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SG passes budget with higher executive pay

Two new jobs cause for increase, president says

By Sean Rose
THE KENTUCKY KERNEL

The Student Government Senate approved SG's budget for the year last night after impassioned debate over the raise in funds going toward the executive branch.

The Executive Support Staff fund pays for the stipends and schol-

arships of the executive staff. The passed budget allots \$13,500 for this fund, a \$2,500 increase from last year's \$11,000. SG President Becky Ellingsworth said the increase was needed because of the addition of new positions such as Chief of Staff and Webmaster. She also said that even with the increase in funds, the staff would be paid less than minimum wage when compared to their hours worked.

"I tried to be very fiscally conservative with it," Ellingsworth said.

She said she would monitor her staff's work to make sure the increase will be well served.

"If they do not do their office hours or don't do their work, then they're not going to get paid for it," Ellingsworth said. "We didn't appoint them just to sit there and twiddle their thumbs until they get paid."

Senator Lauren Henson, a communications sophomore, argued against the increase from last year.

"I haven't seen that much work during the past," Henson said of the executive branch. She added that she

didn't think that would be the case this year, but still expressed concern.

"I want to make sure the people we put in office in paid positions are held accountable," Henson said.

Senator Ben Carter, a finance and economics senior, supported the increase, citing that often, the responsibilities of the office prevent the officer from holding another job.

"My pay was a compensation for the fact that I have to pay for food, I have to pay for rent," said Carter, who has an executive staffer in the past.

The Senate also held an emer-

gency meeting last night a half-hour before the regularly scheduled meeting. An amendment to the SG constitution was passed last night to delay the freshman elections by two weeks. According to the SG constitution, an amendment must be voted on twice before it can go into effect. The emergency meeting was scheduled because of this.

The amendment states that "in the case of extenuating circumstances the Senate may postpone the election" not exceeding the 10th porters after a closed-door Senate briefing yesterday.

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"Most professional sculptors are trying to get something like this."

Garry Bibbs, UK sculpture professor



Caitlyn Heinz, a fine arts senior in sculpture studio, presented her model to Harbor Steel in hopes of creating a sculpture to be placed in front of the company's building.

Curves of steel

Local metal supplier offers one UK student front-lawn spot for sculpture

By Sean Rose
THE KENTUCKY KERNEL

UK's advanced sculpture students worked down to the last minute yesterday, taping pictures to podiums and arranging spotlights to shine on scale models in the Barnhart Gallery of the Reynolds Building.

As part of a class project, the students are competing for the chance to design and build a sculpture that will be displayed in front of the Harbor Steel building in Lexington. The winner will be announced Monday.

Harbor Steel is a Midwestern metal supplier that has donated scrap metal to the UK sculpture program in past years. This year, head of UK sculpture Professor Garry Bibbs worked with the company to create this opportunity for the sculpture students.



Chris Bohach, a second-year graduate student in fine arts, pointed out different aspects of his model to Harbor Steel's general manager Ron Willard.

"It's a privilege to be selected to create a piece to go in front of someone's building," Bibbs said. "Most professional sculptors are trying to get something like this."

The students had to incorporate the Harbor Steel logo in their piece and design it to fit onto a 6-by-10 foot platform. The students prepared a written proposal for their piece as

well as a scale model of the sculpture, which they presented to Harbor Steel representatives yesterday.

The first-place winner will get to build the design with all materials donated by the company and receive a \$500 prize. Second place receives a \$250 prize and third place receives \$100. The winner must have the sculpture constructed and installed by the end of the fall semester to receive class credit.

Sculpture senior Michael Martinez said one of the best parts of winning would be the free materials. He said it would cost \$1,500 to \$2,000 to buy the materials for his design. He added that the experience alone that would come from winning would be worthwhile.

"It'd just be nice to build something on that scale," Martinez said. "It'd unlock a lot of

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Bush warns of increased Iraq violence

By Robin Wright
THE WASHINGTON POST

WASHINGTON — President Bush warned yesterday that the bloodshed and violence by Iraqi extremists will escalate as the country moves into the last phase of its transition over the next three months — beginning with the referendum on a controversial new constitution on Oct. 15.

"We can expect they'll do everything in their power to try to stop the march of freedom," Bush warned during comments in the Rose Garden about terrorism.

The top U.S. general in Iraq yesterday backed away from his suggestion, as recently as this summer, that the United States could begin a "fairly substantial" withdrawal of troops early next year. "I think, right now, we're in a period of a little greater uncertainty than when I was asked that question back in July and March," Army Gen. George W. Casey Jr., who is in charge of combat operations in Iraq, told reporters after a closed-door Senate briefing yesterday.

After talks with Casey and Army Gen. John Abizaid, Bush expressed confidence that the U.S. led campaign to quell Iraq's insurgency can deal with a further escalation. "Our troops are ready for it," he said.

For all the public confidence, however, the Bush administration in private is nervous about this sensitive last stage, which will establish whether Iraq's disparate religious and ethnic factions can stay together in a single nation — and whether civil war can be avoided, according to U.S. officials and experts on Iraq.

The administration has come under growing pressure at home and abroad over the past two weeks, with dire warnings from Arab allies and a prominent international group about the looming disintegration of Iraq. In an unusual public rebuke of U.S. policy, Saudi Arabia's foreign minister called a news conference in Washington last week to predict Iraq's dissolution. He said there is no leadership or momentum to pull Iraq's Shiites, Sunnis and Kurds

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GOP leader, indicted, steps down

By Richard A. Serrano and Scott Gode
LOS ANGELES TIMES

HOUSTON — Rep. Tom DeLay one of the country's most powerful Republicans, was indicted yesterday by a Texas grand jury on a charge of violating state campaign finance laws. The action forced him to step aside as House majority leader, deepening the GOP's political woes.

As DeLay proclaimed his innocence, House Republicans moved swiftly to select Rep. Roy Blunt of Missouri as "temporary majority leader." Party leaders stressed that they would continue to pursue their legislative agenda aggressively.

