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## Student pleads not guilty

BCTC student charged in stadium robbery will face trial Sept. 28

By Megan Boehnk  
THE KENTUCKY KERNEL

A 19-year-old student arrested for an armed robbery near Commonwealth Stadium last week pled not guilty to charges of first-degree robbery yesterday in Fayette District Court.



Grice

William Stewart Grice, a student at Bluegrass Community and Technical College, formerly Lexington Community College, is scheduled to stand trial Sept. 28.

Thomas Blake Bishop, 20, reported the robbery occurred while he was in his vehicle in the parking lot of BCTC.

He said he was talking on his cell phone in the parking lot with the driver's side window down when a suspect came up behind him and asked for his wallet, cell phone and keys.

"He had a gun so I had no choice but to do what he said," Bishop said. "I just tried to remain calm."

Bishop, a junior elementary education major at BCTC, had just left the bank and was on his way home when he stopped in the parking lot to talk on his cell phone. After giving the suspect his belongings, Bishop waited for him to leave before walking toward the stadium.

Bishop borrowed a cell phone from a witness to call 911.

"I was shocked," he said. "I would have never expected anything like that to happen to me. That's stuff you only read about and never expect to happen to you."

Grice was arrested Friday near the corner of Tates Creek Road and Alumni Drive after officers recognized his Volvo station wagon as the one matching Bishop's description.

When officers approached the suspect, they were given permission to search the vehicle, where they found a sawed-off shotgun matching Bishop's description of the robber's weapon. Grice was taken into custody and later charged. He is being held at the Fayette County Detention Center on a \$10,000 cash bond.

Bishop said it was a relief that an arrest was made in the case, but said it could have happened to anybody.

"Don't go out alone at night and don't park and talk on the phone," he said. "I learned the hard way about that."

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## Plus Account now available off campus

Students can use the debit account at four restaurants, Johnny Print

By Ryan Evans  
THE KENTUCKY KERNEL

Students and faculty can enjoy the flexibility of UK's Plus Account this semester with new off-campus venues that include Johnny Print and Qdoba.

The Plus Account could previously be used only at on-campus locations, including restaurants, dorm laundromats and for printing and photocopying services. The newly expanded program allows students to use the Plus Account at locations off campus. Currently, five businesses are participating in the program: Tolly-Ho, Qdoba, Good Fortune, Wing Zone and Johnny Print.

The Plus Account program, an optional debit account, requires no minimum deposit and may be opened or increased at any time. There is no charge to establish an account and users pay no transaction fee when they use it.

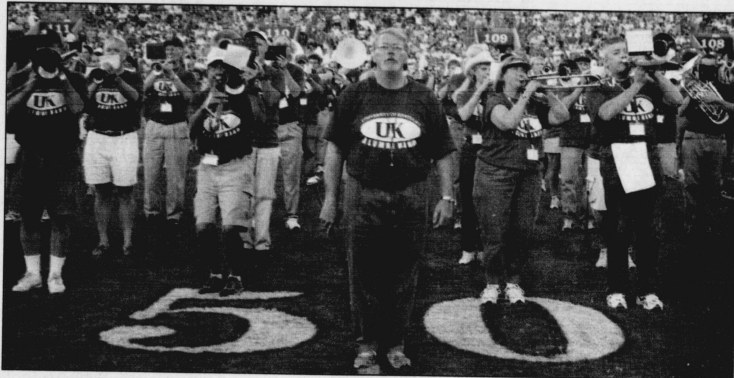
"It's something that students have asked us to do for years," said Chip Carter, student affairs director of the Dining and Plus Accounts Office.

"Students have also asked vendors to help make it happen, so the vendors have been happy to be part of the program."

Carter also acknowledged negotiations are underway to include other off-campus businesses and services in the Plus Account program.

The expanded program has been met with a positive reaction from many students. Students say the prospect of using the Plus Account

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Members of the UK Alumni Band perform at half-time of the Idaho State Football game on Saturday at Commonwealth Stadium. The band included alumni as far back as the Class of 1947.

## The March of Generations

UK Marching Band alumni of all ages unite with current band members for rehearsal and half-time performance

By Ellie Fairbanks  
THE KENTUCKY KERNEL

High school and college marching band members practice through the hot Kentucky summer months to perfect steps, beats and formations. Saturday's rehearsal for the 2005 installment of UK's Alumni Marching Band was no different. Fighting through intense heat and humidity, the alumni practiced for over two hours to hone their performance before reliving their glory days on the field.

