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## Vick resigns, Monroe named acting police chief

**Vick paid \$25,000 to quell sexual harassment suit**

By Crystal Little  
THE KENTUCKY KERNEL

With the resignation of UK Police Chief McDonald Vick last week, Maj. Joe Monroe has been named acting chief of police.

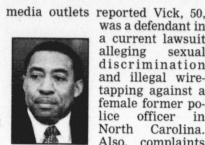
In a four-line statement issued at 4 p.m. last Thursday, UK announced that Monroe "will oversee the day-to-day operations of the department until UK officials make a determination regarding a

permanent replacement." In the meantime, UK officials are evaluating what the university's next move will be, said UK spokesman Jay Blanton.

"We want to make sure we pick a chief who'll best fit the university's needs," Blanton said.

Vick, who spent 18 years on the Durham, N.C., police force before serving 10 years as police chief at North Carolina Central University, was hired in February after UK had conducted a 14-month search for a new chief.

Two days after the announcement, The Kernel and other local



Vick

media outlets reported Vick, 50, was a defendant in a current lawsuit alleging sexual discrimination and illegal wiretapping against a female former police officer in North Carolina. Also, complaints of sexual bias against female officers had been filed against Vick when he was chief in 1998. Deona Renna Hooper was an of-

ficer under Vick at the NCCU police department for 11 months before she was fired in 2002 after allegations of insubordination and leaving the scene after damaging a police cruiser. Hooper first went to NCCU's grievance committee, complaining of sexual discrimination and illegal wiretapping. The committee upheld her firing.

Waters-Oldani, the search firm UK paid \$29,000 to advertise the position and help narrow the field of candidates, recommended this information not be given to UK President Lee Todd and other members of the search committee.

UK stood by Vick, who had been cleared of the complaints in 1998, and he relieved former acting UK Police Chief Kevin Franklin in March.

Last July Franklin was named acting UK police chief; this was nine months after former UK Police Chief Fred Otto III resigned.

Otto stepped down on Nov. 23, 2004, after he used a university employee to help him with his homework for two classes he was taking at Eastern Kentucky University.

But Vick admitted in a recent

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### At A Glance | UK's search for a police chief

NOV. 23, 2004

UK Police Chief Fred Otto III resigns after using a UK police employee to help with work on his doctoral degree at Eastern Kentucky University

JULY 5, 2005

UK Police Capt. Kevin Franklin is named acting police chief, relieving UK's public safety director, Ken Clevidence, of the post after nine months

OCT. 21, 2005

Deadline for applications for UK's police chief position; by this date, the university had 75 applicants for the job

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McDonald Vick named UK police chief after a 14-month search; Vick was police chief at North Carolina Central University in Durham, N.C., for 10 years

JULY 13

Vick resigns after court documents reveal he paid a female former police officer \$25,000 to drop a sexual harassment lawsuit in North Carolina



Rachel Rogers stars as the evil White Witch in the Lexington Shakespeare Festival's production of 'The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe.'

## The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe

Magic, merriment and wonder: The Lexington Shakespeare Festival brings C.S. Lewis' classic piece of children's literature to the stage in the third and final segment of the annual event. The performance will run through July 23 at the UK Arboretum.



Cast members ready themselves for the stage during Tuesday's technical rehearsal for 'The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe.'

## UK students evacuated from Lebanon

STAFF REPORT

Soon-to-be UK graduate student Ryan Burnette and UK junior Sarah Weatherbee, both 22, have both been evacuated from war-torn Beirut, Lebanon, where they were studying Arabic language and culture at the American-Lebanese University.

A U.S. military helicopter took Burnette, a recent graduate of Georgetown College who is planning on attending UK's Patterson School of Diplomacy in the fall, to Cyprus on Sunday, July 16. He spoke briefly with his mother, to tell her he was safe and needed money, after landing on the Mediterranean island.

The evacuations came after Israel began

bombing Lebanon last week in the aftermath of the capture of two Israeli soldiers by Hezbollah gunmen in south Lebanon.

As of July 16, Burnette had been evacuated to an embassy where United Nations representatives also were, according to the Lexington Herald-Leader.

According to his mother, Burnette had been sitting in the student center of the Lebanese-American University, able to watch attacking Israeli planes fly overhead as they approached the Beirut airport, three miles from the school.

Weatherbee was airlifted to Byblos, in northern Lebanon. According to Louisville's WAVE-3 television station,

Weatherbee said in e-mail to her mother that "we are extremely lucky as American students in that we have options and resources for escaping this conflict."

The school has canceled classes this week. There is no word on if, or when, classes will resume.

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### Unrest in the Middle East

For more information on the American evacuation because of the Hezbollah-Israeli conflict, see page 2.

## Fans' posts cross NCAA recruiting line

MySpace comments aimed at hoops recruit prompt UK to report 'secondary violation'

By Tim Wiseman  
THE KENTUCKY KERNEL

Hoping to help UK land one of the nation's most-prized basketball prospects, some Cat fans crossed the line set by the NCAA.

By posting comments on the MySpace.com Web page of Patrick Patterson, a rising high school senior from Huntington, W.Va., the fans forced UK to report a secondary violation to the NCAA, as such communication between fans and potential recruits is forbidden.

By alerting the NCAA of the violation, UK's compliance office likely avoided any punishment, said UK spokesman Scott Stricklin.

"Usually with secondary violations if you show the NCAA that you are addressing the issues, then nothing comes of it," Stricklin said.

The messages tried to persuade Patterson, a 6-foot-8 forward, that UK was the right choice for him. On his profile, Patterson lists Wake Forest, UK, Louisville, Georgia and Virginia Tech as schools in which he has an interest.

Under NCAA guidelines, only coaches may have direct contact with prospects. But with the rise of Web sites such as MySpace.com and Facebook.com and Internet message boards, recruits are closer to fans than ever before.

