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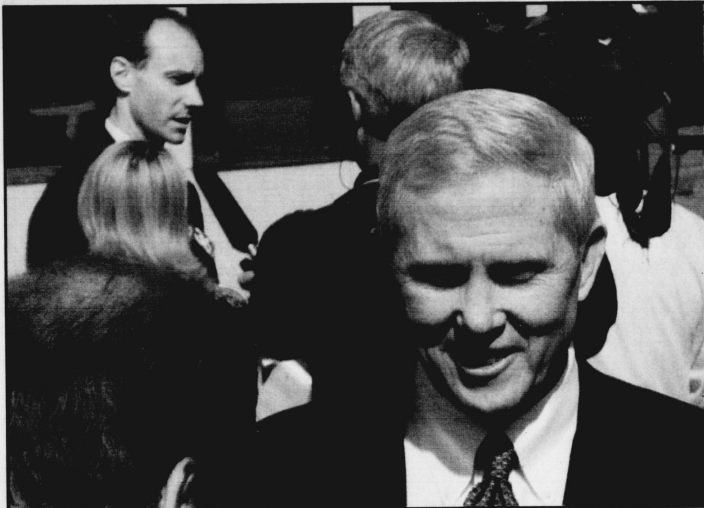


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City smoking ban delayed again



Phillip Scott (foreground), the attorney for the Health Department, and John Walters, attorney for the Lexington Food and Beverage Association, discuss the smoking ban with reporters in Frankfort. Meanwhile, the Kentucky Court of Appeals is in recess, deciding its ruling on the ban. In the end, the judges postponed the ban. It's the second time the ban has been delayed.

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By Hilly Schiffer
STAFF WRITER

Once again, Lexington's proposed smoking ban was stopped in its tracks.

The Kentucky Court of Appeals' three-judge panel issued a temporary injunction late Monday afternoon in Frankfort. The injunction postponed the ban until it can be ruled on again.

This is the second injunction the Court of Appeals has issued on the smoking ban; the first was enacted Oct. 2.

The case will now be heard in either the Kentucky Supreme Court or Fayette Circuit Court, where Judge Larry VanMeter previously ruled on Sept. 23 that the ban is legal and should go into effect.

Judge VanMeter offered no comment on the Court of Appeals' ruling and did not know when he

would rule on the ban if it was brought back to his courtroom.

In a 2-1 ruling, the panel said the law, which prohibits smoking in most public facilities, is vague and requires too much of business owners.

"We cannot ignore that substantial issues have been raised concerning the scope of the actions required of business operators to prevent smoking on their premises and to remove or 'disable' ashtrays and other smoking paraphernalia," wrote Judge Sara Combs in the court's four-page decision, reported by the Associated Press.

"The ramifications of the language of the ordinances are opened and uncertain while penalties for violation of these ordinances range from considerable monetary fines to criminal prosecution."

Combs questioned the civil

liberties of citizens under the ban.

"Where do we go from breaking ashrays to burning books?" she asked.

John Walters, attorney for the Lexington Food and Beverage Association, sided with the panel and said the ban would be unconstitutional if put into effect.

Phillip Scott, attorney for the Health Department, said smoking in public buildings is a detriment to public health.

"We will use all of our efforts to get the smoking ban into effect at some point," Scott said.

Some said they felt public health was more important than profits.

"There are many health hazards that people who don't smoke shouldn't have to deal with," said David Stevens, Lexington councilman at-large.

Ellen Hahn, an associate professor of nursing and advocate for the ban, agreed with Stevens.

"Every day (the ban is) delayed there are people suffering, so we need to get on with it," she said.

Owners and managers of local restaurants and bars have mixed feelings about the ban. Tolly-Ho manager, Sandra Milling, isn't worried about the possibility of the ban going into effect.

"We are waiting to see what happens," Milling said. "Business will be just the same (for) everyone else. I think that if New York City can handle it, so can little old Kentucky."

New York and California are the only states with statewide smoking ban legislation.

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Smoking ban judge up for election

Says it won't affect decisions

By Andrew Martin
STAFF WRITER

As Election Day approaches, many politicians are making decisions that could potentially affect the way the electorate views them.