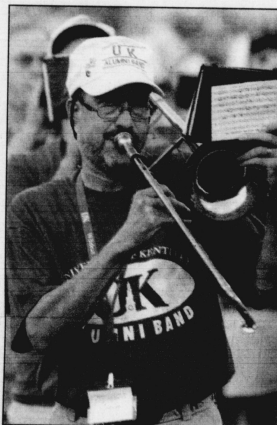
Many alumni members brought along family and friends to share in the weekend's festivities so that their loved

ones could be a part of something that was so important to them during their time at UK.

During rehearsals and practices, small children mimicked their parents' actions on the field. Children marched alongside moms and dads and some even tried to show off their baton-throwing skills by mirroring the majorette's performance.

Medina McAnallen, a 1987 graduate, said the promise of seeing her old friends from when she was a majorette in the band made her want to attend the festivities. She said that even

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Joel Lovan plays the trombone as part of the UK Alumni Band during the half-time of the Idaho State football game on Sunday at Commonwealth Stadium.

## 'Constitution Day' stresses citizenship

By Bobbi Anne Vowels  
THE KENTUCKY KERNEL

Students and faculty members will gather on the patio of the Student Center tomorrow morning to celebrate the freedoms of the U.S. Constitution and promote student participation in democracy as part of UK's second annual Constitution Day.

The celebration was developed last year after Congress passed a law requiring all educational institutions that receive federal funding to celebrate the Constitution.

Buck Ryan, director of the

Citizen Kentucky Project of UK's First Amendment Center, views the federal mandate as a way to promote civic literacy.

"We are turning a federal mandate into a celebration and a call to good citizens to understand the challenges of civic literacy," Ryan said.

Ryan is holding a deliberative forum, "Civic Literacy: The People, the Press and Public Policy" tomorrow at 11 a.m. The forum is funded by the Scripps Howard Foundation and will focus on the nature of civic engagement and the role of the news media in promoting civic participation in democracy.

Secretary of State Trey Grayson will join the forum with a discussion about his efforts to increase civic literacy among students. Free lunch will be provided for those who attend.

Students in Ryan's freshman discovery seminar, "Citizen Kentucky: Journalism and Democracy," will also participate in the forum. Shanna Lee, who is compiling statistics from surveys handed out by the class about voting and volunteering, said she thinks civic literacy is important for all students.

"Civic literacy and civic action is important because many

teenagers don't take charge, and then they are unhappy about the decisions other people make for them," Lee said.

Thursday's event, "A Call to Civic Action," led by UK's Assistant Provost Richard Greissman, will promote the role of citizen volunteers.

"This is our way of saying that in a democracy people should give of themselves," he said. "We benefit by living in a democracy that protects our rights, but we should also give of ourselves to strengthen our communities."

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## General cuts the 'b.s.' and takes charge in the Southeast

By Lynne Duke  
THE WASHINGTON POST

NEW ORLEANS — There's the swagger, and that ever-present stogie. There's the height and heft of his physique. And that barking voice with its font of perhaps impolitic obscenities ("That's b.s.," he famously asserted on national TV), not to mention his penchant for not suffering fools, as is the prerogative of a three-star general.

U.S. Army Lt. Gen. Russel Honore, 57, is the kind of commander you don't mess with, you don't cross, who punctuates pronouncements with barked questions like, "Everybody got that?" He's so steeped in military culture that he ends televised sound bites as if ending an army radio transmission.

"Over."

But it's for something far less idiosyncratic, far more visceral, that troops on the battered streets of New Orleans hold him in high regard: He's a soldier's soldier, the kind of man who'll cover your back.

As he strides through a command center set up outside the shuttered and storm-battered Harrah's casino, that is why troops want to shake his hand, look him in the eye and thank him even as he thanks them.

He's wrapped his big mitts around the hand of Spec. Amy Firestone, a member of the quick reaction force from the 134th Transportation Company of the Oklahoma National Guard. She served in the dread-

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Lt. Gen. Russell Honore, starts his day with a cigar in Camp Shelby, Mississippi before flying down to New Orleans.

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though it has been more than 15 years since she graduated, she still gets nervous on the field.

"I've dropped my baton twice in rehearsals, so I am a little nervous about going out on the field," McAnallen said. "I live in Lexington, so all of my friends and family are going to be here to watch me. Hopefully, I don't make a mistake."

