

# UK searching for spots for new dorms

**Home:** UK considers sites on north, south campus for suite-style residence halls with room for 700

By Matthew Towner  
STAFF WRITER

A new campus housing project will add nearly 700 additional housing spaces for students, perhaps as soon as 2005, according to UK officials.

Planners are looking at locations with convenient access to utilities and academic buildings. One of the dorms will likely be built near the Kirwan/Blanding complex, with additional construction taking place somewhere on north campus, said Ben

Crutcher, vice president of auxiliary services.

In addition, other locations have been identified as part of the Master Plan, a project to connect UK with downtown, he said. The new dorms would be the first built on campus since the 1960s.

The Housing and Dining System received permission from the state to sell \$46 million worth of housing and fi-

nancing bonds starting this summer to finance the project, which is expected to ease the lack of campus housing.

The added space would not be the only change new dorms would bring. The housing will also add a new visual element to the UK dorms.

Instead of building a new complex that uses a traditional dorm layout, the university would like to add housing

with suite or apartment-style accommodations, he said. With this design, two rooms will share one bath instead of having only one or two bathrooms per floor. Keeneland Hall is the only dorm with suite-style housing.

"We're not interested in building more of what we already have," Crutcher said.

The issue of whether the new dorms will be co-ed or

gender-specific has not been discussed yet, Crutcher said.

UK officials have been working closely with student affairs representatives during the planning stages for the new building project, Crutcher said. He added that President Lee Todd has been a key figure in making the housing a possibility. "Dr. Todd de-

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## Jerkin' around ...

Psychology sophomore Billy Spalding, left, fills out a survey Monday about masturbation as part of political science junior Katie Meyer's and English sophomore Rebecca Wigginton's, far right, final project for a class related to gender issues. Wigginton said the survey's purpose is to find out "how they (students) feel about the table, how they feel about masturbation, how often they do it." The group unofficially declared Monday as "Masturbation Day" as part of the project, writing "It's Masturbation Day" on a piece of posterboard hanging from the table. Spalding said he was a little shocked to see the signs. "It was kind of thinking it was a joke, but it seems to be serious," he said.

# Groups examine campus ecology

**Finances:** Organizations say environmental programs save money while reducing UK's waste, energy use

By Autumn Foushee  
STAFF WRITER

Two campus groups are working to determine how much energy UK uses, whether it wastes energy and how well it meets the criteria of a sustainable campus.

"We want the administration to see conservation as an economic incentive for the university," said Jake Royce, a natural resource conservation management senior. "Making UK more efficient will help save UK money."

A class made up of natural resource conservation seniors is conducting the first-ever environmental audit of UK. Through a series of telephone surveys and an evaluation of UK's infrastructure, the students will assess the campus community's knowledge about environmental issues, sustain-

able living and natural sciences. The students will also evaluate UK's resource use and environmental impact.

The class will evaluate the sustainability of the entire university; their survey should be complete by finals week and will be presented to the administration.

"We are asking students to walk across that bridge from being a student to being a professional," said Mary Arthur, associate professor in the forestry department and director of the course.

Meanwhile, Green Thumb, a campus environmental club, has created a task force for sustainability. Green Thumb has compiled research about how UK's benchmark institutions are making their campuses sustainable, which they will present to the administration at the end of April. Green Thumb Vice Pres-

ident Les Miller also believes the economic savings for UK are an obvious benefit of making campus sustainable.

"When the budget cuts hit, the first thing they did was turn out the lights. It is ridiculous that that is not a standard practice," Miller said. "We could save thousands of dollars."

To undertake the campus environmental audit, the natural resource conservation students had to identify "indicators" they would use to measure UK's sustainability. "An indicator is a quantifiable resource use or impact by the university," said Eric Amon, a natural resource conservation management senior. The students adopted a format similar to one used at Penn State University.

Under the format, the students evaluate education, land use, energy and water use, campus transportation and campus waste disposal, including recycling.

