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Candidates call for more education on women's safety

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Student Government presidential candidates Scott McIntosh and Nick Phelps agree that to begin addressing the issue of violence against women on campus, it is important to educate students.

"I think all of the things we discuss during our campaign, whether it be dead week, dining on campus or improving the culture of campus, the

most important issue is that of women's safety," McIntosh said last night at a debate in Memorial Hall.

At the debate, sponsored by Women's Place, Phelps said he was glad to get a chance to focus on issues that had "real life consequences for women on campus."

Both candidates emphasized their desire to follow through with buying a golf cart for the Safe Cats program and expanding the SEEDS initiative.

"The important thing is increasing

communication," Phelps said. "Women's Place has done a great job with establishing programs on campus and it is our job as Student Government to really get the word out about those programs that are already in place."

The candidates discussed ways to address the statistic that eight out of ten cases of physical or sexual assault are cases in which the victim knew their attacker and ways to approach the issue within the Greek community.

"The fact is that the majority of assaults happen within the first three days that students are on campus, this just happens to be during fraternity and sorority rush time," Phelps said. "Greek life is a great place to start dealing with the issue of acquaintance assault."

Phelps emphasized the need for students to be educated by their peers when they first arrive at UK, not simply to "throw money at organizations like Women's Place."

McIntosh said he wants to expand Women's Place's voice and look to the SEEDS program to help deal with acquaintance assault.

"Things like lighting campus really do nothing but go in the opposite direction when we face issues like this," McIntosh said. "We need to expand the voice of Women's Place because they need the voice to address these issues."

McIntosh wants to educate students on issues of violence against women

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Britt Pennington, a communications junior and at-large senatorial candidate, tapes up posters that were blown down yesterday afternoon near the Classroom Building. "After spending all day (Sunday) putting them up I feel like I should make sure they stay up," Pennington said.

SG election short poll workers



Communications junior Jason Wampler looks at posters taped above the entrance to the Classroom Building yesterday afternoon. "It looks gaudy and completely unattractive," Wampler said about the posters.

Voting will take place on laptops instead of in traditional polls

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The day before Student Government elections, Election Board Chairman Adam French is still looking for poll workers.

"We have nearly all of the spots filled, but I'd feel better if we had about ten more people to work the polls," French said. "You really can never have enough."

Students will be allowed to vote online from 25 laptops placed at nine campus polling locations tomorrow and Thursday, not from any campus computer as previously considered. There will be no traditional polling stations.

The Classroom Building, W.T. Young Library and Commons Market will have polls open from 8 a.m. until 5 p.m. tomorrow and Thursday.

Times have not been set for the polling locations at the Student Center, the College of Agriculture, the College of Business and Economics, the College of Pharmacy, the College of Law and the UK Medical Library.

French and the other Election Board members are working to make sure there are no problems with the new online voting system.

"This is really the first real test of this program so we can't be sure," French said. "But so far we

have no reason to expect any issues."

This is the first year students will vote using laptop computers instead of voting booths.

"This system is really effective," French said.

"It takes away any margin of error in counting votes and we are able to get immediate results from computers placed all over campus."

The online system will allow candidates to be confident that the results are correct, French said.

"We're sitting on the brink of the future of elections with this program," French said. "Not only with campus elections but with all elections. It is really exciting to be a part of that change."

Presidential candidate Scott McIntosh expects the "highest voter turnout we've had yet."

"I feel like in the past week I've been able to get out and talk to organizations that no one has talked to before about the changes Student Government can make to help them," McIntosh said.

"We've gotten the opportunity to talk to a lot of students, and I feel like they will come out and show their support."

Opposing presidential candidate Nick Phelps also expects an increased voter turnout.

"I think that the number of people who vote depends on the number of candidates, the quality of candidates and the relevance of the issues that are being discussed," Phelps said. "This year, Scott (McIntosh) has done a good job of getting out there and really promoting the elections, and I feel good that we will have a good turnout at these elections."

Phelps also said the efficiency of the online voting program will decrease waiting time at the polls and will encourage more students to vote.

Art prof promotes creativity in classroom

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For one UK art education professor, teaching is more than just a profession — it's an "uplifting experience."

George Szekely, a professor in the UK Art Department, teaches several art education classes focusing on children.

"It's one of the most joyous experiences in my life," Szekely said. "It's an uplifting experience seeing these students and teachers interacting. We have a wonderful, wonderful time."

In reward for his work promoting art in Kentucky, Szekely received the Marion Quin Dix Leadership Award from the National Art Education Association. The award was presented at the NAEA National Convention, which took place March 14-18 in New York City.

"This award is given to recognize excellence in professional accomplishment and service by a dedicated art educator," said Susan Gabbard, NAEA president. "Dr. Szekely exemplifies the highly qualified individuals active in the field of art education today: leaders, teachers, students, scholars and advocates who give their best to the profession."

Szekely has written 10 books, including "The Art of Teaching Art" and "Encouraging Creativity in Art Lessons." His latest book is titled "How Children Make Art: Lessons in Creativity from Home to School."

Much of his work deals with incorporating children's creativity in their own art. Szekely argued much of the art programs in today's schools tend to be too formulaic or mechanic.

It was while teaching in under-funded elementary schools in Brooklyn, N.Y., that he first observed children's natural creativity. He encouraged his students to form their own projects out of simple materials, like cardboard and glue.

"I just sat back and I was amazed," he said in a Kernel article last year. "I hardly called it teaching."

Even though he teaches college students now, he still works hands-on with children when he takes his students to local schools for experience. Currently, his students are working with Lexington's Cassidy Elementary school.

Representatives from several universities, including the University of Tennessee and Eastern Kentucky University, wrote letters of

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New study area designed to give students more flexibility

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A new study area designed around students working on longer projects will open officially today in the basement of the W.T. Young Library.

The information commons, dubbed as the Hub at WT's, is a remodeled area of the basement of W.T. Young Library. The Hub opened to students on March 5, but the grand opening and ribbon cutting is set for today at 10 a.m. UK President Lee Todd will speak at 10:30 a.m.

After receiving a \$95,000 grant

from Todd's Campus Improvement fund, the basement underwent a cosmetic makeover.

The new changes are noticeable upon entry in core four where there is a 42-inch flat screen television that runs library announcements. The basement is lined with new multi-colored carpet as well as new flexible and mobile furniture.

New computers and a public use Macintosh lab were also added to the existing computer services in the basement.

The rotunda of the library basement is now staffed with reference librarians and information technology staff, who are available to help

students.

"The idea for the information commons is to work on a project from start to finish, so you can come down here, get library research assistance and you can get help using computers," said Stacey Greenwell, interim director of the Hub.

Students can build their own workspace within the library with the more mobile furniture. The chairs and tables all roll and there are cork walls available to roll around to enclose a study space as well as several whiteboards with dry erase markers.

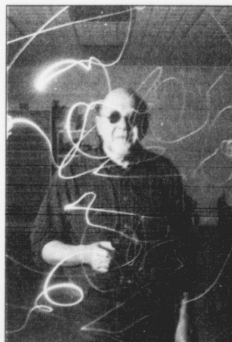
Students seem to be enjoying the changes.

"At midterms, I was down here before Spring Break doing a market report and studying for exams," said Lauren Downey, a psychology junior who often studies at the Hub. "I would write out equations and stuff and I thought that was pretty cool."

The Hub is designed for students who want to work alone or in groups at the tables scattered throughout the basement.

"If you got four or five students who want to work on a project they can roll some chairs over, they can roll a whiteboard over and they can talk loudly and not have to worry about being shushed," Greenwell

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George Szekely, a professor in the UK Art Department, seen here in a portrait taken last year, was recently awarded the national Marion Quin Dix Leadership Award for art education.

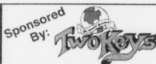
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HOROSCOPES

By Linda C. Black

To get the advantage, check the day's rating: 10 is the easiest day, 0 the most challenging.

Aries (March 21 - April 19) Today is a 7 — The secret is revealed to you. Don't go blabbing it all over town. Use this slight advantage to get to the objective first.

Taurus (April 20 - May 20) Today is a 6 — Your studies lead you past the scary stuff to a great discovery. Keep going, even after you really want to close the book.

