

## a HOUSE for all

Hospital Hospitality House offers a second home, support for people with friends and family in local hospitals

By Megan Boehnke, Jennifer Shuman and Ryan Toombs  
THE KENTUCKY KERNEL

When Reba McAfee's daughter, Vivian, had a moped accident, a CT scan was merely a precaution.

But there was nothing routine about the results of the scan.

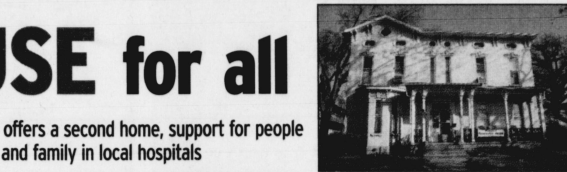
"The CAT (CT) scan found something that we didn't know was there," Reba said.

Vivian needed laser brain surgery, an operation that would take the McAfees more than 280 miles outside Fulton County. They would be traveling northeast from the far lower-left corner of the state to the UK Chandler Medical Center.

But McAfee didn't know anyone in Lexington. She had heard of the Hospital Hospitality House on UK's North Campus — a facility that has served more than 25,000 guests for free since it opened in 1981 — and decided to give it a try.

"It was really better than staying in a hotel," McAfee said. "At the house, there were people there I could relate to since everyone had loved ones in the hospital."

"It was a family." The Hospital Hospitality House provides lodging for those who have family or close friends in a local hospital, as well as some who are receiving treatment themselves. The idea for the house came from Mary Frank Ewalt, who was inspired by her own struggle to find



Lynn Ingram, 28, and Sean Ingram, 30, of Bowling Green, spend all afternoon talking at Cardinal Hill Rehabilitation Hospital. They were married when they were 12 and 14. Sean was in a serious car accident in March. He was originally sent to a hospital in Vanderbilt, Tenn., before being brought to Lexington. While in Lexington, Lynn has found a home and support circle at the Hospital Hospitality House.

someplace to stay while her husband was sick. With the help of donors and UK, Ewalt's dream became a reality.

Lynn Morgan, executive director of the house, said the family atmosphere McAfee talked about is exactly what

workers there strive to create. "Our intent is to provide a support network and more than just a bed," Morgan said.

"When there is a near-death experience, family comes in from wherever they are living," she said. "And often, they are

living long-term at the house, going from hospital to hospital."

The 19-bed house accepts referrals from 12 area hospitals and doesn't charge its customers. Amenities include two washers and dryers, air-conditioning.

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## Four-legged friend makes House home



'Roadie' is the mascot for Hospital Hospitality House.

By Shannon Mason  
THE KENTUCKY KERNEL

The premise of the Hospital Hospitality House is that visitors stay only as long as their relatives or friends are in the hospital, but one guest has been granted permanent residency and has no plans of leaving.

A dog named Rhododendron — Roadie for short — has been serving as the house's mascot since October 2004.

In July 2004, a Pulaski County man tied Roadie, a mix between a shepherd and a beagle, to the back of his car and dragged her through the streets of Somerset. Ky He dragged the dog at a speed police said could

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## Volunteers touched by living in House

Student volunteers bond with families, hear stories while supporting families

By Megan Boehnke  
THE KENTUCKY KERNEL

Daniel Kiteck found more than a job at the 19th century house on UK's North Campus — he found a family.

The Hospital Hospitality House offers a place to stay for individuals with hospitalized family members. For Kiteck, a mathematics graduate student, the house is a place of work and a home.

As a live-in staff member for the Hospital Hospitality House, Kiteck, 25, fills one of four volunteer positions for college students. He shares his duties and his room with 22-year-old Rob Chirwa, a kinesiology sophomore.

"They are like my brothers and sisters here," said Kiteck of his fellow housemates. "You really feel like a family when you all live in the same house."

Kiteck shares the house

with Chirwa and Lynn Morgan, executive director of the Hospital Hospitality House, among others.

One day per week, and one weekend a month, the live-in staff members work in the house performing housekeeping chores and checking in guests. In exchange, students share a dormitory-sized room at the house for free, as well as being provided a stocked kitchen and washers and dryers.

Other perks for students are the proximity of the house to campus and free parking.

Though these benefits can be attractive to students, the job entails more than merely cleaning toilets once a week.

"People are first interested in free food and proximity," Morgan said. "But it takes people who care about other people (to do this job). They have to want to do something that has some meaning."

When students are on duty, it is their biggest responsibility to be a com-

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Hospital Hospitality House  
volunteer

## Helping Hospitality

The Hospital Hospitality House is a non-profit organization that relies on monetary donations and volunteers to keep running.

It is located at 342 S. Limestone St. by North Campus.

For more information on how to help out, please contact Lynn Morgan at 254-8998.

Visit [www.hospitalhospitalityhouse.com](http://www.hospitalhospitalityhouse.com).

## Lineman selected in third round of NFL Draft

By Jeff Patterson  
THE KENTUCKY KERNEL

Vince "Sweet Pea" Burns heard the experts' take on him: He was going to be a late-round pick at best in the NFL Draft.

The Indianapolis Colts ended all that talk late Saturday night by selecting the former UK defensive lineman in the third round with the 92nd overall pick.

"A lot of people said I should have been a fifth- or sixth-round pick," Burns said yesterday in a phone interview. "I was looking for a later round."

Leading up to the draft, the 2004 UK defensive captain said his goal was to go as high as in

the third round. Still, he was surprised when the Colts selected him late Saturday night.

"God works in mysterious ways," Burns said.

Playing on a fast turf at the RCA Dome, Burns speed will be a huge asset, Colts head coach Tony Dungy told Colts.com.

"We're thrilled to have him," Dungy said. "He brings energy and excitement and quickness. He's what we are looking for."

At last month's NFL Combine, the Colts were among several teams — including Atlanta, Green Bay and Pittsburgh —

that expressed interest in Burns.

"I figured I was one of their guys," Burns said of the Colts.

"I'm going to give them their money's worth." Burns, who was a first-team All-Southeastern Conference selection as a junior, recorded 31 tackles in an injury-plagued senior season in 2004.

"He's a guy we had targeted right from the outset of the draft,"

Colts President Bill Polian said on the Colts' Web site. "We had some opportunities to trade out but didn't want to, because he's a guy we feel fits our system

perfectly."

Burns said he's excited about the possibility of playing for a team that has made deep playoff runs in the past few seasons.

"To go to an organization that's peaking at the Super Bowl, that's a great thing," Burns said.

Burns plans on attending Indianapolis' mini-camp beginning on Thursday.

"I'm looking forward to going to work," he said.

Although several teams wanted to test Burns as an outside linebacker in a 3-4 defense at the combine, it appears he

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## Bike tour 3 students' postcollege plan

By Elizabeth Collier  
THE KENTUCKY KERNEL

Parties, drinking, family dinners and weekend getaways are some of the more traditional ways to celebrate graduation.

But three resident advisers from Kirwan II came up with an unusual way to celebrate graduation — sleeping in tents and living off peanut butter, energy bars, instant pasta and Powerade.

Luke Murray, Josh Carter and Matt Dampier plan to bike down Highway 1 from Vancouver, Canada to Tijuana, Mexico.

The trio said they hope to bike 85 miles each day and plan on completing the 1,832-mile trip in 25 days.

"We bought return tickets for June 8, so we better be done," Carter said. Murray said the appeal of this long trip was "the adventure and the beauty of the scenery."

They may stop for fast food every once in a while, but most of the time they'll eat non-perishables stored in panniers, which are like saddlebags for bicycles.

Each pannier will hold 20 to 30 pounds of supplies.

Murray, a 22-year-old business administration of medicine graduate from Union, Ky., has been an RA for 2 1/2 years.

Carter is a 21-year-old chemistry senior from Waynesboro, Pa., and has been an RA for three years.

Dampier is a 22-year-old biology senior from Nashville, Tenn., who has been an RA for 2 1/2 years. He's also engaged to be married this summer.

The idea for the trip originally came from Dampier, who said he "thought it would be cool to bike across America from Maine to Washington." Murray said he liked the concept, but he thought biking down the Pacific coast would be better.

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## New pope outlines vision at first Mass

By Daniel Williams  
THE WASHINGTON POST

VATICAN CITY — Pope Benedict XVI, employing ancient symbols of power and humility, ceremonially assumed leadership of the Roman Catholic Church yesterday and unveiled a broad manifesto of moral and social themes he expects to pursue as head of a 1.1 billion-member congregation.

