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Lexington chief comes to UK

Beatty opts for job change over retirement after 34 years in the city police department

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With more than 30 years devoted to the Lexington Police Department including six years as its chief, Anthony Beatty knew he was ready for a change.

The 57-year-old wanted to slow down and spend more time with his family, but he was not ready to retire. UK offered him an ideal opportunity when it asked him to head public safety on campus.

"I'm a big proponent of being prepared so when the doors

open I can step in," Beatty said. "Certainly when we talked about it, it was something very exciting. You prepare for this all your career. When opportunities present themselves you have to pick what's best for the next chapter of your life."

UK announced earlier this month that Beatty would join UK administration as assistant vice president for public safety in January. In the position, which oversees the UK Police Department,

Parking and Transportation, Environmental Health, and Safety and Emergency Management, Beatty will act as the replacement for Ken Cleveland, the assistant vice president of auxiliary services who retired in June.

The new position is essentially the same but without the responsibility of dealing with university property so that a stronger emphasis can be made on safety, said UK

spokesman Jay Blanton. Beatty is set to receive a \$125,000 salary.

A Lexington native, Beatty grew up in the inner city and

graduated from Henry Clay High School. He isn't new to UK's campus either. After receiving a degree in police administration and a minor in political science from Eastern Kentucky University, he came back to Lexington to work for UK Police in 1973.

At that time he was working on his master's degree from Kentucky State University while his wife, Eunice, was attending UK.

After a few months with UK Police, Beatty began his tenure at the Lexington Police Department and served in several high-ranking positions there. He was the first officer in

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Police chief search resumes with Beatty hire

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After nearly three years and one failed hire, UK administrators are resuming the search for a new police chief.

Lexington Police Chief Anthony Beatty, who will officially join UK in January as assistant vice president for public safety, said finding someone for the job is his first order of business.

While tying up loose ends at the Lexington police department, Beatty said he wants to name a new permanent chief before he comes to UK.

"My extra time will be devoted to the police-chief search," he said. "The university deserves that."

Since July 2006, Maj. Joe Monroe has served as interim police chief for UK Police. The temporary position was created after McDonald Vick, who was selected in the previous chief search, resigned in July 2006 when sexual harassment and bribery lawsuits against him came to light.

The last permanent UK police chief, Fred H. Otto III, resigned in November 2004 after he used a university employee

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First-ever SG adviser seeks more non-Greeks

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Student Government will start the school year with many challenges, one of them coming from Todd Cox, the newly appointed SG adviser.

"I want to challenge SG to move out of their circles when recruiting staff," Cox said. "It's not a problem that SG is so Greek based, but other groups need to get more involved. I want SG to think bigger than that."

This is just one of the hopes Cox has for SG in the coming year. Cox was hired as UK's first SG adviser earlier this month.

"The higher elected officials in SG are unbelievably busy," SG President Nick Phelps said. "This position will serve as a liaison and help us communicate with faculty at UK."

Cox graduated from UK in 2002 with a dual degree in communications and business management. After receiving his master's degree from Ashbury College in 2006, Cox said he wanted to give back to UK by practicing his leadership skills.

"My time at UK helped shape me into who I am," Cox said. "There's no better way to give back than to work with UK students."

Cox also served as a consultant for the Pi Kappa Phi fraternity traveling to New York, New Jersey, Pennsylvania and Southern California. Phelps said that experience was a major factor in the decision to hire Cox.

During his time as a student at UK, Cox was very involved in his fraternity, but he doesn't view that as a negative.

"I think it is positive that I can understand many SG members because they are Greek," he said. "But people that come out to work in SG, I will work with them whether they are Greek or not."

Cox will also help with transitions from year to year between SG administrations, Phelps said.

"SG has great ideas, but each year new people come in," Phelps said. "His position can continue those ideas so that each administration can be more effective than the last."

Implementing legislation that is passed will be an important part of the job, Phelps said.

"In the Senate we pass legislation and everyone wonders where it's going," Phelps said. "Cox is going to help us take action."

Senate President Tyler Montell said other universities' student governments had advisers, but UK's didn't realize the importance of the position until now.

"We didn't understand how much we needed an adviser until we actually got one," Montell said. "Having an adviser is a huge advantage."

Communication is an important part of the job, but Montell said there is more to the position than just that.

"We need to have someone internally to work through ideas, not just to mediate between faculty and students," he said.

The SG adviser will also serve as an assistant in the office of student involvement, Phelps said that this would be beneficial to other student organizations.

"He will be making a huge effort to help with the smaller organizations and to guide them as well as SG," Phelps said.

Serving the dual roles of adviser and as-

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ED MATTHEWS / STAFF

Lexington resident Daryl Cook fills in for DJ Ben Allen during the 4 to 6 p.m. slot on WRFL yesterday in the station's studio in the Student Center. The student-run radio station is preparing to upgrade the antennae and transmitter on top of the Patterson Office Tower to extend its broadcast area into Frankfort and Georgetown.

Making waves

WRFL approved to expand past Lexington despite local opposition

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Six years after requesting permission from the Federal Communications Commission, UK's only student-run radio station, 88.1 WRFL, is increasing its broadcast area.

"It's a slow process, but I think it'll benefit the station in the long run," said WRFL General Manager Chuck Clenney.

WRFL's signal has covered the Lexington area since 1988. Once the new 7,900-watt antennae and transmitter are constructed, WRFL's listening area will extend northwest to Frankfort and Georgetown.

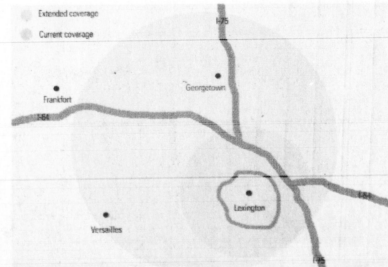
"It's just so we can educate Kentuckians about new, independent music," said Clenney, an English senior. "We play upwards of 10,000 songs a week, whereas other stations have the

same 35 songs." The American Family Association, a Christian organization with a national radio network, filed petitions in April, May and June contesting WRFL's expansion. The AFA has a radio station based in Mt. Sterling, 88.1 WAXG.

"We're not picking a fight with the University of Kentucky but with the attribution of control definition the FCC rule is based on," said Patrick Vaughn, general counsel for the AFA.

The FCC decides which stations get to increase their broadcast area based on a points system. The system includes whether the station is local and brings diversity to the area, which Vaughn said is a disadvantage to AFA's national network.

"Our contention is that the rule is irrational," Vaughn said.



Although the FCC dismissed the AFA's last petition in June, the organization can file a new petition at any time. However, Vaughn said the AFA has no plans right now to contest

WRFL's expansion. If the AFA does decide to file a petition, construction of the new

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Construction forces students off the beaten path

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When second year medical student Ali Farooqui started to class Aug. 6 he missed his old walking routes.

"It would be nice to not have to take the long way to get around too much," Farooqui said. "I'd like to have Rose Street back."

Construction projects across campus could cause delays for Farooqui

and other students as pedestrian traffic flow is rerouted to accommodate temporary sidewalks and walkway changes.

Dail Clark, UK director of capital projects, said he expects the construction will also cause delays in vehicle traffic on campus.

Projects include a new building for the College of Pharmacy, replacement of the steam and condensate piping of central campus, a new student health facility and a

new patient care facility, Clark said.

The new \$450 million patient care facility located between the Agricultural Science Center North and the hospital parking garage is in its first phase and is expected to be complete in January 2011. Until then, sidewalks in the area will be closed.

For now, pedestrians can follow pathways leading around the hospital's construction site, Clark said.

Construction has also started on the new College of Pharmacy building, a \$132 million project that has caused traffic changes. The walkway connecting Parking Structure No. 6 to the Kentucky Clinic will remain closed until the completion of the project in 2010. A covered walkway has been added to South Limestone Street next to the site to accommodate pedestrian traffic in that area.

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Fuel pipes linked to jet fire

The Yomiuri Shimbun

NAHA, Japan — The explosion that caused a China Airlines airplane to burst into flames Monday likely was caused by a problem with the fuel pipes around the pylon that connects the engine to the right wing, the Japanese Construction and Transport Ministry's Aircraft and Railway Investigation Commission said Tuesday.

The plane, a Boeing 737-800, has high-pressure pumps inside the wing that send fuel to the engine. It likely only took a few minutes for a huge amount of fuel to leak after the airplane had stopped on the apron.

According to the commission and other sources, the airplane had about 7,000 kilograms of fuel when it left Taipei. About 4,700 kilograms remained in the tank when the airplane arrived at Naha Airport.

Airplanes usually fly with extra fuel in case of unforeseen circumstances that require them to return to the departure airport or land at an alternative airport.

It takes about an hour and 20 minutes to fly from Taipei to Naha, but Flight 120 was carrying enough fuel for a three-hour flight.

Pumps inside a tank located in the wing or fuselage send fuel to injectors on the engine through metal pipes. These high-pressure pumps are capable of supplying an engine with a maximum of about 9,000 kilograms of fuel per hour.

Damage to the pipes inside a tank would not cause fuel to



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All 165 passengers aboard a China Airlines jet evacuated minutes before the jet burst into flames, Monday, August 20, 2007, after arriving in Okinawa, Japan from Taiwan.

leak outside the tank. As such, the Aircraft and Railway Investigation Commission suspects pipes supplying fuel to the engine were disconnected around the pylon for reasons still unknown, and this likely caused fuel to leak into the engine. An aircraft mechanic on the ground spotted a large fuel spill behind the airplane's right engine.

Engines on this type of plane have safety devices to discharge spilled fuel. However, the amount of leaked fuel was believed to be greater than the capacity of the safety devices.

In addition, the fuel leaked over the hot turbine and exhaust vent, which likely caused it to vaporize and ignite, leading to the explosion.

The commission began examining the aircraft with the Okinawa police Tuesday morn-

ing. The U.S. National Transportation Safety Board and Boeing Co. will send staff to inspect the accident scene. They are expected to arrive Wednesday.

A China Airlines spokesman said a fire alarm and other gauges installed in the cockpit of the plane did not show any abnormal readings at the time of the fire, an airline spokesman said.

"The pilot and other crew had not noticed the fire until they were informed by ground crew," Sun Hung-wen said at a news conference at the airline's head office in Taipei.

He also said no abnormality had been discovered on the Boeing 737-800 during recent inspections, adding China Airlines found it impossible to identify the cause of the accident under the circumstances.

Australian ads hit speeders where it hurts: Below the belt

By Laurie Goering
Chicago Tribune

SYDNEY, Australia — After failing to scare young men into driving more slowly, Australian authorities have hit on a new tactic: questioning their virility.

A witty advertising campaign features passengers and passers-by waving their pinkie fingers — a gesture suggesting a certain lack of physical endowment — at show-off male drivers.

"The message is: If you're trying to impress people, this doesn't impress anyone. People see you as a clown," said John Whelan, business director for road safety and policy at the New South Wales Roads and Traffic Authority.

"For a long time, nothing has challenged the fast car/big man image that car sellers sell," added Russell Watford, a road safety marketing manager at the authority. "This does."

The \$1.6 million state campaign, launched in late June, aims to cut a stubbornly high road death toll in the Sydney region by trying to slow down some of the main speed offenders, young men age 17 to 25. From 2002 to 2006, those drivers were involved in 34 percent of the province's fatal crashes, though they represent only 7 percent of the state's license holders, figures show.

"The question is: How do you make this behavior socially

unacceptable?" Whelan asked.

Previous efforts to scare youths into slowing down — with ads showing bloody car crashes — failed, he said, largely because widespread violence on television, in horror movies and in video games has made younger people "more desensitized to shock-horror kind of images."

The new ads, however, appear to have made quite an impression in a nation noted for its irreverent sense of humor. Within days of their appearance on TV, in cinemas, at bus stops and on buses, the road authority's Web site — which also carried the ad — registered more than 100,000 downloads and crashed three times. Now on YouTube, the ad has drawn more than a half-million views.

"It's been overwhelming," Watford said. "What's in the media resonates strongly with this group, far better than straight advertising."

The slow-motion ad opens with a young man in a fast car, stopped at a red light as two young women wait at a crosswalk nearby. Grinning, the driver accelerates hard, smoke pouring from his tires. The two women lazily wave their pinkie fingers in the air and give each other a knowing glance. In subsequent segments of the ad, a grandmother also waggles her fingers, as do a couple of teenage boys in the back seat of a show-off friend's swerving car.