Gemini (May 21 - June 21) Today is a 7 — Be careful with the money you receive. Spend it on your own education. The more you learn, the more you impress the people you

want to know.
Cancer (June 22 - July 22) Today is an 8 — You've had almost too much work. Unfortunately, that was matched with not enough money. The latter is about to change.

Leo (July 23 - Aug. 22) Today is a 5 — Just because you're not saying much doesn't mean you're out of the game. You're figuring out the money and how to get everything you'll need. This is time well spent.

Virgo (Aug. 23 - Sept. 22) Today is a 7 — Use your own family as motivation to finish a difficult task. Once it's done, you can all relax in the lap of luxury.

Libra (Sept. 23 - Oct. 22) Today is a 6 — You can be either passive or assertive, as the situation warrants. Looks like passive works the best in these circumstances.

Scorpio (Oct. 23 - Nov. 21) Today is a 10 — Important people are impressed by the quality of your work. Continue to provide what's needed quickly, and you will be richly re-

warded.
Sagittarius (Nov. 22 - Dec. 21) Today is an 8 — Your enthusiasm is boundless, and why not? You have superhuman charm and charisma. So, what are you going to be, do or have?

Capricorn (Dec. 22 - Jan. 19) Today is a 7 — Might as well review your wins and losses now, while you're in the mood. It's always nice to know what you have, and what you don't.

Aquarius (Jan. 20 - Feb. 18) Today is a 7 — It's OK to let somebody else solve some of your problems. You work on the big stuff, like global warming. Let somebody else do the laundry.

Pisces (Feb. 19 - March 20) Today is an 8 — There's more to keep you busy and less time for contemplation. This trend is in force for most of this week. Get going, and make things happen.

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**BRITNEY:
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A new man! A love note from Justin! Us investigates, the latest Spears nonsense

By Rachel Paula Abrahamson

Did She Find a New Boyfriend in AA?

There is always some truth in all these crazy stories," Jason Filyaw, 33, lead guitarist for a rock band, told Splash News after the National Enquirer reported that he and Spears, who first met at a recording studio in 2003 and reconnected at Alcoholics Anonymous, are talking on the phone constantly and plan to move in together.

And he added: "It will all come to light very soon." While Spears' rep had no comment on her relationship with Filyaw, a source close to the singer tells Us: "Britney barely knows this Jason guy. He is just riding her coattails."

Further evidence of his incompatibility with the mom? On his MySpace page he checked "I don't want kids."

Is She Refusing to Obey Promises' Strict Rules?

At Promises, no pets are allowed — unless, apparently, you're a pop star. Spears checked in with Snow White, her Chihuahua. "She's all over the place with her little dog," a source told Us on February 26.

Also, Promises rep Sarah Curran tells Us visits are limited to Saturday, and "We don't

take more than two visitors per guest."

Yet, says the source, "Spears' family is in and out all the time." Spears' rep could not be reached for comment.

Did Cher Send the Pop Star a Care Package?

According to the National Enquirer, Spears received a special delivery from Cher, 60. "The care package was loaded with treats, including homemade fudge brownies with vanilla frosting," the tab revealed.

The report went on to list other contents: La Perla silk pajamas, stacks of fashion magazines and the iconic singer's favorite tangerine- and honeydew-scented candles. But Cher's rep, Liz Rosenberg, tells Us, "It's not true."

Did She Get a Letter From Justin in Rehab?

Justin says: "Britney, I still love you!" proclaimed the cover of the March 26 Life & Style. The story: Timberlake, 26, penned a gushy letter to his ex, in which he vowed to "be waiting when she gets out."

A touching tale but, alas, untrue. "He did not write a letter," says a source close to Spears. "But he did leave a message at Promises wishing her well."

Addicted to Coca-Cola Now?

She has been drinking about 24 Cokes in 24 hours," Star recently reported. Hardly: "Families can bring soda, but we don't provide it," Curran tells Us.

But Spears does crave clothes. After dropping \$3,000 at Shop-intuition.com March 1, Spears sent her assistant to Beverly Hills boutique Switch for \$2,000 in duds March 14.

"She said only dresses and no black!" owner Julia Cohen tells Us. Her rep couldn't be reached.

Is She Getting Out Early for Kevin's Birthday Party?

British tabloid The Sun claimed Spears, who began her 30-day program February 21, was ducking out two days early to attend her ex's March 21 birthday bash in L.A.

"She is getting out of rehab this week," a source confirms to Us — but not for his shaming. Rumors were big enough for Federline to cancel the party.

The last thing he wants is her partying on his account. "Kevin just wants her to get well again," says a source close to the rapper. His rep had no comment.

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This team could be something new

If Keenan Burton has his way, the banner year UK football enjoyed in 2006 will be remembered not as the culmination of the rebuilding of the program but as the start of something great.

If Keenan Burton has his way, the 2007 Cats, who begin spring practice tomorrow, will use last season's Music City Bowl victory as a springboard to the top 25 this year.



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Kernel columnist

has his way, the word "success" won't always be preceded by the word "surprising" when people talk about UK football.

That's why Burton returned, and it's why the 2007 Cats enter spring practice with more optimism than the program has had since the days of

Tim Couch.

"I see greatness," said Burton, who elected to pass up the NFL Draft and come back for his senior season. "I see a lot of things we can build on. We have positive things to build on. In the past, we always had negative things."

The positive things on which the Cats hope to build aren't hard to find. The dynamic offensive trio of Burton, quarterback Andre Woodson and running back Rafael Little returns intact. The young defense that struggled mightily last season gained valuable experience and has more depth than it ever has under head coach Rich Brooks. And the schedule with eight home games has UK poised to challenge for national recognition and an upper-division finish in the Southeastern Conference. (And, oh yeah, the Cats have a chance to beat Louisville, too.)

But while last season was exciting, it was no more than just a whetting of the appetite if Burton and Brooks have their way.

This season, the Cats have a team recruited almost entirely by the current coaching staff and one of the country's most explosive offenses — and that will put UK football into the national picture. "Now," Brooks said, "it's happening."

What's happening is that a campus and a city are rallying behind a football team. And that football team wants to leave behind the memories of past futility. "I hope it's more fun than it has been," Brooks said. "Because it hasn't been a lot of fun (before last season). It's clearly a motivation. The players understand more fully what we're capable of and that we have a chance to accomplish things that have not happened here in a long time."

You get the feeling that the players get that. They understand that the day for which they've worked is right in front of them. They know that this group has the opportunity to shred the perception of UK football as a hopeless program.

"It's not easy to wake up every day and walk on campus as losers," Burton said. "And that's something we don't want to go back to."

And if Keenan Burton has his way, they won't.

Spring practice ushers in new UK standards

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Since taking over the UK football program in 2002, Rich Brooks has become accustomed to having a target on his back and the weight of better expectations on his shoulders.

But when spring practice starts Wednesday, it will be a different crosshair on Brooks.

"Teams will take us more seriously in our league than they have in the past," Brooks said at a press confer-

ence opening spring training yesterday. "I told the players after our bowl game that what we did this year (in 2006) isn't going to be good enough next year."

Brooks led UK to an 8-5 record and a victory over Clemson in the Music City Bowl. It was the program's first bowl win since 1984.

Linebacker Wesley Woodyard, who will be a senior when the 2007 season starts, said the players welcome the higher expectations.

"That's what we all came here to

do, to raise the bar for everybody who wants to be a Wildcat in the future," Woodyard said. "We accept that with open arms and we're ready for every challenge that we get this year."

Unlike last season, when the biggest story of spring practice was a battle for the starting quarterback position, UK appears to have no visible controversies over starting positions going into this season.

But Brooks said this spring practice will open with more players than usual vying for playing time.

"We have more competition than we've ever had since I've been here," Brooks said. "At every position ... there's just more people that catch your eye and intrigue you to see where they are."

That competition was evident at UK's earliest spring workout. According to Brooks, 15 players ran their 40-yard dash in less than 4.5 seconds. His first season, UK had one player that ran faster than 4.5.

"It was one of those things I was very encouraged about," Brooks said. "The overall team speed and ability to make plays has increased. That doesn't mean all the fast guys can play that well, but at least we have speed."

Returning quarterback Andre Woodson entered last year's spring practice with his starting job on the line. He eventually beat out Curtis Pulley and went on to lead the SEC in passing yards per game, but Brooks is still looking for improvement from his quarterback this spring.