Judge Larry VanMeter of the Lexington Circuit Court was in that position when he ruled on the controversial smoking ban last month, and he may be again when lawyers for both parties involved in the Lexington smoking ban decide whether to return the case to his court room or take it to the Kentucky Supreme Court.

Although nearly two-thirds of Lexington residents agree that local government should be allowed to pass smoke-free laws, according to the UK Survey Research Center, VanMeter said he can't let those opinions — the opinions of the same people who may be voting in the election — sway his decision.

"The worst thing I can do as a judge is lick my finger, stick it in the air and see which way the wind is blowing," he said.

VanMeter, who is running for the Kentucky Appeals Court from the 5th Appellate District, handed down the Sept. 23 decision that said the Lexington-Fayette Urban County Government had the right to enforce its proposed smoking ban, which it passed in July.

VanMeter is running against Larry Paisley, who was appointed to the Court

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LexTran program attracts riders

LexTran survey shows six percent increase this year; Program allows free rides for students, faculty, staff

By Elizabeth Troutman
STAFF WRITER

Higher student ridership findings are a positive reflection of LexTran's Go Free program, which allows UK students, staff and faculty to ride free, said LexTran administrators.

"I think that this survey will point out to students that riding the bus is very convenient," said LexTran marketing director Jenny Williams.

LexTran's September survey, which found a six percent jump in riders from those interviewed in February, will also help show state grant money given to LexTran is going to good use, Williams said.

"(Students are showing) an understanding of what the Go Free service is and how to use it," Williams said. "The message is getting out, and we find this very encouraging."

Two hundred and fifty students, 40 faculty members and 60 employees were interviewed for the survey by telephone.

According to the survey, 19 percent said they used the Go Free service.

Twenty one percent of students, 9 percent of faculty and 15 percent of staff say they have used the service.

A similar survey conducted last February reported that 16 percent of students, three

percent of faculty and eight percent of staff used the service — 13 percent overall.

While these figures are only percentages and aren't the actual numbers used for funding purposes, Williams said they are good indicators of LexTran's success.

"We can say, 'Yes, we're using the UK ridership money,'" Williams said. "(These numbers) can be used to show the grant is working."

Sixty two percent of respondents reported that the most important reason for using the Go Free service is the fact it is free.

This outweighed other factors when deciding to use LexTran, said Chris Nieman, a political science sophomore.

"I've missed it a couple times, and I have waited

sometimes for it," Nieman said. "But it's free, so I can't complain."

The remaining 38 percent reported that the most important reason for using the bus is the fact that they do not have any other form of transportation.

"I use the LexTran because there's not enough parking at UK," said physics sophomore John Carpenter. "They're convenient if you are living on campus. The buses that go in a circle around campus are usually quicker than the ones that go around town."

Others agreed. "I don't know what UK would do without the buses," said psychology and biology junior Blake Arnold.

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Go Free program, by the numbers

94
Percent of students who know that LexTran will give them free rides

53
Percent of those using the Go Free service who didn't ride LexTran before the service began

21
Percent of students who have used Go Free

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Former UofL president lived lavishly in Tenn.

Shumaker's home refurbished for \$493,000 in 14 months; he was Louisville resident from 1995 to 2002

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KNOXVILLE, Tenn. — The lavish flourishes favored by the last resident fill the president's house at the University of Tennessee.

From the \$717 brick mailbox on Cherokee Boulevard to the \$7,000 Persian carpet in the foyer, from the \$97,350 walk-in closet and sun room addition off the master bedroom to the \$4,822 stainless-steel twin-rotisserie gas grill out back.

John Shumaker left a lasting mark on the Georgian mansion known as Sequoyah Place, home to UT presidents and chancellors since 1960, before resigning Aug. 8 amid growing criticism of his extravagant spending.

The decorating and refurbishing tab after less than 14 months on the job: \$493,137.

That was after UT spent nearly \$800,000, largely in donors' money, on a whole-house remodeling in 2001 un-

der his predecessor, J. Wade Gilley.