"I think it's great," said

Katherine Ho, 27, a Sydney resident chatting with friends downtown. "If you're in a car with your mates and they do it because they think you're an idiot, there's an immediate effect."

"I think it's brilliant," added Dominic Scora, 23, one of Ho's friends. "But whether people will take it on board, I don't know."

Road officials say they'll look to year-end road death statistics as an indication of whether the new campaign appears to be working. But, as with previous ad campaigns that have helped cut the country's rates of drunken driving and encouraged seat belt use, the ad will be backed up with regulatory changes tightening penalties for speeding.

Under the new laws, provisional drivers — generally those 17 to 20 years old — can lose their license if they are caught speeding.

Road authority officials said they received overwhelmingly positive feedback from test audiences for the campaign before it was launched and have received only 34 complaints on taste grounds.

"People said, 'This is a government ad?'" Whelan said. "They found it empowering. And a lot of women of all ages said, 'I do that anyway,'" referring to the key gesture.

"We're not trying to offend or be funny," he said. "We're trying to get in the head of these young guys."

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Dean weakens; threat to Mexico persists

By David Ovalle and Martin Merzer
McClatchy Newspapers

CHETUMAL, Mexico — Hurricane Dean wasn't through with Mexico, not in the least, but this didn't seem possible.

A Category 5, record-book hurricane — the most powerful to strike land since Andrew whacked South Florida — and it didn't flatten Anita Lara's tin-and-wood house just four blocks from the Bay of Chetumal.

No reports of storm-related death or serious injury surfaced Tuesday in Mexico's Yucatan Peninsula, which also didn't seem possible. A full assessment of remote areas will take days.

And there it was, this truly humble home, a little worse for its encounter with Dean but still erect Tuesday as Lara surveyed the wet and wind-blown — but mostly intact — landscape.

Even the kitchen glasses sur-

vived, uncracked despite Dean's screaming, pulsing winds, which reached 165 mph a little farther up the coast.

"It stayed cute, didn't it?" Lara, 54, said of her house. "To tell you the truth, I thought the whole thing would be gone."

Dean weakened considerably late Tuesday as it completed its assault on the sparsely populated section of the low-lying Yucatan, but Mexico's trial by nature persisted.

The once-savage storm rolled over the warm water of the Bay of Campeche and was expected to reintensify before reaching land again Wednesday, possibly between Tuxpan and Veracruz.

Among the threats: flash floods and mudslides in the mountains of Mexico and Guatemala, likely to be inundated with torrential rain — up to 20 inches — in the days ahead. Inland flooding is one of the lead-

ing causes of hurricane-related deaths.

"Dean could approach major-hurricane status again," said hurricane specialist James Franklin of the National Hurricane Center in West Miami-Dade County, Fla.

So far, though, the news was surprisingly good: The toll remarkably modest, considering Dean's potentially destructive power.

Some areas flooded, many structures were damaged or collapsed, and thousands of trees were toppled.

But Mexican President Felipe Calderon said he had no reports of storm-related deaths and power should be restored within days.

In neighboring Belize, also hit by the storm, trees fell and debris flew through the air, but, again, no early reports spoke of sweeping damage.

The U.S. Southern Command, based in Miami, dispatched about 25 airmen and soldiers and three helicopters to Belize to help assess the situation there.

Dean's core roared ashore before dawn at the port of Costa Maya near Mahahual, about 40 miles east-northeast of the city of Chetumal and 150 miles south of Cancun.

It was the most intense storm to make landfall since Andrew steam-rolled south Miami-Dade County in 1992. It also was the third most intense Atlantic basin hurricane to reach land in history. Along with howling wind, Dean produced considerable rain in the Yucatan and a seawater surge 12 to 18 feet high.

A storm of this magnitude can be life-threatening and is certain to deliver catastrophic ruin to anything that stands in the path of its eye wall.

Hispanic college trend: staying close to home

By Noah Bieman
McClatchy Newspapers

Hispanic students are more likely than other students to cluster at a handful of universities, and to choose those schools based on sticker price and convenience, according to a new survey being released today.

"The conventional wisdom on college choice is not conventional for these students," said Deborah Santiago, vice president of Excelencia in Education, a think tank focused on Hispanic education.

The authors, who looked at

federal data from the 2003-04 school year and interviewed more than 100 Hispanic students, found students were willing to skip out on the potential to attend more selective colleges and universities — even when financial aid was offered — because they wanted schools close to home that won't require debt.

The study adds additional weight and detail to trends that have long been observed anecdotally. About half of all Hispanic students enroll in only 6 percent of the nation's colleges, usually not realizing they have

chosen a "Hispanic-serving institution," according to the study.

Miami Dade College is the nation's largest Hispanic-serving institution. Florida International University in West Miami-Dade, Nova Southeastern University in Davie, Fla., St. Thomas University in Miami Gardens, Fla., and Barry University in Miami Shores, Fla., are also on the list of schools with at least 25 percent Hispanic undergraduate students.

In recent years, MDC has given high-achieving students extra mentoring that includes

educating parents about opportunities for their sons and daughters to transfer to selective universities outside of Florida.

"It is, indeed, something that is very cultural," said Jose Vicente, president of MDC's north campus.

Vicente, 52, a native of Cuba, said he is a prime example. He graduated from MDC with a scholarship offer from North Carolina State, but chose to continue his education at nearby St. Thomas and Nova. He does not believe the cultural dynamics have changed among younger Hispanics.

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assistant will help him reach more UK students, Cox said.

"I don't view any organization as bigger or smaller because the level of importance is the same," Cox said. "My vision is to be able to put together a leadership program that cuts across different organizations."

Improving all student organizations along with SG is the main goal, Cox said.

"I want to work on finance management to leadership building," he said. "Better members mean a better organization."

Phelps said there were 35 applicants in the national search, but Cox stood out because of his leadership and integrity.

"He has strong core values, and he encourages us to figure out our values as well," he said.

Montell said Cox's leadership experience would contribute to SG and other student organizations.

"This job is very specific to his training," Montell said. "He is very good at developing leadership. He was the natural choice for both positions."

For the first year, SG will fund 45 percent of the adviser's \$52,222 salary with the Division of Student Affairs funding the rest, Phelps said. After that the salary will be entirely funded by student affairs.

SG wanted to help fund the adviser's salary to establish the dedication for this project, Montell said.

"We have a stake in this experiment," Montell said. "It makes sense that we have a part in the process."

The figure for the salary was based on the average for SG advisers at other schools.

"We looked at what SG advisers across the nation are paid," Montell said. "We took the average of that and then decided."

Throughout the next year Cox said he hopes to serve UK students by using his skills in leadership and management to motivate people.

"I want to add value to the lives of students and help Nick (Phelps) and the staff realize their full potential," Cox said. "My life motto is to improve every day, and that is what I want to do here."

BEATTY

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the agency to receive every rank from patrolman up to chief.

"It's been an excellent 34 years, I've enjoyed it," Beatty said. "The last six years, though, I've had no free time. There are intense needs for you from everybody all the time. You're spread pretty thin."

As chief, Beatty said he works 12 to 15 hour days during the week on back-to-back meetings, 300 to 400 e-mails a day, phone calls every 30 seconds and the general responsibilities that come with being the face of the agency. He manages a \$54 million budget and about 800 employees. Beatty said he rarely has a week with free nights.

"It keeps you running tight on a schedule, but it's part of the job and I have the opportunity to meet lots and lots of citizens every week," Beatty said.

Mayor Jim Newberry's office had previously considered appointing him as

the city public safety commissioner, but dismissed the idea because one of Beatty's sons, Embry, works for the Lexington Fire Department. Putting Beatty in a position over his son would violate a city ordinance.

When UK presented the position to him, Beatty said he was excited to accept the offer. He wanted to work with safety in accordance with the Top 20 Business Plan and compare tactics with other benchmark universities.

"To be top-20, I think public safety has to be one of the top — if not the top — priority," Beatty said.

But he also wants to focus on what students need to feel safe in the campus atmosphere, he said. That includes everything from reducing crime to decreasing parking complaints.

"I don't expect to be sitting in an office all day. I will be out and about," he said. "The only difference is after 34 years, I won't be wearing a uniform."

Beatty has served in the Lexington Police Department for 34 years and has

been recognized both locally and nationally for his leadership skills. Since he became chief of police in 2001, Lexington police was one of a percent of departments in the country accredited as flagship agencies by the Commission on Accredited Law Enforcement Agencies.

"I've worked with him a lot," said interim UK police chief Maj. Joe Monroe. "He's a great, outstanding leader in the community, and I think he'll have a positive impact on the university. All the departments and people who report to him will benefit by his knowledge and leadership."

Although UK was not necessarily looking for someone familiar with the Lexington area, Beatty's experience in the community is a great bonus, Blanton said.

"Anthony Beatty is someone in our own backyard," he said. "The relationship is already strong between the city, and I think having someone like Anthony Beatty will only strengthen that."

CHIEF

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to help him with his graduate homework for classes at Eastern Kentucky University, which UK officials called a misuse of university resources.

In October, UK spokesman Jay Blanton said UK hoped to appoint a new chief for the spring semester. Later that month, however, the search was put on hold when UK Vice President for Auxiliary Services Ken Clevidence announced his retirement. His position oversaw several university departments, including UK Police.

Finding Clevidence's replacement, someone who would play a key role in the chief selection process, became top priority, Blanton said in January.

Administrators modified Clevidence's position and hired Beatty as his replacement earlier this month.

Beatty said he wants to organize a new search process in human resources. After that, UK will begin looking at applications.

Over the past year, Monroe has shown that he is capable and qualified, Beatty said, but it is important to name someone as a permanent leader.

"In a police agency, it's hierarchical," he said. "You need someone appointed to be chief."

If UK offered the job to Monroe, he said he would definitely take it, but he has confidence that whatever choice Beatty makes will be the right one.

"I think (Beatty) would make a good choice," Monroe said. "The best for the university."

CONSTRUCTION

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Leader Avenue adjacent to the construction will also remain closed until the project's completion. Residents of Leader Avenue can access their homes via Press Avenue, Clark said.

Replacements of the steam and condensate piping of central campus has been underway since May and is expected to be complete by late October.

Beginning tomorrow, the sidewalk along the south side of Gatton College of Business and Economics will be closed until Aug. 31 because of the piping replacement.

With all of the changes, Clark said UK is working with construction companies and the public to make the building process as smooth as possible.

"We've tried to get the word out to people that (the construction) will impact them," he said.

Turner Construction Company is also working to make sure people on campus are aware of the construction, said Larry Blackburn, projects executive



BRITNEY MCINTOSH | STAFF

The new Student Health Facility, a Turner Construction Company project located at the northeast corner of South Limestone and Rose streets, is scheduled for completion in April of 2008. Construction has caused temporary detours around some of the sidewalks.

for Turner.

"We've placed thirty new signs directing pedestrian traffic around the sites to make it safer for students," Blackburn

said. "We don't want them to accidentally walk into the sites or into unsafe areas."

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Fusion gives opportunity to give back

White fences, a touch of grass among a spread of dirt, miniature horses and horse manure. Although most people would shy away from cleaning up horse droppings, volunteers from UK For Unity and Service In Our Neighborhoods (UK Fusion) jumped at the chance to work with the horses. It was gratifying for me to have the chance to give back to a center like the one that has helped my relatives so much and satisfying to know that I contributed to the community.

Like many people from the Lexington area, I am a major fan of the equine industry. While my specialty is in thoroughbred horse racing, I love being involved with horses of all breeds. No matter the breed, horses seem to have a special connection to humans unlike many other animals. They seem

to understand people better and are more capable of adapting to their surroundings. My cousin has a mental and physical handicap and attends a therapeutic riding center in Ohio. I went with her to some of her sessions, and was impressed by how much the facility has helped her learn things she didn't know before, such as the difference between left and right and how to ride a horse by herself. This was one of the main reasons why I wanted to volunteer at the therapeutic center at the Kentucky Horse Park and give back to a center that does so much for people with handicaps.

At Central Kentucky Riding for Hope, people who have mental and physical handicaps are able to ride and take care of horses — activities that the participants' diseases would otherwise prevent — with the assistance of instructors and volunteers. On Monday, a group of UK students and employees volunteered their time to help Riding for Hope accomplish its mission. The facility was one of the 63 destinations for participants of UK Fusion, the university's largest community service event.