"I still think we need to work on ball security with him," Brooks said. "He did a very good job of recognizing coverages, but he still needs to improve on his reads, where to go with the ball and continue to throw the ball as accurately as he did."

Wide receiver Keenan Burton thinks Woodson has already improved.

"(Andre) will definitely be bet-

ter," Burton said. "He knows exactly what he's getting himself into before he steps up to the line. He's way more mature than he was last year, and he knows what (formation) to get us in. You can expect him to be a really special player next year."

The 2007 season may bring higher expectations with it, but Woodyard said the team is ready to work hard. "We've got to come out every day, every practice expecting to get better," Woodyard said. "We can't settle for anything less (than a bowl game) anymore."

UK missing players in spring practice

UK will be without several players Brooks that expects to be contributors in 2007.

Running back Rafael Little and offensive lineman Justin Jeffries, Jorge Gonzalez, Jason Leger, Josh Winchell and Zach Hennis will all either miss practice time or be limited to non-contact drills, all because of injury.

Little had minor knee surgery three weeks ago. He will participate the first three weeks of practice, but on a limited basis, Brooks said.

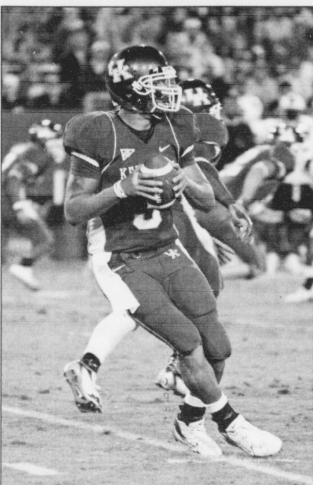
"Little will be fully back by the end of practice," Brooks said.

Offensive guard Christian Johnson, a returning starter, and linebacker Micah Johnson were suspended indefinitely by Brooks for academic problems, and won't return until "those problems are taken care of," Brooks said.

Free safety Marcus McClinton, also a returning starter, was suspended for violating team rules after being arrested and charged with wanton endangerment.

"When you're dealing with 120 individuals, somebody's going to have a lapse in judgment," Brooks said. "I'm not happy, it's embarrassing personally to me and it's embarrassing to the university. This is not what we represent."

UK quarterback Andre Woodson, seen here during the Cats' 25-17 loss to South Carolina on Oct. 7, will not have to compete for a starting position on the team, unlike last year's spring training, which saw Woodson compete for the spot with Curtis Pulley.



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Other schools vow to hold onto coaches during UK search

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The hunt for the next head coach of UK's men's basketball team is now in full swing, and the rest of the country knows it.

Speculation on who will next lead UK, a team determined to get back into national prominence after nine years of being out of the Final Four, has encompassed everyone from former Cats' coach Rick Pitino to current Florida coach Billy Donovan, who won the NCAA championship last year and is on the verge of doing so again this season.

But other schools are guarding their coaches.

In a press conference yesterday, Pitino, head coach of Louisville, said he would not be among the candidates of UK's coach search.

"I would never, ever leave to go to another college," Pitino said. "You can't leave your players. You don't leave for another college. You just don't do it. I'm too old to go anywhere else."

In the press conference, Pitino referred to UK as the Roman Empire of college basketball and said that he was "shocked" to see former UK head coach Tubby Smith leave for Minnesota.

"They (UK) deserve an outstanding coach," Pitino said.

When asked if Donovan would be that coach, Pitino said, "I can't comment on Billy."

The only thing Donovan has on his mind is the Final Four and another NCAA championship, Pitino said.

At the end of this season, Donovan's contract with Florida will expire. He is currently in negotiations for a contract extension.

University of Florida President Bernie Machen told The Courier-Journal in Louisville yesterday that Florida would not lose any sort of bidding war with UK if the university tried to pursue Donovan.

"We believe he'll be a Gator," Machen said in The Courier-Journal. "We're not going to lose him to anybody."

Another coach who has publicly said he wouldn't be lured to UK is Memphis' John Calipari.

Calipari admitted that there are better coaching jobs around the nation aside from Memphis but said there may not be a better team than the one he will have for the next few seasons.

Memphis, a No. 2 seed, lost to top-seeded Ohio State in the Elite Eight of the NCAA Tournament this year.

It has also been speculated that Villanova's head coach Jay Wright, whom UK beat in the first round of the Tournament this year, had visited Lexington for an interview on Sunday.

When asked about the visit, UK men's basketball spokesman Scott Stricklin said he could neither confirm nor deny the rumor.

UK advertises coach positions online

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Anyone checking the UK Web site for jobs at the university will see the usual collection of openings for assistant professors, nurses and chefs — along with an opportunity to help lead one of the most storied programs in college basketball.

Featured on the UK Jobs page are three postings for assistant coaching jobs, added yesterday and open for anyone to apply to. The site lists the deadline to apply as April 1.

On Thursday, men's basketball head coach Tubby Smith took a job as head coach at the University of Minnesota, leaving behind associate head coach David Hobbs and assistant coaches Reggie Hanson and Scott Rigot.

"Their contract will be fulfilled until the end of June," said UK men's basketball spokesman Scott Stricklin. "Technically they're on our payroll. We really don't have a staff right now. They (the assistant coaches) are not performing any duties right now."

Stricklin added that academic counselors and Scott Holsopple, the strength and conditioning coach, are currently managing the team.

"This is normal this time of year anyways, with players working on academics and conditioning," Stricklin said.

Assistant coaches have been cleared to talk to other schools, Stricklin said. The next men's basketball head coach will hire the new assistant coaches, he said. Stricklin was not aware of the postings on UK Jobs and said that it was probably part of a departmental process within the UK Human Resources department.

If anyone does apply to the positions through the site, Human Resources would determine if their resumes were adequate and, if so, pass them along to UK Athletics, Stricklin said.

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during Welcome Week.

The candidates also addressed the hesitancy of women to talk about being attacked and what can be done in the residence halls to encourage reporting occasions of assault.

"Coming forward is difficult," Phelps said. "The main way that we can increase the number of women who report when they are assaulted is to change the attitude about speaking up. We need make it so people don't feel like they are looked down upon or shamed or lying because they drank too much. We have to make this uncomfortable situation easier."

McIntosh plans to focus on expanding the Safety Net program, which focuses on reporting violent crimes in dorms, from five residence halls to all residence halls on campus.

"The presence of individuals in Safety Net, their visibility and accessibility will help women build relationships with them and make the process easier," McIntosh said.

Phelps and McIntosh both expressed their support for MAVAR@UK, a group that encourages men to take an active role in setting an example to prevent violent acts against women.

"Changes often happen when leaders like Student Government set an example," Phelps said.

Phelps plans to hold an event to educate both men and women on the issues surrounding women's safety and to continue to fund and support the work of Women's Place.

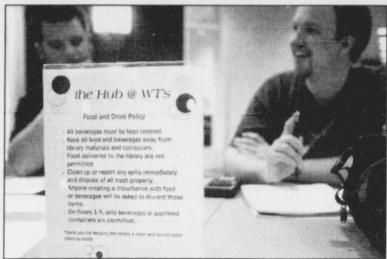
"I am an advocate for increasing lighting on campus and cutting back bushes, but I understand that is not what Women's Place is about," Phelps said. "We won't just patch the issue of violence against women with those Band-Aids, we will partner with this organization to help educate students."

McIntosh also emphasized the importance of a relationship between SG and Women's Place.

"Student Government can help get this organization the access they need, the meetings with the administration and the ability to raise awareness about their cause and expand their voice," McIntosh said.

Dorothy Edwards, director of Women's Place said this debate was important to continue a dialogue about women's safety at UK.

"I really thank these two men for the time they took to discuss an issue that is truly devastating," Edwards said. "It really shows both of their dedication to the issue and their concern for safety on campus."



Business management sophomore Ben Brown, left, studies with accounting and finance sophomore Bryan Bukley yesterday evening in The Hub at the W.T. Young Library.

HUB

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said.

The option of making an enclosed space also makes it an attractive place to students who want to study alone in one of the 24 cubbies equipped with computers.

"I used to go to the computer lab all the time and I think it's nice to come here because it gives you a chance to work down here by yourself in these little cubby things on the computers," said Kyle Buchanan, an electrical engineering senior who used one of the cubbies to do his homework. "You don't have all that background noise."

A vending area called Grub at the Hub will be open by the end of March.