Shumaker was given two months to move out. He did so last week.

On Monday, the university had a media open house.

"I think the house needed to be upgraded," said Interim President Joe Johnson.

"It is good because it has been with us all these years and it will be with us for many many more years in the future. It needs to be well maintained and something we can be proud of."

Johnson has never lived in the house, even when he was permanent UT president in the 1990s.

"I just think some of the expenditures for the extra added attractions, two or three entertainment centers and those kinds of things, we could have done without," he said.

Shumaker personally paid for one entertainment system that included a plas-

ma television. He took it with him, university officials said. Remaining are two other \$7,000 systems, one of which was improperly purchased with the UT credit cards of two staffers.

Shumaker also took his bed and personal items from the master bedroom, but left the \$6,573 in drapes and the \$2,935 green carpet.

Other items added under his watch that remained: \$8,400 in gas logs and fireplace inserts; \$6,650 in patio furniture and the \$4,822 grill — to replace a \$169 grill — stored under a back porch that is covered by a \$3,454 retractable awning.

More than 40 cases of wine — a 2001 Chardonnay — were stacked in the basement.

A \$20,000 kitchenette added for Shumaker's sons was spotless, and their two added bedrooms empty. A \$1,261 invisible fence for dogs that never made the trip from his former home in Louisville, Ky., remained.

Shumaker was president

of the University of Louisville from 1995 to 2002, when he left to take the job at Tennessee.

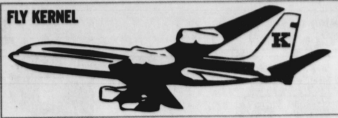
A \$30,116 telephone system — with paging, intercom, voice mail and cordless phone features — also was in place, including one unit in the master bathroom and another in the home's elevator.

So was the \$6,479 Sub-Zero stainless-steel refrigerator Shumaker added to the large kitchen, close by a large white marble countertop labeled with a "Property of University of Tennessee" sticker.

A small stained-glass lamp in UT's orange and white colors in a bookcase in a small office off the master bedroom was one of the house's few reminders of its real owner.

Mike Sherrill, who oversees the house as administrator of UT's physical plant, said the tennis court is cracking and needs to be resurfaced. Otherwise, "I really don't think there is anything left to change."

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"I just think some of the expenditures ... we could have done without,"

— UT INTERIM PRESIDENT JOE JOHNSON, ON SCHUMAKER'S HOME WHILE PRESIDENT

JUDGE

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of Appeals in 2002 after the retirement of another justice.

VanMeter, who as a circuit court judge gets to determine the docket schedule of the court, could have put the smoking ban case on hold until after the election but said he didn't want to wait that long.

"If I can't make deci-

sions even though they're tough, then I shouldn't be a judge," he said.

He also had to make the decision quickly because the ban was set to start on Sept. 29. The effects of allowing the law to go into effect or putting an injunction on it have to be considered, said Stephen Voss, a political science professor at UK.

"Once bars stop allowing smoking, how easy will it be for them to go back to the old system?" said Stephen Voss, a UK political science professor, when explaining the questions a judge must an-

swer in determining when it is appropriate to rule on such a case.

Judges have a harder time running for office because they are not supposed to promote certain legislation or party politics, VanMeter said. "Courts are reactive."

However, politics often end up entering the judicial realm.

"Judicial elections are a lightning rod for special-interest groups," Voss said.

In addition, judicial elections like what VanMeter is

entering are very low in visibility, and many voters do not even know much about the candidates they are voting for, Voss and VanMeter said. No matter what system is used, it seems that politics will not stay out of the judicial realm, said Justin Crowder, an undeclared sophomore.

"Either way it's political," he said. "If it's appointments, it's impressing the president, if it's elections — well that's obvious."

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By the Numbers

- 4**
Interceptions for free safety Muhammad Abdullah, tying him for fourth in the nation
- 93**
Yards rushing UK's defense held Florida to, on 29 carries
- 16**
Sacks for a total loss of 93 yards by UK's defense this season

Quoteworthy

"Like us, their win-loss record doesn't say how good of a team they are."

