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Helping troops combat plaque

UK researcher working with Army to create combat gum

By Shannon Mason
THE KENTUCKY KERNEL

Dr. Patrick DeLuca is taking the oral health of the U.S. Army into his own hands — by giving soldiers something to chew on.

DeLuca, a drug product developer at UK, is working with the Army to develop a combat chewing gum for soldiers out in the field who don't have time to brush their teeth. The project is currently in its second year of development.

DeLuca said the Army contacted him because it wanted something to improve the oral healthcare of soldiers.

"They were interested in having a gum or device to help keep soldiers teeth and gums clean out in the field," DeLuca said.

"It is destroyed if swallowed, it's not unpleasant and it's less objectionable from the standpoint of taste."

"They wanted a sustained-release antibacterial agent that would keep the oral cavity free of plaque and bacteria." He said in wars of the past 30 years, about 14 to 18 percent of soldiers who came out of the service had to be treated for plaque-induced infections.

DeLuca said a combat gum would be ideal in situations when regular brushing was not possible.

"There's no substitute for brushing," he said.

"Brushing is the best way." DeLuca said all chewing gums do not contain antibacterial agents, and some of the brands that do have been shown to cause staining of the teeth. DeLuca said he's working with a new antibacterial agent — a form of a peptide — without the staining problem as some of the current agents on the market.

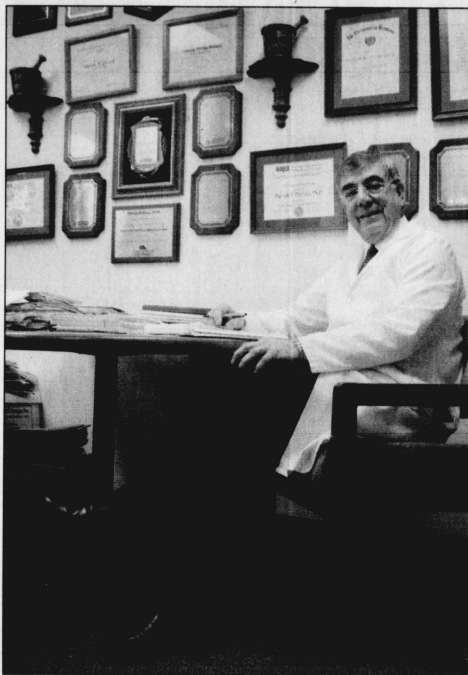
The new agent also has other benefits, he said. "It is destroyed if swallowed, it's not unpleasant and it is less objectionable from a standpoint of taste," DeLuca said.

DeLuca said he expects the product to eventually be made available to the public.

"It's used in the Army, it will end up in public," he said. "It's highly desirable and attractive."

The Wm. Wrigley Jr. Co. has shown interest in eventually producing the gum, DeLuca said.

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ROBIN BAKER | STAFF

Pharmacy professor Dr. Patrick DeLuca is developing a chewing gum that will allow soldiers in the field to keep their teeth clean without having to carry extra weight of dental care products or worry about their oral health if they don't have the chance to brush their teeth often.

Pulitzer winner first talk in series

By Brandy Gillenwater
THE KENTUCKY KERNEL

David Halberstam, a Pulitzer Prize-winning author, will speak tonight at Memorial Hall at 7, kicking off the start of the Distinguished Author Lectures presented by UK Libraries.

Halberstam has written 14 bestsellers, ranging from his coverage in Vietnam, for which he won the Pulitzer Prize at age 30, to baseball, Sept. 11 and war in the 21st century.

"He was among the first observers who understood the on-the-ground realities of the war," said Tracy Campbell, co-director for the Wendell H. Ford Public Policy Research Center and a professor of history. "His experience gives him a unique vantage point to comment on our current predicament in the Middle East."

Campbell will be introducing Halberstam at the lecture.

The lecture is free and open to the public. The topic is "America and the World: New Challenges in a Time of Uncertainty."

Halberstam's investigative skills and range of subjects make him an appealing author for students, said Carol Diedrichs, dean of UK Libraries. "He is a person who isn't afraid to ask the difficult questions. He's an inspiring writer."

Halberstam's lecture tonight is part of

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If you go

Who: Pulitzer Prize-winner David Halberstam

When: Tonight at 7

Where: Memorial Hall

Event is free and open to the public

FEMA to stop paying evacuees' hotel bills

By Peter G. Goselin
LOS ANGELES TIMES

WASHINGTON — Federal officials said yesterday that the government would stop paying the hotel bills on Dec. 1 for as many as 150,000 evacuees from hurricanes Katrina and Rita as they push storm victims to find more stable, and less expensive, housing.

Officials at the Federal Emergency Management Agency acknowledged that evacuees living in storm-damaged Mississippi and Louisiana may have trouble finding alternate housing. But about the best FEMA could offer was the possibility of two-week extensions of the deadline for residents of those two states.

There is a sufficient supply of apartments elsewhere in the nation to house the evacuees,

the officials said. But they were unclear on how, or whether, the government might help in finding and paying for accommodations.

"There are still too many people living in hotel rooms, and we want to help them get into longer-term homes before the holidays," FEMA acting director R. David Paulson said in a statement. "Across the country, there are readily available, longer-term housing solutions."

FEMA's action is almost certain to sow consternation both among those displaced by the

storms and among officials in the areas that have taken them in.

In a memo sent Monday to FEMA officials, David Garratt, the agency's acting director of recovery, said that starting Dec. 1 FEMA would no longer reimburse states for new leases to house storm victims. Next March 1, FEMA will stop paying for existing leases that many states co-signed with evacuees, even though many run for a year or more.

The cutoff would hit especially hard in states with the largest numbers of evacuees, such as Texas and Georgia.

In the memo, Garratt said victims may still be eligible for individual assistance, some of which could be used for rent. But it was unclear whether those now in hotels would be provided with individual aid as

part of the effort to move them elsewhere. In a hastily called telephone press conference yesterday, FEMA officials said only that they would work to notify victims of "all available options."

Under federal law, FEMA can provide disaster-stricken families with up to \$26,200 in aid, and the agency recently announced that it would pay out the full sum to about 60,000 households in the worst-hit areas of Mississippi and Louisiana. But it has approved only about \$4,500 in aid payments to an additional 450,000 displaced families. The second of those payments, part of a three-month apartment assistance program, is set to expire Dec. 28.

In all, FEMA said it has doled out \$1.2 billion in transitional housing assistance.

UK police make third theft arrest

Police say no connection to two employees arrested last week

By Megan Boehme
THE KENTUCKY KERNEL

UK police arrested a man Friday in connection with a series of petty thefts on campus over the last several weeks, acting UK Police Chief Kevin Franklin said yesterday.

