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Dick Purnell of UK's Disability Resource Center, signs for Terry Clayton, a linebacker on the football team, during a class. Purnell and Diane Cross aid Clayton, UK's only full-time deaf student. "It was to look down even for a minute, he is probably missing really important information," Purnell said.

Seeing all the signs

By Megan Boehnk
THE KENTUCKY KERNEL

For the three people gathered around a table in a desolate Student Center, voices were quiet but conversation was flowing.

Dick Purnell and Diane Cross, employees in UK's Disability Resource Center, sat with one of their students, laughing as they signed quickly with their hands.

"Oh, I'll brag for you," Purnell said, turning. "In the weightlifting contest, Terry lifted more weight than any of the other linebackers both times last year."

Terry Clayton half-smiled shyly, glancing down while gesturing with his hands. "I don't like to brag," he signed. "I don't want to say that."

Terry Clayton is a linebacker for the UK football team.

And although he occasionally talks in one-on-one conversations, he is

legally deaf. "You should tell them honestly that you are really a mama's boy," Purnell joked, causing a wave of amusement at the table, mostly from Clayton.

"Yeah, I am really a teddy bear," Clayton said with a smile.

"Terry and I tease each other all the time," Purnell said. "We get along great."

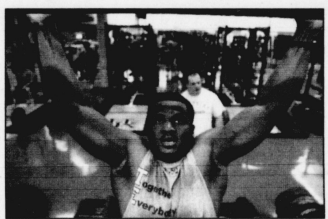
Purnell has been an interpreter for 30 years, earning a degree in deaf education at the University of Nebraska.

Cross majored in interpreting and has been working in that field for almost 20 years.

As one of many services provided to students through UK's Disability Resource Center, Purnell and Cross work with hearing-impaired students, signing for them in class.

He and Cross have been working with Clayton for about two years.

"I don't want any new interpreters here at UK,"



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Linebacker Terry Clayton is the only deaf football player in the Southeastern Conference. He lifted more than any other linebacker last year.

Clayton said. "I am really comfortable with Diane and Dick."

The duo first met Clayton two summers ago.

After then-recruiting coordinator Joker Phillips sought out Clayton when he played football for Logan County (Ky.) High School, Clayton decided to come up for the summer to meet the interpreters.

"I wanted to see if they were any good," Clayton said, laughing.

After being asked to work with Clayton over the summer, Purnell decided to stay and help Clayton when the fall semester started.

Purnell and Cross are both contracted by UK through the school's Disability Resource Center.

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A new alarm clock: This one runs and hides

By Roger Vincent
LOS ANGELES TIMES

After years of covering helplessly as their owners bash them every morning, alarm clocks are starting to run away.

"Clocky," invented by a graduate student at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology Media Lab, is round, furry and has wheels.

It takes off in search of a far-away hiding place as soon as you hit the snooze button.

"That you have to get out of bed to hunt it down after

it rolls off the nightstand is considered good news by slughabeds such as Clocky's creator, Gauri Nanda.

"I've hit the snooze button for, like, two hours," said the 25-year-old MIT student.

One reason Clocky is so effective — some might say diabolical — is that it's programmed to move randomly in distance and direction.

It could come to rest across the room, beneath the loveseat or under the bed before it resumes chirping.

"The idea is a hide-and-

seek game in the morning, so you don't know where it's going to end up," Nanda said.

Several investors and retailers have approached Nanda. She said she would like to see the Clockys rolling off the manufacturing line within a year and selling for less than \$30 each.

The prototype is coated in brown shag carpeting, which Nanda said she may replace with a soft, colorful fabric.

Efforts to wake people by mechanical means date at least to the days of

Leonardo da Vinci. One of the Renaissance man's lesser-known inventions was a device that woke the sleeper by gently rubbing his feet until he awoke.

The earliest known U.S. alarm clock was created by Levi Hutchins of New Hampshire in 1787, but the alarm rang only at one specified time that couldn't be set or altered.

For more information about the Clocky, visit Nanda's Web site at <http://web.media.mit.edu/~nanda/projects/clocky.htm>.

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— Gauri Nanda, the creator of the Clocky, on the invention's purpose

Todd, mayor formally open science research building

By Jenna Tyler
THE KENTUCKY KERNEL

President Lee Todd and Mayor Teresa Isaac were part of the ribbon-cutting ceremonies yesterday for the dedication of the Biomedical Research Building.

Located at the corner of South Limestone Street and Virginia Avenue, the 185,000-square-foot facility houses laboratories and work spaces for scientists from the colleges of medicine, pharmacy and arts & sciences.

"We have talented faculty," Todd said. "We just have to give them the tools."

The building was budgeted at \$67.2 million, but an added fourth floor raised the cost to \$74.4 million. Todd said UK received a \$5 million grant to help pay for the additional floor. About 60 percent of the building's cost was paid for by the state, he said, while the rest came from research funding.

