts Museum, \$8.00 Admission
*Double Ten Celebration" by The Double Ten Art Performance Group, 7:30pm-8:30pm, Memorial Hall, 420 Limestone St., Tickets \$5 and \$7, for more info call 224-4834
*Winky Ukrainian National Dance Company, 7:30 pm, Singularity Center for the Arts, Tickets are \$27 for UK Staff/Faculty/Senior Citizens, and \$15 for Students, call 257-4829 for tickets
*Tracy Farms Center for the Environment presents a Documentary: "Kilowatt-Ours," 7:30pm, William T. Young Library, Auditorium

MEETINGS
*MCL, French Division's Table Française, French Conversation Group, 3:00-4:30pm, Student Center, Room 206
*Lavender Society Mtg., 7:00pm, Student Center, Room 228
*Cats For Christ Mtg., 7:00pm, Student Center, Room 230
*UK Fellowship of Christian Activities Mtg., 8:00pm, Upstairs of the Commons Market, South Campus
*The Introductory Meeting of Buddhism, 6:00pm, Student Center, Room 205
*Baptist Student Union "The Rock," 9:00pm, 429 Columbia Ave., Greeks building a solid spiritual foundation — one step at a time
*Financial Management Org. Mtg. w/ Guest Speaker Christopher Carmichael, 8:00pm, BBE Building, Room 213

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*Lil' Wayne, 8:00pm, Memorial Coliseum, Tickets are \$10, \$15, and \$20 for students.
*Comedy Caravan presents Shannon McLaughlin, 8:00pm, Student Center Cats Den

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*Creative Writing Corner, 6:00pm-8:00pm, W.T. Young Library, Writing Center, 5th floor Westside, for more information call the Writing Center at 257-1356

MEETINGS
*Wesley Foundation Focus Worship, 7:30pm, Student Center, Center Theater
*Christian Student Fellowship presents "Synergy", 8:00pm, CSE Building on the corner of Woodland and Columbia
*National Student Exchange Meeting, 3:30pm, Miller Hall, Room 102

SPORTS
*UK Fencing Club, 8:00pm-10:00pm, Buell Armory on Administration Dr.
*Shoalin-Do Club Meeting, 5:00-8:30pm, Alumni Gym Loft, \$60 per semester fee
*Dressage Team Meeting, 8:00pm, Student Center, Room 115

SPECIAL EVENTS
*Homecoming Patio Parties, 11:00am-1:00pm, POT plaza and across the street from Chan-Pyoo Building. Dress up in 80s gear and win prizes
*UK Advising Network presents "Answer Day," 10:30am-1:00pm, White Hall Classroom Bldg., 1st Floor Hall

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SPECIAL EVENTS
*Homecoming Parade and Pep Rally, 7:30pm, Commonwealth Stadium
*Circle Four and Spout FREE Concert, at the conclusion of Pep Rally, Staff Field

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**Open the Gates of Consciousness: Art Nouveau Glass and Pottery," Noon-5pm, UK Arts Museum, \$8.00 Admission

SPORTS
*UK Football vs. South Carolina Homecoming Game, 7:00pm, Commonwealth Stadium

SPECIAL EVENTS
*Homecoming Revival, 12:00pm-4:00pm, Arber Grove Housing Projects

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IN OUR OPINION

Time for campus leaders to take action

A meeting among several interested parties relating to Referendum One only ended up perpetuating the status quo.

Last Friday, leaders of Student Government and Student Activities Board met with UK administrators to try to find solutions to the ongoing struggle.

Holding a summit was a worthwhile first step.

But it seems that everyone left the meeting without hope of resolving the issue.

SG Sen. Braphus Kaalund told the Kernel he didn't think anyone from SG or SAB would change their opinions — SG wants SAB leaders to be elected, and SAB leaders disagree.

And Dean of Students Victor Hazard

said the two sides had "agreed to disagree."

It's become apparent that one side is not going to see the final decision they had hoped for: The problem is no one has been willing or able to step in and make that final decision.

SG President Rachel Watts has said she doesn't want to have to deal with Referendum One.

UK President Lee Todd asked Pat Terrell, vice president of student affairs, to represent the administration and issue an

opinion.

But Terrell was not permitted to speak at an SG meeting Sept. 29.

At least one of the organizations involved with the referendum should step up and do something to bring this quagmire to an end.

be best for SAB. But trustees student affairs committee

member Russ Williams told the Kernel he doesn't think the board should even take up the issue.