Undercover officers part of the investigation into the thefts stopped John F. Lewis, 45, in the Fine Arts Guignol Building. The officers asked why Lewis, who matched the description given by witnesses, was in the building, since he did not appear to be a student, faculty or staff, said Lt. Greg Hall, who is working on the case.

Hall said he arrested Lewis in 2003 for "writing forged checks stolen from purses here on campus."

"I had told him not to come back (on campus)," he said.

After speaking with Hall, the undercover officers arrested Lewis on charges of criminal trespassing. Lewis declined to be interviewed by police, Hall said.

The thefts have occurred mostly at campus locations including the Student Center, Erickson Hall and the Fine Arts Building.

During the investigation, officers arrested two employees a week before Lewis. Police officers, who were searching for the Lewis out of uniform, witnessed Karen Taylor, 21, and Taleka Lewis, 38, take a purse from the lobby of Patterson Office Tower.

One of those arrested pleaded guilty to an amended charge, while the other is facing felony charges, Hall said. Franklin added that he did not believe Lewis was working with the women, and he is not related to Taleka Lewis.

Hall is now taking photo line-ups to victims who may have seen someone take their property or seen someone acting suspicious

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Senate: Iraqis should have greater control of their country

Resolution urges

Bush administration to give power back to Iraq

By Maura Reynolds and Mark Mazzetti
LOS ANGELES TIMES

WASHINGTON — The Senate took a step yesterday toward tightening the reins on the war in Iraq, adopting a resolution that calls for the Bush administration to turn over to Iraqis more control of their country to hasten the eventual withdrawal of U.S. troops.

The measure comes as concern over the war's course is rising even among Republican lawmakers and President Bush's approval ratings have sunk to the lowest of his presidency.

The resolution, which passed with broad bipartisan support,

79-19, calls for 2006 to be "a period of significant transition to full Iraqi sovereignty," which would create conditions for "the phased redeployment of United States forces from Iraq."

It also would require the administration to report to Congress every three months on the status of the conflict in Iraq.

The measure passed after the Senate rejected, 58-40, a Democrat-sponsored amendment to require Bush to prepare an estimated timetable for the withdrawal of U.S. troops from Iraq — a proposal strongly opposed by the administration. The vote on this amendment largely followed party lines.

Congress voted more than three years ago to authorize the invasion.

"We want accountability from this president," said Sen. Richard Durbin, D-Ill., the Senate's No. 2 Democrat. "It's not good enough for the president to make speeches about staying the course when the course has led to so many lives being lost, so many dollars being spent."

The Senate version of the defense legislation — which is traditionally a "must pass" bill — includes two other provisions aimed at changing administration practices related to the war.

One is an amendment approved earlier this month that bans all agencies of the U.S. government from engaging in "cruel, inhumane and degrading treatment," including torture. Another, passed yesterday, would

grant foreign detainees held by the U.S. in Guantanamo Bay, Cuba, limited rights to appeal their incarceration or convictions to a federal court.

The House version of the bill does not contain any of these provisions, so whether they remain in the legislation's final form remains uncertain.

Backing the resolution on Iraq were 41 Republicans, 37 Democrats and the Senate's lone independent. Opposing it were 13 Republicans and six Democrats.

A CNN/Gallup/USA Today poll released yesterday found that 60 percent of respondents disapproved of Bush's performance as president, while 37 percent said they approved — the president's poorest showing in the survey, which has a margin of error of three percentage points.

Halberstam

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an effort by UK Libraries to enhance the quality of undergraduate education and the intellectual life of the community, Diedrichs said. Halberstam will also be participating in other events on campus. He will take part in Andrew McIntire's Arts and Sciences class to talk with more UK students.

Halberstam will also participate in an online "Chat with the Author" for the Herald Readers Book Club tomorrow, between 1:30 and 2:30 p.m. The book club has chosen Halberstam's newest book, "The Education of a Coach," for the month of November. The book is about Bill Belichick of the New England Patriots, one of the NFL's winningest coaches. There will also be a book signing at Joseph-Beth Booksellers at 7 p.m. tomorrow.

His war commentary earned him bestseller status with "The Best and the Brightest" and "War in a Time of Peace."

His other best-selling sports books include "Teammates," a story about friendship between four Boston Red Sox baseball teammates from the late 1930s and early 1940s, "October 1964," a story about the New York Yankees' clash with the St. Louis Cardinals, and "Playing for Keeps," a story which describes the career of basketball icon Michael Jordan.

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Gum

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DeLuca said he and some of his staff members have tried the prototypes of the gum.

"We have tested the (gum's) stability in our own mouths," he said. A machine chews the gum prototypes and allows DeLuca to track the release of the antibacterial agents and test the gum.

"We haven't really tested on real teeth," he said. "But we have tested the peptide on simulated tooth-like substances."

DeLuca said he hopes to have several prototypes of the gum in the clinical-trial stage within the next year. He said the clinical trials will most likely be conducted on soldiers in the field.

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UNIVERSITY OF KENTUCKY CRIME REPORT

Crimes reported to UK police
Nov. 8 through Nov. 14

Nov. 8: Non-injury accident involving a UK truck versus a building on Donovan Drive reported at 11:37 a.m.

Nov. 8: Theft of automobile involving a 1987 black Mustang reported at 1:24 p.m.

Nov. 8: Suspicious person threatening the College Democrats reported at the Student Center at 6:23 p.m.

Nov. 9: Suspicious person, thought to be homeless, was reported soliciting and bothering students outside Keeneland Hall at 4:47 p.m.

Nov. 10: Domestic dispute in-progress involving a man and woman arguing in front of the Hospitality House on South Limestone Street at 1:21 a.m.

Nov. 10: Disorder in-progress instigated by road rage involving two women reported at 460 Cooper Drive and yelling and cursing could be heard in the background at 7:30 a.m.

Nov. 10: Hit and run reported at 320 Huguelet Drive at 10:21 a.m.

Nov. 10: Suspicious person reported peeking in stalls in the men's restroom in the White Hall Classroom Building at 1:49 a.m.

Nov. 10: Suspicious person believed to be a member of the military reportedly stopped a civilian wearing a military uniform and demand to see identification authorizing him to wear the uniform at Keeneland Drive at 6:57 p.m.

Nov. 11: Suspicious person reported in the Dumpster with a vehicle backed up to the Dumpster on Patterson Drive at 8:47 a.m.

Nov. 12: Suspicious person reported in the pay lot on Press Street at 10:38 p.m.