The students are now conducting telephone surveys of randomly chosen students, staff and faculty to determine the campus' ecological awareness.

The students hope to persuade the administration to make a course about sustainability part of university requirements for graduation.

"People tend to separate the environment and sustainability. We have to understand that they are connected and that everything we do is related to the environment," said Alex Faight, a natural resource conservation management senior.

These students say one of the first steps UK can make toward a greener campus would be for President Lee Todd to sign the international Talloires Declaration, which was formed by the Association of University Leaders for a Sustainable Future.

The association describes the declaration as a commitment to environmental sustain-

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## WAR IN IRAQ

# Chemical weapon ingredients found



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A U.S. Marine, backstopped by a poster of Iraqi President Saddam Hussein, provides cover from atop a vehicle for a convoy of army vehicles leaving the capital city of Baghdad.

**Inconclusive:** Officials unsure of material's use; no weapons have been found at Iraqi site

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U.S. weapons experts in Iraq have discovered ingredients and equipment that can be used to make a chemical weapon, U.S. military officials confirmed Monday.

The discovery south of Baghdad was made several days ago with the help of an Iraqi scientist who claimed to have worked in Saddam Hussein's chemical weapons program.

The military officials, involved in the weapons hunt and based at Camp Doha in Kuwait, refused to name the scientist or identify the material that had

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# SG board rejects claims for the second time

**Upheld:** Board upholds previous decision, despite new testimony concerning Watts/Rippetoe Web site

By Paul Leighty  
STAFF WRITER

The Student Government Board of Claims last night upheld its previous decisions concerning four election violation claims, preserving the results of all elections except for one senate race. The decision came despite additional testimony alleging a conflict of interest between an election official and the winning presidential ticket.

The SG Supreme Court threw out the board's first decision on the claims, ruling that there was "an appearance of bias" on the part of two board members. Board Director Tony Stueppel and Michael Walker, a Supreme Court justice who recused himself from the court on that decision.

Mike McDonner, a third-year law student who has been representing presidential runner-up David Hutchinson, brought several witnesses and spoke on behalf of other candidates. McDonner argued that the results of the election from early April should be overturned. Braphus Kaalund, a first-year law student, argued against McDonner on behalf of President-elect Rachel Watts and Vice President-elect Matt Rippetoe and other candidates, saying none of the claims were valid.

Melissa Snow-Groves was disqualified as College Fine Arts senator at the board's first hearing for not filing a fi-

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**“The biggest problem on campus is apathy ... people who just don't care or don't think.”**

— LES MILLER, VICE PRESIDENT OF GREEN THUMB, A UK ENVIRONMENTAL GROUP

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retains a lot of credit for getting this in motion," he said. Todd said the added space is needed to help UK reach its goal of becoming a top-20 public research university.

"Housing is one of the resources needed to attract and

retain students," he said. "It is important to provide an atmosphere not only conducive to learning, but also to life."

Todd said he feels the project is needed for UK to "produce the brightest and happiest students possible."

The university hopes to solicit bids for construction some time this summer. Construction could begin as early as the fall.

UK began experiencing

more demands for housing last fall, when housing applications exceeded rooms by more than 600. UK leased six buildings at the University Commons for the 2002-2003 year; next year, it will lease the entire complex.

Consultants from Ayers Saint Gross, an architecture firm hired to develop plans for revitalizing campus, said UK needs 4,000 more dorm rooms to stay competitive.

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tainability in higher education. It is a 10-point action plan to incorporate sustainability and ecological literacy into colleges and universities. The declaration has been signed by 275 education institutions around the world, including six of UK's benchmark institutions.

"By signing this declaration, we think UK can become a leader in the community as well as an example to follow for other universities," said

Erin Vachon, a natural resource conservation management senior.

These seniors say the process of doing the campus audit has been a lesson as they discover both negative and positive aspects of UK's campus.

They cite recycling program already in place as one positive step taken by the university.

