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Debate tackles slavery's legacy

Forum focuses on the merits of paying reparations to blacks



By Spencer Conco
THE KENTUCKY KERNEL

The older academic argued that the U.S. government is "morally culpable" to repay blacks for generations of injustice. The younger music industry professional countered that blacks, not the government, are the ones more responsible for taking action.

What both men want to see, however, is a debate in Congress over the underlying issue of reparations.

Roy Brooks and Reginald Jones debated the topic last night in Memorial Hall in front of more than 150 UK students and faculty. Student Activities Board sponsored the event.

"It is not natural that blacks are on the bottom and that whites are on top; it is constructed," said Brooks, a law professor at the University of San Diego.

"The government is responsible for slavery," he said. "We still live under the Constitution that allowed slavery."

Brooks mentioned the reparations that the U.S. government issued to descendants of Japanese-Americans who were interned at the start of World War II. He then said America needs to do the same for blacks.

"Make the apology believable by doing something tangible, like reparations," Brooks said. "The range of reparations is only limited in our imagination and sense of morality."

Jones, meanwhile, took the other side of the issue. While he'd also like to see some sort of compensation,

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NAACP leader offers advice to UK

By Erin Thomas
THE KENTUCKY KERNEL

UK has a chance to raise the bar of diversity across the state, a leader in the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People told an audience of more than 100 people last night.

Creating a climate that is conducive to democracy and diversity is necessary if UK wants to recruit and retain minority students, especially black students, said John Jackson, the NAACP's chief policy officer.

While Jackson spoke of UK's recent diversity issues, the timing of his speech was coincidental, said Lisa Brown, director of student and multicultural affairs in the School of Journalism and Telecommunications. The school had been trying to arrange Jackson's appearance for two years, she said.

"There must be a climate that makes individuals outside want to come in," Jackson said, "and each of us has to identify what role we can actually play to address the challenge that exists."

Jackson acknowledged that UK has the highest retention and graduation rates of black students among Kentucky's higher education institutions. This arises from the fact that there

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Walking toward a solution



SG Cabinet Secretary Tony Jackson coordinated the safety walk and its route. SG President Becky Ellingsworth, her staff, acting UK Police Chief Kevin Franklin and the staff of the grounds crew, UK housing, and physical plant employees walked the course last night to document safety issues and discuss possible solutions.

Student Government sponsors walk through campus to identify potentially unsafe areas

By Chris Miles
THE KENTUCKY KERNEL

Student Government hosted its first on-campus safety walk of the year last night, designed to help both UK students and staff identify areas on campus that could be dangerous after dark.

Members of SG, representatives of UK's Physical Plant Division and acting UK Police Chief Kevin Franklin walked around campus identifying dim and unlit walkways, large hedges and bushes that might cover an attacker and clustered buildings that might allow assailants to hide in wait behind dark corners.

Christie Mitchell, SG senator and a communications and music sophomore, pointed out hedges in front of Bowman Hall as potentially dangerous.

Franklin said these are bushes where an attacker could hide. The group also identified walkways around the Funkhouser Building as target areas. UK has removed similar

hedges in the past.

"There was one area two years ago in front of Barker Hall and the Armory that had hedges that were five feet tall," said Jerry Hart, a horticulturalist for the Physical Plant Division. "It was like walking into a tunnel."

Last year's on-campus safety walk also identified the landscaping in front of Memorial Coliseum and the flag pole area across the street as trouble areas. The Physical Plant Department recently ripped the bushes out of both of those areas.

"We found homeless people sometimes sleeping in those bushes," Franklin said. "When we pulled those bushes out, we found a whole lot of beer cans and bottles and even some mattresses."

Still, altering the landscaping around buildings and walkways isn't always an easy task.

"Different locations need to have different measures applied to them," Hart said. "There is no one rule that we can follow

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"We found homeless people sometimes sleeping in those bushes."

Kevin Franklin, acting UK Police Chief on bushes removed next to Memorial Coliseum

UK 84, OHIO ALL-STARS 44

Smothering defense delivers blowout

By Chris DeLottel
THE KENTUCKY KERNEL

UK used a stifling full-court press and various man-to-man and zone defenses in the half court to defeat the Ohio Girls Basketball Magazine All-Stars in an 84-44 exhibition game victory last night. The Cats held OGBM to 16-for-56 shooting on the game and converted 25 Legends turnovers into 32 points.

"You can't ask for a much better defense than that," UK head coach Mickie DeMoss said. "I've been

pleased with our defense. We got our hands on a lot of balls."

Defense has been a point of emphasis in the first few weeks of practice, and it showed, as the Cats used a tough trapping press from the start.

"As a team, we agreed that's what we're going to do this season," sophomore guard Samantha Mahoney said. "We want to play defense."

Combined with easy points off the press, hot shooting from Ma-

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Female students praise Path, look for more

By Michele May
THE KENTUCKY KERNEL

The majority of female students at UK seem to be happy with the recent advances in women's safety on campus, but many still feel that more can — and should — be done.

Recent student suggestions have included adding more lights, especially in parking areas; offering self-defense classes; increasing police presence on campus at night, especially in residential areas; and installing more emergency call boxes.

"There is only one emergency button between K-lot and South Campus," said secondary education freshman Arielle Evans. "They really should have more of them; they're so far apart."

UK is working on the CATS Path, which is designed to be a main thoroughfare through campus at night with additional light-

ing and improved landscaping. Current plans call for it to run from the intersection of Hilltop and Woodland avenues near South Campus to South Limestone Street near Dickey Hall.

Alison Rahn, an elementary education sophomore, and Jenny George, a biology sophomore, said they would use the CATS path, providing it was well-lit.

"I'll definitely go out of my way to use the path," Rahn said. "It sounds like a great idea. I love it."

One common complaint was that the proposed CATS Path doesn't include the more remote areas of campus, specifically K-lot.

"If I'm going to my boyfriend's house at night, I won't go to my car. I make him pick me up," said George, who lives on South Campus. "The CATS Path should definitely include the

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Sophomore center Sarah Elliott drives to the basket for two of her team-high 15 points last night at Memorial Coliseum. Elliott was perfect from the field, going 6-of-6 on field goal attempts.

HILLY SCHIFFER
STAFF

Students unsure about Student Center proposal

By Robin Bryant
THE KENTUCKY KERNEL

UK's proposed \$127 million renovations to the Student Center excite some students while leaving others uncertain about the necessity of the expenditure.

John Herbst, director of student services for UK, said he is encouraging student input.

"We've said from the beginning we want students involved in the process," Herbst said.

Herbst has been working on a Student Center renovation plan since 2003. The plan, which is still in the preliminary stages, proposes a bowling alley, movie theater, fitness center, clothing stores and upscale dining facilities.

