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Democratic vice presidential nominee Sen. John Edwards, D-N.C., addressed a fund-raiser at the Brown Hotel in Louisville last night. Edwards said he and running mate Sen. John Kerry have a plan to allow anyone who served two years of public service to attend college for four years.

## VP candidate John Edwards lays out higher education plan

By Rebecca Neal  
THE KENTUCKY KERNEL

LOUISVILLE — Democratic vice presidential candidate John Edwards said he and running mate Sen. John Kerry will work to make college affordable for all students.

"Two years of public service, we will give you four years of college," he said. He said the Bush administration has failed to adequately provide for education, cutting student loan programs to fund corporate tax cuts.

"They say they don't have enough money to send all the kids to college that want to go," he said.

Edwards was the keynote speaker at a Democratic fund-raiser last night at the Brown Hotel in downtown Louisville. More than 400 tickets were sold for the event for donations starting at \$1,000.

In his speech, Edwards addressed issues such as the war in Iraq and said there is no excuse for the more than 1,000 American deaths in Iraq so far. "Iraq by any definition is a mess, and it's a mess because of George Bush and Dick Cheney," he said.

He also criticized Bush's handling of the economy, lashing out against American companies send-

ing jobs overseas. He said a Kerry/Edwards administration would provide tax cuts for companies keeping jobs at home.

"Bush says outsourcing millions of jobs is good for our country," Edwards said. "I say outsourcing this administration is good for our country."

He also said the government needs to do more to spur job growth and said Bush has not taken the economic plight of the middle class seriously.

"If you include lemonade stands and bake sales, the economy's growing," he said.

Edwards arrived at the Louisville International Airport around 7 p.m. and held a rally in a nearby airplane hangar. He worked the line of sweaty supporters, grabbed hands, flashed smiles and paused to sign a "Teamsters for Kerry/Edwards" poster.

"Give 'em hell! Stand up to them!" shouted a supporter, clapping Edwards' hand.

Rolling up his sleeves, he smiled at the thousands of poster-waving supporters as he addressed the crowd.

"They said on the plane about 100 people were going to be here, but I'd say this is a couple thousand," he said.

Edwards spoke briefly, echoing many of the points he made later at his speech at the Brown, while support-

ers chanted, "Change is on the way" and waved signs that read "It's the economy, Dumbya," and "Deliver us from weasel."

Bush won easily in Kentucky in 2000 and is expected to carry the state again, but Jack Conway, Kentucky's Kerry/Edwards campaign chairman, said it's too soon to call the race.

"Kentucky, despite what anyone says, is John Kerry country," he said.

Those in attendance said Edwards rightfully held Bush accountable.

"It was a great speech, addressing issues like the war in Iraq and saying what I've been feeling," said Rachael Deep, 23, a law student at Northern Kentucky

University.

Others said the speech may help them decide who to vote for in less than two months.

"I'm still trying to decide who to vote for, so I'm glad I came," said Michelle Bisogno, 30, of Louisville.

At both the hotel and the airport, Edwards repeatedly said this presidential election is the most important one of this generation.

"If you love the Republican Party so much you're willing to go through this for four more years, then vote for George W. Bush," he said.

"If you want change, vote for John Kerry."

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Sen. John Edwards thanks his supporters at the Brown Hotel last night. About 400 people paid at least \$1,000 apiece to hear him speak.

## Gallery hop begins tonight

By Kevin Moser  
THE KENTUCKY KERNEL

The Lexington Arts and Cultural Council will be presenting this season's first Gallery Hop tonight from 5 to 8 p.m.

The Gallery Hop features several downtown and campus galleries. Admission to the Gallery Hop is free, and each offers a different collection to titillate the senses.

ArtsPlace gallery, located at 161 North Mill St. downtown, is featuring the "If You Were Here" exhibition, showcasing pieces by several artists from Kentucky and New York.

The show is unique because even though the artists featured lived in different places, they were doing thematically similar works," said Shannon Carrio, communications assistant for the Lexington Arts and Cultural Council.

Carrio said the show emerged as a result of work viewed by Lexington Arts and Cultural Council President Jim Clark while in New York. Both Clark and Mary Dinaburg, a curator from New York, were struck by the similarities between artists in Central Kentucky and artists in New York.

Artists in the exhibit include Jennifer Coates and Michael Eade from New York, and Kentucky native Lawrence Tarpey. After premiering here in Lexington, the exhibition will move to gallery showings in New York and Dallas.