Volunteers' duties at Riding for Hope included raking up manure in the miniature horse section, organizing the equipment and tool room, sweeping the stalls, cleaning out the hay loft and picking up rocks in the paddock — tasks that are normally left to Riding for Hope's two full-time and four part-time staff members. At the facility, children and adults of all ages who have disabilities ranging from autism to multiple sclerosis find a home among animals that are patient and kind, as well as other participants with similar desires and interests. Most go to meet new people with disabilities similar to their own, make new friends and be with one of the animals they love, said Riding for Hope Executive Director Pat Kleine. Even though cleaning up manure was one of the location's main tasks, UK Fusion participants were eager to go to Riding for Hope; it was the first site to be filled with volunteers when students signed up for where they would go.

Biology freshman Caitlin Wetsch and animal science freshman Courtney Zimmerman were among the 20 students who went to Riding for Hope

with UK Fusion. "I love horses, simply put," Zimmerman said. "I worked with a therapeutic horse center before, but here I did learn what they do with the miniature horses." Zimmerman, Wetsch, Mohammed Srout and I cleared the miniature horse area of manure, while a tan and white horse named Happy Feet stepped on and nibbled at our shovels and rakes. Riding for Hope uses miniature horses as a teaching tool. Workers paint the anatomy of a horse onto the body of a miniature horse so that kids and adults can learn about the internal workings of the animal. As a result of lending a helping hand at Central Kentucky Riding for Hope, Wetsch said that she is interested in continuing volunteer work at the facility along with Zimmerman, myself and a few other people. Volunteering at a therapeutic riding center — which provides help to people with handicaps like my cousin's — is a way of showing my appreciation for these facilities and the work they do.

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WRFL

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WRFL transmitter and antennae may be delayed, something Clenney said he hopes does not happen.

"I'd certainly be frustrated because we went through a lot to get this," he said.

The antennae and transmitter will replace the old ones currently on the Patterson Office Tower and will probably broadcast HD radio, said WRFL media adviser Chris Thuringer.

WRFL will have to raise the \$200,000 required for construction and the new equipment.

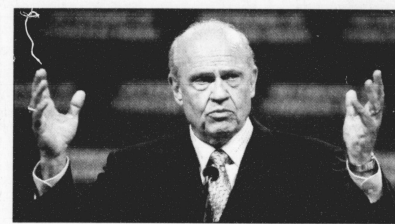
"The current antennae would be replaced because it can't provide the needed power and the transmitter for the same reason," Thuringer said.

WRFL has three years to raise money for the new tower before the FCC permit expires. If the station cannot raise the money in time, WRFL will have to file for a permit.

"The biggest challenge for the radio station is going to be where they're going to find the funds," Thuringer said.

Clenney said the station is planning events to raise money, including concerts throughout the school year and possibly a music festival this fall.

"This is the first year we've tried to do something this big," Clenney said.



Thompson, Obama differ on Iraq plans

By Steve Kraske
McClatchy Newspapers

KANSAS CITY, Mo. — For the second day at the VFW National Convention, Republican and Democratic candidates offered starkly opposing views Tuesday for how to proceed in Iraq.

Sen. Barack Obama blistered the Bush administration, saying the civilian leadership failed to live up to the courage of its military. "One reason to stop fighting the wrong war is so that we can fight the right war against terrorism and extremism," the Illinois Democrat said.

Former Sen. Fred Thompson, a Tennessee Republican who is expected to formally enter the race next month, offered a solemn appraisal in which he warned that a quick pullout would be a costly error.

"Success in Iraq will not solve our problem, but defeat will make it much worse," he said in a line that echoed Monday's comments of GOP Sen. John McCain.

Like Sen. Hillary Clinton the previous day, Obama spent more time on the need to improve veteran health care.

"They always tell us what we want to hear," said Art Harris of VFW Post 5179 in San Diego. The war divides rank-and-file members of the

VFW just as it does the American public. Prior to the convention, VFW leaders said they wanted to hear the candidates specify their plans for Iraq.

Wednesday, President Bush is scheduled to speak at 9:55 a.m. CDT. The event is closed to the public. The president arrived in Kansas City Tuesday night and was scheduled to leave town at 1 p.m. CDT today. The White House has not announced other public events, although his schedule appears to allow for one.

Although McCain's Monday speech had veterans talking a day later, Obama received more applause than any of the other contenders, but an enthusiastic VFW contingent from Obama's home state of Illinois might help.

After Obama's speech, John Biedrzycki of Pittsburgh said Obama may have won his vote. The senator, he said, clearly understood the needs of veterans.

"Both speakers (Tuesday) had poignant messages," he said. "But Mr. Obama's was much more dynamic. That's his style of rhetoric."

Rhett Webber, a Veterans of Foreign Wars department commander based in the Philippines, also praised Obama but cautioned that the senator was promising more than he could deliver. Congress, he said, must authorize the spending that Obama proposes.

Former senator Fred Thompson addresses VFW members at the 108th National Convention of the VFW at Bartle Hall in Kansas City, Missouri, Tuesday morning, August 21, 2007. Thompson has not declared his candidacy for the 2008 presidential race but speculation is that he will run for the office.

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Women make their way from Memorial Hall, where they received their bids, to White Hall Classroom Building where they will pledge to their sorority Friday.

A sea of sorority hopefuls attired in white dresses flooded Memorial Hall for bid day on Friday. The annual event, where women receive a bid telling which sorority has accepted them, marks the end of sorority rush week.

Immediately afterward, the women who were accepted proceeded to the White Hall Classroom Building, where they met with their individual chapters to pledge.

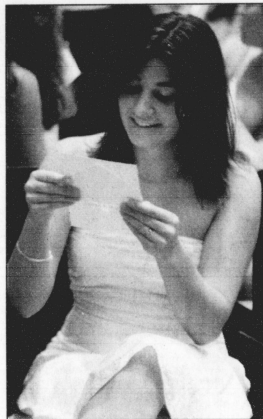


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Anna Booth, a freshman pre-med animal science major, reads the bid she received on UK's sorority bid day Friday in Memorial Hall.

Obama supports family travel and remittances to Cuba

By Beth Reinhard
McClatchy Newspapers

MIAMI — Democratic presidential candidate Barack Obama is calling for "unrestricted rights" for Cuban Americans to visit and send money to family in Cuba, just days before his first pilgrimage to Little Havana as a presidential candidate.

President Bush clamped down on family travel and remittances to Cuba in an effort to squeeze dictator Fidel Castro. The policy has become a flash point in the Cuban-American community, which traditionally leans toward the GOP.

"Cuban-American connections to family in Cuba are not only a basic right in humanitarian terms, but also our best tool for helping to foster the beginnings of grass-roots democracy on the island," Obama wrote in an opinion column published in Tuesday's Miami Herald. "Accordingly, I will grant Cuban Americans unrestricted rights to visit family and send remittances to the island."

Obama is expected to repeat his message Saturday at Miami-Dade County Auditorium, a site laden with nostalgia for Cuban exiles. It was there that President Ronald Reagan declared "Cuba si, Castro no" during a landmark, anti-communist speech in 1983 that emboldened a Cuban-American community then hovering on the political fringes.

About 1,100 tickets have been sold so far to Obama's speech, with the proceeds go-

ing to the Miami-Dade Democratic Party. The \$30 entry fee is a fraction of the \$2,300 donation typical of presidential fundraisers.

"This speech has so much symbolism and value, coming in the heart of the Cuban-American community," said the local party's chairman, Joe Garcia, who previously worked as executive director of the Cuban American National Foundation. "Sen. Obama has come to the conclusion that the majority of Cuban Americans have come to, which is that more travel is good for freedom and good for democracy."

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JOE GARCIA
Miami-Dade
Democratic Party chairman

A Florida International University poll in March of 1,000 Cuban-Americans in Miami-Dade found that 55 percent support free travel to Cuba. But some exile groups say easing restrictions would be a mistake.

"We regret that Sen. Obama has been so ill-advised as to assume that lifting sanctions against Cuba's dictatorial regime will bring about change," read a statement issued by the non-partisan Cuban Liberty Council. "It is sad that he does not apply the same principles used to bring about change in South Africa where blacks were victims of the same apartheid as Cubans on the island."

Obama's stance puts him at odds with the Republican presidential field and could open the door for his Democratic rival, Hillary Clinton, to continue a foreign policy spat that began during a debate last month.

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Body of last known victim in Minneapolis bridge collapse found

By Tom Ford and Pam Louwagie
Star Tribune (Minneapolis)

MINNEAPOLIS — In a tone both laudatory and somber, Hennepin County Sheriff Rich Stanek announced late Monday in the shadows of the Interstate 35W bridge collapse wreckage that the nearly three-week recovery efforts had finally come to an end.

"We have reunited each of the known (previously missing) victims of the bridge disaster: Peter, Sadiya and Hana, Vera and Richard, Christine, Scott and Greg with their families that so anxiously and lovingly awaited them," Stanek said.

The body of Greg Jolstad, a 45-year-old road construction worker from Mora, Minn., and the last known victim of the tragedy, was found about 6:15 p.m. CDT on Monday.

Stanek said workers recovered Jolstad from the river in the same general area as the other victims.

While the recovery efforts have ceased, work at the bridge site will continue for weeks to come, primarily centering around debris removal and cleanup, he said.

This new phase also means that authorities will allow more access to the area around the bridge site.

Stanek said that the details of the new perimeter had yet to be finalized but that he planned to meet with city of Minneapolis officials on Tuesday to discuss reopening some nearby streets and bridges.

With the discovery of Jolstad's body, the death toll of the Aug. 1 catastrophe now officially stands at 13.

Jolstad, a machine operator for Progressive Contractors Inc. of St. Michael, Minn., was one of 18 construction workers doing resurfacing work on the bridge and the only one among them who wasn't found after the

bridge fell.

He is survived by his wife, Lisa, and three stepchildren, Katie, 19; Kim, 18, and Nick, 17.

As of late Monday, an autopsy was pending and Jolstad's cause of death had not been determined, according to the Hennepin County medical examiner's office.

Meanwhile, seven bridge collapse survivors were still hospitalized, with two listed in serious condition, four satisfactory, one in good condition.

Federal aid sought

Also Monday, Minnesota Gov. Tim Pawlenty asked President Bush to declare the bridge collapse a major disaster, a designation that would make it eligible for federal money to help defray an estimated \$8.5 million bill for emergency workers' overtime, equipment expenses and other response costs.

He also asked for federal money for low-interest loans to help businesses affected by the catastrophe.

In a letter to Bush, Pawlenty said Minneapolis and Hennepin County have been significantly affected by the collapse.

"I have determined that this incident is of such severity and magnitude that effective response is beyond the capabilities of the state and the affected local governments," he wrote.

In the letter, Pawlenty assured Bush that state and local governments would pay their required share, an estimated \$2.1 million.

Pawlenty also asked for loan money for businesses from the Small Business Administration, saying there has been a "significant economic impact" on local businesses because of interruptions in river traffic and reroutings of highway traffic.

Meanwhile, commuters got a little relief after highway

workers completed a weekend lane expansion project on Interstate 94 just in time for rush hour.

On a 3-mile stretch of the freeway, workers added a lane in each direction to accommodate extra traffic detoured because of the collapse.

They ground off 11,000 tons of material, replaced it and repainted lanes, said Beth Petrowske, a spokeswoman for the Minnesota Department of Transportation.

The expansion will enable the freeway to handle 2,000 additional cars in each direction during rush hour.

What's ahead

As efforts around the bridge shift to cleanup, the Transportation Department and its contractors will become the primary overseers of the work.

Still, Stanek said, the Sheriff's Office will maintain a presence at the site, continuing what has essentially been an around-the-clock operation for the department for 20 days.

In his remarks Monday night, he praised both the efforts of Sheriff's Office officials and the work of numerous other agencies ranging from the Department of Defense, the Army Corps of Engineers, the FBI and several other area sheriff's offices.

The various workers all have had heavy hearts during the process, Stanek said, adding that "there are not a lot of smiles here tonight."

He added: "In the past twenty days I have witnessed the illogical and the unthinkable, but for me the most remarkable — and the most inspiring — is that from the chaos and rubble there emerged an indelible picture of greatness — people who pushed beyond all comfort and comprehension, with no boundary or limit to their sense of duty."

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HIV-vaccine hunt: focus shifts

By Kyung M. Song
The Seattle Times

SEATTLE — Scientists have known since 1984 that HIV causes AIDS. But for more than two decades since, the cunning human immunodeficiency virus has foiled all efforts to develop a vaccine.