Todd said it is money well spent. "The real benefit will come from some of the research that takes place in these laboratories," he said.

Isaac said the building will improve the state of education in Lexington. "This project represents the joint commitment of UK and Lexington to foster an innovative and intellectual

environment both on campus and throughout the community," she said.

Edward Hall, director of the Spinal Cord & Brain Injury Research Center, took tour groups through the keycard-controlled labs. He said each floor includes labs, furnished offices for staff, conference rooms and break rooms.

Hall, a former Pfizer employee recruited to help with research at UK, said researchers have been working in the building since early February. It will eventually provide space for 350 to 400 faculty, staff and students, he said.



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Vimala Bondada will now work in the Biomedical Research Building under Dr. James Geddes' spinal cord research.

Board disqualifies Nash's SG victory

President-elect vows to appeal, runner-up Ellingsworth 'stunned'

Tricia McKenny
THE KENTUCKY KERNEL

In a landmark decision last night, the Student Government Elections Board of Claims disqualified SG president and vice president-elects Will Nash and Michelle Bishop.

A majority of board members found a "preponderance of evidence" supporting three claims against Nash and Bishop, and found that the violations constitute a "felony," as defined in the SG Constitution and disqualified Nash and Bishop as a result of these findings. The exact vote was not released.

"We will certainly appeal this decision," Nash said, upon hearing the board's ruling.

"We feel like no student changed his or her vote based on the items in the claims. We are upset the student voice was not heard," he said.

Becky Ellingsworth, who finished second in the election with running mate Kyle Burns, said she was "stunned" by the decision.

"We are just going to wait to see what the Supreme Court decides," she said.

Tommy Cunningham, who finished third with running mate Matt Neff, said he was surprised at the decision and his intention was not necessarily to disqualify any candidates.

"They finally got it right," he said.

"I knew stuff went wrong, and my intention was to bring accountability to SG, and hopefully Becky (Ellingsworth) can step up now," Cunningham said.

"They (the board) is trying to send SG in the right direction, and hopefully she can take the reins from there," he said.

The board found evidence supporting claims made by presidential candidate Tommy Cunningham regarding campaign spending rules that Nash and Bishop violated.

The board ruled that Nash and Bishop used a tax exemption certificate to purchase campaign signs.

By using the tax exemption form, available to all student organizations funded by UK, the campaign was not required to pay \$4.20 in taxes and did not list the tax on their required expenditure forms.

"I am struck by the non-chalance by which two experienced candidates have showed with their spending," Board of Claims Chairman Chris Thacker told them.

"Nothing was done purposely," Nash said.

"I am an oversight of our campaign without malicious intent. We will accept responsibility and whatever the board deems as punishment for \$1.62," he said during the meeting, before the decision was announced.

The board also found evidence supporting Cunningham's claims.

The claim said that as a result of this omission, the "candidates filed a false, substantially inaccurate, and deceptive report to the Elections Board of Supervision, in violation of Article V, Section 5, Clause C."

Presidential candidates are limited to spending \$600 on their campaigns and if the \$4.20 was added to the Nash/Bishop campaign's expenditures, its total spending would be \$604.20, said Matt Kirby, SG's elections investigator, in his presentation to the board.

"It is unknown whether their motive was to file false expenditure reports," Kirby said.

Nash told the board he was under the impression that the tax form was available to all students.

"Whether it is found not to be, at the time, I believed it was available to all students," Nash said.

He said he called the printing company on the final day of elections, the day before the deadline to file expenditure reports, in order to confirm an invoice and was asked if he was with a UK student organization.

He said he replied, "Sort of," and described the SG election to the employee.

The employee then asked Nash to fax the tax form in order to complete the invoice, and Nash said he did.

"You can only imagine the stress level on the Thursday of the election," he told the board.

"When someone says, 'Let me help you,' you only say, 'Thank you,'" Nash said.

Nash and Bishop told the board that they admit they were over the spending limit if the tax is included.

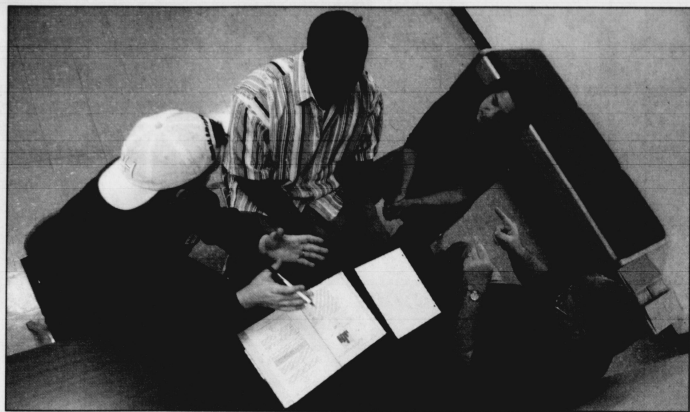
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From left to right, tutor Shawn Cliff, Terry Clayton, Diane Cross and Dick Purnell meet after one of Clayton's classes. Clayton, who is deaf, focuses on Cross or Purnell during class as they sign professors' lectures. "We don't want to be noticed," Purnell said. "We want people to focus on our students."