"The campus is so large and so much is wasted everyday. It seems unbelievable that we would just throw away and think we can just keep doing it," said Patrick Haynes, a natural resource conservation management senior.

Both groups identify campus attitudes and a lack of funding as hurdles to the success of sustainability on campus.

"The biggest problem on campus is apathy people who just don't care or don't think. They'll put greasy McDonald's sacks in the recycling bins and things like that," Miller said.

The challenge has not diminished its importance to these groups.

"The key about sustainability is that it's more powerful than peace, love and hug a tree. If we don't take care of things now, we won't be able to live this way very long," Miller said.

## CLAIMS

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nance report. Snow-Groves, who received about 40 votes and was unopposed in the race, testified last night she didn't think the claims process was fair because she had never been notified that a claim was filed against her.

"I didn't actually know there was a claim against me. I only found out by reading the Kernel" the next day, she told the board.

Snow-Groves said she didn't know to file an expense

report because no one told her, and she hadn't read where that requirement is stated in the SG constitution.

Eric Mills, the election investigator, said he wasn't sure whether he had called Snow-Groves to ask about the claim or whether he had notified her of the hearing.

Asked whether he thought Snow-Groves was entitled to a hearing to defend herself, Mills said "she knew the rules, she broke the rules, she got caught and therefore she was disqualified."

"If you don't file an expense report, I don't see how presenting yourself at a hearing is going to make any difference," he said.

Two students who did not attend the first hearing also testified on a claim arguing a conflict of interest between Mills, Watts and Rippetoe.

Joe Ibershoff, a computer science and math senior, and Emily Rigdon, an economics and Latin American studies senior, said they had found that the Watts/Rippetoe campaign Web site was located on the SG Web server, which Mills owns and operates.

Mills said the Watts/Rippetoe site had been hosted on his server, but said multiple users have had access to the server without his knowledge, including Edwin Oran, an UK alumnus, who registered the site domain name.

## WAR

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been buried in the ground. Many chemical weapons ingredients have non-military purposes and officials cautioned that the findings, which are being analyzed, do not confirm the presence of chemical weapons at that site.

Officials also raised suspicions about some of the scientist's claims that couldn't be immediately verified.

According to the officials, who spoke on condition of anonymity the scientist said Iraq destroyed and buried chemical weapons and biological warfare equipment days before the war began March 20.

A senior defense official in Washington said the Pentagon was "highly skeptical" of information the scientist provided alleging that Iraq recently began cooperating with Osama bin Laden's al-Qaida terror network.

The Bush administration has claimed that Saddam's regime had ties with al-Qaida but they've provided little evidence.

So far, no new discoveries have been made in Iraq that link Saddam to al-Qaida, the defense official said.

In Washington, Secretary of Defense Donald Rumsfeld declined to confirm the discovery, which was first reported in Monday's edition of The New York Times.

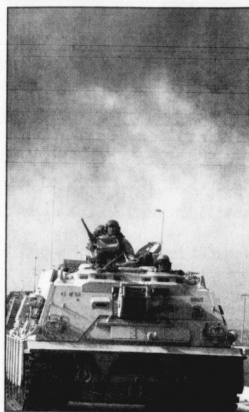
He said inspections were continuing in a search for evidence of weapons of mass destruction and that the government would "obviously look with favor on" Iraqis who provide information on hidden materials.

Rumsfeld said last week that U.S. troops would need to rely on the help of Iraqis to find the weaponry.

Chief U.N. weapons inspector Hans Blix cautioned the Americans to treat information with skepticism, noting that some Iraqis may claim more than they know.

"They have to examine everything critically," Blix said Monday.

Blix's inspectors, working in Iraq be-



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U.S. Marines leave Baghdad Sunday as smoke fills the sky from the Ministry of Agriculture storage house, which was set on fire by looters.

tween November until mid-March, didn't find any evidence that Iraq had weapons it claimed to have destroyed years ago.