"It's something we all have to monitor; it's another element that's in the process of recruiting and the process of coaching," UK head coach Tubby Smith said during a teleconference this week. "At first it was the call-in shows and now it's gone to this. Eventually who knows where it will lead. I'm not much on the message boards, you can see how it can get out of control, like the 'Facebooks' and 'MySpace' all the stuff that's creating problems for a lot of people."

In a January meeting first reported by The Kernel, Athletic Director Mitch Barnhart urged all of UK's student-athletes to use caution on social networking sites such as Facebook.com. He said if student-athletes were posting inappropriate material, he would be forced to take action.

"He made it seem like he was definitely not kidding around," softball player Brooke Marantz told The Kernel in January. "He's just trying to protect the athletes, the school and the department."

To guard against potential recruiting violations by fans, UK's compliance officers monitor the Web, Stricklin said. But the key is that fans should learn they are breaking the rules by contacting prospects.

"Usually our fans are passionate and if they realize something isn't helpful they'll stop," Stricklin said. "Our concern is that there is any communication (between fans and recruits) — that's the issue rather than the content of that communication."

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deposition that he paid off the female former police officer, giving her \$25,000 to drop the harassment complaint eight years ago. This development was revealed in a lawsuit filed last Wednesday in U.S. District Court in Greensboro, N.C.

Vick resigned from UK the next day.

**“Any time we have a blow like this, it’s a blow to the department and to the university.”**

— UK acting Police Chief Joe Monroe, on the circumstances surrounding former UK Police Chief McDonald Vick’s resignation.

Now, with Monroe, UK has another interim chief of police, and Blanton said he doesn’t expect another 14-month window to pass before the university names a permanent chief.

Monroe, who was one of the two finalists in the search for a new chief of police last year, said he’s trying to keep the department moving forward in this transitory period, monitoring the 45 sworn officers and 41-member security force.

“Any time we have a blow like this, it’s a blow to the department and to the university,” Monroe said. “But we’ll

keep on trying to fill our vacancies and train our officers, making progress toward becoming a top20 department.”

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### FYI

Check www.kykernel.com for the latest updates in UK’s search for a new police chief.

## Stem cell research moves past debate

By Jonathan D. Rockoff  
THE BALTIMORE SUN

WASHINGTON — President Bush’s veto yesterday of a measure that would have expanded federal funding of research involving human embryonic stem cells promises to prolong years of sparring over whether the work promotes the destruction of life. But in many important ways, ethicists, researchers and even regulators within the Bush administration have moved past the political debate.

With state and private funding, the research has moved far enough, fast enough to prompt discussions, writings and the establishment of government committees to prepare for testing the cells in human beings, which is expected in the next five years.

Existing state and federal regulations and recommendations address some of the issues that will arise with human testing, but stem cells present some unique twists, with which ethicists, scientists and regulators are now grappling.

One goal of the preparations is avoiding the political controversy that has so far ensnared the research. A key concern is protecting the safety of the patients who participate in experiments. And, already, there are bitter patent fights over who would control discoveries.

“There’s a recognition across the scientific community that these debates have to occur across the U.S. before the wave of therapies hit our shores or else we’re going to be left with a lot of questions,” said Dr. John O. Agwuonobi, assistant secretary for health at the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services.

Agwuonobi made it clear that the Bush administration would not support funding for the next wave of research if it involved new lines of embryonic stem cells. But he said the government is preparing to oversee human trials involving all kinds of stem cells, including embryonic ones, to ensure that test subjects are kept safe and any new treatments will work.

In human trials, investigators could implant stem cells into cancer patients who developed tumors, children with Tay-Sachs disease or adults enduring Lou Gehrig’s disease.

“In all the trials we’ve done, we’ve spent hundreds of hours thinking about” scientific and ethical issues such as which cells to use and which patients to involve, said Dr. Doug Kondziolka. The University of Pittsburgh researcher has finished two trials using mature neural cells on stroke victims and is developing a trial, to begin next year, using stem cells, though not embryonic ones.

“There’s a lot of tricky stuff happening that has nothing to do with the moral status of the embryo,” said Henry T. Greely, a law professor and director of the Stanford Center for Law and the Biosciences, who has written about the various issues.

Scientists, regulators and ethicists say they are trying to answer these questions now to minimize the potential for problems that might arise when it’s time for clinical trials testing stem cells in human subjects.

“We’re confident that if they’re done right, they will work. And if they work, all of the politics will dissipate,” said Dr. Evan Snyder, who directs the Stem Cell Program at the Burnham Institute for Medical Research in La Jolla, Calif.

The veto by Bush keeps in place the stem cell policy he enumerated in August 2001. The policy allows the federal government to fund research but only if it involves stem cell lines derived from embryos gathered before the 2001 announcement.

“This bill would support the taking of innocent human life in the hope of finding medical benefits for others. It crosses a moral boundary that our decent society needs to respect, so I vetoed it,” Bush said.

## Cruise ship begins ferrying U.S. evacuees from Lebanon

By Johanna Neuman and Megan Stack  
LOS ANGELES TIMES

BEIRUT, Lebanon — More than 1,000 U.S. citizens were finally able to escape the fighting in Lebanon yesterday, as the first chartered cruise ship carrying American evacuees left Beirut for Cyprus.

As many as 6,000 Americans could be out of Lebanon by the weekend, the U.S. State Department said.

Thousands of Europeans are fleeing as well. British officials expect to evacuate some 5,000 Britons in what officials in London were calling the biggest such operation since the evacuation of Dunkirk during World War II.

The Pentagon said the USS Nashville, an amphibious ship that can carry about 1,000 passengers, would arrive off the coast of Lebanon on today.

Landing craft and possibly helicopters will be used to transport evacuees to the ship, which will be kept well offshore for safety reasons.

In addition, said Pentagon spokesman Bryan Whitman, the military has chartered an additional commercial vessel, the Rahmah, which is to arrive in Beirut tomorrow. It can hold 1,400 passengers, he said.

