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UK student's condition improves, new details surface

By Jennifer Graham jgraham@kykernel.com

New information continues to surface five days after an incident that put UK sophomore Blair Smith in the hospital with head injuries.

according to UK Hospital. Grubbs, a communications sophomore, was present when Smith was hit in the head, though he said he did not see the blow that caused Smith's injuries.

probably played a role in the rapid escalation of the altercation. "I remember the people from next door yelling and screaming at us," Grubbs said.

"The fight was already in progress by the time I got outside," Cummins said. "It was definitely a fight. Some people were trying to break it up, other people were trying to fight."

Smith's condition improved from critical to serious on Tuesday, according to UK Hospital. Grubbs said, and drinking

Library extends weekday hours

By Kelli Long and Travis Walker news@kykernel.com

Beginning Oct. 19, W.T. Young Library will extend its hours to be open 24 hours Sunday through Thursday, closing at 8 p.m. Friday and open Saturday from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m.

The revised hours come in response to an outcry from students after state budget cuts forced the library to cut back on its hours.

The deal was reached after Student Government President Tyler Montell met with Provost Kumble Subaswamy on Sept. 25 and then again on Tuesday to finalize plans for the new hours.

Montell and the provost decided to hold a forum about the library's hours Monday, "before it got too far into the semester," Montell said.

Student Government Vice President Grant Mills also met with Dean of Libraries Carol Diedrichs to help come

up with the revised plan. SG is giving the library \$10,000 to help with the funding problem. Part of that money will come from the executive cabinet and the rest will hopefully come from the Senate, Montell said.

The unknown people from the house next door provoked the fight by calling Smith's black friend the N-word, Grubbs said, and drinking

Students United for Campus Climate Enrichment and Student Success, a group formed on the recommendation of the provost, announced in an e-mail sent on Monday that it would host a forum Wednesday night for students to voice their opinions on the library hours, but the new hours had already officially been determined before the forum.

"We decided to hold the forum last week when we heard that students were planning a sit-in," said Patrick Nally, one of the SUCCESS representatives and

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Cobb pleads not guilty to charges

By Kenny Calston kccalston@kykernel.com

Junior strong safety Ashton Cobb pleaded not guilty to charges of stalking, terroristic threatening and harassing communications through his attorney James Lowery Wednesday afternoon in Fayette County District Court.



Cobb

Before Judge Julie Goodman, Lowery entered a not guilty plea on all three charges, setting a pre-trial hearing for Oct. 24 at 10 a.m. Goodman insisted on a continuance of the no contact order between Cobb and his ex-girlfriend during the arraignment.

Lowery declined to comment about Cobb's charges. Cobb was arrested Friday

after sending approximately 15 text messages and making 19 phone calls to his ex-girlfriend last Thursday afternoon, according to Lexington Police.

In one voice-mail, Cobb threatened to kill and rape the woman. Cobb made bail and was released on Friday, police said.

Cobb was suspended from the university, UK head coach Rich Brooks said after Saturday's 41-3 win over Western Kentucky. Cobb was not in uniform for that game. During his weekly news conference on Monday, Brooks said that Cobb was appealing his suspension. Due to federal privacy laws, UK could not comment on the situation.



REPUBLIC OF GEORGIA

Members from the village of Kachreti, Georgia, spread out wheat in order to dry it. It took the villagers and students twenty minutes to pack up a majority of the wheat so they could fold tarps over the remaining amount. Soon after finishing, it began to rain.

Growing on foreign soil

By Laura Clark lclark@kykernel.com

When Cecil Shelton visited the Republic of Georgia for an agricultural internship, he could feel the tension.

"In the media, and in the newspapers I read, Russia was invading Georgia's airspace and peacemakers weren't happy about it," Shelton said.

Shelton, a community leadership and development junior, was one of five UK students and alumni who traveled to Georgia in May to take part in a U.S. Department of Agriculture project called "Improving Agricultural Education in the Republic of Georgia."

UK offered this as an internship to students, which allowed them to work with the Georgia Institute of Public Affairs to

interact with a number of students in the agricultural colleges around Georgia.

The group left the country at the end of July, about two weeks before Georgia and Russia began fighting. However, Shelton was concerned about the people he met back in the Republic.

"I was worried about the contacts we had made there, especially my host family," Shelton said. "Since the fighting stopped, we found that all of the people we met are safe."

UK graduate student Georgina Anderson, who also spent the summer in Georgia, said watching news coverage of the conflict was difficult.

"It was weird seeing places we had actually visited are now destroyed or damaged."

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Deadline approaches for voter registration

By Ali Ciccerchi aciccerchi@kykernel.com

With Election Day just over a month away, various groups on campus have been trying to get students registered to vote in Lexington before the Oct. 6 deadline.

"I think students are a lot more inspired this year," said Joe Gallenstein, president of College Democrats. "It's partly because of the presidential election but I also think it's partly because of who is in this election. College Republicans, College Democrats, Kentuckians

for the Commonwealth and Student Government have all taken part in getting students registered and informed on campus.

Les Fugate, deputy assistant to the secretary of state, said young adult voter registration is not as high in Kentucky as it is in other states.

"We have not seen a huge increase in registration," said Fugate. "There are always lots of voter registration drives aimed at young people but year after year young people disappoint."

Leaders from College Republicans and Democrats said

the groups have not kept track of the number of students that have been registered but registration has been steady up until this point.

Gallenstein said he has helped out in drives in past years and thinks this year is an improvement.

"We did a successful job in 2007 with the governor's race but that pales in comparison to this year," Gallenstein said.

In 2004 when the last presidential election took place, over 50 percent of Kentucky registered voters ages 18-24 voted.

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Senate passes historic \$810 billion bailout

By Kevin G. Hall and Dave Montgomery McClatchy Newspapers

WASHINGTON — In a historic vote, the Senate approved a massive \$700 billion rescue plan for the nation's finance system Wednesday night, but only after tacking on another \$110 billion in tax breaks to lure votes from both parties.

A strong bipartisan majority rallied behind the controversial Wall Street bailout package, passing it by 74-25.

The vote sends the measure to an uncertain fate in the House of Representatives, where lawmakers rejected the original version on Monday, 228-205. A new House vote is expected on Friday, and many lawmakers in both parties there remain opposed to it.

