



Chairwoman says Todd ignored council

Protest: Carolyn Bratt vacates post on Commission on Women; member calls resignation 'crisis situation'

By Emily Burton
STAFF WRITER

UK President Lee Todd's Commission on Women is now leaderless, following the resignation of its chairwoman.

Carolyn Bratt, a UK law professor, stepped down in protest to the lack of women

in power on campus. Bratt's letter of resignation left the commission shocked, said one of its members.

"I believe this is a crisis situation," said Patricia Cooper, a member of the commission and former director of the Women's Studies program.

"Unless President Todd

makes a visible commitment to the issues Carolyn Bratt fought so hard for, it will be very difficult to find a replacement."

Bratt said she decided to leave when Provost Mike Nietzel was hired.

"It was not what the president said he would do when he became president a year ago," said Bratt. "The commission spent an entire year telling the president what

needed to be done, and then it was ignored."

Bratt said the number of full-tenured female professors at UK and Lexington Community College is a core problem that needs to be addressed. She said there are now only 75.

However, Todd didn't agree that there was such inequity on campus.

"We have made a very serious effort to look at the sta-

tus of women and improve it," Todd said. "Not only have we examined their status, but we have also hired some senior women."

Todd said 46 percent of senior staff hired this year were women, including tenured faculty.

Bratt does not share the president's point of view.

"The power colleges, like Engineering and Arts and Sciences, have never in their

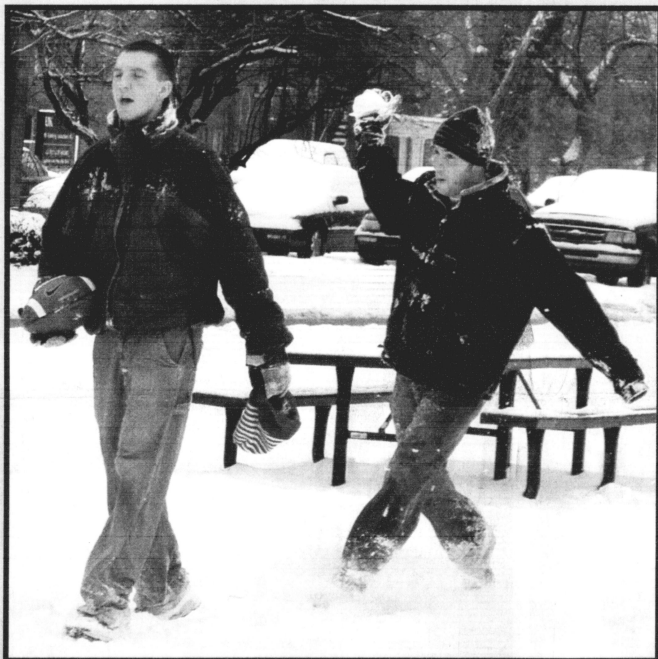
history been headed by women," she said. "Out of 17 colleges, only four have had woman heads of department."

Cooper said the commission's future was not yet clear.

"The commission will discuss the resignation and collectively reach a decision on what to do next," she said.

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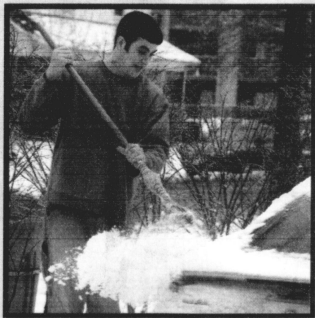
Business as usual?

Snow fell around Kentucky yesterday, closing area schools but leaving many UK students trudging through snow on the way to class, which were on a normal schedule. Today's forecast calls for a high of 31 degrees and a low of 22 degrees, according to www.weather.com. Snow isn't predicted until next Wednesday, when a possibility of above-freezing temperatures could turn the snow into rain.

(Above) Undeclared freshman Eric Miracle gets ready to pelt unsuspecting mining engineering freshman Ryan Dages with a snowball. Miracle said he loves snowy weather. "It's fun to play in," he said.

(Right) Business junior Ryan Fertig uses a broom to wipe snow off his car. "It's faster than using a scraper," he said. Fertig said he had gotten the advice to use a broom from his mailman.