Benedict, draped in gold, presided at an outdoor Mass in St. Peter's Square, whose twin colonnades embraced hundreds of thousands of worshippers. Amid the splendor and adulation, the new pontiff began his sermon on a humble note.

"At this moment, weak servant of God that I am, I must assume this enormous task, which truly exceeds all human capacity. How can I do this? How will I be able to do it?" he asked.

Then, invoking saints and Catholics at large, he said: "I am not alone. I do not have to carry alone what in truth I could never carry alone."

The massive throng clapped most enthusiastically when Benedict's predecessor, Pope John Paul II, was mentioned.

The Mass and sermon capped a six-day period in which Cardinal Joseph Ratzinger, the Vatican's rigorous chief defender of dogma for almost 25 years, was transformed into Pope Benedict XVI, Catholicism's 265th pontiff.

Ratzinger was well known inside the Vatican walls and at Catholic conferences. His name is a fixture in theological libraries. Since his election as pope last Tuesday, Vatican officials have worked hard to reintroduce him as Benedict, leader of all Catholics.

Yesterday, he gave the widest portrait yet of his thoughts. As if in answer to the widely expressed opinion that he is dictatorial, he pledged "not to pursue my own ideas, but to listen, together with the

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Lynn Ingram waits for the bus in the living room of the Hospital Hospitality House to see her husband at Cardinal Hill Rehabilitation Hospital. **MILLY SCHIFFER | STAFF**

## House

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tioned rooms and a big-screen television in the main room near the kitchen. Morgan said guests realize they need more than a place to stay.

"They learn fairly quickly that going to the hospital all day and then coming back to a hotel room is lonely," Morgan said. "Here, they have friends who can help."

The house is a nonprofit organization that operates only on donations. Lacking a consistent flow of money, the house is always in need of monetary or supply donations. The house suggests a \$10-per-day donation from

those who stay there.

Laurie Simon, assistant director of the house, said there is often trouble keeping the house running.

"While we do receive many donations and grants, we still were in the red at the end of last year," Simon said.

When the house is running, which is every week of the year except the week of Christmas, it has been the "home away from home" for a wide variety of customers.

Last year, the house served individuals from 22 states and 69 Kentucky counties, with many patients coming from rural counties. Morgan estimated that half of the guests come from Eastern Kentucky, an area of the state that Lexington hospitals frequently serve.

Rita Futrell is one of

those people from that region. Every day for seven weeks, Futrell traveled almost 200 miles from her Corbin, Ky., home to Lexington for heart treatments.

When Futrell learned she would need another seven weeks of treatment, she and her husband decided to take advantage of the house's services. "Everyone was just very friendly," Futrell said. "I didn't feel uncomfortable at any time."

Futrell, who has been in the hospital nine times in the last three years, wishes she had known about the house sooner. When she had open-heart bypass surgery, her family including sons living in Colorado and North Carolina, stayed in a hotel.

"They had to stay in a hotel costing hundreds of

dollars for the week, plus the money for gas and to eat out," Futrell said.

Futrell would live at the house during the week and in Corbin on the weekends. After about 14 weeks of that cycle, Futrell finally got to stay at home.

"It was bittersweet when she got to go home," Simon said. "It's like that a lot with guests. We got to know each other quite well."

Those personal relationships are an added benefit for those who work at the house, Morgan said.

"When people come in financially drained and emotionally drained, to provide an environment that is encouraging and uplifting, it is sometimes the only thing that keeps the family caregivers up and going," she said.

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## Roadie

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have reached 25 miles per hour before he stopped and left Roadie tied to a pole.

Roadie spent two months at the Midway Veterinary Hospital in Somerset. In September 2004, Roadie recovered enough to be put up for adoption.

"Her medical recovery went very well," said Summer Tanner, a certified veterinary technician at Midway. "That's mostly because she was very willing to let us treat her."

The only visible traces of her wounds are several scars on her legs and a missing right eye.

Tanner said it seemed like though Roadie had suffered previous eye injuries.

"It was pretty obvious that she was not properly taken care of," Tanner said.

In early October 2004, board members at Midway gave their approval for Roadie to go live at the house, and on Oct. 15, Roadie moved in.

Roadie's situation was very similar to that of the guests who stay at the house — she needed a place to stay. So Laurie Simon, assistant director of the house, thought Roadie would make the perfect "mascot."

"She's so playful and accepting, despite what happened," Simon said.

Many guests find comfort from Roadie during their stay.

"Guests tell us or write letters saying that Roadie provides a great source of enjoyment and a distraction from their worries," said Lynn Morgan, the house's executive director. "It makes them feel more at home to have a dog around."

The house welcomes volunteers who want to take Roadie for a walk or donate dog food, treats and toys, Simon said.

"She goes through chew toys like you wouldn't believe," Simon said. "You can't find one she couldn't destroy."

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forting host to the guests. Often, guests come straight from the hospital without having eaten or slept well for days, Morgan said. It is the goal of the staff to make guests as relaxed as possible, offering sweet tea, coffee or other beverages or food to guests before filling out registration forms.

"Unlike a hotel, where they give you a registration form and act like they care, we are here for the long term, to be a nurturing environment," Morgan said.

Morgan goes through training with each staff member to prepare them to not only do the chores but also how to deal with and support the guests. He does everything from telling staff members what kind of language to use with guests, to how to respond to guests on the phone and react to certain scenarios.

"Like anything, the more you do it, the more fluid it becomes," Morgan said of interacting with guests. "Students have a lot of assets, but years of experience is not one of them, so they must draw on what they have."

"Sometimes people are just lonely and want to hear about your day," he said. "They are tired of talking about themselves."

Even with the training, it can be hard to relate to hurting guests, Kiteck said.

"It is hard when you know a guest's loved one isn't doing well," he said. "You feel there is nothing you can really do or say."

Sometimes, it up to a staff member to take phone calls from the hospital and relay messages to guests, often indicating bad news.

"I don't tell them the news," Chirwa said. "I just tell them to go to the hospital and that they are needed."

"But it's really hard to tell someone something like that."

While that part is difficult, Kiteck said he finds it



Dana Gilliland, of Christian County, volunteers at the Hospitality House. She helps with laundry, cleaning and organizing kitchen cabinets. Volunteers are always appreciated at the house, directors say.

hard to balance his schoolwork with the time he enjoys spending with guests, even on his days off.

"For me, I just love talking to people," Kiteck said. "Even when I am not on duty, I love to talk to guests and find out how they are doing."

This, of course, leads to building relationships with the guests.

"I definitely feel an at-

tachment to guests," Kiteck said. "As I continue to stay here longer, when I live in the same place as people for a long time, you build those friendships."

With the recent departure of a staff member, the house now has two vacant volunteer positions Morgan is looking to fill.