-UK sophomore linebacker Chad Anderson on South Carolina

UK Football Notebook

By Jeff Patterson
ASSISTANT SPORTS EDITOR

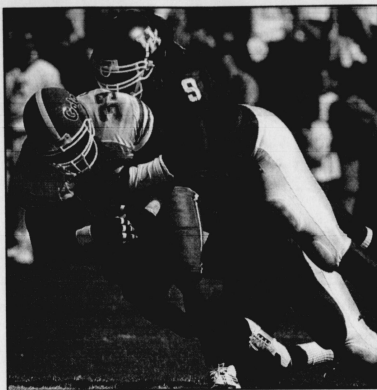
If you take to heart everything that South Carolina head coach Lou Holtz says, you would think that his team rarely wins. Holtz always says his team doesn't measure up. UK head coach Rich Brooks said he considers Holtz the coach who most often underestimates his team. "His team is always too slow, too small and not good enough," Brooks said.

This week's understatement regards his freshman running back, Demetris Summers. "He isn't real impressive in dummy scrimmage," Holtz said. "He doesn't have great quickness."

But backs that don't have great quickness typically don't average 6-yards per carry. "Against Georgia, after the game was lost, we threw him a screen pass, and he went 37 yards for the touchdown," Holtz said. "We came back and said, 'We have to give him the ball and forget how he looked in dummy scrimmage.' And in the last two weeks he has played exceptionally well for us."

After rushing 16 times for 68 yards in South Carolina's (3-2, 0-2 SEC) first three games, Summers has bolstered the running game. He rushed for 161 yards and three touchdowns on 21 attempts Sept. 20 in a 42-10 win at the University of Alabama-Birmingham (2-3). Then, he followed that up by rushing for 158 yards on 27 carries Sept. 27 in a 23-20 loss in overtime at Tennessee (4-1).

South Carolina, averaging 39.6 carries per game, is a team that likes to run. And stopping the run will be one of UK's (2-3, 0-2 SEC) biggest priorities. "It's certainly one of the



MATT GONS | KERNEL STAFF

UK linebacker Durrell White (9) stuffs Florida back Ran Carthon in Florida's 24-21 win over UK Sept. 22. UK held Florida to 93 yards rushing.

biggest (challenges) we've faced this year," Brooks said. "We've played a couple of teams that could run the ball fairly well and we haven't done as well as I would like to do in stopping the run. We've gotten a little better in the last several games, but we still have a ways to go to be able to contain a talented and physical running game."

INJURY UPDATES

Junior offensive guard Jason Rollins (strained shoulder) has returned to practice and will play against USC.

Someone stepped on sophomore linebacker Raymond Fontaine's right foot in Sun-

day's practice, said Brooks. There was a "pretty bad bruise," Fontaine did not practice Monday and will be evaluated today.

QUOTEWORTHY

"To be bowl eligible, we have to win four of the seven (games remaining). So each one we let slip away from here puts our foot in the grave a little bit further. We're running out of games that we can make up for it in the future, so we need to step to the plate here."

— Brooks said during a conference Monday.

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SportsBytes

O'Neill, Ramsey receive high honors for UK soccer programs

UK's soccer program received two conference honors this weekend when freshman Riley O'Neill was named the Mid-American Conference Player of the Week for the men's soccer team and senior Elizabeth Ramsey was named

SEC Offensive Player of the Week for the women.

O'Neill scored both goals for the men's soccer team against Appalachian State Saturday in UK's 2-1 victory. He also scored one of the Cats' three goals against Bowling Green State Sunday. O'Neill was the second UK

player to receive the honor this season.

The men's soccer team also re-entered the National Soccer Coaches Association of American Great Lakes top-10 poll at No. 9 this week.

Ramsey put on two strong performances for the women's soccer team this weekend against LSU and Arkansas.

Tim Couch leads Browns to victory over Steelers

Despite losing his start-

ing quarterback role to Kelly Holcomb in August, Tim Couch started his second game of the season against the Steelers on Sunday. Couch threw for 6-6 and 79 yards on the Browns' first drive, ending with a touchdown. Couch was 20-25 with 208 yards and two touchdowns for the night. He also rushed for 11 yards and one touchdown, leading Cleveland to a 33-13 victory.