Ann Tower Gallery, located at 141 East Main St., will showcase the works of German artist Ulrike Hahn.

Hahn's paintings, created in Berlin and Atlanta, feature scenes she calls "the vastness of a landscape, the ambience of a small town, the daily routine of the big city, the tranquility of a rambling park, [and] the subtlety of a ballroom."

Ann Tower Gallery will also present the sculpture of gallery-associated artists such as Stacey Chinn, Suzie Scott, Robert Tharsing, and Tony Higdon.

Also featured in the Gallery Hop are The Downtown Arts Center, Factory 15 Gallery, Gallerie Soleil, and Main Cross Gallery.

"The Gallery Hop is a good opportunity to check out the Lexington galleries," said Shawn Long, night manager of Arts Place. "There's usually a good crowd getting tipsy on the free wine. It's a lot of fun."

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## Women leaders urge confidence

By Danielle Komis  
THE KENTUCKY KERNEL

The last woman standing on NBC's "The Apprentice" encouraged women in Lexington yesterday to be assertive and speak up for themselves in order to succeed in the workplace.

Amy Henry was the keynote speaker at the 12th annual Women Mean Business Conference, held at the Lexington Convention Center. The event — hosted by UK — also featured Gail Evans, former executive vice president of CNN.

Henry began by answering the question she knew was on everyone's minds.

"Yes, (Donald) Trump's hair is that bad," she said, laughing.

Henry, who has worked for a Fortune 500 company, said women must break through stereotypes in the workplace, such as being overly emotional.

Henry watched a female friend on "The Apprentice" get fired for being too emotional, despite her exceptional business performance.

"Competence is not enough," she remembered Trump saying.



HENRY

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## HOOSIER DADDY 2



Midtown lead singer, Gabe Saporta, takes the stage at Hoosier Daddy 2 last night at Memorial Coliseum. After remnants from Hurricane Ivan brought rain, organizers moved the annual pep rally indoors. Student Activities Board officials estimated crowds at previous pep rallies about 8,000. But SAB vice president Ethan Bennett estimated last night's crowd at 1,500.

"It would have been a lot higher if we had held it at Stoll Field," Bennett said. "But the rain kept the numbers down. The dreary weather definitely played a part."

"Because of the weather, we had to shuttle people from South Campus instead of having them walk, which I also think hurt our attendance."

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## Apprentice

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The key for women's success in business is to confidently speak up for yourself and take credit for your work, Henry said. She recalled an incident in which she fixed a client's problem by working with a team around the clock in order to fix the defect.

"Not only was the customer content with the solution, but (the customer) was ecstatic about the customer service," she said.

Yet Henry sat back in disbelief as her boss was promoted and given credit for the job she had done. She said she soon got over her anger and realized it was her own fault for not making the company aware of her hard work.

She has now changed her ways. "I stealthily brag and get credit where credit is due," Henry said.

Networking and ignoring distractions are instrumental parts of a successful career, Henry said.

"If you focus on an objective and surround yourself with good people, you can basically do anything," she said.

Henry never planned to be on a reality TV show, but went to an audition with a friend who asked her to tag along. She and five others auditioned in the same room and answered the same question: How would you handle an irrational boss?

When Henry argued with a man who said he would just go along with the boss to make him happy, she said she knew she had grabbed the producers' attention.

"The producers looked at me like, 'We love her. She's aggressive, she's feisty; we'll get some good footage,'" she said with a laugh.

Henry quit her six-figure job to be on the show because she said people tend to regret things they didn't do, rather than remember the things they did.

"Be willing to take risks," Henry said. "Be willing to fail. It's expected."

The audience — made up largely of female entrepreneurs or small business owners — seemed encouraged by Henry's words.

Dottie Carter, a manager at Lynn Imaging on Vine Street, said she wished

she had heard Henry's presentation 30 years ago, because she's had to struggle for three decades as an outnumbered female in the workplace.

But she said more women seem to be succeeding in business.

"It's definitely turning around," Carter said.

Yet not all the women felt that Henry's message of assertiveness was positive.

"It will challenge the concept of being humble," said Dr. Chang Xun, a researcher at UK's VA Hospital. Xun said even though Henry's boss may have taken credit for her work, it was not Henry's place to demand it.

"You have to forgive them, rather than punch them back," Xun said. "Then they'll punch you back. And it's never going to end."