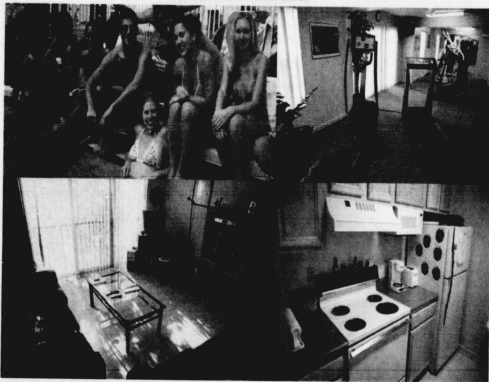
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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Bible Study, 8:00 PM, Student Center Room 113</li> <li>• UK Judo Club practice, 5:00 PM, Alumni Gym Loft</li> <li>• Shriner's Hospital, 6:00 PM, Shriner's Hospital</li> <li>• UK ACLU Meeting, 7:30 PM, Student Center, Room 231</li> <li>• Campus Ministry International Bible Study, 8:00 PM, Student Center Room 111</li> <li>• Wesley Foundation's Bible Study and FREE Dinner, 6:00 PM, Wesley Foundation, 508 Columbia Ave.</li> <li>• CSF Presents "Shift" for Freshman, 7:00 PM, CSF Building, corner of Woodland and Columbia</li> <li>• FUSION Student Planning Team Meeting, 5:00 PM, SOC</li> <li>• UK Swing Dance Club Lessons, 8:00 PM, Bates Creek Ballroom, 1400 Gainesway Dr</li> <li>• Solar Car meeting, 7:30 PM, Terrell Civil Engineering Building</li> <li>• Prayer &amp; Praise, 9:00 PM, Chapel between the ADP and Tri-Delt houses off Rose Street and Columbia</li> <li>• Feed the Hungry Food Drive</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• UK Green Thumb Meeting, 7:00 PM, Student Center, Room 106</li> <li>• Baptist Student Unions presents "TNT", 7:30 PM, 429 Columbia Ave</li> <li>• NABA General Meeting, 7:15 PM, B &amp; E building RM. 215</li> <li>• Baptist Student Union's English Conversation Class, 6:00 PM, 429 Columbia Ave</li> <li>• UK Anime Club Meeting, 6:00 PM, Center Theater, Student Center</li> <li>• UK Berean Bible Study, 8:00 PM, Student Center, Room 113</li> <li>• Leftist Student Union Meeting, 8:00 PM, Student Center 228</li> <li>• Hotel Rwanda, 7:00 PM, Memorial Hall</li> <li>• Feed the Hungry Food Drive</li> <li>• Alpha Phi Omega Pledge/Activities Meeting, 6:30 PM, 359 Student Center</li> <li>• UK Fencing Club Meeting, 8:00 PM, Buell Armory/Barker Hall</li> <li>• Reformed University Fellowship (RUF), 7:30 PM, Student Center Room 357</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• WildWaterCats Whitewater Club Meeting, 8:00 PM, Johnson Center Lobby</li> <li>• Black Student Union General Meeting, 4:30 PM, Student Center Rm. 230</li> <li>• UK Judo Club practice, 5:00 PM, Alumni Gym Loft</li> <li>• Central KY FCA Meeting, 8:00 PM, Upstairs in the Commons Market</li> <li>• College Democrats, 7:30 PM, Student Center Rm. 205</li> <li>• Table Francaise, French conversation group, 3:00 PM, Student Center, Room 231</li> <li>• Cat's For Christ Meeting, 7:00 PM, Student Center, Room 230</li> <li>• Lutheran-Episcopal Campus Ministry Worship Service, 5:05 PM</li> <li>• Feed the Hungry Food Drive</li> <li>• Lavender Society Meeting, 7:30 PM, Student Center, Room 228</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• CRU, 7:30 PM, Worship Theater/ Student Center</li> <li>• The Well, 7:00 PM, Student Center, Room 211</li> <li>• Non Traditional Student Organization (NTSO), 7:30 PM, Pazzos</li> <li>• UK Fencing Club Meeting, 8:00 PM, Buell Armory/Barker Hall</li> <li>• UK Climbing Club, 7:00 PM, Johnson Center Climbing Wall</li> <li>• Alpha Kappa Psi Bowling Night, 9:00 PM, Southland Bowling Lanes</li> <li>• Baptist Student Union's Freshman Focus Group Meeting, 7:30 PM, 429 Columbia Ave</li> <li>• UK Phi Alpha Delta Pre-Law Meeting, 5:00 PM, Student Center, Room 205</li> <li>• CSF Presents "Synergy," 8:00 PM, CSF Building, corner of Woodland and Columbia</li> <li>• Feed the Hungry Food Drive</li> <li>• Wesley Foundation's Focus Worship Meeting, 7:30 PM, Student Center, Center Theater</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Feed the Hungry Food Drive</li> <li>• Salsa Class, 3:00 PM, Martin Luther King Jr. Cultural Center, 124 Student Center</li> <li>• ICF Dinner and Fellowship, 7:00 PM, St. Augustine Chapel, Rose ST.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Big Blue Fest 2005, 7:00 PM, Intramural Field</li> <li>• UK Softball vs. Auburn (DH), 2:00 PM, UK Softball and Soccer Complex</li> <li>• Feed the Hungry Food Drive</li> <li>• Heart Walk, 9:00 AM, Applebee's Park</li> </ul> <p style="text-align: center; font-weight: bold;">Sunday 1<sup>st</sup></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• UK Softball vs. Auburn, 1:00 PM, UK Soccer and Softball Complex</li> <li>• Feed the Hungry Food Drive</li> </ul>

## Pope

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whole church, to the word and the will of the Lord."

When he was a cardinal in charge of the Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith, he referred to other faiths as deficient. Yesterday, he greeted "all those who have been reborn in the sacrament of baptism but are not yet in full communion

with us," as well as "brothers and sisters of the Jewish people, to whom we are joined by a great shared spiritual heritage."

Along with problems of the soul, Benedict briefly addressed concrete sources of day-to-day suffering in a rare statement on social issues.

"There is the desert of poverty, the desert of hunger and thirst, the desert of abandonment, of loneliness, of destroyed love."

"There is the desert of God's darkness, the emptiness of souls no longer aware

of their dignity or the goal of human life," he said.

He also turned his attention to world leaders. Recalling that John Paul had criticized them, Benedict said:

"The pope was addressing the mighty, the powerful of this world, who feared that Christ might take away something of their power if they were to let him in."

"Yes, he would certainly have taken something away from them: the dominion of corruption, the manipulation of law and the freedom to do as they pleased."

## Bike

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When Carter was informed, Murray said he was "100 percent for it."

None of the guys owned road bikes before they planned this adventure.

The three students met early on when they came to UK. Murray and Carter met playing basketball their freshman year.

Murray and Dampier were both pre-med students who came to know each other their sophomore year through classes.

Then the three RAs were placed in the same dorm.

"We have grown close through working together

and because of our similar ministries," Murray said.

They said the bike trip will provide a chance to spend uninterrupted quality time together after graduation.

Pre-addressed post cards will be the only means of communication between the three and their families and friends during their trip.

"I want to see the world before getting married," Dampier said.

"I want to have one last blow-out with my friends, and I want to wake up at 2 a.m. under the moon and bike out to watch the sunset shining on the sea."

Murray said he's so excited about the trip that he wrote a song about it — the guitar player sings about the trip, his friends and the fun they're expecting to

have.

"I want to see God's glory, and learn about myself and my two best friends," Murray said.

The three will leave May 9 to fly to Canada. In the meantime, they are trying to prepare themselves for the challenge.

"We try to bike together as much as possible, but because of our busy schedules, it doesn't happen often," Carter said.

Carter said he's looking forward to visiting three countries.

"I want the chance to enjoy God's creation and to have a fun time hanging out with good friends after graduating college, and I'm excited about seeing other parts of the country," he said.

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will stay at defensive end in the NFL. The Colts' primary defense features four defensive linemen. Burns will find out at the mini-camp where the coaches prefer to play him.

"I don't know yet," Burns said. "I really don't know."

Figuring out his spot on the team doesn't matter. "Sweet Pea" Burns just

wants to play.

"Right now I'm going in there as a freshman they don't want to redshirt," Burns said.

**Moore has shot with Browns**

The Cleveland Browns invited former UK defensive lineman Ellery Moore to attend their mini-camp starting on Thursday.

Moore said he knew his chances were good early yesterday because the Browns cut four defensive linemen.

"If I have a good mini-camp, I'll have a contract on Monday," Moore said.

Moore led the Cats in 2004 with 7.5 tackles for loss and three sacks, while recording 40 tackles.

**Boyd still waiting**

Former UK quarterback Shane Boyd is sorting his options but could sign with a team on Monday. Boyd's uncle said, Glenn Boyd, last night.

The Indianapolis Colts and the Tennessee Titans are the front-runners for Boyd's services, Glenn Boyd said.

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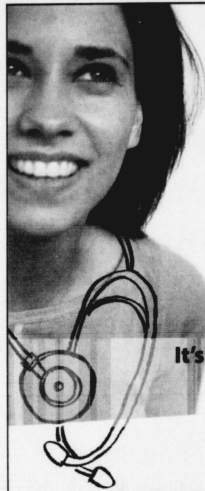
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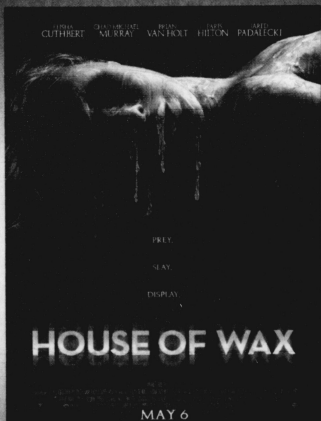
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## COMMENTARY

### Sanity's in the cards for this gambler

By Troy Lyle  
THE KENTUCKY KERNEL

I'd had all I could stand of popes, politics, papers and projects when I walked into the Student Center Food Court last Monday.

