



Football

Hasta la vista, Mumme!

Mumme is no longer employed by UK. The funny part is that the offensive line coach is now the new head coach. He will probably do great, but the real question is what will Hal do? He has a 20-26 record here and may not look all that appealing after the problems the football program is going through, whether he was involved or not.

Here are some possible jobs for the now unemployed Mumme:

Western Union spokesman: Evidently the football department has experience with sending money to people. Maybe Hal could lie and say he did it and tell the public that Western Union was a very reliable service. "Western Union, it worked for me!"

A University PPD employee: With his first goal being to pull down his very own Hal Mumme Pass street sign, Mumme could be kept busy shooting birds or some other job that none of the other employees want to do.

A bookie: Evidently a master of odds, considering he knew the odds were stacked against him enough to resign. He is obviously good at keeping quiet since he has said nothing of the accusations.

An agent: If his program, known to him or not, was good at paying people during the recruiting process, maybe he and Majors could open a sports agent office.

XFL coach: It seems other good name burnouts found a home there, why can't he?

Valdosta State quarterback coach: This is actually not a viable option, I just think it would be funny if Mumme were to go back to where he came from, and better yet, be the coach of the man he basically made leave, Dusty Bonner.

Professional parrot head: Following the man himself, Jimmy Buffet, they could both get kicked out of Miami Heat games and waste away in Margaritaville. Something I can only imagine Mumme would enjoy at this point in his career.

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THE FOOTBALL SAGA

Mumme out, Morriss in



NICK TOMCEK | PHOTO EDITOR

Coach Morriss

UK Athletics Director Larry Ivy announced at a news conference Tuesday that Guy Morriss, the current offensive line coach, would replace Hal Mumme as head coach for the UK football team. Morriss said he is excited but wishes the promotion had come under different circumstances.

'I didn't ask for a resignation': Larry Ivy says coach Mumme's decision to resign was a mutual understanding

By Steve Jones
STAFF WRITER

The Hal Mumme era has ended at UK. In a news conference Tuesday at Commonwealth Stadium's Wildcat Den, UK Athletics Director Larry Ivy announced that Hal Mumme had issued his resignation as UK head football coach.

Ivy also announced that current UK offensive line coach Guy Morriss would become the new head coach.

In the midst of a University investigation into potential NCAA recruiting violations by UK coaches, rumors have swirled that Mumme's days at UK were numbered.

Ivy explained that in a meeting with Mumme Tuesday morning, the outgoing coach accepted responsibility for the team's recent troubles but maintained he personally had broken no rules.

"While not admitting any NCAA violations," Ivy said, "(Mumme) felt that the problems we had encountered with the football program were under his watch

and that he should shoulder the responsibility for those problems, thus resulting in his resignation."

Ivy was adamant that Mumme had not been fired, but that in their meeting both men understood the way Mumme's future with the team should go.

"I didn't ask for a resignation," Morriss said. "It was more of a mutual understanding that if in fact a change was made, it would be for the betterment of the program."

Mumme's resignation came at a pivotal time for UK and all other college football programs. Today is the first day of the NCAA national signing period for high school recruits.

With verbal commitments from high school players, Ivy wanted to solidify the head coaching position and relieve any doubts from recruits before they officially signed to play at UK.

"I was concerned about our potential student-athletes who have committed to us," Ivy said. "We hope that the student-athletes that have committed to us have

committed to the University of Kentucky, but if there are any who have committed to play for Hal Mumme, we wanted them to have the opportunity to make that change if necessary."

Morriss was introduced Tuesday as the new head coach for the upcoming season.

He met with the UK players Tuesday and felt well received as their new coach. "They are genuinely excited to roll up their sleeves and get to work," Morriss said.

Morriss had been contacted by Ivy three days earlier about the possibility of taking the job if his boss and friend Mumme left.

"I honestly wish it had been under different circumstances," Morriss said. "I was here to support coach Mumme."

Morriss explained that he would retain the same prolific offensive system that Mumme's teams had used.

"It's certainly a style I enjoy coaching and playing," Morriss said.

Maintaining the status quo within the UK system was a priority to Ivy even though Mumme felt his time with the team was finished.

"The program has been under a cloud," Ivy said, "and I don't think that Hal felt he could remove that cloud."



Dec. 2, 1996

Hal Mumme hired as UK Football's head coach.

1997

Wildcats jump 103 places to sixth in offense nationally.

1997

Pam Miller proclaims campus street "Hal Mumme Pass."

1999

Mumme selected as Nike Clinic's Coach of the Year.

1999

UK goes to second consecutive bowl game for only the third time in the school's history.

1999

Mumme chosen as Football News Regional Coach of the Year.

Dec. 18, 1999

Memphis Trezevant High School coach Lynn Lang allegedly receives \$6,000 from UK booster.

Oct. 25, 2000

Claude Bassett allegedly sends a \$1,400 money order to a Memphis, Tenn. high school.

2000

UK slumps to 2-9.

Nov. 14, 2000

Defensive Coordinator Mike Majors asked to resign.

Nov. 19, 2000

Claude Bassett asked to resign after "mishandling" of camp funds.

Jan. 5, 2001

Bassett admits to sending money orders.

Feb. 6, 2001

Hal Mumme resigns.

STUDENT REACTION

UK students shocked by Hal Mumme's resignation

Surprise, surprise: Students say they don't see any major changes coming in the program

By Lamin Swann
ASSISTANT NEWS EDITOR

"The 'air raid' siren has been silenced for now as far as UK students are concerned."

Students said they have mixed feelings on Wildcat football coach Hal Mumme's resignation Tuesday.

Brenden Hill, an undecided freshman was surprised of the sudden resignation.

"It was kind of surprising more than anything," he said.

With the Wildcats in the same conference as powerhouse football teams of Tennessee and Florida, Hill said UK needed a coach with experience with a top 25 team.

"UK has never been a big football school anyway and I think UK needs a big name coach from somewhere to turn it around," Hill said.

With the quick hiring of UK offensive line coach Guy Morriss as head coach, students see no sudden changes in the program.

"I don't think there will be any changes," said Jonathan Guffey, a family studies senior.

With the dark cloud of an internal investigation of wrongdoing looming over the football program, students said if Mumme has any involvement with the allegations, his departure is right.

"If he's guilty, he should be gone," said Mike Thornton, a

broadcast journalism senior.

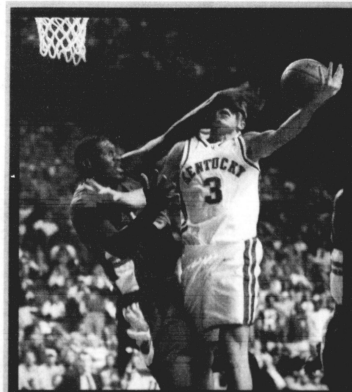
"Everybody might be doing it but you can't get caught," Thornton said on the extreme and sometimes illegal lengths that college athletic teams go to bring a star prep athlete to their campus.

At the news conference Tuesday, Derek Smith, an All-SEC junior tight end gave compliments on Mumme's work last season and sees a great season coming.

"It has been a rough season for him [Mumme]. I am the last person who wanted to see him go, but it is time to move on and I think coach Morriss will do a great job."

Economics senior Jonathan Goolsby had only two words to say about Mumme, who brought UK from a 1-11 season a year before his arrival in 1997 to two bowl appearances in four years, resigning.

"I'm shocked," Goolsby said.



COLIN ANDERSON | KERNEL STAFF

In your face

Junior guard J.P. Blevins took a shot in the face from Florida player Udonis Haslem during Tuesday night's game. See page 10 for more.

ALL THE NEWS THAT FITS.

The Low-down



We do all kinds of wonderful things together. We go to Disney land together."

HUGH HEFNER, 75, founder of Playboy, revealing to Vanity Fair one of the activities he enjoys with his seven girlfriends — Tiffany, Stephanie, Cathi, Katie, Buffy, Tina and Regina — who range in age from 19 to 28.

UK faculty member dies

People who worked with Ken Freedman never knew what to expect.