Steve Jacoby, associate state director of the Kentucky Small Business Development Center, said Henry's message of empowering women was encouraging, something he'd like to share with his three teenage daughters.

"It's about expanding their horizons and that there's other choices out there," he said.

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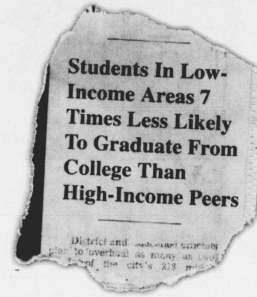
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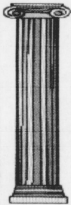


Above: Nathan Jenkins (left), a mechanical engineering senior, stood in honor of National POW/MIA Recognition Day while Randy Kreps (right), a psychology senior read names of Vietnam War POW and MIA's.

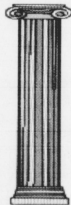


Right: In honor of National POW/MIA Recognition Day, Lindsey Phillabaum, a psychology junior, stood in front of Barker Hall while a list of Vietnam War POW and MIA's names were read.

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### Kernel requests opinion from Attorney General

The Kentucky Kernel filed a six-page request to Attorney General Greg Stumbo yesterday asking him to decide whether UK Police Department policies violate the Kentucky Open Records Act.

UK Police instituted a policy of blacking out victim information on all its incident reports at the beginning of the semester. Police have since added a box on the forms which enables victims to choose whether they want their information released to the public in an Open Records request.

"UKPD's overbroad interpretation of the privacy exemption stretches it much further than it has ever been interpreted by Kentucky courts or by the Attorney General," writes First Amendment lawyer Jon Fleishchaker of the law firm Dinsmore & Shohl.

"In fact, in a recent decision, the Kentucky Court of Appeals affirmed an Attorney General's Opinion which addressed the same issues presented here and explicitly rejected the actions taken by UKPD in redacting victims' identifying information from all police incident reports regardless of the crime."

Barbara Jones, interim general counsel for UK, wrote to Stumbo on Sept. 3 and requested a similar opinion about these issues. The Kernel's request contends the public has a right to know this information.

"The public has a significant interest in being fully informed about the nature and details of the crimes committed in their city and campus, and police efforts to deal with these crimes," Fleishchaker writes. "Otherwise, the public would have not way of determining whether UKPD is doing its job."

It should be two to three months before the Attorney General publishes his decision.

### UK students win awards at woodworking fair

Two UK students in the College of Design scored top-3 finishes at the International Woodworking Fair in Atlanta.

Kelly Hart, a fifth-year student, took first place with her work in the occasion table category. Hart won \$1,200 for her winning piece of furniture.

The other UK winner was Check Netherton, another fifth-year student who finished in third place for his entry in the casegoods cate-

gory.

Netherton earned a \$300 prize for his efforts.

UK competed against 39 other design schools at the fair.

### Gunmen kidnap 2 Americans, one Briton in Baghdad

BAGHDAD, Iraq — Masked gunmen kidnapped two Americans and one Briton from their Baghdad residence yesterday in an attack that appeared to herald a new level of danger for foreign civilians in Iraq.

The abductions of the three private contractors, which occurred in one of the capital's most affluent neighborhoods, was the latest in a string of kidnappings by insurgents seeking to sabotage U.S. military forces and topple Iraq's interim government.

As many as 10 gunmen in a minivan pulled up in front of the contractor's two-story house, barged inside the gated compound and snatched the three Westerners without firing a shot, neighbors said.

All three worked for Gulf Supplies and Commercial Services, a private contractor working on reconstruction projects in Iraq, said Khaled Abbas, a company spokesman.

—Compiled from wire reports

## Afghan president survives assassination attempt

By Pamela Constable  
THE WASHINGTON POST

KABUL, Afghanistan — Afghan President Hamid Karzai escaped an apparent assassination attempt yesterday when a rocket was fired at his helicopter as he was about to land in a provincial capital. The attack caused no injuries or damage, but forced Karzai to cancel his first trip outside of Kabul since he began campaigning for presidential elections to be held Oct. 9.

Officials and witnesses said the rocket flew over a crowd of several hundred people waiting to greet Karzai near the town of Gardiz, about 60 miles south of Kabul. The president's helicopter was about to land, but instead immediately returned to Kabul without touching ground.

"We couldn't see it, but we heard the sound as it went over," said Rafiullah Mojadeddi, an aide to Karzai who had already landed in a separate helicopter. "There was no danger to the president."

