

Trustees hold off on faculty center

By Adam Sichko
THE KENTUCKY KERNEL

A \$4.38 million plan to renovate the Hilary J. Boone Center has been postponed for at least a month — but not rejected — after a UK Board of Trustees meeting yesterday. By a unanimous vote, trustees tabled the issue and postponed any decision-making until President Lee Todd satisfactorily answers their questions. "His (Todd's) plan wasn't

firmed up enough to make a decision," said newly-elected board chairman Jim Hartymon. "It raised some questions, certainly."

The finance committee met a few hours before the meeting to discuss that proposal and 20 other action items on the meeting agenda.

"Like anything else, we need to get comfortable with the justification for the expenditures before we approve it," said Hartymon, who also

serves as chairman of the finance committee.

"When we saw the presentation on the new dorms (at a previous meeting), it was very thorough. But he (Todd) just didn't have that today."

Todd — who said he agreed with the decision — hopes to have everyone on board by late October, when he plans to present the issue to the trustees again.

"I want to make sure every-

one gets their questions answered," he said. "I definitely do not want anyone to have second thoughts about this, but we've got to make this investment to bring in money for scholarships."

"We need to keep people on campus for those fundraising events, and the Boone Center can serve as a showplace for UK," he said.

Todd said he's willing to take the extra time to have meetings with groups such as the faculty senate in order to

make his mission clear.

Trustee Roy Moore has helped arrange at least one meeting between Todd and members of the faculty senate, but Moore added he didn't necessarily feel uninformed about the plans.

"There needs to be that communication," Moore said. "Lots of folks need to know what types of renovations are planned and exactly how we intend to fund this project."

One of several people in-

volved with the redecorating and renovation plans is First Lady Patsy Todd, who declined to comment on the board's decision to table those plans.

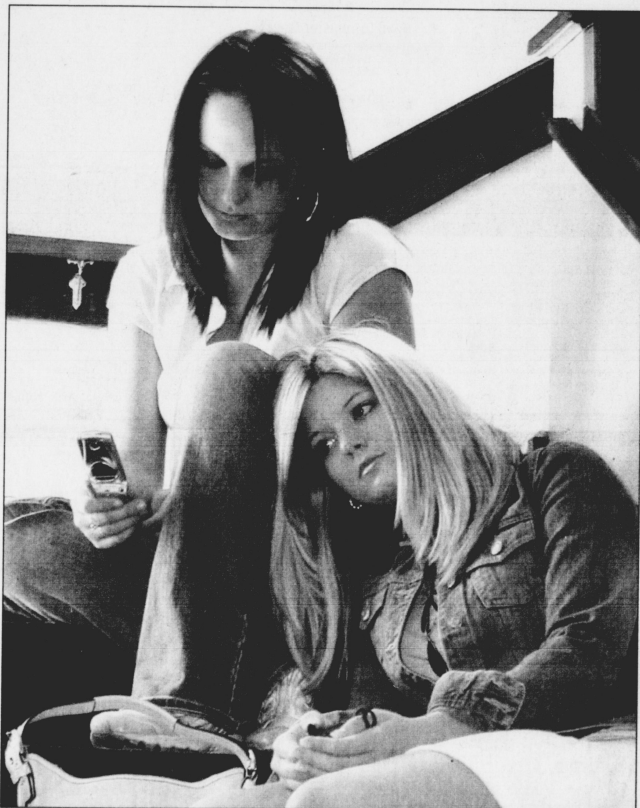
"Obviously it's a sensational issue, but I feel that the president needs to publicly address that," she said.

President Todd said his wife is very adept at interior designing.

"I know things that need to be done in there (the Boone

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A TASTE OF THE REAL WORLD



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Above: Ashley Schneider (front), a UK English junior, and Lexington Community College radiography freshman Kelly Miller wait to hear their numbers called to proceed through the first round of casting calls for MTV's *The Real World*.

Below: UK students were among the crowd gathered outside Avio yesterday for MTV's *The Real World* casting call. At 10 a.m., production assistants said more than 150 people were waiting in line.



Former football coach files lawsuit against UK

By Jeff Patterson
THE KENTUCKY KERNEL

A former UK football coach has filed a lawsuit in U.S. District Court suing the UK Athletics Association, the Southeastern Conference and the National Collegiate Athletic Association for \$50 million.

Claude Bassett, a former UK recruiting coordinator, claims he was denied due process in the investigation of recruiting violations that led to UK's current probation.

According to the lawsuit, filed Friday in Covington, the "accusations and ban were based upon evidence gathered through deceit and never tested through due process." Bassett's reputation will discourage any NCAA school from ever hiring him, the lawsuit said.

The NCAA banned him from coaching for eight years on Jan. 30, 2002. Bassett is currently the athletic director and head football coach for Robstown High School in Robstown, Texas. He could not be reached for comment.

In addition, the lawsuit claims the organizations broke the Sherman Antitrust Act and the Clayton Act. The compensatory and punitive damages would triple if the court finds an antitrust violation under these acts, the lawsuit asks.

"Mr. Bassett's claims are completely without merit and will eventually be dismissed by the courts," said NCAA spokesman Jeff Howard. "His due process claims are equally without merit as the NCAA provided him with all procedural fairness the law would require if the NCAA were a public body instead of a private one."

Bassett admitted on Jan. 5, 2001, to sending money orders to a Memphis high school coach, according to the NCAA report. But the lawsuit said Bassett never admitted to sending \$1,400 to a high school coach, and he hasn't been allowed access to the taped interview.

Bassett said committing rules violations "were the rule, not the exception, for SEC schools pursuing the best players," according to the lawsuit.

The lawsuit said Larry Ivy, former UK athletic director, and Tony Franklin, former offensive coordinator, "conspired to ruin Coach Bassett's college coaching career."

In a dialogue between the two, Franklin said:

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Bassett

UK allows logging of Robinson Forest

By Adam Sichko
THE KENTUCKY KERNEL

Last year, the UK Board of Trustees wouldn't allow Robinson Forest to be surface mined.

But this year, to help out the cash-strapped Robinson Scholars program and to forge new ground in forestry research, the board unanimously approved a timber harvest management program designed to satisfy the best of both worlds.

"We believe the intention of the E.O. Robinson Trust says to do research like this — provide answers that the forest community really needs," said Chris Barton, assistant professor in the Department of Forestry.

"That's the neat thing about Robinson Forest. We have the perfect research facility to do this thing. It gives us the opportunity to do this on a legitimate scale," said Barton, who helped author a report on the forest given to board members in their meeting yesterday.

