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— President George W. Bush

FOUR MORE YEARS

The president reaffirms his oath to the highest office, outlining his agenda for his second term

By Doug Scott
THE KENTUCKY KERNEL

WASHINGTON — Amid thunderous applause and unprecedented security, President George W. Bush took the oath of office for a second time yesterday on the Capitol steps.

In his second inaugural address, Bush outlined his goals for the next four years — reforming Social Security and education and continuing the war on terror and highlighted the accomplishments of his first term.

"The survival of liberty in our land increasingly depends on the success of liberty in other lands. The best hope for peace in our world is the expansion of freedom in all the world," he said.

"My most solemn duty is to pro-

tect this nation and its people from further attacks and emerging threats. Some have unwisely chosen to test America's resolve and have found it firm."

Bush was sworn in by Chief Justice William Rehnquist in the 80-year-old jurist's first public appearance since disclosing his thyroid cancer last October.

Snow left over from Wednesday night greeted the hundred of thousands of people who descended upon the area around the Capitol. "If you're going to come out in this cold weather and snow, you're either really supportive or really angry," said Greg Bart, 39, a lieutenant commander in the Navy who counted himself in the supportive camp. "It's cold, it's wet and it's crowded, but it's a bit of Ameri-

can history." Bart and his wife, Rosa, who live in Washington, got their tickets from a friend of a friend who works in a Congressional office. Many said they had tangential connections that hooked them up with their bit of history.

Rick Byrd, his wife and two daughters drove through the night from Birmingham, Ala., to attend their first inauguration.

At 2 p.m. they found a perch at the corner of Fourth Street and Pennsylvania Avenue — ground zero for protesters — and tried to decipher the anti-Bush chants that echoed around them.

"Not our president! No more war!" went a typical one. To this, Byrd muttered, "We voted. You lost. Get over it."

Bush did not directly address the war in Iraq before the massive crowd.

He spent the second half of his speech discussing his goals for domestic reforms, including Social Security and education.

"To give every American a stake in the promise and future of our country, we will bring the highest standards to our schools and build an ownership society," he said.

"By making every citizen an agent of his or her own destiny, we will give our fellow Americans greater freedom from want and fear, and make our society more prosperous and just and equal in America's ideal of freedom, the public interest depends on private character, on integrity and



President George W. Bush is sworn in by Supreme Court Chief Justice William Rehnquist yesterday as First Lady Laura Bush and daughters Barbara and Jenna look on.

Supporters, demonstrators pack D.C. parade route

See more inauguration coverage, pictures

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tolerance toward others, and the rule of conscience in our own lives. "Self-government relies, in the end, on the governing of the self." The size of the audience and

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Local demonstrators protest inauguration, some arrested

By Elizabeth Troutman
THE KENTUCKY KERNEL



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"I don't condone violence on any level," said Erin Grace, an education graduate student, as she protested next to Jessica Gibbs, right, an architecture junior, outside of the North Campus dorms.

About 30 students gathered at the corner of Avenue of Champions and Limestone Street late yesterday afternoon to protest President Bush's inauguration and his administration's policies.

At least four arrests were made during the protest yesterday evening, most because of disorderly conduct as a few protesters jumped in the street and failed to disperse, said Lexington Police Lt. Ken Stuart.

"(There is) a lot of disorderly conduct that has nothing to do with a peaceful protest," he said.

"Everyone wants their share of time.

"There are some here for and some against," Stuart said. He said the police were present to help keep order after hearing there would be a protest.

Local demonstrators also took part in "10,000 Drums for Peace." During the time President Bush delivered his inauguration speech, people across the United States played drums. The drumming was meant to be a protest against the war in Iraq.

At the Limestone Street demonstration, Chris Garnett, a biology sophomore, held a poster that read, "Drop Bush

not Bombs."

He said that plans for the protest were spread by e-mail and word of mouth.

He was annoyed by the presence of UK and Lexington police.

"We are within complete legal rights," he said.

"Cops are here to make sure nothing else happens."

While many protesters brandished signs condemning the war in Iraq, some condemned the administration's policies toward other countries.