Clayton

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ability Resource Center. They work with Clayton, UK's only deaf full-time student, on a daily basis, as well as a handful of other part-time students.

The Disability Resource Center also provides note-takers for classes in which Clayton and other hearing-impaired students are enrolled. During class, Clayton focuses on his signer and absorbs the lecture.

"If he (Clayton) was to look down even for a minute, he is probably missing really important information," Cross said. "That's why they need note-takers."

The Resource Center does "all of the behind the scenes work," Purnell said. The center contacts professors before the semester begins, explaining that a disabled student will be enrolled in their classes.

The center ensures that the class will have a designated note-taker and that all other needs for the students be met, such as providing captions when viewing films.

Purnell likened his work to that of a referee in a basketball game. "We don't want to be noticed; we want people to focus on our students," Purnell said. "If we are in the forefront, then we're not doing our jobs right."

"We know we are a curiosity when we sit in class and we are signing and people wonder, 'What is that guy doing down there in front?' But after a couple of weeks in class, people get used to it," he said.

To meet Clayton's needs, Purnell and Cross follow him to class every day, signing for him during lectures. Occasionally their commitment exceeds their obligation.

"Sometimes Terry will call me on a Sunday afternoon and say 'Hey, I'm stuck here at the library. I can't find this and I can't understand the librarian, can you come?'" Purnell said.

"And I come. I don't mind. I tell people all the time, as long as he is willing and working, then I am willing."

Purnell said he never worries

about Clayton's work ethic. "The effort is always there," Purnell said. "I have seen him rewrite papers four, five, six times."

Papers and reports are difficult for Clayton. The grammar of sign language is different than that of English, meaning he writes in a different language than he "speaks."

"It is no different than a student with a second language," Purnell said. "If we have a student here from another country, they struggle with English grammar."

While Purnell and Cross are available to help Clayton with his 12 academic hours, he's on his own for football.

"There is a lot of work to do in football and sometimes I don't understand everything," Clayton said. "There are a lot of different things to learn and a lot of information."

"It is tough to read lips for several hours and make sure you get everything exactly right."

For Clayton, however, growing up with the game helped him.

Clayton claims he never really tried when playing little league football, but once he hit high school, he began to take the sport a little more seriously.

As a senior, Clayton played in the Kentucky All-Star game against all-stars from Tennessee. During that game, an interpreter helped him out.

"All the other players thought that was cool," Clayton said. "I really wish I had interpreters at football."

While team meetings are sometimes challenging, most of the difficulty comes out on the field.

When players have facemasks on and mouth pieces in, Clayton said it's a lot tougher for him to read lips and understand what is going on, particularly when calls have been changed.

"I have to really memorize the plays and know by looking that they are changing it," the linebacker said. "The key is to watch the offensive line."

Occasionally, he fails to hear a whistle, resulting in a late hit.

While Clayton finds certain cues on the field to be difficult, Purnell thinks he may have at least one advantage: his eyes.

"It's so hard to explain, but a deaf person spends their whole life depending on vision," Purnell said. "So, they have the ability to see and notice things that you and I wouldn't because we don't have to depend on it."

Because of this, Clayton believes that it is possible that he is a little more observant on the field, especially in reading the offensive line's body language.

But the bottom line is that Clayton simply loves everything about football.

"I love the contact and I love running to the ball," he said. "And I really like meeting all the guys on the team and getting to know them... I feel like we are all really good friends."

Following his uncle, Mark Clayton, who played for the Miami Dolphins, and his cousin, Michael Clayton Jr., who is a rookie for the Tampa Bay Buccaneers, Clayton entertains goals of one day making it in the NFL himself.

"It doesn't matter if I am deaf or not, I can still do it," Clayton said. "What is really important are my skills."

Currently, Clayton is the only deaf player in the Southeastern Conference, and as far as he knows, the only deaf Division I player in the country.

"I can do anything if they give me a chance," he said.

In the middle of his conversation at the Student Center, a teammate walked by, slapped Clayton on the back and talked to him for a few minutes.

"See, he does really well one-on-one," Purnell said as he leaned over. "It is in groups that he has trouble and distance, like teachers lecturing, because he can't see to read lips."

While Clayton has ambitious plans for his football career, the recently declared social work major has two years of school left before completing his degree.

Purnell and Cross plan to help him all the way through.

"It has really been enjoyable," Purnell said. "Terry is a good kid and he is fun to work with."

"I wouldn't trade it for anything."