President Bush, Treasury Secretary Henry Paulson and Federal Reserve Chairman

Ben Bernanke have warned repeatedly that failure to pass the legislation would lead vital credit markets to seize up, forcing employers to lay off employees, plunging the economy into recession and perhaps even another Great Depression.

Senate Republican Leader Mitch McConnell of Kentucky voted for the bailout.

"The question is not how we got here, but how we get out," McConnell said. Senators of both parties, including Democratic presidential nominee Barack Obama of Illinois and Republican presidential nominee John McCain of Arizona, said that threat made it imperative for Congress to pass the financial-rescue package.

"Inaction is not an option," said Senate Majority Leader Harry Reid of Nevada.

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HEROSCOPES

By Linda C. Black

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

Aries (March 21-April 19) — Today is a 7 — Be slow to act on the advice of well-meaning friends. Even your own partner or mate could steer you wrong, without meaning to, of course.

Taurus (April 20-May 20) — Today is a 7 — You'd like to believe a person who's promising you everything. Someone who can give it all, however, can take it all away.

Gemini (May 21-June 21) — Today is a 7 — You and your friends have grandiose schemes. You need to be practical. If you don't keep track of your costs as you go along,

nobody will.

Cancer (June 22-July 22) — Today is a 7 — You may be feeling passionate, but don't be impractical. If you have to choose between love and money, choose love.

Leo (July 23-Aug. 22) — Today is a 7 — There's plenty of work, but the pay's not exactly generous. You'll have to shop carefully to cover your expenses.

Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) — Today is an 8 — It's great to be uninhibited and have glorious dreams, of course. You want to accomplish something substantial now, however.

Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) — Today is a 7 — Be careful. You might blurt out the unvarnished truth in a situation where tact is required.

Scorpio (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) — Today is an 8 — You're even more attractive than usual now. People are drawn to your side.

You don't even have to talk to them.

Sagittarius (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) — Today is a 7 — Sometimes, you just have to sit back and think things over. Work up a plan, think about consequences, figure out what to do.

Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) — Today is a 7 — Somebody wants you to take on more responsibility. You're good at ordering people around, so this is to be expected.

Aquarius (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) — Today is a 6 — Anticipate a potential confrontation and be well prepared. You don't have to compromise your standards to keep your job.

Pisces (Feb. 19-March 20) — Today is a 7 — It's OK if you avoid taking on a difficult task just yet. You can afford to think about it a while longer. There's no point in rushing.

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Holly and Hef in transition

THE DISH

Playboy's Hugh Hefner and his girlfriend are still together — but for how long?

They may not be broken up, but they seem close to it. After Hugh Hefner's No. 1 girl, Holly Madison, was spotted kissing illusionist Criss Angel at Blush Boutique nightclub inside Wynn Las Vegas Sept. 20, both she and Hefner were eager to tell Us their relationship was still on. "We're together," the Girls Next Door star, 28, tells Us of Hefner, whom she's dated for seven years. But her rebuttal seems carefully worded. "If I'm ever not his girlfriend, he'll be the first to tell you," she says. Sure enough, hours later, Hefner weighed in, asserting to Us, "She's still my girlfriend."

The couple are candid about one stumbling block: kids. "We tried through a fertility clinic, but it just wasn't going to work with him," Madison tells Us. "You get to a certain age as a guy, and it just doesn't work." She admits that inevitably, the relationship will end. "I want to be with somebody who I can be married to, and have kids," she says, noting the twice-wed Hefner, 82 — who is still legally married to Kimberley Conrad, 45, mother of two of his four children — nixed nuptials. Indeed, he tells Us, "That's not much in the cards for me."

What's Next?

As for Madison's hot Vegas evening with Criss Angel, Hefner isn't fazed. "Well, one hopes, among other things, that when she starts dating, she'll have better taste," he smirks. (Madison says the two are "just friends.") Meanwhile, Hefner and Madison say they are gearing up for season six. While E! will not confirm another season; Hefner hints "at least one of the girls will be moving out, and there will be a spinoff." Wonder who?

Celeb feud of the week

Hulk Hogan declares the victors in Hollywood's latest round of scraps.

The New York Times was harsh in its review of stylist Rachel Zoe's Bravo show, The Rachel Zoe Project: "[Zoe] is known... for forging a look of girlish vacancy, one that says: 'I get up at noon. And then I spend my day refusing solid foods.'" It also called Zoe, 37, "a pox on humanity."

WINNER IS The Times. "The paper has been around a long time," says Hogan. "They know their stuff."

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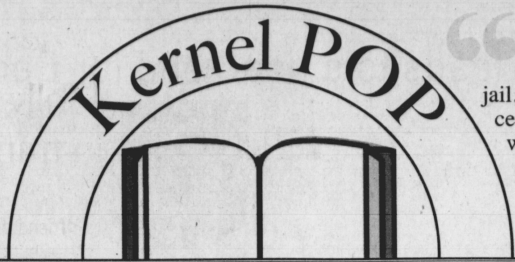
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“Books won't stay banned. They won't burn. Ideas won't go to jail. In the long run of history, the censor and the inquisitor have always lost. The only sure weapon against bad ideas is better ideas.”

— Alfred Whitney Griswold

Controversy between the covers

Banned Books Week celebrates the most challenged literature in history

By Megan Hurt
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In the Ray Bradbury novel "Fahrenheit 451," firefighters don't put out fires, but instead start fires to burn books, which are banned in Bradbury's world.

While it's extreme to imagine a time in our lives where we are banned from reading or owning a book, we are in a time where some books are banned from school and sometimes even public libraries.

This week is Banned Books Week: Celebrating the Freedom to Read, which has been sponsored by the American Library Association since 1982, according to the ALA official Web site.

Banned Books Week is important in "ensuring the availability of those unorthodox or unpopular viewpoints to all who wish to read them," the Web site said.

Today most of the books that are featured during Banned Books Week and are thought of as being banned from libraries were not ever prohibited, but challenged by different groups. It is with the effort of librarians, teachers and booksellers that many challenged books are never removed from the libraries, according to ALA.

Books are challenged for numerous reasons, most often to protect children from sexual or offensive content. The ALA Web site said that although they respect the motivation, "librarians and governing bodies should maintain that parents—and only parents—have the right



and the responsibility to restrict the access of their children—and only their children—to library resources."