But the indictment rocked Capitol Hill and raised questions about how effectively House Republicans would operate. DeLay has been a top fundraiser for the GOP, a strict enforcer of party discipline and an outspoken advocate for conservative causes.

House Republican rules required that DeLay give up his leadership job because of the indictment, but he retains his House seat. DeLay is the highest-ranking member of Congress to ever be indicted.

The single charge alleges that DeLay and

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Bikers, pedestrians weigh in on police request

Police chief asks cyclists to stay off marked paths

By Megan Boehme
THE KENTUCKY KERNEL

Acting UK Police Chief Kevin Franklin's call for students to stop riding bicycles on campus sidewalks resonated with some students yesterday, but not with others.

An increase in complaints from students and faculty

prompted Franklin to ask cyclists to stop riding bicycles in restricted areas on campus. Officers will begin issuing citations, a \$25 fee, for such violations as early as next week.

"It's pretty stupid. They shouldn't punish people for riding their bikes. I am not trying to hit people," said Lauren Fryxell, a structural engineering graduate student who usually bikes from Martin Luther King Boulevard to the engineering complex.

"I think people are going to be careful if they're walking on the sidewalk," she said.

Some students agreed that cyclists on campus are not bothersome.

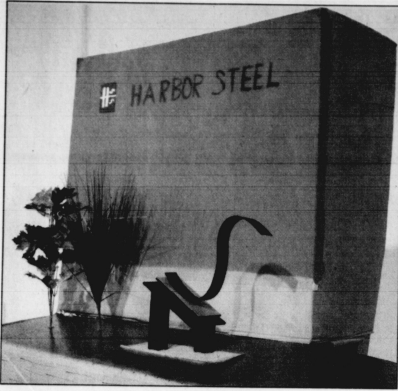
"There are people who ride on the sidewalk, but they're usually pretty good about maneuvering through people," said Molly Martin, a business management junior. "It doesn't really matter to me, (as long as) they maneuver through people," she said.

Martin considered getting a bike herself.

"It's such a big campus that it makes it a lot easier to get to class," she said.

UK police's concentration is on individuals riding their bicycles on sidewalks painted with "no biking" signs on Central Campus — an area where all of the complaints Franklin has received are originating from. It's an area surrounded by Rose

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A model of a steel sculpture constructed by a UK advanced sculpture student sits in the Barnhart Gallery. Harbor Steel is sponsoring a competition among the students and the winner will receive the materials needed to build and install a sculpture in front of the company's building.

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possibilities." Ceramics graduate student Waseem Touma echoed his sentiments. "It would be a privilege; it would be exciting as a student," Touma said. He added that it was a fun project to see how the other students developed their individual ideas out of one uniform assignment.

The students toured the Harbor Steel building and had roughly a month to plan and create the design. Touma said it took two weeks alone to construct his model.

Harbor Steel General Manager Ron Willard looked over the designs and presentations yesterday along with Mike McDermot, Harbor's outside sales executive. Willard said he wasn't sure how he would make his decision. "I just wanted something a little modern," Willard said.

The representatives were expected to make their decision yesterday, but decided to hold off until Monday. They took photos and wanted to talk to other representatives of the company.

Bibbs said he was proud of his students' work. "I'm excited — it's the first time we've ever done anything like this," Bibbs said. "All in all, it's another lesson in sculpture."

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SG

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week of class. Kyle Hettinger, chairman of the Board of Elections and a political science sophomore, said the amendment was needed because there was not enough time to organize the elections because of SG's late start. He also said it's important the elections go smoothly to improve SG's image.

"We need to bring back some credibility to SG," Hettinger said. "The most important thing is that we do this in an organized manner."

The amendment was passed in both meetings and goes into effect immediately. The Senate voted on new polling times for the freshman elections, based on the new amendment. They will be Oct. 19 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. and Oct. 20 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

The Senate also approved adding \$2,500 to the 221-RIDE program, boosting its budget to \$7,500. The funds were added because 221-RIDE is expanding its services.

The Senate approved an increase in funds to the Senate Support Staff to \$6,500 from \$3,000 in the originally drafted budget. The amount is \$1,000 less than last year. The account pays for the stipends and scholarships of the Sen-

ate's staff. Senate President Nick Phelps, an economics and finance sophomore, said the increase from the original draft was needed to pay for two new positions.

The Senate finished by electing members of the impeachment committee, which would handle impeachment charges if needed, as well as two members to serve during the University Senate meetings.

The SG Senate also approved 12 students to be recommended to President Lee Todd to serve on the University Appeals Board. The board handles situations where students' rights have been violated.

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"People are starting to ignore the rules a little bit," Franklin told The Kernel Tuesday. "I'm starting to get some complaints from pedestrians, faculty and staff about stepping outside their classrooms and a bicycle whizzing by on areas they aren't supposed to be riding and almost hitting people."

Some students said they're bothered by bicyclists on the sidewalks.

"They're really annoying," said Rachel Chen, a pre-pharmacy freshman who walks to her classes every day. "One kid was riding straight toward us and he didn't slow down or anything. We had to step out of the way so he could get through."

While many students ride their bikes to campus, not all students ride their bicycles from class to class.

"I think it's fine having the parking here and walking. It's not that far," said Nathan Lyons, an undecided sophomore who rides his bicycle from Oldham Avenue to Patterson Drive. Lyons' classes are in Whitehall Classroom Building and Memorial

Hall.

Computer science graduate student Miao Liao said while he chooses to ride his bicycle around campus because of high gas prices and cost of a parking pass, he avoids riding on sidewalks because of pedestrians.

Franklin said Tuesday police don't want to have to issue citations, but they are trying to keep the campus safe.

"We don't want to have to start going around and aggressively enforcing the bike regulations," he said. "We are just asking people to use common sense, follow the regulations and make campus a little safer for everybody." E-mail: mboehnke@kykernel.com

Bush

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back together and prevent a civil war. Other countries have expressed similar concerns in private, according to U.S. and Arab diplomats.

With Bush's approval ratings already the lowest of his presidency, the administration is also facing an increasingly visible antiwar move-

ment at home, from a week-end demonstration of about 100,000 people in Washington to a new "Out of Iraq" congressional caucus. The caucus, which has 68 members, all Democrats, is mounting a campaign to withdraw U.S. troops.