Yes, my friend, I was about to go numb when I walked into the Student Center for UK's fourth No Limit Texas Hold 'Em Poker Tournament.

It was here that I felt human again. There's nothing like all-ins, blind bluffs, full houses and big kickers to right the soul and warm the blood. I could finally quit my role as an actor in an off-Broadway piece that I never received the screenplay for. It was just me and 289 other fans of the game.

We weren't playing for money. The prizes consisted of bracelets, gift certificates and T-shirts. Mostly, we played for the right to say we were the best on this day. Because anyone who has played poker knows it's tough to come out of a tournament of 300 on top. It's just as easy to lose the first hand as it is to win it. You have to know what you're doing, but mostly you need luck and lots of it.

And lucky I was: The fifth hand of the tournament I was dealt pocket queens — two queens right off the bat. A great starting hand, especially since I was the dealer at a table of six and last to act. After a mediocre raise and two calls I decided to go all-in. I pushed my \$4,000 in chips forward not expecting a call.

Boy, was I wrong. The guy to the left of me, whom I referred to as Shaky, immediately pushed all his chips forward. Poor guy was so nervous he made someone with Parkinson's look steady. The next player to act was a female — one of the 30 or so playing in the tournament. She folded.



#### Texas Hold 'Em Tourney Top Three Finishers

- Tom Morgan, animal science freshman
- Jeremy Bell, psychology junior
- Brian Bauereis, kinesiology sophomore

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A heavyset guy wearing a San Francisco Giants jersey was next. S.F. Big Boy as I called him, stared me up and down. I made some off-the-cuff comment about how the Student Center food being served was going to take out more players than losing hands. He smiled and went all-in.

What? Two callers — it wasn't supposed to go down like this. I knew either I was doomed, or they were idiots. They had released the hounds, and this time I was the fox.

Have you ever noticed how the conversation at a poker table sounds like people telling war stories? Comments like "I was blown up by the river," "I never saw it coming," and "It was a bad beat from the get-go" make me think I'm listening to some old man reminiscence about paratrooping onto Iwo Jima.

We all flipped our cards up. Shaky had pocket aces, S.F. Big Boy had pocket kings, and I sat there looking on in amazement. I was the idiot, and my queens were all but dead. I discarded — burned — a

card and dealt the flop (first three cards). It was a six, a queen and a 10. Yes, I did. I got my queen and took the lead. But there was still a lot of poker to be played. I burned another card and dealt the fourth or turn card. It was a jack. It came down to the river (the fifth card — the card that has made or broke many a poker player). It was a two.

I had gotten lucky and tripled my chip stack in the process.

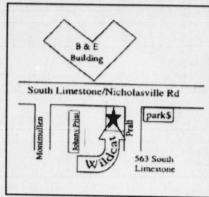
Funny thing is, luck comes and goes. I never saw pocket queens again. I only won two more hands the entire tournament, and they were small pots. Amazingly, I came in 28th place.

Mostly I watched those around me working their magic, bluffing, betting, laughing.

We had a blast, and for a moment, a very brief moment, we escaped the trials and tribulations that society deems necessary. We rose above the papacy, politics, projects and papers. We played poker and loved every minute of it.

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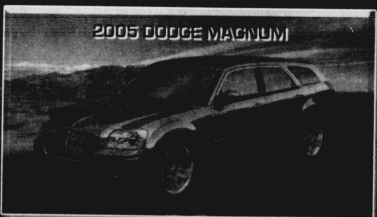
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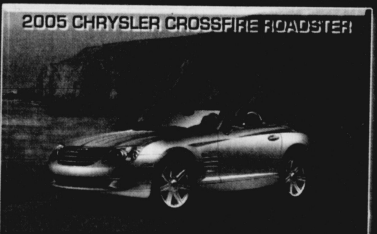
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## SPORTS BRIEFS

### Women's tennis falls short in SEC Tourney

TUSCALOOSA, Ala. — After near-perfect regular season, UK fell short in its bid for the school's first Southeastern Conference Women's Tennis Tournament title.

No. 3-seeded Florida overcame a 1-0 deficit to knock off the Cats by a 4-2 count in yesterday's final at the Alabama Tennis Stadium.

UK's Kim Coventry and Joelle Schwenk assumed a 4-1 lead at second doubles and held off a late Gator rally to take an 8-6 win. UK's Emily Foster and Lara Maurer dropped the first game at third doubles but won 9-6 as well to secure the doubles point for the Cats.

In singles, however, only Maurer at the No. 5 slot secured a point. Coventry, Schwenk, Danielle Petrisko and Sara Foster lost their singles matches to give Florida the win.

In a 20-minute span, the Cats went from being able to clinch the match with wins in two more games — one at No. 1 and one at No. 6 — to suffering a tough defeat to the Gators, as the momentum swung in Florida's favor late in the matches.

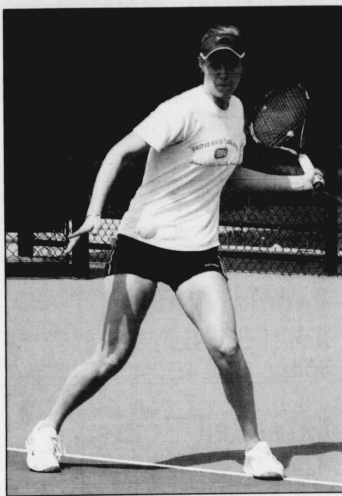
UK is expected to host NCAA first- and second-round matches in the NCAA Regionals. The participating teams and sites will be announced May 6.

### Florida ousts men's tennis

ATHENS, Ga. — The UK men's tennis team was eliminated in the quarterfinals of its SEC Tournament Friday by No. 2-seed and co-SEC champ Florida.

The Cats lost the match 4-2 at Georgia's Tennis Complex in Athens.

UK's Jesse Witten and Tigran Matrosyan beat another top-10 opponent, but the Gators went on to earn the doubles point and three more singles matches for the win.



EMILY SCHIFFER | STAFF FILE PHOTO

UK's Lara Maurer was the only Cat to win her singles match in the finals of the Southeastern Conference Tournament against Florida yesterday in Tuscaloosa, Ala. The regular season champion Cats lost 4-2.

### Field athletes qualify

Three UK field athletes earned regional qualifying marks in San Diego yesterday. And Fryman and Alek Grietens recorded season-best throws in the men's discus. Genessa Guzman earned her second qualifying mark of the season in the women's discus.

### Cats lose ninth inning lead, drop series

STARKVILLE, Miss. — Mississippi State scored three runs in the ninth inning to beat UK baseball 3-2 and claim the series yesterday at Polk Dement Stadium.

It was the third straight Sunday UK (20-19, 3-14 SEC) failed to win its weekend rub-

ber match against an SEC opponent.

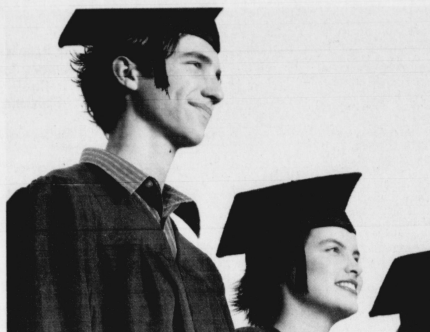
Freshman Scott Green entered with a 2-0 lead and was tagged for all three runs. The blown save spoiled a tremendous pitching performance by freshman starter Andrew Albers, who worked 6.2 innings and scattered seven hits while not allowing a run.

### Softball falls to Razorbacks

FAYETTEVILLE, Ark. — Arkansas swept the UK softball team this weekend. The Lady Razorbacks completed their sweep with a 10-2 win yesterday afternoon. The Cats are now 19-35 overall and 3-20 in the SEC.

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FOOTBALL NOTEBOOK

# Spring ends with uncertainty

By Jeff Patterson  
THE KENTUCKY KERNEL

Here is a post-spring recap of each position:

### Quarterbacks

Sophomore-to-be Andre Woodson stepped up as a leader on the field as well as off it.

Taking shots down the field will keep this quarterback smiling all fall. His performance in Saturday's Blue-White game (30-of-47 passing for 478 yards and four touchdowns) could be a preview of things to come.

"No. 3 has the ability to be a big-time quarterback in this league," said head coach Rich Brooks.

Though Woodson has improved tremendously since last fall, his backups have not. Sophomore Joe Joe Brown had an awful spring and missed the final few practices because of academic issues.

Incoming freshman Curtis Puley, Kentucky's Mr. Football, will most likely not redshirt.