"I came out to protest not necessarily the administration but the administration poli-



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Timeline of events	Kentucky-American Water's sale to German utility conglomerate RWE is finalized. Jan. 10, 2003	Kentucky-American Water officials say they are not interested in selling to the government. Mar. 19, 2003	Council votes 9-6 to pursue condemnation. June 23, 2003	Anti-condemnation council members boycott a special meeting called by Isaac to vote on an ordinance to end the issue on the table. Dec. 16, 2004	
2002	During the mayoral election that year, Teresa Isaac, a candidate for mayor, says the city should buy Kentucky-American Water if it is for sale.	Mar. 11, 2003 Council votes 19-3 to allow Mayor Teresa Isaac to begin talks with Kentucky-American Water.	May 23, 2003 Kentucky-American Water and Lexington government's talks fall apart.	Nov. 2, 2004 The ending of the council changes the five pro-condemnation members are voted out, replaced with five anti-condemnation members.	Jan. 21, 2005 Council votes 8-7 to end condemnation attempt.

Water condemnation defeated by close vote

By Elizabeth Troutman
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After hearing arguments from community members, the Lexington-Fayette Urban County Council voted 8 to 7 to end the condemnation of Kentucky-American Water Company last night.

However, Mayor Teresa Isaac pledged not to let the issue die with the council's vote. "I think this issue will stay with this community," she said. "They (the council) know there will be a veto decision at 3 p.m. next Thursday."

Former Lexington mayor and Bluegrass FLOW (For Local Ownership of Water) chair-

man Foster Pettit asked council to reexamine the issue.

"I am asking you to consider many other aspects of an agreement you are about to strike," he said.

Warren Rogers, chairman of Citizens Against Government Takeover, said the government has spent enough time and money on this issue.

"I welcome the end of this process, and I think we are near it," he said.

Isaac said during the 2002 mayoral election campaign that Lexington should buy Kentucky-American Water if it was for sale. The company was purchased in early 2003 by RWE, a German utility con-

glomerate. The city briefly talked with Kentucky-American Water about a sale, but the company made it clear it was not for sale again.

In mid-2003, the council voted to move forward with condemnation. The city spent more than \$1 million in legal fees, and advocacy groups on both sides of the issue launched media campaigns.

Council member Jacques Wigginton was the only person to switch sides since the council met last week and voted 9 to 6 for the first reading of the proposal. He said he changed his stance hoping to extend condemnation negotiations.

"Whether you want to talk

about elections or whether you want to talk about polls, there is a majority that doesn't want to pay the price," he said. "We are at a point in which people have spoken. My concern is not where we are today."

Council member Sandy Shafer voted for condemnation.

"I appreciate the outpouring of the community," Shafer said. "I believe Lexington is a stronger community because of this. This is building leadership in the community. It may not be the right way, but we're doing it."

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Boston soldiers on despite bomb threat

By Elizabeth Mehren
LOS ANGELES TIMES

BOSTON — The mayor and other officials urged this city to carry on as usual yesterday while authorities sought up to six possible suspects in an alleged bomb plot.

Photographs of two Chinese men and two Chinese women appeared on the front pages of Boston's two daily newspapers yesterday after federal law enforcement officials said they received a tip concerning an unspecified threat against Boston. The FBI also said they were seeking two Iraqis in connection with the investigation.

Michael J. Sullivan, the U.S. Attorney here, said four people from China — identified as Zengrong Lin, Wen Quin Zheng, Xiuhui Chen and Guozhi Lin — had never

been categorized as "persons of interest," and had not appeared on any agency's official watch list.

Sullivan would not comment on reports of a crude radioactive bomb — or the makings of such a bomb — in their possession.

"This is where it gets spun out of control, where people start speculating about things like 'dirty bombs,'" he said.

At City Hall, Mayor Thomas M. Menino said he learned of the threat at 8 a.m. Wednesday while attending a meeting in Washington, and immediately returned to Boston. Menino said he talked to Homeland Security Chief Tom Ridge, and found "there were a lot of reasons why this (report) rose above" other information of a similar nature.

Gales takes giant leap for UK

By Laura Nelligan
THE KENTUCKY KERNEL

On the Thursday before a meet, each member of the UK gymnastics team writes down a commitment to something they will do the next day.

They hand that to a teammate who will hold them accountable by reminding them what they promised to do. This keeps the focus of the individual gymnast and back on the team.

For senior Michelle Gales, this helps her with the challenge she faced entering collegiate gymnastics — the transition from an individual to a team sport.

But with all of her accomplishments, it seems like she doesn't need too much help.

With a 9.9 performance on the floor last week against Arkansas, she helped UK earn a 17th place national team ranking.