Freedman, who worked in central advising, came to work once wearing a fake nose ring. Another time he showed up wearing a Walt Disney World Goofy hat.

"You didn't know when he was going to zing you with a joke," said Mary Sue Hoskins, the assistant dean in the division of undergraduate studies.

Freedman, 51, died Feb. 1 of congestive heart failure.

He had worked in the central advising office since 1983.

Hoskins said Freedman was a hard worker, and that he led by example.

"He worked hard and never would ask any one to do what he wasn't willing to do himself," Hoskins said.

Freedman enjoyed reading, Hoskins said, and had started writing a novel.

He is survived by his wife, Marcia Risk of Lexington and his daughter, Danielle.

Hoskins said the faculty in the central advising office will miss the way Freedman interacted with students. She said Freedman had a way of bonding with students who normally were reserved.

"Every student was special, it didn't matter," Hoskins said.

Freedman was cremated last Saturday at the Temple Adath Israel in Lexington.

Sharon favored in Israel election

JERUSALEM — Ariel Sharon, pledging to halt months of violence and take a tough line with the Palestinians, appeared set to score a sweeping victory in Tuesday's election against Israeli Prime Minister Ehud Barak, who staked his job to a peace treaty he has been unable to deliver.

Israelis headed to the polls Tuesday morning amid more news of the turmoil that has engulfed the country since last September. Masked men, believed to be Israeli Arabs, temporarily blocked the main road and stoned passing cars in Israeli Arab town of Taibeh in central Israel before being chased off by police, army radio reported.

Many Israeli Arabs have said they will boycott the poll, and police were out in large numbers to prevent voter intimidation. Also, an Israeli soldier was killed Monday in a gunbattle with Palestinians near the Rafah border crossing between the Gaza Strip and Egypt.

GOP and lobbyists expand tax package

WASHINGTON — Congressional Republicans and lobbyists say they like President Bush's proposed tax cut, but they won't back down from plans to add their own priorities, even though Bush is promising to defend his proposal "might-



LET YOUR BODY GO: Siso is at work on *Return of the Dragon* — the follow-up to his 1999 debut *Unleash the Dragon*, which spawned the mega-hit "Thong Song."

He's hoping to release his sophomore solo effort in April.

"The first single sounds like nothing anybody has ever heard before," Siso said.

Group warns against e-mail wiretap

WASHINGTON — Before you forward that private message from your boss to several co-workers, consider the possibility that he may hear about it. Thanks to a newly publicized security hole in major e-mail programs, your outgoing messages may be tapped. Makers of the two of the most popular consumer e-mail applications scrambled to deal with the problem Monday, telling their customers how to protect themselves. Using a small piece of invisible programming code in an e-mail message, an e-mail's original sender can get copies every time the message is forwarded, including the comments added to the message by its recipients, warned the Privacy Foundation, which publicized the problem Monday. This e-mail wiretap could be used to get off-color remarks from company or governmental officials, or by a spamming company to gather e-mail addresses.

Estrada sues over Philippines president

MANILA, Philippines — Ousted Philippine President Joseph Estrada filed a lawsuit with the Supreme Court on Tuesday questioning the legitimacy of his successor. Estrada lawyers said the petition is the first direct challenge to the presidency of Gloria Macapagal-Arroyo, who was sworn in Jan. 20 as swelling street protests forced Estrada to leave the presidential palace.

Macapagal-Arroyo, who was vice president, picked a successor to that position Tuesday from Estrada's home region of Mindanao.

Fighting flares in Serbia's south

VRANJE, Yugoslavia — Ethnic Albanian militants fired mortar shells and small arms in an hourlong attack against government positions in southern Serbia just outside Kosovo, a top official and witnesses said Tuesday. The overnight attack, the heaviest in months, began from trenches and other rebel positions with mortar and heavy artillery fire, said Rasim Ljajic, minister for ethnic minorities in Serbia's government. "We think that the attack was a response to our recently announced plan for a political solution of the crisis," Ljajic said. "The militants do not want negotiations, they want to draw us into a complete armed confrontation."



MATERIALS OF MATERIAL GIRL: If you've always wanted to get into Madonna's underwear — which isn't as easy as it used to be — there's still hope for you. A record dealer in the small town of Gerona, Spain, claims to have a black silk slip that once housed the assets of the Material Girl.

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CAMPUS NEWS

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Ops: Candles in dorms violation of policy; Dean of students said no basis for disciplinary action at this time

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Donovan Hall is also a

resident hall and is located on the corner of Rose Street and Huguenot.

Victor Hazard, dean of students, also received a copy of the report from the fire marshal.

Hazard said he believes that residence life should further look into the matter.

"There is no basis for disciplinary action at this time," Hazard said.

When interviewed last month, Ogg refused to release the name of his roommate. Hazard also refused to release the name.

Jim Wims, the director of residence life, also received a copy of the report. Wims was unable to comment on the details of the case because it was still being reviewed by his office. He said he had spoken to Ogg about the fire.

"We are trying to bring closure to the case," Wims said.

"Two things go into the decision, the fire marshal's report and talking with students themselves."

Wims said Tony Ralf, the assistant director of student rooms and responsibilities, is handling the case now.

Wims speculated that the case would be closed by the end of the week.

Before a copy of the report can be released, Ogg must sign a release form.

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THE SAGA OF SGA

Leaders challenge SGA amendments

Left out: Students claim Senate chairman did not give proper notice to the student body about the SGA Constitution changes

By Tracy Kershaw
NEWS EDITOR

Student Government President Jimmy Glenn and two other student leaders say the student body should have known about changes made to the SGA Constitution last semester.

Glenn, along with former Interfraternity President Johnny Collias and Alpha Tau Omega President Kevin Kyde, will ask the SGA Supreme Court to void the amendments at a trial Wednesday afternoon.

Two of the amendments change the face of SGA elections: the first sets a two-term limit for president and the second requires presidential and vice-presidential candidates to have already served at least one year in the organization.

The Senate passed the amendments in an emergency meeting on Nov. 29.

They claim Senate Chairman Edwin Orange should not have called an emergency meeting to pass the amended Constitution and that he should have given proper notice to the student body about the changes.

Orange said he called the emergency meeting because he knew the next week would most likely be the impeachment trial and he didn't want senators to make two major decisions on one night.

While Orange notified the Kernel office about the emergency meeting 24 hours before it, Glenn said that was not sufficient notice.

"There was no chance for the student body to come out," Glenn said.

Glenn, who is serving his second term as

SGA president, could run for the office again if the amendments are overturned. But he said being able to run again is not his motivation for taking this to court.

"I would be upset with this if I was a freshman, a graduate student or if I was only remotely associated with student government," he said.

If students had supported the amendments, Glenn said he would have no objections.

Collias, a communications senior, said he joined the effort because the amendments are unfair to the student body.

He is foremost concerned with the requirement for presidential and vice-presidential candidates to have SGA experience.

"I think there are a lot of great leaders on this campus who haven't been involved with SGA," he said.

The amended Constitution did not include the student's right for a referendum, which is another issue of contention. Removing the referendum passage was not an amendment to the old Constitution.

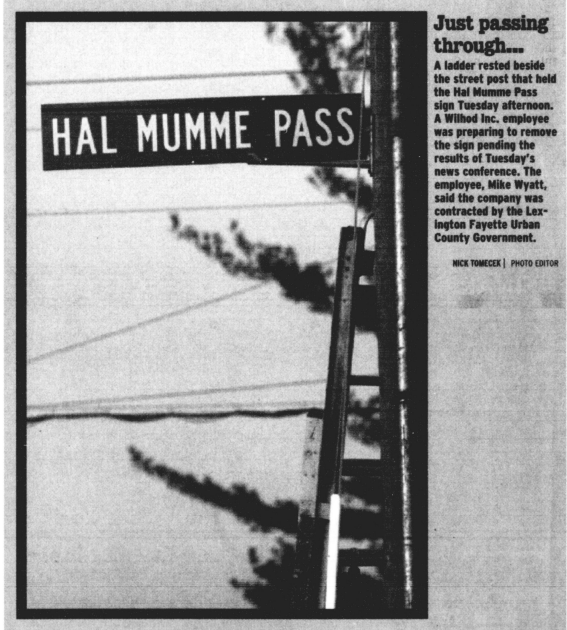
Charlie Tichenor, SGA parliamentarian and member of the committee who wrote the amended constitution, said they did not intentionally remove the passage.