"Our backup quarterback may not be on campus yet," said offensive coordinator Jaker Phillips.

### Offensive line

Junior guard Fatu Turituri made a big impression this spring. Junior Trai Williams had a solid spring at the opposite guard spot.

A new offensive approach has helped this unit out significantly reducing the amount of false starts. The Cats no longer wait until the last possible second to pick a play.

### Running backs

There have been grumblings that Rafael Little "is too good to be here."

The sophomore back gives the Cats an added receiver out of the backfield. Little caught six passes for 89 yards with one touchdown in Saturday's scrimmage.

His primary backups — seniors Arliss Beach and Drake Davis, as well as sophomore Tony Dixon — missed most or all of spring

practice with injuries. Dixon was held out for academic issues.

But junior Terrell Bankhead benefited from the extra snaps. His power should be an added dimension to the UK ground game in the fall.

### Wide receivers

This time a year ago, Tommy Cook was coping with a knee injury. After missing all of the 2004 season, Cook, a six-year senior has returned with a solid spring.

Cook caught seven passes for 170 yards in the scrimmage.

"He had a little more production and a bigger smile on his face," Brooks said.

UK figures to be very deep at receiver with Keenan Burton, Scott Mitchell, Glenn Holt, Dicky Lyons Jr. and John Logan also in the rotation.

Now the Cats just have to throw the ball down the field.

### Tight ends

Sophomore Jacob Tammie's move from receiver continues to pay dividends. He catches nearly everything thrown his way. Blocking is a question mark, however.

"If Jacob stays healthy, he is going to be a major name in college football," Brooks said. Jamir Davis, Eric Scott and Jeremiah Drobney will back up Tammie.

### Defensive line

This may be the deepest position for the second year in a row, even with the loss of Vincent "Sweet Pea" Burns and Ellery Moore.

The Cats will return senior Trey Mielsch at end, and junior Lamar Mills and sophomore Ricky Abren have played well at tackle. Moving from linebacker to end has been a smooth transition for junior Durrell White.

The switch to the 4-3 defense should greatly improve the run defense.

### Linebackers

Depleted by injuries and



BRAD WILDER | STAFF FILE PHOTO

UK sophomore-to-be quarterback Andre Woodson led the Blue team to a 49-3 win Saturday in the Cats' annual spring game. Woodson went 30-for-47 passing for 478 yards and four touchdowns.

defections, the linebacker corps should be UK's greatest area of concern.

Sophomore Joe Schuler had an outstanding spring. Freshmen Johnny Williams and Mikhail Mabry, sophomore Terry Clayton and redshirt freshman Ben McGrath will be in the mix.

### Secondary

This will be a young group that will be led by senior safety Muhammad Abdullah.

Junior cornerback Bo Smith's return has been incredible after missing all of the 2004 season with head injuries suffered last summer.

Redshirt freshmen Shomari Moore and Jarrell Williams provide dependable depth.

### Special teams

Junior snapper Jason Dickerson confused his coaches this spring. After having a solid season, he has had all sorts of trouble connecting with punters and holders.

"Our snapping is a disaster at this point in time," Brooks said. "We couldn't even get a look at our punters."

Jeff Patterson covers UK football for The Kentucky Kernel. This article contains his observations and opinions. He can be heard Sundays at 9 p.m. on "The Big Blue Review" on WRFL, 88.1 FM.

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## Woodson delivers in rainy spring game

By Chris Johnson  
THE KENTUCKY KERNEL

In the rain Saturday, Andre Woodson remained chillingly cool.

He showed pocket presence and stone-cold accuracy, from the temperature of his throwing hand to the calculated way he engineered the Blue offense to 486 yards and six touchdowns in its rout of the White team, 49-3, in front of about 500 people.

Without three of his top four receivers, Woodson, UK's sophomore-to-be quarterback, completed 10 plays of over 20 yards, finishing the game 30-of-47 passing for 478 yards and four touchdowns.

After the game, even Woodson himself was impressed.

"When we get all our receivers back, this offense is going to be deadly," Woodson said. "We've got height, strength and speed in our receivers."

"Andre sees the field really well," said UK head coach Rich Brooks. "He could throw it last year, and he's

improved understanding the speed of the game. He senses he's the guy — it's his deal now."

Dicky Lyons Jr., a sophomore who had seven catches for 65 yards and two touchdowns, was also excited about the offense's showing in the gray conditions.

"As the game went on, the offense got more comfortable," Lyons said. "I like playing in this weather. It's more slippery for the defensive backs."

"We had the linebackers playing against the run, which opened up the middle of the field," Woodson said.

Sophomore running back Rafael Little was the biggest beneficiary of the open middle, garnering three of his six catches on one memorable drive at the end of the first half, including a 21-yard touchdown reception.

"If you can get the ball to a guy like Rafael Little, you're going to make some big plays," Brooks said. Little showed that on the seven-play, 62-yard drive at

the end of the half, catching the ball five yards out from the line of scrimmage each time and gaining 19, 11 and 21 yards, respectively, on his three catches.

That was the day's good news. But Brooks lamented his team's inconsistent snapping on punts and field goals.

One field goal attempt from senior Taylor Begley never got off the ground because the snap shot over the head of holder Tommy Cook, resulting in a 32-yard loss. Another bad snap on a punt forced a safety. A third bad snap cost the Blue team an extra point.

"The snapping is a disaster," Brooks said. "We couldn't look at our punters because it was so bad. I don't understand because the guy (junior Jason Dickerson) did it last year without incident."

But the snapping troubles didn't hinder the Blue team's offense.

The trio of Cook, Lyons and Little accounted for 21 catches, 324 yards, and three

touchdowns. Cook led the team with eight catches for 170 yards but didn't reach the end zone.

Sophomore Jacob Tammie also produced from the tight end position, netting five catches for 75 yards.

Woodson got all of the reps for the Blue team, while juniors David Hamilton and Rocco Maragas split reps with the White team.

Hamilton and Maragas combined to go three of 16 passing for 19 yards, no touchdowns and one interception.

The White's offensive star was tailback Terrell Bankhead, a junior college transfer from San Diego who rushed 17 times for 73 yards.

"The offense started to get it together," Woodson said from the player's entrance tunnel.

"Spring's about learning the system, and this offense fits the style of the players."

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### IN OUR OPINION

## Next provost has tough act to follow

As plans get set for Provost Mike Nietzel's good-bye party, the 16-member committee charged with finding his replacement should approach the search with a clear set of requirements for the next provost to meet.

Nietzel made that position his own when he assumed it in October 2002 and has set a high precedent for the next person to follow.

Building off what Nietzel started, here is this Editorial Board's list of qualities we want the next provost to meet.

### Open with the UK community

Nietzel often held forums with students, faculty and staff when new projects and changes were being debated. Examples of this include forums he held to discuss tuition increases and the proposed fee for dropping classes.

These types of events need to continue

and even increase in frequency. The chosen candidate should also have a track record that includes active dialogue with his or her community.

Despite the fact that many of the forums were sparsely attended, those events send a message to the UK community that the administration is trying to hear its concerns. In many ways, the provost is the community's link with the decision-making bodies of the UK administration.

### Shares top-20 goal

The provost must understand and embrace UK's drive toward being a top-20 institution. The provost is President Lee Todd's right-hand man or woman, and if UK is to progress, much of that movement must come from the provost's office.

This means that the person should be able to devise innovative ways of attaining this distinction. Reaching the top 20 goal will

require a lot of work and creativity.

### Understands university finances

Much of UK's top-20 goal has been hindered because state funds for UK have been lacking. The chosen person should have experience dealing with such constraints and inventive ways of advancing in spite of them.

UK can't lean on the crutch of blaming a lack of funds forever. At some point, UK must move past this, reassess goals and continue advancing. And the new provost must command the group of people charged with finding ways around this.

### Brings administrative experience

Obviously, the next provost must have an impressive record of academic achievement. Surpassing expectations in the classroom and in the laboratory is an indication that the new provost will also strive to surpass expectations in this post.

Nietzel had this type of record before becoming provost. Since beginning as a UK psychology professor in 1973, Nietzel has held jobs as chairman of the Department of Psychology and as dean of UK's Graduate School before becoming provost.

The next provost should also be picked from a prior administrative post as head of a college or university, at UK or otherwise.

Nietzel has left this position with an impressive legacy. We hope the next person to take the post comes to it with the inventiveness and progressive attitude that Nietzel did.