“The capacity will basically double over the next few days,” he said of the evacuation effort, believed to be the largest such use of military assets in the last two decades. Nine Navy vessels and several chartered ships will be taking part.

“The increasing ability to get Americans to safety is, for the moment, bypassing hundreds who are stranded in southern Lebanon, awaiting safe passage out of the country.”

“We have several groups of people congregated and ready to move,” said Maura Hartly, assistant secretary of State for consular affairs. “We’d like to get them out of harm’s way.”

Hartly said “a decision was taken” to keep the Americans in south Lebanon “in a holding pattern until we think it’s safe and prudent ... We’re always going to err on the side of caution.”

On the deck of the Orient Queen, Tony Zeinoun and his children snapped pictures, with Beirut’s skyline as a backdrop.

Zeinoun, a Virginia contractor, had fled his homeland during the country’s 15-year civil war, which ended in 1990. On this trip, his first time back in seven years, he had brought his family to see their relatives.

“We come back now and all hell breaks loose,” he said. “We took a chance.”

Leaning against the ship’s railings, he looked ruefully at the tangle of cranes rising over Beirut’s downtown, largely resurrected after being devastated in the civil war. Zeinoun had read about the reconstruction and had looked forward to seeing it — but on this abbreviated vacation, he never made it.

“It’s a pity we’ve only gotten to see it from the ship,” he said. “It’s devastating. It’s still being rebuilt.”

As the evacuation escalated, the White House notified congressional leaders of possible deployment of “combat-equipped U.S. military forces” to Lebanon and Cyprus to assist in the efforts.

The notification letter is required by the War Powers Resolution.

Bush’s letter said “a contingent of U.S. military personnel” had landed in Beirut Sunday “to assist in planning and conducting the departure from Lebanon of U.S. Embassy personnel and citizens.” More troops may be deployed “as necessary” to assist in the evacuation, the letter said.

Pentagon officials said the troops were being deployed solely to aid in the rescue efforts, but added that they were studying supplemental rules of engagement in case the troops were attacked or became embroiled in the fighting.

The last major deployment of U.S. troops in Lebanon was in 1983 and ended after a suicide bombing of a U.S. military barracks in Beirut killed 241 U.S. Marines. Hezbollah is widely believed to have been involved in that bombing.

The United States has been criticized for a delay in organizing the evacuation of the American citizens in Lebanon, estimated at about 25,000. Several European countries began removing their citizens over the weekend.

But military officials defended the pace.

“This is a war zone, we have to get it right the first time,” said Brig. Gen. Michael Barbero, deputy director of regional operations for the Joint Chiefs of Staff. “We’re not going to rush to failure.”

The U.S. efforts did not begin until the Navy destroyer Gonzalez, equipped with the military’s most sophisticated anti-missile radar system, arrived in the region. It was followed yesterday by a second Aegis radar-equipped destroyer, the Barry.

Because of the sensitivity of intelligence on threats posed to U.S. ships in the region, Pentagon officials declined to comment on whether Hezbollah’s newfound anti-ship capabilities — one of its rockets struck and almost sank an Israeli naval vessel — were a direct factor in the comparatively slow movement of the evacuation mission.

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# Parties worry corruption scandals spell electoral defeat

By Jim Vanderhei  
THE WASHINGTON POST

WASHINGTON — While political corruption has failed so far to take root as a national issue, the defeat of scandal-stained Ralph Reed in Georgia on Tuesday showed that federal investigators could tip some key House and Senate races this fall, according to party strategists.

Reed, a former top campaign official for President Bush and executive director of the Christian Coalition, lost the Republican primary for lieutenant governor after getting pounded by his opponent for his close and profitable relationship with convicted lobbyist Jack Abramoff, the central figure in an unfolding money-for-favors scandal. Reed was the first electoral victim of political corruption probes — but officials in both parties said he probably won't be the last.

Republicans worry that more than six candidates for the House and Senate could be hurt by Justice Department investigations, the courts and revelations in the Abramoff affair. Topping the list are Rep. Robert Ney-R-Ohio, and Sen. Conrad Burns, R-Mont., both bruised by Abramoff connections and facing tough races.

Anticipating more bad news, House GOP leaders are privately discussing a pre-election plan to compromise with the Senate on legislation clamping down on lobbyists and member perks, according to a GOP source familiar with the effort. The

source, who discussed the plan only if his name was not used, said that if Ney or other Republicans are indicted, House leaders would drop their demands to include strict curbs on special-interest election spending that favored Democrats in 2004 and quickly pass the lobbying bill to provide political cover to candidates.

Democratic leaders are concerned about a few of their members, too. Reps. William Jefferson, La., and Alan Mollohan, W.Va., are under investigation. Party leaders are bracing for a possible pre-election Jefferson indictment that would undercut their campaign to paint Republicans as the party of corruption. Mollohan's troubles have given the GOP a shot at winning a seat otherwise considered solidly Democratic.

Three months from the election, the rash of political scandals in Washington is not resonating broadly as a major issue in a campaign dominated by Iraq and high gas prices. A series of public polls show corruption ranks near the bottom when voters are asked about the most important issues in this campaign. A Washington Post/ABC News poll taken in May found 2 percent of voters listed ethics/corruption as their top concern.

"Whatever the problems are of any of those people it does not affect another district," said National Republican Congressional Committee Chairman Thomas Reynolds, R-N.Y. But those members under investigation might be "held accountable in their districts."

Reynolds and his counterpart, Democratic Congressional Campaign Committee Chairman Rahm Emanuel, Ill., are responsible for masterminding their party's election strategies and preparing for the worst. The ongoing investigations are complicating their efforts because there is little they can do to prepare for possible indictments, the leaking of embarrassing material from the investigations or the reaction of candidates and voters.

"Where you are personally connected to (scandals) you are vulnerable on the issue," Emanuel said. He said that although corruption might not be a top issue it "colored the environment of a self-indulgent Washington," which most hurts Republicans, who are in power.