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FOOTBALL NOTEBOOK

Cats scream about an SEC Championship

By Jeff Patterson
THE KENTUCKY KERNEL

Say this for the UK football players: They dream big. At the end of several practices, as the team huddles together, there has been a collective yell of "SEC champs."

"That's something we say," said sophomore receiver Keanan Burton. "We have to start meaning it."

Eight practices into spring, the Cats have shown more solidarity than at any other point in head coach Rich Brooks' tenure at UK. Players on both sides of the ball encourage each other.

"They are having fun," said defensive coordinator Mike Archer. "They enjoy playing together. To become a team, you've got to have chemistry."

"That's why we are looking so good right now," said sophomore quarterback Andre Woodson.

In the previous two springs, bickering was a staple of the team. So far no one has complained about their position on the depth chart or anything else.

"We had some positive guys the whole time I've been here," Brooks said. "Maybe there are fewer negative guys."

But the key for the Cats come fall camp is to still act this way, Burton said. "Our attitude needs to stay the same," he said.

Holt separates shoulder
UK senior wide receiver Glenn Holt will miss the rest of spring practice after suffering a separated shoulder in practice yesterday, team spokesman Tony Neely said. Team officials said Holt, who led the Cats in receiving last year with 49 receptions for 415 yards and three touchdowns, should be 100 percent by UK's season opener.

Woodson solid in scrimmage
Woodson completed eight of 11 passes for 53 yards during Saturday's scrimmage. "I thought Andre did some good things," Brooks said. "I like the way Andre is throwing the ball."

In addition to making smart reads, Woodson has stepped up his leadership role. Often shy last fall — scurrying away from interview requests by exiting through side doors and parking lots — Woodson is now visible and vocal.

Woodson smiles after practice now — a rarity last fall. You can blame defensive coordinator Joker Phillips for

that. "Coach Joker has simplified the offense so much that everyone has a great understanding," Woodson said.

It's only spring, Coach
As the defense stopped the offense on a fourth-down stand inside the 5-yard line during Saturday's scrimmage, quarterback coach Kurt Roper fell to his knees and buried his face into the turf.

"This is a tough game," Roper said. "The kids invest a lot. To get them to do some of the things we ask them to do, you have to have them believe in you."

"I love Coach Roper," Woodson said. "He's more of a player's coach."

The stop was a big play for the defense after Woodson had led the Cats down the field in an offense featuring five-wide sets.

"We want to set the tempo," said sophomore linebacker Joe Schuler. "Put some big shots on the offense. We definitely fly to the ball."

"We showed in an adverse situation, we can step up and make the play."

Johnson takes up writing
Senior linebacker Dennis Johnson, who is out of spring practice after undergoing

back surgery, has already got a start on his career after football. Reporting.

Johnson, a journalism major, came to Monday's practice to write a story for UKAthletics.com about junior cornerback Bo Smith's return after suffering a serious head injury last summer.

"He'll be like, 'Get out of here man,'" Johnson joked. "Johnson starts his rehab April 15."

"Hopefully, it'll go well," he said. "I can't move too well right now."

Archer goes soft, sort of
Known for his in-your-face style, defensive coordinator Mike Archer is routinely one of the loudest coaches on the field. This spring he has toned down the yelling, but still lets his players know when they mess up.

"He's more positive," Schuler said. "I want him to get on my case. It's good to hear him get on you. It means he cares."

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New coaches feeling right at home

By Derek Poore
THE KENTUCKY KERNEL

If Jimmy Heggins were still coaching at Florida State, the weather for spring football wouldn't be as cooperative. And he certainly wouldn't be in sweats.

"The weather's great. I mean, could I be wearing this?" the new UK offensive line coach said, tugging at his gray "Kentucky Football" sweatshirt. "It's so muggy (in Florida)."

Heggins is one of four new faces on UK football's coaching staff. And with more than a week of spring football practice behind them, they're still getting a feel for the program.

"We've got some tough kids," Heggins said. "They're young, and the offensive line is the toughest position to play sometimes. It all just takes some getting used to."

Along with Heggins, linebackers coach Chuck Smith, quarterbacks coach Kurt Roper and defensive line coach Rick Petri round out UK's coaching additions.

Smith, who joined the team in December, led Boyle County (Ky.) to five straight state titles from 1989-2003 as the head coach there.

Smith said he has seen hard work from his linebacking corps.

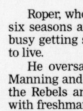
"I've just been getting to know the linebackers," said Smith, a former UK linebacker himself. "Jon Sumrall and Raymond Fontaine are great senior leaders. I like their work ethic."



Heggins



Smith



Petri



Roper

Roper, who coached quarterbacks for six seasons at Ole Miss, said he'd been busy getting settled and finding a place to live.

He oversaw the progression of Eli Manning and Romario Miller while with the Rebels and said he was impressed with freshman Andre Woodson and redshirt freshman Joe Joe Brown.