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Council wants more research, postpones vote

Concerns: Councilman says more research will help clarify pros and cons of a proposed smoking ban

By Sara Cunningham
STAFF WRITER

The discussion to enact a no-smoking ordinance was tabled Tuesday by the Lexington-Fayette Urban County Council in favor of conducting more research.

"There needs to be more education and information before we do anything," 3rd District Councilman Dick DeCamp said.

The draft ordinance presented to council members by the council legal department would have, if passed, prohibited smoking inside restaurants, bars and taverns. Also, smoking would have been illegal up to 25 feet away from these establishments.

Many restaurant and bar owners argued against the ban at the council meeting. Opponents of the ban were concerned with possible economic consequences and the limiting of personal freedom and choice, DeCamp said.

Supporters of the ban said the presented information on the negative health effects of allowing smoking in public places.

A task force, appointed by the city to study the possibility of a smoking ban, presented facts but made no recommendation to the council, DeCamp said.

"It was put together at the request of several agencies who wanted to seriously look at a ban based on the health risks of second-hand smoke," he said.

The task force, chaired by at-large councilman David Stevens, will likely be brought back together to further research the ban and to hold public meetings to get community input, DeCamp said.

Stevens said the move to consider smoking bans similar to

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Expert says insects could be weapons

Warning: Counterterrorism researcher says bugs have historically been effective means of spreading disease

By Paul Leighty
STAFF WRITER

Terrorists could use insects as an effective weapon in spreading diseases fatal to humans, said a visiting scientist to UK Thursday.

Steven Presley, an environmental toxicology professor and counterterrorism researcher at Texas Tech University, spoke to more than 50 UK students and faculty in the Seay Auditorium.

"Pathogens that we know have been weaponized, whether by the Soviet Union or the United States" include viral hemorrhagic fever and viral encephalitis, Presley said. Insects like mosquitoes or fleas could be used to do this, he said.

Fred Knapp, interim chair of the UK entomology department and organizer of the speech, said there was high likelihood of terrorists using insects to "vector" or spread disease.

"The likelihood that a biological weapon being used that might be vectored in nature by insects is relatively high," Knapp said.

"It's sort of a political and scientific consensus that it's not a matter of if but when," Presley said.

Presley said there are several examples of insects spreading disease, including the plague and the West Nile virus.

"The West Nile virus is an excellent model for how an introduced virus can spread across the U.S.," he said.

Historically fleas have been an effective weapon to transmit a plague, Presley said. In the 14th century, Mongolian warriors catapulted corpses infected with plague into the city of Kaffa. Fleas traveled from the corpses to living people.

Also, during World War II the Japanese military dropped plague-infected fleas onto Chinese cities as a means of warfare, killing about 30,000 people, Presley said.

However, a UK professor said insect-borne diseases are not as likely to be as dangerous as smallpox and other illnesses not transmitted by insects.

While insect-borne diseases in weaponized form pose a definite danger, they are not the most effective biological weapons available, said Michael Desch, professor and associate director

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LCC advisory board to discuss growth problems, solutions

Expansion: City offers 20 acres to Winchester campus, LCC hopes to utilize the space for 3,000-capacity facility

By Matthew Towner
STAFF WRITER

For Lexington Community College, students are enrolling at a record level even though the construction of a new building for the main campus seems unlikely in the near future.

As a result, the college is being forced to look at av-

enues for expansion that distinguish the school from others in the state.

Today, LCC President Jim Kerley and the school's advisory board will meet to discuss plans for expansion in Winchester, in addition to addressing the space concerns on the main campus.

LCC opened the new Winchester-Clark County

campus in January, and the city has recently offered 20 more acres to the school for expansion. Classes for 167 students are currently being offered at the site.

Once enrollment reaches 500 at the Winchester campus, LCC hopes to start building a new \$5.1 million facility that could house up to 3,000 students on the donated land, said Ann Bartlett, LCC's extended campus specialist and student recruiter for Winches-

ter-Clark County and the surrounding area.

"We want to be able to offer computer labs, nursing labs and other facilities in Winchester," Bartlett said. She said she also hopes the campus will be able to offer master's and bachelor's degrees in the future.