"It's my personal opinion that censorship is always bad," said Susan Owens, head of the Library Committee with Unitarian Universalist Church of Lexington. "There are books I might not want to read, but it's my choice, not someone else's. We should teach people to make good judgments, but we should not make those judgments for them."

Last year, out of 420 challenges to potentially controversial books, ALA compiled a list of the top ten most frequently challenged books. Topping the list for the second year in a row is the children's book, "And Tango Makes Three," which has won several national book awards.

"And Tango Makes Three," is based on a true story about two male penguins in New York City's Central Park Zoo who tried to hatch an egg-shaped rock together. After zookeepers noticed the two penguins' attempts, they replaced the rock with a real orphaned egg. The two penguins hatched and raised the baby penguin, named Tango.

The story, written by Peter Parnell and Justin Richardson and illustrated by Henry Cole, lets children know it's okay to have a non-traditional family. The ALA Web site lists the reasons given for challenging the book as "anti-Ethnic, sexism, homosexuality, anti-family, religious viewpoint and unsuited to age group."

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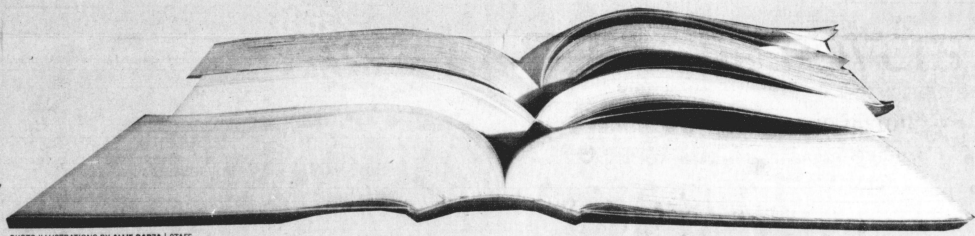


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'Dear Science' a positive result for TV On The Radio

If you have never heard of the Brooklyn band, TV On The Radio, then you should probably take the time to listen to a few of their tunes because you will not be disappointed.



NICK WALTERS
Kernel
columnist

The band mixes many elements to create their unique sound including aspects of rock, punk, free jazz and soul utilizing rocking guitars, synthesizers and occasionally even horns. The band has the sound of a musical experiment that has yielded very positive results.

TV On The Radio has recorded a decent amount of material since their inception in 2001. They have released numerous EPs and have recorded three critically acclaimed studio albums. In 2006, "Spin Magazine" gave the

group's album, "Return to Cookie Mountain," the honor of Album of the Year. TV On The Radio has also remixed songs from such notable artists as Beck and Nine Inch Nails, while founding member David Andrew Sitek has produced albums for the Yeah Yeah Yeahs and the Liars.

Last week TV On The Radio released their latest studio album, "Dear Science," which has been received rather well by fans. Personally, I have been rocking to the album all week via my iPod and have not yet discovered a disappointing moment. I especially enjoyed the cuts "Shout me Out," "Stork and Owl," and "Dancing Choose." The band has recently performed the song on the "Late Show with David Letterman." The performance was particularly interesting because it was performed on the fire escape outside of the

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Matthew Bandy
9 p.m., Lower 48. Tickets are free.

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Ben Folds w/ The

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SUNDAY, Oct. 5
The Matches, A Decade to Die For, Singed, Pluto Revolts
7 p.m., The Mad Hatter, Covington, Ky. Tickets cost \$12.

TUESDAY, Oct. 7
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'Way to Normal' leads to a dead end for Ben Folds

By Brad Luttrell
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In his new album, released Tuesday, Ben Folds is thrashing on his piano and cursing a lot, just like old times. But somewhere along the way, the black and white keys just stopped syncing.

"Way to Normal" falls just short of what a Folds fan might expect following albums such as "Songs for Silverman" and "Rockin' the Suburbs" which had more successful songs, such as "Landed," that were romantic and humorous tales sang over a more mature piano style than in his early days. "Cologne" is as close as Folds ever comes to recreating the success of the later melancholic melodies.

The familiarities Folds loves find in all of his albums, including his piano rock group Ben Folds Five, are all still there: storytelling lyrics, distorted bass and four-letter words. But sometimes it seems like

he missed the right combinations of f-bombs and crunchy bass riffs.

"Brainwascht" falls short with its vague, high-school-garage-band-desque-lyrics, and the level of crunch and curse words. The track never gives any satisfaction. It

Q & A with Folds

Ben Folds did a phone interview with the Kernel in which he talked about being reunited with Ben Folds Five, his new album and making fans angry.

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seems to be a combination of the most aggressive Ben Folds Five songs with the same depressing message from "Silverman."

A few times Folds comes close to recreating the picturesque tales from the songs on "Supersunnyspeedgraphic," such as in "Kyle from

Connecticut." But there are too many songs like "Free Coffee," that are about as successful at being tolerable as Michael Phelps' run at Saturday Night Live, let alone a good listen.

This is not an album you could pop in and listen to while you study. Actually, you might not even be able to listen to all of it on a cross-country car ride. Folds failed to create that flow from his past solo albums.

In 1999 when Ben Folds Five broke up, the band released a statement saying "nobody gives a shit about piano rock anymore." That's not true. But "Way to Normal" is certainly not for a first-time-Folds listener. Fans who are hardcore enough will appreciate Folds' oblique brilliance, which shines at moments.

But unless you've already decided you like piano rock, you should start with a more stable album like "Whatever and Ever Amen." Because if what Ben Folds Five said when they broke up is true, you certainly won't start caring now with this new album.



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On Tuesday, Ben Folds released his third solo studio album, "Way to Normal." Folds will perform with the Louisville Orchestra on Saturday at 8 p.m. in Whitney Hall in Louisville.

BOOKS

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Other books on the list include popular high school English class titles such as "The Adventures of Huckleberry Finn," by Mark Twain; "I Know why the Caged Bird Sings," by Maya Angelou; and "The Perks of Being a Wallflower," by Stephen Chbosky.

It isn't just literary classics and award-winning children's books that deal with controversial themes that are challenged. One of the most unusual banned books is the children's seek and find picture book, "Where's Waldo," which ranked 87th on the ALA's list of the 100 Most

Frequently Challenged Books of 1990-99.