Karzai played down the incident after his return to the capital, telling journalists he wished he could have landed anyway and continued with the school-opening ceremony he was scheduled to attend. A spokesman also said Karzai was "a little upset" that his security team insisted he cancel his trip.

But the attack, which was claimed by the revived Taliban Islamic militia that was ousted from power in 2001, seemed likely to further constrain Karzai's ability to campaign outside the capital as he would like.

Security around Karzai, 47, has been extremely tight since he survived an assassination attempt just over two years ago while visiting the southern city of Kandahar. In that incident, a uniformed gunman jumped in front of his vehicle and opened fire, wounding several passengers, before being shot by Karzai's security agents.

After that attack, Karzai's Afghan bodyguards were replaced by a U.S. security detail at the Bush administration's insistence, and he has remained largely confined to his heavily guarded palace compound in Kabul.

Karzai, who was named interim president in December 2001 under a U.N. plan, has received strong backing from Washington.

Karzai was traveling in a U.S. military helicopter for Thursday's trip. A U.S. military spokesman here, Maj. Mark McCann, declined to discuss Karzai's means of trans-

portation, but confirmed that a rocket had been fired at the president's helicopter and had missed, landing several hundred yards from the school Karzai was to visit.

The pre-election period has been marred by repeated attacks against voter registration workers and facilities, mostly carried out by Taliban forces. The Taliban vowed to sabotage the election — the first national poll in Afghanistan in three decades of war and turmoil, and the country's first-ever presidential election. A purported Taliban spokesman told new agencies in Kabul by telephone that the group had fired the rocket at Karzai.

Officials in Gardiz, the capital of Paktia Province, said Thursday night that they had located the launching site in an abandoned house and arrested several suspects.

"Security has been a concern during the voter registration period, and it will be a continuing concern during the campaign, on voting day and during ballot counting," Manoel de Almeida e Silva, the U.N. spokesman here, said Thursday night. "But just as those who want to spoil the election see this as a target period, the security forces are prepared to deal with these threats."

A dozen election workers have been killed in attacks in the past several months, and more than 1,000 people been killed in violence during the last year, including security troops, Islamic guerrillas, foreign and Afghan aid workers. The French aid group Doctors Without Borders withdrew from Afghanistan on July 28, after more than two decades operating in the country, after four of its foreign doctors were killed in a June 2 ambush. The group criticized the government for being unable or unwilling to make arrests for the murders.

On Aug. 29, a powerful car bomb exploded in the heart of downtown Kabul, killing at least seven people, including two Americans, and injuring several dozen. The blast occurred just outside the office of an American company that provides security for a variety of government and private agencies here.

More than 4,000 international peacekeepers currently patrol the capital, and NATO officials have pledged to send more troops to protect the election. In addition, some 15,000 American troops are based in Afghanistan, where U.S. forces have been hunting for Taliban and Al-Qaida fighters since early 2002, mostly along the rugged border with Pakistan.

## Zoo tries to find loose gator

By Michael Grunwald  
and Manuel Ruiz-Franzia  
THE WASHINGTON POST

GULF SHORES, Ala. — Sometimes Chucky has three-chicken days, and sometimes Chucky has six-chicken days. But Chucky does not enjoy no-chicken days — and Thursday was his second in a row.

So Chucky was hungry. And this was a problem, because Chucky, a 12-foot-long, half-ton American alligator who had spent the past 15 years here at the Alabama Gulf Coast Zoo, was nowhere to be found.

Hurricane Ivan's eye blasted through the resort town of Gulf Shores early Thursday ripping down the fence around Chucky's pond.

Zoo Director Patty Hall loves Chucky, as she loves every animal in her care, but she still dispatched a four-man crew with shotguns and pistols to kill him if necessary.

"As long as Chucky's been fed, Chucky's happy," said Hall, wearing hip boots and wielding a plywood board in case she encountered water moccasins — or Chucky.

"Right now, I don't think he's happy."

Ivan's storm surges carried the Gulf of Mexico almost a mile inland, flinging boats into oak trees and knocking the 67-acre zoo into waterfront property. It tore the roof off the zoo's gift shop, ripped down its oak trees, flooded its feed house and knocked down its perimeter fences.

It also created an escape opportunity for Chucky, some fallow deer and a white peacock named Cameo, who is best known around the nonprofit zoo for knocking on Hall's office door every morning.

"We got to think of human life first," said Hall, 56, whose red bangs flopped out of her Zoolifer ball cap. "But this is just crushing. These animals are our family."