"We're in the preliminary stages of this project, so there's a number of things that have to happen before we can move forward," Herbst said.

The idea for the renovations

came from a Web-based survey conducted last spring, Herbst said. An e-mail went out on UK's listserv encouraging students to participate.

Of the 5,000 received responses, Herbst said he found a lot of support in favor of the renovations.

According to the survey, 53 percent of students would support fee increases of \$70 to \$80 to fund the renovations.

Some students say an improved facility would have its merits.

"Maybe it can keep students on campus," said mathematics junior Ellyer Watson.

Others agreed that an improved center would see more use from students.

"I never used the Student Center as a place to hang out," Courtney Poe, an integrated strategic communications senior, said.

"Maybe renovating it would encourage students to use it and be active around campus."

Not only could current students

use the renovated center, but the improvements could help draw prospective students to UK.

"A new Student Center would be an asset to recruiting," Jennifer Neal, an agriculture communications senior, said. "Hopefully, a new Student Center could signal the beginning of further renovations around campus."

Still, other students aren't as positive about the proposed renovation project.

"A nice, new, pretty Student Center wouldn't benefit students the way programs and services would," philosophy sophomore Ashlea Clemons said.

Others were upset with the project's possible price tag.

"The university has raised tuition and fees every year since I've been here, so I'm not surprised," English senior Jesse Gilbert said. "I don't understand why we need a new Student Center."

Integrated strategic communi-

cations junior Qiana Ingram worried about what message a new center would say about the university's priorities.

"How are we going to be a top-20 institution if we're spending our money on bowling alleys?" Ingram said. "It's ridiculous to raise tuition for recreation."

Others said while they understand the motivation, they wouldn't be able to make use of the facilities.

"The Student Center is a place to eat between classes and meet with clubs and organizations," said psychology junior Kennetha Bell. "I understand what they're trying to do with the renovations, but I don't have time to hang out."

As of now the money isn't available and the plan still has to be approved by President Lee Todd and the state legislature. This has some students wondering where the money would come from.

"The money should come from grants or outside sources," Watson

said. "It doesn't make sense to make students pay for something they didn't know they needed."

Other students said they'd rather see UK's money go toward scholarships, programs, classrooms and equipment.

"Can we first repair the buildings and classrooms around campus that are falling apart?" anthropology senior Morgan Nau said. "I think funding for education should come before recreation."

"If they're so concerned about students what about air-conditioning? Air-conditioning would benefit students," Clemons said.

But for now, Herbst said nothing has been set in stone.

"There's lots of options available," Herbst said. "That's what we're investigating — students have said we need something."

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Chief of UK Police Chief Kevin Franklin discusses possible changes in police policy with Student Government Senator Christie Mitchell during last night's safety walk.

NAACP

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are students and faculty who are committed to the institution and to solving the diversity problem, Jackson said.

Chike Anyaebunam, a faculty member of the School of Journalism and Telecommunications who helped organize Jackson's speech, is one such example.

"I hope Dr. Jackson's speech will be the beginning of a dialogue and a thinking about the dimensions of diversity not only within the university, but also the nation," Anyaebunam said.

Raising the bar of diversity is not something that will happen overnight, Jackson said, and there must be a strategic plan to overcome the challenge. UK has the re-

sources to do so, and must place the issue on the top of its priority list, he said.

Recruitment of minorities is a major challenge UK faces, Jackson said. He suggested bringing high school and junior-high school students on campus before it's time to apply for admissions. Also, UK can help develop advanced placement courses to encourage recruitment, Jackson said.

Arion Jett, a social work sophomore, said Jackson's speech offered new insights on ways to improve diversity.

"He brought ideas and challenges that most students don't think about," Jett said. "UK must realize it has to start early to address these challenges."

Beth Barnes, director of the School of Journalism and Telecommunications, said Jackson's speech was exactly what UK needed to hear.

"I appreciate that he empowered the university by presenting the issue in a positive tone," said "By giving us plans, time-tables and other strategies, he offered ideas of where and how to begin corrective action."

Admitting the problem of diversity places UK above the rest, Jackson said. The issue can either be addressed or left on the table, he said, and the choice is in the hands of the students.

"The question is, University of Kentucky, will you be bold enough and smart enough to address and challenge each other?" Jackson said. "I can't tell you what is going to happen, but I can tell you that the outcome is in your hands."

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Walk

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when making safety changes. It's really an architectural challenge for us."

The Physical Plant Division and the UK police department weren't the only campus departments present on the walk and aren't the only groups contributing to campus safety measures. Both funding — \$125 million worth in September — and planning have come from President Lee Todd's office,

SG and even UK's Athletic Department.

"Students don't often realize what has been done and what is being done around here," Mitchell said. "More so, it's also up to the students to be aware of safety."

"Like the chief said, we can put up lights and alarms everywhere, but it's up to the students to realize what are safe areas and what are not."

Franklin said new lights on walkways are a top priority — but safety alarms around campus are not.

"Safety buttons these days really are useless," Franklin said. "Most students have cell phones that

are just the same, if not better."

Franklin also pointed out that most assaults take place when students are on cell phones or listening to iPods.

"Cell phones are a distraction when students are walking," he said.

Participants thought the walk accomplished its primary purpose — identifying potential trouble areas on campus and talking about what to do about them.

"We're looking for exactly those kinds of areas and getting rid of them," Hart said.

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K-lot."

Acting UK Police Chief Kevin Franklin said he's interested in adding lighting "on the way out to K-lot," but added that the actual parking-lot area is fairly safe.

"I know a lot of people say that they don't feel safe over there in the K-lot area, but in all actuality, it is really well-lit, and as far as safety concerns, we don't have a lot of personal attacks," Franklin said. He said he's talking with engineers about the possibility of improving the crosswalk at the corner of Cooper and University dri-

ves.

"I live on North Campus and park in K-lot. I usually won't get my car at night," said Brittney Saylor, a theater major freshman. "If I go home for the weekend, I need to call a cab or something to pick me up and take me to my dorm."

In addition to the CATS Path, increased lighting is planned to be installed at the Kirwan/Blanding Complex on South Campus and near Ovid's at the W.T. Young Library.

"The other night, I had to walk back to my room from K-lot. The darkest point on campus was here in the Blanding/Kirwan Complex," said Autumn Harrison, a psychology sophomore. "It would be a good thing to add

lighting in the complex area."

Landscaping improvements have already begun at Keeneland, Holmes and Jewell halls, as well as Memorial Coliseum and the Flag Plaza off Euclid Avenue.

Jay Jesse, a professor in the English Department, said she's happy that the focus has turned toward improving women's safety on campus.

"Campus is more of a draw for perpetrators because there's such a large pool of young, single women," Jesse said. "We have to remain ever-vigilant, ever-conscious, and we need to be knowledgeable."