Republicans consider Ney the likeliest victim of the corruption issue. He is running for reelection in Ohio's 18th District with a distinction no member wants: He has been identified as "Congressman A" in Abramoff's plea agreement. His former chief of staff has pleaded guilty to conspiracy.

Other members threatened by corruption charges include Republican Reps. Jerry Lewis, Calif., John Doolittle, Calif., and Richard Pombo, Calif. A court ruling could force former Majority Leader Tom DeLay, R-Texas, back into the race in Texas' 22nd District, a potential boon for Democrats. Even though DeLay resigned and wanted his name off the ballot, the court ruled it must remain. DeLay has appealed.

## Bush gone wild:

### Unsavory comments caught on tape

By James Gerstanzang  
LOS ANGELES TIMES

STRELENA, Russia — President Bush complained Monday that some of his fellow leaders at an international summit talk too much — way too much. His advice to the host, Russian President Vladimir V. Putin, was that they "gotta keep this thing moving."

And he had a profane suggestion for how to resolve the current conflict in Lebanon.

A nearly four-minute recording apparently made without Bush's knowledge and relayed by Russian television captured the president's candid lunchtime chatter at a gathering of the Group of 8 industrial nations.

The tape offered a rare instance of unfiltered conversation among leaders that veered from the serious, such as the Middle East crisis, to inconsequential chitchat, while beverages were poured and bread was broken.

During a conversation with British Prime Minister Tony about ways that U.S. Secretary of State Condoleezza

za Rice and U.N. Secretary-General Kofi Annan might help resolve the ongoing warfare between Israeli troops and Hezbollah guerrillas in Lebanon, Bush put it this way: "See, the irony is that what they need to do is get Syria to get Hezbollah to stop doing this shit, and it's over."

The president showed his impatience to move on after the three-day summit in Russia, saying he planned to deliver his final remarks off the cuff and to keep them short.

"I'm just gonna make it up. I'm not gonna talk too damn long like the rest of 'em," he said. "Some of these guys talk too long."

Putin, sitting on Bush's left, seemed to chime in, "yeah," in heavily accented English.

"Good job," Bush replied. "Gotta keep this thing moving."

"I gotta leave at 2:15. You want me out of town so it can free up your security forces," Bush continued, apparently to his host.

The president said he was ready to finish a trip that began in Germany last Wednesday.

day. "Get on a plane and go home," he said of his plans.

Then, to Chinese President Hu Jintao, Bush said: "Where you going? Home? This is your neighborhood. Doesn't take too long to get home?" When told that Hu's flight to Beijing is eight hours, Bush said, "Me too."

"Russia's a big country and you're a big country. Then, he told someone else, "No, no Coke. Diet Coke."

And resuming his flight geography lesson, he was heard saying to someone: "Takes him eight hours to fly home. Eight hours. Russia's big and so's China."

To British Prime Minister Tony Blair he asked: "Yeah, Blair: What are you doing? You leaving?"

Blair responded he wasn't leaving right away.

A few moments later, Bush remembered a gift that had come his way.

"Thanks for the sweater," Bush, who just celebrated his 60th birthday, told Blair. "It was awfully thoughtful of you. I know you picked it out yourself."

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#### CLERKS II (THE PASSION OF THE CLERKS)

"Clerks II"! (Also known as "The Passion of the Clerks"). How can anyone not be excited about this movie? Even if he or she isn't exactly an avid Kevin Smith viewer (and if he or she isn't, they have no soul. At all). Of course, this version will be in color and probably more commercialized (i.e., Matt Damon and Ben Affleck might star and make fun of another horrible movie they have recently been in. Note: Ben Affleck is actually in this film). Nevertheless, the movie continues on with the plot of the original, except that this time Dante (Brian O'Halloran) and Randall (Jeff Anderson) are forced to move out of their shop. The two settle at Mooby's, a fictional and sophomorically humorous-sounding Disney-McDonald's fast food chain. Although references to Smith's previous works are in his later films, this is the only true "sequel" the director has made to any of his movies. **Rated R** for crude humor and language. **At Cinemark Fayette Mall, Regal and Woodhill.**

#### LADY IN THE WATER

Apartment building superintendent Cleveland Heep (Paul Giamatti of "Sideways" and "Cinderella Man" fame) rescues what he thinks is a young woman (Bryce Dallas Howard — yes, Opie's daughter) from the pool he maintains. Eventually he discovers that she's a character from a bedtime story who is trying to make the journey back to her home. What? Wait, keep reading. He works with his tenants to protect the young woman from the creatures that are determined to keep her in our world. "Lady in the Water" is the latest effort from writer and director M. Night Shyamalan, who directed the suspense-filled "The Sixth Sense," "Signs" and "The Village." I don't know about you, but I'm incredibly excited to see this movie. While many critics bashed "The Village" because it wasn't scary enough (and was a bit political), "Lady in the Water" seems to be more in the vein of "Sense." And if, like me, you have nothing else to do this summer besides get excited about the latest Shyamalan film, then see this! It's bound to be more entertaining than "Monster House." (Not in a mean way — I'm just sayin'). **Rated PG-13** for some frightening sequences. **At Cinemark Fayette Mall, Regal and Woodhill.**

#### MONSTER HOUSE

From executive producers Robert Zemeckis ("The Polar Express") and Steven Spielberg ("Munich") comes this movie about three kids who discover the house across the street is alive. Not only is it alive, but it also eats people. None of the grown-ups believe them, and it is up to the kids to unravel the mystery about the house. Voices include Maggie Cyllenhaal ("Secretary"), Steve Buscemi ("Fargo," "Ghost World"), and Jason Lee ("Mallrats," "My Name is Earl"). And I mean, the voice of the house is Kathleen Turner ("The Virgin Suicides"), which should be scary enough. Yeah, it's a movie for the kiddies, but I'm hesitant to knock any film that can be

seen in 3-D. **Rated PG** for scary images and sequences, thematic elements, some crude humor and brief language. **At Cinemark Fayette Mall, Regal and Woodhill.**