The plan divides a 10,000-acre section of the forest — almost two-thirds of the forest — into four sections, all of which will be used for ecology and hydrology research.

"Both scientific and financial needs are met here," President Lee Todd said. "This is an asset many schools don't have, so we're very fortunate in that regard."

The majority of research will focus on streams and other aquatic studies, but the methodical elimination of trees will be a very small fraction of that research, Barton said. "One-time cut, trees in about 1,000 acres of that total area will be systematically felled and sold partly to help generate money for the Robinson Scholars program, said Scott Smith, dean of the College of Agriculture.

"A very small fraction would be harvested, leaving the rest to regenerate," Smith said. "The harvesting will have to be controlled, but it will be highly managed with detailed specifications to preserve as much of the forest as possible."

Barton said the standard will be to leave one live tree and several dead trees in each acre of land.

"That way, we will leave those old, dead trees to stabilize the forest and its habitats," Barton said. He said the forest would regenerate from this one-time cut after a few years.

UK graduate students, faculty and professionals will test and examine 10 watersheds, which are regions of forest that drain into different bodies of water. In those watersheds, trees will be chopped down from three alternate distances from a stream. Researchers are hoping to see varying effects on soil quality and water quality from different cutting distances.

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Less than two weeks left to register to vote

By Troy Lyle
THE KENTUCKY KERNEL

Students wishing to vote in this fall's presidential election have until Oct. 4 to register or re-register in Fayette County.

Any student who has never registered or wants to re-register locally should fill out a registration form and mail it to the Fayette County Clerks Office, said Kitty Ware, Fayette County election coordinator. All forms must be received or postmarked by Oct. 4.

Any valid Fayette County address can be used as a place of residency, including dorms and fraternity or sorority houses, Ware said.

Students who can not return home or don't want to change their current registration can vote using an absentee ballot. Ballots can be requested at any county clerk's office by anyone, Ware said. Absentee ballots must be in the office of the clerk, not postmarked, by Oct. 28.

If a student would like to volunteer as a poll worker they can make \$100 on Election Day and are paid for about two hours of training also. Several precincts still need volunteers to help run the election, she said.

Every student needs to register and vote, regardless of what party they back, said Krista King, a sophomore

English major.

"It's important for students to get involved in politics and have a voice," King said. "Voting makes everyone equal, rich or poor, politician or student."

The UK College Democrats have registered about 85 students to vote in the last week, said Tim Crowley, a political science senior and president of the group. "Our goal is to reduce student apathy, get students politically motivated and get every student to the polls, regardless of what party they support."

Registering and voting should be important to every student, said Student Government President Rachel Watts.

Students are experiencing newfound independence at this point in their lives," she said. "They're becoming more informed about issues, both locally and nationally. They're beginning to realize politics directly affect their everyday lives and that voting is how to get involved."

College students shouldn't be intimidated by the electoral process, said Tamisha Thompson, a computer science engineering senior.

"The important thing is students register and vote," Thompson said. "Registering is only the first step in a two-step process. Students must follow through, show up on Election Day and vote."

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UNIVERSITY OF KENTUCKY CRIME REPORT

Crimes reported to UK Police Sept. 13 - Sept. 19

Sept. 13: Bomb threat reported at Oswald Building at 1:05 p.m.

Sept. 14: Theft of a bicycle and criminal mischief reported at Donovan Hall at 8:20 p.m.

Sept. 14: Criminal mischief reported at Memorial Coliseum at 4:42 p.m.

Sept. 14: Criminal mischief reported at Markey Cancer Center at 5:25 p.m.

Sept. 15: Terroristic threatening reported at Oswald Building at 12:43 p.m.

Sept. 16: Suspicious person arrested at South Hill Station at 9:32 p.m.

Sept. 16: Theft and criminal mischief reported at 171 Funkhouser Drive at 9:38 a.m.

Sept. 16: Theft of a vehicle reported at K-lot at 11:05 p.m.

Sept. 17: Suspicious person arrested at Hilltop Avenue near Fraternity Row at 3:44 a.m.

Sept. 17: Criminal mischief reported at Haggin Hall at 9:25 a.m.

Sept. 17: Criminal mischief reported at K-lot at 7:06 p.m.

Sept. 18: Drug/alcohol use reported at 103 Avenue of Champions at 12:57 a.m.

Sept. 18: Criminal mischief reported at K-lot at 1:15 a.m.

Sept. 18: Suspicious person arrested at K-lot at 2:06 a.m.

Sept. 18: Arrest made at disorder in progress at K-lot at 2:45 a.m.

Sept. 18: Criminal mischief reported at 769 Woodland Ave. at 11:02 a.m.

Sept. 18: Drug/marijuana use reported at Commonwealth Stadium at 8:05 p.m.

Sept. 19: Assault reported at K-lot at 11:32 a.m.

Sept. 19: Criminal mischief reported at 319 Columbia Terrace at 8:04 p.m.

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THEATRICAL RELEASES

First Daughter

Samantha Mackenzie (Katie Holmes) is the daughter of the president (Michael Keaton). After being in the press while living in the White House, she wants to get away and live some semblance of a normal life in college. The most normal thing imaginable happens, I guess, as she falls in love with her RA, James (Marc Blucas), and their normal, completely expected romance follows. Keep on for the lookout for a long, long build-up, with Sam climbing a ladder to meet her true love. James Van Der Beek might've been in this movie, but I hear he's searching for retirement homes after turning 65 on the set of *Dawson's Creek*. **At Regal.**

The Forgotten

Julianne Moore must really be worried about *The Law of Attraction* to star in a movie with a title that just cries for attention. Moore is Tally Peretta, a mother grieving over the death of her son in a plane crash two years prior, and dealing with estrangement from husband (Anthony Edwards). Then her shrink, Dr. Munch (Gary Sinise) tells her that her son was just a delusion she had, and despite her best attempts, she can't find any evidence to the contrary. Until, that is, she meets Ash Correll (Dominic West), a father who lost his daughter in the same plane crash. Together, they seek the truth behind the contradictions between memory and reality. **At Regal.**

Shaun of the Dead

After the recent rash of zombie movies, it was probably only a matter of time until the zombie version of *Scary Movie* was inflicted upon us... I mean, imported from Britain. Shaun (Simon Pegg) is an under-achiever who just got more time to hang at the pub when his girlfriend dumps him. But, as zombies begin to walk to crown John Kerry then King, Shaun realizes that he cares deeply for his girlfriend, and that he also has to save his mom. He gathers together his equally slacker flatmates

and heads out to fight the undead. A bloody good time, guv'nah. And despite my opening crack, the film does have hilarious potential. Did I mention this movie has zombies? **At Regal.**