"My talks with them have been great," Roper said. "Andre's very quick on his feet, and he moves well in the pocket. Joe Joe has improved greatly day by day since spring practice started."

Roper graduated from Rice University in 1995 after playing quarterback and defensive back and is relating to Woodson well.

"He has a real good positive attitude. He's a great guy," Woodson said. "He has a great personality — he knows when to kid, and then he knows when to be serious. He knows his game and knows what you've got to do to play better."

Woodson was also happy to see a more downfield-oriented playbook this spring, which could be an attribute to both Roper and the promotion of Joker Phillips to offensive coordinator.

"Coach Roper has made for a real easy transition (this spring)," Woodson said. "Everyone's having fun with it. We've taken more shots downfield."

Roper's not the only Ole Miss coach to make the trek to the bluegrass. New defensive line coach Rick Petri spent six seasons in Oxford.

"I love it," Petri said of Lexington. Petri compared Lexington's size to Columbia, S.C., where he coached defensive ends at South Carolina from 1996-98. "It's a campus town, very clean."

Before the Gamecocks, Petri coached future NFL Pro-Bowl defensive end Warren Sapp at Miami.

"He really keeps it real; he tells it like it is," said sophomore defensive tackle Ricky Albriton. "Whether it's me or (senior defensive tackle) Trey Miesch, he treats everyone equally. He really makes us better players."

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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • UK STAD Membership Drive, 9:00 AM, Rose Street across from the Owen-Phys. Building • UK Green Thumb Meeting, 7:00 PM, Student Center, Room 106 • UK Anime Club Meeting, 6:00 PM, Center Theater, Student Center • Leftist Student Union Meeting, 8:00 PM, Student Center 228 • War, Terrorism, and Our Global Environment: Feminists Take on Homeland Security, 9:00 AM, Student Center • Worsham Theater • Basic Needs Committee Meeting, 8:00 PM, TBA • Alpha Phi Omega Pledge/Activities Meeting, 6:30 PM, 359 Student Center • Baptist Student Union's English Conversation Class, 6:00 PM, 429 Columbia Ave • UK Fencing Club Meeting, 8:00 PM, Buell Armory/Barker Hall • Child Abuse Awareness Week • Walking Chair 19th Annual Concert, 7:00 PM, Memorial Hall • Reformed University Fellowship (RUF), 7:30 PM, Student Center Room 357 • Baptist Student Union presents "TNT", 7:30 PM, 429 Columbia Ave • NABA General Meeting, 7:15 PM, B & E building RM. 215 • UK Berean Bible Study, 8:00 PM, Student Center, Room 113 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Central KY FCA Meeting, 8:00 PM, Utopian in the Commons Market • Relay for Life Community Meetings, 8:00 PM, TBA • NSCS MEETING, 6:00 PM, Student Center Room 359 • "The Rock", 9:00 PM, Baptist Student Center on Columbia Ave. • Black Student Union General Meeting, 4:30 PM, Student Center Rm. 230 • Child Abuse Awareness Week • UK Softball vs. Western Kentucky (DII), 2:00 PM, UK Softball and Soccer Complex • Lavender Society Meeting, 7:30 PM, Student Center, Room 228 • Table Francaise, French conversation group, 3:00 PM, Student Center, Room 231 • Car's For Christ Meeting, 7:00 PM, Student Center, Room 230 • UK Water Ski Club, 9:00 PM, Commons Room 306A • UK Judo Club practice, 5:00 PM, Alumni Gym Loft • Lutheran-Ecological Campus Ministry Worship Service, 5:05 PM 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Speaker: Ellen O'Malley, 7:30pm, Room 359, Student Center • Tutoring Inner City Kids: Expanding Minds, 6:30 PM, Phillips Memorial Church • The Wall, 7:00 PM, Student Center, Room 211 • OLU, 7:30 PM, Worsham Theater/Student Center • Baptist Student Union's Freshman Focus Group Meeting, 7:30 PM, 429 Columbia Ave • UK Fencing Club Meeting, 8:00 PM, Buell Armory/Barker Hall • Alpha Kappa Psi Bowling Night, 9:00 PM, Southland Bowling Lanes • Child Abuse Awareness Week • Fall Trade Workshop, LCC Auditorium, 08:20 • UK Lambda, 7:30 PM, Room 231, Student Center • UK Phi Alpha Delta Pre-Law Meeting, 5:00 PM, Student Center, Room 205 • UK Climbing Club, 7:00 PM, Johnson Center Climbing Wall • CSF Presents "Snergery", 8:00 PM, CSF Building, corner of Woodland and Columbia • OCUU Annual Meeting, 7:00 PM, Temple Adath Israel, 124 N. Ashland Ave. • Wesley Foundation's Focus Workshop Meeting, 7:30 PM, Student Center, Center Theater 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Child Abuse Awareness Week • USO Swing Dance, 7:30 PM, Student Center, Grand Ballroom 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Child Abuse Awareness Walk, 2:00 PM, Johnson Center • Sandip Burman, 7:00 PM, Memorial Hall • UK Opera Theatre AUDITIONS, 3:00 PM, Kolonia House-corner of Rose and Rose Lane • Ultimate Frisbee, 10:00 PM, Seaton Fields 	

IN OUR OPINION

Med center key to top-20 success

At times it seems as if it's taking over campus. But the growth of the UK Chandler Medical Center should prove an important asset in the university's march toward top-20 status.