Students will be able to select a variety of foods and beverages from vending machines. Food will be limited to the basement, but there will be several tables located at Grub at the

Hub where students can eat.

Other new services are planned for the near future, including two audio-visual rooms that have been revamped as presentation rooms where students can work on and record PowerPoint projects. There will also be four video editing rooms for work on multimedia projects and a video art display, which will show video art installations that will be changed out frequently.

The Hub will be a focal point for attracting new students to come to UK, said Dean of Libraries Carol Diedrichs.

"All prospective students come through the W.T. Young Library as part of their campus tour and find it an important statement of the university's commitment to academics," Diedrichs said. "We believe the Hub at WT's will be an additional compelling feature of the UK library system."

For more information on the Hub, go to the UK Libraries Web site (<http://www.uky.edu/Libraries/>).

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nomination on Szekely's behalf.

"He has an extensive resume and has done a lot," Gabbard said.

Over the years, these projects have included editing and introducing the first KAEA Journal series, organizing the first high school art show in Kentucky, presenting an annual art teachers' show in Kentucky galleries and museums, and creating a booklet on KAEA's history and actions.

"I have done so many things," Szekely said. "It's very nice to be recognized by my colleagues for my work."

Szekely has also served terms as vice president of the NAEA and as president of the Kentucky Art Education Association.

He also writes a regular column, "Children's Art Diary," for Arts and Activities Magazine, and has published more than one hundred articles in major journals and magazines in the United States and Canada.

"It's been quite an adventure," Szekely said.

Gonzales aide to invoke the Fifth in testimony

By Margaret Talev, Ron Hutchesson and Marisa Taylor
MCLATCHY NEWSPAPERS

WASHINGTON — A key aide to Attorney General Alberto Gonzales will invoke the Fifth Amendment rather than answer lawmakers' questions about the firings of eight U.S. attorneys, her lawyer said Monday.

The decision by Monica Goodling to protect herself against self-incrimination marks the first instance in which a Bush administration appointee involved in the probe has signaled concerns about possible criminal repercussions.

Goodling, 33, has taken leave from her job as counsel to the attorney general and as the Justice Department's liaison to the White House.

Meanwhile, Gonzales went on national television Monday seeking to deflect criticism three days after a new release of e-mails showed that he had more involvement in the firings than he initially suggested.

"Nothing improper happened here," he said in an interview on NBC. "I've got nothing to hide in terms of what I've done. And we now want to reassure the American public that nothing improper happened here."

"Someday, when I leave this office," he said, "I am confident that I will leave with my integrity."

In a letter to Senate Judiciary Committee Chairman Patrick Leahy, D-Vt., Goodling's lawyer, John M. Dowd, said that "the potential for legal jeopardy for Ms. Goodling from even her most truthful and accurate testimony under these circumstances is very real."

Leahy responded: "The American people are left to wonder what conduct is at the base of Ms. Goodling's concern that she may incriminate herself in connection with criminal charges if she appears before the committee under oath."

The panel's top Republican, Sen. Arlen Specter of Pennsylvania, couldn't be reached for comment.

Rep. Adam Putnam of Florida, chairman of the House Republican Conference, called Goodling's decision "disturbing" and said it "reinforces individuals' worst thoughts about what may have been going on at the Justice Department."

At the same time, Putnam predicted that "almost any mid-level staffer who's hauled up here to testify in this kind of climate would be advised by their attorneys to protect themselves" from criminal charges.

Goodling's announcement came as

the Senate Judiciary Committee prepares to call Gonzales' former chief of staff, Kyle Sampson, to testify later this week. Sampson's testimony on Thursday could be pivotal as lawmakers seek answers to the depth of Gonzales' and the White House's involvement and the reasons behind the personnel changes.

Sampson's attorney, Brad Berenson, said Monday that his client doesn't plan to invoke the Fifth Amendment or seek immunity. "Hearings in a highly politicized environment like this can sometimes become a game of gotcha, but Kyle has decided to testify to the Congress and the process," Berenson said.

Lawmakers also want White House officials, including President Bush's political adviser Karl Rove, to testify. The White House has resisted so far, agreeing only to let officials answer limited questions privately with no transcript.

Also on Monday, the Justice Department's inspector general said in a letter to Leahy and Specter that he'd faced internal resistance in his decision to investigate the firings.

Inspector General Glenn Fine said Gonzales initially asked the Office of Professional Responsibility to conduct the investigation. When Fine told the OPR that he believed his office should conduct the investigation, OPR officials disagreed and asserted jurisdiction.

Chuck Rosenberg, interim chief of staff to Gonzales, had to intervene by asking both entities to jointly investigate.

White House spokeswoman Dana Perino reaffirmed Bush's support for Gonzales on Monday, but tried to distance the White House from the controversial firings.

While U.S. attorneys serve at the pleasure of the president, Democrats have accused the administration of retaliating against its independent prosecutors and possibly trying to interfere with corruption and voter fraud cases. The administration has denied any impropriety.

Justice Department e-mails collected by congressional investigators show that Goodling was involved in planning the dismissals and in efforts to limit the negative reaction. As liaison to the White House, she could shed light on the extent of White House involvement in the dismissals.

Other e-mails indicate that Goodling helped Gonzales and other top Justice Department officials prepare for congressional hearings into the firings. In February, she prepared a chart with information on the ousted prosecutors and their replacements.

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Results erased, but memories remain for Minnesota's last Final Four men's team

By Jerry Zgoda
MINNEAPOLIS STAR TRIBUNE

MINNEAPOLIS — Ten years ago, joyous noise rattled Williams Arena's old rafters as midnight approached and the Gophers men's basketball team triumphantly returned from San Antonio with the school's first NCAA tournament Final Four appearance assured.

The first reveler claimed his place atop a snowbank near the building's front doors seven hours earlier, shortly after the Gophers defeated UCLA in the Midwest Regional final. By 7 p.m., two hours before those doors opened, 15,000 best friends had joined him in line in the cold.

When the Gophers' impending arrival finally was announced at about 11 p.m., those early arrivals erupted inside while more than a thousand latecomers who were turned away outside welcomed the team's bus on a night of celebration not seen around here since the Twins' two World Series victories.

"I won't forget how that bus shook," Trevor Winter said recently from his Lakeville home.

Today, the 1997 Big Ten championship trophy and Final Four banner — symbols of the most exhilarating season in Gophers' basketball history — are locked inside a Mariucci Arena closet next door.

Erased by the NCAA following a 1999 academic-fraud scandal that also voided five other men's basketball seasons, they are stored away with boxes of T-shirts and other promotional materials.

"Really?" Quincy Lewis asked by cell phone from Spain. "No kidding."

Expunged from the record are the 31 victories (and four losses) that season. So, too, are that Big Ten title, Bobby Jackson's conference Player of the Year and Defensive Player of the Year awards as well as Clem Haskins' Big Ten Coach of the Year award.

The Final Four that year now is the Final Three, with an asterisk next to Minnesota's name explained by a single word: Vacated.

Juxtaposed against a championship season ripe with images that remain so vivid in the minds of long-suffering Gophers basketball fans is the systematic academic cheating during Haskins' final six seasons as coach and ensuing NCAA sanctions that initiated a top-down from which the program, with Thursday's hiring of Kentucky coach Tubby Smith, still is attempting to recover.

"Was it real?" John Thomas said, repeating a question about that Final Four season. "Of course it was real. It's not like living in a movie. We were there. We accomplished those things together."

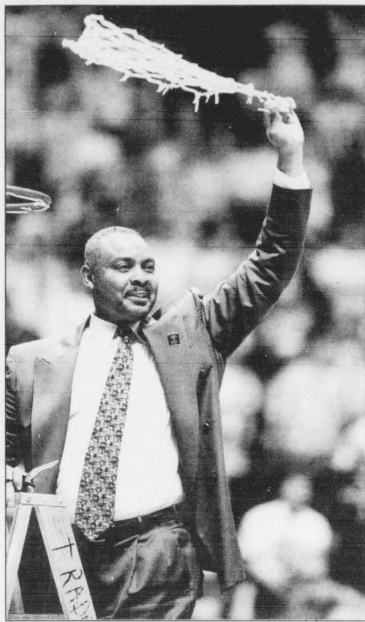
Winter — the 7-foot senior center from Slayton, Minn., who came off the bench to provide size and shooting — now is the world's tallest pharmaceutical salesman.