But the Bush administration was unconvicted and said one of the main reasons for the war was to disarm the country of the chemical, biological and nuclear weapons programs it believed Iraq was concealing.

So far, U.S. teams haven't found any conclusive evidence of the kind of weapons Iraq was banned from having after the Gulf War. Tests are still being conducted, however, and officials have said the Iraqis may have moved materials out of the country before the war.

## Corrections

An article on page 2 of Monday's Kernel incorrectly stated the year of Kernel news editor Andrea Uhde. Uhde, who was chosen as editor in chief for the 2003-2004 academic year, is a junior.

An article on page 1 of Monday's Kernel left out several groups sponsoring Earth Day activities on campus this week. Sponsors for today's events include ResLife Recycling, the Green Thumb environmental club, Resident Student Council and the Honors Program Student Council. Thursday's events are sponsored by Green Thumb.

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## Cats gearing up for Blue/White scrimmage

**Spring fever:** Cats putting the pieces together for its annual spring scrimmage this Saturday

By Jeff Patterson  
STAFF WRITER

Big Blue fans should be prepared to see the UK offense score early and often at this Saturday's Blue/White game.

The Cat offense came out roaring in last Saturday's 95-minute scrimmage, scoring two touchdowns in the first nine plays.

Quarterback Jared Lorenzen led the team to its first touchdown on five plays for 65 yards. Lorenzen executed the option splendidly on a pitch to Shane Boyd, who ran down the sideline for 22 yards and the score.

"You have to be aware when there are two quarter-

backs on the field, in particular when Shane is not the quarterback," said defensive coordinator Mike Archer. "When Shane is split out the perimeter that can throw it again, catch it and run. You always have to be reminded and aware of it."

Lorenzen was even more efficient on the second drive, as he reached the end zone in four plays. Lorenzen threw a strike to Glenn Holt in the post for a 31-yard touchdown.

The defense showed signs of life on the next drive. Tim Funderburk intercepted a Lorenzen job pass intended for Boyd. It was the first time Lorenzen had been picked off all spring in any drill. Loren-

zen finished passing for 69 yards, completing five of eight passes. Boyd went a stellar 8 for 9 passing for 85 yards and rushed for 55 yards on 10 carries.

Penalties continued to be a problem for the Cats on both sides of the ball. An off-sides penalty negated a touchdown that Derek Abney returned on a punt.

At linebacker, Justin Haydock and Raymond Fontaine were bright spots for Archer's defense. Fontaine still sees room for improvement in the defense but is comfortable with its direction.

"It's an NFL defense and there is a learning process with it," Fontaine said. "We've still got to do our assignments and learn to work a lot harder as a team and just trust our defense."

UK still has questions about its punting game and depth. The coaches are trying desperately to replace departed All-American punter Glenn Pakulak.

Head coach Rich Brooks also said that the tailback position is still up in the air and could possibly not be solidified until the week before the season opener against Louisville.

"We still have a few question marks and we will go into next fall with a few question marks," Brooks said. "But hopefully we will have a few more answers by the end of next Saturday than we do today."

UK will try to answer those questions and more this week as they gear up for the Blue/White game at 1 p.m. Saturday at Commonwealth Stadium.

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Week of April 21 - April 27

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**Tues 15**

**MEETINGS**  
• Activities, 7:00pm, Student Center, Rm. 118  
• "WT" Worship Service, 7:30pm, 429 Columbia Ave.  
• "Conventional English Class, 3:00pm, Baptist Student Union Center, Rm. 106  
• "Green Thumb Environmental Club Meeting, 7:00pm, Student Center, Rm. 106  
• "Ladies Student Union Meeting, 8:00pm, Student Center, Rm. 228  
• "UK Women Bible Study, 10:00pm, Student Center, Rm. 113  
• "Iowa-Vermont Christian Fellowship, 7:11pm, UK Student Center, Rm. 230, Frat House  
• "Chemistry Tutoring, All 100-level courses, 6:00-9:00pm, Holmes Hall Lobby  
• "History Tutoring, All 100-level courses, 6:00-9:00pm, Holmes Hall Lobby  
• "Math Tutoring, All 100-level courses, 6:00-9:00pm, Commons, Rm. 307  
• "Physics Tutoring, All 100-level courses & 211213, 6:00-9:00pm, Commons, Rm. 307  
• "Ypsilon Tutoring, All 100-level courses & 211213, 6:00-9:00pm, Holmes Hall Lobby