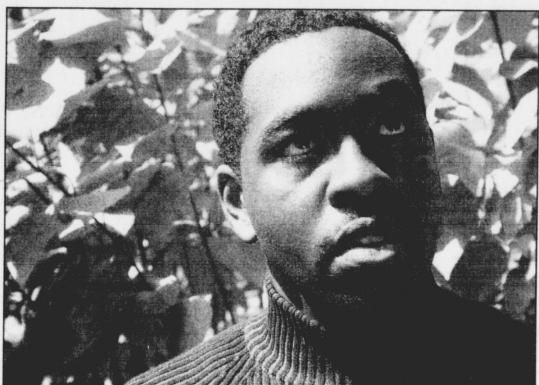
"It's an administrative decision that Vice President Terrell really needs to take care of," he said. "Beyond that, it's the provost's or president's decision."

Until campus leaders — student and administrative — stop passing the buck, the struggle between the two groups won't end. The trustees next meet Oct. 26. If leaders continue to not take responsibility and the cycle continues, students are in danger of voting for SAB leaders in an election where validity will certainly be questioned.

Then everyone will find themselves right back where they started.

Q&A with Braphus Kaalund

SG Senate President



HILLY SCHIFFER | STAFF

Asst. Opinions Editor Ben Roberts sat down with SG Senate President Braphus Kaalund to discuss Referendum One and the current relationship between Student Government, Student Activities Board and the UK administration.

Q. Where did you get the idea for Referendum One?

A. Actually from constituents that I talked to after I first started running. They told me some of the problems they had with SAB, and so I talked with (former SG Sen.) John Weis, and he had heard some similar comments. So we decided to take the issue to the students and see what they thought about it.

Q. Why didn't you personally notify SAB and WRFL officials before the election?

A. We wanted to get the students' opinion and SAB, in the past, has been very critical of any move to try and get them to change. So we felt that the student body should give their voice, and we could do what they want. And then I felt the best thing would be to go on with the discussion.

Q. Why is SG continuing to pursue this?

A. This really isn't an SG thing. What happened was SG started the process for the referendum.

Everyone knows there is a spring election, and there's a chance for every student on campus to vote. And since they're already in the mood to discuss issues of the campus, that's why we used the referendum process.

SAB challenged this decision in our Supreme Court. That's what brought SG into this. What happened after that was they asked the Supreme Court to invalidate the referendum.

The Supreme Court found that everything was filed properly, and, therefore, SAB has to follow the referendum because it becomes binding.

And so, after that, they told SAB they could draft rules, or if they don't do it in a certain amount of time, then the SG Senate is supposed to draft rules for an election.

So we were under orders to do that. After that it's not really an SG thing. It's really my thing. And it's really a student body issue.

Q. How do you respond to Vice President of Student Affairs

Pat Terrell's claim that the SG Supreme Court acted outside its jurisdiction on this matter?

A. Unfortunately Pat Terrell only got part of the documents. She only got part of the constitution.

And so, when she took that to legal counsel, they were unable to give a full opinion because they didn't have all the documents.

When I looked at everything, there's plenty of authority for this. We're allowed to resolve these issues, and our court has jurisdiction over issues in our constitution, and the referendum provisions are in our constitution. So it's within our jurisdiction.

Q. With only 1,600 students that voted for this, do you think that is a proper mandate to pursue this so vigorously?

A. Absolutely. Because every student in this university has a chance to vote, and there are two days of elections so every student who wants to speak on this can.

And, the fact of the matter is, I will trust the opinion of the 1,600 who voted for it over the seven who control SAB now.

Q. Do you wish President Rachel Watts would come out and back you by publicly supporting the issue?

A. No. Because, once again, we don't need to draw SG into this any more than it was forced to. President Watts has her own agenda.

I happen to be a member of Student Government, yes. But the fact is that this is not a Student Government issue. This is just a general student issue.

Q. You said this is not an SG/SAB issue, but are you getting any backlash from SAB leaders?

A. Well, in general, they have been opposed to it. And when we had the first forum, and every subsequent time that this has come up for a debate or any type of forum, we've obviously come at it from different angles, and we don't agree.

Q. So you don't think this issue is a detriment to the relationship between SG and SAB?

A. No. I think they understand this isn't official SG policy and

we're not trying to take them over. We want them to be separate organizations.

Q. Why did you refer to Dr. Terrell's decision last week as "rushed" and "half-baked?"

A. Because, first of all, she delivered it to us at 4 p.m. on the day of the meeting. And second of all, when I read it, I found that she didn't even go through and get the full law. She just cited a little portion of the constitution. She didn't get our by-laws.

She didn't look at the statutes. So, in that sense, it was rushed, and it was half-baked. Because it wasn't a full analysis of the law.

Q. Do you think the current policy that doesn't allow students and administrators to speak at SG meetings misrepresents the student body?

A. Absolutely not. First of all, you still have "member's privilege" to speak about things.

And, second of all, you elect representatives and these representatives are out there to represent you, not only in the student Senate but also in the University Senate and with the administration.