Nov. 12: Suspicious persons reported setting mulch on fire at Baldwin Hall at 10:52 p.m.

Nov. 13: Suspicious person believed to be on the second floor of the Pike House at 3:31 a.m.

Nov. 13: Theft of a weapon from a green Toyota Corolla reported in Parking Structure 4 near the UK Chandler Medical Center at 4:22 p.m.

Nov. 14: Theft of computers in February reported at Patterson Office Tower at 1:05 p.m.

Nov. 14: Female reported rape that occurred at dormitory in January 2005 at 2:55 p.m.

Crime reports taken from UK police crime log
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Pentagon delays interrogation manual's release

By Tom Bowman
THE BALTIMORE SUN

WASHINGTON — The Pentagon is delaying the planned release this week of the Army's new interrogation manual, which calls for humane treatment of prisoners and specifically prohibits the kind of harsh tactics that came to light after the Abu Ghraib scandal, officials said yesterday.

Two defense officials said that White House aides believe the manual, which was scheduled to be released tomorrow, is too vague about the precise interrogation techniques that may be used.

The manual, largely completed last spring, is designed to replace the current version, now 13 years old. The new instructions specifically

bar such tactics as sleep deprivation, stripping prisoners and the use of dogs. It insists on humane treatment in accordance with the Geneva Conventions and with treaties on humane treatment.

Its release was to be accompanied by a classified circular, which would outline types of interrogations procedures that are allowed.

Led by Vice President Dick Cheney, the White House has been locked in a fierce struggle for weeks with Congress and the Pentagon over whether more harsh interrogation techniques can be used. The administration is trying to prevent passage of a measure by Sen. John McCain, R-Ariz., that would outlaw abuse of any terror suspect held in U.S. custody.

Release of the Army's new manual, which had been scheduled for today at a Pentagon event featuring a number of Army and Defense Department officials, might have been used by McCain and his allies as fresh ammunition against Cheney and the administration in the debate over treatment of prisoners.

Instead, the staffs of senior U.S. military commanders around the world have been ordered to review the manual, and the delay in its release is "open-ended," one official said.

"The White House is buying more time," said one Pentagon official of the delay.

McCain's legislation would make the Army manual the standard interrogation blueprint for the U.S. govern-

ment and would bar all U.S. government agencies from "cruel, inhuman or degrading treatment" of prisoners. The McCain amendment passed the Senate overwhelmingly and is now being considered by a House-Senate conferees committee.

Pentagon spokesman Bryan Whitman said he was not aware of any White House concern about the timing of the release of the manual.

Whitman said the decision to postpone release of the manual was made by "the people who were working on it" within the Pentagon. He added that Defense Secretary Donald H. Rumsfeld was not involved in the decision and declined to predict exactly when the manual would be released.

'Govenator' advocates piracy laws in China

By Mary McManara
LOS ANGELES TIMES

Some people will travel halfway around the globe to be mobbed by fans, and early this week, California Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger did just that. When he arrived in Beijing on Monday, he was instantly engulfed by crowds of adoring Chinese. Security became an issue, and so did irony.

Schwarzenegger is in China to promote California products and, as important, to encourage a crackdown on entertainment piracy. His popularity makes him the perfect spokesman, but there is no denying that this popularity is due, at least in part, to piracy — according to industry estimates, at least 90 percent of DVDs sold in China are pirated.

This doesn't mean "The Terminator" has never been seen in the country legally. With their consistent lack of overt political, sexual or religious content, Schwarzenegger films are almost tailor-made to pass China's State Administration of Radio, Film and TV's stringent guidelines. The governor's

cinematic "Weltanschauung" also fits right into the Chinese predilection for action films, with the added benefit of having minimal dialogue to translate. A grimace is a grimace in any language.

"Action movies are the ones that really perform in Asia," said David Kosse, president of international marketing and distribution for Universal Pictures. "And although he hasn't made a movie in a while, when Arnold was in films, he worked them very hard. He did a lot of traveling and a lot of publicity. So he is still considered a big star over there."

According to Kori Bernards, a spokeswoman for the Motion Picture Association of America, Schwarzenegger has made more appearances in Chinese movie theaters than any other actor in the last 10 years. Six of his films, including "True Lies," "Eraser," "Terminator 2" and most recently "Terminator 3," have been distributed theatrically. "True Lies" made 102 million Chinese yuan (reimbi) or \$12.6 million.


huge by Chinese standards), while others have been licensed to China Central Television.

This gives him a large presence in China's limited foreign film landscape; the only person who comes close is Keanu Reeves, who starred in five theatrically distributed films, including the "Matrix" trilogy, during the same period.

"The governor is a welcome ally in our fight against piracy in China," said Bernards.

China's vast, largely untapped film, and television market has been eyed hungrily for years by Western studios. Although it has allowed Western films to be distributed theatrically since the days of "Snow White," the Chinese government imposes strict limitations on how many and what sort of films can be shown.

On television, no foreign content is supposed to be broadcast during prime time on any of the country's almost 2,000 stations, and only 25 percent of what airs throughout the rest of the day can be non-Chinese.

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Joaquin Phoenix stars as Johnny Cash in "Walk the Line" alongside Reese Witherspoon as his wife, June Carter Cash. The film is already generating Oscar buzz. It's at Lexington Green, Regal and Woodhill cinemas.

IN THEATERS

HARRY POTTER AND THE GOBLET OF FIRE
The Tri-Wizard Tournament has come to Hogwarts. If you aren't familiar with this tournament, that's because it hasn't been held for almost 1,000 years, mainly because too many participants died while competing. Two students from other schools come to compete against the Hogwarts champion, Cedric Diggory. But someone put Harry Potter's name in the Goblet of Fire, leading to the Tri-Wizard tournament having four wizards. Join Harry, Ron and Hermione as they try to figure out who put Harry's name in the goblet, and why someone would do that to poor Harry. At Lexington Green, Regal and Woodhill cinemas.

WALK THE LINE
After failed careers as a cotton picker, a door to door salesman, and an NCO in the Air Force, Johnny Cash turned to what he knew best: country music. This is a biopic about the "Man in Black" and his early life and his meeting June Carter. Joaquin Phoenix stars as Johnny Cash, and Reese Witherspoon stars

as June Carter Cash. Oscar buzz is surrounding this one. At Lexington Green, Regal and Woodhill cinemas.