UK Marching Band alumni — even from the Class of 1947 — returned to Commonwealth Stadium this past weekend for the UK Marching Band Alumni reunion.

The 2005 Alumni Band included members who traveled from as far as Texas to dust off their instruments for a special presentation at this weekend's football game against Idaho State.

Accompanying the Wildcat Marching Band, the Alumni Band performed "Free Ride." Without assistance, the alumni played "On, on, U of K" and the state

song, "My Old Kentucky Home."

Most alumni members agree the camaraderie and the memories keep them coming back for this reunion, held every other year.

Dan Hughes, a 1989 UK graduate who lives in Frankfort, said he enjoys the interaction with other band members.

"Even if we're not the same age, we all pretty much share the same memories of band," he said. "This is my third time coming, and I love getting to see all of these people that I shared so many good times with."

Hughes, who plays the trumpet, said he usually sees at least 10 people he graduated with when he comes back for the celebrations.

"I always come back and play at the reunion at the basketball games, but I get to see a whole different group of people when the marching band gets together to perform at the football games," he said.

His wife, Laura Hughes, a 1992 graduate, said it's a great time to reminisce.

"This is just such a relaxing weekend when we can all get together and share old

stories," she said. "We can catch up with old friends."

Even though this was her first time joining her husband at the reunion, Laura Hughes, a mellophone player, could see what keeps him coming back.

"It's just so nice to see everyone that we haven't seen in so long," she said. "It brings back such great feelings of the times we all shared while in the band."

Bruce McBrayer, a 1973 graduate originally from Nicholasville, Ky., played the trombone when he was in college. His son, a senior at UK, told him that he should come back this year to perform. McBrayer said his son probably just wanted to laugh in the stands at his expense.

McBrayer also said that being in the alumni band is a lot more relaxed and comfortable than being in the student band 30 years ago. "Things just aren't as formal as they were when you were actually in the band," he said. "This is just a weekend for all of us to get together again and relax and have fun."

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## Plus

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count for off-campus purchases and services is an improvement.

"It's a good idea, since lots of students are in Tolly-Ho and Johnny Print," said mathematics sophomore Katie Thompson. "Lots of students don't always have cash on them, and it's a good alternative to pulling out the credit cards."

However, a number of students are not even aware of the changes to the Plus Account. They cite a lack of

an official university announcement and information regarding the program and its participating businesses as a problem.

"I wasn't even aware that there was a change and just use it for laundry and such," said Lauren Estes, an integrated strategic communications sophomore.

Many of those students who are aware or have used the new program in these new locations learned of it through word-of-mouth, and few have learned of it through official university announcements. This has led to confusion among students as they use the Plus Account.

"We've had a good number of students come in and be confused," said Tolly-Ho

manager Matt Salyer. "A lot of them confuse using the Plus Account here with the on-campus dining account, and we just give them a quick explanation of the differences with the accounts."

Students are not the only ones benefiting from the new uses of the Plus Account.

The businesses involved have also found positive aspects. "We've seen a good amount of positive growth over the semester," Salyer said.

"We're a test market for the new off-campus program, and so far, the test seems to be working pretty well."

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## General

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ed Superdome, packed with evacuees and mayhem.

"Did you see any murders?" the general asks sympathetically.

"I seen some stabbings, sir," she confides, her voice dripping with regret over what she witnessed.

He pats her on the shoulder, saying, "Thank you for being a good soldier," and palms a 1st Army medallion into her hand as a keepsake as he moves on to troops and cops who have gravitated to him.

Mayor Ray Nagin called Honore (pronounced ah-NOR-ay) "one John Wayne dude" when the general arrived. It seemed the city had spiraled out of anyone's control when the 6-foot-2 general with the pencil mustache and caramel skin appeared

and threw his weight against the mayhem.

"He's got the power to make things happen," Firestone says. Nearby Honore is pledging that the Army will find a way to retrieve 1,000 pounds of meat a man wants to donate for the troops.

"It's awesome that he came here," Firestone says. "He's the first general I've seen come down here."

Every day, he's there — or somewhere: New Orleans, the Mississippi-Alabama coast, or Camp Shelby near Hattiesburg, Miss., where Joint Task Force Katrina is based. From there he commutes via Black Hawk helicopter after each day's Battle Update Briefing, where his pronouncements are punctuated with phrases like one during a brief tirade over another commander's statements about weapons status for Joint Task Force Katrina: "It ain't his (expletive) job! I mean, how the (expletive) did he do that?"