The medical center encompasses the colleges of dentistry, health sciences, medicine, nursing, pharmacy and public health.

That umbrella, combined with UK's other colleges, bodes well for the future of a research hospital and learning institution.

"The (National Science Foundation) is looking to reward innovative research," said Wendy Baldwin, executive vice president for research. "When (the medical center) works with education, business and the other sciences, we see the need to bring in all those skills."

Having the medical center right on campus, as opposed to a satellite campus as with other schools, makes that task easier, Baldwin said.

And the NSF, as well as other research benefactors, has noticed.

Baldwin said figures from fiscal year 2002, the most recent available from the NSF, show UK moving up in the rankings of overall funding. UK advanced from 31st among public schools in 2001 to 28th in 2002.

"Rankings are tricky," she said. "If we do really well, but another school does really, really well, we may drop in the rankings, even if we are making progress."

But Baldwin said the progress continues in terms of overall research funding.

"We're up 14 percent year-to-date from last year in overall funding, and we're up 8 percent in federal funding."

That research success is due largely to the medical center, "the biggest single component of our research enterprise."

That component continues to grow, with the openings of the Gill Heart Institute and the Biomedical Biological Science Research Building.

But the growth isn't only manifested in more office space. Baldwin pointed to the recent research of Dr. Don Gash into Parkinson's treatment.

Gash, chair of the anatomy and neurobiology department, oversaw clinical trials of a drug aimed at relieving symptoms of Parkinson's disease. The research drew national attention until the drug's manufacturer, Amgen, discontinued the trials.

"This is the best thing to happen for us in a long time," Gash told The Kernel. "Science will only benefit."

We join Gash in hoping Amgen agrees to reinstate the trials.

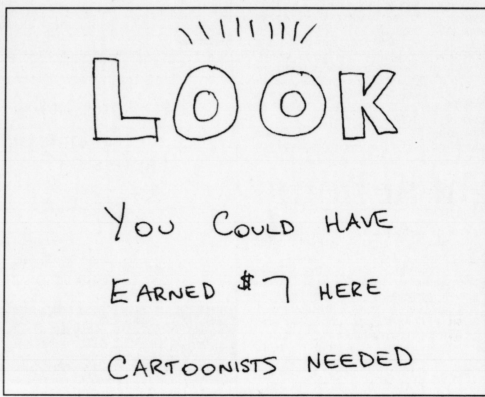
UK also excels in aiding the state's rural health issues. UK's Center of Excellence in Rural Health, headquartered in Hazard, Ky., leads a program ranked No. 1 by the National Rural Health Association in May 2000.

"Obviously any community wants to offer the best healthcare it can," Baldwin said. "(The medical center program) can be the best tool for that."

And UK Hospital is already a top-20 hospital, as ranked by U.S. News & World Report in 2001. The publication also ranked the College of Medicine No. 9 nationally in 2003.

UK would be wise to continue to utilize the successes of the medical center in its reach for top-20 status.

UK's medical center has already achieved national prominence and could be what pushes UK to the top in its top-20 quest.



THE KENTUCKY KERNEL

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Bikers ready to enjoy spring air should invest in safety courses

Since spring has arrived, wonderful motorcycle weather is here! I'd like to put out some reminders to help make motorcycling safe. Please do not get out and buy a "crotch rocket" or motorcycle of any kind until you take the Kentucky Motorcycle Rider Education Program. These can be death machines without the proper training. This program is offered at all the colleges and community colleges.

The Basic Rider Course is a beginning class for new riders. I recommend it for all new riders, as well as experienced riders who have been off the bike a few years and are starting to ride again. Cycle and classroom experiences introduce basic skills to riders, including how to handle emergencies such as quick stops, swerves and road debris. It offers practice in cornering, balance and handling the bike. It is a must for all new riders.

The class is a weekend class, costs about \$80 and is well worth it. They provide new bikes and helmets for the students to practice on and to get a feel for which type of bike they prefer. The classes are limited to 12 people of all ages, and it is a weekend of laughter, fun and meeting new friends. Successful completion of this class leads to license skill test waiver and an insurance discount.

The Experienced Rider Course is for the experienced rider who wants to refresh his or her skills and practice street riding maneuvers. My husband and I take it every year to keep our skills sharp. It is a one-day course taken on your own bike.