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Week of October 6 - October 12

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Tues 7	<p>MEETINGS</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> *Alpha Phi Omega: Fledge Meeting 8:00pm; Active Meeting 7:30pm, Old Student Center, Rm. 152 *Green Team Environmental Club: 7:00pm, Student Center, Rm. 106 *TNT (Thursday Night Together): 7:00pm, Baptist Student Union, 428 Columbia Ave. Behind W.T. Young Library *College Life: North Campus 4:00-5:00pm; Patterson Hall Lobby, Central 5:00-6:00pm; Huggin Hall Lobby, South 6:00-6:00pm; upstairs of Commons Market, Rm. 307 <p>ACADEMIC</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> *Math Tutoring: All 100 Level Classes, 6:00-10:00pm, 307 Commons *Chemistry Tutoring: All 100 Level Classes, 6:00-8:00pm, 307 Commons *Physics: All 100 Level Classes, 6:00-8:00pm, 307 Commons *Special Tutoring: All 100 Level Classes, 6:00-10:00pm, 307 Commons <p>SPECIAL EVENTS</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> *Student Government: 8:00pm, Student Center, in the Caf. Den, Free Pizza and soft! *Student Senate: 8:00pm, Student Center in the Western Theatre *The World is Your Canvas: 11:00pm-5:00pm, Student Center, in the Radcliff Gallery *The Gift: Seven Female Visualists Before Feminism, Noon-6:00pm, UK Art Museum Galleries <p>SPORTS</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> *UK Football Club: 8:00-10:00pm; Bull Armory *UK Women's Rugby Practice: 4:45-7:00pm; Club Sports Field (rugby pitch) *The Keweenaw Club Practice: 6:30-8:00pm; Alumni Gym's Hall <p>MEETINGS</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> *Career/Workshop Programming Assembly: 4:00pm, Student Center, Rm. 208 *Free Food for the Body and Soul: 7:00-8:00pm; St. Augustine's Chapel *Encounter-Bible Class: 7:00pm, Student Center, Rm. 225 *Creative Writing: Career Coordinators: 8:00-9:00pm; W.T. Young Library, Rm. Writing Center B108 <p>UNCLCC 5:00pm; Statement of Lafferty Hall, Rm. 104</p> <p>ACADEMIC</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> *Learning Skills: 4:00-5:00pm; Career Center *LCC Republican Meeting: 7:00pm; Daniels Building, Rm. 210 *Math Tutoring: All 100 Level Classes, 6:00-10:00pm, 307 Commons, 6:00am-7:00pm; Mathlaber 1071 <p>SPORTS</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> *UK Women's Rugby Practice: 4:45-7:00pm; Club Sports Field (rugby pitch) <p>SPECIAL EVENTS</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> *Special Center: Robert Voss, 8:00pm; Student Center, in the Caf Den *Church Document: 5:30-8:00pm; Session Center <p>MEETINGS</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> *Art in Motion: On Sam Abell: 12:00pm, UK Art Museum Galleries *The Gift: Seven Female Visualists Before Feminism: Noon-6:00pm, UK Art Museum Galleries *The World is Your Canvas: 11:00am-5:00pm, Student Center, in the Radcliff Gallery *The Gift: Seven Female Visualists Before Feminism: Noon-6:00pm, UK Art Museum Galleries
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QUOTE OF THE DAY

I think that if New York City can handle it, so can little old Kentucky." — Sandra Milling, manager at Tolly-No restaurant, on Lexington's smoking ban ordinance



IN OUR OPINION

New leave policies more inclusive, could be costly

A recent liberalization of UK's sick and funeral leave policies highlights the university's willingness to be flexible in human resources decisions. But the changes, in effect on Oct. 1, also highlight a need for future improvements in employee-university relations.

The most noteworthy change is an expansion of the policy allowing employees time off for family illnesses. Previously, family only included an employee's spouse, any unmarried children living at home or any other relatives living in the household.