#### MY SUPER EX-GIRLFRIEND

A regular dude (Luke Wilson) dumps his lady, Jenny Johnson (Uma Thurman) for being needy. Good call. He then begins dating a co-worker (Anna Farris of the "Scary Movie" franchise). Johnson, however, neglected to mention that she is the alter-ego of G-Girl, a superhero who can go through walls, smash heavy things, bend rather sturdy objects such as metal poles, and save the world if she so chooses. What she chooses, however, is to concentrate her energy on breaking up Wilson and Farris' fledgling relationship. Ivan Reitman ("Old School," "Road Trip," "Euro Trip") directs. After "Kill Bill," Thurman shouldn't be girly. Ever. Even though she's a superhero in this, she expends her energy on a guy that wronged her, rather than her regular gig. This patriarchal nonsense should stop, Hollywood. The stereotype that a strong woman would immediately get back at the man who scorned her, the "Even tough women need a man" concept, is insulting to real-life strong women. On the other hand, the guy from "Old School" is the director, so if you can ignore the plot implications, it at least should be funny. **Rated PG-13** for sexual content, crude humor, language and brief nudity. **At Cinemark Fayette Mall, Regal and Woodhill.**

#### ON SHELVES

##### THE ADVENTURES OF BRISCO COUNTY JR.

As much as I'd love to rip this complete series' DVD boxed set, you just can't stop Bruce Campbell, bay-bee. Anyone who can keep me entertained through such B-movie trips like "Evil Dead" and "Army of Darkness" deserves mad props. And in "The Adventures of Brisco County Jr.," an early '90s TV show where Campbell shines as a Harvard-educated lawyer turned bounty hunter who fights bad guys in the Old West while somehow retaining his particular brand of "I know this is a terrible script, but I'm laughing at myself, too" charm... well, suffice to say, I'll stick around for the ride on Comet the Wonder Horse. The boxed set also includes a behind-the-scenes documentary. I'd like to see Campbell wander around with a chainsaw welded to his forearm, but I suppose you can't always get what you want.

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Note to self: Hell hath no fury like a superwoman scorned. Or, in this case, Uma Thurman. The "Kill Bill" beauty stars with Luke Wilson ("Old School," "The Royal Tenenbaums") in "My Super Ex-Girlfriend."

## Graduate School Dissertations

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4:30 p.m. Bogarts, Cincinnati. Tickets cost \$22.50 to \$25.

Petticoat Petticoat w/ Nana & the Boy Noise and The Love Coats  
9 p.m. The Dame. Tickets cost \$3.

Reverend Mother  
9 p.m. Southgate House, Newport. Free.

### TOMORROW

Catch 22 w/ Voodoo Glow Skulls, Big D and The Kids Table, Suburban Legends and Westbound Train  
7 p.m. Bogarts, Cincinnati. Tickets cost \$12.50 to \$15.

Pharcyde w/ 4 Ova Kind and Scribblin' Idiots  
9 p.m. The Dame. Tickets cost \$12 in advance, \$15 at the door.

Ekoostik Hookah w/ Trifectafunk  
10 p.m. Southgate House, Newport. Tickets cost \$12 to \$15.

### SATURDAY

Hearthrob w/ Very Emergency and Banger  
9 p.m. The Dame. Tickets cost \$5.

The Roots  
9 p.m. Bogarts, Cincinnati. Tickets cost \$10 to \$17.

Caterpillar Tracks w/ Banderas  
10 p.m. Southgate House, Newport. Tickets cost \$5 or admission is free with a ballroom wristband.

### SUNDAY

Jolie Holland w/ Sean Hayes  
7 p.m. The Dame. Tickets cost \$10.

Malahida w/ Aether  
9 p.m. Southgate House, Newport. Tickets cost \$5.

### MONDAY

1,000 Arms w/ From Monument to Masses, Foxhole and Wolverine Brass  
9 p.m. Southgate House, Newport. Tickets cost \$6.

### TUESDAY

Def Leppard w/ Journey  
7:30 p.m. Riverbend Music Center, Cincinnati. Tickets cost \$20 to \$75.

Van Gogh Sky w/ Friend of a Friend  
9 p.m. The Dame. Tickets cost \$3.

Jens Lekman w/ Frida Hyonen  
9 p.m. Southgate House, Newport. Tickets cost \$8 to \$10.

### WEDNESDAY

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11 a.m. Riverbend Music Center, Cincinnati. Tickets cost \$32.25.

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— Compiled by Kernel staffer Crystal Little

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## IN OUR OPINION

### Don't outsource new police chief search

In February, after UK announced its hiring of McDonald Vick as the new permanent police chief, The Kernel Editorial Board lauded the hire, praising Vick's qualifications and credentials for the job.

UK President Lee Todd was equally enamored, saying, "Chief Vick has the right blend of experience and leadership to lead this institution's safety efforts."

Oops. What Todd and the editorial board did not know at the time was that Vick was a defendant in a pending sexual discrimination lawsuit stemming from his previous job at North Carolina Central University.

That we at The Kernel were unaware of the lawsuit is excusable. There is no reason the hiring committee or the search firm of Waters-Oldani would have disclosed that information to any newspaper before making the hire.

But it is inexcusable that Todd was not informed of the pending suit. As the president of the university, whose safety Vick was to oversee, Todd had a right to know about the matter.

In retrospect, we believe it was a mistake to hire an outside search firm in the first place. UK paid Waters-Oldani \$28,000 to find a police chief. UK spokesman Jay Blanton told the Lexington Herald-Leader the firm had the responsibility to review news stories about Vick, and, conceivably, to alert the university to any red flags.

Refreshingly, Blanton also said in the Herald-Leader that UK will not hire the firm again, adding, "I think

that is an understatement." UK will also seek a refund from Waters-Oldani. The funds should be given back without question. It is clear the firm ignored its responsibility to its client by withholding the information.