According to head coach Mo Muhammad, the Cats were lucky to get Gales. Many schools overlooked her; not to mention she almost signed with someone else.

"I have coaches come to me asking 'Where did she come from?'" Muhammad said.

Her combination of ability, athleticism, family support and upbringing, academics and morals led UK to sign Gales, he said.

"She has the whole package," Muhammad said. "She is a good athlete. You can teach someone gymnastics but not how to be an athlete."

Gales definitely shows this athleticism.

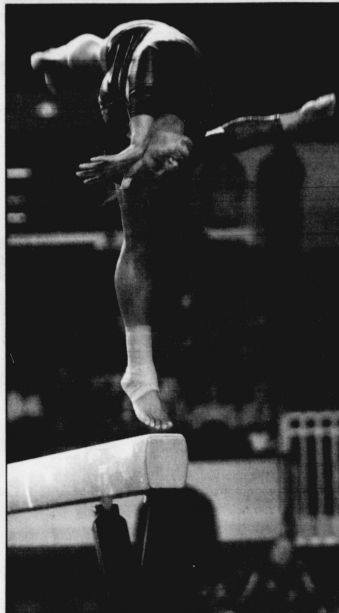
In March 2003, her sophomore year, she won the all-around with a score of 39.4. Only Jenny Hansen, an eight-time national champion, has scored higher at UK. Gales is 21st in the nation on floor.

And in 2004, she was the only UK gymnast to compete at the NCAA regionals.

But much like the team's pre-meet tradition, Gales also has her eyes on the next year and even beyond that.

After this season is over, Gales wants to student coach and possibly run a track for her fifth year at UK.

In addition to her talents in the gym, Gales was chosen as co-captain last year.



JONATHAN PALMER | STAFF

Senior gymnast Michelle Gales scored a 9.9 on the floor event in last week's contest against Arkansas. She is 21st in the nation in that event.

She leads by example, Muhammad said.

At first this was difficult — she wasn't vocal and the job could seem intimidating, he said. But through self-evaluations and numerous sessions on how to be a leader, she has managed to open up to the team.

"By opening up so quickly, she has helped the team a lot and made them comfortable," said junior and fellow co-captain Staci O'Keefe. "She is willing to come out of her comfort zone, which encourages others to do the same. She does what it takes to make the team stronger."

The additional responsibilities have helped Gales as well.

"Becoming a captain has

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changed the way I look at things," Gales said. "It has allowed me to open up and be brought out of my shell."

Muhammad predicts great things for Gales this season. He believes she is capable of winning the all-around this weekend against Georgia.

"She should be All-American and top eight in the NCAA," Muhammad said. "She has potential."

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Bulldogs shoot out Cats, 72-59

STARKVILLE, Miss. — The Mississippi State women's basketball team defeated UK 72-59 last night at Humphrey Coliseum.

Mississippi St. (14-3, 3-1 Southeastern Conference) built a large lead early on the strength of hot 3-point shooting. The Bulldogs made 11 of 18 3-point attempts on the game.

UK (13-6, 2-2 SEC) made nine of 29 shots in the first half. MSU guard Tan White led the Bulldogs with 29 points and seven rebounds on 11-of-20 shooting.

Senior forward Sara Potts led UK with 15 points and sev-

en rebounds. Freshman center Sarah Elliott also scored 13 points for the Cats.

The loss breaks UK's two-game conference winning streak. UK defeated Georgia and Ole Miss last week in Lexington.

Each team received one vote in this week's Associated Press Top 25 poll.

UK travels to Knoxville, Tenn., for a 3 p.m. game Sunday against the University of Tennessee Lady Vols. It will mark the first time UK head coach Mickie DeMoss has coached against her former team in Knoxville.

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Kentucky (59)

NAME	mi	fga	3-pt	ft-a	rb	tp
Potts	29	13	3-9	0-0	7	13
Elliott	27	5-11	0-0	3-4	6	13
Alcus	18	3-9	1-3	0-0	1	8
Mohoney	27	3-12	0-1	2-4	4	6
Phillips	33	1-3	1-3	0-0	3	3
Bowman	25	1-7	0-0	2-2	2	4
Foyne	14	1-1	0-0	5-6	0	7
Humphrey	7	0-0	0-0	0-1	0	0
Tate	20	1-2	0-0	2-2	4	4
Team	200	20-58	5-16	14-18	34	59