Family will now include a spouse, children, grandchildren, parents, grandparents, siblings (including step-siblings, half-relatives and in-laws) and any legal dependent of the employee, regardless of residence.

Accumulated leave time may also be used to care for any other person living in the household that the employee is obligated to care for.

Reading between the lines, the expanded definition of "family member" becomes especially significant because of its inclusiveness.

The policy does include unmarried domestic partners — straight or gay — said Mary Ferlan, who is UK Human Resources Operations director and a member of the Work-Life Task Force, a committee that President Lee Todd created to re-

search and consider such policy changes.

"It definitely is an enhanced benefit for the employees," Ferlan said.

The less stringent wording of the new policy indicates a desire within the university's administration to attract and retain diversity in its work force.

There may be one unwanted side effect of the policy changes: the cost. Ferlan said that while no one has voiced criticism over the policy's impact on domestic partners, there have been other observations.

"Any negative feedback that I have heard is the financial or fiscal responsibility of doing this," Ferlan said.

Because the new policy also extends the number of days most employees can take off, it is possible employees will take advantage of that and ultimately impact the budgets of their respective departments, Ferlan said.

Because of this concern, we suggest that the university revisit the issue after a certain amount of time to study the policy's impact on university finances.

All in all, we can only hope that the changes indicate a willingness within the administration to reconsider and possibly expand other UK human resources policies.

EDITORIAL WEEK IN REVIEW

Here's a look back at Kernel editorial board opinions from last week. If you want to sound off on any of these, e-mail the Dialogue desk at dialogue@kykernel.com

MONDAY

The Kentucky Court of Appeals breathed new life into smoking ban opponents' case on Sept. 26 with an injunction of the ban until the full court could consider the law. (The court ruled today that the case could either go to the Kentucky Supreme Court or back to Fayette Circuit Court.)

This is a good opportunity to rework the law to be more respectful of business owners. The Lexington-Fayette Urban County Council could make a few concessions while still retaining much of the law's spirit.

Smoking should be allowed to continue in bars, as adult non-smokers are clearly capable of choosing whether they will spend time in that environment.

Also, it would be reasonable to allow smoking to continue in businesses getting most of their revenue from food service, given some strict guidelines. Officials could require adequate ventilation systems and that smoking sections be walled off and a considerable distance from non-smoking sections. Restaurant owners could then be given the option of adapting to the regulations or going smoke-free.

TUESDAY

Lexington and UK's college town plan represents a promising venture for improving areas around campus and streamlining the relationship between campus and downtown.

In early 2002, UK hired the Ayers/Saint/Gross Architects and Planners firm to develop a campus master plan that would integrate with the city. The plan is a blue print for future development in the neighborhood bordered by Rose and South Limestone streets and Euclid and East High streets.

We urge Lexington and UK to be forthcoming with the public and local media on expected costs of the project before making final decisions. And we urge the public to be understanding if it takes some time for these development efforts to bring rewards.

We also encourage planners on the project to include adequate support for alternative modes of transportation, such as bicycles and buses, to help unclog our traffic-laden streets and clear our lungs of pollution.

THURSDAY

The recent debate in the media, courts and Lexington-Fayette Urban County Council over the city's smoking ban ordinance has developed an intriguing offshoot. Community and Council members are discussing an extension of Lexington bars' closing hours from 1 a.m. to 2 a.m.

The proposal comes as an attempt to appease business owners who anticipate revenue losses should the courts let the smoking ban stand.

Extending the hours alcohol can be served is a good idea for several reasons. It's safe to say that a later last call would be more friendly to college students, who sometimes travel to Louisville and other cities simply to stay out later.

Regardless of the smoking ban's impact on revenue and the proposed ordinance change, what's good for business is good for Lexington.

If the city agreed to compromise with business owners who feel threatened by the smoking ban, it would speak favorably of Lexington.

CARTOONISTS WANTED

The Dialogue page is looking for some poignant humor — and you can express it via the visual artist lurking deep within you. Kernel cartoons provide a great opportunity for lampooning campus life and local issues. Whether the smoking ban has got you down or the monotony of daily routine is making you antsy, you can take a step back and smile on the Dialogue page. The Kernel offers paid positions to interested cartoonists. Drop the Dialogue editor a line at jsullivan@kykernel.com.