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Debate

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reparations aren't the way to do so, he said.

"The government cannot make up for past injustice," said Jones, the lead spokesman for Project 21, a conservative African-American group. "The government by its nature is unjust."

In fact, handing out checks to blacks would most likely be counterproductive, Jones said.

"Within a week, it would be back in the hands of white people and Asians," he said, referencing some of America's business leaders. Blacks would be "putting their money on Nike or whatever the hot commodity is," he said.

Brooks also said he didn't agree with merely writing checks, but advocated setting up academic support in the form of scholarships and other financial benefits for blacks. He referenced the philosopher Schopenhauer, who said all truths must first be ridiculed and opposed before being regarded as self-evident.

Jones' theme stuck more to the idea that blacks currently have the ability to pull themselves up. He used his own life example of successfully making his way through the music industry to support his ideas.

"I know what it's like to work from can't-see-in-the-morning to can't-see-at-night," Jones said. "That's something my competitors don't know."

"Working hard isn't a disadvantage; it's an unfair ad-

vantage" for blacks, he said.

For Jones, the issue was that today's citizens, as well as those in nations across the world, would have to pay for something that they had no direct involvement.

"You, who might not have even had family in the country at that time, you'll be asked to pay," Jones said.

Both men did agree that education is a key avenue through which to address this issue and correct the situation. For Brooks, however, the practicalities of issuing reparations aren't the primary concern.

"You have to debate and determine whether the government is morally culpable for slavery," he said. "If not, you're putting the cart before the horse to look at the practical uses of reparations."

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Patterson Office Tower
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8am-4:30 pm

Student Center
(Bridge Lounge)
9am-2pm

Agriculture Science Center North
(Room 513, Dean's Office)
9am-4pm

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(Front Hall Entrance)
9am-2pm

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Rip Sidhu, the owner and head chef of Bombay Brazier, works the full bar in the main eating area. Bombay Brazier also has one of the largest wine selections for a restaurant in Lexington.

TRICIA SPAULDING
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A brazen taste of the East

Bombay Brazier, an authentic Indian restaurant in downtown Lexington, appeals not only to ordinary people who have a taste for Indian food, but also to the president of the Toyota plant in Georgetown, Ky.

As I sat at the corner table in the cozy back room at Bombay Brazier on a Monday evening, I carefully listened to soft Indian music and to seven Japanese men and one Indian man discussing their business over the dinner. Later, I found out that one of them was the president of Georgetown's Toyota plant, who came along with his international partners.

"They just recently arrived from Japan and could go to any Chinese, Japanese, or Thai place in Lexington, but chose Bombay," said Rip Sidhu, the restaurant's owner. "This is the second time they are here in the last two months."

Bombay Brazier is located on the corner of South Limestone and West High streets. The establishment has been open for three years and offers great service, a wide selection of appetizers, entrees, bread, wine and has been rated the cleanest restaurant in town by the Lexington Health Department.

Bombay's appetizers include vegetable and keema samosa; paneer, chicken, fish, vegetable and shrimp

pakora; Brazier appetizer, chicken, also tikki, pappadi and samosa chat; assorted appetizer platter; and onion bhaji. They range from \$4 to \$11. Entrees with meat consist of tikka masala, korma, vindaloo, curry, madras, chilli, dopiaza, kadai and Saag, and are served with the choice of chicken, shrimp, lamb, prawns, beef, lobster, salmon or paneer. These range from \$14 to \$22. Bombay also serves a large number of vegetarian entrees that range from \$12 to \$16. Bombay Brazier is also known for its dishes cooked in a tandoor, an open clay oven, and Bombay Classics, which are Sidhu's own creations.

What sets Bombay Brazier apart from other Indian restaurants in town is its special method of cooking—brazing—where the eatery's name originated. Brazing involves cooking food at a very high temperature in a big skillet and continuously scraping it with a shovel. Brazing doesn't allow food to stick to the skillet, which helps eliminate extra grease. Another aspect unique to Bombay is that they don't use regular butter, but use salad oil or Soya butter instead, both of which are more healthy.

While dining at Bombay Brazier, I have tried chicken korma, which consists of tender pieces of chicken in a cream based sauce with cashews, almonds, raisins and mushrooms matter, paneer (paneer cheese with green peas and potatoes in a ginger garlic sauce and spices) and naan, an Indian flatbread, stuffed with spinach. Bombay Brazier is also known for their Black

Cosmo, made with black vodka and only found in two places in Lexington: Bombay Brazier and Mia's.

The staff at Bombay is very friendly and welcoming. My water was refilled regularly and the food was served quickly. Sidhu and his wife, "J," who co-owns Bombay, checked to ensure the service was right every 15 minutes.

Micky Boparai, who cooked my meal, did a great job. Boparai has been working as a chef at Bombay Brazier for the last year.

I was also impressed by the wine selection. Bombay Brazier is the only place that serves Indian wines, such as Sula Chenin Blanc and Sula Sauvignon Blanc. In addition, there's a variety of Chardonnay, Shiraz, Cabernet, Merlot, Pinot Noir, Pinot Gris and Red Zinfandel wine available. Indian beers, such as Kingfisher, Flying Horse and Taj Mahal Tall are also on the menu. In the past I have tried and enjoyed Brazier Special, an Indian version of White Russian, and Mangotini, which includes fusion mango vodka shaken with mango juice and sweet vermouth. Brazier Cocktails range from \$5.50 to \$7.50.

You don't have to be the president of Toyota to come to Bombay Brazier, but expect to spend at least \$15 on your meal. At Bombay, you not only pay for your food, but also for a small relaxing getaway that makes it possible for you to experience a small part of India in downtown Lexington.

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Blues Traveler treks to UK with familiar sounds and reinvented approach

By Kendra Suchy
THE KENTUCKY KERNEL

"They've given you the 'Run Around' and tried to catch you with the 'Hook.' Now, they're simply 'bastardos.'"

Blues Traveler — comprised of John Popper, Chan Kinchla, Brendan Hill, Tad Kinchla and Ben Wilson — will perform on UK's campus Monday night on the last leg of its fall tour.

The performance comes on the heels of the September release of the band's eighth studio album, "Bastardos!"

With the addition of bassist Tad Kinchla and keyboardist Ben Wilson, the band is growing into its own for a second time, becoming a sort of Blues Traveler 2.0.

This recent album is just the band members being themselves and not spending too much energy trying to appease everybody, guitarist Chan Kinchla said.

"Before we made this record, we decided, 'Let's just make records that we love and regardless of how they do commercially, at least we love 'em and they're all ours,' he said.

But the band's die-hard fans needn't worry, as frontman John Popper's harmonica solos and Kinchla's guitar riffs are still prominent, even while they push the creative envelope.