Hall has no idea when she will be able to bring the animals back to the zoo, or what will happen to the animals while they are away or whether the zoo will survive. It is going to need a lot more money to rebuild. But Thursday, her thoughts were with the missing.



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# One-stop career shop

## Stuckert Career Center Merges Talent

By Kimberly Hanna  
KERNEL PR STAFF

This summer introduced to the University of Kentucky streamlined operations at the James W. Stuckert Career Center.

The previously disconnected offices of Experiential Education and Career Services are now working together in a collective effort.

"We are creating one-stop shopping for students," says Sue H. Strup, MEd., the new Director of Experiential Education and Career Services.

She said an integrated model needed to be introduced to help students accomplish their academic, internship and career goals as efficiently as possible.

"We are now a much more unified front to employers," said Diane Kohler, Senior Associate Director of Experiential Education & Career Services.

Individual career assistance, resume reviews, various workshops, internship services, shadowing programs, alumni mentoring networks, career fairs, employment interviews, career development classes and an online system are available for UK students.

Most of these services have been available to students before. However, without seamless communication, the need was not being met.

The Center transformed in July of this year to its current booming capacity.

The results have been a welcome surprise. Strup boasts a 25-percent increase in the number of employers who are traveling to campus to interview students.

As of Sept. 13, companies such as IBM, Ashland Oil, Ernst & Young, Philip Morris and Keyence have already booked some of the 15 interview rooms on the top floor of the Career Center. Free adjacent parking will be offered in anticipation of the various career fairs coming to campus.

The potential employers are contacted by Sally Chesser, MSL, the newly created Manager of Corporate Relations, at the Career Center, and she wants to hear from students.

Who do you want to work for someday? What do you want to do with your life? If you aren't sure about one or all

of those questions, perhaps you should drop by.

The point is, there is no harm in asking.

Sometimes, even a misplaced phone call can lead to opportunity.

An Akron, Ohio, company that usually recruits at Western Kentucky University accidentally called Strup one day at the Career Center.

After learning that she had reached the wrong university, she stayed on the line to hear Strup's pitch about the new operations at UK.

This company is now planning a trek down to recruit for potential full-time, part-time or internship employees.

Think about what companies you'd like to work for, and Strup stresses to let the Career Center know. "We'll make contacts to get them to come."

With UK's enrollment rates increasing more every year, the Career Center wants to focus on letting employers know what UK graduates have to offer.

With retirement rates of the baby boomers increasing annually, the outlook for employment is growing even brighter. "The economy is improving," Strup said in the interview. That's exciting news for this year's graduates.

There is a catch, however. The job search for 2004/2005 graduates starts earlier than you might think.

Strup emphasized the misconception and highlighted the opportunity. "Employers want to start talking with seniors in September. They're actually interviewing now."

That's good news if graduates anticipate the time crunch. It's bad news if you are not yet in the frame of mind to get out there.

Appointments are being filled daily for employer interviews, internship placements and general career advice. The Career Center tailors its services for students.

Also, feel free to drop in on center's new "drop-in" hours from 3-5 p.m. every Monday through Friday for quick questions.

Look for the James W. Stuckert Career Center on Rose Street, just across from the Singletary Center and Maxwell House.

# Job outlook improving for seniors; Career Fair circuit starts Sept. 22

By Derek Poore  
KERNEL PR STAFF

This year's UK seniors will see better job prospects when they graduate, a UK Career Center associate director said Thursday.

Sally Chesser, Associate Director/Corporate Relations Manager, said this is shown by increased commitments from employers to visit campus for interviews.

"We've been working really hard to get the word out to employers," Chesser said. "We sent information about Career Center services and UK to over 1000 employers this fall. The job market overall is up according to the National Association for Colleges and Employers. It will be brighter for the class of 2005."

She said the number of employers visiting the Career Center to interview is up 25 percent from last year.

Chesser said students could come to the James W. Stuckert Career Center on Rose Street and sign up for interviews.

"We're a centralized career center," she said. "All students are eligible for on campus interviews. We have workshops on job search skills and a library where students conduct company research."

With CyberCAT, the Career Center's online service, students can publish their resume, browse job announcements and apply for interviews with employers that visit campus. The online system is available 24/7, Chesser said. "Since our office can't be open 24/7, we've got CyberCAT."

Employers will begin interviewing students in September for interviews that will be conducted for December 2004 and May 2005 graduates.