The committee is meeting tomorrow and will discuss the referendum issue then.

"It was an oversight," he said.

Glenn wants the referendum back in the document.

"In essence, the student body has been written out of the Constitution," he said.



Just passing through...

A ladder rested beside the street post that held the Hal Mumme Pass sign Tuesday afternoon. A Withold Inc. employee was preparing to remove the sign pending the results of Tuesday's news conference. The employee, Mike Wyatt, said the company was contracted by the Lexington Fayette Urban County Government.

NICK TOMCEK | PHOTO EDITOR

EXTRACURRICULAR

Council helps students

Nubian week: Week is meant to bring black students together through activities

By Donia Shuhaiber
CONTRIBUTING WRITER

The Nubian Council, in an effort to help students become more involved and less stressed, has arranged activities for this week.

The council, which is dedicated to serving black students on campus, has been around since 1995.

Shaun Knox, a broadcast journalism senior and the president of the council, said this week is about bringing black students together.

"We provide community service activities and social activities for students," he said.

The council also keeps campus updated on black Greek life at UK.

"All through the semester, the campus stays posted on

what's going on with each African American sorority and fraternity."

The council governs the black fraternities and sororities, and says its goal is to inform students about the different black Greek organizations on campus and the services offered.

Its job is to set the rules for black fraternities and sororities on campus and to vote on the kinds of activities that these organizations want to promote.

Antoine Jennings, a marketing junior and chairman of the council is very proud of what it is doing.

"This is a very good organization for the campus to have," Jennings said.

In addition to all the council's hard work, this week's target is about more than just motivating their member organiza-

tions, Jennings said. "We host a week for the individual organizations where they showcase their organization and let campus know what they do," Jennings said.

This week is also here, "to get students out to relieve their stress and have some fun," Jennings said.

Nubian week

- Wednesday - from 3 p.m. - 6 p.m., the council will engage in community service to help students with their homework and mentor them.
- Thursday - from 9 p.m. - 12, skating party at Champs
- Friday - (off campus) Council visits Barren College for Greek awareness day.
- To be a member you have to be in a black sorority or fraternity.

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February 5 - February 11, 2001

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<p>Wed 7</p> <p>MEETINGS "Alli Meeting, 8pm, 211 Stud. Ctr. "Power of the Spirit, 10:00/10:30 Stud. Org., 4:15pm. "Blaze Court Trial, 8pm, Dining Room "Table Tennis, 8pm, Recreation Center, 4-6pm, Rec Hall Private Dining Room "Caucasian, Can't be Dead, 7pm, 230 Stud. Ctr. "Great, 7pm, 100 Stud. Ctr. "Prayer/Accountability Groups, 8pm, 230 Stud. Ctr. "Dinner and Meeting Service, 8pm, 230 Stud. Ctr. "College Internships Mtg., 8:30pm, 112 Stud. Ctr. "Golden Key Int'l. Honor Society Mtg., 7:30pm, 105 Stud. Ctr. "Hours of Study Abroad" Info. Session, 4-5pm, Bradley Hall Rm 101</p> <p>SPORTS "UK Softball Club, 5-6:30pm, Alumni Gym Laft</p> <p>LECTURES "Ships & an Incredibly Changing Department Store, 5:30pm, Peace Hall Rm 209</p> <p>SPECIAL EVENTS "ZOO UK Children's Hospital Visit, 4-4:45pm, Hospital Lobby</p> <p>ARTS/MOVIES "Art of Lure, Tennessee Carter, 12:30pm, Art Museum Gallery</p> <p>INTRAMURALS/RECREATION "UK Athletic Club, 6:30-8:30pm, UK Alumni Gym Laft "Madness and Assistance Corporation Donating, 7-9pm, 343 Old Stud. Ctr.</p> <p>MEETINGS "Cultural Feast in French Mtg., 5-6pm, Roundwood Hall Business</p> <p>SPORTS "Tom Kwan Club Practice Hours, 5-6:30pm, Alumni Gym Laft</p> <p>LECTURES "Stage of Entomology Collection, 8pm, Ag. Science Ctr. North A.7 "Remembering the Experimental Slave & the City", 12pm, The Gaines Cr. Bingham-Davis Seminar Rm.</p> <p>INTRAMURALS/RECREATION "Open Gym Volleyball, 8pm, 230 Stud. Ctr. "Basketball Practice, 8pm, 230 Stud. Ctr.</p>	<p>Thurs 8</p> <p>ACADEMICS "Intership & Shadowing Orientation, 11am-12pm, Student Bldg. Rm 101</p> <p>MEETINGS "Annexity International, 8pm, 228 Stud. Ctr. "Freshmen Focus, 7pm, Rec. Stud. Union Chapel "UK Lambda Mtg., 7:30pm, 231 Stud. Ctr. "Orientation in Lunch, 12:15pm, Rec. Stud. Union Multipurpose Room "Christian Crusade for Christ, 7:30pm, Worship Theatre "Christian Student Fellowship: Synergy, 8pm, CSF, corner of Woodland and Columbus</p> <p>SPORTS "UK Rugby Practice, 6-8pm, Club Sports Field</p> <p>LECTURES "Why Have a City Center?", 12pm, The Gaines Cr. Bingham-Davis House Seminar</p>
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NATIONAL NEWS

Survivors return to work

Shooting rampage: Employees met with counselors, investigators

ASSOCIATED PRESS

MELROSE PARK, Ill. — Workers who survived a shooting rampage returned to the Navistar engine plant Tuesday and met with counselors, and authorities investigated how the gunman — a convicted felon — got his weapons.

Fired Navistar employee William D. Baker had four guns when he overpowered a security guard Monday, shot four people to death, wounded four others and then fatally shot himself. He was to have begun a federal prison term Tuesday for helping to steal engines and parts from the suburban Chicago plant, police said.

Asked about the shooting, White House press secretary Ari Fleischer said President Bush believes "one of the answers is tougher enforcement of the current laws" and also has proposed safety locks and raising the age at which youths can get handguns.

"Unfortunately, too often with these laws, there are people who are going to break laws and we cannot stop that in all cases," Fleischer said.

Employees of the International Truck and Engine Corp. plant, which makes medium-duty engines for parent company Navistar, were allowed to stay home a day after the rampage.

"Our main focus is on providing counseling for the employees and families," company spokesman Roy Wiley said.

Police said Baker showed up at about 10 a.m. Monday with a golf bag filled with firearms.

When a security guard on her first day tried to stop him, Baker allegedly put a revolver to her side and forced his way into the vast building.

Baker then opened fire with the AK-47, shooting seven people — three fatally — in an engineering area, police said. He killed another person in an office area before killing himself, police said.

Also killed were Daniel Dorsch, 52, a supervisor in the engine lab and a 26-year Navistar employee; Robert Wehrheim, 47, a lab technician; Michael Brus, 48, an engineer who had



A worker from the Navistar Engine Plant comforts his daughter after a shooting in the plant killed at least one and injured four others in Melrose Park, Ill., Monday.

been with Navistar for 12 years; and William Garcia, 44, a test engineer with 22 years at the company.

Authorities weren't sure if Baker targeted any employees or fired randomly.

Carl S. Swanson, 45, was in critical condition after surgery for a gunshot wound to the abdomen; Mujtaba Aidroos, 24, was in serious condition

with a chest wound.

Bryan Snyder, 26, wounded in the arm, was in fair condition, while Matthew Kusch, 22, his toe grazed by a bullet, was treated at a hospital and released.

Baker, of Carol Stream, was a tool room attendant who had worked at the plant for 39 years before he was fired in 1994.