Sign up early for these classes as they fill up quickly. For more information, call 1-800-936-3234. The Motorcycle Safety Foundation website is www.msfsa.org.

A reminder to those of you who have road frontage: Roads are made of a good surface for traction. Grass clippings and gravel compromise the safety of the road surface. Please, when mowing roadsides, make sure you throw the clippings the other direction, not on the road surface. If you have gravel washing onto the roads, please take a moment to sweep it off and make the road safe for motorcycles.

When pulling out onto a road, look both ways for bikes as well as cars. One major cause of bike accidents is vehicles pulling out in front of them. One more reminder: Please do not tailgate a motorcycle (or a car for that matter). Give the bike space for unexpected stops. The rule of thumb is one car length for every 10 mph you are traveling.

Submissions

Send a guest column or letter to the editor to Opinions Editor Andrew Martin or Assistant Opinions Editor Ben Roberts. Please limit letters to 250 words or less. Be sure to include your full name, class and major with all submissions.

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We are lucky to live in an area where there are so many beautiful, scenic roadways for riding. We can go 200 miles or more in any direction and have a totally wonderful riding experience. We can go 30 miles for a short ride and experience the fragrant, scenic beauty of our area. So let's all have safe riding experiences this year, and enjoy our beautiful roadways.

MARY ANN OHSDL
Lebanon, Ky.

Alienation of other students makes Greek life a foreign concept

Although the Student Government election is over, there is still a division in the Greek community that goes beyond politics. There are those who feel their purpose in the Greek community is to better the relationships and overall perception of fraternities and sororities, and there are those who feel they should better their own fraternity or sorority, no matter what it takes.

This is why Greek organizations receive negative publicity and stereotypes. With Greek organizations composing 3,100 students at UK, there are less than 1 percent of students who look at the big picture, the big picture being all the Greek chapters and the university.

This is what disgusts me; there are very few people who don't think of themselves first, for the betterment of everyone around them. Yet, those few people who do are looked down upon because of their morals and values as a person.

Why do Greeks get this negative stereotype? Maybe because there are so many Greek students thinking only of their chapter. If we want this campus to come together with Greeks and non-Greeks, we have to think of others. We have to make decisions for our campus, not for ourselves and not for our chapters.

I personally took a stand against an issue that has created much controversy in all my years here at UK. This was not the decision my chapter would have made, but I decided to vote against a "traditional" Greek event because I saw it as degrading to women and an overall unethical experience. So, as an involved woman on campus I challenge each of you to think not only of yourself, your chapter or the Greek community, but also the university. So maybe in a few years this campus won't be looked at as Greeks and non-Greeks, but just as students.

DELAURAH KAMRANI
ISC Junior

ONLINE POLL QUESTION

Do you believe the Student Government Elections Board of Claims' should have disqualified of SG president-elect Will Nash?

YES

NO

VOTE ONLINE AT WWW.KYKERNEL.COM

Ultra right-wingers give judges the death sentence



Brenton Kenkel
KERNEL COLUMNIST

We've all heard from conservatives about how "activist judges" are destroying the United States. But if their rhetoric is to be believed, it seems that ultra-right-wingers' solution is to destroy the judges.

Recently, some rightists have been making threats of violence toward the judiciary, particularly those whose opinions contradict what they see as God's will.

Some threats have been veiled, coming not as incitements to violence but as preemptive justifications, just in case, you know, someone decides to shoot this or that judge.

Most notable was Sen. John Cornyn, R-Texas, who on the floor of the Senate last week said, "I wonder whether there may be some connection between the perception in some quarters, on some occasions, where judges are making political decisions yet are unaccountable to the public, that it builds up and builds up and builds up to the point where some people engage in, engage in violence."

He went on to add that such acts would be "certainly without any justification," but that doesn't change his basic point: that if people attack judges, it's because the judges had it coming.

Our inimitably unethical House Majority Leader, Tom DeLay, R-Texas, had some choice words for those who dared to respect the Constitution during the Ferri Schiavo hullabaloo: "The time will come for the men responsible for this to answer for their behavior."

Is "Rev." DeLay eternally damning his political opponents, which include the judges who saw that the government had no right to force the reinsertion of Schiavo's feeding tube? Or is he talking about a more earthly sort of justice, one we've seen exacted by Timothy McVeigh and other right-wing fanatics in recent years?

Other recent threats aren't so ambiguous. According to CNN, on March 25, authorities arrested Richard Meywe, who "offered \$250,000 for the killing of Michael Schiavo and another \$50,000 for the death of Circuit Court Judge George Greer, who ordered Schiavo's feeding tube removed." The best way to "defend life," obviously, is bloodshed.

Edwin Vieira, an author and lawyer, says his philosophy on judges was inspired by notable historical figure and murderer of millions Josef Stalin: "He has a slogan, and it worked very well for him, whenever he ran into difficulty: 'no man, no problem.'"