Many of the stories around "Bastardos!" focus on falling in and out of love, and the process before and after heartbreak, according to a Vanguard Records press release.

"During the process of

If you go

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Web site: For more information about Blues Traveler, visit www.bluestraveler.com.

making this record I ended my engagement, fell in love and caroused a lot," said Popper, the band's lyricist.

The band decided to flex their creative muscle with "Bastardos!" by turning demos and arrangements inside out, experimenting with horns, syncopation and time signatures.

"It's different from the first song in," Wilson said. "We're saying, 'Hey we can be different,' but if you listen, you can dig it. After a couple of spins, people are getting more into the vibe of the record and what we're trying to do."

Wilson said he and Tad Kinchla joined the band in 2000 after the death of former bassist Bobby Sheehan the year before.

"The guys went through something difficult and decided to keep the band together. Once they found a bass player, they decided to add a keyboardist, too," Wilson said. Blues Traveler, now hav-

ing produced their third album since becoming a quintet, attributes the energy of "Bastardos!" to the chemistry the group shares.

When he first joined, Wilson said the original three — Popper, Kinchla, and Hill — were supportive and listened to what he had to say.

"I allowed the five of us to be together in a unit," Wilson said. "We paid our dues together."

The band formed in Princeton, N.J. in 1983 and quickly became a mainstay on the club circuit, igniting a new generation of jam music fans.

Blues Traveler's musicianship and song writing, blending blues-rock groove with pop hooks, amassed a loyal fan base and delivered explosive live performances.

In 1990, the band released its first self-titled album with A&M Records, followed by "Travelers & Thieves" in 1991, "Save His Soul" in 1993, and "Four" in 1995, which gave way to its Grammy-winning hit, "Run Around."

Later albums released have included "Live from the Fall" in 1996, "Straight Out Till Morning" in 1997, "Bridge" in 2001 and "Truth Be Told" in 2003.

As to their upcoming performance at UK, Wilson is excited.

"We got the offer and it was good, so we decided to play," he said. "It's always good to play at colleges."

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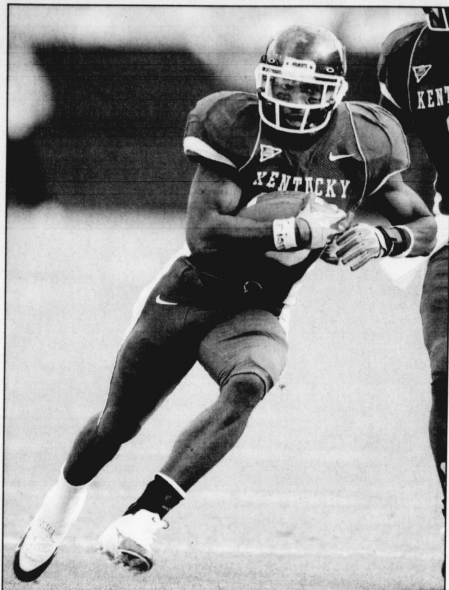
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With Brooks' job secure, Cats focus on 'Dores



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Sophomore wide receiver Keenan Burton runs after catching a pass from sophomore Andre Woodson during the third quarter of the Cats' 49-27 loss to Auburn on Saturday. Tomorrow the Cats travel to Nashville, Tenn., to take on the Vanderbilt Commodores.

By Chris Johnson
THE KENTUCKY KERNEL

Just shut up already. That's what UK football seems to want to tell everyone opining on head coach Rich Brooks' job security.

The consensus at practice this week was to just let the team play football.

Everybody makes it out bigger than it is," said junior offensive tackle Michael Aitchison. "It's just business as usual. We just want to play football."

"It's the way we want it," said sophomore tailback Rafael Little, who earlier in the year said he would consider transferring if Brooks was fired or resigned. When asked if he was relieved the whole business was behind the team for another year, Little responded with nothing but an audible sigh.

The team as a whole responded surprisingly well to the news that Brooks would be back. The coaches, however, seemed to expect the lackadaisical reaction.

"There wasn't a big stink," offensive coordinator Joker Phillips said. "There was no talk amongst the players or coaches ... that's what you gotta do in this game. Put everything behind you and win football games."

Aside from the Brooks controversy UK had to get ready to go to Nashville and play a Van-

derbilt team (4-5, 2-4 Southeastern Conference) that went to double overtime and narrowly lost to No. 12 Florida last week.

The Commodores' main weapon is quarterback Jay Cutler, a senior who was voted First-team All-SEC Conference in the preseason. Brooks, who voted for Cutler, said Cutler and the 'Dores can run up the score, not unlike the 42 points they hung on Florida six days ago.

"After an excruciating afternoon, I had a fitful evening watching Vanderbilt," Brooks said. "Cutler looked like the No. 1 quarterback in the league."

Brooks said he voted for Cutler because he "drove us nuts" the last two seasons he had played against UK.

"He's faster than he appears and a whole lot harder to get down than he appears," Brooks said. "My Saturday night was a just as bad or worse as my Saturday afternoon."

Vanderbilt's next weapon is freshman wide receiver Earl Bennett, who is second in the conference with 52 catches for 612 yards and has three touchdowns this season, including 16 receptions against South Carolina two weeks ago. Bennett originally gave a verbal commitment to UK, but the Cats lost him to Vanderbilt on the eve of signing day.

"A lot of things happen dur-

ing recruiting," Brooks said. "We were unable to contact him during the last weekend (before signing day)."

Phillips said he had an inkling Bennett would be the receiving machine he has proven himself to be at times this season.

"He and (South Carolina wide receiver) Sidney Rice are the two best freshmen in the league," Phillips said. "He returns punts and kicks and runs reverses. He's good."

Phillips said UK would use the no-huddle offense this weekend, which sophomore quarterback Andre Woodson seems more comfortable in, to fight a 'Dore defense that is in the lower half of D-1 schools (78th out of 117) and second only to UK in terms of worst total defense in the SEC.

Even with the hubbub surrounding their team and coach this week, the Cats say their daily practice routine isn't getting boring.

"We got a job to do," Little said, almost bristling at the implication that the season's rhythm was beginning to get tiresome.

"We don't get tired of watching him score touchdowns," Aitchison said, nodding to Little. "So we stay out here."

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—Michael Aitchison, UK junior offensive tackle, on running back Rafael Little

Young Cats keep men's golf rolling

By Eric Lindsey
THE KENTUCKY KERNEL

Posting four top-10 finishes in four tournaments is an impressive feat for any golf team in the nation.

After losing five seniors from last year's team, that's exactly what UK's relatively young golf team has done, under the leadership of head coach Brian Craig, en route to grabbing the 13th spot in the Golfweek Magazine national ranking.