The Last Shot

I'm still not sure if this title refers to Alec Baldwin's career or the movie itself. Yeah, that was a low blow, but there's nothing better than being a Baldwin, right? (Kudos if you get the reference). Baldwin plays an FBI agent who hires a washed-out director (Matthew Broderick), to make a movie so the agency can convict some mobsters of racketeering in various Hollywood businesses. Hint: the mob guys might be wearing black, in case you didn't know. Keeping up the "real movie" pretense so Broderick doesn't catch on is supposed to cause some humor... but yeah... is Broderick's character based on the writer of this film? More importantly, is Broderick's wife in this one? Please say so. Then, I might have a reason to see it. Directed by Jeff Nathanson. **At Regal.**

DVD RELEASES

Star Wars Trilogy

Greedo shooting first? Lucas is totally undermining the integrity of this trilogy. Oh sorry, this is a mainstream article. George Lucas's classic (read: good) *Star Wars* films finally come out on DVD this week, after, you can bet, a great deal of new-fangled tampering from Lucas himself, in addition to the already updated special edition prints that came out in theaters in 1997. Love or hate the changes, they're all here, including a fully re-animated Jabba the Hut, and Hayden Christianson digitally inserted as Anakin Skywalker for those two scenes in *Return of the Jedi*.

Mean Girls

Tina Fey's first foray into screenwriting produced this high school comedy that turned into a surprise hit. Lindsay Lohan is Cady, the homeschooled daughter of two globe-trotting professors. Cady is just starting a "normal" education as a junior in a public high school. Bright and hap-



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Katie Holmes of Dawson's Creek fame stars alongside Michael Keaton (*Batman*, *Beetlejuice*) in *First Daughter*. The film opens Friday.

py, she slowly succumbs to the pressures of dealing with high school, cliquishness, over-wrought anxiety over dances and worrying about fertility in school. It's good, I swear, even if Lohan is the only student in the film who is young enough to actually be in high school — sorry, but that always weirds me out. I blame James Van Der Beek and the rest of the 20-something cast of *Dawson's Creek*.

La Dolce Vita

This is a classic Italian film from legendary director Federico Fellini.


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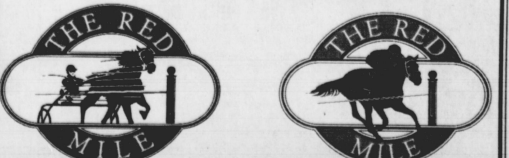


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Reynolds Hart
Business Junior

Dear Reynolds,
It sounds like you have similar feelings when it comes to work. We see ourselves becoming dedicated entrepreneurs and one day being "the boss."

Unfortunately, at this age, unless you have startup capital and management knowledge, the power to begin your own company is quite elusive.

However, starting up a temporary company at this age can teach you everything you need know for any area of life.

Most people our age try starting lawn service companies in the spring and summer months, snow shoveling services in the winter and many other hard labor services that customers need. I'm sure you don't want to wait or do the hard labor, so my advice is to sell products on eBay.

For those readers unfamiliar with the term, eBay is an online auction site, which allows buyers and sellers to exchange items electronically.

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Kenny Moyer
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At 11 over the globe, at all hours of the day, online shoppers are in search of any product you can imagine — someone might want to buy your old Lands' End corduroy pants while someone else might be selling that Ashley Judd poster you've always wanted.

Whatever the case, there is something out there for everybody.

Believe it or not, this online auction site is a great tool that helps you prepare for your future in the business world. No matter what field or profession you enter after college, using eBay can teach anyone how to run a small business.

You can gain experience with accounting through tracking your sales and online payments. In addition, selling on eBay can enhance communication skills. Feedback from buyers will pro-

vide experience in the public relations and marketing aspects of business.

You may also learn about bad debt expenses (when people buy but don't pay), decision-making, risk taking and time management. Managing a business on eBay can also familiarize you with federal regulations pertaining to sales and competition.

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Matt Durst, a 2004 UK graduate, is currently working for FavoriteSportsCards, a sports collectibles store that recently began using eBay as an alternate way to selling its products.

"Ebay has taught me a lot about business, especially management and accounting," Durst said.

The Louisville-based company has earned more than \$30,000 in its first four months using the auction site.

"I get the hands on experience of handling the thousands of dollars we transact weekly," Durst said. "You can't gain that by taking written tests."

These are just a part of what you can learn by using eBay for a business venture. Some of these lessons, such as competition and expenses, may add some stress and unwanted risks, but in the long run, the effort is well

worth it. The harder you try to sell stuff, the better the outcome, always.

The idea of using eBay as a personal business brings a whole new meaning to work, especially for college students. Most students don't want to wake up every Sunday morning hung over and stumble into work. With eBay, every day you make decisions such as what hours you work, what items you want to sell, how much to sell them for and other things that make the business new and exciting. I can't get into every aspect of eBay, but the bottom line is that it is a great resource for learning.

The process may seem difficult to grasp, but who said starting your own business was easy?

If you really want to learn how to manage a company, do the research, take the risks and be successful. If you can't manage a business now, get involved on campus. You will notice that almost every student organization runs like a business.

If that's not enough, eBay University will be conducting a Selling Basics course in Cincinnati, Ohio, Oct. 2 at 8 a.m. For \$39, selling experts will teach you everything from basic selling techniques to how to accept online payments, using methods like PayPal.

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Students vie for 'Real World' spots

By Audrey Edmondson
THE KENTUCKY KERNEL

Anxious 18- to 24-year-olds from all over the country made their way to Lexington yesterday to audition to be one of the "seven strangers" on MTV's *The Real World*.

Lexington was *The Real World*'s second stop in the 12- to 13-city hunt for talent. The tour also includes Chicago, Atlanta and Boston.

Casting calls started at 11 a.m., but when production assistants and UK students Brittny Johnson and Justin Risner arrived at 10 a.m., they were shocked to see more than 150 people lined up around the building.

"There were some people from Maryland here and they had been here since five (this morning)," said Risner.

Casting Director Megan Sleeper said that it had been a good turnout. At each city they get between 500 and 1,000 applicants. By 1 p.m., directors had interviewed about 250 people.

Each applicant completed a form answering questions about relationship issues, best and worst traits, unusual habits and most embarrassing moments. They were then divided into groups of 10, where one of the three casting directors interviewed them about their answers on the application.