**SPORTS**  
• "Women's Rugby Practice, 4:45-7:00pm, Rugby Pitch  
• "UK Shaolin-Do Karate Club, 5:30pm, Alumni Gym Loft  
• "The Kappa Phi Fraternity, 6:30-9:00pm, Alumni Gym Loft

**SPECIAL EVENTS**  
• "Earth Day Fair, 10:00am-2:00pm, Student Center Plaza (Free Speech Area)  
• "Futures Brightness, 2:24-4:00pm, Student Center, Rm. 106

**ARTS/MOVIES**  
• "The Ensemble Concert, 7:30pm, Singlary Center, Frat

**Weds 16**

**MEETING**  
• "Encounter, 7:00pm, Student Center, Rm. 230  
• "Students of Religion/Diversity & Conversations Study, Noon, Student Center, Rm. 113  
• "Dressage Team, 8:00pm, Campus, 2nd floor conference room  
• "Landscape Society Meeting, 8:00pm, Student Center, Rm. 106  
• "Fellowship of Christian Athletes, 10:00pm, CSD Building, Corner of Woodland and Columbia  
• "Male Fraternity, French conversation group, 3:00-4:00pm, Student Center, Rm. 228  
• "College Democrats Meeting, 7:45pm, Student Center, Rm. 211

**ACADEMIC**  
• "Chemistry Tutoring, All 100-level courses, 6:00-10:00pm, Commons, Rm. 307  
• "Biology, All 100-level courses, 6:00-10:00pm, Commons, Rm. 307  
• "Engineering and Intermediate Japanese Tutoring, 7:00-8:30pm, Young Library, check the circulation desk for the location  
• "Math Tutoring, All 100-level courses, 10:00-2:00pm, Math Resource Center 083 Classroom Building  
• "Math Tutoring, All 100-level courses, 6:00-10:00pm, Holmes Hall Lobby  
• "Math Tutoring, All 100-level courses, 6:00-10:00pm, Commons, Rm. 307  
• "Physics Tutoring, All 100-level courses & 211213, 6:00-10:00pm, Commons, Rm. 307  
• "French Tutoring, 4:00-6:00pm, Memorial Hall Lobby

**ARTS/MOVIES**  
• "French Film Series, 7:00pm, WT Young Library Auditorium, Frat  
• "Women's Rugby Practice, 4:45-7:00pm, Rugby Pitch  
• "Equestrian Team, 8:00pm, Ag. North Building

**SPECIAL EVENTS**  
• "YWCA Spouse Abuse Center, 5:30pm, 190C Student Center  
• "Powers for Elders, 2:30-3:30pm, Student Center, Rm. 106  
• "Manchester Center, 3:30pm-5:30pm, Manchester Center  
• "Lexington Center for Health Rehabilitation, 2:30-4:00pm, Student Center, Rm. 106  
• "Feed the Needy, 10:00am-11:00am, Student Center, Rm. 106

**Thur 24**

**MEETINGS**  
• "UK Lambda, 7:30pm, UK Student Center, Rm. 321  
• "Institute of Religion: History of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, 12:00-12:30pm, UK Medical Building 3rd Floor  
• "Diversity & Lunch, 12:00pm, 429 Columbia Ave. \$1.00  
• "Frat Student Union, 7:00pm, Baptist Student Union  
• "Conventional English Class, 7:00pm, Baptist Student Union  
• "Surgery, 8:00pm, CSD Building  
• "Advanced International Meeting, 10:00pm, Student Center, Rm. 228  
• "Anastour Radio Club, 7:00-9:00pm, Chemistry Physics, Rm. 183