CAPOTE
Author Truman Capote (Phillip Seymour Hoffman) is riding high after releasing "Breakfast at Tiffany's" and has become a cultural icon in New York City. One day, while reading the New York Times, he notices a story about a farm family in Holcomb, Kan., that has been murdered. He travels to Kansas to test his theory that non-fiction can be as compelling as fiction if written by the right person. Joining him is his childhood friend Harper Lee (played by Catherine Keener). Phillip Seymour Hoffman is a lock for a Best Actor nomination this year. Theatres TBA.

ON DVD MADAGASCAR
A group of friendly animals from the Central Park Zoo are transported from their comfortable lives in New York City to the rough jungles of Madagascar. Hilarity ensues, as the animals have to readjust to a life where the other animals aren't their friends, just some hungry fellas looking for a meal.

SCRUBS - SEASON 2
Season two of one of the better shows on TV right now. It features JD, Elliot, Turk and Dr. Cox in Sacred Heart Hospital as they fight for their patient's lives while battling their own personal demons. Turk and Celia decide to get married, and there is constant tension between JD and Elliot as they are now officially exes who are forced to live together. Guest stars include Heather Locklear, Rick Schroeder and Tom Cavanaugh.

THE ULTIMATE STAR TREK COLLECTION
On Amazon.com, this set sells for the low, low price of \$2,499, a savings of \$1,400 off the list price. Included in this set is every episode of "Star Trek: The Next Generation," "Deep Space Nine," "Voyager" and "Enterprise." Also included is every "Star Trek" movie. Not included is the Star Trek cartoon series, or the documentary "Trekkies," which makes fun of anyone who would spend \$2,500 on this.

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ONTAP

For the week of Nov. 16 - Nov. 22

TONIGHT

Kiss Me Deadly w/ The Fanged Robot and Abebechum
9 p.m. The Dame. Tickets cost \$3.
John Legend
7 p.m. Lifestyle Communities Pavilion, Columbus, Ohio. Tickets cost \$35.

TOMORROW

Bonepony w/ Heroes & Thieves
9 p.m. The Dame. Tickets cost \$5.
Hootie and the Blowfish
8 p.m. Kentucky Theater. Tickets cost \$38.75.
Tracy Lawrence, Jason Aldean and Julie Roberts
7:30 p.m. Lexington Opera House. Tickets cost \$18.
Our Lady Peace
7 p.m. Lifestyle Communities Pavilion, Columbus, Ohio. Tickets cost \$22.50.
Bill Yackey and Aaron Weaver
10:30 p.m. The Paddock. Admission is \$3 to \$5.

FRIDAY

Caitlin Cary & Thad Cockrell
8 p.m. The Dame. Tickets cost \$7.
Dwight Yoakam w/ Johnny Berry and the Outliers
7:30 p.m. Coyotes Niteclub, Louisville. Tickets cost \$37 to \$55.
Trans-Siberian Orchestra
8 p.m. Rupp Arena. Tickets cost \$32.50 to \$40.50.

MONDAY

Elton John
8 p.m. Nationwide Arena, Columbus, Ohio. Tickets cost \$35 to \$75.

SATURDAY

Parlor Boys w/ I. Raymond, The Meredith's, and Follow The Train
9 p.m. The Dame. Tickets cost \$5.
Yngwie Malmsteen
8 p.m. Bogarts, Cincinnati. Tickets cost \$20.
Andrew Bird
9 p.m. Southgate House, Newport, Ky. Tickets cost \$10.

SUNDAY

Default

7:30 p.m. Jillian's, Louisville. Tickets cost \$12.

Fall Out Boy
6:15 p.m. Bogarts, Cincinnati. Tickets cost \$22.

Aerosmith w/ Lemmy Krawitz
7:30 p.m. Nationwide Arena, Columbus, Ohio. Tickets cost \$40 to \$125.

MONDAY

Lisa Marie Presley w/ Antigone Rising
7 p.m. Lifestyle Communities Pavilion, Columbus, Ohio. Tickets cost \$20 to \$30.

TUESDAY

Jon Justice Band w/ Lowrow Nobility
9 p.m. The Dame. Tickets cost \$3.

FRIDAY

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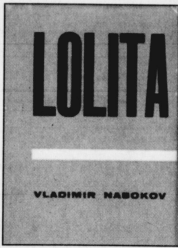
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Top 5 books that should be on your bookshelf

By Ian Conley
THE KENTUCKY KERNEL

In a slightly tardy celebration of last month being National Book Month, we decided to encourage you to do some vacation reading over the holidays. These books can also serve as surefire Christmas gifts. This list is by no means exhaustive or authoritative. Think of it more as a catalyst for discussion of literature than a pretentious and smug writer telling you what's what. The writer understands that one's personal taste in literature is something deeply rooted in ego and notions of self-importance. Send us your own top-5 lists along with some explanations. Then again, hate mail is also graciously accepted.

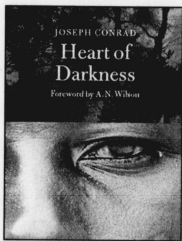


1) Lolita by Vladimir Nabokov

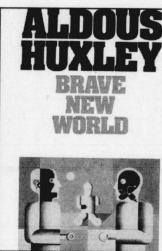
It's way too easy to write this book off as a tome of vulgarity and never pick it up. The book tells the sordid tale of Humbert Humbert, a middle-aged man with a horrible penchant for becoming infatuated with terribly young girls, including one Dolores "Lolita" Haze. The both of them go on two whirlwind road trips around the United States, tragically bouncing between their relationship roles, both father and daughter-esque and as lovers. Yes, it sounds creepy, but "Lolita" is the perfect love story and Nabokov's prose is arguably some of the more powerful in 20th century American literature; this stuff hits you in the gut. "Lolita, light of my life, fire of my loins. My sin, my soul. Lo-lee-ta: the tip of the tongue taking a trip of three steps down the palate to tap, at three, on the teeth." That's perfection.

2) Heart of Darkness by Joseph Conrad

"Heart of Darkness" simultaneously lays out the ability of almost anyone to do almost anything given the circumstances and works as a seathing indictment of the notions of empire and conquest. The tale of Marlowe's quest to find and retrieve Kurtz is anything but a bedtime story for children — not because of any sort of violence or sex therein, but because Conrad so expertly manages to trivialize hopes, dreams and, indeed, our agreed upon moral reality. Whatever your political leanings, you must realize that neo-colonialism is a very real phenomenon and that, as beneficiaries of the spoils of empire, we are each absolutely complicit in even the most abhorrent elements of our culture, and Conrad articulates this expertly in "Heart of Darkness."