This edition of "Where's Waldo" was challenged because of a beach scene where a young boy is throwing water on a topless sunbather.

For the 1997 release of the book, the woman was covered up. In "Fahrenheit 451," Ray Bradbury explained in the afterword, "how the books were burned first by the minorities, each ripping a page or a paragraph from the book... until the day came when the books were empty and the minds shut and the library closed forever."

ALA encourages people to celebrate Banned Books Week by challenging the censors and help protect us from the world Bradbury de-

scribed.

A Banned Books event in Lexington will be held at the Unitarian Universalist Church of Lexington Friday from 7 to 9 p.m.

In a coffeehouse atmosphere, folk singer Annie MacFie will perform, a Lexington Public Library representative will speak on the history of banned books, and three different authors, including the Kentucky Poet Laureate and UK English professor Jane Gentry Vance, will read from various banned books. It is a free will donation event, and all proceeds will help support the UUC Library.

For more information and directions to the event visit the UUC Library Web site, (www.UUC.org).

WALTERS

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Ed Sullivan Theater, where the show is taped.

While the new album is a great piece of work, people who are looking to check out the band for the first time should definitely listen to tracks from their previous works as well.

While TV On The Radio's sound is recognizable once you have experienced it, their vibe does change a bit with each new release. To get a good taste of their work, I would recommend the tracks "Staring At The Sun," "Bomb Yourself" and "Wolf Like Me." Give these tracks and "Dear Science" a listen and you will be able to bask in the gloriousness that is TV On The Radio.

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TOP 10 RADIO

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Top 10 albums of the week

1. RATATAT, "LP3"
2. Daedalus, "Love to Make Music to"
3. Witch, "Paralyzed"
4. Beck, "Modern Guilt"
5. Karl Blau, "Nature's Got Away"
6. Old Crow Medicine Show, "Tennessee Pusher"
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aged because of the fighting," Anderson said.

Other students and alumni who traveled to Georgia were Keith Haag, Katie Hesselbrock and Ardena Gojani, who all took part in the internship. Professor Michael Reed, director of the International Programs for Agriculture, said while some faculty members stayed in Georgia for short periods of time, the students were on their own.

"The students went as UK employees since it was a paid internship, and lived with host families," Reed said. "A faculty member would have been a cultural barrier for the students."

Reed said the project has been active for more than two years, giving students the opportunity to work in rural areas of the country.

Each student was stationed at different community and technical colleges.



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Equine management senior Keith Haag, far left, community leadership and development junior Cecili Shelton, left, community and leadership development junior Ardena Gojani, center, agriculture economic graduate Katie Hesselbrock, right, and food science graduate student Georgina Anderson, far right, traveled to the Republic of Georgia this past summer.

Anderson said. They worked with animals, built irrigation systems and even taught English classes.

"(The students from Georgia) had lab equipment that analyzed milk, but they didn't use it because they couldn't read the instructions, which were in English," Anderson said.

During their stay in Georgia, the students had to prepare a field day for agricultural figures in the community. The field day included demonstrations with various agricultural advances, Shelton said.

"They loved Americans," Shelton said. "They were sincerely thankful that we came to help them out."

VOTES

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said Fugate.

"Our young people turn out higher than in other states," said Fugate.

In some states, any registered voter may vote absentee but in Kentucky, voters must apply and be approved to vote absentee. Requests to vote outside of the constituent's registered county include being a student who temporarily resides outside of the county, according to the State Board of Elections Web site. There is a complete list available online.

Absentee ballots can only be obtained through the county clerk's office.

An application may be requested in person, by phone, by mail or by fax.

The deadline for applying for a mail-in absentee ballot is Oct. 28. The completed application must be received by the county clerk by mail or in person by the deadline. Absentee ballots must be received in the county clerk's office by 6 p.m. on Election Day for the ballot to be counted, according to the State Board of Elections Web site. (www.elect.ky.gov).

First-time voters in Kentucky need to include identification with either their absentee registration or with the ballot.

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spokesperson for the group. "We were trying our best to avoid a student sit-in and go about the process democratically."

While people waited for the SUCCESS forum to begin, Christin Lang, an integrated strategic communications junior, arrived with the news that SG and the UK administration had come to an agreement about the library's closing time.

SUCCESS held the forum anyway to discuss students' reactions to the new hours. Most seemed satisfied that the conflict surrounding the library was coming to a

close.

"It is kind of unfair to students coming out tonight (Wednesday) because they were a few days late," Nally said.

According to Montell, the purpose of the SUCCESS forum was not to find a solution, but to hear different ideas.

"SUCCESS had the forum to give students an opportunity to connect with an issue," Montell said. "This is an opportunity for students who have never had an opportunity for their voice to be heard and to speak out to student leaders. I think it is a great idea."

The official announcement of the new library hours will appear on the UK Web site Thursday morning.

BAILOUT

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"This is — I repeat — a crisis... We've got to get this done." Not all senators went along.

"Action is clearly needed to return stability to our financial markets, but most importantly, effective, sound action is needed. To fix the markets, we must deliver a market-based solution, not a government bailout," said Sen.

Elizabeth Dole, R-N.C.

Many lawmakers voiced disdain for the extra tax breaks the Senate added to the financial-rescue package. They ranged from a one-year fix to prevent the alternative-minimum tax from hitting more taxpayers to extending the research credit for business to allowing rural utilities to issue tax-exempt bonds for use of renewable energy.

The tax breaks added to the Senate bill would cost the Treasury an estimated \$110 billion over 10 years, according to

Congress' Joint Committee on Taxation.

The bailout legislation that the Senate is sending back to the House is a fraternal twin to the one I voted against on Monday — meet the new bill, same as the old bill," said Rep. Joe Barton, R-Texas, who led efforts to kill the House bill. "I'm kind of an old-fashioned guy, and I think we ought to pay for what we do as a government, but instead we're talking about adding \$1.5 trillion to our national debt and forcing our children to pay the cost."

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Cats ready for a trench fight

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As a career offensive lineman, UK (4-0) senior left tackle Garry Williams has spent his entire football career listening to various coaches preach about how games are won "between the trenches."