GOVERNMENT

Campaign will try to halt AIDS

'Break the back': Goal is to cut the number of new HIV infections in half by 2005

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CHICAGO — A government campaign intended to "break the back" of the AIDS epidemic will try to cut the number of new infections in half by 2005, largely by identifying Americans who carry HIV but do not know it.

The effort, announced Tuesday by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, is based on the idea that most AIDS infections are spread by outwardly healthy people who do not realize they have HIV.

The agency believes that if these people knew they were infected, they would be more careful to protect others, and they would also take AIDS drugs that would probably make them less likely to transmit the virus.

The CDC already spends about \$600 million a year on AIDS prevention, mostly to try to keep uninfected people from catching the virus.

"We have been dealing with half of the equation," said the CDC's Dr. Robert Janssen. "Now it's time to look at all of it."

Officials said the campaign would cost an additional \$300 million annually. The CDC already has \$100 million of this and hopes to get funding for the rest.

The CDC estimates that 800,000 to 900,000 Americans are now infected with HIV, and 40,000 more catch the virus each year, a figure that has been stable since the early 1990s. The CDC's goal is to cut the number of new infections to 200,000 annually.

To do this, the CDC will try to identify many more of the 200,000 to 275,000 people who

are infected and do not know it. Currently, about 75,000 new HIV infections are diagnosed annually. The CDC hopes to increase that by 30,000 for the next two or three years. By 2005, it hopes that 95 percent of infected Americans will know their status.

"People who are infected and don't know it need to get tested, need to be treated and need to be safe," Janssen said. "It is critical that people learn they are infected."

The agency believes that most people who have HIV do not want to infect others, and they will take precautions if they know they have the virus. One CDC survey found that 90 percent of people adopt less risky sexual behavior during the year after they learn of their infections, typically using condoms more and having sex less often.

As the infection progresses, the amount of virus in people's bodies increases, making them more likely to transmit HIV. Drug combinations available over the past five years have made these virus levels plummet, and experts assume this will make infected people much less likely to pass on the virus.

Finding infected people as soon as possible is an important goal, said Dr. Anthony Fauci, head of the National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases. "The critical reason for learning early is to treat them as soon as treatment is appropriate," he said.

Details of the campaign, called SAFE — for Serostatus Approach to Fighting the Epidemic — were outlined at the Eighth Annual Retrovirus Conference in Chicago.

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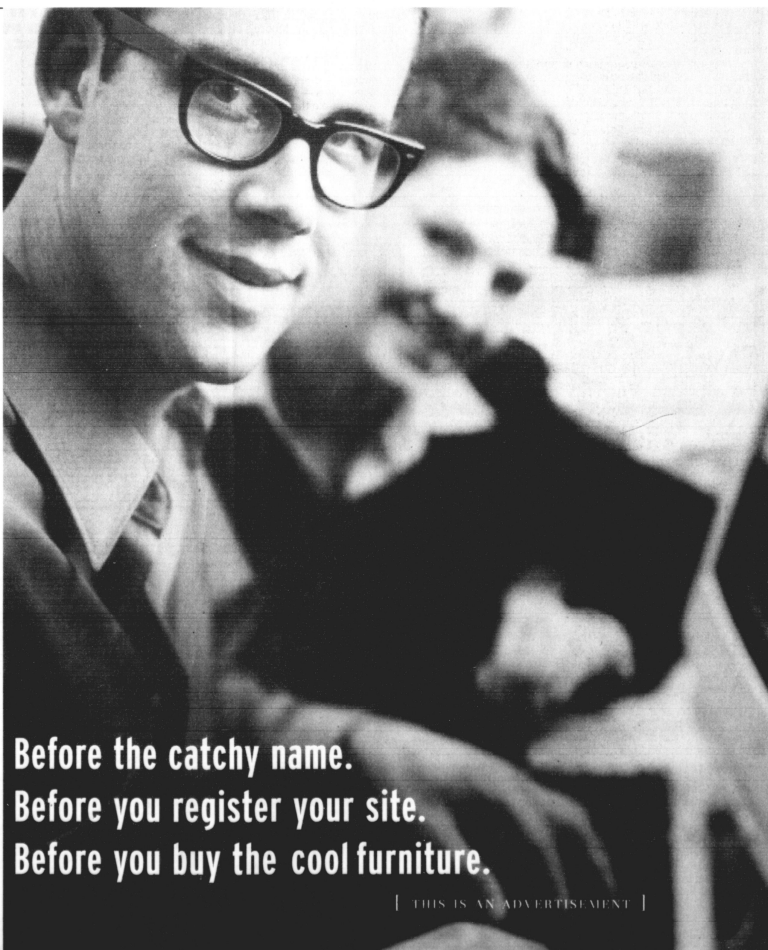
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ANIMAL LIFE

Seaquarium workers ate some of protected turtle

Strong warning: Employees' turtle dinner sparked state investigation, no charges filed

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MIAMI — After a protected leatherback sea turtle died at the Miami Seaquarium last year, its meat was turned into a stew that was eaten by some of the park's workers.

The leatherback, one of the rarest sea turtle species, had been brought to the park after it was hit by a boat last April. A former employee complained about the incident a month later and that triggered a state investigation.

No charges were filed in the case because the Seaquarium's permit to handle endangered species did not specifically say how it was to dispose of dead turtles. But officials did give the park a strong warning.

"It can't happen again," said Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission Lt.

John D. West.

The Miami Beach Patrol brought the injured turtle, which weighed about 800 pounds, to the park on April 8. Seaquarium employees placed the turtle in a holding tank where they attempted to treat it. A park veterinarian instructed workers, by phone, but the turtle died a short while later.

After the turtle died, a worker, identified in the investigation as "R. Stollmeyer," asked Dr. Maya Dougherty, the veterinarian who conducted the necropsy, if he could take home some meat for a stew.

Both Dougherty and Chris Plante, the animal care supervisor, agreed to let Stollmeyer have about three bags of the meat, according to the former employee's complaint.

Stollmeyer, a native of

Trinidad and Tobago where turtle consumption is common, came into work the next day and shared the stew with several other employees, investigator's said.

Seaquarium general manager Robert Martinez later sent workers a memo warning them to properly dispose of animal carcasses or face disciplinary action or termination.

Dougherty and Plante had letters put in their personnel files saying they used poor judgment, Seaquarium officials said.

"If this is like a hospital, it's like eating a patient that died," said Russ Rector, of the Dolphin Freedom Foundation and a critic of the Seaquarium.

Seaquarium executive vice president Andrew Hertz issued a written statement saying that consumption of the body of an animal was against park policy and said immediate disciplinary action was taken when officials found out about the incident.

"We certainly don't want

this isolated incident to put a dark cloud over what the Seaquarium does," curator Robert Rose said Tuesday.

Located on Virginia Key and overlooking Biscayne Bay, Miami Seaquarium displays about 10,000 aquatic creatures, including sharks, starfish, tropical fish, and manatees. The 1960s TV series "Flipper" was filmed at the park.

The 45-year-old park also is involved in research, and rescue and rehabilitation of marine life. The last controversy involving the park was in 1995, when there was a campaign to free the park's star performer, a killer whale named Lolita. Lolita is still at the park.

The Seaquarium's permit was renewed last week with special conditions. The park must notify Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission within 48 hours after a turtle is examined, even if it dies, and monthly reports must confirm the type of disposal of all marine turtle carcasses.

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POLITICS

Amendment meets opposition

'A moral basis': Moderates speak out against posting Ten Commandments in public

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BIRMINGHAM, Ala. — A group of Christian moderates and people of other faiths came out Tuesday against a proposed constitutional amendment to allow Ten Commandment displays in public buildings in Alabama.

The Interfaith Alliance of Alabama — which includes Protestants, Roman Catholics, Jews, Muslims and Buddhists — said hanging the Old Testament laws in schools, courthouses and other buildings would violate the U.S. Constitution.

Contrary to the claims of supporters, displaying the Ten Commandments statewide also would do nothing to promote morality, said alliance president James L. Evans.