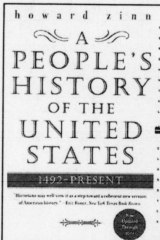
3) Brave New World by Aldous Huxley



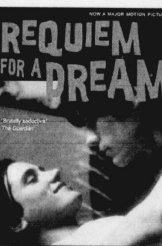
Huxley's masterpiece serves as the flip side of George Orwell's seminal "1984." That is to say, while "1984" established that totalitarian regimes function pretty well through direct coercion and propaganda, they can equally function through positive reinforcement and a ubiquitous sense of bliss and happiness. A dystopia doesn't necessarily need to be flagrantly dysfunctional and suppressive to be completely terrifying and effective. Eh, who needs books? Let's all take a trip for some delicious McDonald's food through the drive-thru while we watch those hilarious "Friends" DVDs on my new LCD screens that are embedded in the headrests and dashboard of my new Lincoln Navigator. The point is comfort and security are really great methods of control. Also of note is Huxley's collection of essays written in 1958, compiled as "Brave New World Revisited," that articulate the spreading realization of his nightmare.

4) A People's History of the United States by Howard Zinn

I used to sleep well before I read Howard Zinn; now I've got a Klonopin prescription and a drawer full of Ambien. Who says Zinn doesn't actively support the pharmaceutical industry? Just kidding, but "A People's History of the United States" does shed light on those parts of high school and college American history classes that always seemed hazy, and not due to a lack of interest or attention, but rather to our delightfully manic cultural memory. Zinn is often criticized for historical revisionism and anti-Americanism (whatever that means), but the work stands up on its own and is largely apolitical.



5) Requiem for a Dream by Hubert Selby Jr.



Yes, it was made into a movie in 2000 (and a pretty good one, too), but Hubert Selby Jr.'s original 1978 novel injects a syringe of truth way deeper into your soul than the film ever could. Written in a bizarre stream of consciousness, "Requiem" will inevitably scare the hell out of you — it's a horror story in its purest form. Addiction, in whatever form, is a creature that neither knows remorse nor rest. What's more, it's a real monster, not some fictitious guy in a hockey mask. Selby's work is highly underrated and tragically overlooked in most college curricula, but "Requiem for a Dream" is as timeless and as important as any of the dogmatic literature thrown on you in class.

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Morris-gate should be closed for good

For a while, I've thought Randolph Morris should sit and think about what he'd done.

Sure, it's a little immature — have a grown man sit in the corner, with a dunce hat on, while he watched his teammates don UK jerseys and start the regular season without him.

Given UK's tight-lipped demeanor on the sophomore center's situation, I'd also figure having Morris sit was deliberate — and the smart thing to do.

You know the U.S. Marines TV commercial where the would-be soldier climbs a cliff, fights a dragon on a bridge and through his victories is crowned a Marine?

Well, Morris leapt for the NBA, reached out for the edge of the cliff and fell off.

He landed back at the door of coach Tubby Smith's office. Morris asked if he could return. Smith obliged.

But that didn't mean Morris was completely forgiven.

At first, I figured the reason for what has become "Morris-gate" was because of NCAA bureaucracy, which makes the U.S. government look like a well-oiled machine.

It was amusing to watch Smith continually answer the same question at least once a week since Morris-gate began.

Anything new in the Morris situation? "Nope."

And in his patented Tubby chuckle, Smith would move on.

But at basketball media day, Smith went a few extra lines past "Nope."

"We fully expect him to be back at some point when the NCAA finishes their job," Smith said. "Everything has been documented and processed on our side and we'll wait for the NCAA to finalize their decision."

But UK never confirmed the NCAA had been asked to reinstate Morris.

OK, so I'd change my mind and think Smith was letting Morris ride the pine for a while in an NBA dress code-approved shirt and tie, until the UK coach was ready for Morris to be cleared.

Now I'm starting to think it's a little bit of both.

But that doesn't matter anymore. Fact is, the sooner Morris can return, the better.

Junior transfer Rekalin Sims has shown flashes of Chuck Hayes' work ethic and Keleena Azubuike's scoring ability.

Rondo has stepped up his everyting. Smith told the guards to crash the boards more, and Rondo has produced. Smith wants more scoring from the point. Rondo has produced.

Sophomore guard Joe Crawford has apparently improved his jump shot as well, but UK can't put the entire season on the back of its guards.

In the Nov. 21 issue of ESPN The Magazine, Morris was called the only post player "who could score on purpose."

Ouch to juniors Lukasz Obrzut and Shagari Alleyne, perhaps the most popular 7-footer in UK history. (There have only been three. And they're all current Cats.)

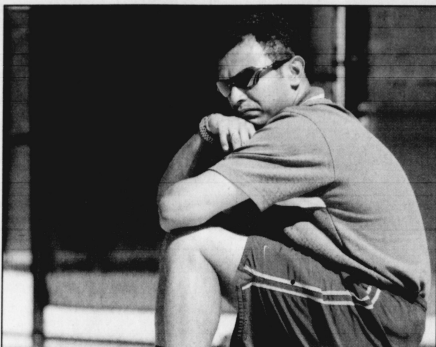
It's hard to replace three starters. But UK basketball seems to do it without a second thought, year in and year out. With a starter idling on the bench, it would make Smith's job a whole lot easier if Morris were back on the floor.

It would also make the Wildcats' goal of landing in the Final Four a little bit easier as well.

Whatever the status of Morris-gate, I'm done relishing Morris' timeout on the bench.

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Big shoes to fill



UK women's tennis coach Carlos Drada watches his team play during the UK Fall Invitational on Sept. 30. Drada was hired in August, replacing Mark Guilbeau, who went to Virginia.

A former player, assistant, Drada hopes to sustain UK's championship attitude

By Chris Miles
THE KENTUCKY KERNEL

When UK women's tennis head coach Mark Guilbeau left UK for a head coaching position at Virginia in the spring, he left the women's tennis program at the top of the Southeastern Conference and the nation.

The Wildcats won a program-best 26 matches, won the SEC championship, finished runner-up in the SEC tournament and advanced to the NCAA quarterfinals before losing to No. 10 Texas.

But as new head coach Carlos Drada looks to live up to those standards, success at UK is still fresh in his mind.

"I try and work from the perspective of my own experience," the former UK assistant coach said. "I like to help these girls with things that helped me, and help them not make the same mistakes I did."

Playing with the Wildcats for four years, Drada graduated in 2000 after a career that saw him finish as runner-up in the 2000 NCAA Singles Championship. He then stayed in Lexington as an assistant coach under Guilbeau and took his place when Guilbeau left for the University of Virginia earlier this season.

"Mark was a great coach," Drada said. "I learned a lot from him and use a lot of his same philosophies. Mark had good structure as a coach, and I'm trying to keep to that."