"I just think I'm original. I



Samantha Stapleton, a merchandising, apparel and textiles freshman, took a nap yesterday while waiting to try out for MTV's *The Real World* at Avio.

mean, there's no one really like me and I'd add to the cast," said Brandon Brones, freshman communications major.

Kelly Miller, a radiography freshman, said she'd be the naive one. "I was born and raised in Lexington in a private Christian school. I'd be the one to get corrupted."

"Usual.

ly one person from every group stands out," said Sleeper. "They've just got that sparkle and charisma we're looking for."

If they spot someone with that "sparkle," that person will be phoned in the next few

weeks and invited to the next round. "If I get it that'll be great," said Miller. "But if I don't, at least maybe someone from Lexington will, and that'll be cool."

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"I'd be the one to get corrupted."

— Kelly Miller, radiography freshman, on her *Real World* persona

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Eclectic indie rockers Yo La Tengo will perform Friday at 8:30 p.m. at the Southgate House in Newport, Ky. Tickets cost \$12.

WEDNESDAY
Senses Fall w/Silverstein, The Bled & Emanuel
8 p.m. Bogarts, Cincinnati. Tickets cost \$14.

Roger White's Electric Heat CD Release Party w/The Fakes
9 p.m. The Dame. Tickets cost \$3.

D.J. Rice
9 p.m. Cheapside. Tickets cost \$2.

The Big Maracas
9 p.m. High on Rose. Tickets cost \$5.

Carol Plunk
9 p.m. Mia's. Free.

RJ02 w/Rob Sonic & Diplo
9:30 p.m. Southgate House, Newport. Tickets cost \$15.

THURSDAY
Toby Keith w/Terri Clark & Scotty Emerick
7:30 p.m. Riverbend Music Center, Cincinnati. Tickets cost \$28.75 - \$62.75.

Brad Alford w/Saddletramp
9 p.m. Cadillac Ranch. Tickets cost \$5.

Fire The Saddle w/Middleman, The Pine Club & The Scourge of the Sea
9 p.m. The Dame. Free.

Dead Moon
9 p.m. Southgate House, Newport.

Tickets cost \$8.

Paul K w/The Hungry Mind Revue
10 p.m. High on Rose. Tickets cost \$3.

FRIDAY
Decide w/Goatwhore, Cattle Decapitation & Jungle Rot
7:30 p.m. Bogarts, Cincinnati. Tickets cost \$20 in advance, \$22 at the door.

MANDORICO w/Sunday Valley
9 p.m. The Dame. Tickets cost \$5.

Yo La Tengo
9:30 p.m. Southgate House, Newport. Tickets cost \$12.

SATURDAY
Buddy Miller w/Slo-Fi & The Yonders
8 p.m. The Dame. Tickets cost \$12.

The Black Keys w/Darden Smith
8:30 p.m. Southgate House, Newport. Tickets cost \$12.

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9:30 p.m. Bogarts, Cincinnati. Tickets cost \$20 in advance, \$22 at the door.

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The Samples
9 p.m. Southgate House, Newport. Tickets cost \$12.

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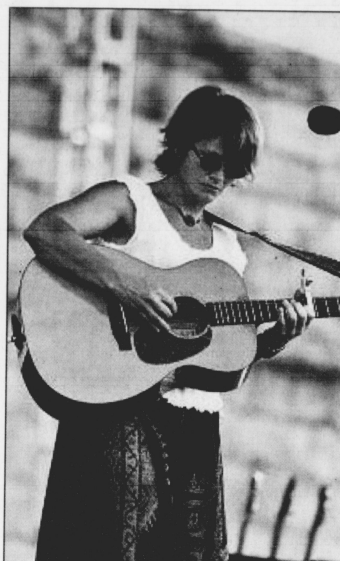


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Ready Set Go w/Stoic & The Way Outs
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Shawn Colvin
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Truck Stop Stage
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SATURDAY
Terrapin Stage
Big Leg Emma, John Cowan Band, Goose Creek, Symphony, Railroad Earth, The Mix & Born Cross Eye

Chapel Stage
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Bring on these lawsuits

Inspired by former UK coach Claude Bassett, here are the lawsuits I want to help take to court:



Tim Wiseman
SPORTS EDITOR

• **Jared Lorenzen, Artose Pinner, et al. v. Claude Bassett.** They need compensation for the bowl game Bassett cost them.

• **The People v. ESPN.** Someone must save the "worldwide leader" from itself. The 25th anniversary was fun for a while, but I can't take any more. Congratulations, now show me the Cubs-Marlins highlight.

• **Ron Zook v. Southeast**

ern Conference officials. The blown calls in last week's game at Tennessee — the wild unprofessionalism of the game clock — gave the Vols a victory and may end up costing Zook a job. His job is hard enough with Steve Spurrier's shadow following him around, the zebras don't need to make it any worse. The calls rearranged the Kernel Krystal Ball rankings. I'm not naming names, but an investigation must begin.

• **Americans v. Hal Sutton and the U.S. Ryder Cup team.** The American squad had a total of 12 major victories. The Europeans had none. The Americans had eight golfers ranked in the top 20 worldwide. The Europeans have three in the top 20, but none in the top 10.

And Sutton could not find a way to keep the matches close as the Euros rolled to victory in the American heartland. Maybe we need to outsource Ryder Cup spots to Canada or South Africa.

• **Philly fans v. Larry Bowa.** The Phillies opened their pocketbook and gave Bowa a lineup loaded with high-priced talent — Jim Thome, Bobby Abreu, Kevin Millwood, Billy Wagner, etc. — and he still could not catch the worst Atlanta Braves team since Mark Lemke roamed the infield.

• **Fantasy football players v. Daunte Culpepper.** The Minnesota Viking quarterback coughed up the football at the goal line, minutes after being denied on another sneak toward the goal line. When he finally ran one in,

it came back because of holding. Culpepper must have started Vikings' kicker Morten Andersen on his fantasy team.

• **The People v. Cialis, Levitra, Viagra, et al.** Every broadcast of every sport includes ads from these guys, and they are turning baseball records into jokes. He could end the talking with one test, but instead his silence leaves room for more whippers.

• **Baseball v. Barry Bonds.** Rumors fly with every blast Bonds hits, and they are turning baseball records into jokes. He could end the talking with one test, but instead his silence leaves room for more whippers.