As nearly a thousand of the world's top vaccine researchers gather in downtown Seattle this week for the four-day AIDS Vaccine 2007 Conference, some of them say the most realistic goal now isn't a vaccine to prevent HIV infection, but rather one that prevents HIV from being passed on.

"The HIV virus is an elusive virus," said Dr. Glenda Gray, a pediatrician and co-founder of the perinatal HIV research unit at the Chris Hani Baragwanath Hospital in Soweto, South Africa.

"I don't think anyone would have expected that it would take so long to find a vaccine."

At the same time, vaccine hunters remain unshaken in their belief that a vaccine is the only way to eventually eradicate

AIDS. That's because it is clear now that it's impossible to completely eliminate the biggest sources of infection: unprotected sex, sharing needles, and child-bearing and breastfeeding by infected women.

Dr. Lawrence Corey, head of virology for the University of Washington and chairman of the conference, which began Monday, notes that the rate of 40,000 new HIV cases in the U.S. annually has not changed for the past 15 years.

"The only way my granddaughter is going to grow up without the risk of HIV is with a vaccine," Corey said.

Corey is the principal investigator of the HIV Vaccine Trials Network, a global collaboration in the search for an HIV vaccine that is based at the Fred Hutchinson Cancer Research Center in Seattle.

For almost 20 years, researchers have pursued an HIV vaccine that would enlist the immune system to repel the infection.

About five years ago, many researchers shifted focus to vaccines that would produce cytotoxic T-cells, or so-called killer

T-cells, to attack HIV-infected cells, Corey said. A T-cell vaccine wouldn't necessarily protect someone from becoming HIV-positive, but it would suppress the infection to delay full-blown AIDS and to prevent transmission to others.

Still, some scientists believe T-cell vaccines wouldn't be enough to stop the spread of HIV, which has infected 40 million people worldwide and killed 2.5 million.

HIV mutates about a thousand times more quickly than a flu virus, Corey said. And strains of HIV virus can vary from person to person and from region to region, said Pat Fast, executive director for medical affairs for the International AIDS Vaccine Initiative in New York.

That can be a problem for vaccine research: AIDS is raging hardest in Africa, yet subjects in vaccine trials are chosen based on health standards for industrialized nations, Fast said. For example, many Africans are disqualified from clinical trials because their bodies harbor too many parasites or lack high-enough blood-cell counts.

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SG on the right track but still has work to do

The school year has just begun, but one of the most crucial periods for the new Student Government administration has already passed. Summer can make or break an SG administration — it's the only time the new president has to lay ground-work for the coming year without being distracted by classes and other obligations.

SG President Nick Phelps appears to have done well at following through on his major campaign promises: developing a new anti-sexual-assault program for incoming freshmen, building relationships with local and state politicians, and auditing SG services to cut wasteful programs.

Phelps and SG Vice President Brittany Langdon's idea of putting incoming freshmen in gender-segregated groups to discuss dating and violence prevention was implemented during sorority rush and K Week.

The execution would have been better if the events had been mandatory — only 200 male students attended, Phelps said, out of about 2,000 male incoming freshmen — but getting the sessions on the K Week schedule was a decent start on Phelps' and Langdon's part.

Similarly, the Phelps administration made adequate progress in developing contacts within the political community. Phelps and other SG officials traveled to Washington in July to meet with Kentucky's federal delegation, including Republican Sen. Mitch McConnell, Phelps said.

But the meetings with federal legislators focused on legislation that is mainly important to the Greek community — a bill that gives extra tax incentives for donations to college housing, such as fraternity and sorority houses — according to a July 19 Kernel story.

When Phelps and other officials start working with state legislators in Frankfort, they need to keep in mind the interests of the entire student body. Federal legislation only indirectly affects UK students, but the state budget essentially determines how large tuition increases will be. With the Kentucky General Assembly deciding the budget for 2008 to 2010 in the spring, lobbying state legislators needs to be one of Phelps' top priorities.

Nevertheless, it is encouraging that Phelps has been building contacts within the Kentucky political establishment — so long as he starts putting them to good use.

Finally, the service audits pro-

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duced at least one tangible result: SG is dropping its DVD rental service, Phelps said.

"It was not something Student Government should be focusing its time on," Phelps said. The service will likely be transferred to Cats Den or the libraries, he said.

Cutting waste is important — and it's refreshing to see an SG administration willing to streamline — and change the organization — but expanding on things that work well is just as necessary. To that end, Phelps is pushing for the SG legal service to hire an attorney, which would be a first for the service, but so far no one has been hired.

"The wheels are turning, but we are not quite done with that project," Phelps said.

He and his administration need to finish the process as quickly as possible. Students who run into problems with new apartment leases or who get in legal trouble in the midst of start-of-the-school-year partying will need a credible, affordable source of legal advice, meaning that hiring an attorney isn't something that can wait for the spring.

In contrast to the progress in the three aforementioned areas, the development of communication and the SG Web site (www.wksga.org) has been stagnant at best.

The start of the new school year is SG's main chance to show new students that the site can be useful and informative, so they will keep visiting the site and remain engaged. But as of yesterday, the site's "news" section said, "No Current news to present. Please revisit during the 2007-2008 school year." Its calendar, meanwhile, was blank — even the SG Senate meeting times and places were missing.

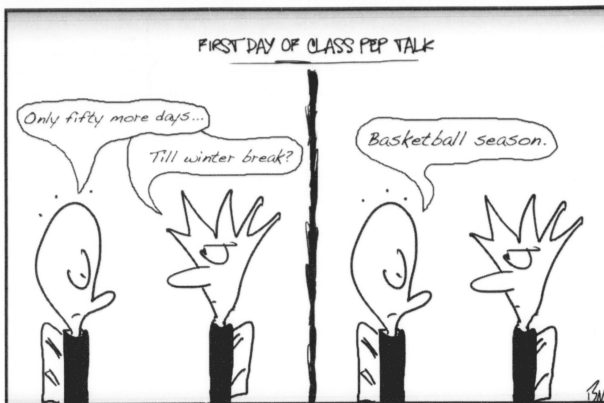
Phelps and the SG webmaster need to start working overtime to bring the site up to standard. Then, once it's filled with information and worth visiting regularly, they need to advertise it heavily.

Phelps recognizes the importance of communication: "The biggest thing is visibility," he said. His intentions are good, but he needs to start backing them up with action as soon as possible.

The progress Phelps has made so far is solid, especially in comparison to what other administrations have done — or failed to do — during the summer break. It will be a shame if poor communication keeps students from hearing about these successes.



Phelps



BRETT NOLAN, Kernel cartoonist

This year's Kernel has few flashy changes, but lots of depth

You should see a familiar face each morning in class this year — sometimes gripped by students

waiting for their next lecture, other times strewn under desks in White Hall, but always neatly folded on newsstands throughout campus.

At first glance, not much has changed with the Kernel;

we've kept the same clean design we used last year, with only a few tweaks.

But the bylines and photo credits might give you a hint of what's obvious here in the newsroom: It's a new Kernel.

We've expanded our staff this year, adding more editor positions to better distribute the work of producing Kentucky's only daily student newspaper. And we've filled those positions with more than a dozen talented students who are committed to the Kernel's tradition of quality journalism.

Students have always been our main audience — though we strive to closely follow faculty and staff issues — and we recognize that

student life extends beyond the campus boundaries.

The Kernel will still bring you the daily coverage of campus events and breaking news that we always have; the University of Kentucky is our backyard, and we intend to have the best UK-related coverage you can get. But you can also expect to see expanded coverage of Lexington and state news, with a focus on how it impacts UK.

At the beginning of October, we will launch a new state politics Web site to help students keep track of higher-education policy and to encourage students to voice their opinions to state representatives. Kernel staffers will keep the site up to date as the Kentucky General Assembly and other state officials debate issues that affect UK, such as the higher-education budget.

The new site will also cover the state executive races taking place this fall, including the campaign for the governor's seat. It will be the main source of information for those who are curious about the candidates' views on higher-education funding and other issues relevant to the campus community.

Until then, keep checking the Kernel Web site — www.kykernel.com — for the latest news, along with content that isn't

in the print edition of the newspaper. We'll be updating the site throughout the day so you no longer have to wait to get the latest campus news.

You can expect to see more multimedia content on our Web site — that means more photo slide shows, more audio and, for the first time, video stories. And of course, you'll still be able to find all of the content from the print edition.

Many readers contact us by sending letters to the editor through the Web site, and that's still available. But feel free to e-mail us — there's a list of editors on this page — or call us at 257-1915. The newsroom can be a little hard to find, but if you're on Central Campus and want to stop by, we're in the basement of the Grehan Journalism Building.

We want to ensure that, as the voice of the students, the Kernel stays relevant and informative to the campus community, and we want to hear from you about whether we're succeeding. If you've got suggestions, complaints or compliments, please tell us — we want to know what matters most to you.

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Be aware of the consequences for irresponsible alcohol use

By the time you read this column, a few of you will have already learned its lessons the hard way.

Hopefully, this means nothing more than a splitting headache and some mild concern as you unsuccessfully try to piece together the previous evening. For others, however, you may be all too familiar with the gut-wrenching loss of a friend or a criminal record at far too young an age.

Despite the potential for these life-altering consequences, alcohol and some UK students seem tragically bound to one another. The fact that this school year (as of the time this column was written) has not yet had to suffer the loss of one of its students makes it unique among the last several years.

The problem is at once painfully simple and bitterly ignored — it can't happen to me.

This mantra, adopted by countless underage drinkers, blurs the

line between an enjoyable, responsible night of partying, and waking up the next morning in jail. Couple the seemingly glamorous life of exciting college parties with a denial of real-world consequences, and it should be no surprise that 600,000 college students were assaulted, and nearly 2,000 students were killed by alcohol related accidents in 2001 alone, according to a 2005 National Institute of Alcohol Abuse and Alcoholism news release.

Still, this columnist has been around college life long enough to realize that statistics don't frighten younger students away from having one too many drinks. I could go on and on about the potential for serious and life-threatening illnesses as a result of underage and irresponsible drinking, all to no avail. On some level, it might even seem like a joke that a college student is acutely concerned about drinking among his peers.

In fact, if it weren't for the tragic loss of young life that came as a result of this problem, it might even be amusing that some of this nation's brightest young people who attend a university to commit themselves to several years of higher education have yet to learn responsibility.

I'd almost laugh that the enterprising young business major who might be only six years away from a seven-figure income and an exciting position in a major corporation chose to throw it all away because he wanted to look "cool" in front of his buddies.

It might be hilarious, after a fashion, that the bright young marketing student ruined her career and killed a family of four after deciding she was sober enough to drive.

It is not, however, funny in any way that almost five college students die every day because of alcohol. Nothing is humorous about the irrevocable loss of life as a young person, full of potential, throws away their future.

The worst part of all of this? There is absolutely no reason to drink irresponsibly. I personally assure you that this campus and town have plenty of safe ways for you to have a good time on Thursday nights without jeopardizing your future. So the next time you're at a party and someone hands you just "one more" shot, take a long minute and consider if it's worth it.

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General Assembly showed discretion on benefits bill

Even though we generally think that the state government could be more active in helping UK achieve its top-20 goal, it was the General Assembly's wise inaction that helped the university during this summer's special legislative session.

Specifically, the House's decision to adjourn the session stifled state Rep. Stan Lee, R-Lexington, in his attempt to prevent UK from offering the domestic-partner benefits approved by the university's Board of Trustees in April.

These benefits have put the university more in line with its benchmark schools and will allow it to be more competitive when attempting to attract new faculty members.

Instead of staying for the special session that Republican Gov. Ernie Fletcher called in early July, the Democratic-controlled state House of Representatives chose to adjourn im-

mediately and has only agreed to meet regarding tax incentives for a potential coal liquefaction plant. As such, UK's benefits plan has been left in its original form, at least for the time being.

The adjournment of the July special session wasn't just a victory for UK's employees — it also reaffirmed the university's independence. Although UK receives state funding, it should be left to micro-manage its own affairs without constant interference from the state government, especially on such relatively minor matters as employee benefits.

Simply put, the state legislature has neither the expertise nor specific focus necessary to govern during an institution like UK, and the Kernel applauds the House's decision not to interfere in UK's decision-making process.