The cliché is one of football's most famous ways to describe how important offensive and defensive line play is to a game. But if there was ever one game where Williams thinks the cliché sticks, it's UK's matchup with No. 2 Alabama (5-0) on Saturday.

"This has to be the time it counts," Williams said. "We have to attack. If we come out slow, they'll kill us. We got to go. Start right now."

The Crimson Tide has the best rush defense in the Southeastern Conference and third in the nation. In five games, Alabama has not allowed any opponent over 100 rushing yards, including holding Clemson to zero rushing yards.

Georgia, with stud running back Knowshon Moreno, was held to 50 yards rushing last weekend. UK's stable of running backs finally broke out after a sluggish start, rushing for 188 yards and three touchdowns against Western Kentucky.

So with UK's flashy running backs pushing full steam ahead against Alabama's top rush defense, Williams knows that UK's offensive line play is important.

"We have to attack and dominate," Williams said. "They have an aggressive line, the toughest we'll face all year. I think they are the toughest line besides ours. But our job is to hit them in the mouth first."

UK head coach Rich Brooks knows the margin of error is small when it comes to his offensive line play heading into Tuscaloosa, Ala.

"You have to have good footwork, then it's a physical match," Brooks said. "You can't win them all. You hope to win some, stalemate others and lose very

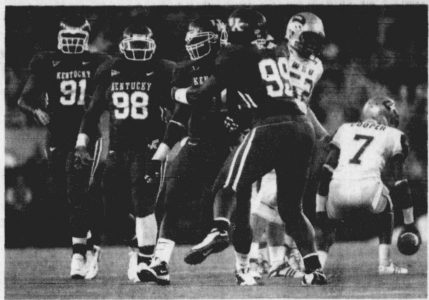


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Junior defensive end Jeremy Jarmon celebrates with senior linebacker Johnny Williams during UK's 41-3 victory on Sept. 27 over Western Kentucky at Commonwealth Stadium. The Cats' defense is leading the nation in scoring defense, allowing only 5.5 points per game.

few battles." While UK's offensive line will have its hands full on Saturday, Alabama's own offensive line will be busy as well. UK has only allowed two touchdowns all year, both passing, due to their own physical defensive line. The Cats also rank as the top scoring defense in the nation.

"We're a physical defense and they're a physical offense," senior defensive end Jeremy Jarmon said. "It's everything we want. A lot of teams have spread us out and tried to throw. Alabama's will run."

Junior Glen Coffee and freshman Mark Ingram combine to create a one-two punch behind the Tide's big offensive line. Coffee averages seven yards a carry, while Ingram averages over five yards a game. UK has only allowed one team to rush for over 100 yards — WKU.

"Alabama is very big and they work well together," Brooks said of the Tide's offensive line. "They get on the defensive tackles, then get off and pick up a linebacker. They have impressive technique."

That doesn't mean Jarmon thinks UK's defensive focal point will be slowed Saturday, even with junior linebacker Michal Johnson and sophomore defensive tackle Ricky Lumpkin questionable for the game.

"I know what we are made of," Jarmon said. "We've played guys before that got off to a great start. Alabama is one of the best, if not the best."

Brooks bristles whenever someone mentions that Alabama is UK's first big test on the year, but he couldn't deny the fact that Alabama poses an interesting matchup for the Cats.

"It'll be a different challenge, not unlike the last couple of years," Brooks said. "Alabama is functioning, not making mistakes or penalties. Quite a different look from the past three games."

Which means instead of expecting to spread the ball around, the Cats will be preparing to grind it out against the Crimson Tide.

"Whoever wins this game won't it from," Williams said. "Whoever attacks the most. The team with the most rushing yards will win."

UK looking to pass first major test

Earlier in the week, UK head coach Rich Brooks was asked whether he was anxious to see how his team would respond in its first true test of the year.

Brooks' response? "Oh, so the Louisville game wasn't a test? Glad to hear that," Brooks said to the laughter of reporters. "Everybody thought it was a big test for us at that time."

Well it wasn't. Brooks, of course, was only kidding with reporters, but the fact remains that UK will get its first true test of the season on Saturday against the No. 2 team in the nation, Alabama.

Will the Cats pass? Can the highly touted UK defense hold off the Southeastern Conference's best scoring offense? Is UK's weak non-conference schedule going to get exposed?

In light of UK's big test and the beginning of mid-terms, here's a short test, true-false style.

Question: UK's weak non-conference schedule will finally get exposed. Alabama is too good and too explosive for the Cats' offense to keep up. The Crimson Tide will win handily. True or false?

Answer: False. UK's non-conference schedule is pretty weak, but given the parity in college football, 4-0 is enough in my book to validate you as a good team. At least good enough to

hang around with the Tide. Are they likely to lose? Sure. Alabama is a stronger team at nearly every position. But UK's defense has been so dominant — the Cats are giving up a nation-best 5.5 points per game — that you have to believe UK will be in striking distance in the fourth quarter. Which leads to the next question.

Question: Alabama head coach Nick Saban was right when he said UK could be "the best defensive team in the country." True or false?

Answer: False. Saban is a smart guy, but he's wrong about this one. In fact, he's lying right through his teeth. Coaches talk up their opponents before every game when they're in front of the cameras — thanks to Alabama defensive coordinator Kirby Smart's funeral comments last week, we definitely know that's not the case when they're off. No coach is better at doing it than Saban.

But what Saban really believes is beside the point. The UK defense is much improved, but you don't just make the leap from one of the SEC's worst defenses to the nation's best. The explanation for the gaudy numbers so far: mediocre offenses. UK's opponents rank 25th, 93rd (in the Football Championship Subdivision) 77th and 116th in yards per game. I've seen flag football teams on UK's intramural field run better offenses than what I've seen the first four weeks of the season. The rest of the SEC, more importantly Alabama, won't be so kind.

Question: Mike Hartline has to step up and play the game of his short

career if the Cats want to steal one in Tuscaloosa, Ala. True or false? Answer: False. Hartline needs to keep doing what he's been doing: play steady, play smart, play mistake-free ball. If he makes the routine plays and manages the game, the game-breakers will eventually come. If he tries to throw his way past Alabama and forces passes, the Cats will be in trouble.