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Bassett

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"I told Ivey if Bassett... wanted to flagrantly cheat to get players it was their business. Ivey responded, 'Sometimes you've got to cheat to get a good player.' I told Ivey I would not be a part of that, but they could cheat all they wanted," the lawsuit said.

According to the lawsuit, Franklin gathered evidence of NCAA violations against Bassett. On Nov. 19, 2000 —

the day Bassett was asked to resign — documents were missing from Bassett's desk drawer, the lawsuit said. Ivey told Franklin, "I want that fat (expletive). Do you have anything at all that I can use?" the lawsuit said.

Ivey and Franklin could not be reached for comment. The downward spiral for the UK football program began in Nov. 2000, when defensive coordinator Mike Majors was asked to resign. Bassett was asked to resign Nov. 19 for "mishandling" camp funds. Head coach Hal Mumme resigned Feb. 6, 2001.

The only reason Bassett resigned was because he "was led to believe" that his resignation would end any further inquiry into his conduct, according to the 21-page lawsuit.

The violations led to UK losing 19 scholarships over a three-year span, which started in 2002, and UK had its total scholarship allotment reduced from 85 players to 80.

Thus, "Claude Bassett is among the most hated men in Lexington," according to the lawsuit.

But with all the free hotel rooms, room service and UK apparel that recruits re-

ceived, Bassett never used UKAA funds, according to the lawsuit.

"On those rare occasions when Coach Bassett helped a player with money, he used only his own funds," the lawsuit read — which is still a violation.

The SEC league office has not seen the lawsuit, "so it would be inappropriate for us to comment on it," said Charles Bloom, SEC associate commissioner.

UK football spokesman Tony Neely said the university would have no comment on the matter.

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Claude Bassett Timeline

- Dec. 2, 1996 — UK hires Hal Mumme to replace Bill Curry.
- 1996 — UK qualifies for the Outback Bowl, its first New Year's Day bowl since 1952.
- 1999 — C.M. Newton assigns director of football operations duties to Bassett.
- 1999 — UK goes to its second consecutive bowl, the Music City Bowl, for only the third time in school history.
- 2000 — UK stumps to a 2-9 record.
- Nov. 19, 2000 — UK Athletic Director Larry Ivey forces Bassett to resign for "mishandling" campus funds.
- 2001 — UK has second straight 2-9 season.
- Jan. 5, 2001 — Bassett admits to sending money orders.
- Feb. 6, 2001 — Mumme resigns.
- Sept. 2001 — Former UK offensive coordinator Tony Franklin files lawsuit against UK, UK Athletics Association and Mumme for defamation of character.
- Feb. 18, 2002 — NCAA issues sanctions against UK, including a loss of 19 scholarships during three-year period and a one-year ban from postseason play.
- Sept. 17, 2002 — NCAA denies UK's appeal of the bowl ban.
- Sept. 2004 — Bassett files lawsuit against UKAA, NCAA and SEC.

Board of Trustees selects new chairman

By Adam Szychko
THE KENTUCKY KERNEL

The new Board of Trustees chairman took his position at the head of the table yesterday amid rumors that the board's nominating committee passed on a female candidate.

The committee chose James Hardymon, who re-joined the board last year after a four-year hiatus, to take the place of Steve Reed, whose two-year term as chairman expired this year.

JoElla Wickliffe — who has served on the board since 1997 — appeared to be in position to take the spot, after serving as vice chair of the board for the past two years.

But Wickliffe said she told the nominating committee not to consider her for the post. "I had already said that I

was not going to seek that position," Wickliffe said.

When asked why she didn't have an interest in the chair position, the Harrodsburg banker said she was keeping the university's best interests in mind.

"I always do what's best for the university," Wickliffe said. "At this time, I felt that it was not appropriate to seek that position."

"Mr. Hardymon and I have been very close colleagues, and I'll continue to support him," said Wickliffe, who would have been the board's first woman chair.

Hardymon said he didn't actively campaign to be the next chairman.

"That was up to the nominating committee," Hardymon said. "I have a lot of background in board work,

but they made their choice."

Hardymon said he intends to keep the board's focus on both the research and institutional sides of UK.

"I'm very interested in the research projects, and I certainly hope we can continue to raise that money," he said. "We have to be very conscious, as the president said, of benchmarking salaries and trying to get best faculty we can."

"We can also improve the graduation and retention rates, but I like the overall trend," he said.

The committee originally nominated Hardymon Sept. 15, but because the media were not notified of the meeting, the five-member group had to reaffirm its vote yesterday morning.

Committee member Alice

Sparks declined to comment on the reasoning for the group's decision, but did say the decision was approved again with no discussion.

"We have a lot of qualified people who could take the job," Sparks said.

Committee Chairman Frank Shoop did not return two phone calls yesterday.

Hardymon served on the board from 1992 to 1996, but was not reappointed after that year. He was a former chairman and chief executive officer of Textron Inc., a multi-industry company based in Providence, R.I., that houses businesses such as Cessna Aircraft and E-Z-GO.

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Families of abducted South Koreans grieve

By Anthony Faiola
THE WASHINGTON POST

SEOUL — Lee Min Kyo, a high school athlete, disappeared from a camping trip on the western shores of South Korea in 1977, leading his desperate parents to spend their life savings on a decades-long search that turned up no trace of their missing boy.

Virtually every sinister scenario went through their minds, said Lee's mother, Kim Tae Ok, except for the one that finally turned out to be true: Their son had been abducted by North Korean spies.

Lee is one of 486 South Koreans who are officially recognized by their government as having been kidnapped by the Stalinist North. None of those 486 has been returned. Many of their families say their rage at the Communist authorities in Pyongyang is matched by rising fury against South Korean leaders.

The kidnapped South Koreans represent a far larger group than the estimated 15 Japanese citizens who were also taken by agents of the North, which forced them into teaching their native language and customs in espionage schools.

But Japan has had great success over the past two years in securing the release of its abductees, as well as their children born in captivity. It has done this mostly by making their return a condition for conducting diplomatic talks and providing humanitarian aid to the North.

In contrast, families here say the South Korean government has tried to play

down the plight of the abducted South Koreans, fearing damage to the historic detente now burgeoning between the capitalist South and the communist North. After decades of bitter enmity, South Korea embraced outreach to the North about six years ago in what it called its "sunshine policy."

Furious over their government's reluctance to press the kidnapping issue, the South Korean families banded together and went to court to try to force their leaders into taking a harder line. After a two-year struggle, they lost their battle Sept. 14 when a judge in Seoul ruled against their case. Though they have vowed to appeal, the setback has left them demoralized.