"They've performed exceptionally well," Craig said. "They've met and exceeded all expectations so far."

A big part of the Cats' success has been the exceptional play from freshman Daniel Woltman and the team's lone senior Matt Kohn.

Golfweek Magazine currently ranks Woltman as the 38th best player in the nation, due in large part to his team-low 72.91 stroke average and two top-10 individual finishes.

"He's off to a great start in his young career so far," Craig said. "He's a very capable and dedicated player, and he plays with a lot of confidence."

Despite Woltman's successes, he admits the transition hasn't been easy.

"I was so used to playing with just my friends back home in high school golf and now I'm playing against some of the best players in the nation," Woltman said. "Some of these guys I'm facing now will be turning pro after they graduate and playing for the PGA."

Woltman said Kohn's leadership and experience have been a big part in his success so far.

"He's the ultimate team leader," said Woltman.

Kohn's teammates recently voted

him team captain, and he has embraced the role in his fourth year with the Cats.

After playing in three tournaments individually so far, Kohn has posted the second-best stroke average on the team with a 73.22 average, but nothing compares to the leadership he has brought to this young Cats team.

Kohn understands the long haul of the season and realizes that patience is the key to the Cats success this year.

"I know that it's a long season, so I try to tell the rest of these guys to just be patient and the wins will come," Kohn said.

One of those wins the Cats hope to accomplish could start today at the Hooters Collegiate Match Play in Howie-in-the-Hills, Fla.

The Hooters tournament is the only match play event in all of college golf, so the Cats will have to adjust their mindset for the different style of play.

"In match play anything can happen," Kohn said. "I think with the type of players we have, we've got as good of a chance as anybody."

The Hooters Collegiate Match Play is the final tournament for the fall season before the Cats break for the winter.

They resume play Feb. 16 with the Gator Invitational in Gainesville, Fla., a break the Cats feel is too long to endure without winning this weekend's match play tournament.

"I think we can win this weekend," Woltman said. "I think we can win every tournament we play in."

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Congress won't prosecute Palmeiro

By Jorge Arangure Jr.
THE WASHINGTON POST

WASHINGTON — Citing a lack of sufficient evidence, the House Government Reform Committee concluded Thursday it could not pursue perjury charges against former Baltimore Oriole Rafael Palmeiro. But the panel's chairman stopped short of exonerating the first baseman, saying the committee had received evidence that was "confusing and contradictory in many respects" in an investigation that began Aug. 1 when Major League Baseball announced Palmeiro had tested positive for steroids.

Palmeiro's positive result was in direct contrast to his testimony in front of the committee at a hearing in March, when he insisted under oath he had never used steroids during his career and punctuated his comments with a marked point of his finger.

In announcing the panel's decision, Rep. Tom Davis, R-Va., the committee chairman, did not fully absolve Palmeiro. "We couldn't find any evidence of steroid use prior to his testimony," Davis said. "That's not a finding of innocence, but it's a finding that we could not substantiate perjury."

A report released by the committee raises questions about Palmeiro's testimony that a tainted B-12 shot given to him by teammate Miguel Tejada had caused a positive steroid result. Neither Palmeiro, who in an interview on Wednesday said he is still considering playing next

season, nor his attorneys commented on the discrepancies in his testimony.

"I am pleased that after a thorough investigation — one in which I cooperated fully — the Committee has decided to drop this matter," Palmeiro said in a statement.

"I want to express my gratitude to the Committee for the fairness and professionalism with which they conducted their business."

Perhaps the most damning of the evidence against Palmeiro in the committee's report was an assertion by players association counsel Michael Weiner, who represented Palmeiro in an arbitration hearing, that the B-12 could not have caused the positive test result.

"The players' association does not contend that the B-12 shot that Mr. Palmeiro took caused his positive test result," Weiner told the arbitration panel, which was ruling on Palmeiro's grievance against the original test result, in his closing arguments.

"We have no evidence to suggest that. As a matter of fact, all of the evidence that exists runs in the other direction."

When Palmeiro, during that hearing, was asked if the B-12 could have been the reason why he tested positive, he said, "I don't know that, no."

Palmeiro, when asked about Weiner's statement during the House committee's investigation, said: "I disagree with what he's saying. He is speaking on the players' association behalf, but I feel that the B-12 was prob-

ably the thing that might have done it."

In that arbitration hearing, Weiner presented a polygraph taken by Palmeiro. But Palmeiro was not asked during the test if he had ever used steroids. Instead Palmeiro was asked, "Did you unknowingly receive a B-12 supplement that contained a steroid?" Palmeiro answered, "Yes," which seemingly contradicted his first statement that he was unsure what caused the positive result.

Palmeiro's defense in the committee's investigation relied heavily on the possibility that a tainted B-12 shot had caused him to fail a drug test. But the report reveals that three samples of the vitamin, two given by Tejada and the other by an unidentified Orioles player who had gotten the B-12 from the Orioles shortstop, were tested and were not contaminated with stanozolol, the drug found in Palmeiro's system. Also, Tejada passed two drug tests during the 2005 season.

"The Committee obtained no evidence indicating that B-12 has ever been inadvertently contaminated with stanozolol," the report said.

Palmeiro, in his interview on Wednesday said he only brought up Tejada's name because he was asked to do so under oath.

But the report shows that the first baseman willingly, though reluctantly, brought up his former teammate's name in a conversation with Weiner only days after the positive test result was revealed.

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UK sophomore guard Samantha Mahoney passes to sophomore forward Eleia Roddy in the first half of the exhibition against the Ohio Legends last night. Both players finished the night among the five Cats in double figures. Mahoney had 12 points, three assists and two blocks in 21 minutes of action, while Roddy compiled 10 points, five rebounds, one blocked shot and a steal.

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honey and sophomore center Sarah Elliot propelled the team on an early 15-3 run, giving the Cats a 19-7 advantage they would never relinquish. Mahoney hit four of her first five shots, all mid-range jumpers.

"She got us off to a good start offensively," DeMoss said of Mahoney. "We've been working on her pulling up and hitting that jumper. We know she can drive to the hoop, but we want her to hit the jumper too."

Mahoney was excited to get out to a quick start.

"That always feels good," she said. "It gives you a lot of confidence. We have a lot of players who give us defensive energy, and I feel

like I can provide offensive energy."

The Cats were again dominant on the boards, winning the final rebounding battle 48-31, but had many missed opportunities.

"We rebounded well," DeMoss said, "but we could have had 10 more rebounds if we could have gotten our hands on the balls we tipped around."

Freshman forward Jenne'e Jackson showed she can give UK another strong presence in the post, leading the team with eight rebounds.

"It feels good to get to play finally at this division one level," she said. "It's just about whatever I can do to help the team."

Jackson filled in admirably for injured sophomore forward Afton Perry.