"We're building a growing movement against the war in Iraq that will give people who feel uncomfortable about the war a place to share their concerns and discuss and work through a solution —

should it be immediate withdrawal or an exit strategy. We want to build a consensus that we want to get out," said Rep. Maxine Waters, D-Calif.

This last phase of the political transition has become a flashpoint largely because of Iraq's Sunni minority, which is widely skeptical that Iraq's proposed constitution would protect them or provide equal access to Iraq's oil revenue. Sunnis from Iran and neighboring countries are the main force behind the insurgency.

DeLay

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two political associates conspired to funnel corporate money illegally to Republican candidates in Texas. It capped years of intense political animosity between DeLay and Ronnie Earle, the Democratic district attorney in Austin, who is leading what has been a lengthy investigation into DeLay and his allies.

"Let me be very, very clear," DeLay said yesterday. "I have done nothing wrong. I have violated no law, no regulation, no rule of the House. I have done nothing unlawful, unethical or, I might add, unprecedented."

Many of his colleagues backed him up, and White

House spokesmen Scott McClellan said that President Bush still considered DeLay "a good ally, a leader who we have worked closely with to get things done for the American people."

But Democrats seized on the indictment as another in a series of ethical problems and political missteps by the Republican establishment.

House Democratic Leader Nancy Pelosi of San Francisco called DeLay's indictment "the latest example that Republicans in Congress are plagued by a culture of corruption at the expense of the American people" — a charge she and other Democrats have signaled they will stress in next year's mid-term elections.

For many Republicans, DeLay's indictment heightens anxiety over the political environment developing for the

2006 campaign.

"Anytime you have anything that even smacks of scandal, I think it hurts all of us," said Rep. Joel Hefley, R-Colo.

DeLay, 58, was first elected to the House in 1984 from Sugar Land, a suburb of Houston. Once the owner of a pest control company, he emerged as a prominent lawmaker after the "Republican Revolution" in the 1994 elections gave the party control of the House for the first time in 50 years.

He earned the nickname "The Hammer" for keeping his GOP colleagues in line. He was deft at tapping into Washington lobbyists and other sources of political money to help keep Republicans in power. And he was a major force behind his party's impeachment of President Clinton.

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Female suicide bomber kills seven in Iraq city

By Louise Roug
LOS ANGELES TIMES

BAGHDAD, Iraq — A female suicide bomber disguised in traditional male robes killed seven people and wounded at least 35 when she detonated explosives outside a police recruitment center in the troubled northwestern city of Tal Afar on yesterday, according to Iraqi authorities.

The bomber was believed to be the first female to carry out a deadly suicide attack in Iraq since U.S.-led troops ousted Iraq President Saddam Hussein in April 2003, and locals met the news with a weary sense of inevitability brought on by the continuing insurgent violence.

"I am not surprised to hear this news," said Abed Hazzem, a police officer in Baghdad. "We are on the lookout for anything. They've used dogs, donkeys, poisoned food, and now women."

The unusual attack came amid another series of bloody episodes across Iraq.

In Baqouba, north of Baghdad, a suicide car bomber aimed his vehicle at Iraqi police officers near the main entrance to the city. The bomb exploded close to the checkpoint, killing a passing driver who was hit in the head by flying shrapnel, according to an eyewitness. More than a dozen others were injured.

Near the city of Safwan in southern Iraq, two American convoys struck roadside bombs within the same hour Wednesday, killing two soldiers and an airman in two separate explosions, according to U.S. military officials. American officials also announced an investigation into the death of a Marine two days earlier from a non-hostile gunshot wound at a camp near Fallujah. A third soldier, assigned to the 2nd Marine Division, II Marine Expeditionary Force, died Tuesday after he was shot during combat in Ramadi, officials said.

In clashes between armed men and U.S. forces on a highway near Ghazaliya on Baghdad's western edge, a passing driver was shot and killed by stray bullets, according to Iraqi officials.

Police discovered the bodies of seven young men near a railway line in Shula, a northwestern Baghdad district. The men, who had been blindfolded, handcuffed and shot, were Sunnis from Huriya who had been arrested by unknown men Tuesday night, according to Adnan Duellani from the Sunni People Conference.

Insurgents have stepped up their bloody campaign after a joint U.S.-Iraq military offensive in Tal Afar near the Syrian border earlier this month. The violence has

mostly targeted Shiites. But in recent months, there have also been reports of police abuses against Sunnis.

In Tal Afar, residents have slowly begun returning to a community patrolled by soldiers and riddled with checkpoints, sandbags and barbed wire.

According to Iraqi officials, 160 suspected insurgents have been killed and more than 700 people detained in the course of the offensive.

The female suicide bombing followed meetings Tuesday between Iraqi government envoys and local chiefs aimed at encouraging residents to sign up with the Iraqi police.

The cloaked woman struck the recruitment center as it opened its doors for the first time yesterday. Mingling with recruits and people seeking government aid, she detonated her explosives as she reached the center of the crowd, said Maj. Jamil Mohammed Saleh.

Before the explosion, "I heard some people saying 'make way for her,'" said a 22-year-old recruit.

"Women being involved in such operations would really make us concerned and worried," said Haider Badi, a spokesman for Iraqi Prime Minister Ibrahim al-Jaafari. While female suicide bombers have struck repeatedly in Israel, Russia and

Checnya, there have been few such attacks in Iraq. Before the fall of Baghdad in April 2003, two women killed three American soldiers when they blew up their car at a checkpoint near the city of Haditha.

A woman was caught carrying explosives as she was about to enter a government building in Baghdad six months later.

Meanwhile, in remarks yesterday to reporters in Washington, President Bush painted an upbeat picture of developments in Iraq.

"The terrorists will fail," Bush said. "See, the Iraqis want to be free."

Bush said U.S.-led forces had dealt a strong blow to insurgents in recent days with the killing of Abdullah Abu Azzam, identified as the No. 2 leader of al-Qaida in Iraq.