When UK begins its search for another new police chief, it should be conducted within the confines of UK Human Resources. Perhaps those responsible for the hire should look no further than campus boundaries to Mal, Joe Monroe, who will fill in as interim chief, and who was a finalist for the job before UK decided to hire Vick.

It is clear that McDonald Vick deceived multiple parties in his hiring process. The Herald-Leader reported that Vick lied to NCCU about a \$25,000 settlement he paid for a woman to drop a sexual harassment complaint in 1996. He also did not disclose the settlement during a separate sexual harassment inquiry at NCCU.

More importantly (at least to the UK community) he did not bother to inform UK officials of the settlement during the hiring process.

Blanton told the Herald-Leader that administrators were concerned about how the affair would affect Vick's credibility.

We understand the university's concern with the credibility of its police chief. We hope UK will do its own credibility a favor by keeping the search in-house.

UK can save a lot of time and money by looking first at its own qualified officers before outsourcing the hiring task to a search firm.

## LET TERTOTHEEDITOR

### UK athletes excel in classroom

A recent Kernel editorial noted that UK ranked 10th out of 12 Southeastern conference schools with the number of student-athletes on the SEC Spring Sports Honor Roll. It was written, "Why did UK stand near the bottom of the conference in the 2005-06 academic year?"

Answer: We didn't. There are four SEC Academic Honor Rolls during the year — Fall Sports, Winter Sports, Spring Sports, and a Freshman Honor Roll. All totaled, 170 UK student-athletes earned a place on the honor roll during the 2005-06 academic year. That total ranks sixth among our league schools, putting us in the top half of the SEC.

In addition, on a national scale, the 2006 NCAA Academic Progress Report had more good news for UK student-athletes. None of our sports were subject to penalties because of substandard academic performance — indeed, 15 of UK's 22 sports teams exceeded or tied

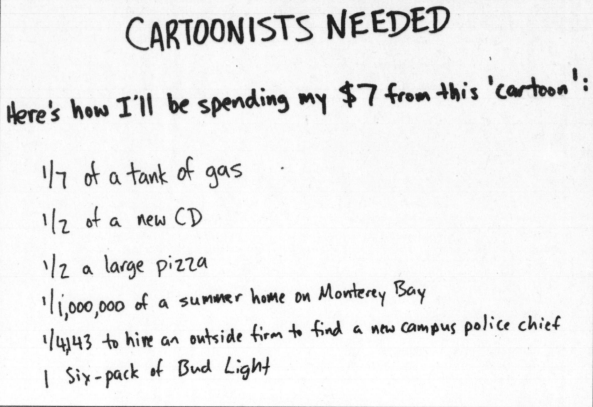
the national average in their sport among public universities.

Anyone who read the editorial would believe that our student-athletes performed below average in the classroom in 2005-06. Actually, the reverse is true: based on the SEC Academic Honor Rolls and the NCAA report, UK's student-athletes performed above average.

The Kernel has been very eager to correct the erroneous impression, and that is appreciated. Our student-athletes — your fellow students — have earned your support.

TONY NEELY  
media relations director, UK Athletics

Editor's note: The original editorial, published on July 6, was written under the mistaken assumption that the SEC Spring Honor Roll encompassed all UK sports — not just spring sports. We apologize to UK athletes for this misunderstanding, and maintain our congratulations to those who made the Honor Roll.



WES BLEVINS, THE KENTUCKY KERNEL

### Give state legislatures final say in gay marriage debate

The United States Constitution affords to the states the power to "call a convention for proposing amendments, which ... shall be valid ... as part of this Constitution" after subsequent ratification by three-fourths of state legislatures.



Wes Blevins  
KERNEL COLUMNIST

Although the Article V provision has never been used, Robert Novak reports that supporters of a constitutional amendment to ban gay marriage have "discussed the possibility of an unprecedented Constitutional Convention."

Following a sobering U.S. Senate vote that fell well short of the two-thirds required to even allow a vote on the amendment, its proponents appear desperate to keep their cause afloat.

Interestingly, this is not the first time such an act has been proposed. A convention appeared likely before Congress approved an amendment allowing for direct election of senators in 1912. And as recently as the 1980s, backers of a federal balanced budget amendment considered resorting to what would amount to the states' constitutional nuclear option.

Fortunately, like its predecessors, this push is likely to end with a whimper, rather than the bang of opening the Constitution to unneeded and unwanted revisions.

Picture a room full of conven-

tion delegates, all with looks of unfettered joy on their faces, as they attach amendment after amendment, each a little further away from the ostensible purpose of the meeting.

The Founding Fathers, in their wisdom, made amending the Constitution a long and formidable task. They knew, perhaps better than anyone, that whims of public fancy run hot and cold.

In the 219 years since the first Constitutional Convention, only one amendment — the 18th, which prohibited the sale and consumption of alcohol — has been ratified as a result of the prevailing public sentiment of the time. And it was promptly repealed only 14 years later.

Backers of the Defense of Marriage Amendment, eager to subvert federal judges who have ruled "gay marriages" legal, appear ready and willing to insert clauses into the Constitution that would limit the legal definition of marriage to the union of a man and a woman.

But if the institution of marriage is so sacred that it requires legal protection, should the government be in the marriage business in the first place?

Undeniably, marriage is a religious sacrament — at least in most cases — usually performed by a cleric of some sort.

As an overwhelmingly religious institution, marriage should be out of the hands of the state. Simply put, states should not have the power to issue marriage licenses.

Instead, the state could issue spousal certificates of some sort to give the legal benefits of union to

all its citizens. Gay and straight couples could enjoy all of the current perks that married couples are given.

If couples still wish to get married, they can go to the church of their choice for the formal service. Since there are churches willing to marry gay couples, ideally, everyone winds up living happily-ever-after.