"It's not a horseshoe you hang on the wall. You have to teach them," said Evans, pastor of a moderate Baptist church in suburban Birmingham.

The group held a news conference to announce its opposition to the amendment as legislators convened in Montgomery for the opening of their regular session.

With a mailing list of 1,000 individuals and churches, the Interfaith Alliance doesn't have money for a lobbyist, Evans said. Instead, it asked opponents of the proposed amendment to contact lawmakers personally.

The chief promoter of the amendment, Christian Family Association executive director Dean Young, said there is a "tremen-

dous amount of support" for the bill.

"All we are asking is put this in the hands of the people of Alabama," Young said at a Statehouse news conference. "It is time in this nation that a state stands up and does the right thing."

One of the sponsors, Sen. Gerald Dial, D-Lineville, said 23 other senators signed on as co-sponsors. Young said Rep. DuWayne Bridges, R-Valley, was sponsoring the measure in the House.

Sen. Albert Lipscomb, a co-sponsor, said any display would be voluntary, but he believes posting the commandments in school would be a good influence on students.

"There has to be a moral basis on which we make decisions, and it's the Ten Commandments," said Lipscomb, R-Magnolia Springs.

Gov. Don Siegelman previously said he would support the measure.

Young and his group have raised money to help Circuit Judge Roy Moore in his legal battle to keep a plaque of the Ten Commandments posted in his courtroom in Gadsden. He also raised campaign money for Moore's election as chief justice of the Alabama Supreme Court. Moore now has the commandments plaque posted in his office.

Evans said there are three different versions of the Ten Commandments — one for Protestants, one favored by Catholics and another by Jews — and having any particular one in public buildings would make that faith "Alabama's official religion."

"Once we say that we reduce all people who follow other faiths, or who follow no faith, to the level of second-class citizens, anyway you look at that, it is blatantly unfair," Evans said.

To take effect, the proposed amendment must pass the Legislature and be approved in a statewide vote.

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MUSIC

Start spreading the news about Peter Salett

New York state of mind: Singer/songwriter talks about his new album and penchant for soundtracks

By Matt Mulcahey
SCENE EDITOR

Peter Salett has attended the Sundance Film Festival about as frequently as Robert Redford in the last four years. No, he's not an aspiring actor or director, he's a musician, a musician who always finds his way onto a soundtrack at the pre-eminent, independent American film celebration.

In fact, he's popping up so often he's almost the equivalent of a Kenny Loggins of the new millennium, only more talented (alright, *Footloose* is pretty catchy, but just try and defend his song from the arm wrestling saga *Over the Top*).

For Salett, the reason is simple. "The thing is that I've been playing in New York for a while, and the people who were always coming to see me play were actors, directors and artists around New York. So when it came time to make their movies, they used people they knew," Salett said.

To say Salett isn't an actor wouldn't be entirely true. The Maryland born singer/songwriter has a theater background but decided to concentrate on music when he went to the Big Apple.

"I wasn't going to go through the hell of being an actor in New York and the hell of being a musician in New York," Salett said.

Salett just returned from Sundance, where he's promoting a song from the new comedy *Wet Hot American Summer*, directed by David Wain of MTV's "The State." This time Salett also pops up in a role.

"It's not quite a walk on. It's a small part; I don't have too many lines. I'm kinda interspersed throughout the movie. I'm Guitar Dude."

In the past, Salett had songs in *Hurricane Streets* and *Other Voices* (both Sundance participants), but the film that provided Salett with the most exposure was Edward Norton's directorial debut *Keeping the Faith*.

Norton was already a friend of Salett's, and the two worked on their new projects simultaneously.

"Edward and I had talked about putting some of my songs into the movie, and he almost went with something completely different and not use any pop songs at all. But I was sending him rough cuts as I was working on the new album."

The new album that resulted was *Heart of Mine*, an irresistibly catchy collage breaching a hefty portion of the musical gamut, from blues to soul, from pop to rock.

The title-track "Heart of Mine," featured prominently in *Keeping the Faith*, has become a top 20 hit... in Thailand.

"I've been to Thailand but I have no idea why it's such a hit. I got a report from a girl there who says she hears it every day."

Salett's second album strays from his first offering, *Paintings of These Days*.

"I think that *Paintings* is a little more, I like the range on it, but it's a little more all-country, the lap-steel is a little country sounding and the new record is a little more rock and soul."

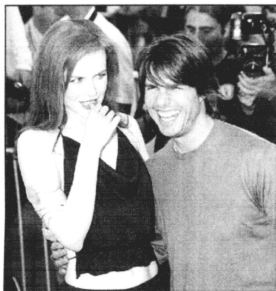


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Salett on *Hurricane Streets*: "That was one of those deals where it was a movie that a lot of people would've enjoyed and it had a lot of success at Sundance. That song by Marcy's Playground ("Sex and Candy") was supposed to be a single from the soundtrack, but MGM took so long to release the movie that Capitol records released it off their record. It went on to be a number one. MGM released the film for about a week in New York and even though the theaters where full they pulled it so basically they released it to fulfill their contractual obligations. That was my first real taste of the movie business."

BREAK-UP

Eyes shut on Kidman-Cruise marriage



Kidman and Cruise frequented many movie premieres and awards shows together as a public couple.

Couple bites the dust: Relationship hampered by career

ASSOCIATED PRESS

LOS ANGELES — After 11 years of marriage, Tom Cruise and Nicole Kidman said Monday that they are separating because their work is keeping them apart.

Pat Kingsley, a spokeswoman for the actors, said the decision was made regrettably.

"Citing the difficulties inherent in divergent careers, which constantly keep them apart, they concluded that an amicable separation seems best for both of them at this time," Kingsley said.

The couple has two adopted children, Connor and Isabella. It wasn't known whether custody would be shared. Kingsley denied further comment.

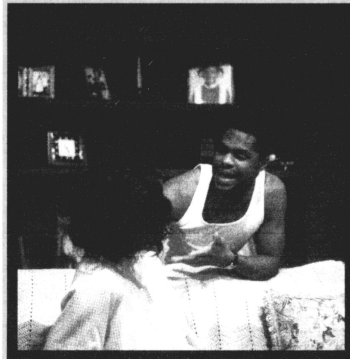
Cruise, 38, has starred in *Born on the Fourth of July*, *A Few Good Men*, *Jerry Maguire*, *Mission: Impossible*, *Rain Man*, *Top Gun* and *Magnolia*.

Kidman, 33, spent three months in Spain last fall to film *The Others*, with Cruise as one of the executive producers. Her movie credits include *Batman Forever*, *Malice* and *To Die For*.

The couple starred together in the films *Far and Away* and *Days of Thunder*.

Kidman discussed her marriage in a 1998 interview: "It's been nine years and I'm past the seven-year itch. When you're loved for your flaws, that's when you really feel safe."

The following year, the couple started together in Stanley Kubrick's final film, *Eyes Wide Shut*, which included an erotic sex scene between the couple. A tabloid report that claimed they had to hire a sex therapist to help them with *Eyes Wide Shut* scenes led to a lawsuit. *The Star* supermarket tabloid later agreed to donate money to a charity and ran a retraction as part of a settlement.



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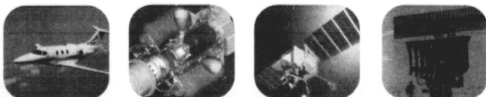
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Defections to the NBA make young talent a must

Youth means fun: Lack of experienced players creates uncertainty in the college game and makes coaching the X-factor

The Fab Five — remember them? What an ensemble of talent! Five freshmen that led their team to the finals of the NCAA Tournament ... an absolutely remarkable feat. I am quite sure we will never see the likes of that again, or at least not to that extreme, as all five starters were freshmen on that team.

However, we will continue to see college basketball depend on its youth more every year because as the NBA gets younger, so does college basketball.

Thus, the question remains ... which is better, young, tal-

ented players or experienced, but not NBA material talent? I don't know, and that's why college basketball is so much fun.

It is also why the true leader on the sidelines, the coach is so instrumental in producing winners at the college level.