"I thought about that before the game," Jackson said. "I knew I was probably

going to get some more playing time and needed to step up and do the job with Afton out."

Teammates were impressed with Jackson's contributions.

"She's got great athletic ability and she gets on the boards," sophomore forward Eleia Roddy said. "That picks us up."

DeMoss is pleased with her depth in the post.

"We've got four of them we can alternate right now," she said. "Jen'e got some valuable minutes tonight. She's tough on the boards and she's very athletic. She just needs to get to play."

Freshman point guard Carly Ormerod, making her second straight start, was solid with the ball again, committing just two turnovers.

But she struggled from the field, missing her first four attempts. She found

her shooting touch late in the game, knocking in a pair of 3-pointers.

The game was played with experimental rules, meaning the 3-point line was moved back about six inches.

"I think, with our team, they need to move it a little closer," DeMoss joked. "I hope they don't decide to move it back. [Its current location] is good for women's basketball."

The Cats open their season next Friday against IUPUI at Memorial Coliseum. The players said they're ready to play a game that counts.

"That's going to make a big difference," Mahoney said. "Knowing that it's a real game and it's going to count will be big."

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SPORTS BRIEFS

Men's soccer season ends in shootout

The UK men's soccer team lost in the first round of the Conference USA tournament Wednesday on penalty kicks. The teams went through regulation and two overtime periods scoreless and were forced to settle the issue on kicks. UK lost the overtime round 3-0, as after UK's Nathan Li shot sailed high, Gamecock goalkeeper Mike Gustavson made back-to-back saves while his teammates buried successive kicks on UK's Andy Gruenebaum.

The UK goalkeeper was one of five seniors to finish his career Wednesday at the Southern Methodist Soccer Complex, along with midfielder Thomas Senecal, defender Brandon Stewart, midfielder Nikolas Moreno and goalkeeper Brannan Sapp.

Cats in top ten again, but looking up at Cardinals

UK is ranked in the top 10 of both pre-season men's basketball polls. USA Today featured the Cats at No. 10, and the Associated Press tallied UK No. 9.

Duke began the season first in both polls, the sixth time they've topped the AP charts to begin a season. Texas, a potential UK opponent in the Guardians Classic, will begin the season second in the AP and third in

the USA Today poll.

Out of the Final Four teams from last season, Michigan State is ranked fourth in the AP poll and fifth in the USA Today. Louisville is No. 7 in the AP poll and No. 8 in the USA Today. Illinois is seventeenth in both polls and defending national champion North Carolina is unranked.

Volleyball inks two Top-100 recruits

UK head coach Craig Skinner's volleyball Cats signed three players for the 2005 fall signing class; two middle blockers and a setter.

Middle blocker Heather Hausfeld, from Cincinnati, has led her team to a 27-0 record thus far. They will be playing in the semifinals of the Ohio state playoffs tonight, looking for their second consecutive Ohio state championship. She is also a merit student and on the honor roll.

Another middle blocker, Natalie Marsh of Cincinnati, recently was named All-State for the first time this season and was named one of the top-100 recruits in the nation by the Web site prepvolleyball.com.

Setter Sarah Rumely from Indianapolis, also was named to the top-100 recruits list, and led her team to a sectional championship this season.

She was named first-team All-State and is the first athlete from her high

school to earn a Division-I volleyball scholarship.

Men's golf signs two top recruits

UK head coach Brian Craig announced the signing of two golfers to the 2006 recruiting class. Emmaus, Pa. native Brian Belden and Covington Catholic High School standout Alex Volpenhein. Belden is a three-time All-State honoree and was named an American Junior Golf Association All-American in 2003.

Volpenhein, from Edgewood, Ky., is No. 9 in the nation by National Junior Golf Scoreboard. He finished first at two AJGA events, including one at Kearney Hills Golf Links in Lexington and at the Westfield Junior PGA Championship.

Portis fined \$20,000 for violating uniform rules

WASHINGTON — Washington Redskins running back Clinton Portis has been fined \$20,000 by the National Football League for violations of the league's uniform code during Sunday night's 17-10 victory over the Philadelphia Eagles, and safety Sean Taylor has been hit with a \$5,000 fine for wearing unauthorized socks that night.

League sources said late yesterday that Portis, who paid \$15,000 in similar fines last season (as did Taylor),

was fined this week for using an unauthorized tinted eye shield, not wearing white socks and using black shoes for the second time this season.

Taylor wore white socks with burgundy and gold in the pattern, that were apparently not up to league specifications.

Decisions on the fines came down after players had left Redskins Park for the day.

Portis did not know of the fines when he came to his weekly news conference dressed as, he said, "Sheriff Gonna Getcha," continuing his season-long practice of wearing wacky costumes, win or lose.

He stepped in front of the cameras during the team's lunch break in a long, black wig, a tight Led Zeppelin T-shirt (Portis could not name any of the band's albums) with a sheriff's badge stuck to it, oversized sunglasses with bugged-out eyes on the lenses and a leather pouch hanging from his neck. He said he has no plans to abandon his Thursday antics and added that the public has definitely noticed.

"People have been mailing stuff in," Portis said. "People see me at the club and give me stuff. I had a guy bring me wigs, glasses, teeth, everything. I forgot the guy's name, but I appreciate it."

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IN OUR OPINION

City needs to address sanitation efficiency

Urban County Councilman Bill Cegelka has brought an important issue to the forefront by introducing a plan to deal with inefficiency in Lexington's sanitation department.

After a city audit showed employees were receiving significant "undertime" — pay for hours not worked — Cegelka decided to act and told the media his proposal would "clean up old waste."

He wants to extend the length of garbage routes and improve customer service by instituting customer service surveys and an audit every three years.

Even if overly optimistic, the councilman's plan is at least an attempt to solve an obvious problem with one of the city's most crucial services.

Cegelka wants to reduce spending by cutting the solid waste property tax from 16 cents per \$100 to 12 cents per \$100 — or 25 percent. He has estimated the cut will save taxpayers a whopping \$34.8 million over five years if en-

acted.

However, some dispute has arisen between Cegelka and Jay Whitehead, the city's commissioner for public works. Cegelka maintains that by maximizing efficiency, the city can lower taxes, raise salaries to prevailing market wages and avoid layoffs.

But Whitehead told the Lexington Herald-Leader the cuts would almost invariably lead to layoffs and expressed concerns about maintaining the quality of current service.

Can taxpayers have their cake and eat it, too? Some serious analysis and debate will have to clear the air on that question.

But it's clear to us that the current city

practices must go.

The claim has been made that "undertime" is a standard practice for the solid-waste disposal industry and that potential layoffs would leave many residents without a job. Supporters of the sanitation department would undoubtedly point out that collecting other people's garbage isn't exactly a picnic, either.