With Drada's new position comes the responsibility of maintaining the legacy of UK tennis and defending last season's SEC title.

"As head coach here at UK, I eventually hope to win not only another Southeastern Conference title, but also a national one," Drada said. "I know it won't happen overnight. This is a rebuilding year for us."

Drada said this year's team, though considerably smaller than last year, has a powerful potential. This season's squad is the core of last season's and still has all of the best qualities, he said.

"We hope to get the same results, if not do better," Drada said.

Drada said he stayed at UK after graduation for one reason — he believes that UK has all of the right ingredients to be a women's tennis powerhouse.

"That, and I just love tennis," Drada said, smiling.

Juniors Joelle Schwenk and Kim Coventry, doubles partners on the team, see Drada as the ideal coach to continue the strong performance the women's team has seen in past years.

"He's been able to make the transition from assistant to head coach very well," Schwenk said. "He's more intense but hasn't put any limitations on us, and that's great."

"Everyone is working hard and is very motivated under Carlos," Coventry added. "He's pushing us hard to do even better than we did last year. He's really focusing more on each of us individually and helping us to make the best out of ourselves."

Ultimately helping the players is one of the pillars of Drada's mission as a coach.

"This is a great way to influence players to be better," Drada said. "Hopefully, their experience as players will help them be better in life."

Drada has some big shoes to fill after replacing Guilbeau, whose tenure ended strongly but with some effort, he thinks he can do it.

"We're going to do well this year, as well as in the future," Drada said. "With some work, I think we'll get the same result."

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UK women's tennis coach Carlos Drada talks to senior Danielle Petrisko on Sept. 30.

WILDCAT FOOTBALL

The Kernel scouts the Bulldogs

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SCOUTING THE BULLDOGS

Georgia seeks rebound from close home loss to Auburn

Georgia
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Head coach:
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After losing by a single point to the visiting Auburn Tigers on Saturday Georgia coach Mark Richt doesn't want losing in Sanford Stadium to be a trend.

"Certainly getting over another loss not an easy thing to do, but we're doing good job of it," Richt said in his weekly press conference yesterday.

UK's upset bid between the hedges Saturday will have to fight through a Georgia team hoping to hang on to its claim to the Southeastern Conference title. The Bulldogs have to beat the Cats to keep their title hopes alive and land in the SEC championship.

"Thanks to South Carolina beating Florida, it makes

the game with Auburn less important than it would have been," Richt said. "Knowing we have a chance to win the East and compete for the SEC championship makes it hurt a little less. We still have some more things to fight for."

Offense
The Bulldogs are led by senior quarterback D.J. Shockley, who has thrown for 1842 yards, 14 touchdowns and four interceptions. Junior Leonard Pope leads Georgia in receiving with 27 catches for 400 yards and two TDs. Senior Bryan McClendon has 25 catches for 383 yards and two touchdowns. Freshman Mohamed

Massaquoi 24 receptions for 347 yards and two touchdowns.
The Bulldogs' rushing attack is led by Thomas Brown (110 carries, 593 yards, three TDs) and Danny Ware (83 rushes, 420 yards).

Defense
Senior safety Greg Blue leads the Georgia defense with 71 tackles on the season and one forced fumble. Junior Tra Battle has 58 tackles on the year, two forced fumbles and two interceptions.

Special Teams
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Lottery still preference of tradition

By Stuart Wisner
THE KENTUCKY KERNEL

Somebody's got to win - might as well be you, right? The Kentucky Lottery slogan could also apply to the UK basketball ticket lottery.

During the Monday night ritual at Memorial Coliseum Nov. 7, everybody won.

With a turnout of nearly 2,000 students, all who entered the lottery and those who had the patience to wait around received a ticket for the first four UK Men's basketball games: South Dakota, Northern Colorado/Lipscob, Liberty, and High Point. The next lottery is Monday and tickets for home games against Louisville and North Carolina will be available.

UK fans showed up en masse and some came as early as two hours before the start of the lottery.

"This is the earliest I've been here, and considering the games that it's (lottery) for, there's a pretty nice crowd," said kinesiology junior Britney Ison, as she stood in line with her friends Nov. 7.

Fans weren't the only people at Memorial Coliseum. "I think the lottery is great; it just goes to show how much the fans really do support us," junior forward Shera Thomas said as he wove by the long line of fans.

In order to participate, students must first meet certain guidelines. Students must be registered full-time at UK or Bluegrass Technical and Community College and the student must have a valid student ID. The lottery is selected at complete random. The draw was greeted with cheers from the first groups chosen and groans from those left waiting.

"I'll still be here; I'm diehard UK basketball and there's no way I would stop coming," said freshman Michael Simms.

Some frustrated with the lottery system are pushing for an online lottery system. An online lottery was proposed by Student Government three years ago, but the process never advanced past the referendum stage.

"Though it would be more convenient for a lot of people if they didn't have to take time out of a busy schedule," said psychology sophomore Grant Harris, at the lottery for his second time. "It seems more fair to stand in line and your ticket like everybody else."

Joe Sharpe, head of the UK ticket office, said while any move to an online system is only in the exploratory stages, UK would seek student input before any switch.

In the meantime, as the UK basketball season gets cranked up, fans will continue to storm Memorial Coliseum for a three-hour hoops pep rally.

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SPORTS BRIEFS

UK gymnastics announces four new signees

Four gymnasts from Iowa, Ohio, New York and Kentucky signed national letters of intent to play for UK next season, head coach Mo Muhammad announced yesterday.

"I feel that this is one of the strongest recruiting classes that we have had at UK," Muhammad said. "This class will definitely bring us closer to our goal of becoming one of the elite programs in the country."

The four signees were: Jamie Reimann, of Johnston, Iowa; Emilie Rymer, of Medina, Ohio; Emily Green, of Fairport, N.Y.; and Hillary Ferguson, of Richmond, Ky.

Reimann is a senior at Johnston High School and has been competing at Level 10 for five years. She has also competed at Level 10 in the Junior Olympics the past four years. Reimann finished 11th on bars at the 2004 National Championships.

"Jamie not only brings to us four strong events, but also the knowledge of collegiate competition having trained with successful college coaches," Muhammad said. "I am looking forward to the depth that she will bring to our program. I feel that she will be making a big impact in the lineup and will definitely challenge for the starting spot in every event."

UK will host its annual Blue/White scrimmage Dec. 10 at Memorial Coliseum. The Cats start their regular season Jan. 14.

Women's hoops inks four

Another athletic, top-25 recruiting class is just what Mickie DeMoss asked for.