The key to UK's chances on offense will actually be the run game, which finally found its legs against Western. The Cats' quartet of tailbacks rushed for 188 yards and combined for five touchdowns. If they can put up similar numbers on the ground this week, the Cats will eat up clock and shorten the game. The fewer downs the 'Bama offense gets, the better chance UK has for an upset.

Question: A UK win not only puts the Cats in the top 25, it vaults them near the top 15. True or false?

Answer: True. A win over the hottest team in the country at its home place will erase any doubts pollsters have had of putting the Cats in the top 25. It'll be a bigger statement than Alabama's 34-10 win over then-No. 9 Clemson, which vaulted the Tide 11 spots in the polls the following week. Expect a similar jump if UK — currently 28th in the Associated Press poll — can pull off the upset.

That's it, folks. Pencils down, turn in your exams. It's time to see if the Cats can pass their first big test.

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■ KERNEL EDITORIAL

SG sustainability efforts are not effecting change

Every two weeks, the Student Government Senate meets in a big room to discuss big campus issues.

But are there big changes that come out of these meetings? Unless these issues are brought up by members of SG in the form of Senate Special Projects, requiring funding to sponsor a college event or club trip, they are addressed in the form of resolutions up for a vote by all members of the organization.

Resolutions are a type of legislation that the entire Senate must debate and then ultimately vote on to approve or reject.

If approved, the resolution passes the Senate with the body's stamp of approval. And then where does it go? Ideally, the group of students elected by other students to best represent them, would pass this legislation onto the UK administration who would then do their best to make the desired changes. But that is not what happens.

SG resolutions are just pieces of paper. Words printed to say whether or not this group of students approves or does not approve a solution for a big campus issue.

Case in point: the recently tabled green fee resolution. SG made the decision to wait to vote on a piece of legislation about making a student fee of \$6 or \$8 toward green initiatives on campus, citing the need to do more research on proposed amendments to the plan, according to a September 25 Kernel article.

But what was the point? Whether the Senate approves a required \$6 fee or bumps it up to \$8, this won't be the exact amount of money applied to student fees next school year. This might not even mean any student fees are applied to help make UK environmentally friendly.

It only means there is a piece of paper that says SG thinks some money should go toward university sustainability — if the resolution is approved, that is. The good news: SG is talking about sustainability. In the efforts to revive the idea of students putting money toward making UK green, SG could play a critical role in making this much-needed important change in campus. But a resolution isn't the way to do it.

SG should tap into the sustainability resources on campus. There could be a meeting with campus maintenance and administration to find out easy and affordable changes to make now — not next year. SG could give money toward more energy-efficient light bulbs and heating and cooling units, and improved recycling efforts.

These efforts would mean much more than a piece of paper.

This year's Senate is working to fix what former SG President Nick Phelps broke when he voted against a green fee as a member of the Board of Trustees last year. Green efforts are not only smart, they are necessary for SG to get behind. But the Senate should do it the right way.

Until there is an improved system for how resolutions can make a real difference on campus, a piece of paper will mean nothing for sustainability at UK no matter how the senators vote. Let's take real steps, make real changes now and stop wasting paper. Or at least recycle.

■ LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Gameday recycling has a positive impact on tailgaters

As a freshman in the dorms, I remember thinking that the ResLife recycling plan was a great idea. I soon found out that others in my dorm didn't feel the same way when our recycling bins began to overflow with trash. We are adults and in college; we need to take some responsibility when it comes to recycling. It doesn't take much longer to sort some of our trash. If everyone gives even a little effort, we will make a difference.

I am a member of Kappa Delta sorority and as mentioned in a Sept. 26 article, we have teamed up with the university to promote the recycling of aluminum cans. The first football game that we handed out green garbage bags, we had a great response from the tailgaters. Everyone we talked to seemed really enthusiastic about the idea. Three home games later, we can simply walk around the parking lots and we have tailgaters asking us for bag instead of having to ask them to recycle. It's a great feeling to get the positive response we have gotten from them.

It's something as simple as what we are doing at each home football game that is going to make a difference in our environment. There are recycling bins set up all around campus, and if everyone on campus would go a little out of their way to use them properly, I think that we could make a very positive impact.

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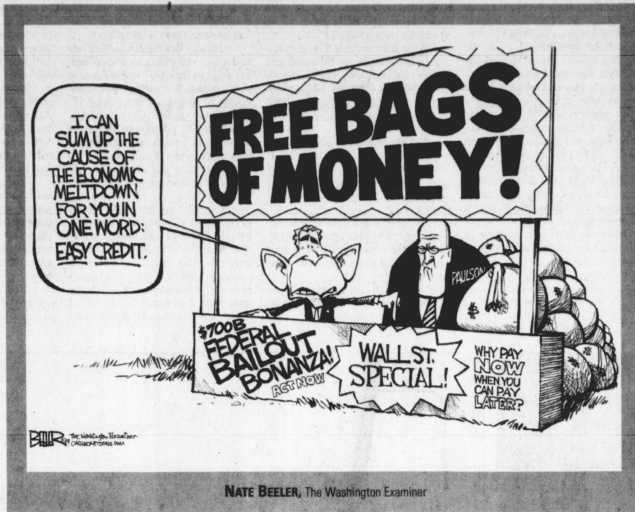
Campus crimes should be reported in timely manner

Although campus safety is a highly valued attribute at UK, a new standard for informing the residents and students of criminal activity should be set. Each week the Kernel provides its readers with a brief crime log of the UK Police reports, but these logs fail to inform residents and students in a timely manner of crimes. Occasionally, a crime will warrant a safety advisory e-mail and bulletin, released in a relatively short amount of time, from the UK Police. But who can judge what crimes should receive more immediate attention?

Yes, some of the crime log postings are not worth flooding the inboxes of UK students. Marijuana possession and alcohol intoxication arrests become jokes within groups of close friends — circled crime logs are posted on the refrigerator door like a kindergarten's A+ test. Regardless, if this university is determined to stay at the top of campus safety, students need to be given more accessible information with more urgency.

If relaying campus crime reports became a higher priority, UK students would gain access to the information they deserve about their community.

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State-funded programs can help students turn big ideas into reality

If you have a really cool idea this afternoon, who would you go talk to about it? You might tell your friends,



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Contributing columnist

family or a knowledgeable businessperson you know. Perhaps you could even ask an investor to give you the money you need to try it out.