LCC must take advantage of an opportunity like the one in Winchester, Kerley said.

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Cancer center offers holistic relief to patients undergoing treatment

Options: Acupuncture, energy and massage therapy basis of program

By Jennifer Nash
CONTRIBUTING WRITER

Cancer patients have new treatments available for dealing with the pain and anxiety that comes with treating cancer.

Three UK doctors joined forces Wednesday to present the Integrated Medicine Program at the new MaryLou Whitney and John Hendrickson Cancer Facility for Women.

The Integrative Medicine Program will be housed in the new facility and will offer acupuncture, energy therapy and massage therapy to cancer patients who are undergoing chemotherapy and similar treatments.

"The goal of this program is to meet all the needs of the patient physical, spiritual, mental and emotional," said Philip DeSimone, professor of medicine and chief of hematology/oncology division.

The center will allow cancer patients a more holistic treatment approach. It will focus on psychological and social aspects of

The chemotherapy suite of the new Whitney Hendrickson Cancer Center for Women, pictured here, has 13 bays with all the amenities, including meals, personal TVs and radio sets. No tax dollars went to build or equip the center; all the funding came from private donations and grants.

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treating cancer with social workers, psychologists and nurses on hand to aid patients with depression, fatigue and pain management, DeSimone said.

"This new Integrative Medicine Program is just an extension of our comprehensive mission of the center," said Alfred Cohen, UK surgery professor and director of the UK Markey Cancer Center.

The \$13 million facility was built with private funds donated to the Markey Cancer Foundation.

"It took a year to convince [members of the medical community] that this was a real thing," DeSimone said. Cohen said patients held an interest in Eastern treatments before doctors did.

In addition, most insurance plans do not cover such treatments that, at this time,

are only offered for cancer patients, he said.

However, Cohen said many doctors have begun to refer patients to the center for pain management and psychological counseling.

DeSimone said he wants to do "very good research to study each treatment closely and put more credibility into what I think is a very exciting area of medicine."

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Todd said he hopes the commission's work would continue.

"We need to move forward and find a new leader," he said. "I believe we will make a lot of progress."

Bratt agreed. "The commission has done a lot of very, very good things," she said. "We brought the Women's Writers Conference back to campus and started a security

initiative to protect women on campus, but we have not been particularly effective at all in getting women and men of color into high-level executive positions."

Todd said several women have been promoted to important positions under his term, including a new budget director, vice president of research, and a new vice president of academic outreach and public service. But Todd said change will take time.

"We can't solve all the issues with women in 15 months," he said.

Bratt said she plans to remain at UK after her last day on the commission on Dec. 30.

that to happen, DeCamp said.

DeCamp said he is very interested in the reasons these cities passed a ban and whether they passed the ban through public referendum.

"We need to hear from a lot more people and that means this will definitely carry over into next year," DeCamp said.

"We all have a lot more to learn about all of the possible benefits and consequences. I certainly have a lot more questions."

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the one looked at by the council Tuesday is spreading across the nation.

More than 1,500 cities already have smoking bans of some sort, but passing a ban in Lexington would have a huge impact and a lot more research will have to be conducted in order for

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at the Patterson School of Diplomacy.

"I would be surprised if a terrorist organization re-

lied on insects for killing large numbers of people," said Desch. But Desch said insect-borne bioweapons are a "fascinating" subject — and definitely something to be concerned about.

"Biological warfare is one of the main concerns that is animating this whole federal policy of homeland defense," he said.

Corrections

A story in the Dec. 5 Kernel about the Robinson Forest debate contained an error: The Robinson Scholars Program did not exist 10 years ago, when a similar debate about mining the forest occurred. That debate was between private mining companies and UK.

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"Winchester is so willing to let us in there. We have to go through with it," Kerley said. "It doesn't necessarily alleviate our problems here, but it will help."

Bartlett said LCC's expansion into surrounding communities is beneficial to both sides.

"It's going to make a world of difference to my community," she said. LCC's path to expansion is unique among the state's community colleges, Kerley said.