"We have signed a very athletic class as we continue to build on our athleticism, speed and quickness," the women's basketball coach said after announcing four signees to UK's 2006-07 recruiting class.

The three Kentucky prep

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IN OUR OPINION

Campus safety initiative was overdue

Last year, 36.5 percent of the 1,010 female undergraduate and graduate students surveyed in a study on women's safety on campus said they had experienced victimization, including physical or sexual assault, at UK.
Last week, UK's \$1.25 million allotment for increased campus safety made solving this issue more tangible.
It's about time.
The President's Women's Safety Advisory Council has begun using the funding, which is more than four times what UK spent last year to promote women's safety, to educate students on safety, train personnel and make much-needed structural changes on campus.
The changes include creating the CATS Path, a well-lit, monitored walkway running throughout the main part of campus and extending from the corner of

Hilltop and Woodland avenues near South Campus to South Limestone Street near Dickey Hall. The Physical Plant Division began landscaping alterations two months ago at Keeneland, Holmes and Jewell halls, as well as Memorial Coliseum and the Flag Plaza on Euclid Avenue.
Lighting is being added to the Kirwan-Blanding Complex on South Campus, and near Ovid's at the W.T. Young Library. A new UK police officer will be hired as well to help patrol campus.
These measures are all excellent steps to help solve safety issues on campus for

all students, not just women.
Still, without the campus community's active involvement and a sense of personal responsibility, UK's efforts will only represent a partially realized failure.
More programs and initiatives that involve students, faculty and staff, like Thursday night's on-campus safety walk sponsored by Student Government, must be organized to keep this issue on the forefront of the university's collective consciousness.
And unless students take responsible measures for themselves while walking

alone at night, all the extra lighting and emergency call-boxes on campus won't help them. Most assaults take place when students are on cell phones or listening to iPods, acting UK Police Chief Kevin Franklin told The Kernel last week.
"Like the chief said, we can put up lights and alarms everywhere," SG Senator Christie Mitchell said during last week's safety walk, "but it's up to the students to realize what are safe areas and what are not."
Franklin and Mitchell are right. While UK's long-overdue efforts to improve campus safety are arguably laudable, it's up to students to return the favor and remove the car-bombs while walking alone at night.
There's no excuse for students to help perpetuate more violence of which they are the victim by treating the advice of campus officials as background noise.

Let's laud UK officials for making improvements to ensure campus safety, but personal responsibility is essential.



BRAD STURGEON, THE KENTUCKY KERNEL

The elderly establish a new tyranny

Yesterday, America's wealthiest group of citizens began signing up for one of the largest entitlements in the nation's history. The Medicare Prescription Drug Improvement and Modernization Act of 2003 is now in effect, open to all senior citizens regardless of need (keep reading, students — this does affect you).
Seniors can happily carve another notch in their government largesse belts. Their two most-prized programs (programs which benefit seniors almost exclusively) — Social Security and Medicare — account for more than 32 percent of total federal spending this year. Next year, the prescription-drug program will go into full swing. And that doesn't even account for federal and state spending on Medicaid for seniors (which already provides some prescription-drug coverage).
Crafting an entitlement benefit for destitute seniors is much different from universal coverage. Most seniors are better off financially than their children and grandchildren for the simple reason that they've spent a lifetime working, saving and acquiring assets.
Empirical data doesn't depict an across-the-board crisis. Prior to the enactment of public prescription-drug coverage, 75 percent of seniors had private prescription-drug coverage and 90 percent had access to prescription drugs.
So why isn't the coverage limited to seniors without access or the chronically or catastrophically ill,



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given the relative wealth of other seniors to younger Americans? What doesn't make sense from a policy point of view makes perfect sense from a political one.
Seniors vote. Others don't. And in a republic where politicians get elected by buying up voters with tax dollars, groups that vote most have the best payday.
The prescription-drug policy results in the transfer of wealth from one segment of the population to the other via government decree. But the ramifications don't end there.
As Jagadeesh Gokhale, a senior fellow at the CATO Institute, testified before a congressional subcommittee, the problems with this policy are manifold. Here are some of the pitfalls pointed out in his testimony:
■ This program will most certainly drive the national debt up even further, and create another tax burden to be footed by the workforce.
■ It will create an increased demand for prescription drugs. Subsidized prescription drugs encourage drug companies to raise prices (a phenomenon known as rent-seeking) because the customers are excluded from market competition. Whenever the government allocates resources, it cripples the market mechanism by which we might discern how resources should be allocated most efficiently.
■ Those buying drugs on the private market will be victims of increased demand and higher prices. And so, young and middle-aged adults will bear the economic burden of this policy.
■ Even thus, some seniors will actually be worse off if this benefit is enacted. Many seniors receive better private coverage than the pre-

scription-drug benefit will provide. Many of their former employers (who have been given an option by the government) will drop prescription-drug coverage from their health plans, pointing out that seniors can enroll in the new program — potentially costing retired seniors large sums of money.
Stan Hinden, writing for The Washington Post, noted that he and his wife, a General Electric retiree, would have to spend about an additional \$3,500 should her former employer drop its private coverage and leave them on the government plan. Fortunately for them, the company accepted a government subsidy (or bribe) and will keep its coverage.
With all of its problems, it's hard to see how anyone would believe this policy to be the best possible option.
No distinctions have been made as to who should receive the prescription drug benefit: as a result (at the aggregate level), the old and wealthy will benefit at the cost of the young and poor. The worker will pay for his fellow retired citizen's prescription drugs while being less able to afford his own.
To boot, President George W. Bush and the GOP-controlled Congress have expressed utter contempt for fiscal restraint. And the resultant deficit and ballooning costs of America's welfare programs, as the prescription-drug benefit will surely swell Medicare costs, jeopardizes the economic security and prosperity of this country's younger citizens.
But only a more civically engaged younger generation can get Grandma and Grandpa's hand out of the collective cookie jar.
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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Give blood for the right reasons

I am very happy to see that people are giving blood. A lot of people don't give blood on a regular basis. Big Blue Crush is a great idea and I think it gets a lot of people who wouldn't usually donate out there and giving blood.
In the wake of all the recent tragedies, giving blood is so crucial and very important. I also am happy to see that The Kernel put coverage of the drive on the front page and didn't tuck it inside on one of the later pages. It gives readers a chance to see that they can still give if they did not get a chance to on Monday.
I do have an argument about the whole thing, though: Should giving blood have to be a competition? I think people should give out of the kindness of their hearts and not give just to win a competition. I think the university puts the wrong message out there.
Everywhere you look, there is a sign saying, "Crush Tennessee, give blood." Beating the University of Tennessee shouldn't be a motivation for giving blood; helping someone in need should be the motivation.
Helping someone who might die is way more important than beating Tennessee in a contest. Giving blood is great, but it should be done out of the kindness of your heart and not just to win something — not just for bragging rights.
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Editor's note: The Big Blue Crush blood drive continues through Friday. For a list of drive sites, visit www.ccbc.org/BigBlueCrush.htm.