Surprisingly, however, one of the best ways to get both advice and investment is the government.

The Kentucky Department of Commercialization and Innovation is dedicated to helping technology-based businesses in the state grow — from a big company wanting to get bigger, all the way down to helping a freshman figure out if his or her "cool" idea is cool enough to become a real business.

Late last year, I sat down with DCI Commissioner Deborah Clayton (a former entrepreneur herself) to hear what initiatives the state and local governments have undertaken to make this happen. After a lively hour and a half interview (scheduled for thirty minutes), I walked out of her office with two spiral-bound packets and a folder of information about what DCI is doing to help make the Commonwealth a

true "land of opportunity." Some of the initiatives provide the tools necessary to help even a university freshman with a cool idea create some of those "opportunities" his or herself.

The Innovation and Commercialization Center

The ICC in Lexington (www.thinkbluegrass.com) and those in other cities have a three-step program (Assessment, Business Decision, Capitalization) that they will walk you through to help make your idea happen. In Assessment, they will help you with your business plan. In Business Decision, they will assist in preparing a "pitch" to investors. Finally, in Capitalization, you may be introduced to various investors inside and outside the state that might want to invest in your idea. For more information, visit the ICC Web site, (www.StartupKentucky.com).

Idea State U Competition

This is a statewide business concept and business plan competition, held in the spring, that offers a total of over \$100,000 in combined prizes and awards. To participate, all you need to do is think through your idea, work with your school's designated faculty advisor to develop a business concept or more elaborate business plan and

practice "selling it" well (perhaps with the help of your local ICC). You might have a shot at a cash prize to support turning your idea into reality. This is how Jarrett Prim and Eric

One of the best ways to get both advice and investment is the government.

Paulini developed their idea for a UK-themed Bar & Grill (in a Sept. 10 column) and have been able to afford working on their idea post-graduation. For more information, visit the Idea State U Competition Web site, (www.ideastateu.com).

Lots of other opportunities exist as well, but the most important message is that the next time you have an idea, consider asking for feedback from your roommate and your dad and maybe even that businessperson you know (make sure you first protect your intellectual property or keep proprietary information secret). But don't forget state and local government wants to help you grow your ideas into successful businesses that will create good jobs.

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Forget the bar—the library is the place to be when you need a date

A local bar, a happening nightclub, a blowout party... the library. The first three have seemingly different characteristics than the latter, but all of these places have one thing in common: they are all magnets for meeting people of the opposite sex.

While not everyone in college is lucky enough to meet someone at a party, club, bar or the produce aisle of Kroger, there are other options. All it takes is 10 seconds; just enough time to say, "Hey how's it going? I'm (your name here)." Of course, it's easier said than done though when he or she looks like that and you look like, well you. No worries, though, I'll walk you through this one.

It's a typical weekday and you got your notes, your highlighter and flashcards, but there's still one problem. Perhaps it is the fact that your neighbors are rocking out to Katy Perry's "I Kissed A Girl" right on the other side of those paper-thin dorm walls. Or perhaps you live in a house and your roommates are shouting at a 36-inch screen as an animated Derrick Locke celebrates with the mascot on NCAA Football '09.

Enough is enough. You decide to

trudge over to W.T. Young Library where you know the sound of silence will surround you. All of that, along with the fact that studying in your room makes you want to turn on Monday Night Football or "The Hills" every ten seconds, is the reason that the library is filled with students every night of the week.

So you're at a library to study, but this still isn't helping you get a date. One of the hardest parts of meeting someone is the initial approach. For starters, the fact that a girl is alone rather than with 10 or even five of her friends makes the task of going up to her and having the courage to muscle out, "Hello!" 10 times easier. Unfortunately, you hardly ever get this chance at parties and bars.

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And while I do applaud the guy who has the guts to go up to a girl and belligerently say, "Did it hurt when you fell from heaven?" it rarely ever works. Not to worry though. Glance over, take a look at what books she has with her and go talk about them with her. It's an easy way to initiate that awkward, first conversation for a guy or a girl, even if you don't know any-

thing about the history of Greek and Roman Mythology.

What's that? You don't want to bother her while she's at the library studying? The truth is everyone appreciates a break from constantly staring at the same page over and over again, trying emphatically to have the words stick in their mind (hello daydreaming). Yes, perhaps she has an exam in 14 hours so she quickly blows you off. Or maybe she would rather do anything other than study at that point and you end up talking for an hour before deciding that this could actually go somewhere.

The library is not just a place for guys to meet girls, though. Most girls would be ecstatic to meet an intelligent guy they can actually engage in a conversation with. After over 18 years of having guys stare at your lips (we'll stay above the neck line for now) rather than listening to what you have to say, this awkward fellow that does just the opposite is nothing short of Prince Charming.

So you see, there is no longer a need to worry about what's going on Friday and Saturday night. The real action is happening on your typical Monday or Tuesday. Don't trudge over to Willy T, but instead stroll over there with a smile on your face knowing that tonight could be the night you meet someone.

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Brazilian soccer player finds home and success at UK

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Brazil is known for their soccer. The South American country has produced the likes of Pelé, Ronaldinho, Kaká and Ronaldo. For the UK men's soccer team, Brazil has produced Marco dos Santos.

The 22-year-old junior transfer has already scored three goals, which is second on the team. He was able to make an impressive debut as he found the back of the net in his first two regular season games. UK's coaching staff saw the potential while he attended college at Faculdades Metropolitanas Unidas in São Paulo, Brazil with a major in physical education.

In March, 2007 at a showcase in São Paulo for players interested in coming to the U.S. to play and attend college, UK assistant coach Matt Wilkerson first spotted dos Santos' talent on the soccer field.

"He's a very good player. I think

that anyone who watches him right away can tell that," Wilkerson said. "He's got a lot of dynamic qualities about him, and when he wants to be good he can be very good, so he stood out right away."

Wilkerson and dos Santos maintained communication by e-mail and on his last chance to interview with admissions at UK, dos Santos took the 10-hour flight on Aug. 4, 2007 to see if he would even be admitted into UK.

"(Wilkerson said) with soccer, you don't have any problem. It doesn't depend on us," dos Santos said. "You have to do well in school to play soccer and I was kind of scared."

He spent three days at UK, interviewed with the admissions office and went back to Brazil to wait on the official word. One week later, the news came.