For example, Henderson Community College, which has an enrollment of 1,596 students, has six buildings on its main campus. Paducah

Community College, which has 3,545 students enrolled this semester, has its own tennis courts and baseball field in addition to its buildings.

By contrast, LCC, with an enrollment of 6,291 students for the fall semester, only has three buildings on its main campus. Each building serves multiple purposes to conserve space and facilitate growth, Kerley said.

"It would be ideal to have one building be for of-

ferences and another for classrooms," he said. "However, most of these other schools have more land that we just don't have."

Even if LCC is able to add on to the main campus, the building would likely be another multipurpose facility due to limited resources, Kerley said.

"It is definitely more of a homey atmosphere," he said. "Plus, I want to be as close to the students as possible."

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IN MEMORY

Men's chorus will sing concert in tribute



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Legend

Rosemary Clooney sang with several personalities, including Bing Crosby and Frank Sinatra, throughout her years of performing on stage.

Singing: Lexington Men's Chorus to dedicate concert in memory of singer and actress Rosemary Clooney

By Curtis Tate
ASSISTANT SCENE EDITOR

The Lexington Men's Chorus had planned to invite Rosemary Clooney to sing with the group for one of its concerts.

But when the Kentucky-born singer and actress died in June, they found themselves planning a tribute.

Cora Hughes, program coordinator for UK Opera Theater, will play the part of Clooney in Saturday's LMC concert at St. Michael's Episcopal Church in Lexington.

"I've always been a great fan of hers," Hughes said. "I can't quite replace Rosemary Clooney, even though I'm singing her songs."

The 75-minute program will feature several selections from Clooney's *White Christmas* album. The songs Hughes will sing include holiday standards such as "Let It Snow," "I'll Be Home for Christmas" and "Have Yourself a Merry Little Christmas."

Sister Sound, Lexington's women's chorus, will accompany Hughes during the Clooney tribute.

The concert also features orchestral accompaniment by several members of the Lexington Philharmonic and the UK music community.

"I think it's going to be a really good show," Hughes said. "People will enjoy the different groups that are there."

Willie Boddie, president of the LMC Board of Directors, said working with other vocal groups is part of an on-going tradition.

The chorus has collaborated on numerous occasions with Sister Sound and Voices of Kentuckiana, a vocal performance group in Louisville.

Boddie has sung with the group for seven of its 13 seasons and became its president last summer. He helps plan concerts, select music, sing and raise money for the chorus.

"I really contribute any way I can," he said.

Vocal music education senior Bryan Nichols, who was hired as artistic director of LMC this fall, also serves as assistant director for the Donovan Scholars Chorus at UK.

He said he feels some pressure dividing his time between the groups, but the results are well worth it.

"It's been a lot of work, but I've enjoyed it," he said. "It's been great."

Nichols said the group, which rehearses every Sun-

Saturday's Lexington Men's Chorus Christmas Concert will honor singing legend Rosemary Clooney. The Maysville native died June 28 at the age of 74. In 1954, she starred alongside crooner Bing Crosby in the movie *White Christmas*.

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day evening, has 12 current members, and he encourages others to join.

"We're always taking new members," he said.

Nichols said Saturday's concert includes all the Christmas music people want to hear.

"They're the songs you picture the perfect family listening to in the perfect house with the perfect white snow outside," he said.

"It's definitely the concert to get you in the mood for Christmas."

Sing, sing, sing

The Lexington Men's Chorus Christmas Concert will begin at 7 p.m., Saturday, Dec. 7, at St. Michael's Episcopal Church, located at 2025 Bellefonte Dr. Tickets are \$15 at the door or through any Lexington Men's Chorus member.

A reception will follow the concert, and everyone is welcome to stay for refreshments.

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Back to the doctor --- Billy Crystal teams up again with Robert Deniro for a second dose of comedy in the film, *Analyze That*. Their first film together, *Analyze This*, was a box office hit.