Yes, he offers in an interview, his wife of 34 years, Beverly, has admonished him

from time to time about that intimidating public manner, about "using the word 'b.s.' on TV," he says. (The recent usage came when a reporter told Homeland Security Secretary Michael Chertoff that a Louisiana politician had complained there was too much red tape facing victims. Before Chertoff could answer, Honore snapped: "That's b.s.")

But he believes "it takes a big personality to command the army east of the Mississippi River."

That's the region of the Army's 1st Division, and he is its commanding general, based in Atlanta, overseeing preparations of units being deployed to Iraq. As leader of the Joint Task Force Katrina, he commands all active-duty troops from all military branches devoted to the recovery.

But he asserts the troops are taking the battle (recovery) to the enemy (Katrina's destruction).

"This ain't about me," he says, "it's about the troops. This is about us."



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## ETCETERA | The Poore Philosophy

### Get old-school cred from the 'Street'

All right, now look, I realized I'm a pretty childish individual at times. Most guys my age are pretty immature — we work pretty hard at it.

No matter what is going on around us, we always take the time to turn our head and gawk at every single female that passes.



**Derek Poore**  
KERNEL COLUMNIST

We make decisions like someone I work with made recently when he ate an ice cream sandwich with a Busch Light.

We also work hard at making sure the only thing we know how to cook is spaghetti, toast and cereal.

But I realized recently the most important part of my childhood education was not school or parental nagging, but "Sesame Street."

As regular readers of this know, I got cable last week. I haven't found "Sesame Street" yet. I'm not even sure if it's still on TV anymore. It debuted in 1969.

I haven't left my couch, either, even though there's nothing on that's really good

to watch. But I'm watching anyway. This is another decision guys make. Our world can exist between the TV and our couch. Speaking of, is this proof TV brainwash-es you? I guess so. But that may be my point.

"Sesame Street" taught me a lot.

Look both ways before I cross the street.

Chew food with my mouth closed.

Accept, into society, strange green creatures who live in trash cans and always seem to be grouchy.

The funny thing is, I haven't really seen "Sesame Street" in a very long time. But its lessons are still in my head.

The "Street" taught me a lot as a kid. But I don't really have street cred from watching the "Street."

What I do have is common sense. Don't laugh. There's a lot to be learned from the "Street." Sharing, caring, treating everyone equal and being honest. I'm serious, a lot of problems on campus and in life in general can be solved by remembering what Big Bird and the Cookie Monster said on the "Street."

I also like calling it the "Street." Don't be at all surprised if I wrote this column just so I could call it the

"Street."

Some of its characters never really made sense. Comedian Dave Chappelle labeled the Count as a pimp. He said Snuffy must have been on cocaine.

But seriously though, While I usually use this space to laugh at people better than me, simple kids' shows are the root of the next generation. Children are very impressionable. When I was five, I would deplore my mom for drinking soda in the car. Don't drink and drive, they told me.

I was a nervous wreck by my seventh birthday because I would see my dad "lighting the grill." Which was nothing at all like lighting the Christmas tree. He was playing with fire. It was a conspiracy — my own dad was involved and I had no one to tell.

So I'm not so much making fun of the "Street." But I'm making fun of how stupid we are as kids. Kids are dumb. There, I said it. They can barely count and can't even drive. Nobody cool doesn't drive.

But I will say this column's existence is funny enough. Maybe I'll make fun of myself next week.

Or maybe there'll be something good on TV after all.

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## Cincy actors shine in 'Forum'

By Melissa Smith Mallery  
KERNEL THEATER CRITIC

In times of such tragedy, a night at Cincinnati's Playhouse in the Park's "A Funny Thing Happened on the Way to the Forum" is a great distraction. The opening number, "Comedy Tonight," guarantees everything a comedy should have, and the following show delivers, complete with a rubber chicken.

The musical depicts Pseudolus, a slave in ancient Rome who will do just about anything to be set free. His young master, Hero, will do anything to capture the heart of Phyllia, a virgin courtesan (a bit ironic, we know) who has been sold to a naval captain. Hero is overtaken by his love for Phyllia, so Pseudolus sets out to get the two together so he can be freed.