"My coach called me and said Marco, you are fine. You have to be here in like two weeks, so the

process was kind of fast," dos Santos said. "My mom started to cry when I said, 'Mama, I'm leaving.' She was crying because she was happy and was like 'oh, finally,' but sad because I was leaving."

Although dos Santos arrived one and a half years ago, he was ineligible to play the 2007 season due to the National Soccer Coaches Association of America transfer rules. He had to stay on the sidelines at UK beat then-No. 1 Southern Methodist at home last year. After the upset, he was right there cheering for his team, jumping up and down with everyone and hugging anybody that he knew.

"Soccer is my life, and I like to play, so it was pretty hard for me," he said. "I woke up every morning and went to practice and played with my team. But when we had a game, I couldn't play, I couldn't help my teammates, just watch the team and I couldn't travel. So I could only practice and practice and

practice. It was a pretty hard time."

Before coming to UK, dos Santos studied English for six months in a private class, with two hours a day spent with a teacher and at least two more hours by himself. The more time he spent learning English, the less time he got to play soccer.

"English is important for my life in the future and graduating in the American university, so when I go back to Brazil I can find a job," dos Santos said. "It's important for me that I can travel the whole world and I can speak English."

Among his teammates, dos Santos is a favorite with his energetic personality. They often make good-natured jokes about him being a 22-year-old freshman in soccer, causing him to feel like both the youngest and oldest guy on the team sometimes.

"He's a positive, funny and honest guy. He's smart, and he's just easy to be with," said sophomore

midfielder and two-year roommate Jirijoonas Kanth. "When he's here at the games he motivates us, and in training he makes the atmosphere more energetic. Every day we always have fun together."

Dos Santos is able to bring plenty to the table, be it teaching his teammates about the Brazilian culture or the leadership he already demonstrates on the field. UK head coach Ian Collins said the unique mix of intellectual and physical skills by dos Santos makes him an electric player.

"He's a dynamic player, he's very skillful, he's good with the ball," UK head coach Ian Collins said. "He reads situations really well, he's got a lot of experience in college soccer, and those players are not common. It's more of a case that guys are usually very physical and they run and stuff, but he brings a little bit more of a skillful part of the game, a little bit more savvy, a little bit more experience."

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Q&A with Ben Folds

The piano-based rocker opens up on leaking his album, angry fans and 'Rolling Stone'

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The title of Ben Folds' new album, "Way to Normal," is somewhat misleading considering he enjoys being confused and confusing other people. "I think one of my problems is that I enjoy certain effects, and I enjoy stirring the pot a little bit," said Folds, who will perform Saturday night with the Louisville Symphony Orchestra. "I enjoy the effect that it has on people, but I'm such a wimp. I just cringe when I offend someone, I just hate it."

"Way to Normal," is Folds' third album since the break up of his former band Ben Folds Five. Last Friday, Folds did a phone interview with the Kernel and talked about getting back together with Ben Folds Five, his new album and how he's not "rock's most angriest man."

Q. On Sept. 18 you got back together with the guys from Ben Folds Five to perform "The Unauthorized Biography of Reinhold

Messner." How did it feel to get back together with them?

A. It was nice, we played better than we ever had. The show was more relaxed and accurate, but more heartfelt. The chemistry was pure, and I was impressed. I was really surprised; I didn't expect us to be that on after not playing for a year.

Q. What was the thought process behind releasing the fake version of "Way to Normal?"

A. There were a lot of reasons to do it, but mainly because we were inspired and it was fun. We are in the fun business, and even when a song is a bummer, we are not making stuff that people have to have. So when you find moments of inspiration, then you should jump on it.

It was a given that the record would leak, just because all records leak. And me and the band had been talking about the process and commerce of the music busi-

ness, and I think a lot of us are getting frustrated that the machine we created, the music business, makes it very difficult to be spontaneous. This was an opportunity to write and record as many songs as we could in four days, so we wrote all new songs to the existing titles on the album. We didn't karaoke the old versions, everything is different.

Q. Are there some of the fake songs that you like better than the real ones?

A. I think some of them are rivals. A lot of people really like the "Bitch Went Nuts" on the record better, I kind of like the fake one. I don't think any one of them is better than the other. I just really like the fake record and the energy behind it.

Q. Do you think there is a stand out song on "Way to Normal," or are they all the same in your eyes?

A. I think "Cologne" may stand out. I've performed it now with an orchestra and a

choir, and I've played it some on the road, it just seems to have a thing. "You Don't Know Me," is unique. It's not normal for me, it's not the kind of song that I've ever done before. And I really like the "Frown Song," but that seems to be one that I've noticed pisses some people off. I'm not sure if they get it.

Q. How does it piss people off?

A. I think the record in general is pissing some people off. I can only know in hindsight. It'll take me a few years, but I think the record is being read as this angry record. I'm really out of touch. I didn't know if that's suppose to be cool if it's angry or not. I can't think it's a compliment. I don't really feel angry.

Q. Do you think you come off as very angry?

A. Well, I don't think so, yet, it was just in Rolling Stone the other day, I didn't

even know that the album had been reviewed and one of the first pages that I come down to is "Rock's angriest man makes his record" or something like that, and I thought "wow." Everyone gets angry about something now and then, and that's human to express it in music. We played our first show on the tour in Washington, D.C. a couple of nights ago and that drew some pretty angry fan mail because we just played new songs. A lot of people were saying that I looked pretty angry, but I was just concentrating. I wasn't a great showman that night, I was just trying to get the notes right. So the next night in Providence, R.I., I came out like it was Vegas. I was like "Hey, how's it going? I'm happy!"

Q. So, do you think you'll incorporate more of the older material into the show now?

A. No, I don't look at it like that. I'm up for criticism, but I'm doing what I think is the best thing to do.

The funny thing is, we played an encore, which was like half an hour set of old stuff, so I don't really know why they were upset. I think making music is happy and fun, and if I see my favorite band I don't really expect them to do things that fans seem to expect of me. If I see a show, I expect a band to play what they think is the best to play and I judge it, if I judge, on how well that was done and how it made me feel. I don't expect to take a picture with a band, and I don't expect them to really say anything. It's not a college lecture tour. But that doesn't mean I'm not happy to do those things when I can.

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