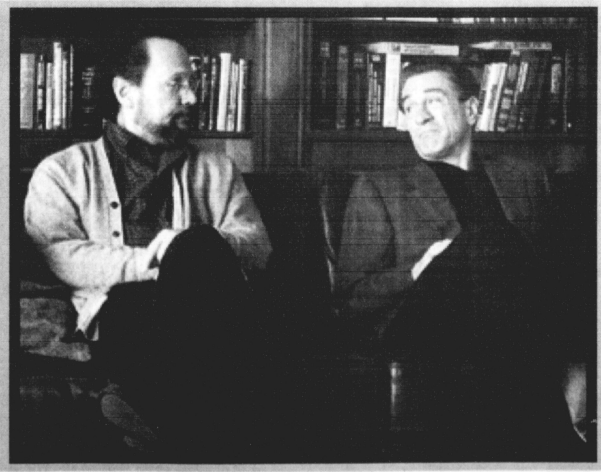


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Week of December 2-8

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ACADEMIC
*Math Tutoring, 1:00-5:00pm, Math Resource Center 063 Classroom Building

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* "The Gift of Life Challenge"
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SPORTS
*UK Hockey Game vs. Ohio State, Midnight, Lexington Ice Center. \$5.00 at the door
*Tax Kwon Do practice, 5:30-7:00pm, Alumni Gym Loft

ARTS/MOVIES
*Viola Recital, Modesto Marcano, 12:00noon, John Jacob Niles Gallery Series, Rm. Lucille Caudill Little Fine Arts Library

SPORTS
*UK Basketball Game vs. North Carolina, 2:00pm, Chapel Hill, N.C.

SPORTS
*UK Hockey Game vs. Ohio State, Midnight, Lexington Ice Center. \$5.00 at the door
*Tax Kwon Do practice, 11:00am-12:30 pm, Alumni Gym Loft

ARTS/MOVIES
*Christmas Collage, 8:00pm, Singletary Center

MEETINGS
*International Student Bible Study, 5:30pm, Baptist Student Union Center, Rm. 203

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*Math Tutoring, 8:00-10:00pm, Commons Rm. 307
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*Holiday Open House, 1:00-3:00pm, UK Art Museum, Free!

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READER RESPONSE

Columnist's view of candidates 'shallow' but 'entertaining'

To the editor:

Columnist Ben Ditty's smug analysis of possible Democratic challengers to President Bush in 2004 ["Democratic challengers pose no threat to President Bush, Dec. 4, pg. 4] is certainly entertaining.

Regarding the three possible Democratic candidates Ditty discussed, I agree that Gore is probably not the best candidate to run against President Bush. While some of his ideas may be best for the national and global environments, it is unlikely these ideas will get him elected. Gore is a well-intentioned man, but our political parties have had bad track records re-nominating losers from past elections. I think Nixon was the last one to win, and we all know how that turned out.

Ditty refers to Sen. John Kerry's home state as "Taxachusetts" — a play on words that dates back to 1988 presidential candidate Mike Dukakis' administration of Massachusetts. I suggest Ditty take this matter up with the last three governors of Massachusetts (Weld, Cellucci and Swift), all of whom are Republicans. (Even students of basic government classes know a U.S. senator has nothing to do with the revenue policies of his state).

Deriding Kerry's possible candidacy because his wife is the widow of an heir to the Heinz fortune means nothing and makes Ditty's arguments all the more hollow.

Although Sen. John Edwards of North Carolina has been discussed as a future presidential candidate before, he's a relative unknown. I'm unsure what Ditty means by "the failure of a presidential candidate due to lack of activity upstairs" — maybe he thinks Edwards is dumb? Edwards received a law degree with honors from U.N.C.-Chapel Hill, so he can't be too dumb.

Ditty's reference to him as an ambulance chaser is not unwarranted — Edwards received a huge amount in contributions from lawyers. This same profession represents the top industry in total dollars donated given to Sen. Mitch McConnell, R-Ky, in 2002.

What about the possible Democratic candidacy of retired Gen. Wesley Clark, the former Supreme Commander of NATO? While Clark suffers from poor name recognition, he may benefit from the hawkish mood of the nation as well as his military background.

Remember, the last time a sitting president fumbled the advantage of high poll numbers after military action and lost to a challenger many thought would lose was in 1992.