So we prefer students to come to us. There was plenty of time to bring up any concerns and all the senators were willing to talk about this.

We encourage the students to go to their representatives because that's the way the system works in real life.

You can't just walk out onto the floor in Congress or the Kentucky House or the Kentucky Senate. You have to go to your senator.

Q. I know some people in the SG office think this issue is taking away from more important SG business. Is there any pressure on you to drop the issue?

A. There's no pressure to drop it. I think they're just tired of people trying to lump the two together when in fact they're separate.

And Student Government has nothing more to do with this. This is an issue between the administration and the Board of Trustees now and, more so, me as the representative of the referendum. You also have to remember there has to be order kept at these meetings. You can't just allow people to come in willy-nilly and speak and disrupt a meeting.

Kerry needs to rekindle Miami magic or Bush might secure victory

I was hoping John Kerry would follow up on his decisive performance in Miami with an effective critique of the president in the Show-Me State. Kerry, I regret to say, did not accomplish this task.



Edward Guest
KERNEL COLUMNIST

President Bush won the second debate, even though Kerry had his excellent moments. On foreign policy, the esteemed legislator continued his withering assault on the president's leadership and handling of both Iraq and the War on Terrorism, brilliantly citing Republican senators disappointed with the results on the ground.

The president proved more forceful than before, at times responding in a near bellicose manner, but Kerry made a good concise case. Unfortunately for Democratic partisans, their candidate nearly unraveled on domestic issues, allowing the Republican-created caricature of a high tax liberal with creeping positions on social issues to take shape.

In this regard, Bush was masterful, linking Kerry to Sen. Ted Kennedy (whether he meant to or not) or subtly connecting liberal positions on social issues to judicial activism of the past. In other words, as I read it, the 2003 decree from the Massachusetts Supreme Court should be seen as a harbinger of things to come; one day a U.S. federal court will go the Taneey route via form of judicial activism not seen since the Dred Scott case. Someone in the president's inner circle urged this argument, perhaps enjoying the ominous tone.

Above all else, however, the tax issue continues to stymie Kerry's momentum, because of a) his intellectual dishonesty or b) his excessive "1 percent" rhetoric does not capture the right tone. Taxes are important, and they do need to be raised, but this "1 percent" charade only undermines Kerry's case and remains Bush's favorite arrow in the quiver.

As former President Bill Clinton undoubtedly discovered, it is simplistic and naive to believe only "the rich" can foot the bill, that only if Bush's "tax relief" were legislated away, our country would rekindle our lost promise. We need to do more than that. Truthfully, the money lies in the mid-to-upper middle class — who will (or should) be taxed by a Kerry administration.

Democrats have consistently lost the tax and spend issue for at least a decade because they cannot admit that a principled tax increase to better America can be properly sold and because they delude no one with their Huey Long-style 1 percent rhetoric.

Every American, especially in a time of war and a struggle against terrorism, should do their part for the effort — and even in peacetime, we should still possess the desire to contribute to our treasury, to make the country stronger at home.

The last debate, this week in Tempe, Ariz., will consist entirely of domestic matters — once thought to be the bulwark of any Democratic campaign. Kerry's extensive and prosecutorial attacks on Iraq policy will not be aired, and one envisions the president hammering home his tax argument, his right-to-life positions, in a conscious effort to place him on the center-right of social (and sometimes economic) issues.

Kerry's got to lay out, with unbridled clarity, his agenda for domestic policy. If Kerry cannot do a better job on domestic matters, and he should improve with a podium, then most of the magic of Miami will have dissipated — as will much of Kerry's recent surge in several swing states.

Kerry stands on the right side of the issue, but he must communicate to the American people that "liberal" policies are positive and workable policies, on social issues and the economy — or Bush will triumph and perhaps actually get elected president.

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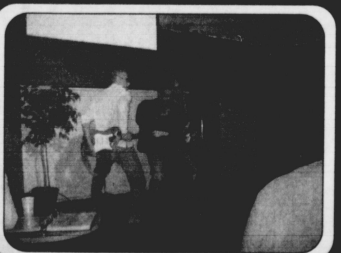
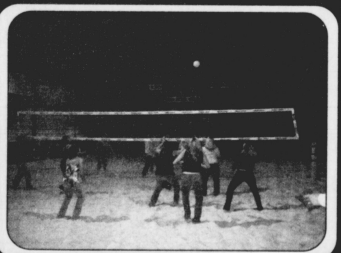
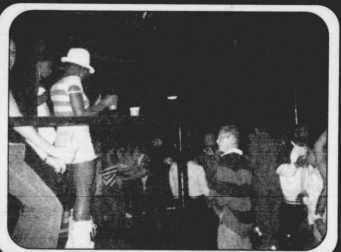
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