But while we applaud him, we are not opposed to someone else making the position his or her own and far surpassing where Nietzel was when he left.

Considering that the position is only four years old, its job description is still being written, and so are the ways in which the next provost can and will affect this university.

## WEEKIN REVIEW

### Cardinals elevate Ratzinger to papacy

After three previous ballots had resulted in no election, Cardinal Joseph Ratzinger emerged as the 265th pontiff. He chose the name Benedict XVI.

Ratzinger was born in Germany in 1927 and lived under the authoritarian rule of Adolph Hitler. He was ordained and later became archbishop of Munich. Elevated to cardinal in 1977 by Pope Paul VI, he served as prefect of the Sacred Congregation for the Doctrine of Faith for more than 20 years and became dean of the College of Cardinals in 2002.

Not surprisingly, Ratzinger is an orthodox conservative in the same mold as Pope John Paul II, who appointed nearly all of the cardinals who voted in the conclave. In the past, Benedict has cracked down on dissent within the Church.

Some liberal Catholics have expressed disappointment with the decision, and many view the appointment as kind of a transitional move — Benedict is 78. But all remains to be seen.

### Nash appeals; Ellingsworth sworn-in

Disqualified Student Government president-elect Will Nash filed grievances last week to the University Appeals Board, the last step in the university appeals process. Until the board hears the case, the administration doesn't recognize the outcome of the Supreme Court decision, which denied Nash's appeal and remanded the case to the Elections Board of Claims.

The board did certify the election, albeit via e-mail, last week. And SG Supreme Court Justice Tony Stoeppel swore in Ellingsworth as president in a less-than-public ceremony last Monday. Now it's up to the appeals board to straighten the mess created by SG's sloppy postelection process.

### Students plead guilty in book heist

Four students pleaded guilty in a federal court Thursday to charges stemming from the theft of rare art and books from the Special Collections Library at Transylvania.

UK students Warren C. Lipka, Eric J. Borsuk and Charles T. Allen II and Transylvania student Spencer W. Reinhard each entered guilty pleas to all charges, according to the U.S. District Attorney's Office.

Last December, the students took several valuable items from the library, including an original copy of Charles Darwin's *Origins of Species* and sketches by John James Audubon.

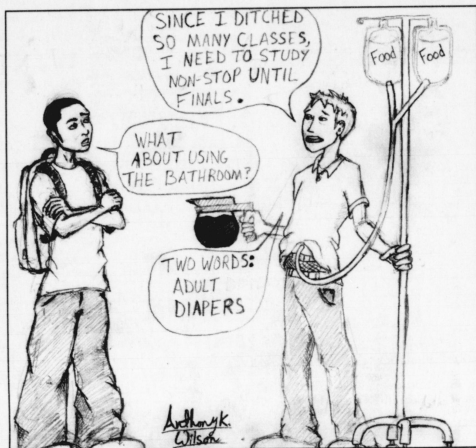
Sentencing, which could reach a maximum of 75 years each, is set for Sept. 9.

### UK football player drafted

Former UK defensive end Vincent "Sweet Pea" Burns was drafted by the Indianapolis Colts in the third round of the NFL Draft late Saturday night. After suffering an injury-plagued season as a senior, many analysts doubted Burns would even be drafted, much less so early.

It's nice to see the experts be wrong (as they often are when it comes to UK sports), and we wish Burns the best in his pro career.

Compiled by Opinions editor Andrew Martin



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## Frist chose wrong venue for anti-filibuster talk

As if his Capitol Hill buddy Tom Delay hasn't supplied enough mindless rhetoric in recent weeks, Senate Majority Leader Bill Frist decided last night to bring his own brand of idiosyncrasy to Louisville.



Ben Roberts  
KERNEL COLUMNIST

The good senator from Tennessee, and possible candidate for president in 2008, provided a taped statement for a political rally aimed to decry the use of filibusters by Senate Democrats to avoid floor votes on a handful of President Bush's judicial nominees.

That Frist would offer his opinion publicly on this matter is not surprising — he's done it plenty of times in the past. What is surprising is the forum Frist chose to present his latest views.

The rally in Louisville — organized by the admittedly conservative Family Research Council — was held in a church under the moniker "Justice Sunday — Stopping the Filibuster Against the People of Faith."

Now we have a problem.

To attack Senate Democrats for utilizing the filibuster — which, by the way, is well within their rights — is one thing. But implying that those in question are blocking Bush's nominees because they "lack faith" or are

somehow opposed to those with devout religious views is simply reckless. And somebody with Frist's political experience and presidential aspirations should have known better.

By aligning himself with the group assembled in that Louisville church yesterday, Frist has effectively killed any credibility he might have had for his ludicrous drive to eliminate the filibuster as it pertains to judicial nominees.

And the results of that self-inflicted wound are already starting to show.

When asked whether speakers at the rally should question the faith of Democratic leaders, South Carolina senator and Frist's fellow Republican Lindsey Graham was quite clear.

"I don't think that helps the country, and I don't think that's fair," Graham told "Fox News Sunday."

Graham is right on both accounts, and Frist was wrong to have anything to do with the Family Research Council event. Just as Frist has been wrong with his unending pursuit to eliminate the filibuster for judicial nominees — a move that would come entirely without precedent and serve as a slap in the face to the democratic process.

Anyone paying attention to the ramblings of Frist, Delay and other Washington Republicans would think that Senate Democrats are blocking the vote of every single judicial nominee that Bush throws into the chamber.

That's just not the case.

Democrats used the filibuster to keep 10 judicial appointments from taking the bench during Bush's first term — a small portion of the total number of the president's appointees.

Frist and his cohorts would also have you believe that this type of action is without precedent. Frist actually said last night that the blocking of the Bush nominees was the first time "a judicial nominee with majority support had been denied an up-or-down vote."

Again, not true.

Senate Republicans, who held the majority for most of President Bill Clinton's eight-year term, routinely blocked votes on judicial nominees they knew would ultimately be confirmed in full chamber by never letting the matters leave committee.

And in a final claim in his remarks last night, Frist said if the roles were reversed and it was the Democrats that held the presidency and majorities in Congress, Republicans would never think of using the filibuster.

"If what Democrats are doing is wrong today, it won't be right for Republicans to do the same thing tomorrow," Frist said.

Now if you actually believe that, then maybe this bland senator from Tennessee is your man in 2008.

But I don't. And I wouldn't mind 2008 bringing the changes that would allow Frist to keep his word.

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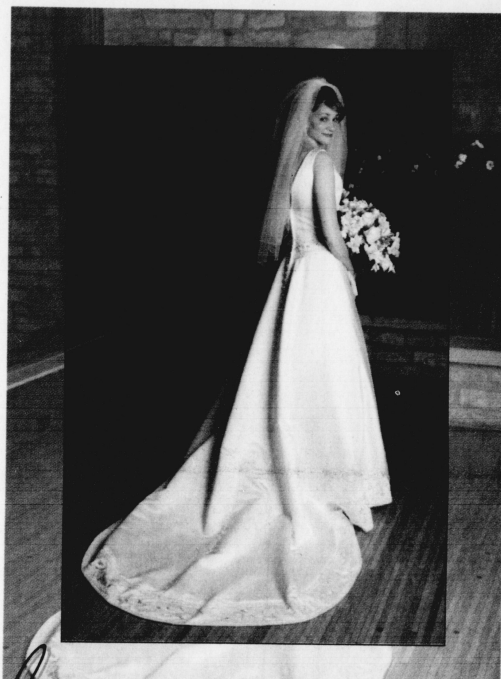
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## Wedding Planners Save Money and Time

By: Nicole Stinson

The dress. The shoes. The date. The time. The place. The invitations. The rehearsal. The rings. The flowers. The photographs. The reception hall. The music. The food. The drinks. And a thousand other little details. It is true: a bride has a thousand and one details to worry about before and during the big day, which can all be very stressful.

"If you look at a wedding like you do a play, it's a huge production. A bride can't be the producer, director, main actor, and stage manager all at the same time," says bridal consultant Bobbi Craig of Bobbi's Gala Consulting.

Hiring a professional may just be the answer, and surprisingly, it is more affordable than you may think.

Most consultants work on a prepackaged system, where you buy a package of services for a fixed fee, while others work on an hourly or service-by-service fee. Packages can range in price from \$500.00 to \$2,000.00 in the Lexington area, but vary by location. At Bobbi's Gala Consulting, bride's are allowed to mix and match services, creating their own package.