PATRICK THOMPSON
 PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION GRADUATE STUDENT

City has the right to regulate smoking in private businesses

To the editor:

In a letter to the editor, ["Attack on smokers is anti-student," Dec. 5, pg. 8] Ryan Johnson writes if I don't want to inhale tobacco smoke I can go somewhere else and a business should be allowed to make its own rules.

If private businesses can make their own rules then we don't need the Environmental Protection Agency, Refineries and power plants should be able to pollute at will, and we can start burning leaded fuel again. I don't think that is a good idea, but they have rights, right?

Now, if people can't go into a restaurant without smoking then they should stay home. Don't tell me I have to stay away, go somewhere else or sit in a so-called non-smoking section because you want to pollute your lungs and those of everyone around you. You have the right to stay at home and smoke.

As for college atmosphere, I don't think they had cigarettes in Sodom and Gomorrah but they apparently had a good time. Lots of atmosphere.

JEFF WITHERS
 CHEMISTRY GRADUATE STUDENT



IN OUR OPINION

More planning needed in test of on-line service

UK opens a new on-line registration service, and virtually the only people to know about it that day are Honors students. Students who only heard or read that much of the story in Thursday's Kernel were probably pretty incensed. "Why should they be given this opportunity over everyone else?" is the question that comes to mind.

The fact is, Honors students weren't given a special perk. Registrar Don Witt said that an e-mail was sent out to student support staff and student support faculty letting them know about this. Honors adviser Kate Johnson simply asked how to tell students about it, and she was given permission to inform Honors students about it.

Admittedly, Honors students get some perks, and one of them is having an adviser who is on the ball.

The real question students should be asking is why the system wasn't publicized to all students in the first place. Instead of sending an e-mail to student support staff and faculty, why not send out an e-mail to the student body, or put some posters up to inform students of this new opportunity?

The answer: The registrar's office

was afraid that too many users might crash the system, which is an understandable concern.

In an e-mail to Johnson, Associate Registrar Michelle Nordin said "You may inform your students... once we believe everything is okay, we will do massive PR to get the word out."

Computer programs like this one should be tested by a small group of participants. The bugs and glitches can then be easily identified and remedied.

But this doesn't get UK off the hook. If administrators wanted to test the system, why didn't they draft a random group of students? Or, they simply could have made the system available first to UK's seniors — a group most would agree deserves initial access to an add/drop service.

Instead, UK appeared to have no specific group ready to test the program and haphazardly allowed the Honors students could fill this void.

In the future, UK should develop a concrete plan about how it plans to test its new programs. It seems additional planning would have eliminated any concerns of inequity about access to the system.

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Put death penalty under the spotlight

If you're like much of the American public, capital punishment does not trouble you one bit.

In fact recent polls show that two thirds of the American public believes state-sanctioned murder is one heck of a great form of criminal justice.

Who can blame them? It's easy to approve: the crimes for which prisoners are sentenced to die are so heinous, and the details of their crimes — often complete with gory photos of the victim and crime scene — are broadcast over and over by the media, fueling media profits and the public's thirst for revenge.

When the day of the execution arrives we are almost never shown the graphic



Robert Brammer
 CONTRIBUTING COLUMNIST

details of the murder that takes place inside the prison walls.

After the execution is over, the media dryly reports some inoffensive details of the prisoner's last moments and the official time of death, almost never broadcasting an actual video of the execution or giving a full and accurate printed account of the murder they just witnessed.

The nightly news does not show the electrical current force the prisoner's eyeballs to pop out of his head and land on his cheeks. It does not describe the prisoner's last desperate gasps for breath, tortured groans, or the looks on his family members faces as they breathe in the choking stench that fills the room after the prisoner defecates, urinates and vomits blood.

In short, the media does not even come close to covering the execution in the graphic detail with which it covered the crime the prisoner was sentenced to die for. There are

no gory photos of this victim's mutilated body flashed before our eyes on the evening news.

As a result, our public conscience is not troubled one bit by the execution, leaving us not with an unforgettable image of the horror that took place behind the prison walls, but with a smug sense that justice was done.