Mississippi State (72)

NAME	mi	fga	3-pt	ft-a	rb	tp
Cherwa	21	0-6	0-0	0-2	8	0
Warren	32	2-3	2-2	4-4	7	10
Ferguson	23	6-8	5-7	0-0	2	17
Burns	19	9	0-0	0-0	0	16
McKinney	25	2-5	0-0	0-0	4	4
White	34	11-20	5-7	5-7	7	29
Kates	34	2-5	1-4	0-0	3	6
Team	200	28-56	11-18	9-15	41	72

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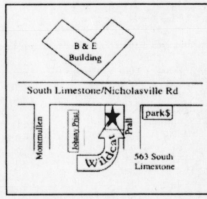
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There is apparently an uncanny need for us, as human beings, to have a gigantic elevator that extends from the ground into outer space.



Derek Poore
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After all, with poverty, disease, war and reality TV shows swarming the planet, what else would we use our infinite brainpower, assets and resources for?

Brad Edwards, who used to be a researcher at Los Alamos (and probably took midnight UFO joyrides), got a grant from NASA to look into this space elevator concept. I'm sure this is a priority of NASA's — right behind getting coffee and just ahead of ordering takeout.

The elevator would reach

62,000 miles into space — except when it gets stuck around the 149,307th floor because Bob the intern keeps playing with the emergency alarm. Will there be elevator attendants? I would certainly hope so. Talk about frequent flyer miles.

The transit time for a box into space would be about 10 minutes, experts say. And could there be circus in space? That's a whole new ring for Barnum and Bailey. Even Google co-founder Sergei Brin is in on the hype.

So, since we're nearing an Elevator Age, and perhaps an Elevator Race (just for kicks), I think we need to start preparing a list of people that need to be sent up on the space elevator — and left there.

Martha Stewart would probably find plenty to decorate in outer space, that being her natural-born habi-

tat. Maxim magazine recently printed the possibility of space hotels built in conjunction with a space elevator. Martha would have a blast. It would sure beat prison.

Michael Jackson is too obvious of a choice, but how about Jeff Probst, host of CBS's "Survivor"? Or how about the entire British royal family?

Sports fans, you could launch Minnesota Vikings receiver Randy Moss up with Washington Redskins owner Daniel Snyder. NBA announcer Bill Walton is a personal choice.

But what will they do once they're up there? After caging Stewart, Probst, Moss and the entire British royal family (which is a reality show in its own right), space entrepreneurs could get busy on more important things — like how to get down. This seems to be a great interest of the science community and humanity

in general. Once we get there, how do we get back? That makes for a great project. Never mind what we actually do while we're there.

As a matter of fact, we're probably on Earth because we made it here thousands of years ago and forgot how to get home. Jacko made the same mistake. He's just a lonely traveler stuck on another planet.

So in the end, we've got hotels and reality TV coming out of all this.

If we're lucky, this whole project should turn into a giant shopping mall in space, complete with sports bars and fast food, so we can run up our credit cards, drink and get fat in space too. But this is starting to sound a whole lot like Earth, so I think I'll stay here.

After all, I wouldn't know how to get down.

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THE CANADA REPORT | 7 questions, 7 answers

By Hillary Canada
THE KENTUCKY KERNEL

Adam Hood is southern like pralines and crawdads and the phrase "fixin' to," so it's safe to say he's a little bit country — but he'll argue that he's a little bit rock 'n' roll too.

Either way, you can see which of the Osmonds Adam truly resembles (musically, not physically) at 10:30 tonight at Two Keys Tavern. Cover costs \$4.

Q: What was your first concert experience?

A: I went to something called Atlanta Fest at Six Flags in Atlanta and saw Geoff Moore and the Distance, Whiteheart, and Steven Curtis Chapman. That was the first one I went to, and the next one was a Clint Black show, and that was the one that changed me. After that I really wanted to be Clint Black.

Q: Who is your celebrity crush?

A: Oh, God ... let me think ... I want to think real hard about this one. Drew Berrymore, I think. There's not a whole lot of down-to-earth celebrities out there, and she's the most down-to-earth that I've seen this week.

Q: What was the first record you owned?