**ACADEMIC**  
• "Peter D. Siegel, writer of screenplays, non-fiction, and fiction, 6:00pm, WT Young Library Auditorium, Free and open to the public  
• "Math Tutoring, All 100-level courses, 2:00pm-4:00pm, Math Resource Center 083 CB  
• "How to Land a Job in Pharmaceutical Sales" 4:00-5:00pm, Student Bldg, Rm. 202, Frat House

**SPORTS**  
• "UK Shaolin-Do Karate Club, 5:30pm, Alumni Gym Loft  
• "Women's Rugby Practice, 4:45-7:00pm, Rugby Pitch

**SPECIAL EVENTS**  
• "Hans Radin Lecture Training Class, 7:00-8:00pm, Chem Physics Building, Rm. 183, Frat House  
• "Cards for Kids, 10:00am-12:00pm, Student Center, Rm. 106  
• "Hoop Center, 11:00am-11:30pm, Student Center, Rm. 106  
• "HawkFest, 1:00-4:00pm, Commons Market and Blaze Courtyard, Danner \$6.99  
• "Commons Theme Concert, 6:00pm-10:00pm, Memorial Hall Amphitheater  
• "Humanitarian Concerns in Iraq: Film and Discussion, 7:00pm, Classroom Building, Rm. 102

**INTRAMURAL/RECREATION**  
• "Soft Defense: Kempo class, 6:30-8:00pm, Alumni Gym Loft, Free! No experience needed.

**ARTS/MOVIES**  
• "UK Women's Choir Concert, 7:30pm, Singlary Center, Frat

**Fri 25**

**MEETINGS**  
• "International Christian Fellowship, 7:00pm, St. Augustine's Chapel  
• "UK Closure Unwrapping, 5:30-7:00pm, Commonwealth House  
• "Critical Mass Bike Ride, 5:30pm, Woodland Park parking lot  
• "A Residence Fraternity, 8:30pm, Memorial Hall  
• "Manchester Center, 3:30pm-5:30pm, Manchester Center  
• "Ice Cream Party, 3:00pm-4:00pm, Fraternity Lawn of Student Center

**SPORTS**  
• "The Kappa Phi Fraternity, 6:30-7:00pm, Alumni Gym Loft

**ARTS/MOVIES**  
• "UK Wind Ensemble Concert, 7:30pm Singlary Center, Frat  
• "The Kappa Phi Fraternity, 11:00am-12:30pm, Alumni Gym Loft

**SPECIAL EVENT**  
• "Give Back to the Gorge, 10:00am, Red River Gorge  
• "Futures Brightness Home, 2:00pm-5:00pm

**Sat 26**

**MEETINGS**  
• "International Student Bible Study, 6:30pm, Baptist Student Union  
• "Male Fraternity Pal Executive Board Meeting, 7:00pm, Student Center, Rm. 228

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• "Biology, All 100-level courses, 6:00-10:00pm, Commons, Rm. 307

**ARTS/MOVIES**  
• "UK Symphony Band Concert, 3:00pm, Singlary Center, Frat  
• "UK Combo Concert, 7:30pm, Singlary Center, Frat

**Sun 27**

**MEETINGS**  
• "International Student Bible Study, 6:30pm, Baptist Student Union  
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IN OUR OPINION

## Class of '03 can form base of new donors

It may seem odd that in the same year UK's budget shrinks and students face a tuition increase, the UK Athletics Association's budget swells from \$43 million to \$48 million.

But this situation shouldn't provoke students to wonder about misplaced values. The UK Athletics Association is, after all, funded independently from UK. Instead, students should wonder why UK's academic side can't solicit contributions as efficiently as its athletic side.