But Vieira excised the most telling part of the Stalin quote. It reads, in full: "Death solves all problems: no man, no problem." If only those pesky judges didn't exist, they couldn't rule against what Vieira thinks is right.

As could sadly be expected from the recent proliferation of threats toward the judiciary, acts of violence have already been committed. Last month, Judge Joan Lefkow was murdered after she made a ruling against the white supremacist Matt Hale. Although the murder ultimately turned out not to have been committed by someone connected to Hale, that didn't stop the extreme right wing from opining on what happened.

Former radio talk-show host Hal Turner was pleased, in fact: "I have rendered an opinion that what she did on the bench makes her worthy of being killed, yeah." I forgot about that part in the New Testament where Jesus says that humans get to determine who is "worthy of being killed," but I'm glad to see that Turner carefully considered the options before making a final decision.

And following the suicide of a Texas judge, Turner wrote on his Web site: "I wish more Judges would kill themselves; a lot of them deserve to die."

Taken together, these threats reveal a dangerous attitude within the Right, one perhaps more frightening than the ultimately unlikely prospect that people will start murdering judges: that the role of the judiciary is to serve the wishes of the majority or even worse, the wishes of a fanatical religious minority.

Judges shouldn't bend to the will of the majority, except when that will is expressed in an amendment to the Constitution. Rather, they should ensure that the government acts within its limits, even when that contradicts the democratically expressed wishes of the political majority or religious fanatics' version of God's will.

The checks-and-balances-obsessed Constitution makes it clear that judges are to make independent judgments irrespective of political happenings. So ultra-rightists' only hope of forcing judges to bend to their will is to threaten their lives.

None of this would be important, of course, if it were all just chatter among the wackiest and least powerful elements of the Right. But it's spread to Washington, to the floors of Congress, where memes that began with talk-radio loons are now entering the national discourse.

Two sets of lives are at stake: those of judges, and those of our Constitutional system of checks and balances.

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SG

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ham's claim that Nash and Bishop neglected to note helium purchased for balloons on their expenditure report.

Nash told the board the campaign did not intentionally omit the helium from their expenditure report but received it for free.

Cunningham told the board the helium should be claimed at 25 cents for each balloon, a fair market rate as required by the SG Constitution for donated items.

Nash said the helium was not donated and told the board that when a campaign staff member attempted to pay for the helium, she was given it for free, so it should not be considered donated.

The board disqualified Nash and Bishop on the basis that "either individually or collectively these violations constitute a felony," as defined in the SG Constitution," said a statement released by the board.

Ellingsworth and her running mate Kyle Burns were

also the subjects of claims, and the board issued punishments for two violations.

The first was in response to a claim filed by Cunningham regarding the early posting of campaign signs.

Cunningham presented pictures of Ellingsworth/Burns signs posted at the announcement of their candidacy, before campaign signs can be posted, according to election rules.

Arguments for the second violation were in response to a claim filed by Nash.

In his claim, Nash said Ellingsworth and Burns' expenditure reports failed to include the cost of mailing address labels used.

The campaign said in a statement that the omission was a careless mistake and Ellingsworth and Burns take responsibility for the error.

"We acquiesce to this claim and apologize," Kirby told the board from a statement prepared by Justin Rasher, the campaign's communications director.

The board fined the campaign \$50 for the poster violation and \$45 for the failure to claim the address labels.

The board also issued a

punishment to Katie Houghtlin, a Nash/Bishop campaign member, in response to a claim filed against her by Rasher, for Houghtlin's involvement in tearing down some Ellingsworth/Burns campaign posters.

Elections investigator Matt Kirby told the board that according to UK police, about 30 signs were torn down, and Houghtlin was the only one of a group that could be identified and connected with the signs. She offered Rasher compensation for the damaged signs.

The board fined Houghtlin \$30 and ordered that she, "removes all remaining election posters from all buildings in Blanding Complex, perhaps with the help of her friends who tore down the posters cited in the Police Report from evening of March 28."

All of the board's decisions may be appealed by filing with Elections Board of Supervision Chairman Cody Belcher or SG Supreme Court Chief Justice Tony Stoepel by 5 p.m. today Nash said he definitely plans to appeal the decision.

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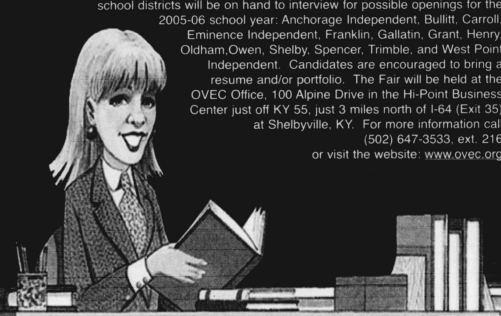
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