A: The first record that I had was Lionel Richie — what was the name of it? It was the one with "My Love" on it — it has a picture of him with a pastel sweater. It was so cheesy. My first tape



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Alabama native Adam Hood — who counts musicians John Hiatt, Ian Moore and Steve Earle among his inspirations — performs at 10:30 tonight at Two Keys Tavern, located at 333 S. Limestone St. Cover costs \$4.

was 1984 by Van Halen. My taste was pretty spread out, that, probably comes through in my music.

Q: What's the best Spring Break destination?

A: For me? You know really, I've never actually taken a Spring Break ... I've usually been working or on the road or, something. I suppose the beach. We have a lake up here, Lake Martin, and it's about 30 minutes from my hometown, so that's where we go for breaks. I don't really go to the beach that much — sand gets on my nerves. I can't go

for a week of being drunk. It's never been appealing.

Q: What is your favorite late-night eatery?

A: It used to be Waffle House about three years ago, but now it's Subway. My health is a big deal now that I've turned 29. Usually most of the hotels we stay in on the road have a treadmill or something, but I've got to watch what I eat, or I'm going to come back with 10 extra pounds. Then I have to get my big jeans out. That's probably not something you usually hear a guy say, is it?

Q: What's in your pocket right now?

A: A pen. And that's it. Just a pen. I usually carry picks, but I just put on a clean pair of jeans.

Q: What is the first thing you think about when you hear the word 'Kentucky'?

A: Bluegrass. I've heard that Kentucky is such a center for music. We don't have a scene around here — Birmingham kind of does, but people talk about how that's dead. You are all really fortunate.

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IN OUR OPINION

Condemnation termination a good move

It looks like the Lexington-Fayette Urban County Council has finally given up on condemning Kentucky-American Water Co.

After years of legal and political wrangling and more than \$1 million wasted taxpayer dollars, most council members have realized the public doesn't support condemnation. Condemnation — also known as eminent domain — is not a government power to be abused or taken lightly.

It allows for a government to take private property for public use and requires fair market value compensation.

Kentucky-American Water estimated its fair market value to be between \$500 million and \$750 million — money the city did not have and would have to acquire significant debt to pay.

At Thursday's meeting, the council voted 8-7 to approve a resolution to end condemnation. The vote comes just weeks after five new council members were sworn in, all of whom were against condemnation. They were elect-

ed last November during a council race that focused almost exclusively on the candidates' stances on condemnation. The new members replaced five pro-condemnation members.

The issue of condemnation arose in 2002 when Mayor Teresa Isaac campaigned for mayor, and it appeared the parent company of Kentucky-American Water, American Water Works, could be for sale. Kentucky-American Water officials made it clear they were not interested in selling to the city, and RWE Thames Water, a German utility conglomerate, later purchased the company. Government regulators approved the sale almost three years ago, but that did not stop Isaac from pursuing condemnation to overtake a privately held company.

Condemnation may be acceptable in some

circumstances for a demonstrated public good such as land for roads or schools, but it should not be abused. Using it to obtain Lexington's water company because certain gov-

ernment officials do not want a German company to own it is a clear instance of abuse of power. RWE and Kentucky-American Water are still subject to state and federal regulations.

The fact that RWE is a German company is not sufficient grounds for enacting an expensive precedent for condemnation and government interference in private business.

Some anti-German sentiments that have been espoused by a few citizens at recent council meetings are equally disturbing.

All along, Isaac has called for "local ownership of water." A government takeover does

not result in local ownership of water — it results in government ownership of water.

Lexington has a lot of real problems. Schools are overcrowded. Development is stressing the city's sewer system and roads. Police are understaffed and underpaid. These are serious issues that affect people's quality of life.

Isaac has distracted the council long enough from addressing Lexington's true problems.

While she has been busy chasing after condemnation, Lexington's police officers have been leaving for better pay, backyards have flooded during storms due to the antiquated sewer system and funding was reduced for the new Bryan Station High School.

As the council begins to set its agenda for the new year, it should focus on what matters most to citizens and wisely spend tax dollars.

Enough with the fiasco that was Isaac's push for condemnation of the water company. Let's focus on what really matters in Lexington.

The Urban County Council has more pressing issues needing their attention that the water company condemnation.

Q&A with Kathy Plomin

United Way of the Bluegrass President



HILLY SCHIFFER | KERNEL STAFF

Opinions editor Andrew Martin sat down with Kathy Plomin, president of the United Way of the Bluegrass, to talk about the tsunami relief effort.