Young or poor, any human being is quick to listen and gain advice to further their career along.

It is why both students and athletes go to college, to learn how to make money at their future career, whether that career is as a stockbroker or a

professional basketball player. It is also why the college level is the ideal place for coaches to be because it is where they are listened to with open ears and where they definitely have the most influence on their pupils.

Why is college basketball so fun? Simple, because the players on the court are still willing and ready to learn anything to help them win, or pursue their next goal, the NBA.

As a result, it is also why this Kentucky basketball team has become so fun to watch over the past few games.

It is because right before our very eyes they are learning so much.

As both Keith Bogans and Tayschaun Prince said after they game Saturday, they are for one, learning to make the

extra pass.

They are also learning how to dominate another opponent, as South Carolina definitely quit at some point in that second half.

Establishing their two undisputed leaders on the court was also learned over the past two games, plus the realization of how an effective inside game creates enormous opportunity for players on the perimeter.

Overall, it was a two game stretch that I'm sure resulted in an A from coach Smith.

Let's just hope these learning Cats don't forget their new knowledge, instead continuing to absorb more and more.

As long as that happens, with UK's talent and an excellent teacher on the sidelines, their potential might just be unlimited come time for finals in March.

SPORTS IN THE COURTS

NCAA challenges Louisville ruling



The appellate panel did not make a ruling Monday. Judge David Barber said a ruling would be expedited but did not give a date.

Not quite eligible: NCAA says U of L's Lasege purposely signed professional contract in Russia

FRANKFORT, Ky. — Attorneys for the NCAA Monday asked the state Court of Appeals to set aside a judge's order that has enabled Nigerian Muhammed Lasege to play basketball for the University of Louisville.

They argued that Jefferson Circuit Judge Geoffrey Morris was wrong to grant Lasege an injunction after a committee of the National Collegiate Athletic Association declared Lasege ineligible. An injunction is supposed to preserve the status quo until a case can be decided, one of the NCAA's attorneys, Edward H. Stopher of Louisville, told a three-judge panel.

The 6-foot-11 Lasege, who had never actually received eligibility to play basketball, became eligible, Stopher said. "The entry of this injunction was an abuse of discretion," he said.

Lasege's attorney, James E. Millman of Louisville, argued that the injunction did, in fact, preserve the status quo in that Lasege was able to remain a student. Without his scholarship, Lasege probably would be deported, Millman said.

The appellate panel — Judges David A. Barber of Prestonsburg, David C. Buckingham of Murray and Sara Walter Combs of Stanton — did not make a ruling Monday. Barber, who presided, said a ruling would be expedited, but he set no date.

The case centers on Lasege's brief stint with a professional team in Russia. He signed two contracts, which the NCAA committee deemed to be a \$9,000 pro contract and an agent contract. The committee also decided that Lasege was given preferential treatment by virtue of being an athlete.

The university also concluded in its own review that Lasege was ineligible, but it petitioned the NCAA for his reinstatement. Lasege's lawyers say he

played for room and board in Russia, not for cash, and Lasege offered to repay \$6,700 for food, clothing and travel. But the NCAA denied the petition.

The two sides painted Lasege's case in contrasting tones during the two-hour hearing.

"To the NCAA, Lasege is a savvy athlete who saw a chance to get a visa to enter the United States if he first went to Russia. His contracts were in English, and he was not coerced, the NCAA's theory goes.

"There is, in fact, an agency contract, and the University of Louisville so characterized it," another NCAA attorney, Linda J. Salfrank of Kansas City, Mo., told the judges. "Muhammed Lasege intended to professionalize."

In Millman's description, Lasege's "pro" experience in Russia was 13 games for a junior club team — "probably high school level" in the United States.

Lasege was ignorant of NCAA rules, which by the NCAA's own guidelines is supposed to be a factor in deciding eligibility appeals, Millman said.

Moreover, Lasege's aspirations were for an education, not a basketball career, Millman said. Lasege, an economics major with nearly a straight-A average, is "a student-athlete with a capital 'S' and a little 'A,'" Millman said. "What the NCAA wants to do is send this honor student back to Nigeria before he ever gets a hearing on the merits" of his case.

Lasege argues that the NCAA treated him arbitrarily. Salfrank said that was not true. The NCAA has never reinstated an athlete who had the rules violations attributed to Lasege, she said.

But Combs, the appellate judge, wondered aloud whether the NCAA ever before had a case with such extenuating circumstances.

"This reads more like a John LeCarre spy novel," she said.

PROGRESS

Bulldogs bring diversity to Rupp

WEST LIBERTY, Ky. — When the Mississippi State Bulldogs take the Rupp Arena floor Saturday, 13 of the players will be black.

Morgan County Schools Superintendent Joe Dan Gold remembers when things were different.

Gold, a native of Benton in Marshall County, played at MSU and later coached at the school.

The 1963 MSU basketball team that he captained did its part to help pull the United States further away from the demon of racism.

Before the 1962-63 campaign, MSU had won the SEC in three of the previous four seasons. But they did not represent the SEC in the NCAA tournament in any of those years because the school had an unwritten rule that it did not compete against teams that had black players on their rosters.

But as the civil rights movement began to build steam, progressive-minded individuals began to challenge the status quo.

And as the firmly planted establishment tried to resist the change, courageous people became all the more inspired.

People like D.W. Colvard, the president at MSU.

"We were playing our last game of the regular season at Ole Miss and there had been a little discussion about us participating in the NCAA tournament," said Gold, who was one of three All-SEC selections on the team. "The board of trustees had a tie vote and left it up to Mr. Colvard."

Colvard and coach Babe McCarthy had their minds set on making a strong statement for MSU.

The announcement that Mississippi State would go to the NCAA tournament and compete against black athletes was not taken in stride by many, including Gov. Ross Barnett and State Sen. Billy Mitts, who got an injunction to prevent the Bulldogs from playing in the tourney.

With Colvard leaving early for a speaking engagement in Alabama, McCarthy and athletic director Wade Walker drove to Memphis and then flew to Nashville, a rendezvous point with the rest of the team after it got out of Starkville.

"They sent some freshmen and two or three of the reserve players to the airport to see if anyone was going to be there to serve the injunction," Gold said. "As it turned out, no one showed up and the rest of the team came."

"We understood a little of the importance for the university and for the state, but as players our primary concern was to go and participate in the tournament," Gold said. "We just wanted to go and play."

MSU brought a 21-5 record into the game, but Gold and his teammates knew Loyola of Chicago played a different style than they were accustomed to seeing.

Jerry Harkness, a consensus All-American and the Loyola Ramblers' captain, said the days leading up to the Mississippi State game were stressful.

Harkness said the team, which had four black starters, bonded during those days.

"We decided to go and play for us and not for anybody else," he said. "That really brought us together."

Mississippi State scored the first seven points of the game and led by as many as 10. Loyola, however, had a strong finish and came away with a 61-51 win before claiming three more victories to take the national championship.

Still, the players from both teams began to realize the significance of the game.

"I feel a sense of pride and accomplishment for being a part of that group," Gold said. "We were not a highly recruited group. There were not a lot of blue chippers, but to be a part of a significant development in the history of a state, I was pleased to be a part of that."

And he is also pleased that when the Bulldogs take the floor at Rupp Arena on Saturday there will be 13 examples of how far Mississippi and the rest of the country has come since that turbulent era.

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Red is a symbol for passion, right?

Fairy tale has racy background

WASHINGTON, Pa. — The children's story "Little Red Riding Hood" originally offered a warning about the dangers of premarital sex and a striptease by the title character, a professor at Washington and Jefferson College says. Early versions also ended with all the characters being eaten by the wolf but the story was toned down by the Brothers Grimm, said Professor Elizabeth Bennett. "Be warned. You may never be able to look at fairy tales the same way again," Bennett said in her syllabus. Bennett teaches a four-week course, "The Psychology of Fairy Tales," and offers a new take on traditional children's stories. "I don't think I've been totally traumatized," said Dara Anderson, a student in the class. "I think I've learned to look at things differently."