"I had hoped initially that the sunshine policy would mean that we had a better chance of seeing our loved ones again or at least finding out their fate, but we have come to realize just the opposite," said Choi Woo Young, 52, president of Families of Abducted and Detained in North Korea.

Choi's father was kidnapped by the crew of a North Korean patrol boat in 1967 while he was fishing in seas west of South Korea. His name appeared in a 1999 intelligence list — widely published by local media — listing South Koreans being held as prisoners in North Korea.

"Our family members have become inconvenient for the South Korean government at a time when they are more interested in pleasing North Korea than demanding the return of their own

citizens," Choi said.

The kidnapped South Koreans include fishermen taken in the 1960s, 1970s and 1980, when their boats strayed close to disputed sea borders. The most recent case involves a Korean American missionary abducted by North Korean agents three years ago in China. Still others, such as Lee, then 18, were abducted on land inside South Korea and apparently taken to the North to teach spies dialects and slang needed to operate in the South.

The current climate in South Korea, where nationalism is on the rise and where many people no longer view North Korea as an enemy, has not worked in the families' favor. South Korean President Roh Moo Hyun has advocated scrapping the country's long-standing Security Law, which mandates severe criminal penalties for people who openly support the Pyongyang government. An Internet-based radio program, Free North Korea, which opposes the government in the North, was recently forced to relocate after its landlord reportedly succumbed to pressure from unification activists.

Kim, 74, Lee's mother, did not want to be interviewed at her new home near the western port city of Incheon out of fear her neighbors would learn about her missing son and her ill feelings toward the North. "My neighbors are in favor of unification," she said at a secluded restaurant in Seoul, her eyes filled with tears as she looked at dog-eared, sepia photos of her son. "I do not think they would understand my pain."



ANTHONY FAIOLA | THE WASHINGTON POST
Kim Tae Ok holds the last photo taken of her son, who was seized by North Koreans in 1977 and is among 486 South Koreans listed as taken in 1978 when he was abducted. It is among those forced to teach dialects and customs to North Korean spies.

South Korean officials maintain they have repeatedly brought up the abduction issue with the North — though mostly in low-level talks. Officials admit they oppose making resolution of the abductions issue a prerequisite for better ties with the North.

"As opposed to Japan, we have to deal with this issue in a larger perspective, within the context of inter-Korean relations," said Chong Ryeul Ryoo, director of the Social and Cultural Exchange Bureau at South Korea's Ministry of Unification.

"Our situation is different than the Japanese case... and given the other important issues involved in North-South relations, this abductee issue may take some time" to resolve.

A Foreign Ministry official in Seoul, who spoke on the condition of anonymity because of the sensitivity of the issue, said the government sympathized with the families. "We are doing our best, but I can understand their sense of victimization," he said. "The fact is this terrible situation has not been resolved."

A London classic nears the end of the line

By John Daniszewski
LOS ANGELES TIMES

LONDON — Ding-ding! That old-fashioned red double-decker bus, the one that has graced scores of movies about London and become an international symbol of Britain, is tooling off into the Waterloo sunset.

Transport for London, the transit authority that is aiming for efficiency and modernity as it serves a growing commuter population, has its reasons for getting rid of the British-built Routemaster and substituting sterile models from Germany and Sweden.

Along with twice-a-day mail service, the red telephone box and (gads) fox-hunting, it is the latest symbol of old England to come under assault in the age of Cool Britannia.

The transport authority, which incidentally is led by an American expert in transit efficiency, says that sentiment aside, the Routemaster is costly because it requires both a conductor and a driver; passengers are forever injuring themselves when they alight from its open back platform while the bus is still moving, and its narrow aisles and steps are a nightmare for people with wheelchairs or baby strollers.

Logical reasons all, but there is no accounting for love.

A small army of Routemaster lovers has mounted a vigorous campaign to try to keep the buses going beyond their planned retirement next year. Their efforts look doomed to fail, al-

though Transport for London has conceded that it will retain a few "heritage" routes in the middle of the city — a sort of rolling museum to let the tourists know what a real London double-decker was like. (Modern, boxy double-deckers will remain, but they just aren't the same.)

"Disgusting," said Charlie Scott, general manager of the charter company Blue Triangle Buses and a former Routemaster driver. "They are a traditional London bus and always will be seen that way. In my view, they should continue to be used."

The phasing out of the Routemaster has unleashed a tidal wave of nostalgia, and Lisa Rooney, a spokeswoman for Transport for London, has had just about enough of it.

"It is important to look at the real reasons why it is going," she said, with a hint of exasperation. "It is time to look forward now and say, this is a modern city and we need modern transport. We want to be as efficient and modern as London needs to be, and the buses need to be that as well."

Lisa Rooney, Transport for London spokeswoman

The RMs — as aficionados know them — have driven their way into the hearts of Londoners for many reasons. They have been a fixture on the streets since the 1950s, so most people have grown up with them. Their curvy, aerodynamic design is as comforting as an old Electrolux refrigerator, with rivets that recall World War II airplanes.

In another throwback, the buses have a uniform conductor in the back who sells tickets, makes change, gives

directions and inspects bus passes. He or she also will probably be able to say whether there are any vacant seats in the upper deck before the passenger makes the steep and narrow spiraling ascent.

The dimensions feel tighter than modern buses. The RM was built tall and narrow to negotiate city streets, and the upper deck is so low-ceilinged that a 6-foot-tall commuter must stoop to stand in rush hour. But, compared with modern buses, there are a lot of seats, and they are padded. This is a bus that was built for sitting, not for standing.

Perhaps most important, the aspect that many riders like best: There is no door. Riders hop on and off the open gateway, and fresh air circulates whenever it is in motion.

The bus also has the advantage that the driver can concentrate on driving, and not on the customer struggling to find correct change or fumbling for a ticket. Stops are shorter and the bus rolls off as soon as everyone is aboard, shaving a precious few minutes off each trip for hurried travelers.

The Routemaster was conceived in 1947 to succeed London's high-capacity trolleybuses. Its designers drew on wartime aircraft manufacturing techniques, creating an aluminum body that was light and flexible — this in an era before aluminum was commonly used in vehicles. The aim was for high performance and low maintenance. It also was made to be cozy, its curved ceiling painted a comforting tan.

Some 2,760 Routemasters were put into service between 1956 and 1968; up until the 1990s, 1,000 remained in use. But now they are down to just 230, and by the end of

next year, none will be on London's streets other than the 20 or so "heritage" vehicles. The rest are to be sold off to private collectors and charter companies such as Blue Triangle.