Q. What fundraising activities is the local United Way doing for tsunami victims?

A. When we have disasters, whether they be local, regional, national or international, we kind of step forward as that driver to unite people. We partner with local media and with banks with multi locations to allow people to easily give, going through the drive through, stopping in at any of the branches. About a week ago we decided to create another fund called "United We Can Make a World of Difference."

They're on the air with promo spots. The promo spots basically drive the whole "United We Can Make a World of Difference" and encourage people to drive to any of the 22 Fifth Third Bank locations in the Central Kentucky area and give to the relief fund.

Q. Have you seen much interest in helping from college organizations, such as community service organizations or Greek organizations?

A. I think there are all kinds of groups that want to be involved and have been involved. Since this fund just got started last week they have not come to us with their monies, and you hear about those every day.

Q. Do you have any information about how much money has been received so far from local campaign?

A. This week we'll probably receive \$3,500 to \$5,000. I think the more you see the promo spots and hear the related spots and so many of the relief efforts have already been held. This event will be ongoing throughout the whole year, maybe even longer.

Q. What will the United Way do with the money?

A. You've got to get those basics in place. The first basic is obviously sur-

vival, and those needs are being met. Your next level would be the infrastructure that will allow life to continue and hopefully be enhanced.

That rebuilding process provides material things, but the byproduct of that is the emotional and psychological impact it has when all of the sudden they're living in a house again and their kids are going to school.

Q. Should people donate items or money, and why?

A. Money. Obviously the first response is to donate goods. The logistics tied up in transporting these goods is overwhelming. Those that are on-site know what they're doing and have the best perception of what the money needs to be spent on next.

Q. Do you have a fundraising goal?

A. We really don't. I think once we have a week under our belt we'll probably get a feel for what the average week might be.

But the United Way is goal-oriented. We've just raised \$8 million for this year's campaign. But those are two separate things. Those monies stay in Central Kentucky. The tsunami fund will go to United Way International. But no goal. Just that everybody gives.

Q. Is it better for people to donate with checks or cash?

A. You can bring cash by. The banks will deposit the cash. What we're trying to do with the checks, we're able to capture the name and go ahead and send a thank you. Fifth Third will forward the checks the United Way here, and then we'll record the name. And then at some point we'll do a community "thank you."

Q. Do you have any advice for people suspicious of charity scams?

A. There are checks and balances. One of the things that we are finding is that there are scams out there. Web sites are being set up; e-mails are going out, even people pretending to be victims. And they're scams. But you've got the Better Business

Bureau really honing in on that. If you are skeptical, call the Better Business Bureau.

You can't start selling things and say "all the proceeds are going to benefit the Red Cross." You have to get permission to do that.

There's a possibility that the money won't go where it's intended, and you've got to have some agreement between these organizations. The United Way, the Red Cross and UNICEF are scrutinized. There's a board, and there's checks and balances.

Q. Do you know what percentage of your money locally goes toward programs and how much goes toward administrative and fundraising expenses?

A. For our annual campaign, 12 to 13 percent goes for people to go out and raise money for marketing materials, pledge forms and administrative costs.

That's very low. The BBB said that any charity should not spend beyond 35 percent on administrative and fundraising costs. So we're way below that. On the tsunami fund, 100 percent of this goes to United Way International.

Q. Is there anything else you'd like to add?

A. I encourage faculty and students and friends of the Kernel to take those blinders off. Even though this isn't in our backyard, it is in our world. We need to take care of each other. This is a terrible, terrible tragedy. It didn't happen to us as individuals, but it did happen to us as a united world.

Bush's inauguration a splendid spectacle

WASHINGTON — Now it's Thursday evening, and I have the thrill of memory: I attended a presidential inauguration.

It's 8:30 a.m. and actually very few people are here. Security guards have already gently frisked our group's members once, and we've all shown our tickets twice at the gold security checkpoints. We're in the "gold" standing area behind the reflecting pool.

The skies are overcast, two inches of snow cover the ground, but the temperature and wind aren't that bad. The Capitol is decorated with American flags. On the roofs of more modern buildings nearby are a few cameramen, but they're outnumbered by snipers.

Three hours later, more people arrive. Our area is packed. It's beginning.

During pauses from the military bands, the announcer begins introducing groups. "Ladies and gentlemen, the members of the 109th Congress ..."

And here they come on the platform. We pick out faces on the giant screens, because the platform is too far away to see them. There are Kentucky's senators, Mitch McConnell and Jim Bunning.