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SHOWING THE STEPS



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UK graduate Candice Jenkins watches the step show on Monday on the Student Center patio. The show is sponsored by the Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity and Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority.

Judge allows public to view video in R. Kelly case

By Kayce T. Ataiyero
CHICAGO TRIBUNE

CHICAGO — The judge in the R. Kelly child pornography case on Tuesday upheld his earlier ruling allowing the public to view a videotape that allegedly shows the R&B singer having sex with a minor.

In a hearing held to discuss several motions by the prosecution and the defense before the trial starts next month, Assistant State's Attorney Shauna Boliker again urged Cook County Criminal Court Judge Vincent Gaughan to bar the public from viewing the tape in court, a move she said would be harmful to the girl portrayed in the video.

In 2006, both the prosecution and the defense asked the judge to limit viewing of the tape. Defense lawyers sought to bar both the media and the public from seeing the tape, saying that it would hinder Kelly's chances of getting a fair trial. While exempting the media, prosecutors sought to keep the tape being viewed by the public.

"The state alleges it to be a re-victimization of the girl in the tape," Boliker said.

In his earlier ruling, Gaughan said there was not an "overarching interest" in keeping the media and the public from seeing a tape that is the "linchpin" of the case.

On Tuesday, Gaughan said that, in essence, because the girl in question has denied that she is on the tape, there is no victim to protect. Prosecutors said they do not plan to call the girl as a witness.

"If the alleged victim testifies, I'll change the ruling," Gaughan said.

Kelly, 40, is facing child pornography charges for allegedly videotaping himself having sex with a girl who prosecutors allege was as young as 13 years old. His trial is scheduled to begin with jury selection on Sept. 17. He faces up to 15 years in prison if convicted.

Space shuttle makes safe return

By Phil Long
MCCLATCHY NEWSPAPERS

CAPE CANAVERAL, Fla. — Its mission abbreviated by Hurricane Dean, shuttle Endeavour returned safely to Earth at midday Tuesday, carrying teacher Barbara Morgan and six other astronauts home after a busy 13 days in a high-flying classroom.

The spaceship and its crew touched down at the Kennedy Space Center in Central Florida at 12:32 p.m. EDT, shortly after it rocked the region with its trademark double sonic boom.

"Congratulations, welcome home," Mission Control told the crew at the end of its 5.3-million-mile mission. "You've given a new meaning to higher educa-

tion." As NASA engineers predicted, a three-inch gouge in the shuttle's heat shield posed no threat to the crew or the orbiter. Nevertheless, technicians prepared to inspect the damaged tiles and the rest of the ship.

A piece of foam insulation broke free from the external fuel tank during liftoff Aug. 8 and ricocheted into the shuttle's belly, striking near one of the orbiter's giant wheel wells.

The concern: If hot gases generated during reentry penetrated the orbiter's skin, they could doom the shuttle — just as shuttle Columbia was destroyed and its crew killed as they returned to Earth in February 2003.

NASA considered sending an astronaut out on a spacewalk to patch

the small breach, but engineers decided that the repair was unnecessary.

Though Hurricane Dean wound up devastating the Yucatan Peninsula of Mexico, early forecasts suggested that the storm might curve northward and affect Mission Control at the Johnson Space Center in Houston.

As a result, mission managers opted to disconnect Endeavour from the International Space Station ahead of schedule and bring it home a day early.

During the 13-day mission, Morgan and the rest of the crew installed parts on the space station.

While in orbit, Morgan, 55, also conducted two lessons from space, fielding questions from students in Idaho, where she had served as an elemen-

tary school teacher, and from students in Virginia.

Morgan was the backup for New Hampshire teacher Christa McAuliffe, who was killed in the 1986 explosion of the shuttle Challenger.

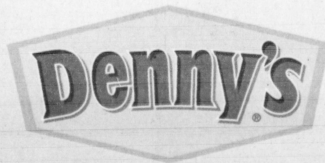
Besides making extensive video recordings that she will use in future lessons, Morgan began an experiment growing basil seeds aboard the space station. She also brought back 10 million basil seeds so students can conduct their own experiments.

Also aboard Endeavour were Cmdr. Scott Kelly, 43; pilot Charles Hobough, 46; mission specialists Tracy Caldwell, 37; Benjamin Drew Jr., 44; Rick Mastracchio 47; and Canadian astronaut Dave Rhyss Williams, 53.

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20 UK coaches, athletes fill out this year's watch list



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Kernel columnist

UK will have one of the best football teams in school history this year, and there is an excitement about the men's basketball program that hasn't been around in a few years. But even beyond that, there are plenty of other reasons to get excited about the 2007-08 UK athletic season. Here are 20 of them:

20 Rachel Lawson, softball coach — Lawson was hired to replace Eileen Schmidt this summer, and she has the task of reviving a slumping program. The team finished 20-31 last season, with only four of those wins coming in the league.

19 Giuleana Lopez, soccer — Lopez led the Cats in scoring last year as a freshman, and she will be the Cats' top option again as they try to defend their SEC Tournament title.

18 Jodie Meeks, men's basketball — Meeks excited Cats fans about the future with his play last year. He could be an All-American by the time he leaves UK, and this year his role will presumably increase if he's placed in the starting lineup.

17 Keenan Burton, football — Burton turned down a shot at the NFL last season, and so he enters this year as one of the Southeastern Conference's top wide receivers. He will again be quarterback Andre Woodson's top target.

16, 15 Myra and Mallory Blackwelder, women's golf — Myra, coach and mom, and Mallory, player and daughter, will be leaned on to lift up the women's golf team. Myra is one of the best players in the history of the state, and Mallory comes to UK from Florida, where she was one of the top golfers in the SEC last season as a freshman.

14 Queen Nzenwa, volleyball — Nzenwa is one of the biggest players on the team at 6-foot-2, and she's a big reason the Cats were picked to finish second in the SEC this season.

She, along with Nicole Britenriker, was a preseason all-conference selection.

13 Mo Mitchell, gymnastics coach — The gymnastics team finished sixth in the NCAA Central Regional last season, and Mitchell said after the meet that

he expects even more out of what was a young team.

12 Patrick Patterson, basketball — UK's most highly touted basketball recruit in 10 years will be leaned on heavily in the post with the departure of Randolph Morris.

11 Collin Cowgill, baseball — Cowgill is the most recognizable baseball player on campus, and he didn't even play last year because of a wrist injury. That's saying a lot. He was named a Cape Cod All-Star this summer, and he will be looked upon even more during the season for the Cats with the losses of Sean Coughlin and Antone DeJesus.

10, 9 The men's tennis and swimming teams — Both squads struggled in league play last year, but each lost only one senior to graduation.

8 Matthew Mitchell, women's basketball coach — Mitchell takes over for now-Texas assistant Mickie DeMoss, and she didn't leave the cupboard bare for her former assistant. He has the players to get back in the NCAA Tournament this season.

7, 6 Masumi Turnbull and Nathan Marks, men's soccer — Turnbull, a Conference USA all-freshman performer last season, will lead the Cats on offense this year. Marks, who was named the C-USA preseason defensive player of the year, will take charge of the defense.

5 John Cohen, baseball coach — Although Cohen likely doesn't feel the pressure that football and basketball coaches do, Louisville's run to the College World Series made this season even bigger for him and the baseball team. Many UK players had great summers in leagues all over the country, which means the Cats should be contenders again for the SEC championship.

4 Billy Gillispie, men's basketball coach — Gillispie has done everything at UK so far but win a game. One of his early accomplishments has been to inject significant life into the program. But, his first year will be successful only if ...

3, 2 Ramel Bradley and Joe Crawford, basketball — ... step up, take over and lead the team. The Cats will go only as far as their two senior guards will take them.

1 Andre Woodson, football — He is clearly the face of UK Athletics this year. As much buzz as there is about Gillispie, all of his work has come off the court. Woodson has a chance to lead the football team to a new level that it's never reached before, and he could possibly even do something even more supernatural — contend for the Heisman Trophy.

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No. 1 Quarterback Andre Woodson was recently named a pre-season All-American by ESPN.com. The senior threw for 31 touchdowns last season.

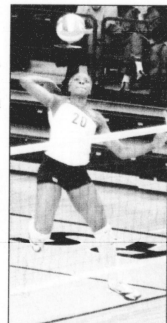
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Masumi Turnbull must help the men's soccer team replace departed star Riley O'Neill. Turnbull was an all-conference freshman performer in 2006.

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No. 14

Middle blocker Queen Nzenwa provides strength to the Cats' front line. The junior is known for her powerful spikes.

THOMAS SANDS STAFF

POSITION PREVIEW: WIDE RECEIVERS

Lyons provides big plays, bravado for Cats' offense

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For a guy who only had two career catches coming into last season, Dicky Lyons Jr. was barely a blip on the radar for opposing defenses.

But after exploding for more than 800 yards receiving on 50 catches last season, Lyons has established himself as a go-to guy this year at the wide receiver position and is forcing defensive backs to take notice of him.

"I'm going to do nothing but embrace it," Lyons said of the increased attention from defenses. "You have to set your goals higher, and you got to expect that teams are going to look at you if you're a high-profile receiver. I had a lot of good numbers last year, so I can't be as good as I was last year — I have to be better."

Lyons' team-high 16.4 yards per catch, nine touchdowns and

flair for making big plays helped the Cats score several big wins in the 2006 season. The New Orleans native led the aerial attack early in the season by catching two touchdowns in each of the first three games.

With last year's production, Lyons cemented himself as a viable option behind the No. 1 threat, senior wide receiver Keenan Burton, and All-Southeastern Conference tight end Jacob Tamme.

But with success comes more attention, something the outspoken wide out has never backed down from.

"The most important thing now is coverage," Lyons said of the extra defensive attention he will likely be facing this year. "Reading coverages, knowing where to get open and seeing and making sure that if I see them doubling Keenan, then I know I've got the opportunity to be one-on-one and make that play."

Although Lyons has made

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vast improvements over the past year, he still has room to get better, said offensive coordinator and wide receivers coach Joker Phillips.

"He needs to block better this year and be more physical," Phillips said. "Defenses are going to try to push him around, to bang him and knock him off routes because he is a guy who can get behind you. They're going to have a close eye on him."

Lyons will have to continue his development this year to keep opposing defenses from double-teaming Burton.

Burton, a Louisville native, was a fixture in the Cats' offense last year. He erupted for 1,036 receiving yards on 77 catches and 12 touchdowns. He considered

going to the NFL after his junior season but decided to return for his final year of eligibility.

"I want to dominate on every play," Burton said. "I don't want anybody to stop me."

But a lot of Burton's play will depend on how well the rest of the receivers play, Lyons said.

"We're going to have to step up," Lyons said. "Me, Steve Johnson, DeMarco Ford, we're going to have to step up to relinquish some pressure from him and try to take away from that double coverage on him so he can make the plays that are going to help this team."

Johnson, a senior with 12 career catches, and Ford, a junior with 13 career catches, will be the primary options to spell Burton and Lyons. Throw in Tamme's 22 catches from a year ago, and the Cats have some of the most experienced and most dangerous receivers in the SEC.

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Dicky Lyons has vowed to top last season's breakout performance. He caught nine touchdowns in 2006.

KEITH SMILEY STAFF

Summer break? Not for Gillispie on recruiting trail

By J.D. Williams
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While most of the student body was away, the UK athletic department made its presence felt throughout the hot summer months.

Changes were made throughout the athletic department ranging from coaching positions to recruiting commitments.

No coach did more on the recruiting front than men's basketball head coach Billy Gillispie. After bolting from Texas A&M for UK, Gillispie wasted little time capturing his first recruit.

In May, Patrick Patterson committed to play for Gillispie, headlining a class that features recruits Alex Legion, A.J. Stewart and Mike Williams.

Gillispie followed Patterson's signing with a solid verbal commitment from DeAndre Liggins, a 6-foot-5 guard from Chicago who is currently the biggest name in UK's 2008 class.

Gillispie wasn't alone in his efforts to improve UK basketball.

Women's basketball head coach Matthew Mitchell, entering his first year at the helm, matched Gillispie by receiving a verbal commitment from Samantha Drake out of Nelson County High School. Drake averaged 22.5 points and 11 rebounds last season as a sophomore.

Although she is no longer the head coach of the women's



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New men's basketball coach Billy Gillispie had an active summer, signing a number of top recruits.

basketball team, Mickie DeMoss made plenty of headlines as well.