Azzam was shot during a raid in a southeastern neighborhood Baghdad over the weekend.

"This guy was a brutal killer," said Bush, declaring that the American-led "plan to win" includes "hunting down high-valued targets like Azzam."

Still, Bush warned of the likelihood of escalating violence in advance of the Oct. 15 Iraqi constitutional referendum — comments echoed in London by British Foreign Secretary Jack Straw, who warned of "more dark moments" in Iraq.

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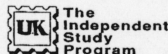
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Army looks into soldiers' tie to porn Web site

Officials investigate allegations of war photos traded for porn

By Josh White
THE WASHINGTON POST

WASHINGTON — U.S. Army officials are looking into allegations that soldiers have been trading gruesome digital pictures of war victims in Iraq and Afghanistan for access to an amateur pornography Web site, but officials said yesterday that there is insufficient evidence to pursue criminal charges.

The allegations surfaced last week, when the East Bay Express, a weekly newspaper in the San Francisco area, published a story about graphic photographs that appeared on one section of the Web site. The photographs, which show the bodies of several people killed in shootings, explosions, or fires, include crude captions, some of which mock the dead.

Pentagon and Army officials issued strong statements yesterday condemning the taking and posting of such photographs but said

there is little evidence to authenticate them and few ways to pursue a criminal investigation. While some of the photos appear to show U.S. soldiers in uniform near mutilated bodies, it is unclear where or when the pictures were taken.

The Web site's creator, Chris Wilson, said Wednesday that about 30,000 members of the military are registered on his site, several thousand of whom have sent him photographs or comments from their official military addresses.

Many photographs depict life in Iraq, while only a few are extremely graphic, he said.

"It's an uncensored view of the war, from their perspective," said Wilson, 27, of Florida, who began accepting the photographs from soldiers overseas as payment for access to pornography on his site. "It's a place where the soldiers can express themselves without being fil-

tered by the Bush administration."

Those who submit photos of war casualties could be breaking military rules against "unbecoming" conduct and also could be in violation of government regulations regarding use of the Internet. Soldiers in Iraq and Afghanistan have access to the Internet, largely at Internet cafes, and many have digital cameras.

Army spokesman Paul Boyce said investigators have been examining the photos for clues to their origin, adding that commanders in the field are emphasizing that taking and posting such photos is unacceptable.

"If accurate, these are gruesome depictions of deceased people in Iraq, and that violates the standards of our values, training and procedures that we ask military personnel to observe and obey," Boyce said.

"It is very difficult to establish they are in fact being submitted by soldiers, where they were taken, who they were taken by, and the circumstances surrounding them."

The Council on Ameri-

can-Islamic Relations has decried the photographs and called for a Pentagon investigation. An official said the images could inflame insurgents and give people in other nations the mistaken impression that many Americans are gloating over casualties of the Iraq war.

"What we're most concerned about is the safety of our own soldiers," said Arsalan Ifkhar, CAIR's legal director. "It only tarnishes our image even further and serves as fodder for the insurgents and terrorists."

The Web site, which has an obscenity in its name and Web address, says it is primarily a site for "amateur" pornography. Wilson, who said he supports the soldiers and the war, said users must search out the corpse photos, which are not displayed prominently on the site.

He also said that if the military approached him through official channels and asked him to remove the photos, he would shut down that part of his Web site.

"There's no need to put soldiers in danger, if that's what they believe the photos are doing," he said.

Supreme Court to hear model's case

Anna Nicole Smith's battle over \$475 million inheritance rages on

By Charles Lane
THE WASHINGTON POST

WASHINGTON — Playboy Playmate of the Year, Reality TV Star, National Enquirer columnist. And now, to these titles, Anna Nicole Smith can add another: Supreme Court litigant.

The erstwhile Texas stripper's long legal battle for a share of her late billionaire husband's estate will apparently reach a climax before the justices, who announced Tuesday that they have accepted her request to review a federal appeals court ruling last year that gave all the money to the man's son.

At issue is the scope of the probate exception to fed-

eral jurisdiction. In other words, was a federal appeals court correct when it ruled last year that only state courts have authority over disputed estates?

But while undoubtedly important, this knotty legal issue may be overshadowed by certain other aspects of the complex case.

Start with the fact that Smith was just 26 — and a former dayshift dancer at a strip club — when she married 68-year-old billionaire industrialist J. Howard Marshall in 1994.

Marshall died the next year. Smith, whose real name is Vickie Lynn Marshall, claims that he promised her half of his \$1.6

billion fortune before that but that Marshall's son E. Pierce Marshall illegally thwarted his father's wishes.

Pierce Marshall denies that, and a Texas state jury and judge have sided with him, cutting Smith out of the estate entirely.

But federal judges in California, brought into the case in 1996 when Smith filed for bankruptcy under federal law in that state, took a kinder view of Smith's claim.

A bankruptcy court determined that she was entitled to \$475 million, an award later reduced by U.S. District Judge David Carter to \$86.5 million in damages from Pierce Marshall.

Carter, detailing the lavish gifts of cash, real estate and jewelry that Marshall had given Smith, found that the billionaire always intended to give Smith a huge

amount of money from his estate, even though only Smith recalled ever hearing him say so.

"Their lives were intertwined in need, driven by greed and lust," Carter wrote.

"Nevertheless, the Court is convinced of his love for her," Howard referred to Vickie as the "light of my life," and the lady that saved his life. His relationship with her provided the happiest moments of his last few years. ... There is no question that he showered her with gifts, that he sought to protect her and provide for her."

Last year, however, a three-judge panel of the U.S. Court of Appeals for the 9th Circuit, based in San Francisco, threw out Carter's ruling, declaring that only Texas courts have jurisdiction.

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WHAT'S THE DEAL? | Demystifying campus trends

Mind your manners, Generation Y

Do a quick exercise with me. For one minute, I want you to look at a person beside you (unless you are on the toilet, you will have to visualize), and think of yourself. "Would I want to be stuck on an island or in a foxhole with this person?"