Those points are well-taken, but it doesn't justify saddling taxpayers with an atrociously inefficient government program. Local officials would do good to note that Lexington's average "undertime" pay is 5.6 hours — more than twice the average of 2.5 hours with other cities using 10-hour shifts. In other words, the average sanitation

worker receives more pay for hours not worked than for hours worked.

Getting back to Cegelka's plan, it's hard to see how the city could save money without cutting jobs, hours, pay, or a combination thereof.

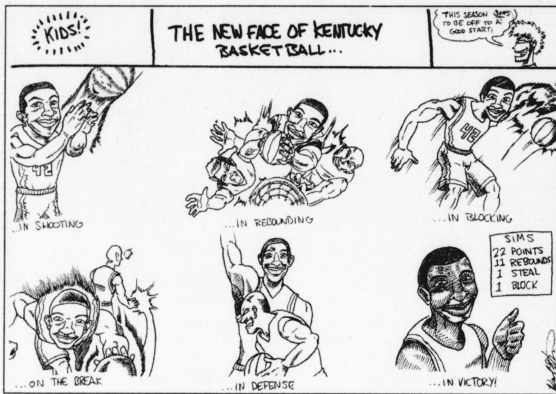
He maintains there are enough vacancies that the department could choose not to fill in order to raise wages, and that increasing efficiency would diminish the need to hire as many future employees.

It would behoove city officials to look at how such cuts would affect workers and the quality of service so Lexingtonians are aware of the tradeoffs.

And if support for not cutting any jobs should prevail, the onus would be on city officials to somehow enhance the current service (perhaps reinstating twice-a-week collection).

Whatever the solution, the taxpayers have paid too much for too little in return, and their concerns must be addressed.

Whatever the solution, city council members have to show a concern for the frustration taxpayers feel toward inefficient policies.



BRAD STURGEON, THE KENTUCKY KERNEL

U.S. must not stoop to policy of torture

It is often remarked that the "war on terror" entails a new breed of warfare, requiring our leaders to take into account the unique context in which current events are now unfolding.

With the fall of the Soviet Union and the rise of radical Islamic terrorism, many advocates of the "war on terror" have claimed that somehow things will never be the same, and that, in the crusade for spreading democracy and freedom to other nations, it is permissible for us to compromise our morals in order to win. Nowhere is this idea more evident than in the current discourse over the merits, or lack thereof, of torture in order to extract information from suspected terrorists.

Accounts of prisoner abuse at various U.S.-run prisons outside the United States have been permeating the media for years, ranging from alleged desecration of the Quran, physical abuse and manipulation of prisoner's religious beliefs. A year and a half ago, the world bore witness to the horrors of the Abu Ghraib prison, and the debate shifted from being based on hypotheticals to factual assertions.

The only thing more shocking than the abuse being carried out against these prisoners is that there are people, citizens and leaders alike, who apparently fail to see the moral contradiction of trying to plant the seeds of democracy while adhering to a doctrine of suppressive military force and torture.

If torture were a foolproof method of intelligence-gathering, there's a possibility that I could at least understand how people would see some sort of value in it. But the fact of the matter is that most detainees will give false information in order to cease that torture. Just as most of us would endure torture in order to preserve the safety of our country out of sense of patriotism, imagine the resolve of a religious fanatic.

Most people who support this sort of method of intelligence gathering see it as a sort of vindication for Sept. 11 and the deaths of U.S. soldiers in the Middle East. This sort of thinking is not nearly as flawed as it is ironic.

Radical Islamic terrorism against the United States is a direct response to our foreign policy in the Middle East. The men who carried out the attacks Sept. 11 believed they were avenging injustices committed against the Muslim world by the United States.

In response, the United States invaded two countries and have overseen human rights abuses against detainees, all of which act as a catalyst for further attacks against being carried out against American soldiers and plotted for the future, only hardening the stubborn sense of patriotism that many Americans mistake for iron resolve.

It is a vicious cycle, and we are damned to perpetuate this cycle unless we, as a society, can elevate ourselves above the idea that, because our enemies fight their war with torture and violence, we must follow suit in order to defeat them.

The "war on terror" is not, in the end, a war that will be won by physical might or military superiority. It is a war of ideas and ideals, and any viable peace in the future will require compromises on both sides.

Radical Muslims will have to accept a world that exists outside their realm of stringent religious doctrines, and Americans will have to broaden their concept of the world beyond foreign policies that are simply limited to the interests of the United States at any cost.

Our government is taking the first step towards remedying this attitude with an anti-torture amendment, authored by Sen. John McCain (R-Ariz.), who endured five years of torture in a North Vietnamese prison.

The amendment was added to two defense spending bills that passed the Senate with a 90-9 vote and will now be debated on by the House. The Bush administration, while denying that torture has taken place in U.S. military prisons overseas, has threatened to veto both bills.

If torture so integral to our national security that the Bush administration would be justified in withholding funds for our troops? Is torture worth the backlash from the Muslim world? Whose side are you on, Mr. President? Doug Scott is a journalism senior. E-mail dscott@kykernel.com.

American troops should exit Iraq

Across the country, participants of an emerging anti-war movement demonstrated for a peaceful resolution and evacuation of Iraq on Nov. 2.

Chants of "Not one more death. Not one more dollar!" echoed all the way to our front lawns on UK's campus.

Why all the noise? After all, it certainly does not feel like America is at war with anyone but each other these days.

Yet two seemingly different national organizations mobilized this event to recognize the death toll of American soldiers in Iraq reached 2,000: World Can't Wait and Military Families Speak Out.

Both shared the common goals of UK's Committee for Democracy and Social Change: to publicly represent the life of each soldier lost in Iraq and to demand that our government leaders develop an exit strategy that honors the sacrifice already endured by our troops.

CDSO displayed 2,000 tiny American flags to commemorate these tragic losses in front of the White Hall Classroom Building and two protests ensued.

I participated in the "Stop This War" rally and was not at all surprised to hear that a counter-protest would follow.

What did rattle me was hearing students shout "Go home! Shut up!" as Missy Comley Beattie pleaded: "Think of the mismanagement of this entire war effort ... what we've lost ... too much. Think of what we've gained. Nothing ... Think of all the families."

I'll give these pro-war activists the benefit of the doubt that they had no idea who they were yelling at as Beattie spoke on behalf of Lexington native Marine Lance Cpl. Chase Johnson Comley, who was killed in Iraq during a suicide bombing attack.

When leaders of the UK Republicans branded protesters as anti-American and anti-troops, I can only assume that they were not listening.

But I will give the counter-protesters credit that they at least expressed an ardent opinion on the issue.

I guess we all understand that making some noise is the only way to wake each other up and start this conversation.