After four years at UK and three months of premature retirement, DeMoss accepted an assistant coaching position at Texas. She agreed to a contract worth nearly \$150,000 annually, which will make her one of the highest paid assistant coaches in the nation.

Her return to the hardwood came as a shock to many after DeMoss said she wanted to step away from basketball.

The UK athletic department has not made a statement on seeking legal action against DeMoss, who opted out of her contract with four years remaining. Her contract included a buyout clause stating DeMoss could be liable to pay \$200,000 per year remaining on her contract if she took another Division I coaching job.

The women's golf team kept

the coaching carousel turning with the hiring of UK alum Myra Blackwelder, a UK golfing legend.

In 1975 Blackwelder became the first female to receive an athletic scholarship at UK. She spent 12 seasons on the LPGA tour and in 1980 she won the Rolex Rookie of the Year award.

Blackwelder now looks to bring that same success to UK's golf team again, although this time it will be a family affair.

Mallory Blackwelder, Myra's daughter, transferred from Florida to UK after the elder Blackwelder was named coach.

Mallory brings experience and skills to the Cats. Over the summer she won the 107th Women's Western Golf Association National Amateur Championship in Urbana, Ill. She also finished as a runner-up in the Women's Trans National Golf Association Championship in Louisville.

Members of the UK baseball team turned down the lure of professional baseball contracts after June's draft. Of the five players selected in the MLB draft, three — junior outfielder Collin Cowgill, junior pitcher Scott Green and senior first baseman Sawyer Carroll — decided against jumping into the majors for the moment.

They will return to the Cats to help bolster what could be John Cohen's most talented team in his fifth year as head coach.

LYONS

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"I think we do, but I (also) think we have the best quarterback in the SEC that gives us an advantage on the outside," Phillips said.

The competition among the receivers is a major reason for

the Cats' depth at wide receiver, Burton said.

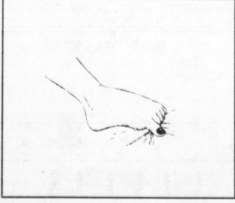
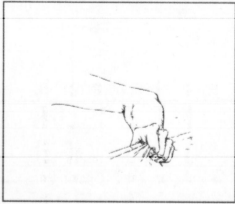
"It just shows that the team is hungry," Burton said. "I told all the receivers, 'Don't be afraid to be better than the guy next to you. That should make you work harder. That should make you want it more.'"

The competition between Lyons and the rest of the receivers has helped Lyons devel-

op into the big-play threat that he has become, Burton said.

"He's working harder because he knows what he wants to do," Burton said. "He told me, 'I want to have more catches than you,' and he's working hard to do that. If everybody is competing on the team, then that can only make the team better."

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Hartline named backup QB

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Following weeks of competition in fall camp, head football coach Rich Brooks announced after last night's intra-squad scrimmage that redshirt freshman Mike Hartline has won the backup role at quarterback.

"Hartline is our No. 2 guy," Brooks said. "That's pretty well set. We're going to give him the reps that would equate to him being No. 2, and we'll still analyze who is No. 3 at this point."

The 6-foot-6 quarterback from Canton, Ohio, won the job over redshirt freshman Will Fidler and true freshman Matt Lentz. Although the depth chart is set at the top two spots, Brooks said he was still looking for improvement from all of his quarterbacks last night.

"Andre (Woodson), I thought, did some good things today," Brooks said. "Hartline did some good ones and a few that he needs to not do. Fidler did much better today than he had done in the previous scrimmage."

The announcement comes after months of competition between Hartline and Fidler. Brooks said at the beginning of fall camp that Hartline was the slight favorite to win the job, based on his performance in the Blue-White Spring Game.

Adding Lentz crowded the competition for the backup spot, but after weeks of battling, Hartline said he is ready to take on the role.

"It does put a little pressure on your shoulders to get ready and be prepared," Hartline said. "But I think I'm willing to step up, and I look forward to the challenge."

Outside of the quarterback announcement, no changes were made on the depth chart. Brooks said an updated depth chart would be available in three or four days after he and his staff look at the game film.

Brooks said the No. 2 spot at cornerback remains wide open.

"It's a competition," Brooks said. "(Ah-mad) Grigsby has done some good things; E.J. (Adams) has done some good things."

Brooks said Paul Warford, who missed the scrimmage due to injury, also remains in competition for playing time at cornerback.

Sophomore standout Tread Lindley has been a lock throughout fall camp at the No. 1 cornerback position, but Brooks confirmed last night that Lindley has been battling through a sprained wrist for much of the week.

"He played in a cast today," Brooks said. "He'll probably keep that on the rest of this week and hopefully get it off and put it in a splint next week."

Lipka finalizes women's soccer coaching staff

Staff report

UK women's soccer head coach Warren Lipka completed his staff yesterday by announcing the hiring of Matt Kellogg as a second assistant.

Kellogg spent the last two seasons as an assistant at Western Michigan. He also worked as a volunteer coach with the Broncos' men's and women's teams in 2004 and played a role in the program's

summer camps for the past two years.

"I'm excited about joining an already well established staff and working under Warren, who I have a tremendous amount of respect for," Kellogg said. "I feel I can learn a lot from him and gain from his experience in the game. I also think this will be a great opportunity to move from the Mid-American Conference to the (Southeastern Conference)

which is arguably one of the top conferences in any sport in the country. It's certainly an exciting time to become a part of the history and tradition of UK."

"I think Matt is going to do a tremendous job of filling the role of training our goalkeepers," Lipka said. "He has a strong background in training in that area to go along with successful results. In addition, he has good experience in the area of re-

cruiting and the day-to-day operation of a soccer program. He did an outstanding job for Western Michigan, and we're happy to have him as a part of the UK family and the soccer program."

Prior to his time at Western Michigan, Kellogg served as the head women's coach at Kalamazoo College in 2003. Eight players he recruited went on to earn all-conference honors.

Packers' Rodgers finds humility

By Bob McGinn
Milwaukee Journal Sentinel

GREEN BAY, Wis. — Much of Aaron Rodgers' improvement this summer has been evident in the physical art of quarterbacking: accuracy short and long, anticipation and touch, setup and delivery, decision-making, avoiding pressure and making plays on the move.

But there's another element of his game that Rodgers knew needed attention. In short, he wasn't humble enough.

"I came out as a 21-year-old kid still wet behind the ears thinking I had all the answers," Rodgers said Monday. "I think I started believing a little bit too much about this No. 1 draft pick and all the other stuff."

"Definitely, I think I've grown up the last two years. And I've still got some ways to go."

Back then, Rodgers did come across as almost too full of himself. He portrayed a self-confidence that bordered on egotism. He talked a much better game than he played.

When Rodgers did get on the field, it looked as if he wasn't willing to assume responsibility. He was prone to wild swings of temperament, and his body language wasn't positive in the least.

"He's got a lot of negativism to him," one personnel man said of Rodgers' early last September. "Looks like he's always looking for someone to blame for his shortcomings. Whether it's protection, receivers running wrong routes, whatever. He just gets so disgusted."

When Rodgers came back to the Green Bay Packers' training camp last month, he didn't seem nearly as

strident. Here was a young man who had seen the error of his ways and was seeking a return to the basics.

"I'm trying to do that," he said. "Spiritually, that's what God calls me to be. As a player, I think it's attractive to the other guys in the locker room to stay humble."

Rodgers' entrance into the National Football League left him defensive and angry. He couldn't escape the skeptics who kept throwing the failure rate of University of California coach Jeff Tedford's quarterbacks into his face. Plus, his fall to No. 24 in the draft opened wounds that would be hard to close.

"I felt like I always had to justify myself," Rodgers said. "I'm a good player, I can do this, I can do that. In hindsight, being honest, I felt like maybe coming out I didn't give the best impression of myself."

"A lot of that was maybe because of the advice I was given. I was told I really had to sell myself. That was their main strategy. Personally, that's not the way I operate. It was really hard for me to do."

"When I look back, I felt like I probably didn't handle the situation well. That's why I think it's been a good learning situation not playing right away. I have been humbled through not playing. I have been humbled through my poor play my first year."

"It's been tough but I think I've learned a good lesson: that I need to stay true to myself and continue to realize that there's bigger things than yourself out there. That's true in life."

Rodgers came in 2½ years ago all slicked-up and cutting a dashing figure. Today, he's sporting a rather

wild beard, the moustache is gone and his wardrobe is a lot more jock than young executive.

Clearly, Brett Favre has rubbed off on him. The Packers hoped that would happen.

Still, Rodgers had to be the one who finally accepted the fact that humility, modesty and culpability were essential in the development of a professional quarterback.

"I'd rather deflect credit and give credit to other guys on the team and realize my place on this team," he said. "I'm kind of like, 'Hey, I'm a cog in the wheel. I need to do my part, but everybody does as well.' And when it goes right it's not always because I'm such a good player."

It's probably human nature for a struggling young quarterback to want 70,000 fans to realize that it's not all his fault. Rodgers fell victim to some of that behavior as a rookie.

In the last year, offensive coordinator Joe Philbin had several long conversations with Rodgers about this very subject. He wanted to make sure that Rodgers understood the impression he was leaving.

"It's just being cognizant of other people's feelings and realizing people are always watching," Rodgers said. "I'm glad that it's starting to show up a little bit. I feel like my body language in general, practice included, has really improved."

Actually, Rodgers said his frequent displays of exasperation in the past were more his own disgust with himself than any attempt to show up teammates.

"I've always been a perfectionist on the field," he said. "When I have been demonstrative in the past, I'm

mad at myself. The problem is it can be misconstrued that I'm mad at the person who ran the play."

On Saturday night, Rodgers took a frontal shot on a blitz that led to an off-target pass that Russell Martin caught beyond the end line on what would have been a 6-yard touchdown. Rather than swing his fist or thrust his arms into the air, as he probably would have done in the past, Rodgers stifled his emotions.

"The response I've got from my teammates, just the encouraging words saying I looked poised out there, is where I want to get," he said. "So the guys on the team have confidence in me. Guys can rah-rah and say whatever they want, but it's the consistent guy who shows poise is somebody who they're going to follow."

Rodgers' passer rating of 105.3 offers a statistical measure of his improved play. As a rookie, he failed to score a point in his first 19 series. In 14 series (80 plays) the last two weeks, he has produced three touchdowns, three field goals and 27 first downs.

But Rodgers knows there's a world of difference between exhibition and regular-season defenses. He made three or four mental mistakes against Seattle. He still has much to prove.

Yet the Packers now have more than blind optimism to think Rodgers can become at least an adequate starter. He has a contract lasting through 2009.

"I think I can be successful," Rodgers said. "I hope it's here, I really do. But I don't know what Brett's going to do. If it's not here, I shall meet that road when I get there."

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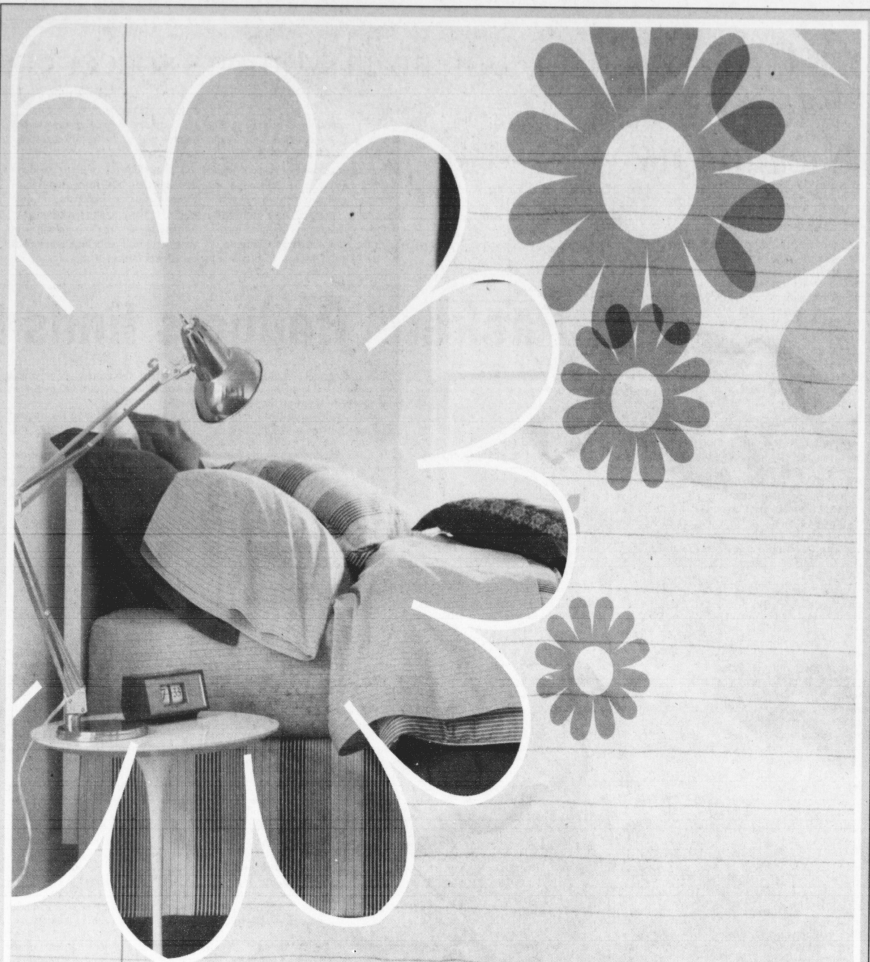
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Vick accepts plea deal in dogfighting case

By Tim McGlone and Dave Forster
The Virginian-Pilot

RICHMOND, Va. — Atlanta Falcons quarterback Michael Vick will accept a plea deal and a likely prison sentence, avoiding additional federal charges related to a professional dogfighting operation.