Lewis, a lanky sophomore reserve scorer from Arkansas, plays professionally in Spain, the latest stop for a former NBA first-round draft pick who played for the Utah Jazz and Timberwolves and in Israel and Greece as well.

Thomas, the physical starting center from Minneapolis, and his wife own an advertising agency with former NBA superstar David Falk. He is hopeful a knee injury won't finish his 10-year pro playing career.

They are three of five players from that team — a collection of athletes Haskins recruited from nine states that Jackson, a 10-year NBA veteran, still calls the "best team I've ever been on" — who played at least one NBA game. Jackson, Thomas, Lewis and Sam Jacobson all were NBA first-round draft picks.

From a modest 19-13 record and NIT season the year before, the Gophers arrived for their first practice in autumn 1996 with Haskins convinced he had assembled all the pieces for his first serious run at a Big Ten championship, in his 11th season as coach. Until then, he had spent his career at Minnesota downplaying every expectation.



Former University of Minnesota men's basketball coach Clem Haskins waves the net after cutting it from the hoop following Minnesota's 80-72 victory over UCLA in the NCAA Midwest Regional finals on March 22, 1997 in San Antonio, Texas. The win ensured the only Final Four trip in the school's history. That season, including the Final Four trip and the Big Ten championship, were later stripped away and Haskins fired because of NCAA academic violations. The trophies from that season are locked away in a closet on the school's campus.

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Hired from Western Kentucky in 1986 following a scandalous Gophers season the year before, Haskins got two Big Ten victories out of his first Minnesota team. Three seasons later, with Willie Burton leading the way, they came within a basket of reaching the Final Four.

That team had finished only fourth in the Big Ten. The team Haskins welcomed the fall of '96 promised size, athleticism, toughness, experience and youth. Big Ten coaches didn't predict a top-three conference finish. Preseason magazines picked the Gophers anywhere from first to seventh.

Jackson, a former junior-college star, and talented, formidable sophomore forward Courtney James both had returned to good health after being limited by foot injuries the previous season. Jacobson, the most highly recruited player in Minnesota prep history, was breathing better after surgery to fix a deviated septum. Nine players were back from the team that finished tied for fifth in the Big Ten in 1996.

The Gophers went to Puerto Rico for a Thanksgiving weekend tournament that year. The toilets in the little, dingy arena high in the hills above San Juan stopped working the first night of the three-day tournament. By the final day, the hallways stunk to high heaven. The Gophers didn't.

One night before the Gophers beat Clemson to claim the San Juan Shootout title, former Timberwolves General Manager Jack McCloskey, scouting for another NBA team, grabbed a Minnesota reporter by the arm and suggested the Gophers could reach the Final Four.

A loss at Alabama — the first of the season after five opening victories — followed. A 10-game winning streak followed that. It was punctuated by a night at Indiana's Assembly Hall when the Gophers trailed by seven points with 58 seconds left and beat Bobby Knight and the Hoosiers 96-91 after Jackson, Jacobson and junior guard Eric Harris each hit a three-pointer, forcing overtime.

"That night, you felt something special was happening," Harris says now.

By the second week of January, the

Gophers busted into the AP poll's top 10, at No. 7. By Groundhog Day, they were 18-2 and atop the Big Ten. Before February was out, they won at Purdue for the first time since the school's 1982 Big Ten title did and then secured Minnesota's first Big Ten title in those 15 years with a dramatic comeback victory at Michigan.

That night in Ann Arbor, the Gophers cut down the net in celebration. Haskins snipped a small piece for himself and said he intended to carry it in his billfold for the rest of his life.

"That was the essence of a team, in every sense," said Aaron Stauber, a senior walk-on transfer from Michigan Tech who now is a chiropractor in Sudbury, Ontario. "There were some pretty great players on that team, and everybody was able to let their egos go for that ride. No one player stood out. That's what it took. That's the difference between great teams and great individuals."

Greatness didn't fully arrive on the court until the third round of the NCAA tournament. After opening weekend conquests of Southwest Texas State and Temple in Kansas City, Mo., the Gophers met Clemson for the second time that season, this time in the Sweet 16 at the Alamodome.

It took two overtimes for the Gophers to emerge winners in a game that John Thomas called "sheer brutality, just meat flying around inside there." They played the final minutes of regulation and both overtimes with Harris sidelined by an injured shoulder and three other starters — Jackson, Jacobson and Thomas — playing with four fouls each. Jackson scored a career-high 36 points, Jacobson tied his career high with 29.

"One of the best college games I've ever played in," said Jackson, now playing for the New Orleans Hornets. "Maybe the best game I ever played in, period."

They beat UCLA — which had won 11 national championships compared to the Gophers' zero — by eight points two days later with their will and depth. That re-

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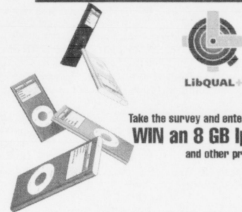
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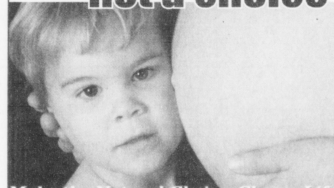
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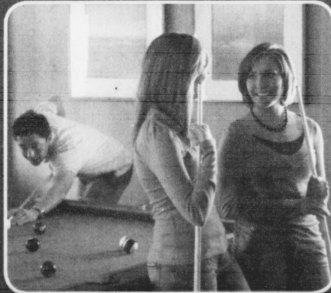
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mains the school's last men's NCAA tournament victory. The midnight party at the Barn followed late that same night.

As each weekend of the tournament progressed, national media outlets publicized Haskins' old-school discipline and his throwback team on which no tattoos or facial hair were allowed.

On the final weekend, the Gophers met defending national champion Kentucky at Indianapolis' RCA Dome in a Final Four semifinal. Their season ended with a 78-69 loss, victim to Kentucky's Rick Pitino-designed press and perhaps Harris' hurting shoulder.

Less than two weeks later, James was arrested on domestic-abuse charges.

"Everything seemed to crumble down as soon as we got back," Stauber said.

Jackson and John Thomas became first-round NBA draft picks that June. Jacobson left in July with a U.S. junior national team for Australia. When he returned, James had quit the team after being suspended and left to play professionally in Greece. Key reserve guard Charles Thomas and redshirt freshman Kevin Loge both had transferred elsewhere.

The academic scandal hit the morning another Gophers team opened 1999 NCAA tournament play, exposed by a St. Paul Pioneer Press story. Within months, Haskins took a \$1.5 million buyout, quit and returned to his Kentucky farm. A year later — after a lengthy NCAA investigation and a 2,500-page report that detailed what then-school president Mark Yudof termed "shame and embarrassment" brought upon the university — the Big Ten and the NCAA rewrote Gophers history.

Ten years later, the Big Ten trophy and the Final Four banner are in storage. The players and coaches from that team have gone their separate ways,

spread across the country and around the world.

Winter this winter celebrated with his wife — former Gophers volleyball player Heidi Olhausen — her five-year anniversary of being free from a rare form of cancer that once had spread to her lung, bladder and eye. Jacobson launched a playing career in Europe last fall after five years away from the game, partly because of a serious condition for which one of his twin daughters, Mackenzie, born in 2003, underwent successful open-heart surgery.

"Hard to believe that 10 years has gone by," Jacobson said in an e-mail from France, where he plays after beginning the season in Italy. "Just shows you how short life is."

Workers this winter plastered a photographic timeline of Gophers basketball history, beginning in 1902, along a Williams Arena corridor. The only references to that 1997 team: individual photographs of Quincy Lewis and Sam Jacobson.

Lewis, Jacobson and Winter are the only regulars from that '97 team whose career statistics haven't been truncated in the school's record books. Haskins' career record at Minnesota listed in the team's media guide is 111-100; every game from 1993 to 1999 is a zero.

"You can take away the banners and take away the victories, but what no one can have is the memories," Haskins told the Minneapolis Star Tribune last week. "Those are what I'm holding on to from Minnesota."

Jackson shrugged when asked about his vacated awards and the team's vanished accomplishments.

"It doesn't diminish anything," he said. "It had nothing to do with the way we performed on the court. Everybody did the right things to stay eligible. It's just sad that it took place."