Both Hero and Phyllia are very flat characters in comparison to everyone surrounding them. The times they spend alone on stage leaves the audience wishing Pseudolus or another character would barge in and live on things up a bit. But since their love fuels the entire plot, presence is endured.

Everyone else in the cast more than makes up for their shallowness, especially

Pseudolus and Hysterium, the two slaves of Hero's house. Bob Walton is Pseudolus and charms the audience from the beginning. His wit is quicker and smarter than the others', yet he can't read the contract binding Phyllia to her sea captain.

Hysterium, played by Jeff Skowron, tries to keep calm as five courtesans entertain the sea captain, who has come to claim his virgin. He embodies his name from his bloodshot eyes to his eventually high heel-clad feet, adorned that way in an attempt to return the household to normalcy.

As in all ancient plays, a small chorus is used in various ways to supplement the story and cast. The three men who play Proteans (Jared Gertner, Bryan Lefebvre and Dominic Roberts) really make the most of their limited stage time. By synchronizing their movements, their appearances only add to the hilarity.

The set is actually historically true to ancient Roman style, yet extremely cartoonish with its appearances. Bright colors and slightly crooked architecture enhance the twists and turns of the story.

**'A Funny Thing Happened on the Way to the Forum'**

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In a musical, there are two very fundamental pieces: the singers and the orchestra. Unfortunately, the orchestra left a bit to be desired. I saw this musical for the first time at a high school and the overture transported me right back to that auditorium. Luckily, once the actors come on stage, their beautiful singing covers most of the sour notes coming from above the stage.

If the day's events are weighing a bit too much, the laughter that comes with this musical will try to lighten the load — though you may have the melodies stuck in your head all weekend.

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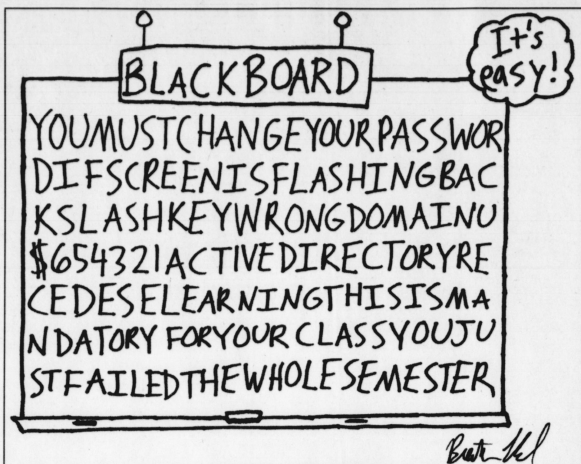
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## IN OUR OPINION

### Erase these online hassles

Blackboard translates to roadblock for most UK students scrambling to access their online accounts before missing out on mandatory class work.

UK's personalized online resource had students clogging McVey Hall last week, where Internet Technology workers waited on students who were distraught over irritable computers rejecting passwords. And many of these students, terrified to miss out on assignments on the program, are still waiting to participate in required online activities.

Many instructors assume students are adept in using Internet technology programs and have the competence or experience to access a Blackboard account without assistance.

Too few instructors, it seems, understand the tedious steps involved in creating an account or wait for students to gradually log in as the semester progresses.

Earlier this year, the program was overloaded and shut itself down. As Blackboard enters its fifth year of use at UK, the more than 23,000 students who use it (according to IT workers) have felt nothing but frustration toward it.

Many incoming freshmen draw a blank after a

couple of attempts at the creating an account, a process that requires at least 30 minutes of patience and takes students through a series of monotonous steps that seem redundant and unnecessary.

**Instructors should not penalize students for not accessing Blackboard without trying to assist those with difficulties**

UK's Blackboard is an asset to both students and instructors. It

posts grades, provides class documents, and encourages interactive discussion between students participating in the same class. Students enjoy shortcuts, such as posted lectures and

study guides, provided through the online resource.

Instructors must be patient and willing to provide assistance when they choose to use Blackboard as a mandatory class component. Students should receive thorough directions for accessing a Blackboard account from instructors on the first day of classes.

Students cannot be held responsible for Blackboard tasks when there is confusion about how to access an account. Instructors must teach material, but they must direct students to use the resources provided by UK to enhance the learning process. Internet technology is only a benefit when it is used correctly and effectively by both instructors and students.

## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

### Protesters are ultimately selfish

Concerning the anti-war rally Thursday, I can't help but notice that the only reason these students can do this — without the Gestapo breaking in their doors and hauling them off to prison or sending them to a permanent vacation in Siberia or a mass grave in the desert — is that about 230 years ago a war was fought, and people were killed in it. The purpose of this war was to secure basic human rights for the colonists, and yes, incidentally, to protect the economic well-being of the colonists. Because those people fought and died, we enjoy basic legal human rights today — including the right to make rear-ends of ourselves in public. I am especially amazed that there should be any women in the anti-war camp. How would they like to be dropped into Taliban-controlled Afghanistan, or Saddam-controlled Iraq, or Saudi Arabia, perhaps, where it's illegal to believe in any religion other than Islam — and where women are property who can be bought and sold and forced into concubinage or murdered with nary a glance from the authorities? Forced marriages, child marriages, honor killings — the list goes on. I presume the women in the anti-war movement don't care about the rights of women in other countries, as long as they have theirs.

Or is it a deep pervasive racism, that somehow nonwhite peoples, male or female, don't deserve to be freed from oppression and fear? If an evil, murderous dictator took over Great Britain or Canada and started slaughtering the white population, I doubt you'd be seeing this type of rally. I also didn't notice anyone saying "It's not our problem" when the Soviet Union was oppressing white political dissidents. Rather, it was widely acknowledged that those actions were evil and that any and all help should be given to those trying to escape. The genocide in Darfur, however, got no such sympathy. Forced abortions in China — who cares? Tibet wiped off the map? Old news. Drug lords terrorizing native South Americans? Boring. Arabs blowing up busloads of old ladies and school kids — well, it's just Jews. Anyone notice a pattern here?

Or is it just arrogance and selfishness? American soldiers are fighting and dying to uproot terrorism, free oppressed peoples, and, yes, incidentally to protect the economic well-being of Americans who even as I write this are complaining about the price of gasoline being too high and

how it's hurting their standard of living. Spoiled brats insist that there is some sort of amorphous moral obligation that the universe make sure Americans live in comfort, peace, and rule of law — and expect the rest of the world to sacrifice its natural resources to make it so — but aren't willing to make any sacrifice at all for the rights of those same people to have comfort, peace or rule of law.

Whichever it is, it's disgusting. So was the rally.

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### Ellingsworth doesn't speak for us

I am a recent master's graduate of UK. I am 54 years old and have no special interest in this election. I am not acquainted with either of the parties in the dispute. Why do I care what happens? Because Becky Ellingsworth is being allowed to make a mockery of the student elections process at the university from which I am proud to have graduated. In response to Ellingsworth's statement that she was fighting for the students in the dispute over the Student Government, I say, "Hogwash!" How could she be fighting for the students' rights and voice when she was not the popular choice of the students and does not represent their wishes? She was quite obviously fighting for her own selfish aims. Nor could she justly fulfill the role of representing the student voice on the University Board of Trustees. She only represents "Becky Ellingsworth" as demonstrated by the election and the whole fiasco that has taken place since then!

It has always been a principle of democracy in this country that the punishment should fit the crime. Taking the office away from Will Nash — the students' choice — is not, in any way, a just punishment for overspending his budget by a few dollars based on a tax issue, a small technicality used by Ellingsworth to usurp the rights of the students she claims to represent. This whole process has undermined their right to have the person in office that they clearly wanted to represent them. And, as I understand it, Ellingsworth also violated an election rule but was given a mere fine.

Furthermore, why would a student government elections board have the right to make such a ridiculous deci-

### Life doesn't always fit on an Excel spreadsheet

I wish I had the patience to be Buddhist. But I'm a self-confessed control freak. A perfectionist. In a word, anal.



Crystal Little  
KERNEL COLUMNIST

That's why it's so hard to accept the things I have no influence over. And that's also one of the sharpest learning curves of adulthood: learning to live with situations you wish were different but can't be changed, at least for the moment.

The uncertainty of limbo, of the in-between, is petrifying. Having a plan — graduating high school with honors; going to college and graduating within four years (insert derisive snort here, by the way); continuing a wonderful, loving relationship with a significant other throughout those years; a promising, then fantastic, career in publishing; exotic vacations; eventual marriage — means everything to me.

But then, the realities of life and all of its little idiosyncrasies get in the way. In typical serial-overachiever manner, I manage to spread myself too thin with extracurriculars, so classes take a backseat to work. I cut down on credit hours and decide to graduate in five years.