Vick is scheduled to enter a guilty plea to the felony conspiracy charge at 10:30 a.m. EDT next Monday in U.S. District Court in Richmond.

"Mike's accepting full responsibility," longtime Vick attorney Lawrence Woodward said Monday, announcing the decision. "He's going to do everything he can personally and professionally to make this situation right."

Thomas B. Shuttleworth, another of Vick's lawyers, said Vick finalized his plea agreement Friday, the same day two of his co-defendants entered guilty pleas in Richmond as part of deals that would have required them to testify against Vick at trial. Shuttleworth said Vick spent the weekend deciding whether to make an announcement, then let his attorneys release a statement Monday.

Vick's co-defendants signed statements that say Vick financed a pit-bull fighting operation for several years, provided money to bet on the group's sponsored matches, and once joined in the execution of about eight dogs by way of drowning and hanging.

"Mike is truly remorseful for what happened," Shuttleworth said. "He believes in the power of redemption."

Added Billy Martin, another of Vick's five attorneys: "Michael wishes to apologize again to everyone who has been hurt by this matter."

With his plea deal, Vick, 27,

is expected to avoid more serious charges related to a large dogfighting venture called Bad Newz Kennels that he is accused of almost entirely financing from 2001 to 2007 in Surry County. The deal, in its form last week, was expected to include a recommendation from prosecutors that Vick serve at least a year in prison, according to two sources familiar with the discussions.

The sentencing guidelines for Vick will likely call for 12 to 18 months of prison time, if he receives the same base offense level that prosecutors promised two of his co-defendants, said Barry Boss, a criminal defense attorney and former co-chairman of the U.S. Sentencing Commission's Practitioners' Advisory Group.

Sentencing guidelines are only advisory, however, and U.S. District Judge Henry Hudson will have the final say in Vick's punishment.

It is unclear how the plea deal will affect Vick's football career. The NFL released a statement Monday that said the conduct outlined in the federal charge against Vick is "inconsistent" with what Vick had told league officials and his team.

"We totally condemn the conduct outlined in the charges, which is inconsistent with what Michael Vick previously told both our office and the Falcons," the statement said. "We will conclude our own review under the league's personal conduct policy as soon as possible. In the meantime, we have asked the Falcons to continue to refrain from taking action pending a decision by the commissioner."

Players and coaches began reacting to a potential plea deal by Vick when the possibility surfaced last week.

"I like all people who know

and care about Michael Vick, was very disappointed and saddened by the news," Frank Beamer, Vick's coach at Virginia Tech, said Monday. "Although all the details are not known at this time, I am greatly concerned that Michael has put himself in this position."

Other former coaches said the news was hard to believe.

"I think about him playing pitch and catch with my 6-year-old son at that time before practice," said Tech offensive coordinator Bryan Stinespring last week. "That stuff is the highlight of my son's life. Now his heart is breaking."

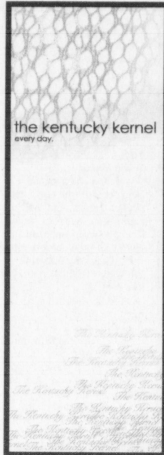
Redskins defensive back David Macklin, a close friend of Vick's who played against him growing up in Newport News, said last week that the case has been hard on Vick.

"We're keeping him in our prayers," Macklin said. "It's a situation he's going to be able to get through. He's going to overcome. We're behind him 100 percent. I've been able to speak with him, and he's realizing a lot of things right now. We'll just see how it goes."

Animal rights activists say Vick's case drew enormous attention to the underground world of dogfighting.

"This case has opened America's eyes and jolted its conscience," said Wayne Pacelle, president and chief executive officer of the Humane Society of the United States.

"The resolution of this federal case is no cause for celebration — many dogs suffered terribly, and a gifted athlete and his bright career have been perhaps irreparably damaged. The only good that can come from this case is that the American people dedicate themselves to the task of rooting out dogfighting in every infested area where it thrives."

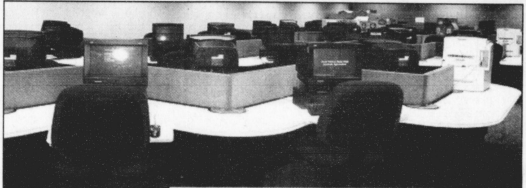


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Huard's injury tilts Chiefs QB contest further toward Croyle

By Adam Teicher
McClatchy Newspapers

KANSAS CITY, Mo. — The Chiefs' quarterback competition appeared to be tipping toward Brodie Croyle anyway, but Damon Huard's sore leg could end all of the suspense.

Huard didn't practice Monday. He stood close by with an ice pack on his chronically sore right calf. He noticeably favored the leg when he walked.

Huard has been bothered by the sore calf during training camp, but this was the first time he missed a practice because of it.

There was no indication the injury would keep him out long term, but the Chiefs were unsure whether he would practice Tuesday or play in Thursday night's preseason game against New Orleans at Arrowhead Stadium.

"I don't know that," coach Herm Edwards said. "I've got to check with the trainer to see what he says. We've got another couple of days to see where he is."

Asked what Huard's absence on Thursday night might do to the quarterback battle, Edwards said: "Then you have to make the decision based on the information you have on hand. We'll go back over the preseason games and the practices and everything else. That's how we'll make our decision. This (wouldn't) kill (Huard's) chances."

Huard declined to comment. Ever since last season's end, Edwards appeared to be leaning toward making Croyle the starter. Edwards talked in the

immediate hours after the play-off loss to Indianapolis about the need to get Croyle ready to play this season.

Since then, the Chiefs resigned Huard, who would have been a free agent, and traded Trent Green to Miami, but Croyle was always a central figure in their plans. Before the trade, Green was hesitant to return to the Chiefs because he feared the quarterback competition would be tilted in Croyle's favor.

Croyle and Huard split the work almost equally until Monday. Nothing the Chiefs have seen from Croyle, not even two seemingly preventable interceptions in the two preseason games, has soured them.

Edwards has been noncommittal publicly since the start of training camp about the quarterback battle. But he has said he wants to settle on a quarterback for the foreseeable future and not just this season, something more easily done by going with the 24-year-old Croyle instead of the 34-year-old Huard.

It's also obvious from the training camp practices that the Chiefs have more offensive capability with Croyle, who has superior passing skills. The Chiefs might have to live with a few more turnovers if Croyle is their quarterback.

"There's definitely a great difference between the two guys," guard Brian Waters said. "Damon is as reliable as there is. You can count on him to be consistent, and you know exactly how he's going to be. Brodie is a great talent, but for all the talent he has, he has to be a more consistent player if he wants to play in this league."

Despite struggles, Marlins' Willis remains positive

By Clark Spencer
McClatchy Newspapers

MIAMI — Only once has Dontrelle Willis known a time when baseball left him feeling blue. It was October 21, 2003, after he gave up the deciding hit to Hideki Matsui of the New York Yankees in Game 3 of the World Series.

"I felt bad because Josh Beckett got the loss and he pitched great," said Willis, who had taken over in relief for Beckett with one out in the eighth and the score knotted at 1-1. "That's the only time in my life where I felt, 'Damn, I want that back.'"

Think about that for a moment.

Willis has lost 51 games in his five seasons with the Marlins. Nine of those defeats were lodged in sequence during a just-ended tailspin that ate up June, July and half of August.

And yet none of the losses Willis has incurred since he joined the scene in 2003, or even the aggregate of a summer-long famine that has sounded alarm bells, troubled him as deeply as the lone defeat that he felt he handed to a fellow teammate.

"Do I look depressed?" Willis asked one day last week when he was asked about his mood in light of his struggles.

"No," he continued, answering his own question. "Because if I am the worst big-leaguer, I'm still a big-leaguer."

While there is a growing belief, supported statistically, that Willis isn't the same pitcher who streaked into South Florida like a blazing comet in 2003 and won 22 games for the Marlins in '05, he isn't showing any signs of despair.

He remains the clubhouse cut-up, poking fun at teammates while chastising those who leave pennies and nickels

in the collection cup found in the makeshift candy store he operates with Alfredo Amezaga.

When Mike Jacobs recently ended his franchise-record long streak of 33 consecutive at-bats without a hit, the relieved first baseman joked that he could finally put away the razor blades.

"It gets depressing," Jacobs said of extended failure in baseball.

"I mean, everything goes through your head. But with Dontrelle, he's the same every day. He's upbeat. He's laughing and joking. He is that way whether he wins or gets his butt kicked. It is pretty impressive to see that."

It is considering that the failures and losses are mounting with unnerve frequency for Willis, who takes an 8-12 record into this afternoon's start against the San Francisco Giants.

Flashes of past Willis, who was the National League's Rookie of the Year after going in 2003 and was runner-up for the Cy Young Award as the league's best pitcher in '05, hasn't dominated hitters the past two seasons the way he did before.

"He just doesn't look as sharp," said one American League scout who watches the Marlins regularly. "Once in a while, you see flashes of the old Dontrelle, but not as often."

The statistics seem to bear out the steady erosion.

Willis went 22-10 with a 2.63 earned run average in 2005. Opposing batters hit .243 against him. Last season, Willis started out 1-6 but recovered late to finish 12-12. But his ERA was more than a full run (3.87) higher than it was the previous season, and hitters had made inroads, batting .274.

The negative trend has con-

tinued this season. His ERA sits at 4.93 while batters are hitting a healthy .300, the 77th worst figure of the 87 major-league pitchers who have completed at least 120 innings.

And even though his 7-3 record to start the season compares favorably to his 1-9 record in the ensuing stretch, his ERA hasn't moved significantly. He was at 4.83 on May 29 when he defeated the Chicago Cubs to improve to 7-3.

It's not for lack of scoring support that Willis is groping for wins, either. The 6.46 runs of support the Marlins are averaging when he pitches is the third-highest figure belonging to any regular starter in the NL.

Yet Willis said he doesn't feel any differently now than he did when he was winning (his 66 victories represent the franchise record, as does his 51 defeats).

He accurately points out that sandwiched between his breakthrough year as a rookie in 2003 and his 22-win campaign in '05 was a so-so season in 2004 when he went 10-11.

"I don't feel like I'm a different guy," Willis said. "I feel my strength is there, and I feel like I'm competing the same. It's not that my effort level is any less."

It's been an up-and-down time for Willis off the field, too. He was charged with DUI shortly after getting married in December and witnessed the birth of his first child in May.

His durability remains one of his greatest assets. Willis has never spent a day on the disabled list, never misses a scheduled start, and is on pace to finish with at least 200 innings for the third straight season, which still makes him a precious commodity.

Other factors

Not everyone believes

Willis is solely at fault for his statistical decline, either. One National League scout who regularly attributes some of his struggles to factors beyond the pitcher's control, such as the diminished defense playing behind him and questionable pitch-selection calls by his catchers.

"I think his stuff is still good," the scout said. "His strength looks pretty good. But his delivery looks a little more out of control and he doesn't make adjustments like he did before. There are a lot of people who don't think Dontrelle will ever be as good as he was before, but I'm not one of them."