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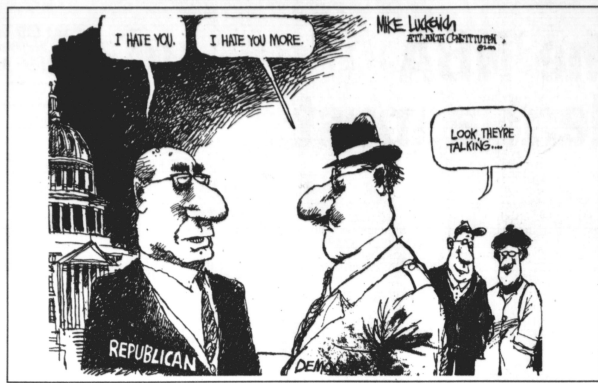
Please step away from the dancer ...

Strippers face new restrictions

LITTLE ROCK — The Legislature is considering two bills that would give exotic dancers less wiggle room. One proposal would close establishments at midnight if nude dancing is performed. It would restrict dancers to the stage, no closer than 15 feet from patrons, and would ban tips. No one under 21 would be allowed to work as a dancer. The other bill would redefine the offense of public sexual indecency to include "an act of nudity." It defines nudity as, among other things, showing of private parts of the body with less than a fully opaque covering in places open to the public. It would exempt women who breast-feed infants. State Sen. Brenda Gullett said the bills were intended to tighten the regulation of exotic dance venues, not to force them to close. "This was such an issue in our community, and we had to work really hard to do something to make this a place that was really acceptable without squelching their right to be there," Gullett said.

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IN OUR OPINION

Fox thinks slyly in drug battle

Mexican president should keep from turning to United States, be proud of domestic policies

Mexico: land of NAFTA factories, cocaine runners and people desperate to cross the Rio Grande. Instead of attempting to correct this (mis) perception of his country in the eyes of the international community, Mexico's President Vicente Fox is all but admitting its accuracy. Fox recently pressed President Bush to grant amnesty to all Mexicans living and working in the United States, regardless of their status. He feels all immigrants, legal and illegal, should be granted basic health and education benefits in order to "ease the plight of Mexicans fleeing to the United States." He also asked that the United States create a common labor market where Mexicans could freely cross the border to work in American businesses, factories and farms — and that these same health and education benefits be extended to temporary workers. We at the Kernel are adamantly opposed to anyone, regardless of ethnic origin or status within this country, receiving benefits that they did not earn. Illegal immigrants do not pay taxes, vote or make any other recognizable contribution to the American democratic process. Why should the advantages of that same process be extended to them? Fox, Mexico's first progressive president after 70 years of institutional party rule, is making a symbolic stand against American hegemony. That we understand and respect. He is tackling the United States on such sticky issues as trade domination and drug trafficking and his techniques are quite inventive. The anti-drug measures his administration is currently taking are varied, but they include training troops on confiscated equipment and paraphernalia from Mexico City drug lords. This equipment includes gold-encrusted pistols inscribed with the Virgin of Guadalupe, breast implants of cocaine rather than saline, cars with rocket launchers and oil slick dispensers and even a shrine to Jesus Malverde, the patron saint of drug traffickers. If that's not progressive, then we don't know what is. So props to you, President Fox, for re-inventing your country's international image.

Meg Marquis

KERNEL COLUMNIST

Boyfriend gone? Try adventures in leg hair

Why do we shave? ... Maybe the caveman's girlfriend, in an attempt to imitate her boyfriend, picked up a pink sharpened woolly mammoth tusk with a curving rubber grip and daisies on the handle and went to town."

So, as anyone who knows me at all already knows, my boyfriend is in London on a research trip for five weeks. I have taken advantage of his absence by allowing my leg hair a much-needed break after 10 years of abuse. The primary reason for this is curiosity, having never let my leg hair run amok for more than about two days. I have no idea how long it will get. Now, after almost two weeks of growth, I feel like I have established a bond with my legs that I never had before. This important emotional rebirth has led me to ponder notions of shaving and hair in general. Why do we shave? I mean, I can understand the practical purposes of cutting long hair so as not to get it caught in things in day-to-day activity. But why did humans ever start shaving their faces, underarms, and legs in the first place? Did a caveman wake up one

morning, realized he was civilized and no longer barbaric, and say, "My goodness, now that I am suddenly in a state of intelligent thought, I see how unbecoming this beard down to my waist looks. I need a shave!" and then rush out and grab a sharpened woolly mammoth tusk to get the job done? Even if this was the case, I still fail to see how this evolved into a societal expectation for women to shave their legs. Maybe the caveman's girlfriend, in an attempt to imitate her boyfriend, picked up a pink sharpened woolly mammoth tusk with a curving rubber grip and daisies on the handle and went to town. Regardless of how it came about, it is amazing that either women OR men take the time to shave at all. Admittedly, I do see a necessity for shaving the armpits, as it seems to help limit offensive body odor, and with the aid of deodorant, prevent it entirely. I do propose, however,

that this practice be extended to men and citizens of various European countries as well. Furthermore, I suppose it might be a matter of personal taste, but I like beards. I see no reason that all men shouldn't sport them. Particularly men who are concerned about looking masculine. Forget working out, forget drinking a certain type of beer, just grow a beard and presto! Instant lumberjack! Unfortunately, however, beards are more acceptable than leg hair on women. While some of the resistance to leg hair comes from men (for specific reasons unknown to me), a lot comes from women who are not necessarily concerned with the aesthetics of leg hair but rather the pain involved in allowing it to grow. For anyone who doesn't already know this, the first two days of leg hair regrowth are times of prickly hell. The hairs, only having grown a millimeter or so, are

extremely rigid and sharp. I personally consider two-day-old regrowth a deadly weapon that should be contained with steel-lined blue jeans to prevent accidental cuttings. But the surprising thing about all of this is that after the two days, leg hair softens considerably. At two weeks, it feels like regular old hair. In three more weeks, I fully expect to be wallowing in hairy luxury. Based on the issue of convenience, I encourage all men to let a beard grow for a few weeks just to try it out, at least. And, based on my own personal experience, I encourage all women to push past the two days of pain and let that leg hair grow. And after five weeks, you might find yourself kissing those Lady B's goodbye forever. Kernel columnist Meg Marquis is an English senior. Her views do not necessarily represent those of the Kernel.

BEYOND OUR SKIN

Race: The long road

We don't like to talk about race. I am sure many of us have witnessed the divisive conversations that too often occur when we try and sort through our cultural differences. Many times I have wished I had never brought the topic up in the first place. Yet I always realize afterwards that the true travesty occurs when we refuse to have any discussion at all. What I am attempting over the next few weeks is to bring a dialogue to our campus and community, a dialogue that is long overdue. I am challenging us to explore our common world through different eyes. We must all take responsibility for our history. We must strive to understand what the Confederate flag symbolizes for many of our peers. We must strive to understand what messages we send when the death penalty is used in a discriminating manner. We must strive to understand why super toxic waste sites always seem to end up near poor, black communities. We must ask what messages we are sending to our youth when rap music is banned from high school dances. As senior Angela Hughes states, "The more we learn about others, the more we learn about ourselves." I am challenging us to think. I am challenging us to understand. I spent my childhood living in rural Campbell County. There was no black community where I lived. Until the age of 13, I spent my entire childhood surrounded by white people. I had brief lessons in school about slavery and the civil rights movement. My teachers never mentioned that Kentucky was once a slave state. My schoolmates and I knew that Martin Luther King Jr. had a dream, and that racism was over. The L.A. riots were an enigma; our teachers didn't know how to talk about it. In the middle of my eighth grade year, my family moved to Woodford County, nestled in the Bluegrass between Lexington and Frankfort. This was my first experience in a mixed community. Readjusting to my new home was difficult, particularly in the lunchroom. One day, tired of the insults

