

Walker, Curry win matches

Walker needed five sets to knock off Cordova in their varsity volleyball match Tuesday at Songer Gymnasium. At Curry, the Lady Jackets defeated Dora in a three-set match. / C1



Weather delays search in Utah

As the search for six trapped miners entered its fourth week, bad weather postponed longshot efforts to drop a robotic camera deep into a Utah mountain to find the missing men. / A8



Craig's future in question

Senate Republican leaders called for an ethics committee review Tuesday after Idaho Sen. Larry Craig's guilty plea in a police sting operation this summer in an airport men's room. / A11

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TWO-YEAR COLLEGE SYSTEM

Guin relinquishes Bevill State post

Legislator doesn't want to affect college, impede president search

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House Majority Leader Ken Guin, D-Carbon Hill, said Tuesday night he will resign from his controversial \$48,721-a-year, part-time position at Bevill State Community College, effective Friday.

"I certainly don't want to be something that hinders them," Guin said Tuesday night.

Guin, whose eight-year position was viewed statewide as a symbol of alleged conflict of interest among legislators employed in the two-year system, submitted a letter of resignation Tuesday

to Bevill State President Harold Wade.

Wade said last week he is also retiring Friday. A 2 p.m. retirement reception has been scheduled Friday for Wade at the CHS building in Jasper.

Guin earlier resigned from a similar position at Shelton State Community College, which paid \$49,677 a year, after the Birmingham News first revealed the positions last year.

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Former astronaut plans to present insanity defense

Former astronaut Lisa Nowak is pursuing a temporary insanity defense on charges that she assaulted and tried to kidnap a romantic rival, according to a court document released Tuesday. / A5

CARBON HILL

Church asks county to find new

"I want our fellow citizens to consider what would happen if these forces of radicalism and extremism were

buttress support for the war. "America will not abandon Iraq in its hour of need," the president said.

said. Either our enemies advance their interests in Iraq, or we advance our interests. The most impor-

Ryan ... David Petraeus will likely determine the fate of the U.S. military mission in Iraq.

Guin

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At the same time, Guin had to change his state ethics forms because he had only reported being employed by the state Department of Postsecondary Education. The change, urged by state Ethics Commission Executive Director James Sumner, reflected Beville State and Shelton State by name.

Guin said Tuesday it was time to step back and see how his client was being affected.

"When the lawyer becomes the issue and not the work at hand, it is time to reconsider the effectiveness of the representation," Guin wrote in the letter. "Unfortunately, this year I have become the story, and I am concerned this will have a negative impact on the college."

Guin said Tuesday night he had thought about resigning for months and earlier this month discussed with Wade about working until this fall. However, with Wade's sudden retirement, Guin said he didn't want his presence on staff "to hurt the chances for anyone there, who I may happen to be friends with, with having an opportunity to succeed Dr. Wade as president."

"The whole attack on legislators working in the two-year system appears to be politically driven. My resignation should help remove one aspect of the politics from the search process," he said in his letter.

Guin, who contracted to do legal, seminar and lobbying work for the college, said he has been reluctant to speak out on the issue, first because a high profile could also affect fundraising on a federal level.

"As you are aware, Beville State Community College did not receive a line item in the federal budget this year, while other community colleges in this congressional district did," Guin wrote to Wade.

Guin said Tuesday U.S. Rep. Robert Aderholt, a Republican, designated funds to colleges inside and even outside Aderholt's district, but overlooked Beville State. Guin did not know if his position directly or indirectly caused that, but expressed disappointment in Aderholt, saying he should have concentrated on his own district.

"Second, the chancellor's directive that

colleges cannot directly or indirectly use college funds to lobby eliminates a significant part of my job responsibilities," he said in the letter. "Third, as House majority leader, I need to be in a position to aggressively defend and support my fellow House members who are quality individuals and doing an outstanding job in both the Legislature and the community college system."

Guin said he believes "anyone from any walk of life," has the right to hold a part-time legislative seat, including post-secondary employees, and that they shouldn't lose their job because that's who they work for.

"The Legislature after all is a part time job," he wrote in the letter. "Because perception became reality in this politics matter, I can best help my fellow legislators if I have no employment tie to Beville State Community College."

Guin also said he has been "personally offended, particularly by what the Birmingham News said," about Wade. "If I look for one person who exemplifies everything good about the community college system, it's Harold Wade," he said.

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