"Why should brides have to buy something they don't need?" says Craig.

Consulting services can be in the form of a question/answer session, a day of wedding coordination, or entire event planning where the bride doesn't have to do a thing.

Many brides worry that not having complete control will result in a less than perfect occasion. This fear, however, is misplaced. Interviews allow the consultants to get a feel for personal style and interests, and the bride can always have as much control as desired; after all, the bride is the boss.

Brides should choose their consultants wisely to ensure they will work well together. B.J. Hager, a consultant who has done work for both Bridal Potpourri and Bobbi's Gala Events, voices the popular opinion. "It's an honor that they choose you to share in their day."

The bride who knows exactly what she wants may not think she needs a wedding planner, but there are some hidden benefits. Wedding planners specialize in weddings; they know them inside and out and are familiar with their details. This knowledge will contribute to a better ceremony and reception. Hiring a consultant may also save money, because they deal with vendors on a regular basis and many times can get special deals.

College students with tight budgets may not feel that it's necessary to hire a wedding planner. According to Hager, however, college students may benefit the most from the service. Many future brides and grooms find it too difficult to keep up with class assignments while planning weddings. It is much easier to let someone else worry about the wedding details.

## Mixed Heritage, Not a Divided Life

By: Jodi Dickey

Finding true love is almost everyone's dream come true. Holding onto that special someone takes hard work and compromise... unless you use a lasso like Bryan and Stephanie Pearce-Gonzales.

This newly married couple did exactly that in their July 3, 2004 wedding. However, it was only a symbolic representation of the joining of two lives.

The use of the lasso is a traditional custom of Mexican weddings. Although Bryan and Stephanie were both born in the United States, Bryan's maternal family is rich with Mexican heritage.

Bryan shares Mexican and American heritage. "My mom is full blood Mexican, however, she was born and raised in the US," said Bryan Pearce-Gonzales, a PhD candidate of Hispanic studies.

Stephanie's heritage is Anglo.

Couples with a combination of ethnic or cultural backgrounds are commonplace in today's society. The Pearce-Gonzales wedding is an example of cultural differences and how couples compromise to include traditions from both families.

Although most Mexican weddings are held in Catholic churches, the Pearce-Gonzales' adapted some of the customs into a Protestant ceremony.

They used traditional American customs like bridesmaids, groomsmen, a flower girl and a ring bearer. However, they also incorporated the Mexican traditions of padrinos and madrinas. These are family members, often aunts and uncles, who help pay for certain components of the wedding.



"It was important to me to have my family actually take part in the wedding ceremony, and not just attend it," said Bryan Pearce-Gonzales.

For example, a madrina purchased and presented the wedding lasso. This is an elegantly decorated rope or rosary that is looped around the couple as they exchange vows and rings.

"The lasso was very special, because it is a very visual representation of the binding of two lives," said Stephanie Pearce-Gonzales, a graduate student in Hispanic studies.

Another Mexican tradition included was "las arras." This is a set of 13 coins that the groom gives to the bride symbolizing his ability to financially care for her and his willingness to share his possessions.

The reception was also filled with Mexican traditions. The entertainment was a traditional Mariachi band, and guests enjoyed the cultural traditions of a pinata, tamales, beans, and tortillas. This was a new experience for some of the Anglo relatives.

"Some of the guests had never had tamales and tried to eat them corn husks and all, but once they learned how to eat them, they couldn't stop talking about how delicious they were," said Stephanie Pearce-Gonzales.

Certainly learning how to eat tamales is important to the unification of this couple and their families. The wedding of Bryan and Stephanie Pearce-Gonzales is an example of how mixed heritages can bring together new experiences, instead of dividing lives.

## UK Student Weds the Duties of Wife, Employee and Student

By: Lindsey Ashcraft

She glances at the clock and determines there's not enough time to eat lunch before class. Krista Meadows-Odago has just finished rehearsing a scene for her acting class, before which, she worked the morning rush at a University of Kentucky restaurant. All this, and it is not even 1 p.m.

Meadows-Odago is a senior at the University of Kentucky majoring in theatre. However, role-playing is not just her art. It is her life. She assumes three major roles, student, employee and wife.

Married students such as Meadows-Odago, who entered the spring semester of 2005 as newlyweds, must balance school and married life, and more often than not, a job.

"I think more time goes toward school and work, but I would rather more time go to being a wife," said Meadows-Odago. "We had planned on waiting until after college to get married, but we knew we were going to do it one day anyway. We decided to just get on about our married lives and deal with whatever life threw at us."

Meadows-Odago said her responsibilities have affected her sleep more than her grades. She completes assignments throughout the day and works at both K-Lair Grill and Intermezzo to help pay the rent on her off-campus home. Her evenings are usually spent with her husband, unless she has rehearsal.

"I'm here all day with classes and then I'm working on-

campus, too. So, I just need that break from school. I need to go home and feel like a wife and just get away from it all," said Meadows-Odago.

But what do married students call home? Like their traditional classmates, married students must also decide to live on-campus or off-campus. However, on-campus housing is very different for married students.

The University of Kentucky's on-campus Shawneetown Apartments accommodate married students and their families.

According to Graduate and Family Housing, fully furnished efficiencies at the Shawneetown Apartments are \$458 a month. This price includes all utilities and high-speed Internet.

Meadows-Odago and her husband decided to live off-campus.

"On-campus housing is a little steep. I can live off-campus for less. The apartments are fully furnished, so you don't have the chance to grow as a married couple and express yourself. There are too many regulations. Where I live now, I can do whatever I want. We can make it our home, instead of a place to live," said Meadows-Odago.

Meadows-Odago said she expects to graduate in the spring, and her husband plans to attend graduate school in the fall.

## 5 Fun Wedding Shower Themes

### Stock the Bar Shower

A stock-the-bar shower is a great way to get the groom excited about a shower. The guests bring bottles of wine or liquor and gifts for the couple's bar: a blender, ice bucket, etc. The gifts can cut beverage costs for the reception. With a shower like this everyone has fun, not just the couple receiving the gifts.



### Lingerie Shower

This is perhaps the most popular bridal shower theme. It gives the bride a sexy edge for her new husband. This is typically a GIRLS ONLY shower. The host can serve tarts, champagne and finger sandwiches. Gifts would include pajamas, teddies, robes and creative sexy gifts for the couple.



### Honeymoon/Travel Shower

Treat the couple that is about to leave on their honeymoon "Bon Voyage!" A honeymoon shower is a unique COUPLES shower where the guests can come in beach attire and bring gifts such as beach towels, picture frames, waterproof cameras and cash.



### Around the Clock Shower

For an around-the-clock shower, each guest brings a gift that is associated with a certain time of day. For example, if the guest was given 7am, they can bring a coffee maker, for 9pm perhaps a cocktail set, 1am could be lingerie for the bride. This shower is a creative way to receive a variety of gifts, as well as make your guests think.



### Kitchen/Recipe Shower

This shower will broaden the bride and groom's culinary skills. This is a fun shower for couples who love to cook. Each guest brings their favorite recipe and a gift for the couple's new kitchen (pots, pans, dishes, wok, coffee maker, etc.) Another variation of his shower is the wine & fondue shower where there is wine served along with a variety of fondues.



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## Looking Good as a Wedding Guest

By: Molly Keeler

Spring weddings are always beautiful, flowers are just beginning to bloom, the weather is getting warmer and love is in the air. Everything seems perfect, until you look in your closet and realize that you have no idea what to wear to a March, April or May wedding. Spring may be a beautiful season, but the odd weather it brings us makes it difficult to decide on what to wear to a spring wedding.



Kristen Thomas, an executive sales associate at Dorean Leaf, a designer dress shop in Hartsville, Ohio, said it is clear that the worries we have about dressing for a spring wedding are overrated. She explained that because of the weather change it is important to consider the time and location of the wedding. "Day weddings tend to be less formal than those held after dark. Country club and estate

receptions usually call for dressier attire than ones held in a home or community hall."

It is obvious that dresses for women and suits for men are standard wedding attire. A knee length sheath dress is casual yet dressy enough for a day wedding, and a cocktail dress is perfect for an evening wedding. For a more casual affair, men can usually get away with just a sports coat and slacks. Thomas pointed out that it is simple and easy to wear

wok attire to a wedding, but that it has become common and outdated. To update your look, Thomas suggests a satin or silk shell, instead of the traditional blouse when wearing a suit. For men, she suggests that they skip the white or pinstripe shirt and go for a solid shirt and slightly darker tie.