For Routemaster lovers on three central London routes — 73, 390 and 9 — Sept. 3 was "Black Friday." More than 100 were retired and replaced the next day by a fleet of modern, articulated single-deck buses from Mercedes.

Andrew Gilligan, writing in the Evening Standard newspaper, was less than pleased with his new ride. "A cattle-car journey from Third World hell," he pronounced it.

For Lorna Zaitzeff, a law firm employee who takes the No. 13 Routemaster nearly every weekday, retiring the buses means the end of "an intrinsic part of being in London — we've always had them."

Sitting on the back bench near the open platform, she said she treasures the friendliness, the speediness in traffic and especially the superior ventilation of the Routemaster. "Those other buses — they're hot in the summer and they're hot in the winter — sweatboxes," she said. "They're horrible."

At 6 feet wide and a little over 27 feet in length, the standard Routemaster had seating for 64 people, with room for another 10 to 15 standing. Later, a longer version was introduced that seated 72. Passengers on the upper deck enjoy birds-eye views as their bus lumbers along past Piccadilly Circus and Trafalgar Square.

Rooney, the transit spokeswoman, said Transport for London recognizes that the Routemaster is a fine bus but that issues of safety and accessibility mandate

that it be replaced. Last year, three people died falling from the open rear platform or stepping off prematurely into traffic, she said.

And people in wheelchairs, pushing baby strollers or carrying lots of packages were "just stuffed" by its confining interior dimensions, she said. A Europe-wide disabilities act decrees that all buses must be wheelchair accessible within a decade.

The Routemasters' passing has been taken out of proportion, she said. Already, they represent only a fraction of the 6,000 buses on the road in London, including many of the modern, boxy-shaped red double-deckers that can be operated without a conductor. The articulated "bendy" buses being introduced now are 59 feet long and therefore can carry nearly 100 people.

Recent years have seen a resurgence in bus usage, and Transport for London — whose current commissioner is Bob Kiley, the American who previously oversaw the New York subway and the Boston Metro — thinks its modernized fleet is drawing back people who used to drive. In the past decade, ridership is up nearly 50 percent, from 4.1 million to 6 million a day, making London the world's busiest metropolitan bus network.

Part of the reason also is a \$9 "congestion charge" imposed by London Mayor Ken Livingstone to discourage private cars from entering the center of the capital.

Although the new buses may lack a conductor, Rooney said, they have other amenities not found on the Routemaster: wide aisles, seasonal air-cooling, closed-circuit cameras for security, video monitors and the capacity to stoop to pick up people with disabilities.

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IN OUR OPINION

Absentee voting a phone call away

One common excuse among college students who don't vote is that they're not registered in the city where they attend school and don't have the time to drive to their hometown.

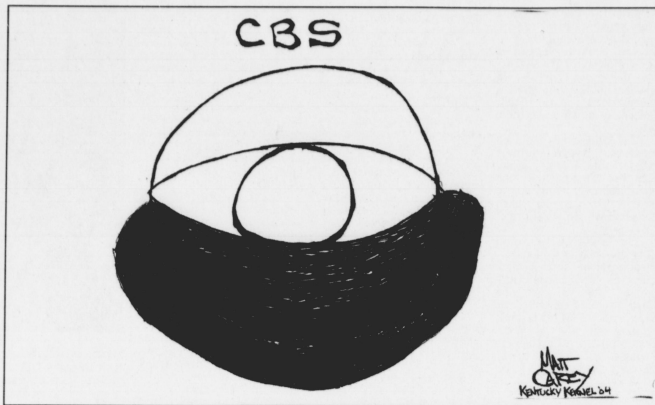
For UK students who are registered in the state of Kentucky, we're about to make voting a lot easier.

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MATT CAREY, THE KENTUCKY KERNEL

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

KKK events don't belong on campuses

Yesterday, the Kernel Editorial Board presented an unprovoked article to students, applauding the efforts of the University of Louisville's administration, which allowed the Ku Klux Klan to come to campus, to pass out propaganda and to talk to students about their cause.

The editorial board went on to say that they hope the KKK is allowed to return to the campus to spread their message.

Although the Kernel would have us believe that they were merely encouraging an organization's right to free speech, the reality is that the article can be seen as a welcoming invitation for the KKK to bring their message of hate to the University of Kentucky.

Unfortunately, even hate groups like the KKK are protected by the First Amendment of the Constitution.

However, when we encourage such groups to exercise their right to spread messages like that of the Klan, we as a campus become vulnerable to the conflicts guaranteed to arise from the presence of these groups.

The Kernel pointed out the value of the transfer of ideas on a college campus, yet they failed to point out the consequences and repercussions that can and most certainly will arise from the dispute of these ideas.

Is the University of Kentucky really prepared for the backlash of the Klan's presence?

If the Kernel would like to make the Klan feel welcome, they must also be prepared to welcome groups that can provide students with an alternative view to the current social state of our campus and our community.

If our campus really needs the KKK, then we definitely need the NAACP, the National Urban League and even the resurrection of the Black Panther Party. If the groups like the KKK come to our campus, students against their beliefs can and most certainly will speak out in protest.

In the past few years, the University of Kentucky has placed great merit on making strides to become a top-20 university, placing special emphasis on creating and promoting a more diverse population and environment.

Yet the potential influence of the Ku Klux Klan can only serve to further encourage the separation and seg-

regation of a campus that is already divided by race, sexuality and socioeconomic status.

Bottom Line: The Kentucky Kernel has irresponsibly attempted to rationalize the presence of the Ku Klux Klan on one college campus just an hour away.

So when the Ku Klux Klan is ready to come to our campus, we know where their primary support will come from. And now you know the opposition.

JONAH BROWN
undeclared sophomore

Letter misconstrued columnist's intent

Being a biology junior, you would think that Aaron Fain could dissect an editorial well enough to understand its meaning. Unfortunately, his Sept. 15 letter in response to Edward Guest's Sept. 14 column completely missed or ignored the original writer's point.

Guest's editorial focused exclusively on Bush's domestic record, which should have been obvious given the title, "President Bush's domestic record exposes failures."

Yet Fain's response reads as though the original editorial had been about the war in Iraq. Fain addresses domestic policy only once, writing, "higher taxes ... take money from the middle class."

The next time Aaron Fain — or anyone else, for that matter — has a notion to write a letter in response to a column, he should be sure to read the original article carefully and respond to the content of the article.