Of course, this solution is far too simple — and at the same time, far too radical — to ever be implemented. Religious leaders will not be eager to relinquish their hold over marriage. And gay leaders will probably never accept anything less than full government recognition of gay couples as being "married."

In either case, neither a constitutional convention nor a constitutional amendment is a desirable outcome to resolve this debate.

The 10th Amendment reserves to the states powers not given to the federal government through the Constitution. This is where this battle should ultimately be decided — not in the halls of a constitutional convention or the halls of Congress, but in individual state legislatures or ballot referenda.

Political leaders should not be so eager to change the Constitution over matters in which the federal government should have no involvement. Instead, they should take a page from the books of the Founders and give federalism a chance.

The Constitution will thank them later.

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## UK bureaucracy 101: How not to hire a campus police chief

Contempt is a necessary and proper reaction to UK's colossal blunder in hiring McDonald Vick as its new police chief, strenuously no excusing such ineptitude.



Andrew Martin  
KERNEL COLUMNIST

The question then is where to properly direct it. Not only was the public not aware of the lawsuits or harassment claims, but neither was the hiring committee. UK President Lee Todd had almost no information regarding the suits. According to UK, the consultant firm that it hired, Waters-Oldani of Austin, Texas, recommended to commit-

tee liaison that the information not be given to the hiring committee.

Try and follow that process. Todd has to hire a police chief, and so convenes a committee charged with the task, wherein a splinter of the committee watches videos of interviews conducted by a consulting firm with potential candidates.

In addition, the administration approves the hiring of a consultant firm. Add Ken Clevidence, associate vice president for campus and auxiliary services, whose presence as a liaison between the firm and the committee was anything but necessary. Another cog in the wheel, anyone?

Add to that 14 months' duration, \$29,000

for the consulting firm and other costs as yet undocumented, and UK gets a police chief of dubious character who didn't labor the great wheel of ineptitude rolls forth.

Todd told The Kernel the result was desirable even if the process was imperfect, a statement he surely regrets. But suggesting the problem was confined to search committee/consultant communication is bureaucratic flimflam.

Questions must be raised. What exactly did UK pay for with this consulting firm? Why would UK pay a firm to conduct thorough background checks only to have it withhold information from the committee? Isn't such a firm's job to facilitate and provide information, not editorialize about its findings?

Certainly, many people, myself included, were willing to give Vick the benefit of the doubt, because the charges were either unknown or unsubstantiated, not to mention that sexual harassment laws, along with whatever good they achieve, also prompt a stream of fraudulent claims, particularly against individuals in positions of power. But few people would still sanction the hiring of whom we know now.

Nevertheless, an engaged observer might wonder why UK officials would have viewed Vick's circumstances similarly at the onset. After all, these same officials have promulgated such an austere sexual harassment policy that I'll wager most stu-

dents and faculty have violated it on technical grounds.

And these same officials have spent liberally on women's safety initiatives, lending credence to the idea that UK values safety and certainly the administration would want to retain its integrity on the matter.

So why give the benefit of a doubt to someone accused of such action, fairly or not? Surely other decent candidates were available, sans the baggage.

UK's ambivalence is reflected clearly through Carol Jordan, director of the Center for Research on Violence Against Women at UK.

"If you wondered why we were staring at your shoes when you came in, we were hoping they were damp because you had to walk on water to get here," Jordan, awash in sentimental hyperbole, gushed to Vick at a news conference announcing his hiring, according to the Lexington Herald-Leader.

Jordan told The Kernel in February that she understood the veracity of the charges but wanted to reserve judgment. But last week she told the Herald-Leader "the serplaceness of the allegation would have influenced our decision" were the knowledge available at hiring time.

Forget the later revelations then, and ask why did the committee not rescind its offer? What's truly ironic is that UK officials exhorted Vick not to back out. How does one explain the disjunction between thought and action?

Different theories come into play, including a controversial one suggested by the Herald-Leader editorial board in February, that UK may be "overly eager" to hire blacks.

Suffice it to say that any meaningful probe of such a theory would require access to legally protected records and privately reserved thoughts and comments of those involved in the search for police chief, neither of which is forthcoming for reasons having nothing to do with this controversy.

Canvass the alternatives. The committee stuck to its original judgment in spite of itself because of a) expediency b) the appearance of fecklessness should it reconsider c) the false hope that everything would turn out OK.

Now UK has a chance at redemption. If administrators are wise, they will hiring someone whose character is unimpeachable. And let us forget the consulting fees. UK should borrow from the lesson it taught Fred Otto, another fallen UK police chief, and do its own homework.

One final note: The exigencies of complex social factors and bureaucratic blunder does not exculpate McDonald Vick. His deceit of UK officials and the UK community at large, however passive, deserves open hostility. Contempt is a truly righteous response to anyone who so betrays the trust of the public which he serves.

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## Lexington savors its 'Super Sunday'

By Jake Donelan  
THE KENTUCKY KERNEL

Last Sunday, Douglass Park in Lexington was the most important spot for basketball in hoops-mad Kentucky.

Every third Sunday in July, the Lexington-Fayette Urban County Government's Division of Parks and Recreation holds "Super Sunday" as part of its summer "Dirt Bowl" basketball league at Douglass Park, and last week's drew the usual large crowd.

"We started this program over 25 years ago as a training tool for folks interested in basketball," said Melvin Cunningham, who co-founded the Dirt Bowl with Herbert and Marvin Washington.

Their focus was to create a league that would train players, coaches and even referees that wanted to get involved with the game. Development was a large part of their ideology and thus the Dirt Bowl was born.

"We knew that if you start off right, you'll end up right," Cunningham said. "If you start off wrong, you end up wrong. But I guess we did all right — it took off from day one."

All right is an understatement. The Dirt Bowl is known outside of Lexington and is no stranger to popularity.

"At the peak of the Dirt Bowl, we were ranked as the No. 1 outdoor basketball league in the United States," Cunningham said.