Christians target of persecution

As we enter into the holiday season, many emotions arise. There's the excitement of this precious celebration and the inevitable stress of buying gifts, sending cards and the holiday work schedule.
Between those emotions, most of all, I am disappointed and upset. I'm disappointed that although this Christmas holiday is to reflect on the birth of Christ, some people are trying to say that a public nativity scene should be illegal.
For those who don't know, a nativity is a set of statue-like figures of baby Jesus, the Virgin Mary, Joseph and so on. This set represents the foundation of the Christmas holiday.
I can't believe the audacity of people claiming that it should be illegal. If the nativity means absolutely nothing to you, then why does it bother you if it's in public? Its presence does not force you to comply with the meaning behind it.
Hopefully, one day you all will see the love behind it. But if you don't, that is your choice. Either way, I have the right to believe that there is a God, just as much as those who believe there is no God.
Just for the record, not believing in a God is just as much of a belief that there is a God. So why must I be subjected to the view that there is no God, while my belief in God is continuously smothered?
I am very upset that people think they can discriminate against Christians and attempt to take away our rights to practice the truth.
Evolution is a belief, a theory, and yet it is still taught in school. Well, here's a theory: If all people quit making hypocritical double standards that only serve their own agendas, then we might be able to progress in this country.
You can't tell me that I can't wear a cross, display the nativity or write in The Kentucky Kernel about Christianity. I will continue to believe what I choose, and I refuse to be bullied by others about my faith.
It's amazing how we have made so much effort to prevent discrimination against others, but when the case of Christianity arises, millions of people drop their tolerance speeches and pick up hatred.
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Theft

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in the area. Since police ordered Lewis not to be on campus, if victims can verify that he was in the area, police can charge Lewis with a count of criminal trespassing.

Hall also said he is still talking to victims and is not sure how many charges Lewis will face, although he wrote four warrants against him yesterday, all misdemeanor charges.

"He is as professional a criminal as I've ever seen," Franklin said. "He's had a lot of practice."

Lewis was paroled on Sept. 14, but Franklin said he was not yet sure on what charges. UK police are still trying to contact Lewis' parole officer.

Lewis' previous charges in Fayette County include several counts of theft, burglary, theft by deception, assault and stalking, among

others. Hall said he remembered charging Lewis with six felonies in 2003.

Lewis' arrest is the third to come out of what Franklin called "an extensive investigation" that lasted about four or five days, he said.

"We dedicated a significant amount of man-hours," he said. All detectives on duty, as well as off-duty patrol officers, worked on the case.

"You just have to find a place to sit back and observe the area and hopefully see him commit the crime right in front you," Hall said. "If you're moving around and he's moving around, you'll never see him."

Though police have made these arrests, Franklin warned UK students, faculty and staff to continue to be careful.

"All of these cases have one commonality — people leaving valuables out in the open where people can see them," he said.

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Kevin Franklin
acting UK police chief

Alito downplays earlier quota views

By Charles Babington and Dale Russakoff
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WASHINGTON — Supreme Court nominee Samuel Alito Jr. sought to distance himself yesterday from staunchly conservative views he expressed 20 years ago, but some liberals and conservatives said they see the comments as the best indication yet of judicial philosophies he would bring to the bench. One liberal group said it will use the remarks in ads opposing Alito's confirmation.

In meetings with Democratic senators, Alito suggested that his comments in a 1985 job application letter do not necessarily indicate how he might rule on sensitive cases. In successfully seeking a promotion in the Reagan administration's Justice Department, Alito wrote that he was "particularly proud" of contributing to cases arguing "that racial and ethnic quotas should not be allowed and that the Constitution does not protect a right to an abortion." He added, "I personally believe very strongly" in such positions.

Senators who met privately yesterday with Alito said he played down the remarks' significance by noting they are two decades old and by stating that a judge must rule according to the law, not personal sentiments.

"He said, first of all, it was different then," Sen. Dianne Feinstein, D-Calif., told reporters after meeting with Alito. "He said, 'I was an advocate seeking a job, it was a political job, and that was 1985. I'm now a judge, I've been on the circuit court for 15 years, and it's very different. I'm not an advocate, I don't give heed to my personal views. What I do is interpret the law.'"

Sen. Jeff Bingaman, D-N.M., recounted a similar conversation with Alito. "He indicated that that was 20 years ago and it was a job application, and since being on the (appeals) court he has participated in several decisions related to having an abortion," Bingaman said in an interview. "He thinks that those decisions are what he should be judged on."

But several advocacy groups said the 1985 letter gives crucial in-

sight into Alito's thinking because he outlined his conservative convictions in vividly personal terms, and because several of his key rulings as an appellate judge are in line with those beliefs.

"This memo is so significant because it conveys his legal views," Nan Aron of the liberal Alliance for Justice said. "He can't say he was just representing the views of a client or the government. These are his views, and therefore they are the best window into how he would rule if confirmed."

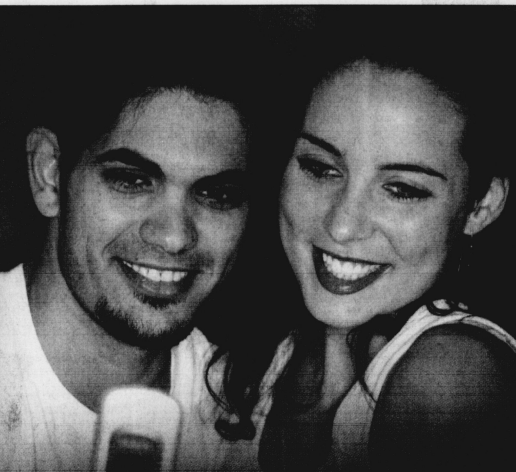
At least one prominent conservative who supports Alito agreed he should not be allowed to distance himself from the 1985 remarks. "This idea that all the folks in the Reagan administration were all apparatchiks who didn't believe what they were saying and writing is surreal," said Bruce Fein, who was a Justice Department official during Ronald Reagan's presidency. "In Alito's memos, it's clear that he wasn't writing these things because he was forced to do so. He wrote them because he believed them."

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