Harris talks with Jackson when the Hornets play the New York Knicks or the New Jersey

Nets, but he says he hasn't seen most of the players from that 1997 team much since he returned to New York City from Minnesota in 1998.

That's why Harris would like to organize a reunion for players and coaches this summer. Last summer, he visited the Twin Cities and says he is considering relocating his basketball training business from Manhattan to Minnesota because of the experience.

"People treated me like a celebrity," he said from New York City. "Here or there, people still bring up the '97 Final Four: 'Did you play with Bobby Jackson?' People remember all those guys. People don't forget."

Nurses and doctors still approach Winter occasionally on his rounds as a salesman for Pfizer and want to talk.

"Everybody's got a story about where they were when we were playing," he said — about that Final Four team. He said the ratio of people who want to talk about the team's glories rather than the academic scandal is 10-1.

"Banners and trophies are symbols of what you accomplish, that's all they are," John Thomas said. "When you die, what are you going to remember? Not the material things. You're going to remember the good things, the people, the great memories. You can't tell us that we were not out there on the floor together sacrificing for each other. The camaraderie we had on that team, that's what separated us from a lot of other teams."

The university held a reunion celebration for the 1982 Big Ten title team at a Gophers game last month. Someone asked Winter recently if he thought there would ever be one at the Barn for that 1997 team.

"I had to think about it," he said. "I sure hope so because what we accomplished is worth celebrating. I'll feel way more proud than I'll ever feel embarrassed about that team."

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Medical advances helping horses get better care

By Stephanie Horvath SOUTH FLORIDA SUN-SENTINEL

WELLINGTON, Fla. — MRIs, CT scanners, nuclear scintigraphy, portable ultrasounds, protein therapies for joints, arthroscopic surgery and cameras that see inside the body.

For horses. Fifteen years ago most vets used rectal exams to diagnose fractures — by feel. An injured ligament or a few bone chips could stop an equine career cold. But over the past decade vet clinics started using ultrasounds and bone scans to pinpoint problems earlier and began doctoring some injuries with stem cells and proteins.

"An MRI probably isn't going to be warranted for someone's backyard pony in Loxahatchee," said Dr. Hayes Stevens, of Equine Services Ltd. in Wellington, who specializes in horse sports medicine. "If you have an athlete that's an Olympic level horse, it's totally warranted. Totally."

The growth is a combination of exploding technological advancements and a shift in attitudes that makes owners more willing to go above and beyond for their horses.

"If you're willing to spend the money you can do a better job," said Sue Kyllonen, who brought her five-year-old jumper to Palm Beach Equine Clinic recently for a check up. "People can have their horses' bones scanned. They can do just about anything now."

Case in point is Barbaro, the famous Kentucky Derby winner whose owners tried everything to save him after he broke his right hind leg in three places. Sometimes the procedures and early diagnoses can add years to a career.

"There's no question that veterinary medicine in the last 10 years has progressed to the point where a horse at 17 used to be at the end of his career," said Dr. Scott Swerdlin, of Palm Beach Equine Clinic. "Now we can extend their careers into their 20s."

It's things like being able to see inside the horse with a tiny camera and being able to perform surgery without slicing a huge cut in the leg. It's detailed diagnoses like the kind Rio 55, Kyllonen's five-year-old jumper, recently got at Palm Beach Equine Clinic for a constant cough. The veterinarians guided a scope through the horse's nostril and to his voice box.

The camera showed the right side of Rio 55's voice box wasn't moving, creating a constant tickle. The vets treated it with medication.

Arthroscopic surgery is also crucial. Before, surgeons had to cut open the joint to scrape out bone chips. It often took horses six months to heal, leaving them out of shape.

"It was completely career ending for racehorses and polo ponies," Swerdlin said. But with arthroscopic surgery, horses can be back in training in 30 days.

In some ways, veterinarians have surpassed medicine for people, especially in treating limbs and joints. Since horses balance a lot of weight on relatively thin legs, treating wear and tear on them is critical.

That means they're often better equipped with imaging machines. Palm Beach Equine Clinic can perform bone scans to find even small problems. On a recent afternoon a technician scanned the pelvis of a horse looking for a stress fracture. Using the large disk hanging from the ceiling, the technician fired gamma rays into the horse's back end and images appeared on a computer screen. The dark parts indicated bone breaks.

Ten years ago, such a detailed diagnosis wasn't possible.

"You couldn't diagnose a stress fracture," Swerdlin said. "It was a tremendous amount of guesswork."

Many vet clinics also have digital radiography machines to take pictures of horses' injured limbs. Some hospitals still don't have those machines for mammograms. When the Palm Beach Equine Clinic got its

computed radiography machine seven years ago, it had it before the local hospital, Swerdlin said. The technology lets veterinarians take detailed images of horses' limbs, allowing them to find the smallest problems.

"Horses are athletes. They have more athletic injuries," said Dr. Corinne Sweeney, hospital executive director at the University of Pennsylvania School of Veterinary Medicine's New Bolton Center, a large animal teaching veterinary clinic. "They've taken care of limbs and require the best in the area of radiography."

Vets are also pushing the envelope with progressive therapies for legs and joints. For the past six years Stevens has been injecting proteins generated from horses' own blood into inflamed joints. He said the procedure has helped some horses keep competing at the highest levels for years. Stevens has also injected a mixture of platelets and adult stem cells to repair injured tendons and ligaments, guiding the needle in with the help of an ultrasound machine. Palm Beach Equine Clinic has also started doing some similar injections in the past couple years.

Before, people tried to mask the injuries with everything from cortisone to iodine to snake venom, Stevens said.

Both the procedures he's using are very new and not available to people.

"They're probably the wave of the future but they aren't standard procedure yet," Sweeney said.

But it's happening here in Wellington, partly because of the concentration of highly trained and extremely valuable horses. And owners who can afford to pay. An MRI scan runs about \$1,400. One injection of the proteins costs about \$80. A bone scan of the legs costs \$750.

"It's a fun time to practice because it's wide open now," Stevens said. "The diagnoses are just incredible relative to what they had. Each year it gets better. ... It's like having black and white TV and now color and high definition."

Edwards discusses global warming, wife's cancer

By Peter Hecht MCLATCHY NEWSPAPERS

SAN FRANCISCO — John Edwards came before dozens of media members in downtown San Francisco on Monday planning on talking about global warming and his call to ban new coal plants that lack clean-burning technologies.

But on his first day of campaigning without wife Elizabeth since the couple announced her recurrence of breast cancer last week, the Democratic presidential candidate found himself publicly pondering how her illness will affect the character and dynamics of his continuing bid for the White House.

He spent a moment seemingly reminding reporters why he was running for president in the first place — to "re-establish America's moral leadership in the world, starting with Iraq," to cure "a dysfunctional health care system," to "transform energy use in America and address the moral issue of climate change." But he wore a yellow Lance Armstrong "Live-Strong" cancer awareness wristband. And he looked noticeably weary five days after he and Elizabeth Edwards learned that her breast cancer — first diagnosed in 2004 — had spread to her bones.

"I miss her. I miss her," he said. "She was with me until yesterday, and we've been together basically non-stop since last Wednesday when we went to the hospital together."

He told reporters that, ultimately, he isn't sure how Americans will react to his family's decision to sustain his presidential campaign.

"I think it's unknowable," Edwards said. "We believe that the way to conduct your life, private and personal, is openly and honestly, and that's the reason we disclosed the facts. We felt people needed to know."

How it will affect the campaign, that probably depends on how America responds. I think this is uncharted territory.

On Monday, with the husband and wife campaign tandem separated by thousands of miles, Elizabeth Edwards received back-to-back standing

ovations at the City Club of Cleveland, Ohio, as she described how her spirits have been lifted by some 12,000 e-mails.

"You can't stop when people are cheering for you all along the way," she declared. "It makes the private journey we are going through easier."

Edwards last Thursday publicly pledged, "The campaign goes on strongly," despite the fact his wife has an incurable — though treatable — form of cancer.

Asked if his family's personal struggle could affect how he views — and approaches — certain public policy issues, Edwards said: "Yeah, it does. It has a direct impact."

The former North Carolina senator has called for a \$90 billion to \$120 billion universal care system to be funded by rolling back tax cuts for Americans earning more than \$200,000 a year. Describing his health care initiative Monday, he recounted a conversation he had with his wife shortly after she learned of her cancer recurrence.