The Bowl, as it's called by some around the park, is even acknowledged by the NCAA. In 1998, it was placed on the short list of approved summer basketball leagues around the country in which college athletes may participate without violating NCAA bylaws.

Sunday's large crowd was a testament to the event's growth. A number of Lexington police officers were on duty to assist with traffic

flow and maintain crowd control. Also, surrounding streets were closed which made the process of leaving after the final game a 20-minute endeavor, even with a large part of the crowd staying at the park.

This year's Super Sunday featured a game between an all-star team from the Lexington Dirt Bowl and another from a Louisville basketball league. The home team wowed the fans with some "mad skills," as one on-looker called it. In the end, they fell to the visiting Louisville team, 71-65.

But for most in attendance on Sunday, the Dirt Bowl and the festivities of Super Sunday were more than just another day of basketball.

Over the years the league has grown into a summer family for the black community," said Bob Owsley, Dirt Bowl director.

"I've been involved with the Dirt Bowl since 1978," he said. "Super Sunday is where we (the black community) come every year and families and friends meet."

"It's hot today, but you

can tell by the amount of people how much it means to everyone."

Super Sunday is the result of weeks of preparation on the part of the Division of Parks and Recreation and the Georgetown Neighborhood Association. For 11 years Jackie French has been in charge of the league's biggest event.

"It's a big day for everyone and I certainly can't take all the credit," she said. "We had a live band and DJ play today and the crowd likes that. But the main piece is the basketball and the people."

But planning goes way beyond finding someone to sponsor a sign or sell hot dogs.

"This is a big event for families," French said. "Many families plan vacations and reunions around Super Sunday. Paul Dunbar High School also has a reputation centered around the event, and friends make it a point to come to the park on this day to catch up with old friends."

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"... I guess we did all right — it took off from day one."

Melvin Cunningham  
co-founder of the Dirt Bowl,  
on the hoops journey's success

## SPORTS BRIEFS

### UK links Cohen to new deal

After leading UK's baseball team to its first South-eastern Conference title last season, John Cohen has signed a new five-year contract worth approximately \$295,000 annually. UK Athletic Director Mitch Barnhart announced yesterday.

"I appreciate the commitment Mitch Barnhart and the rest of the administration has made in establishing the Kentucky baseball program," Cohen said. "We have made some great strides but we still have a lot of things we want to accomplish. I am very appreciative of the way the city, state, and entire Big Blue Nation have embraced the program."

Cohen was named SEC Coach of the Year and College Baseball Foundation National Coach of the Year after the Cats tallied a school-record 44 wins this past season, his third at the school. UK also hosted its first-ever NCAA Regional this spring, during which an average of 3,270 fans turned out for UK's four games.

"John Cohen is exactly the type of individual we want leading our athletic programs at Kentucky," Barnhart said. "John is a champion. His energy, enthusiasm, work ethic and vision have produced remarkable results in a relatively short period of time. I'm convinced that the success our baseball team enjoyed this past season is a sign of things to come."

### Brown leaves UK Hoops

UK Freshman Arnika Brown has left the women's basketball program and plans to enroll at St. Catharine's College in Bardonia, N.Y.

Brown, a 6-foot-2 power

forward, was named Kentucky Miss Basketball after leading Christian County High School to a 164-21 record since she earned a starting spot in the eighth grade. She was also named The Associated Press 2006 Player of the Year.

Brown, a native of Hopkinsville, Ky., had enrolled in UK's summer school in late June.

### UK-IU game moves to Rupp

UK and Indiana will not play their annual game at Louisville's Freedom Hall this season because the facility won't be available on Saturday, Dec. 9, the date the two schools, along with television partner CBS, have scheduled the game.

Since it is UK's turn to host the rivalry, the game will now be played at Rupp Arena in Lexington. The game will become a part of UK's season-ticket package.

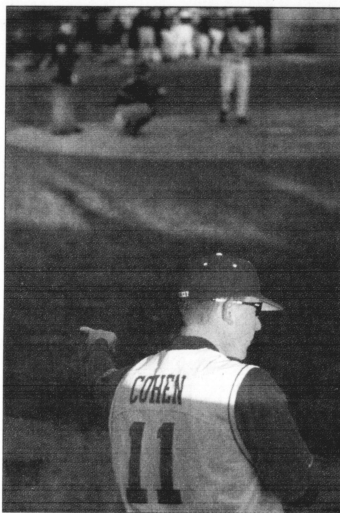
The schools pursued the possibility of moving the game to Friday, Dec. 8 or Sunday, Dec. 10, but were told those dates were also unavailable.

In an e-mail to UK fans, Athletic Director Mitch Barnhart said that he was "very disappointed" about the move and that UK will work to return the rivalry to Louisville and Indianapolis as soon as possible.

### UK has played at Freedom Hall every year since 1958. Due to the loss of the Indiana game, UK has moved a Dec. 5 game against Chattanooga to Freedom Hall. UK is 117-31 all-time in Louisville.

### Horsemen look for revenge

The Lexington Horsemen of the United Indoor Football league take the field Saturday against the Rock River



KERNEL FILE PHOTO  
In three seasons at UK, head coach John Cohen has pointed the Cats in the right direction. Yesterday, UK announced he had been signed to a new five-year extension after the Cats won their first league title.

(Illinois) Raptors at 7:30 p.m. The Horsemen (13-2) suffered their only losses of the regular season to the Raptors (12-4) and look to avenge those defeats and advance to the league championship next week. Tickets are still available and cost \$5 for students with ID.

Earlier this week, seven Horsemen were named UFL All-Stars. QB Eddie Eviston, who threw a league record 59 TD passes, WR Harry Lewis,

who set records for receiving yards (1,002), receptions (78) and receptions per game (5.2), WR Chad Spencer, who set a league record with 22 TD catches, OL Mike Madrazo, safety Champ Kelly and CB William Mulder, who was named Special Teams Player of the Year, made the first team. Special teamer JT Haskins made the second team.

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