Examining Bush's domestic record does, in fact, accomplish something. It allows us a better understanding of the results of his domestic policy as an election draws near.

What doesn't accomplish anything is mouthing platitudes about how the government shouldn't give us goals, the president doesn't send soldiers into battle, and columnists writing about domestic policy should get to know people in the military before doing so.

KEVIN BIRCHFIELD
UK graduate

Upcoming debates give Kerry one last chance to claim the presidency

By all accounts, Sen. John F. Kerry is trailing President Bush in the race for the White House. With little more than a month to go, Bush's lead is not insurmountable by any means, but if Kerry wants to assume control of the race, he must perform well in the debates, the first of which is Sept. 30.



Edward Guest
KERNEL COLUMNIST

Every four years, since 1976, presidential debates offer pundits, journalists and ordinary citizens the opportunity to view the candidates with a thin filter, each waiting for the moment that could define the election.

Simply put, Kerry must drive a stake through Bush's political heart in the debates. The senator can't allow Bush to "minimize" his way through the proceedings.

More importantly, Kerry cannot get bogged down in his own language, parsing his prose for the benefit of policy wonks, but not swing voters. One can just envision Bush effectively obfuscating for thirty seconds,

while Kerry attempts to focus on all sides of the query — this would be tantamount to Al Gore's sighs in the 2000 debate.

Kerry will not receive another opportunity like this one. He will not get another forum, which was used so brilliantly by John F. Kennedy and Bill Clinton, as they parlayed strong debate performances to pluralistic margins in the popular vote.

The Boston Brahman already seems presidential, but while voters want to hear his pitch, they're skeptical of his vision for the future.

Bush will seek to portray Kerry as a meandering liberal with no clear position on Iraq (or anything else for that matter) and will accuse his opponent of threatening the financial stability of the country (oh, the irony).

The challenger will look to paint the chief executive as a fixed ideological conservative devoid of any real plan for America's future, questioning his competence in matters such as Iraq, the bloated Medicare "reform" legislation and his tax policy.

Unfortunately for Democrats, Kerry has not shown an ability to encapsulate the Bush administration's fecklessness with any de-

claring one-liners, moments that people would remember. "W stands for wrong," just does not make the grade.

His supporters are not asking him to emulate Democratic titans of the past, only to reasonably (and clearly) respond to Bush's distorted view of reality and the stealth assaults on his character, coupled with his fitness for command.

Throughout his political career, Kerry has achieved much renown as the pre-eminent "closer" of his generation, which is a deserved reputation that will firmly be put to the test in the next few weeks.

Two matters separate Kerry from the White House: He must position himself on Iraq closer to his hard-core base — yes, they desperately want Bush gone, but they will not support him in record numbers if they have reason to believe the entirety of his administration will be spent in Iraq.

If these voters don't turn out for Kerry as they did for Gore and Clinton, the Democrats will still carry California, New York and Illinois (among other states), but the margins will not be as high, making Bush the overwhelming favorite to win the popular vote.

Secondly, Kerry must give "swing voters" a reason to vote for him. This includes tapping into the ranks of disgruntled Republicans, disillusioned leftists and, of course, America's suburban population.

None of them are likely to vote for Bush, but if they refuse to become part of the process, it is a net loss for Kerry.

The senator, at his convention, fashioned a "biography" strategy as a means of picking up voters.

Whatever success such tactics may have wrought was quickly eroded by the Swift Boat Veterans for Truth group. Kerry's initial impotence at defending his record and the Republican barrage in New York City.

Kerry does not necessarily have to position himself as a liberal to defeat Bush, but he must not fall into the trap of seeming Bush-lite, out of a paralyzing fear that he would be crushed by advocating anything that resembled a progressive principle. Bush has already outfoxed Kerry on health care and will look to do the same on Iraq.

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ONLINE POLL QUESTION

Should UK spend \$4.4 million to renovate the Hilary J. Boone Faculty Center?

Yes — The facility needs the renovation, and it would improve the university's fundraising abilities.

No — The renovation is not a priority for UK during a budget crisis.

Neither — I don't care.

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Note to readers

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Boone

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Center), but she can put them into action in a more appealing way than I ever could," Todd said. "She has great taste, but she can also work on a budget."

Todd pointed to the first lady's work on Maxwell Place and both of the homes he has built as proof of her skills. He added

that people will be impressed with the work she did in the Main Building, scheduled to re-open in mid-October.

"She has a great passion for the Boone Center," he said. "I go nuts over having to look at so many paint samples, but she really knows what she's doing."

Todd said the action item wasn't meant to be a surprise.

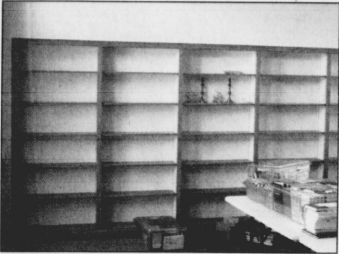
"I'm not trying to keep this a secret," he said. "But we've got to see it as an investment that we need to have. Sometimes, you have to take a risk to create some new

income."

The issue was briefly mentioned at the end of the board's retreat in late August, its most recent function. But Todd defended his decision to ask the board to vote on the plans yesterday.

"We don't have to talk about everything at the retreat," he said. "I've made several presentations, and I've also kept the Boone Center Board of Directors abreast of these changes."

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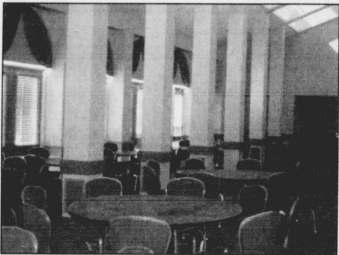
After the renovation, the library will include every book ever written by a UK professor, said UK President Lee Todd.



A new addition will close in the courtyard of the Boone Center, said Becky Naugle, member of the center's board of directors.



The lobby will largely remain unchanged but will get new furniture and some of it will become part of the expanded dining room, Naugle said.



The dining room, which currently holds 120 people, will be expanded to fit 300-400 people and get new furniture, Naugle said.

SCOTT LOUTNER | STAFF

Forest

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An added bonus for Barton is the valuable hands-on experience UK graduate stu-

dents will receive by working on this project.

"It's very uncommon for students to be involved with something of this magnitude," he said. "This is really unique — this sets them up to get a job in their chosen field when they're finished."

The timber harvesting could generate \$1 million after two years of work, Smith said. Any net proceeds over \$250,000 would be split in half between the forest's funding and the Robinson Scholars program.

"The maintenance of

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