Kenny Moyer
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Consider what it would be like being with that particular person, and also think about how the two of you would survive. At this point in the exercise you are doing one of two things, either you're looking at that attractive person of the opposite sex across the room and thinking dirty thoughts, or you're taking this game seriously and truly evaluating that person's character and determining whether or not you could live with them in dire times.

Our generation is known for being technologically advanced, overly ambitious, and most ardently selfish. Being stuck on an island with someone from our era

may lead to more creative methods of survival, but when resources run out, the "survival of the fittest" game begins, and everyone is on their own.

The focus of this exercise is to give you a chance to analyze your personal mannerisms, how you act around and treat others, and ultimately, whether or not you think someone else would want your company in a foxhole, a self-reflection of sorts. It's not hard to realize that true gentlemen and ladies are rare personalities these days. I could sit here and write about how to make society more proper by preaching about codes of chivalry and loving your neighbor, but let me instead give you two major concerns I have for people today. I'll attempt to find alternative methods of relieving the concerns with some modest proposals.

To begin, human conflict has existed since the dawn of man. Back in the day, people had to fend for themselves in times of life or death, thus leading to a scrappy mess. Maybe not based on these similar means of life or death, but people of today still possess the mentality that physical

fighting resolves anything. Because this mentality may not ever go away, let me share my alternative solution.

The formal definition of a duel is a prearranged, formal combat between two persons, usually fought (involving weapons of choice, usually guns) to settle a point of honor. Why can't we bring these back? I'm not sure when the trend of walking 10 paces, turning, aiming, and firing at someone else died out, but imagine if we still did this today. Mad at some guy because he's hitting on your girlfriend? Challenge him to a duel. Angry because that jerk just cut you off while driving? Ask him to pull over and compete in a fair fight. As long as society accepted this as a means of settlement, and the two parties followed the Irish Code Duello, I don't see a problem with it; it worked in the 18th century. Talk about standing up for what you believe in.

I think a lot of people would be a lot less uptight if they knew a duel, involving smoothbore flintlock pistols and gun powder, and possibly ending in their own demise, could happen at any time. People simply need to relax, laugh, and enjoy the

day. Lastly, how come guys don't take girls out on dinner dates anymore? Even more, is it considered moving "too fast" when a date occurs? It has always been real clear to me that the best way to get to know someone is through the process of private interview.

The reason companies hold interviews for future employees is to evaluate the applicant's character, skills, and long-range plans. People do it every day. So, why is it practically extinct from college lifestyle? Moral of this argument: Getting to know people, by taking the time to listen and ask questions about their day (and life), affects everyone more than you think. Building relationships with others is what helps us create networks, and more importantly, influence.

A drunk old man once said to me, "Kenny, be responsible, and don't hurt no one."

Even in his wasteful slur, he made sense. Think about it.

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Podcasts offer refuge for radio-weary

By Ian Conley
THE KENTUCKY KERNEL

Radio listeners who are tired of being inundated with commercials and over-the-top personalities spewing and screaming partisan opinions throughout the day now have a refuge in a new form of media: podcasting.

The idea is simple: user-created, user-distributed audio content delivered on schedule for a subscriber base. Think it's good enough to charge a fee for your efforts? Go ahead. Want to sell ads? Feel free. Want to become a shock-jock far worse than Howard Stern ever imagined? Great. There's no regulatory body over podcasting beyond your audience. Because of this, almost anyone can produce and distribute their own ideas, no matter how "out there" they may seem. Amid the plethora of casts, however, reigns one king, one podcast to rule them all without mercy: This Week in Tech.

TWIT (www.twit.tv) won the 2005 People's Choice Podcast Award and is the most listened-to podcast in America, according to iTunes statistics. Each episode, usually running around 75 minutes, is a veritable swan dive into the world of technology news from the following week, with a panel of commenta-

tors who have enough collective tech knowledge to merit your face.

Like most podcasts, there are no ads in TWIT; the entire show is supported by avid fans who donate \$2 per month or a recurring \$20 per year donation. Even so, listeners aren't required to donate at all.

The two models we could go with were subscriptions or advertising," said Leo Laporte, This Week in Tech's co-host and co-founder. "We all came from this experience at TechTV where we had to sort of sell our services to what TV wanted. Advertisers would do the same thing in some respects, so we went with the subscription model and it's working out just fine."

Getting into the podcast scene is easy. Users can simply download a podcasting client, subscribe to the feed, kick back, and wait for content every week. You can also use other clients and services, including iPodderX, Odeo and Podnova. iTunes, with release 4.9, added a podcast section to its online music store, allowing users to subscribe to virtually every podcast worth listening to on the net, and more often than not, for free.

Becoming an active podcaster by producing a weekly, biweekly or monthly show is just as easy. All you

really need is a microphone attached to a PC and a program to record into. Then just take your fresh mp3 and wrap it in a feed, easily done with the aforementioned iPodderX or other programs like Feedburner, and you're on your way to becoming a sensation of Internet message boards.

Accordingly, podcasting isn't just a massive media phenomenon in which only tech bigwigs like Laporte are able to reach a massive audience.

Lexingtonians Jess Kropczynski, Buddy Hall, and Anthony Lee Tanner have found a niche in the podcasting world with their own, Single Serving of Coke (www.singleservingofcoke.com).

"We kinda do a half-hour show about nothing," Kropczynski said. The show has evolved from mostly banter between the hosts into a more structured show.

"We play local music now and review it," Kropczynski said. "We read goofy articles from the BBC."

The show also features shout-outs to posters on the Single Serving of Coke message board, announcements of local events and a regular "Of the Day" feature, according to the podcast's Web site.

"It's real free speech. You can see what's happening in New Orleans and then listen to someone from there talk about it," Kropczynski noted. "We don't need to hear everything from the media anymore."

"It's great! It's letting anyone that's wanting to do a radio show do it and potentially find an audience," Laporte exclaimed. Kropczynski said it's critical to understand that with podcasting, your audience isn't limited by anything but their access to the Internet.

"We asked for postcards over the summer and we got them from all over," Kropczynski said. "We got one from England. We got an e-mail recently from a listener in Budapest, Hungary."