Of course, the UKAA will fund part of its increase with more expensive tickets, which is equivalent to a tuition increase. But the organization will also receive much of its funding from donors. To this end, UK Athletics Director Mitch Barnhart announced plans for a "Big Blue Caravan," which will feature Tubby Smith and Rich Brooks and visit seven regional cities to drum up support for the revenue drive.

Barnhart has chose to rename the Blue/White fund the K-fund to draw attention to and enliven UKAA's drive. The association also announced a handful of other measures it hopes will entice donors to increase their donations.

The UKAA has a clear plan to increase its budget and is offering donors and potential donors a reason to contribute.

John Thelin, a higher education and public policy professor at UK, said "sophistication and effective fund raising on all levels" is the key to raising money. And while the UKAA has grasped this concept, it's unclear whether the university has implemented it. After all, despite the size of Commonwealth Stadium and Rupp Arena, there are for more UK alumni than there are football and basketball season ticket holders.

UK grads should shoulder some of this blame. And in less than three weeks, that group will include a number of current students. Perhaps this group can form the foundation of a new group of donors. One that witnessed the renovations of Commonwealth Stadium and Rupp Arena, but also the deterioration of the Reynolds Building and tuition increases. Surely this group will contain fervent Cat fans, but here's hope it also contains a majority of alumni who will donate to UK's academic side at least as much as to the UKAA.

## READER RESPONSE

### Article errs by connecting incidents to fraternity system

To the editor:

The record on fraternity hazing needs to be set straight on UK's campus. The article "Incidents put spotlight on hazing" [April 16, pg. 1] was misleading and untrue to place fraternities at fault for two disgusting incidents that have taken place in the past month.

These two occurrences have nothing to do with the fraternities that the victims were pledging, other than that was the guise the alleged perpetrator used to coax the gentlemen into doing as he wished. The connection of these incidents to the fraternity system is unfortunate for several reasons.

The most glaring injustice in this case is that these two young men will undoubtedly be permanently scarred from this awful crime. Both of these gentlemen had made the life-altering decision to join a fraternity. For a pledge, a semester is spent getting to know the fraternity's history values and brothers through a pledge program that has been developed by the fraternity.

This, in turn, develops within the pledge a sense of pride, belonging and trust. Surely, the two victims in this have lost much of the trust and self-assuredness that come with joining a fraternity. Their privacy has been violated not only by their abductor, but also by all of the attention of the media surrounding the case. I hope that in time, both of these individuals will be able to go on with their lives as they were before.

The secondary victim in all of this is the fraternity system in general. Articles like this serve as nothing but vehicles to perpetuate stereotypes and start witch hunts for cases of fraternity hazing.

UK has a storied and proud fraternity system that has witnessed terrible acts of hazing in the past. Through the hard work of the members, faculty and dean of students' staff, hazing has all but been eradicated on this campus. I do not know of a more plain way to put it.

Fraternities have worked extremely hard in the past decade to put terrible traditions to rest and, save for a couple of small isolated incidents, have succeeded. Fraternities have codified their commitment against hazing through changing their pledge programs, requiring member education and changing their rituals to include pledges against hazing. This is why it is so offensive that the actions of two sick individuals can be somehow construed into being placed in the same sentence as ritualistic fraternity hazing.

If hazing doesn't exist, it begs the question: Why were the two gentlemen so ready to get into a car with someone they didn't know? Alpha Tau Omega and Kappa Sigma have around 100 members each. A pledge is expected to get to know every member as well as they can during their time as a pledge and an active member. The two victims probably did not think twice about enthusiastically accompanying a brother somewhere (this goes back to building trust and getting to know your future brothers). Once they were placed in handcuffs and blindfolded, this is where the irregularity begins and is why the victims knew to come forward with what had happened.

I implore the readers and writers of the Kernel to think more considerably and to try to place themselves in a more insider's point-of-view when dealing with issues as sensitive as sexual assault and fraternity hazing.