MAKE YOUR VOICE HEARD

The Dialogue page is looking for submissions from all corners of campus. Are you a leader of a student organization searching for a way to reach citizens? The Kernel is read by thousands of people daily. Are you a student with a gripe about campus issues? The Dialogue page is a great way to discuss current events. Maybe you just need some extra cash to blow at the bars on Friday night. The Kernel offers paid positions to interested writers. Drop the Dialogue editor a line at jsullivan@kykernel.com.

Keeping campus trim exacerbates noise pollution



David S. Maehr
QUEST COLUMNIST

Peering out my open window on a beautiful late summer day, I watch the stout man with the straw-colored mustache, gray uniform and orange Day-Glo ear plugs saunter by again.

His right arm cradles a bazooka-like tube attached to a backpack that houses a whirring 2-cycle engine. Scattered blades of grass fly off the concrete pavement in front of the old T.P. Cooper Building.

Classes are in, students and faculty move from class to class, and the background sounds of campus (conversations in hallways, wind in trees, thoughts in my brain) are consumed by the portable Honda compressor pack.

Now the weed whacker joins the chorus of mechanized maintenance muscle-savers as a crotch-rocket motorcycle races past the College of Pharmacy. Within the hour a gasoline-powered edger will finish what the tractor and leaf-blower started.

In another month the industrial-strength

leaf-blowers and vacuums will rid campus of fallen leaves. There is no escape from the din.

Where are my earplugs?

So what's the problem? Our noisy, mechanized campus may affect our work whether we run the equipment or are subjected to its raucous emanations. Studies show that noise from blowers can cause stress and depression, among other hazards to health.

Even the Environmental Protection Agency agrees — lawn and garden equipment emit about 6.8 million tons of pollution a year, and accounts for about 50 percent of all summertime emissions from non-road sources.

Noise reduces the accuracy of work, especially complex tasks. As noise levels increase, both reaction times and numbers of errors increase. Excessive noise can cause anger, anxiety, irritability, low morale, mental fatigue, distraction, poor judgment and general emotional stress.

It's an understatement to say that many on campus are engaged in complex tasks every day. Health care and scholarship must rank as some of the most dexterous and intellectually complex activities known to humankind. Yet the university follows the band-

wagon of mechanizing every phase of human labor without considering negative impacts on its most precious resources — students, staff and faculty.

Whatever happened to muscle power? Has UK (or anyone, for that matter) demonstrated that noisy lawn and garden tools increase the efficiency of work and improve the health of the operator and those subjected to the cacophonous barrage that afflicts campus denizens on a daily basis?

Might the lifting, cranking, pushing, pulling and exposure to hazardous chemicals associated with gas-powered tools prove detrimental to human health and quality of life? What do workers' compensation claims tell about the relative dangers of a hickory-handled rake versus a backpack blower?

Clearly, we do not have to accept life in the snare drum of technology. Some larger communities are rejecting the noise. Los Angeles and Atlanta, for example, are banning gas-powered leaf-blowers within 1,500 feet of a residence. How difficult would it be to limit the use of noisy equipment in our campus microcosm?

We might even reap benefits: better fit-

ness of workers, fewer injury claims, less investment in fossil fuels, tune-ups, hearing protectors, goggles and other machine-related paraphernalia.

A wood-handled rake might cost \$20 and last 20 years. A \$200 leaf blower might last five years before it's discarded, after it's guzzled barrels of oil and spewed clouds of hydrocarbons and anxiety across campus. How might the university's work and living environment improve if we curbed unnecessary noise and promoted a people-friendly approach to groundskeeping?

Shouldn't a university have the highest work environment standards in the world given our sensitive and complex responsibilities? I wonder how much of the ringing in my ears stems from nonstop exposure to campus noise making and not my advancing decrepitude. No matter — I'm heading home now for some peace and quiet. Oh yeah — I can't forget to pick up fresh gas for the hedge trimmer.

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