Most agreed that the worldwide spread and increasing numbers of most podcasters' audiences is pretty indicative of how rapidly podcasting is becoming mainstream, or at least a challenge to radio's popularity.

"I think most of the morning radio shows are crap," Kropczynski said. "Plus, who wants to listen to commercials?"

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UK sophomore tailback Rafael Little tries to break free from Gator defenders during the fourth quarter of the UK-Florida game Saturday at Commonwealth Stadium. Little has rushed 63 times for 368 yards and two touchdowns this season. "I've got to see how (the new coaches) treat me."

KEITH SMILEY | STAFF

No more Brooks may spur tailback to leave

Starting running back Rafael Little would consider a transfer

By Chris Johnson
THE KENTUCKY KERNEL

UK sophomore running back Rafael Little said this week if head coach Rich Brooks and UK parted ways at the end of the season, he would consider transferring to another school.

Following Saturday's 49-8 loss to No. 5 Florida, Little said repeatedly the current coaching staff was the reason he was at UK.

"I'd do anything to keep these coaches here," Little said. "I need them as much as they need me." Little has been the focus of UK's offense and return games this season, currently first in the Southeastern Conference and 14th in the nation with all-purpose yards per game with 160.2.

Little has 63 carries for 368 yards and two touchdowns for the Wildcats this season.

Little said that though his decision to transfer would only be made if Brooks wasn't at UK, and perhaps not even then, that he had been thinking about it during the season.

"He gave credit for his college life to UK's coaches. Without them, there is no me," he said. "They taught me everything I

know." After yesterday's practice, Little added, "They taught me all the stuff to do in college. I know I can trust them."

Little was highly recruited coming out of T.L. Hanna High School in Anderson, S.C. He was named to Rivals.com's national list of top-10 all-purpose backs. He chose UK over Nebraska, Tennessee, Georgia, South Carolina and Clemson.

Offensive coordinator Joker Phillips had the biggest impact on UK winning the Little sweepstakes. Phillips, who was Brooks' recruiting coordinator until this season, recalled the process surrounding the high-profile recruit's voyage to Kentucky, yesterday.

"We offered him (a scholarship) early, before anyone else did," Phillips said. "Then we waited him out ... he committed early, but then continued to look around, like all kids do."

Phillips said Little waited until national signing day to commit.

"Coach Brooks had already left for the news conference when I got the fax," Phillips said. "I had to rush over there and give him the thumbs-up ... we thought (Little would choose) Clem-

son. We were sweating it out until the last day."

Little said he came to Lexington because he liked the idea of helping start a successful program.

"I came because I knew they needed help," Little said. "It's what I like to do."

Little said re-thinking his college commitment would come at a high cost.

"I've got to see how everything goes," Little said, on the possibility of a new coaching staff. "I've got to see how (the new coaches) treat me."

He said he and all of the current coaches have the kind of relationship off the field that he wants.

"We're so close," Little said. "The defensive and offensive coaches. We like each other as people."

Brooks echoed that sentiment.

"He's just an outstanding individual," Brooks said. "He's committed to doing everything right, including off the field."

He played in nine games for UK last year, started three and gained 285 yards on 53 carries while the Cats went 2-9.

"I can't just say I'll leave (if Brooks leaves)," Little said, "but it's hard, man."

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SPORTS BRIEFS

All-Scholars for UK golfers

Sophomore golfer Beth Felt and junior Katie Johnson were named Division I All-America Scholars by the National Golf Coaches Association for the 2004-05 academic year, UK announced this week.

"I'm excited for Beth and Katie," head coach Stephanie Barker said. "Both of them work extremely hard, both on the golf course and in the classroom. These student-athletes epitomize what our program is all about."

The minimum cumulative grade point average for

award recipients is a 3.5, and student-athletes must participate in at least 50 percent of the college's regularly scheduled competitive rounds during the year, UK said.

Felt is a pre-physical therapy major and was named to the 2005 Southeastern Conference Freshmen Academic Honor Roll last spring.

Johnson is a biology major and a member of the 2005 Spring SEC Academic Honor Roll.

This weekend, the UK women's golf team hosts the only home event of the sea-

son at the University Club's Big Blue Course.

Special teams shine

The UK football team is ranked seventh in the nation this week in kickoff and punt returns. The Wildcats are averaging 34 yards on kickoff returns and 20.7 yards on punt returns.

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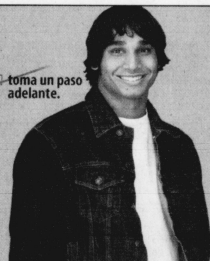
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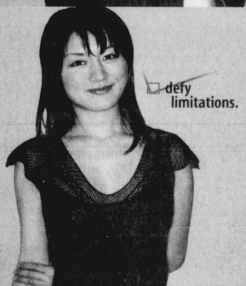
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Senior outside hitter Danielle Wallace (center) unites with the UK volleyball team before playing Louisville Sept. 7. Wallace leads UK with 181 kills for a 4.31 kill-per-game average. "It's about time management," the pharmacy student said. "I've had to eliminate some things. At times, my social life doesn't exist."

HILLY SCHIFFER | STAFF

Volleyball senior finds perfect prescription

By Chris DeLotell
THE KENTUCKY KERNEL

A demanding schedule comes with being a UK student-athlete. Demanding course work comes with being a UK pharmacy student.

But doing both? Volleyball senior outside hitter Danielle Wallace takes it in stride.

"It's about time management," said Wallace, who's had a team-high 181 kills this season. "I've had to eliminate some things.

"At times, my social life doesn't exist."

Wallace was accepted into the College of Pharmacy last spring and began the four-year program this semester. The three-year volleyball letter-winner said her life is a delicate balance.

Wallace said her life goes in two-week waves. The pharmacy school has block exams, which means she has a period of six exams in four days every four weeks. The most recent block exams came as the team was on a road trip to Chicago.

Wallace had to take exams before she left and then

more when she got back to Lexington after a weekend of three volleyball matches.