Today, I am not so sure that I should trust President Bush's ongoing war on terror, one to liberate and democratize the Iraqi people — not when as many as 82 percent of Iraqis demand, as I do, that we carry out an immediate exit strategy.

The cost of the Iraq war is already too high: \$204.4 billion, up to 30,163 innocent Iraqi civilians and 2,044 U.S. military deaths.

I invite any pro-war supporters to dispute or justify these facts.

The justification for the war was built on false information that charged Saddam Hussein with secretly withholding massive stockpiles of biological and chemical agents, illegal missiles, aluminum tubes that could create enriched uranium and other "weapons of mass destruction."

Bush initiated the "Shock and Awe" campaign on March 20, 2003, violating international law that demanded actual proof of an imminent threat from Iraq.

And when Bush deployed a brigade of soldiers and bombs into the unstable territory of the Middle East, all Americans went to war in Iraq in spite of persisting confusion as to how we got there.

Now it is the privilege, right and duty of citizens on the homefront not to assume that everything will work itself out, but to ask questions of our commander-in-chief, who has been less than forthcoming.

First and foremost, I would like to ask: Why are we still there?

The fall of Baghdad came within weeks.

After just six weeks of major combat, Bush declared that "the battle of Iraq is one victory in a war on the war that began on Sept. 11, 2001, and still goes on."

The insinuation that Operation: Iraqi Freedom was an affirmed victory seemed only heightened by a giant banner behind the president reading, "Mission accomplished." As many as 1,910 soldiers have died since then.

Later, Bush's advisers would place blame for the banner on the Navy.

Yet Bush himself continued to reinforce a clearly false notion that the war was over, informing troops at Camp As Sayliyah in June: "America sent you on a mission to remove a grave threat and to liber-

ate an oppressed people, and that mission has been accomplished." He added that his administration was still looking for WMDs.

Would it be impolite to call both statements blatant lies?

We have been assured victory in Iraq by a president who throughout his 2000 campaign pledged to be "a uniter, not a divider" and promised a "more humble foreign policy."

President Bush often cites the two greatest inspirations guiding his policies as Ronald Reagan and Jesus Christ.

But he has done as much to obscure their legacies of peace as he has confused the American people about the facts of this war.

Reagan endured the extensive Cold War throughout two presidential terms and used constant economic and military negotiations to avoid bloodshed.

And I believe that it was Jesus who used the principles of non-violence and resistance to a violent regime.

I might have lost my faith in the Bush administration, but I still believe in the spirit of Americans whose opposition to the ongoing war is 69 percent (more than the narrow majority of 50.7 percent that elected Bush) and climbing.

I believe that blind faith in bad leadership is unpatriotic and only our ambivalence is un-American.

I believe, as Secretary of Defense Donald Rumsfeld told us, "We don't have an exit strategy, we have a victory strategy." We owe it to our troops — our family, friends and neighbors overseas — to question if victory and freedom is ever possible in a continuous state of warfare.

UK students are welcome to join in a discussion-oriented forum (proposed to take place by the end of the year) to answer each other's questions, and I guarantee that my fellow students will find no enemies among us.

And because I believe that, on all issues, someone else has already said it infinitely better than I can, I will leave you with a quote from Ronald Reagan:

"People do not make wars, governments do — and no mother would ever willingly sacrifice her sons for territorial gain, for economic advantage, for ideology. A people free to choose will always choose peace."

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 Ohio St. 31 N'western 13
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Megan Boehnke (51-19)

Last week: 5-2
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 USC 35 California 17
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 Florida 24 South Carolina 14
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Doug Scott (51-19)

Last week: 5-2
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 Alabama 9 LSU 7
 Georgia 9 Auburn 7
 USC 77 California 34
 Ohio St. 85 N'western 9
 Florida 25 South Carolina 7
 Florida State 19 Clemson 15

Adam Sichko (51-19)

Last week: 4-3
 Vanderbilt 21 UK 17
 Alabama 28 LSU 14
 Auburn 28 Georgia 24
 USC 49 California 21
 Ohio St. 35 N'western 21
 Florida 28 South Carolina 16
 Florida St. 31 Clemson 10

Chris Johnson (50-20)

Last week: 5-2
 Oklahoma 20 Texas A&M 10
 LSU 21 Alabama 14
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 USC 38 California 24
 Ohio St. 24 N'western 21
 Florida 24 South Carolina 16
 Florida St. 33 Clemson 21

Andrew Martin (50-20)

Last week: 6-1
 Vanderbilt 24 UK 13
 Alabama 21 LSU 19
 Georgia 24 Auburn 23
 USC 42 California 24
 Ohio St. 38 N'western 28
 Florida 28 South Carolina 17
 Florida St. 17 Clemson 10

Tim Wiseman (48-22)

Last week: 5-2
 Vanderbilt 35 UK 21
 Alabama 16 LSU 13
 Georgia 24 Auburn 21
 USC 42 California 17
 Ohio St. 34 N'western 28
 Florida 28 South Carolina 20
 Florida State 21 Clemson 14

Josh Sullivan (47-23)

Last week: 4-3
 Vanderbilt 17 UK 10
 LSU 25 Alabama 21
 Auburn 18 Georgia 14
 USC 28 California 24
 Ohio St. 17 N'western 13
 Florida 35 South Carolina 10
 Florida St. 42 Clemson 30

Hilly Schiffer (42-28)

Last week: 6-1
 Vanderbilt 42 UK 32
 Alabama 24 LSU 17
 Georgia 17 Auburn 7
 USC 60 California 20
 Ohio St. 35 N'western 14
 Florida 35 South Carolina 28
 Florida St. 35 Clemson 24

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what to watch Saturday

No. 17 Florida State (7-2) at Clemson (5-4)
 noon, ESPN

No. 5 Louisiana State (7-1) at No. 4 Alabama (9-0)
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No. 15 Auburn (7-2) at No. 9 Georgia (7-1)
 7:45 p.m., ESPN



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We Be Burnin' (Legalize It) - Sean Paul	141006
I'm Sprung - T-Pain	141007
Girl Tonite (feat. Trey Songz) - Twista	141008
Don't Cha - Pussycat Dolls	141009
Play - David Banner	141010
I'm a King (feat. T.I. and Lil' Scrappy) - PSC	141011
Reggaeton Latino - Don Omar	141011
Sugar, We're Going Down - Fall Out Boy	141012
Soul Survivor - Young Jeezy	141013
Gold Digger - Kanye West	141014
Presidential - Youngbloodz	141015
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Lighters Up - Lil' Kim	141019
Back Then - Mike Jones	141020
Back in Black - AC/DC	141021
Shake It Off - Mariah Carey	141022
Stewie's Sexy Party - Family Guy	141023
Slow Wind - R. Kelly	141024
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