Sensationalist journalism is irresponsible and damaging to those involved. When Jeff Pletzer and Matt Rzepka died after falling from Kirwan Tower last May, the Kernel was quick to point out the connection of the victims to fraternities and alcohol. This is just another case of cynicism by the Kernel staff when connecting horrific events to fraternities. The tireless work of fraternities to promote brotherhood and leadership development should be the emphasis of future Kernel coverage.

BRYAN YOUNG

FINANCE SENIOR, FORMER PRESIDENT OF KAPPA SIGMA AND FORMER EXECUTIVE VICE PRESIDENT OF THE UK INTERFRATERNITY COUNCIL

## Who will carry the torch now that Jordan is done?

Lindsey Keith

CONTRIBUTING COLUMNIST

The last flight for No. 23 landed on Wednesday. Michael Jordan scored 15 points and was a blurred image of what he once was as his Wizards were defeated in Philadelphia. I flipped through memories of Jordan's career as I sat watching his last performance, and images popped instantly into my head. The "pose" after his last-second shot in Utah in the 1998 finals, soaring from the free throw line like Dr. J in 1988 to win the slam dunk contest and grimeacing in pain as he scored 38 points on Utah battling a stomach virus on his way to winning his fifth championship.

Jordan intrigues me during this time of war because he lets my mind drift away to a better time than the present — the days when all that mattered was what time the sun went down on another day of playing basketball until dusk in the backyard. In Jordan's prime, nothing else seemed to matter except his game at that moment. Watching him glide through the air inhuman-like diverted my mind away from anything else.

As Jordan reaches the end of his career, it makes me realize America cannot even find comfort in sports as we have done so many times when there is conflict. America can concentrate on nothing but the war, which I admit is something that has to be given an immense amount of attention. But America needs something to rescue us as only sports can. In

World War II, baseball gave Americans reason to cheer and a moment to escape the reality of war. It seems during every conflict or war throughout the history of our country we have found reason to cheer through sports.

Tiger Woods had his chance to give America reason to cheer this weekend at the Masters. He failed, and a Canadian won the golf tournament. Baseball, "America's pastime," had its chance two weeks ago when Major League Baseball began its season, but no one has emerged to let the public divert attention from the war. This is the time we need the epic home run race between Mark McGuire and Sammy Sosa. These two men let America get lost in the game of baseball for an entire summer. Now the only race in baseball is to the bank to cash their paychecks.

Back to Jordan. As he walks off the hardwood for the last time, he represents the end of an era of athletes who inspired everyone they touched. They made me dream and want more each time I watched them. Athletes now make kids want tattoos, gold chains and crooked hats.

I dream of the days when Magic Johnson and Larry Bird duelled for an entire game and then would embrace at the end of their battle. I dream of the days when Jordan would hit a last-second shot to win the game and then act as if he had done that everyday of his life.

Now if players duel the entire game, the two will taunt each other at the end of the game. Now if someone hits a last-second shot to win the game, he acts as if he had liberated Iraq.

The cheering people in the streets of Baghdad made me realize how minuscule hitting a last second shot, sinking a putt from twenty feet or hitting a home run in the bottom of the ninth really is.

However, America needs an athlete to rescue us from the endless news on the casualties and horrors of war. An athlete just to turn the channel to watch. Or someone who makes Americans feel like kids again, when the only worries were what time the sun went down over the rugged, beaten-out path called a baseball field.

I want to challenge students to go watch sports and find that athlete that plays for the mere thrill of competition and escape reality through sports for a moment in time.

If you do not like sports, find that part of your life that captivates you and let it entrance you for a few hours. I also want to challenge the athletes to play from the heart and take a step back and remember that sports are for fun.

The real battle rages in another land. Athletes should have fun, put a smile on their face and let America flee from the world full of war just for an instant.

To Jordan, thank you for giving us all you had and letting us escape from reality with you for a memorable fifteen seasons. Now America can only hope an athlete like Jordan emerges out of his shadows.

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