"I felt like running my head against the wall," she said. "Those were the hardest two weeks of my life. I was so exhausted."

Head coach Craig Skinner praised Wallace for how she handles her responsibilities.

"She's a very bright person," he said. "She has done a great job balancing the demands of both things. She's been a rock for us in every match."

Upon being accepted into the pharmacy program, Wallace became worried about how her teammates would handle her having to miss some practices and team events due to her heavy course load.

"I felt like I was letting down my team," she said. "I have to weight lift at a different time, and I missed a lot of practices. But my teammates have all been awesome. They always want to know how I'm doing in school."

Wallace was so concerned about the relation-

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ship with her teammates that she met with some of them prior to the season.

"I told them that just because I wasn't always going to be around didn't mean I was any less a part of the team," Wallace said. "I told them I was still going to be here to help them whenever they needed."

Wallace's teammates appreciated her communication with them and think highly of her for the challenge she has taken.

"I know it's really tiring for her, so I totally respect her for how many times she comes into practice and fires everyone up," said junior outside hitter Melissa Popp.

"She does that all the time. Everyone on the team really looks up to her and admires her for what she does."

Wallace will be studying on the road again this weekend. UK (8-1, 1-1 Southeastern Conference), flying high after an upset wins over Alabama Sunday, travels to Georgia and Florida this weekend.

The Bulldogs (6-5, 1-0 SEC) won their conference opener over Mississippi last week. Georgia has taken three straight matches from the Wildcats.

After the Georgia match tomorrow, the Cats head to Gainesville, Fla., to take on the fifth-ranked Gators (12-1, 2-0). Kentucky last beat Florida in 1991.

Florida has won 31 matches in a row against UK. For Wallace, the trip is a homecoming.

"It's exciting for me," the Florida native said. "It's going to be a lot of fun. Florida is always a great game to play."

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IN OUR OPINION STUDENT RIGHTS AND RESPONSIBILITIES, PART 1: CODE OF STUDENT CONDUCT

UK student code a reasonable document

This July, 38 years since the adoption of the original Code of Student Conduct, the Board of Trustees made the first major revision to the code — and extended UK's reach off campus.

The writers of the new 12-page document aimed to clarify and streamline the code, bringing it out of the late-'60s era of student protest, when it was originally written. But the most striking section of the new code is the extension of university jurisdiction to students' actions off campus.

This portion defines UK's "inherent authority" to discipline "off-campus behavior that is prejudicial to the character and welfare of the University." The situations it lists as appropriate for intervention are events connected to UK or a registered student organization, threats to the safety of members of the UK community, misuse of UK resources, actions related to academic

work, damage to university property or that of UK community members, and "conduct that is considered disorderly."

These provisions are, for the most part, a rational interpretation of university authority. As a major part of the Lexington community, UK obviously has a legitimate interest in students' actions that directly affect the community and reflect on the university as a whole. The school is also right to claim some authority over situations involving interactions among its students, faculty and staff.

But this authority should remain within these bounds. The vague wording of the

code — especially in the clause on disorderly conduct — seems to leave a door wide open for the university to step into situations it should stay out of.

In a meeting with the Kernel Editorial Board, Dean of Students Victor Hazard indicated that UK would limit its intervention in off-campus activities to major cases in which UK has a substantial interest. In fact, as of last week, he said there had been no cases brought up under these new provisions.

Inevitably, however, such a case will arise. When it does, the burden is on UK to demonstrate the situation warrants a university response. Students will be skep-

tical of how UK uses its new authority, and the school would do well to quell such doubts. The reassurances we've heard recently from university officials will matter little if UK exercises its jurisdiction indiscreetly.

Despite the extension of university authority, the code still affirms students' rights. These include the right not to be discriminated against in the admissions process or on campus, a general right to privacy, protection from unlawful search and seizure, and a guarantee of free speech and expression. In addition, the code guarantees the fair conduct of university judicial processes.

Indeed, the entire code stands as a fair, reasonable document. As long as UK continues to hold up its end by respecting students' rights and remaining prudent in applying off-campus authority, the onus is on us to hold up ours.

Despite concerns about the application of UK's new off-campus authority, its student code is largely a plus for students.



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'Useless' majors aren't so useless

"What are you going to do with that?"

Those of us with "useless" majors hear this dozens of times at every holiday and family reunion when we tell our relatives what we're studying.

Back when I was an English major, they would think (wrongly) I wanted to become a teacher — and then condescendingly tell me I should switch fields because there's no money in teaching.

It hasn't gotten any better since I switched to political science and philosophy — or, in terms of relatives' and acquaintances' perceptions, pre-law and poverty, respectively.

But I don't want to go to law school, nor do I plan to spend my days standing on a street corner screaming about metaphysics. I simply decided to make the most of my time here by studying what I'm interested in, not earning a degree with a career path printed on it.

Besides, a "useless" major isn't as much of a dead-end as most people think it is. Even philosophy majors can go to medical school; even anthropo-

logy majors can go to law school; even English majors can go on to get an M.B.A. And although I would never expect an engineering firm to hire me, the vast majority of career fields — yes, even those that don't entail asking, "Would you like fries with that?" — are open to liberal-arts majors.

In fact, I'm quite happy not to have locked myself into a single career path at age 18. What if I had gone into accounting or journalism school, only to decide I wanted to do something completely different with my life? Above all, I'd regret not having pursued the things that actually interested me.

But, one might object, how is something like philosophy relevant to today's world? How is studying such abstractions as substance dualism or pantheism anything more than an ivory-tower exercise, bordering on sheer intellectual selfishness?

It can be, if you have a very shallow view of the goal of studying such subjects. But many students with no intention of having an academic career study philosophy, literature, history and a host of other "impractical" fields — not just as an academic hobby, but also in order to refine their thinking, writing and creativity and then take these skills to the "real" world.

Some people seem to have a brutishly utilitarian view of higher education:

that the only fields worth studying are the hard sciences, engineering, health science, economics, etc. But other areas of study are certainly relevant, even if they don't lead to the building of bridges or the curing of diseases.