We spot other senators: Sen. John McCain, R-Ariz., Sen. Ted Kennedy, D-Mass., Sen. Joe Lieberman D-Conn. And that other famous Massachusetts senator, John Kerry.

What? The crowd boos! His face is on the screen, and he probably doesn't even know it. He's just smiling normally, walking to his seat, talking to people, while the standing section boos his image on the screen. It's interesting. It's amusing.

It's somewhat annoying. Can we at least have a small round of applause for the at-first gracious losing candidate? This is America, for crying out loud! We behave during inaugurations, no matter who's elected. Is there any precedent for booing the other candidate at the inauguration? Did Al Gore get booed in 2001?

And here comes former presidents Clinton, Bush and Carter. Carter gets scattered applause. Bush gets cheers. Clinton and his wife, Sen. Hillary Clinton, D-N.Y., get lots of boos.

Did any of this get on television? Sen. Trent Lott, R-Miss., asks everyone to stand for the presentation of the national colors. That's not funny at all, of course, unless you've already been standing for 3.5 hours.

After the colors, he asks everyone to sit down. Many in our area laugh. And a grinning security guard patrolling the area in front of our fence, very much in on the joke, waves his hands up and down, palms lowered, as if whispering, "Yes, be seated."

Far ahead and on the screens, the Cabinet members arrive. Vice President Dick Cheney and his family arrives. Finally, to short but loud applause and cheers, President Bush, Laura Bush and their daughters step onto the platform.

Sen. Lott introduces the singers. They perform beautifully with God, freedom and country-themed hymns.

Speaker of the House Dennis Hastert, R-Ill., stands next to the podium and swears in Vice President Dick Cheney for his second term. "Congratulations," he tells Cheney.

Supreme Court Chief Justice William Rehnquist is here. His health is failing, but God bless him, he made it.

He swears in President Bush. His voice is quiet, so they've had to turn up the sound. You can hear him rasp as he inhales to recite the phrases President Bush will repeat.

"I, George W. Bush, do solemnly swear that I will faithfully execute the office of President of the United States, and I will to the best of my ability preserve, protect and defend the Constitution of the United States."

The bands play and the crowds roar.

Two-term President Bush takes the stand to give his address. We can only really see him on the screens — much like everyone else in the country.

A slight commotion commences up front. People are cheering and clapping. I recognize the pattern because it repeats several times during Bush's convention speech in September. Protesters from somewhere are doing something, right in the middle of the inaugural address.

How disgusting — has that ever been done before? In retrospect Bush fans booing Kerry seem quite justified. Security personnel guide whoever it is away and Bush simply continues.

The address is over. People cheer and clap their gloves together, thump-thump-thump, everywhere, like dozens of boots on carpeted steps.

More music. Rev. Kirbyjon Caldwell gives the benediction and closes in Jesus' name.

And that's it. The inaugural parade begins several hours from now, and there's very little chance of getting anywhere near it. We won't get to see the president get out and walk beside his limo, and the crowds are still heavy, security's tighter, and we're cold and tired of standing up for four hours straight, and we'll have to dodge protesters.

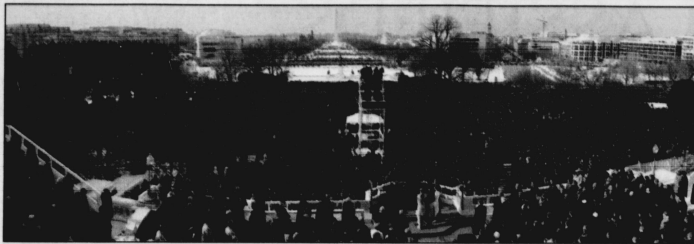
Anyway the presidential inauguration festivities — with news and details now immortalized! I highly recommend D.C.'s next outdoor performance, regardless of who's been elected. Showtime: Jan. 20, 2009. Maybe we can go together! Will you drive?

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A wide-angle view from the U.S. Capitol across the Mall toward the Washington Monument taken as George W. Bush, foreground, is sworn in. **BILL O'LEARY | THE WASHINGTON POST**

Swarms line D.C. streets

**By Troy Lyle
THE KENTUCKY KERNEL**

WASHINGTON — As President George W. Bush and Laura Bush waved from their limousine as it crawled down Pennsylvania Avenue yesterday, Bush supporters and protesters crowded streets surrounded by police security.