The unexpected rears its ugly ambiguous head, and I move out of my apartment and into suburbia with my mom to help out, dutiful daughter that I am.

A five-year relationship ends, mostly because I'm too busy to realize it's crumbling before my omni-absent eyes.

At this point, the so-called plan is a veritable laughingstock. I'm a fifth-year senior, living at home, and I'm single. I've even set the women's movement back 200 years with the last three words of that sentence.

And as much as I try to convince myself otherwise, I've failed.

I feel off-kilter. I'm frightened, tiptoeing through decidedly unfamiliar territory, perpetually waiting.

Therein lies the danger of such a Type-A existence. I've told myself so many hundreds of times that life can only go in the direction of my outline on an Excel spreadsheet (don't be surprised — I said I was anal): Graduate at 22, start out in publishing, work my way up to an executive position by 28, parachute from an airplane before I'm 30 to counteract fear of heights, have a mortgage by 35, and be an independent, self-sufficient, modern woman through it all.

Instead, I'm venturing into this strange in-between, which feels like nothing so much as a waiting room.

But that's not true. The waiting room is my life, my reality, even if it's not the one I envisioned. Things are working out — just not necessarily the way I wanted.

It's a difficult lesson to just let everything go, to believe that this is, unfortunately or not, the way things are supposed to be at this moment.

Still, I'm coming to grips with being my version of an adult, learning to accept the things I can't change. Some days, my Zen mentality is so all-encompassing that I freak out because I'm not freaking out — irony at its finest.

But it's no big deal; that's the way things are supposed to be.

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### Poverty's a problem here, too

It shouldn't take an emergency for us to recognize the needs of those in our own community every day. Though I applaud the outpouring of donations and volunteerism from those in the Bluegrass and around the country in response to the devastation caused by Hurricane Katrina, the problems facing many residents of the Gulf in the aftermath are the very same problems faced by our own neighbors and citizens right here in Lexington.

Hunger, lack of transportation, inadequate health care, homelessness and poverty are not just the results of a natural disaster. Let's make sure that our benevolence towards our fellow Americans doesn't stop as the media coverage of Katrina fades from sight. Food insecurity and despair know no economic, geographic or chronological boundaries. Though the holidays — the season when contributions typically increase — are on the horizon, a Thanksgiving turkey cannot sustain a family for the other 355 days of the year.

I encourage every student on campus to do their part to make a difference: you can donate to a charity, volunteer an hour of your time at God's Pantry or another local organization, or simply throwing away that piece of litter you see on your way to class. The famous words of Margaret Mead could never be more appropriate: "Never doubt that a small group of thoughtful, committed citizens can change the world. Indeed, it's the only thing that ever has."

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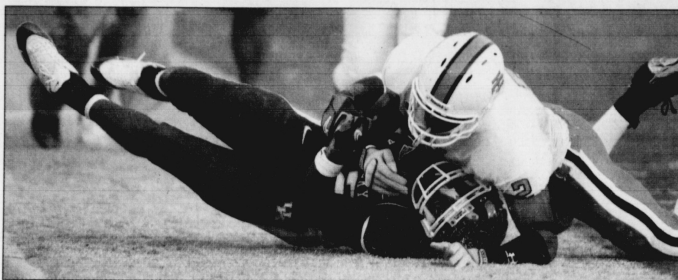
Yes, but it should not raise his salary

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## FOOTBALL NOTEBOOK



**KEITH SMILEY | STAFF**  
Sophomore UK tailback Rafael Little is brought down out of bounds by Idaho State's D.J. Clark during the second quarter of Saturday's 41-29 Wildcat victory at Commonwealth Stadium. Little had a career-high 104 rushing yards and returned a 99-yard kickoff for a touchdown.

## Little gives UK double vision

By Chris Johnson  
THE KENTUCKY KERNEL

Coach Rich Brooks said yesterday offensive catalyst Rafael Little would take over punt return duties in the absence of sophomore Keenan Burton, who cracked a bone in his right foot during the Cats' 41-29 victory over Idaho State Saturday.

"Little's a playmaker," Brooks said. "He needs the ball in his hands."

Brooks said receivers John Logan and DeMoreo Ford would be asked to step into the kickoff return void left by Burton. Logan, a sophomore, returned six kickoffs last season for UK, averaging 15.5 yards. Ford, a freshman, averaged 35.6 yards per kickoff return last season as a senior at LaGrange High School in LaGrange, Ga.