Linda Kortland, owner of Attire, a specialty wedding shop in Pittsburgh, agrees with Thomas. A spring wedding is fun, so in turn

you should have fun dressing for it. Kortland states that spring is a time to bring out color. "If the weather is nice, opt for satin shoes and light colors instead of just black. Black and white are always in, but spring is a time of year when you can make a statement."



With the help of Thomas and Kortland you are sure to be dressed for success. Pretty pastels such as pink and green are a must, just remember, when thinking of dressing for a spring wedding, say, "I do!"

Images courtesy of Google

## Finding the Perfect Spring Wedding Dress

By: Tomoe Sasaki

February's Vogue magazine featured Melania Knauss, as Donald Trump's new bride in "a dress for a princess," a Dior Haute Couture by John Galiano.

A Haute Couture dress and Harry Winston jewelry are not necessary for the best look in fashion this spring. What really matters is an affordable, fashionable dress for a bride within her price range. Any bride can find a romantic, even-colored wedding dress plus something more.

Bride magazine's March and April Issues suggest a bride who wants a romantic look should choose something grand, flowing and sexy. The dress can feature a fine ribbon accent or a beaded brooch at the waist, ballerina like tea-length skirt or airy swinging silk organza skirt.

A good tool for shopping is the Dress Finder found online at [www.brides.com/dressfinder/bride/](http://www.brides.com/dressfinder/bride/). It shows more than 2,000 bride's dresses, and helps a bride narrow her choices down to a few dresses based on what details she wants.

White usually comes to mind as the only color for a wedding dress. That is not the case this year. "Ivory, pink, or gold," are also popular stated Barbie Etapa, the owner of the Barbie's Bridal & Formal Wear, Inc. However, she continues to carry many white dresses at her store.

Brides should look at what

designers are showing. "Vera Wang is good, but more for upper class. I'm looking for something everyone can afford," said Etapa. The price line set up is about \$500-\$1,500. Ms. Etapa recently picked up a princess like dress designed by Maggie Sottero, with shimmering silver embroidered bodice and an A-line skirt of ivory satin.

**"You will have that magic feeling when you find the right one."**  
-Betty Rose

Brides have lots of choices this spring, but "it really depends on the person," she also stated that many times, the bottom line is that most women want to look like the bride they imagined in their childhood.

Style or color is not the most important decision according to both of the bridal shop owners. They encouraged brides to deal with established merchants. "It can be the wrong style, size, color, and even not on time if you do not have a reputable bridal store."

When looking for a reliable dress store, Bella Rose should come into mind. Located in Lexington for over 25 years, owner Betty Rose has much experience in

helping engaged girls find the gown of their dreams. Betty said it is "an adventure working with brides and helping with all the wedding excitement. Every girl dreams about it and I'm lucky to be a part of it."

Offering designers such as Vera Wang, Amsale, Nicole Miller and Jessica McClintock, Bella Rose is sure to have a dress that meets anyone's standards. Bella Rose also offers dresses for the entire wedding party, all shapes and sizes. Rose mentioned that when bridesmaids have a dress from Bella Rose, "they seem to wear it over and over again."

Some brides have been going away from white and leaning towards champagne, light gold or light pink dresses. "All the rules our mothers had are being broken. Make your wedding as unique as you are," Rose stated.

Strapless is the most popular style, and lace is making a comeback. One thing many brides are doing after the ceremony is changing out of their gown for the reception, so they can move with greater ease. Bella Rose has dresses for this as well, and offers a huge pallet of colors.

Betty said the dress can take anywhere from 3-12 weeks to be ready. Betty said that brides "don't need to think they have to spend thousands on a dress. You will have that magic feeling when you find the right one."

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# Something Old, Something New, Something Borrowed, & Something Blue

By: Emily Blaser

This saying dates back to Victorian times and is a popular tradition to follow at weddings. "The 'Something old, something new, something borrowed, something blue' wedding tradition is one of the only wedding traditions that still makes sense in today's society. It isn't darkened by old superstitions about fertility and virginity or cheapened by old wives tales about the moon's alignment. Its just a plain cute," said Jackie Allen a wedding planner in Lexington, KY.

The Full wording of this popular bridal attire rhyme, which dates back to the Victorian times, is 'something old, something new, something borrowed, something blue, and a silver sixpence in your shoe.'

Something old refers to wearing something that represents a link with the bride's family and her old life. Usually, the bride wears a piece of family jewelry or maybe her mother's or grandmother's wedding dress.

Wearing something new represents good fortune and success in the bride's new life. The bride's wedding dress is usually chosen, if purchased new, but it

can be any other new item of the bride's wedding attire.

Wearing something borrowed, which has already been worn by a happy bride at her wedding, is meant to bring good luck to the marriage. Shannon Combs, a bride-to-be in June, is planning on wearing her Aunt's pearl earrings.

"I'm very close to my Aunt and wearing something that she wore in her wedding means a lot to me," Shannon explained.

Wearing something blue dates back to biblical time when the color blue was considered to represent purity and fidelity. Over time this has evolved from wearing blue clothing to wearing a blue band around the bottom of the dress, and to modern times where the bride wears a blue or blue-trimmed garter. Placing a silver sixpence in the bride's left shoe is a symbol of wealth. This is no just to bring the bride financial wealth but also a wealth of happiness and joy throughout her married life.

Jackie Allen encourages brides to follow the fun tradition at their weddings. "It's just another way to make the day more fun and special," she explained.

**OLD**  
The "old" item represents something you are leaving behind or something that is being passed down to you.

- Your Grandmothers wedding photo in a silver locket
- A penny from the year you were born
- Your mother's wedding band on your right ring finger

**NEW**  
The "new" item represents something you are adopting through your marriage or something that is unique to your new union

- Your engagement picture on the other side of the silver locket
- The key to your new home
- A token of your first date

**BORROWED**  
The "borrowed" item should be symbolic of something you respect or admire about someone or something.

- Your best friend's favorite bracelet
- Your mother's monogrammed handkerchief
- Your mother-in-law's pearl necklace

**BLUE**  
The "blue" item dates back to biblical times when the color blue was considered to represent purity and fidelity.

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- A thin light blue ribbon on your garter

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# The Perfect Proposal

By: Caroline McLean

Before the dress, the cake, and the steamy honeymoon, is the proposal. It's the moment young girls fantasize about and the moment some guys just do not understand.

Proposals are meant to showcase all of a couple's reasons to get married. They are meant to convince your girl why she should marry you, why you are "the one." Almost every girl dreams of her romantic, unique and completely unexpected proposal.

Tara Kelley, a graduate assistant at the University of Kentucky describes her proposal as, "the most memorable moment of her life."

After two years of dating, Tara's fiancé Jason asked her to marry him in front of all their family and friends. "I couldn't believe that he proposed in front of everyone. I am so lucky to have shared that experience with everyone I love."

The fact that he planned the proposal months in advance (with the help of his mother) accomplishes the romantic aspect. Not only did he make sure that her parents and closest friends witnessed her time in the spotlight, but he also had his step-father take pictures continuously throughout, so that each moment of the proposal was caught on film. Now Tara reminisces with a photo album instead of having to remember every detail. "Sometimes I look at it two or three times a week. It's great to remember that day."

Romance is definitely a key factor:

however, every girl secretly desires her own unique proposal. One of the biggest challenges for men is how to make that special moment distinctly different from the typical down-on-one-knee routine. Applying personal memories or past inside jokes could be the key to a truly extraordinary proposal.

In Tara's case, Jason altered the special moment to their personalities. "I am very close to my family and he knows that. Once I realized his approach, it made perfect sense for our relationship.

The element of surprise brings the romantic factor full circle. However, as important as a surprise proposal is, it is also imperative that you know she is ready to marry you. These are details that need to be discussed before you buy the ring; it helps to secure that sought after, "yes."

Tara's moment came at Jason's graduation, a get-together she thought would only focus on him. She swears that she had no indication of a proposal that afternoon. "He was thanking all of his guests for coming, but never once mentioned me," she recalls. "I was a little hurt until I saw him walking towards me, telling the room how much he loved me and so on. I had no clue that he was about to the question!"

Still having problems figuring out the perfect proposal? Try visiting [www.perfect-proposals.com](http://www.perfect-proposals.com); they cover every detail and suggestions to help you achieve the perfect proposal!

"I couldn't believe that he proposed in front of everyone."  
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