Until it sees the execution first hand, a majority of the American public will never be outraged enough to see the death penalty for what it is: a cruel and unusual punishment that is incompatible with civilized society. For this reason, executions must be opened to the scrutiny of the American public, broadcast live on all of the news networks so we can bear witness to the murders that the state carries out in our name.

It won't be easy to make public executions a reality. Pro-capital punishment policy makers know that American support

for capital punishment would dwindle if executions were made readily available for public scrutiny.

Our government learned the lesson in Vietnam that when it murders people, it needs to keep graphic footage of those murders under wraps, or it will face an outraged electorate that will hold it accountable.

As a result, our government carefully restricts our access to graphic media footage of its crimes committed on the battlefield and in the execution chamber by carefully restricting the media's ability to cover these atrocities. It's time for this censorship to end so the American public can see its tax dollars at work.

Robert Brammer is a political science junior. His views do not necessarily represent those of the Kernel.

Until it sees the execution first hand ... the American public will never be outraged enough to see the death penalty for what it is."

Cats forget about loss, prepare for Lady Toppers

In the rear view mirror: Mattox focuses on present with Western Kentucky coming to Memorial Saturday

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The UK women's basketball team's disappointing loss to the Evansville Purple Aces Wednesday night is now in the past. What the future holds is an in-state rivalry against the Western Kentucky Lady Toppers Saturday night.

Last year the matchup was a constant battle between the two teams. After a UK two-point halftime lead, Western came back to dominate the second half and won the game 84-79.

But UK coach Bernadette Mattox said that game, as well as the Evansville game Wednesday night, are in the past. There is no revenge to be had. What Mattox wants is a game of fundamentals.

"You've got to be fundamental, you've got to be intense and you've got to play hard for 40 minutes," Mattox said. "That is what it is going to take to win every game, but more importantly those in-state rivalries."

UK sophomore forward Sara Potts has been consistent since the beginning of the season. Potts shot 100 percent from beyond the arc and tied her career high 21 points Wednesday against Evansville. Senior guard Rita Adams and freshman guard Jenny Pfeiffer combined for 22 points.

But all three players are likely to face some tough

competition against three hot Lady Toppers.

UK's post players are senior forward Shala Reese and fifth-year senior guard Kristina Covington.

"Covington and Reese have been doing some really good things for their team," Mattox said.

But it was freshman guard Tiffany Porter-Talbert who scored a career-high 23 points against Louisville Tuesday night. Western beat their other in-state rival 87-67 Tuesday night.

The matchup with Western will be UK's second home game. Coming off the road, UK stands at 2-2 for the season and 1-0 at home. A win over the Lady Toppers will keep them undefeated at home.

But Western has just as much to play for. The Lady Toppers stand at 2-1 for the season. They beat No. 10 Louisiana Tech in their first game of the season at home and all three of Western's games have been played on its home floor.

An in-state rivalry game might be for bragging rights, but it also means another win for both teams. Mattox wants the win more than bragging rights.

"It is an in-state rival game that those players are always going to be ready for," Mattox said. "But more importantly, they have to take the emotion out of it and play good ball."



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Se Helm shoots against Southern Illinois during UK's season-opening win. The Cats are 2-2 and host Western Kentucky Saturday.

UK's win streak against 'Heels under fresh fire

Do you miss the Brian Bersticker, Jason Capel, Kris Lang and Orlando Mendez era of North Carolina basketball?

Who? The names may not be as familiar as Michael Jordan, James Worthy, Vince Carter, Bob McAdoo or even Eric Monross, but these four seniors left an indelible stamp on Carolina basketball.

They are the four seniors who donned the cover of the baby blue basketball media guide last year. You know, the quartet that has to live with that 8-20 send-off last season and consecutive losses to UK for the first time since 1960.

Unfortunately, that era was oh so brief. UNC coach Matt Doherty recruited a group of freshmen that has taken over the Tar Heel team. Get this — these guys actually have athleticism and, who knew, talent.

UK coach Tubby Smith preaches experience over talent. Well, this weekend will determine just how much experience can trump talent.