thrown at me by my white peers, I moved to a different table in the cafeteria. Nearly everyone at this new table was black. We shared a bond. We had been rejected by mainstream society. No one asked any questions. It was as if the students at that table understood. Seven years later, not a whole lot has changed. Just walk into the Student Center cafeteria. Back in high school, I had always assumed that inequality between the races was over. Yet I noticed that even though my school was roughly nine percent black, only one or two black students were in my advanced classes. By my freshman year of high school, that number was down to one. In Lexington public schools in 1998, roughly 900 students were enrolled in advanced placement classes. Only 22 of them were black. Blacks made up 10 percent of the total school system population. Blacks made up only two percent of the advanced classes population. As my questions increased, so too did my discoveries. By my senior year of high school, I had discovered that more blacks were being suspended than whites and more blacks were earning failing grades compared to whites. When I entered UK, it didn't take long for me to realize that things weren't very different. And as I again began asking questions, the same disturbing trends began to take shape. But I have also learned to recognize the more subtle side of racism's grasp on UK in the paintings, murals, and statues surrounding our campus, to the groups of students sitting together in our cafeteria. We will consider the various images of UK in part two of this series. In the meantime I encourage all students, faculty, and administrators to examine the mural in the lobby of Memorial Hall, a vibrant rendition of Lexington in the 1800s. Examine the messages this mural sends to Native Americans, blacks... and whites. Guest Columnist Zachariah Webb is an English sophomore and S Senator at the University of Kentucky. His views do not necessarily represent those of the Kernel.

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COOL IN THE CLUTCH

Sun shines on Cats in final seconds against Florida

Still on top: Cats fend off No. 8 Gators

By Will Messer
ASSISTANT SPORTSDAILY EDITOR

UK fans had seen it too many times before. Last second losses at Michigan State and Georgia Tech. And now, here in Lexington, the stage was set for another heart-breaker.

Florida 69, UK 68 — 10.4 seconds on the clock. UK ball. Senior guard Saul Smith received the inbound pass and looked right to forward Tayshaun Prince.

The junior received the ball and squared up on the right wing, with the option of taking his man one-on-one or passing to sophomore guard Keith Bogans.

"I just forgot about that, coach said if I had the one-on-one, take it, so I just tried to rely on me to make the shot," he said.

UK's hopes now rested in the hands of its rail thin 6-foot-9 forward who put the ball on the floor to make his move toward the base line — but found no room.

He crossed back to his left, and then, stumbling — his thin long frame almost crashed to the floor — back to his right; but still no room.

"They were doing a great job defensively," he added. He then crossed back to his left and found breathing room, or at least enough to put up a soft left hook that drifted through the air and sifted through the net — igniting the capacity crowd and putting UK on top 70-69 with 3.3 seconds remaining.

The Gators inbounded but the pass was intercepted by Prince and UK's fourth straight victory was sealed.

Prince finished with 19 points and six rebounds. It looked like UK's victory would come much easier.

The Cats used a 15-4 in the final 4:37 of the first half to take a 45-31 lead into the half.

Prince spearheaded the attack, scoring eight of his team-high 14 first half points during the run.

The Gators opened the second half with six straight points, cutting UK's lead to 45-37, but the Cats still led 57-45 with 12:12 remaining.

Now it was Florida that turned it on, outscoring UK 15-2 in a six minute span that saw the Gators on top 69-59 at the 5:20 mark.

"We just couldn't score for the life of us," coach Tubby Smith said.

The Cats looked ready to fold, but then the student section erupted in a chant of "Stand up, stand up," enlivening the rest of the crowd and refreshing the Cats.

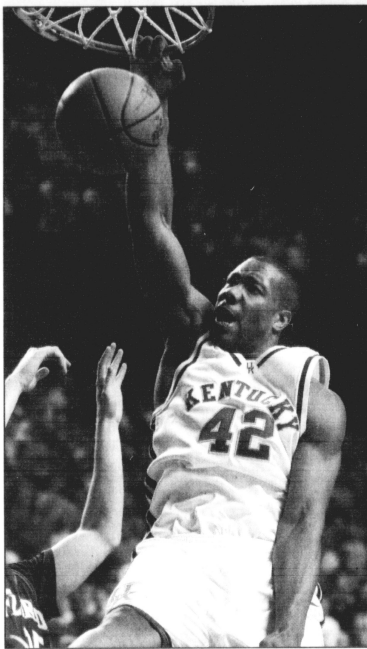
Smith responded with a 3-point basket that put UK on top again 62-60, but Florida junior guard Teddy Dupay answered and put Florida on top 63-62 at 4:07.

The teams traded baskets until sophomore forward Marvin Stone's dunk left the Cats trailing 70-69 with 1:37 to play.

The Gators turned the ball over on their next possession and junior center Udonis Haslem, who had 15 points, couldn't convert in the low post on Florida's final field goal attempt.

The stage was now set for Prince, who responded accordingly — effectively earning his place amongst the kings of UK basketball.

"I can't say enough about Tayshaun Prince," coach Smith said. "That was a big basket — that was an All-American type shot and type play."



Slam
Freshman forward Jason Parker finishes a dunk in the first half of Tuesday night's win. Parker totaled 10 points and nine rebounds for the night. Tayshaun Prince led the Cats with 19 points, including the game-winning shot with 3.3 seconds remaining.

Travis Hubbard
SPORTSDAILY EDITOR

UK foundation set for greatness



Florida coach Billy Donovan may resemble Rick Pitino but the Cats prevented his second career win at Rupp Tuesday.

This is the type of team UK fans remember.

A running, pressing, exuberant and multi-dimensional squad with limitless potential. The coach even has greased-back hair and an arrogant confidence to him.

No, not Tubby — it's Billy and the Gators.

Of course you hate them, but you know you've wished that the vaunted Gator players were wearing Kentucky on their jerseys with Billy Donovan pacing the sidelines of Rupp. They run, press, shoot the three and, most importantly, do not lose focus or lull their fans into boredom.

The make up of this Florida team reminds UK fans of the dominant and versatile '96 Cats that destiny carried to an NCAA title. Donovan reminds many of his proteges and former UK coach Rick Pitino and Gator power forwards Matt Bonner and Brent Wright remind many of former UK forwards Mark Pope and Walter McCarty. Each has the size and strength to post up, but also possessed the shooting range of a guard.

It's the same fans that firmly believe in the possibility and certainty that Ricky P. is coming back to Lexington that would choose Billy D. as option B.

But Pitino already has the adoration of the entire state of Kentucky. His ego needs someone else to love him. Someone in Las Vegas, Ann Arbor or Amherst.

And while Donovan may not be 100 percent satisfied with the resources at Florida (the Gators average less than a

sellout per game), it would be a stretch to bill him as the next UK coach.

Of course, there is the Tubby factor. He has not left, has not made any inkling that he is interested in leaving and has put together a team, if intact next season, that will be a lock for a preseason top five ranking.

The assembling of these Cats has taken longer than fans have liked, but the end product will ultimately be pleasing.

The prospectus of high school All-Americans Tayshaun Prince, Keith Bogans, Marvin Stone, Jason Parker and the rest of the Cats (minus Saul Smith), as well as future high school All-American and UK guard Rashaad Carruth should make Tubby delightfully anxious and UK fans salivate.

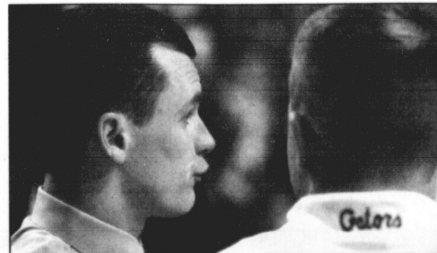
That is five high school All-Americans on one team. Name a team with five All-Americans. Not even Florida possesses as impressive a list of elite ballers.

Don't forget about Jules Camara either, and Todd Tackett will even give the bench unheard-of depth that UK fans have coveted since '96.

Before anyone starts predicting a national championship for next season don't overlook these Cats.

It is statewide tradition to look toward the future and criticize the present, but with a thrilling upset of the Gators — Tubby and the Cats are on a current tear.

Donovan's Gators might remind Cat fans of the glory years of the past, but Tubby's Cats are an indication of future glory.



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