Without studying history, how could we learn from — or even know — what's happened in the past? Half of eligible Americans vote; how could we have perspective on the political process without political science?

And almost everyone goes to movies or reads books; how could we evaluate and analyze those forms of art without the study of literature? For that matter, would people even write books or make films if they existed in an analytic void on the level of TV commercials?

And even that most useless of fields — philosophy — is more relevant than is commonly thought. Almost all Americans are religious; for many, their religion forms a significant part of their worldview and everyday life. But without philosophy, would organized religion even exist? Or would religious belief, lacking a theoretical grounding, amount to superstition and caprice?

So go ahead, ask me what I can do with that. It's a lot more than you think.

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Mandatory insurance would help the poor

I enjoyed yesterday's "In Our Opinion," but I think you overlooked one critical point. If health insurance were to be made mandatory, the cost would be figured into each student's financial aid package. No doubt, the majority of students without health insurance on campus are financially disadvantaged. Making insurance mandatory would help them afford this important coverage. Most students are covered by their parents' insurance, so mandatory coverage would not have any impact on them. Poor students, however, would benefit greatly.

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UK parking capriciously enforces its rules

Tuesday afternoon, when I came out of my lecture in the classroom building, I was in shock to find that my bicycle was missing. I soon found out that UK Parking and Transportation Services had impounded it due to "illegal parking."

As noted in the article published today concerning this issue, UK Police Chief Kevin Franklin describes parking "on any outside fixtures" as being illegal. However, my bike was impounded before the release of the front-page article, and there were no signs clearly indicating that where I parked was illegal. Thus, I was completely oblivious that I was not supposed to chain my bike there.

When I called and questioned why I had never had a prob-

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lem parking there before, I was told that I was expected to know the rules beforehand. Yet, how was I supposed to know that these rules were posted on a Web site that I was to check before I took my bike on to campus? There was obviously not enough communication between the students and UK Parking before they enforced these rules. It is victimizing and punishing someone who did not know that they were doing something wrong and is entirely unfair.

In addition, if these rules had existed prior to Tuesday, why had they never implemented them, before? I talked to a fellow student who has been riding his bike on campus for the past three years who had never had a problem with parking his bike until today. If a regulation is to exist, the enforcers need not be arbitrary and inconsistent in enforcing the rules.

I strongly believe that UK Parking and Transportation needs to issue some kind of a warning period in which students could be informed of the illegality of their bike parking before enforcing the \$25 fee (and destruction of your bike lock, which you are expected to replace with your own money). Doing this would eliminate the problem of miscommunication and a multitude of angry bikers.

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UK should stop the price-gouging

It's not that I don't value our capitalistic economy, but when did education become a business? For example, campus vending machines charge at least 25 cents more than off-cam-

Until Katrina recedes, citizens should cease their fruitless criticism

As water levels slowly recede, so emerge the lessons of Katrina. The worst natural disaster in U.S. history has etched upon the national blackboard government ineptitude, racial and class discord, the fragility of civilization when faced with nature's fury.

Where, dear Lord, does it end? Even as the pumps strain to purge the Crescent City of her tragedy, the latest lesson to see the light of day is that there are many lessons, too many, perhaps, for us to absorb as quickly as they are espoused.

This sort of thing is inevitable in a culture like ours. Media proliferation guarantees that only a finite amount of relevant news can be available at any given moment. So once the news well runs dry, the next logical step is to supplant news with emotive estimation. And lots of it.

The danger here, obviously, is that with ones are worth learning!

After Sept. 11 — the most recent event of comparable sorrow — this sort of thing was happening all over the place (in fact, we had ourselves a war based on mere conjecture; perhaps you've heard of it) — the most infamous example being the apology of televangelists that the terrorist attack was, in actuality, divine retribution upon a godless, sexually depraved society.

Less infamous, but all the more terrifying, was the Patriot Act. Homeland Security, Saddam Hussein in his underwear — all prime examples of what happens when people stop being polite and start getting crazy.

While the screaming on FOX and CNN reached fever pitch, vanished was that ubiquitous bogeyman, that ... what was his name? Osama? While our government was busy preparing the Patriot Act, Jerry Rigging that leech Homeland Security, and feeding its pet war, the man that caused the pain got away.

With Katrina, it is only the names that have changed.

Kanye West and Al Sharpton play the race card, hardcore conservatives blame New Orleans for merely existing and the president actually takes responsibility, for the first time ever.

Whose lesson is the right one? Or I should say, whose bark is loudest?

No longer are we engaged in the blame-game, but rather the great schizophrenic shouting match, where there's a winner every five seconds, where emotions run high and the criteria for reasoned debate is perpetually lower.

So let's prevent the victims of Katrina from becoming like Osama's ghost.

Let us not shout for shouting's sake about self-serving lessons while the city that gave us "Girls Gone Wild," the place where William Faulkner took his bourbon-fueled sabbaticals, where beads are worth their weight in silicone, lies half-drowned, its people still surviving only on a diet of hope and promises.

How, then, does a lesson save a person from drowning? We must do the unthinkable and hold our tongues until the last drop of water is pumped, until the last victim is saved.

Perhaps there are greater lessons to be learned, even when we are silent.

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pus vending machines for a soda or water. Students who live on campus are required to buy meal plans for food that is overpriced and only available during certain times. As far as other services, the printers in the computer labs charge 10 cents per page printed.

At Western Kentucky University, there is no on-site charge for printing. In-state students living on campus spend at least \$5,000 a semester to attend UK, and a high percentage of this money is from student loans. It may sound petty to count quarters, but when a student purchases items with loan money at inflated prices, the end costs become ridiculous. Can someone give us a break?

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Gearing up

Army ROTC students prepare for a field training exercise this weekend

Left: Junior political science major and Army ROTC member Matthew Hardin carries around his gear as he walks between classes yesterday. This weekend, the ROTC students will participate in a four-mile "Ruck Walk" with their 60-pound packs strapped to their backs.

Below: Army ROTC members unloaded rifles from the back of a truck yesterday. The rifles are to be used in this weekend's retreat, where Army ROTC members will participate in activities such as paintball wars and land navigation.

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