"One of the first things Elizabeth said to me — it's actually amazing — after she got her diagnosis at the hospital was, 'Think what women go through who don't have health care, and they have to go back to work tomorrow. With exactly the same diagnosis, and same fears, they have to go back to work. They don't have health care coverage. ... In some cases, they're not going to get the medicine that they need to prolong their lives.' Those are her words, not mine," he said. "But I think she's dead right about that."

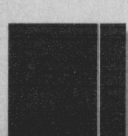
In an interview Sunday night on CBS's "60 Minutes," Elizabeth Edwards said there was no way she was going to let her illness end her husband's run for the White House. She said she didn't want "my legacy" to be that "I'd taken out this fine man from the possibility of giving a great service" to the country.

"We have two choices here. Either you push forward with the things you were doing yesterday or you start dying," she said. "... I'm going to keep on with my life."

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Our pick for the SG presidency: Nick Phelps

Student Government has plenty of problems, such as wasteful spending, poor communications and a general disposition toward inaction, to name a few.

It is easy to promise to fix these problems — every presidential candidate for the past three years has claimed to be a reformer. The real difficulty comes after the election, when the new president must find a way to hold his or her own administration accountable for putting in the time and effort necessary to fulfill those promises.

Between this year's two presidential candidates, Nick Phelps is alone in understanding how to bring accountability to SG.

In his interview with the editorial board, Phelps said his administration would post SG officials' work records — the amount of time they've spent in the SG office — on the organization's Web site. As of now, those records are available only in the SG office, which very few students visit.

The plan is simple, but it could have important and beneficial consequences. Students often deride SG officials for being involved just for the sake of their resumes, implying — probably accurately — that they're focused mainly on their careers after college. Under Phelps' plan, their work records will be one Google search away from fellow students and future employers.

Experience has shown that a feeling of duty toward the student body doesn't motivate SG officials to put in the time to serve the student body. Career-driven self-interest may be a much more effective motivator. Phelps, to his credit, understands that.

By contrast, presidential candidate Scott McIntosh's plan for making SG officials do their jobs involves taking away their main incentive to do so.

McIntosh's top platform plank is to eliminate salaries for SG's president, vice president and executive staff, purportedly so that only those who are truly dedicated to serving the student body will become involved.

That true dedication will come at a high cost. SG officials will have to either get other jobs, leaving them less time to work on campus issues; or else be unusually wealthy, making SG more of a "country club" than ever.

Moreover, under McIntosh's plan, the president will lose the ability to dock unproductive officers pay as a penalty for not doing their jobs. As a result, SG will be more reliant than ever on the goodwill of its officials. It will be very hard to find people who are so dedicated to do so.

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icated to the mission of SG that they don't need additional incentives to work hard, especially for an entire year.

McIntosh's idealism does not translate into a workable plan for accountability. Phelps' realistic approach is far more likely to produce results.

Phelps' candidacy has many virtues beyond his plan for accountability.

He wants to make sure SG doesn't have an attitude of "We did it in the past, so we'll keep doing it." Specifically, he has proposed auditing all of SG's services and restructuring the executive branch with an eye toward efficiency.

Phelps' prior experience in SG as Senate president showed that he was capable of providing leadership that produces tangible benefits to students. Specifically, as he mentioned in his interview with the editorial board, he helped lead the effort to start the campus TV station, Channel 50, which is still in its nascent stages but has a lot of potential for engaging UK students.

In addition, Phelps helped start the most significant reform effort within SG in recent years — the Constitutional Review Committee, which began the still-incomplete process of tearing down and clarifying the SG Constitution. So Phelps doesn't just have ideas about reforming SG; he's already done it.

Violence against women is, unfortunately, still a major issue on campus, and Phelps has a reasonable proposal to help fight it — having a mandatory event during freshmen orientation wherein students are separated by gender in small groups and have frank discussions about sexual consent and violence prevention.

Obviously, this plan will not eliminate sexual assault altogether, but it demonstrates an understanding of how important education will be in fighting this horrendous problem.

SG has made significant strides in recent years with the modernization of its constitution, the creation of a decent Web site and the ending of the culture of endless election-violation disputes. What the organization needs now is a president who will continue those basic advances while moving SG into a more active, visible, and responsible role on campus.

It is clear that Nick Phelps is the candidate best suited to do that job. On that ground, the Kernel heartily endorses Phelps for SG president.



BRIAN GOODLEY, Kernel cartoonist

Look at candidates' Web sites to learn about governor's race

Cold beers and sun tanning will make up most Kentucky's students' day on May 22. The faint memory of final exams will long have passed, and rising temperatures will beckon the Memorial Day weekend — the official kickoff of summer. Heck, I'm getting excited just writing about it.



BRENT BURCHETT
Kernel columnist

But believe it or not, May 22 also marks primary Election Day in Kentucky, and student turnout across the state is destined to be exceptionally dismal.

On May 22, you won't be reading a newspaper, and it seems most of us switch off our "give a damn" receptors the moment we leave LexVegas. Nonetheless, a monumental election is 56 days from today, and politicians desperately want you to take notice.

As part of a statewide effort to increase civic literacy and participation among 17- to 24-year-olds, the secretary of state's office will be coming to campus in April to host a mock election.

The names of most candidates are undoubtedly foreign to you, and some may not even know what offices are being selected. The 2007 elections have thus far affirmed that online campaigning is no longer a supplementary component to winning an election — it's a necessity. The explosion of YouTube videos, blogs, wikis, e-mail listservs and other online advancements has had no greater impact than in the political sphere.

Never before have young people and the voting public in general had more information available to them at lightning speeds from a myriad of sources. UK

DEBATE



Students should sober up and remedy their absence of information about the '07 Primary by hitting the net.

If I was truly the partisan bastard that liberals on this campus try to make me out to be, I would have included only Republican candidates. But I'd certainly prefer you to be a Democrat-voting student over a non-voting one.

The following is a list of campaign sites for gubernatorial candidates ranked by quality of Web site and overall Web presence. Students should especially pay attention to campaigns that have a great Web site — it's a sign that they're trying to reach young people, not just technologically inept old fogies who typically turnout the vote.

Candidates for governor:

■ Republicans: Billy Harper's campaign set the tone for a quality online campaign presence, and he continues to be the most Web-savvy and accessible candidate from either party. Ernie Fletcher and Anne Northup are tied for second place. Fletcher's site is much cleaner and efficient, but is missing videos and other interactive features now present on Anne Northup's site. Northup also is a victim of a clever fake Web site by some rival campaign. If you go to what would logically seem like their official campaign site — a simple combination of Northup and running mate Jeff Hoover's last name followed by a .com — you come to a link of negative campaign commercials saved on

YouTube. Pretty sneaky stuff.

■ Democrats: Bruce Lunsford's site sets a high bar for other Democratic candidates. He's topped all candidates of late by capturing some of the March Madness action in his campaign with a clever posting of the and running mate Greg Stumbo's NCAA Tournament brackets. On the grassroots side, Jonathon Miller continues to use his strong base of student activists to be innovative and occasionally effective at getting statewide news coverage. Miller also has a strategic advantage on all other candidates because of his friendship with Mark Nickolas, owner of the popular liberal blog Bluegrassreport.org.

Long-shot candidate Olin "Bullman" Hensley may not know how to spell the word governor correctly on his campaign literature (he prefers the alternate "govenor" spelling), he's got a slick looking Web site. It's interesting that current Democrat front-runner Steve Henry thinks that pictures of himself will suffice for a campaign site (he should probably replace those with pictures of his wife and former Miss America Heather French Henry).

See this column's page at www.kykernel.com for the full list and links to each campaign's site.

Take a few minutes to browse these campaign sites and become better acquainted with the issues. Internet campaigning makes politics more accessible today than at any other time in history; let's just hope we're not too lazy to take advantage of it.

For more information on getting involved in Republican campaigns, please join us at our UK College Republican meeting tonight at 8 p.m. on the third floor of Commons Market or visit <http://ukrgp.blogspot.com>.

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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Claims about VP candidate's record were false

I am writing in response to the false claims of Sen. Jason Robinson printed in his March 22 letter to the editor. According to the records of the Senate clerk, I have missed a total of four full Senate meetings during this year as a Student Government senator. Two of these absences were due to illness that prevented my attendance; however, I would like to offer a sincere apology to UK students for the other two absences.