Protesters lined some sections of the parade route with signs in hand, pounding on drums and chanting "Not in our name" and "One, two, three, four — we don't need your stinking war."

Closer to the White House on Pennsylvania Avenue, the crowd was strongly pro-Bush. The Bushes briefly walked a few blocks before getting back in the limousine for the last block around the White House.

While most demonstrations were held peacefully one along Pennsylvania Avenue between 13th and 14th streets quickly got out of hand. Held back from the street by police, a group of protesters dressed in black, faces covered and carrying upside-down American flags stormed onto the street.

"F— Bush!" said the group's leader, who called himself "Captain Chaos," as he and about 200 others surged forward.

Police struggled to push the crowd off the street since the president's motorcade was a few blocks away on Pennsylvania Avenue. Police in riot gear sprayed pepper spray



over the crowd, arresting some of the protesters who resisted. Security for presidential inaugurations is traditionally heavy, but security was even more intense in the post-Sept. 11 era. Manhole covers were welded shut weeks ago, while security officers repeatedly searched people in the crowds.

D.C. Police Officer C.J. Jones said the city took every precaution possible, stationing one officer for every 25 people along the parade route. About 5,000 additional National Guard members provided extra security, he said.

"We want to ensure there are no problems today," he said.

The tight security created frequent human gridlocks as

both supporters and protesters gathered at main intersections along the parade route trying to enter the grandstands.

"I was down here before 10 a.m.," said University of Maryland freshman Sara Reimer, who arrived in Washington early this morning in hopes of celebrating Bush's second term. "I could see empty seats in the grandstands but was repeatedly told there's no room or those seats are reserved. It's like the police are screening who can and can't enter the event," she said.

John Vincent, a former English graduate student at UK, said he was angry some television commentators said police had made no arrests and that police were allowing peo-

ple to protest peacefully. "It's all lies — I've personally seen three people arrested, a group of protesters sprayed with Mace, and I've walked the entire length of Pennsylvania Avenue, and they still won't let me in," he said. "It's a shame that democracy in America has to resort to an iron curtain and barricades to preserve the illusion of its national story."

John Planksek, a French freshman at Elon College in North Carolina, said he wanted to make his voice heard at the inauguration.

"He's done a terrible job running this country and what better way to let him know than to come here today and tell him in person," he said.

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Protesters who were part of "10,000 Drums for Peace" played drums across the United States during the time President Bush delivered his inauguration speech. The drumming was meant to be a protest against the war in Iraq. These people gathered as part of the protest in Triangle Park yesterday on the corner of North Broadway and Main. **CHRIS REYNOLDS | STAFF**

Protest

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Other students, such as undeclared freshman Ray Ritcher, came to show their support for President Bush.

"The election is over and decided," he said. "If they

(other protesters) are going to show the right of free speech, then so am I. I don't agree with trying to disagree with the cops."

Another student said she came to show people why the United States isn't a democracy, contrary to public opinion.

"It's a dynasty," said Jessica Ebelhar, an education freshman. "You can't have a dynasty and democracy. We have no choice, it's not a democracy ... you have no choice."

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Bush

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the increased security made for long lines to be processed by security with spectators still pouring in through security checkpoints as Bush spoke.

Among the almost 6,000 law enforcement officers and thousands of military personnel, the inauguration events were under the watch of rooftop snipers, tactical teams, plain-clothes security personnel and medical teams.

Police helicopters and surveillance aircraft continually circled the National Mall.

"We just wanted to voice our opinions against George Bush and his war," said Thomas Wingate, a journalism freshman at the University of Maryland.

"The war is a really huge issue for me personally. Also, the PATRIOT Act but mostly the war."

Wingate had intended to attend the swearing-in ceremony but couldn't get passed security in time to hear the president speak, not even after waiting in line for over two hours.

The inaugural events put on by the Presidential Inaugural Committee cost about \$40 million, raised by private donors. The District of Columbia and the federal government paid \$20 million for security at the festivities.

Although it was a day of celebration for the Bush administration and those who returned him to the White House, Bush also offered words of reflection and unity.

"From the perspective of a single day, including this day of dedication, the issues and questions before our country are many," he said.

"From the viewpoint of centuries, the questions that come to us are narrowed and few. Did our generation advance the cause of freedom? And did our character bring credit to that cause?"

"These questions that judge us also unite us because Americans of every party and background, Americans by choice and by birth are bound to one another in the cause of freedom."

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