### Logan challenged

Brooks seemed to question Logan's effort at yesterday's football news conference, saying the Lexington Catholic graduate "possessed speed, but doesn't play with speed."

"There's obviously a reason he doesn't play much," Brooks said. "He

hasn't done much."

Due to the injuries to starting wide receivers Burton and senior Tommy Cook, Brooks and offensive coordinator Joker Phillips have mentioned Logan and Ford as players who need to step up in an interim role until Burton and Cook return.

"They've got talent," said tight end Jeremiah Drobney of Logan and Ford. "I think they can get into the scheme of things."

### Hoosiers' edge I-AA Nicholls State

UK downplayed the significance of both teams in Saturday's contest barely avoiding upsets at the hands of Division I-AA teams.

Indiana improved its season record to 2-0 Saturday with a 35-31 victory over Nicholls State, scoring a game-winning touchdown with 47 seconds left.

"I-AA gets players that aren't eligible (academically) at I-A," Brooks said. "They've also got some really good coaches. Contrary to popular belief, (I-AA) has some really good teams."

### Hot dash into SEC important

Wildcat players yesterday emphasized UK's need to be 2-1 heading into the SEC schedule rather than 1-2.

"The confidence factor heading into the Florida game is huge," Drobney said. "We need six wins to get to a bowl game. We can't afford any more losses."

Sophomore defensive tackle Jason Leger didn't seem too concerned with the competition level brought by the Hoosiers.

"Indiana's a very beatable team," Leger said. "They aren't like Florida or Georgia ... if you look at their size and speed, they're gonna have some of that, but Indiana's not going to have all of that."

Leger said the defense as a whole got a wake-up call against Idaho State, and that focus shouldn't be a concern in the week heading to the matchup in Bloomington.

"Idaho State was a better team than given credit for," Leger said. "The defense played terrible, and we still got out of there with a 'W.'"

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## SPORTS BRIEFS

### Volleyball faces Morehead State

The UK women's volleyball team will look to improve its 4-2 record at home at 7 tonight when the Cats host Morehead State in Memorial Coliseum.

The Wildcats split their weekend matches with a 3-0 win over Eastern Illinois Friday and a 3-2 loss to Wright State Saturday.

Junior Jenni Casper had a combined 35 digs for both matches and senior Danielle Wallace led UK with 42 kills over the weekend.

This is UK's last home game before traveling to Northwestern for a tournament this weekend. The Wildcats return home Sept. 23 to face the Auburn Tigers.

### UK football in TV two-step

Kickoff for UK's home football game against Florida Sept. 24 will either depend on which TV network picks up the East Division showdown.

CBS Sports will decide Sunday whether to pick the Cats and Gators or Arkansas at Alabama. Jefferson-Pilot Sports gets the remaining game.

UK's game will air at 3:30 p.m. if the game is on CBS (WKYT Channel 27 locally) or 12:30 p.m. on Jefferson-Pilot's network if CBS decides to show the Razorbacks and Crimson Tide.

### Little and Dickerson named Saturday's game captains

Sophomore running back Rafael Little and junior long snapper Jason Dickerson will be game captains for UK when the Cats take on Indiana in Bloomington Saturday.

Little amassed 243 total yards against Idaho State Saturday, including a 99-yard kick return for a TD versus the Bengals. Dickerson has been snapping on field goals, punts and extra points this season.

### Baseball's Cowgill named 'Top Prospect' in Valley League

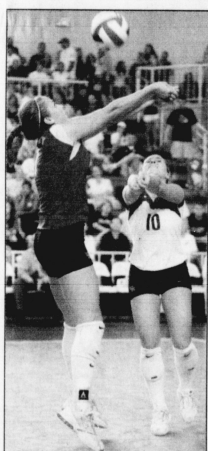
Sophomore Collin Cowgill's 14 homers and .324 hitting clip for the Covington (Va.) Lumberjacks earned the outfielder "Top Prospect" honors during this past summer's Valley League play. Cowgill's .659 slugging percentage was tops and a full 135 points higher than the league's next-best hitter.

The Lumberjacks won the league championship.

Sophomore outfielder Antone DeJesus was ranked eighth by Baseball America in the Northwoods League.

DeJesus batted .287, leading the Duluth (Minn.) Huskies and had a 414 on-base percentage.

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