Most importantly, I want students to know that Robinson's accusations of my lack of dedication to SG are false. Not only have I passed legislation, but I have also actively worked to promote reform within SG. For the past two years, I have served as a member of the Appropriations and Revenue committee, where I have promoted opportunities for student organizations to receive funding and assisted applicants in navigating this complicated process.

Additionally, I sponsored legislation addressing issues of election reform and student services as well as helped establish Warm Up Wednesdays in my first term as a senator. Most recently, I co-sponsored a bill that will continue the theme of Warm Up Wednesdays through the spring months by providing free lemonade to students on Wednesday afternoons.

I hope students at this university understand my frustrations with the false claims made in Robinson's article. This election should be focused on the future of this campus and the changes we must make. Why meddle in false accusations and derogatory put-downs that discourage student interest in SG?

Robinson's article stands as a pristine example of the politics Scott McIntosh and I are trying so hard to quell. If you examined the past productivity of the candidates from the opposing campaign, I'm sure you would find numerous flaws and failures. I refuse to spend my time and waste yours on political frivolities of the past and instead choose to look toward progress for the future of this campus.

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As pre-graduation stress increases, try to slow down and have fun

We've spent the past four (or so) years of our lives at the University of Kentucky, in what was meant to be preparation for the "real world." We went to class, chose majors, participated in activities, made friends and maybe even fell in love. As a senior, it's probably a good bet that you are pretty good at all of this college stuff. What happens then, in just a few short weeks, when we aren't in college anymore?



TARA BONISTALL
Kernel columnist

We've all had small tastes of the real world while attending UK — some more than others — and it's probably safe to say life after graduation looks glamorous and exciting. It's also probably safe to say that it looks a lot less so the closer we get to being forced into adulthood.

For those who applied to graduate school, you're probably hearing from the last of your schools, hopefully good news, but inevitably some bad. Those venturing into the job market have probably sent their resumes to what feels like a million companies, hoping that just a

few will lead to interviews. With interviews however, comes a whole new set of problems: the need for a respectable looking suit, practice questions and ultimately, a whole lot of butterflies in your stomach.

The real world is starting to look a lot less glamorous — and a whole lot more stressful. The idea that college is making a lot more sense as we are preparing to leave. Why is this milestone so exciting, yet so overwhelming at the same time? We graduated from high school and made the transition to college without too much trouble, so shouldn't it be the same as we move from college to the workforce?

Perhaps it is the sinking feeling that many of us will be leaving close friends, significant others and family members behind as we move to take on new challenges. Perhaps it is that those important people will be leaving us; and the concept of staying in a familiar place is equally as frightening as moving somewhere different. Perhaps we do not feel prepared to take on the problems of real clients and companies. Perhaps the number of options a student has after graduating from college is just overwhelming.

As frightening as this transition can be, there is something about it that is inherently exciting. After years of attending classes, you know how to make the

grades you're looking for. You've studied the real world applications of your chosen field of study, probably with case studies, role plays and other things that are meant to bridge the gap between the classroom and the office.

Although we will more than likely be thrown in to sink or swim, most of us will swim. We have been prepared to take on new challenges, but in a way that goes far beyond our coursework. A college education enhances critical thinking and interpersonal communication skills, providing the framework to move beyond the comfortable classroom zone and into a new and unfamiliar environment.

If you are like me — frantically preparing for interviews while trying to finish your homework for class that starts in ten minutes — you are not alone. When we look back at this time in our lives from our large offices with many windows, hopefully we will smile at the way we were frightened about things that worked themselves out for the best. Hopefully, life will bring many moments and transitions like this one; and each time we will stress out, calm down, make a plan and move forward.

So calm down, frantic, stressed-out graduating senior. It's not any fun if you don't enjoy the ride.

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UK transplant service joins national network

By Autumn Harrison
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Some locals now have an option for complex transplantation procedures that's close to home.

UK HealthCare's Lung Transplantation program and the Blood and Marrow Transplantation programs have been named to participate in the Anthem Center of Medical Excellence Transplant Network, from Anthem Blue Cross Blue Shield.

The accreditation makes complex transplantation procedures available at a local source for the first time for those with the insurance.

"It is wonderful to be able to offer local care to the population in our region," said Dr. Timothy Mullett, director of UK HealthCare's Lung Transplantation program, in a press release.

Dr. Kevin McDonagh, chief of the Markey Cancer Center's Division of Hematology, Oncology, Blood and Marrow Transplantation, agreed.

"This provides yet more confidence that there is state-of-the-art care in the state," McDonagh said. "People can get outstanding care here."

The distinction was a credit to all team members involved, Mullett said.

"Recognition by another of the largest transplant networks is a strong indicator of the quality care that our multidisciplinary team delivers," Mullett said in a press release.

In addition to being named a center of medical excellence, the Blood and Marrow Transplantation program has been named to participate in the Blue Cross Blue Shield Association's Blue Distinction Center for Trans-

plant Network. Membership to these networks is based on accreditation and volume, McDonagh said.

"This distinction reflects that based on volume and accreditation, we meet high and exacting standards to be in a network that includes some of the best programs in the country," McDonagh said.

The Blue Distinction Center for Transplant Network has more than 50 hospitals nationwide, according to UK public relations. The network's hospitals have programs specializing in organ, bone marrow and stem cell transplants.

The Markey Cancer Center provides treatments for patients with blood cancers including leukemia and lymphoma through the Blood and Marrow Transplant program, according to UK public relations.

Ben Folds launches 'no promo, no pressure' tour

By Len Righi
THE MORNING CALL

Ben Folds is between records, and that, says the pop-rock singer-songwriter-pianist, means his concerts are likely to be one of two things, "a greatest hits show or something really bizarre."

"Usually what happens in these interim periods, it ends up being a free-for-all," he says over the phone from his Nashville, Tenn., home, after being asked what to expect at his new show. "There's no real agenda — no promo, no pressure."

But will he perform his hilarious, deadpan-geek cover of Dr. Dre's gangsta rap track "Bitches Ain't Sh*t" that made it onto the Hot 100 as well as the Hot Digital Tracks chart?

"Of course," he says of the song, which in his hands becomes a swipe at suburban hip-hop culture. "That (tune) breaks my rule for covers — I use a song one, two hours at most. I feel I helped write it, that's my hit, too."

And does he feel uncomfortable using the n-word?

"When we were in the studio doing it, people were stopping by saying, 'Have you lost

your ... mind?' I knew we had a hit then," says Folds.

"Of course, there is some discomfort level (about using the n-word). But I talked to (bassist) Willie Weeks, a black man who played on Randy Newman's (song) 'Rednecks' (which also used the n-word) and he said, 'That Randy's crazy.' He told me not to worry about it. ... Of course, Randy Newman had an awesome point in 'Rednecks.' I have no point in my song."

Folds' most recent studio album, "Songs for Silverman," a ballad-heavy disc about growing older, came out in April 2005.

However, last October, he released the compilation disc "Supersunnyspeedgraphic," a collection of previously released material from three EPs released in 2003 and 2004, the Internet and a movie soundtrack.

While "Supersunnyspeedgraphic" smartly showcases Folds' edgier songwriting and impressive array of musical influences, Folds is somewhat self-conscious in discussing it, perhaps because in some quarters it was slammed as a marketing ploy.

"All I can really do, months after having released something, is just criticize it," he offers.

"My attitude is, 'Let's just get the next record out.'"

Folds, 40, a Winston-Salem, N.C., native, came to national attention in the early 1990s as frontman for Ben Folds Five. The guitarless alt-rock act released a self-titled debut disc in 1995, but broke through with 1997's "Whatever and Ever Amen," which included the hits "Brick," a ballad about abortion, "Song for the Dumped" and "Battle of Who Could Care Less." Folds went solo with 2001's widely praised "Rockin' the Suburbs," playing nearly all of the instruments himself.

These days, his name is almost invariably invoked whenever a writer needs a handy point of comparison to describe a new piano-playing pop-rock artist. And how does Folds feel about that?

"That's as flattering as it gets," he replies, "but I take it with a grain of salt. When I was starting out, it was very, very frustrating hearing (himself compared to) Billy Joel over and over again. ... It was insulting because people making the comparison didn't mean it in a nice way. And that was doubly insulting for Billy Joel, implying that he was washed up in some kind of way."



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