UK, with its three seniors and two juniors, will face a UNC team that starts three freshmen and two sophomores. Raymond Felton, Sean May and Rashad McCants have ruined any chance of 2003 senior Will Johnson duplicating the feats of Bersticker, Capel, Lang and Mendez by streaking to an early 5-1 start, their first loss coming Tuesday at Illinois. In fact, Johnson doesn't even have a chance of meeting his predecessors' standards. He's played in all six games, but only averages 6.4 minutes per game.

All this spells doom for UK Saturday in Chapel Hill, N.C. The Cats get a chance to see a team play energized and motivated, something UK has only done during previous seasons once the old Tar Heels came calling.

Two years ago, the Cats used a 17-point win in Chapel Hill to jump its 1-3 start. Last season the Cats rolled by 20, primarily because of five consecutive 3-pointers by Tayshaun Prince to open the scoring for UK.

This Cat team not only misses Prince, but it will continue to miss point guard Cliff Hawkins, who had combined for 20 points and eight assists in his first two meetings with the formerly-lackluster North Carolina guards. The Cats will also miss Antwan Barbour against the current athletic Tar Heel guards and wing players.

Yes, Keith Bogans' preseason struggles have not continued into the regular season, and Gerald Fitch has filled in superbly for Hawkins.

Still, it won't be as easy for the Cats to dominate the 'Heels with the brief Bersticker era bye-bye.

Oh, I miss that all-too-brief period.

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SportsBytes

Pinner named SEC Offensive Player of the Year by CollegeFootballNews.com

Running back Artose Pinner is the SEC Offensive Player of the Year as chosen by CollegeFootballNews.com.

Pinner led the Southeastern Conference in rushing with 1,414 yards and 13 touchdowns. He also caught 37 passes for 264 yards and two TDs. He topped the 100-yard mark a school-record eight times during the season. He was a semifinalist for the Doak Walker Award as the nation's best running back.

Pinner, punter Glenn Pakulak, and kick returner Derek Abney were named first-team All-SEC by the Website.

Fox Sports Net South extends to Lexington, will televise UK men's and women's basketball

Fox Sports Net South, the nation's largest regional sports TV network, on Monday extended its reach to include Insight Communications (cable channel 52) in Lexington.

FSN South provides 24-hours-per-day seven-days-per-week programming to the Lexington area's nearly 83,000 homes that have Insight Communications as their cable service provider. Across its entire region, FSN South reaches more than 9 million homes in seven Southeastern states, including Kentucky, Alabama, Georgia, Mississippi, North Carolina, South Carolina and Tennessee.

On tap for this season are FSN South-exclusive men's basketball telecasts: South Carolina at UK (7 p.m. Jan. 11) and Auburn at UK (7 p.m. Jan. 22). The UK women's basketball team will also appear on FSN South: Alabama at UK (3 p.m. Jan. 12), and the first-round, quarterfinal-round and semifinal round of the SEC Women's Tournament Jan. 6-8.

In all, FSN South has 30 live SEC men's telecasts and 24 live women's SEC games, plus a five-game package of Ohio Valley Conference games, including Kyle Macy's Morehead State team at Tennessee Tech at 2 p.m. Jan. 4.

Fleetwood, Shteivi named All-Great Lakes by National Soccer Coaches Association

A pair of UK men's soccer players were recognized Thursday when the National Soccer Coaches Association of America announced its All-Great Lakes Region soccer team. Nathan Fleetwood earned first-team honors, while Jamal Shteivi was named to the third team.

Fleetwood, a junior midfielder, has been a first-team All-Mid-American Conference selection the past two seasons while leading the Cats in assists. The Adelaide, Australia, native earned All-Tournament and MAC Player of the Week honors twice this season, leading UK to a 10-9-0 record.

Shteivi, a sophomore forward, led the Cats in scoring this season with seven goals and 15 points. The Cincinnati, Ohio, product scored the decisive goal in three matches as one of only four Wildcats to appear in all 19 games in 2002. He was named the MAC Player of the Week on Sept. 9, and also earned first-team All-MAC honors.

UK is the only MAC school to have multiple players honored as regional All-Americans. All-time at Kentucky, 13 different Cats have been named regional All-Americans. Five Wildcats have earned the honor more than once, bringing the total number of regional All-Americans at UK to 20.

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