However, the scout said that if the Marlins intend to trade Willis after the season, they shouldn't expect to receive as much in return as they might have a year or two ago.

"They may not get the top top prospects from the other team like they might have before," he said. "On the other hand, the other club might get a jewel in Dontrelle, and that's what the Marlins better be prepared to live with, that he's going to come back and win 22 for another team. I still think that can happen."

Willis figures the old flame continues to burn inside him, as well, and he refuses to dwell on the negative.

"I know I'm doing everything I can to help this ballclub," he said. "So there's no reason to hold my head down, regardless of what's going on. It's not that I don't care. I care just as much as anybody in this league."

"But I don't dwell on stuff. That's for the weak-minded. If you dwell on stuff, it doesn't help for the present. If you harp on things and stay in the past, you don't look forward for the future."



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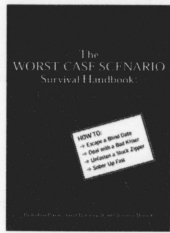
From faking orgasms to cramming for exams, handling worst-case scenarios is Jennifer Worick's specialty.

Worick, who will speak tonight at 8 at Memorial Hall, co-authored the New York Times best sellers "The Worst-Case Scenario Survival Handbook: Dating and Sex" and "The Worst-Case Scenario Survival Handbook: College."

Worick's lecture, "Worst-Case Scenario Survival Guide" is free to students and will cover the college experience, academics, sex and dating, so it is ideal for the first week of the school year, said biology sophomore Meghan Bostic, director of engaging issues for the Student Activities Board.

"This is a time where students are moving to college, and this lecture approaches the topics they will have to face," Bostic said. "This will kind of hit them with it. Many students come from sheltered homes and want to break out. This is a way to give them advice and keep them interested."

Worick draws from her own college experiences and stories she has gathered from college students to create the material for her lectures. Rather than just lecturing, Worick will also be presenting images from her book and opening the floor for students to share their own sto-



ries, Bostic said. "I am sure after she leaves here, she will use advice from students at UK in her next speech," Bostic said.

In addition to touring, Worick writes a relationship-advice column for Match.com and has appeared in Cosmopolitan, Seventeen, Teen People, the New York Post and The Washington Post, Bostic said. Worick has also appeared on "The Today Show," "Montel," ABC's

"World News Now" and NPR's "All Things Considered."

Worick's lecture is one of the headline events in SAB's Back to School Bash series, which is taking place throughout this week as part of UK's K Week, said political science sophomore Colby Khoshreza, SAB's executive director for promotions.

Bostic hopes to see a large turnout at the lecture, even though it is on the first night of classes. The SAB promotions team is attempting to draw students to the event through the posters and handbills they placed around campus that display some of the topics Worick will be lecturing about, like how to fake an orgasm and how to carry a date home from the bars, she said.

"A few days ago, I saw a group of students looking at one of the posters and laughing," Bostic said. "It grabbed their attention. Hopefully they are drawing people in and raising their curiosity."

The widespread interest in the lecture's main topics — sex and dating — will draw many students to the event, Khoshreza said.

"I hope all students come to the show," Khoshreza said. "They will find that everyone has awkward feelings. We are more alike than it seems, and Worick presents these topics in a fun, humorous way."

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UK street festival celebrates diversity

By Meghan Cain
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Despite the possibility of rain, there was a melting pot behind Memorial Hall last night, as UK student representatives of international cultures gathered together to celebrate their diversity.

Students and faculty from the office of international affairs, the study abroad program, K Week, the office of student diversity and other campus organizations sponsored the first ever "We Are UK" street festival as part of K Week to promote the uniqueness of the diversity on campus, said the Director of Student Diversity Engagement, Mahjabeen Rafiuddin.

Rafiuddin said when she woke up yesterday morning and saw the rain, she started to become very upset, but once the rain cleared away, and she saw how the students came together, she was "ecstatic."

"We wanted to celebrate and point out to students that no matter where they came from, we see them and value them as part of UK's larger community," Rafiuddin said. "We want to build pride and make them feel part of the university."

Traditional Indian dancing,

African folk-lore story telling, Greek stepping and poetry readings entertained some students, while others got a taste of diversity through international cuisine.

Rafiuddin said she wanted to highlight three different food areas: those customary in Kentucky, those traditional to the United States and those popular internationally. Students could choose from mango ice cream to grilled corn on the cob to yellow watermelon to babgumash (an eggplant chip dip).

"This allows students to look and taste different foods. There aren't a lot of opportunities in Lexington for this," Rafiuddin said. "Food brings people together. It is a way to connect."

This event was different from other international celebrations because it combined international organizations with Greek organizations, Rafiuddin said.

The focus of the evening was to prove people are not marginal and difference is a positive attribute, said Karen Slaymaker, director of international study services.

"Whenever you are part of the non-majority, you tend to think that that majority is the real UK. This creates a sense of margins," Slaymaker said.

Sonya Cunningham, an education abroad adviser, felt the diversity was very apparent last night.

"Since I have been at UK, the beginning of the event was the most diverse crowd I have ever seen at UK, and it has been consistent throughout the night," Cunningham said.

Pre-pharmacy sophomore and resident adviser Whitney Reeder felt so strongly about celebrating diversity that she gathered some of her residents in the lobby of their dorm so they could attend together.

"I think this event is a step in the right direction," Reeder said. "It makes you realize we aren't just one blanket, but are each a patch."

Nursing sophomore Anemarie Besse agreed and said this activity pushes the diversity UK strives to achieve.

"Events like these help you realize how different people really are," Besse said. "You learn a lot more respect when you are exposed to the differences."

Rafiuddin said she was very happy with the way the evening turned out.

"It is hard doing something first, but hopefully it will become a tradition on UK's campus," Rafiuddin said.

USC students download for free

By Jason Ryan
McClatchy Newspapers

College students, the defenders of free T-shirts and free speech, have chalked up another victory: free music.

More than 40,000 University of South Carolina students heading to school this weekend will be able to download more than 2.8 million songs to their computers at no cost — thanks to a new agreement between the university and Ruckus online music.

USC joins 119 other colleges in its agreement with Ruckus. The company makes its money from online advertisements and charges students \$20

a semester for the ability to transfer unlimited songs to a portable music player after they've downloaded them to a computer.

"Downloading is free," said Kimberly South, public information coordinator for USC's technology services. "Transferring is not."

In January, the Recording Industry Association of America named USC as one of the top universities for illegally downloaded music.

At that time, the association sent the university 914 notices of copyright infringement for the school year. Clemson received 71.

In response, USC began ne-

gotiations with Ruckus, tightened its Internet policies and discussed music piracy issues at new student orientation meetings this summer, said Bill Hogue, USC's chief information officer.

Since February, the university has received no notices of copyright violations, he said.

"We've gone from being on a list of notorious universities to being model citizens," Hogue said.

More than 5,000 USC students have started using Ruckus, which became available in June after the spring semester. Students have downloaded more than 1.4 million songs.

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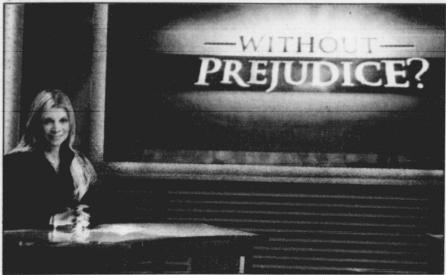
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Dr. Robi Ludwig presides over GSN's psychological game show "Without Prejudice?"

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Robi Ludwig is the host — and ref — on GSN's 'Without Prejudice'

By Luaine Lee
McClatchy-Tribune News Service

BEVERLY HILLS, Calif. — Ever met someone to whom you took an immediate dislike? Or on first acquaintance have you felt you've known the other person all your life? Everyone has experienced these phenomena.

And now they're being tested on television. Who would guess that GSN, the game show network, would come up with a show that challenges these subliminal prejudices and predictions?

"Without Prejudice?" pits five panelists against five "contestants." Each panelist must evaluate this lineup with very little evidence at first. Can they judge someone without preconceived notions?

Part game show — the winning "contestant" earns \$25,000 — part group therapy, it's a fascinating look into the meanderings of the mind.

The show is hosted, and sometimes refereed, by Dr. Robi Ludwig, a psychotherapist and journalist who's been seen on "The Today Show" and "Headline News."

"There were times I had to referee and I consider that my role and my challenge," says Ludwig in a conference room of a hotel here. "Quite frankly it's kind of fun for me. I think that's why they wanted me because it is having that background and working with people and knowing how to help people say what they need to say, in a safe way. And if you're ever working in group therapy it's very dynamic, it keeps you awake because there's so much

going on."

Ludwig, who has a master's degree in social work, a doctorate in psychology and clinical experience, says it was an appearance of Dr. Joyce Brothers on the tube that inspired her to aim in the same direction.

"I wanted to be a therapist and I knew that in the second grade, I knew that. I'm one of these people fortunately I just knew what I wanted to do. My uncle was a weatherman star in New York City and when I saw his life and the work he did behind the camera, I was like, 'wow!'"

She earned her degree and eventually established a private practice. "Once I became a social worker, I was working in a psychiatric hospital with severely disabled, mentally handicapped people and people with severe bipolar disorder and schizophrenia and paranoid schizophrenia. That's really what you want to do if you want to work with people because if you can work with that population you can work with anybody."

For a while she served as a psychology reporter in upstate New York for a local NBC station. "I created the position. I was interviewed for a morning anchor position. And I said, 'My husband and I live in the city I can't really relocate and be here during the week every morning. What would you think about hiring me as a psychology reporter and I'll put together news stories that are psychologically based?' The director hired me on the spot and put me on the air that evening."

Ludwig, who's been married 15 years to a psychiatrist, has two children, ages 8 and 5. The show, on which she presides like a blonde interlocutor, is based on a successful British game show. Ludwig thinks the producers "wanted to show the gamut of people's opinions and biases and thought processes. They also wanted people who were vocal."

For all her training Ludwig admits that intuition plays a part on "Without Prejudice?"

"There's a new study about intuition that suggests that women might be physiologically more intuitive because of our hormones and the place where it registers in our brain. So I think, in part, we pick up non-verbal clues that we register and there's a place in our brain where we actually are learning things. But it's bypassing the way we memorize or things of that nature. Some people are probably better at it than others. It's putting together information very quickly without knowing exactly where you're getting that information from."

Still she's cautious about granting intuition too much credence. "I think using your intuition is a clue, but you can't over-rely on it. And with practice we probably get better at knowing what's right for us and what's not. It's almost like a muscle that needs to be used. So I'm not exclusively a pragmatist who says you have to separate and identify. I think with time you get to know a person. Sometimes our first impressions serve us well and sometimes they don't."

The show airs Tuesdays at 9 p.m. EDT.



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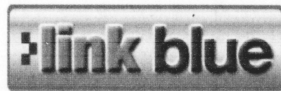
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'Daily Show' Marine gets laughs in Iraq

By Sean L. McCarthy
New York Daily News

Rob Riggle was in combat in Afghanistan after 9/11 as a Marine Corps major during Operation Enduring Freedom. He returned to another battlefield last week, but to make laughs, not war.

His reports, "Operation Silent Thunder," The Daily Show in Iraq began airing Monday night and continue all week on Comedy Central.

Even with his military rank, Riggle said he didn't get better access in Iraq than embedded journalists.

"I didn't go as a Marine in any shape or form," he told the Daily News. "I went as a comedian."

Riggle spent his days look-

ing for comedy bits with a writer and field producer for "The Daily Show With Jon Stewart," and his nights performing USO shows with a comedy troupe that included Paul Scheer and Rob Huebel (both cast members on MTV's "Human Giant") and former "Saturday Night Live" player Horatio Sanz.

They planned some comedy sketches for their "Operation Feel the Heat" but were more than ready to improvise.

"If there was some little bit, we tried to grab it," Riggle said. "We left a lot to chance."

Their tour took them from Kuwait to several makeshift bases in Iraq, at times within earshot of battles.

"We were on a forward operating base that was really

close to Kirkuk when that bomb went off last week," Riggle said.

They returned to New York over the weekend and began combing through the footage Sunday.

"I feel confident that if the troops watch this themselves, they would laugh," Riggle said.

And he was "pleasantly surprised" by the morale among the troops, many of whom talked to Riggle and the other comedians late into the night after shows.

Will he get called back to rejoin them as a Marine?

"I have no idea," Riggle said. "I truly don't know. I try not to think about it, to be honest. I suppose that's pretty naive."

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