Chesser said many employers will also visit the Career Center to conduct interviews as well as visit the many career fairs scheduled for campus during the school year.

Among those scheduled are: Lear Corporation, General Electric, National Security Agency, Sherwin Williams, Keyence, Newell Rubbermaid, Kroger and Procter and Gamble.

The Career Fairs kick-off Sept. 22, when the

Business Career Fair will set up shop in the Student Center Ballroom from 11 a.m. until 3 p.m.

A new initiative for this year is a Multicultural Networking Reception on September 21st at the James W. Stuckert Career Center from 6 to 8 p.m.

Engineering, Agriculture and Health Professions will have their fairs in October. Communications holds its fair in November, and the Virtual Career Fair launches on the Internet in February.

Other career fairs in the spring semester include the Government Employment Fair in March, and the Kentucky Teachers Network in April.

All students, regardless of major, are invited to attend any of the fairs throughout the school year to discuss internships and full-time positions with companies and corporations.

The Career Center is also offering other opportunities for students to network with professional contacts through the Shadowing Program and Alumni Mentoring Network.

The Katherine Kemper Career Library in the Career Center also offers a great way to research companies, Chesser said.

## Career Fair Dates, 2004-2005

Event	Date	Time	Location
Business	Sept. 22, 2004	11 a.m. - 3 p.m.	Student Center Ballroom
Engineering	Oct. 6, 2004	10 a.m. - 3 p.m.	Student Center Ballroom
Agriculture	Oct. 13, 2004	9 a.m. - 3 p.m.	Ag. Science North, Lower Lobby
Health Professions	Oct. 22, 2004	10 a.m. - 2 p.m.	Health Sciences Building
Communications	Nov. 16, 2004	1 p.m. - 4 p.m.	Grehan Building
Virtual Career Fair (all majors)	Feb. 21 - Mar. 2005	24/7	The Internet (Site to be announced)
Engineering Spring Career Fair	TBA		
Government Employment	Mar. 30, 2005	TBA	
Kentucky Teacher's Network	Apr. 13, 2005	TBA	

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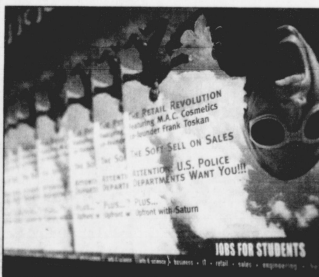


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## At 2 a.m., I wrote about blogging; at 3 a.m., I watched some more porn



**Derek Poore**  
KERNEL COLUMNIST

He perfected what later was forged into the Merriam-Webster dictionary as "gonzo" journalism — its own entry defined as an "exaggerated, highly subjective style." (Former Thompson editor Bill Cardoso coined the term, referring to the Louisville native's piece "The Kentucky Derby is Decadent and Depraved," published in *Seventeen's Monthly* in 1970.)

Gonzo journalism is not necessarily exaggerated as in untruthful — it's a backseat approach that narratively entertains and informs.

In 1973, during the height of Watergate coverage, Thompson filed stories in

*Rolling Stone* that were merely journal entries, time stamped and full of his unique perspective of "that foul era," as he called it. Thompson drives you down the belly of every beast he encounters along the way.

But Thompson's entries were provocative, hilarious and even insightful.

Blogs I find on the Internet are only hilarious when I see how drunk the bloggers and their friends can be on camera.

They're only provocative when they pretend to discuss politics.

And they're sure as hell not insightful — there are blogs about blogs.

Now I'll admit that a few could be worth a second look and that this mass diary journalism is meaningful to the future of the Web, which has apparently reverted to its AOL Home Page roots. During that vintage World Wide Web, everyone made an AOL or GeoCities Web site, posting pictures of their poolies and goofy relatives, their favorite TV shows and Britney Spears

links. Apparently this is all we can think of, it's all we have from the Web's original creative nougat. What's left?

You log on, check your e-mail, check the Knicks game, watch porn and blog. Oh, and instant messaging — but that's a beast to canvass some other time.

I like how this is all we can come up with.

Blogs have become a separate entity of the Internet that has supplanted newsgroups — and even chat rooms and message boards to some extent.

I'll admit it: I've blogged. Many times. And I'm sure you've never seen it, but that's a blessing, I assure you. You don't need to experience that disaster.

But Thompson never wrote about the contents of his last Wal-Mart receipt, which I saw in a blog once. He never wrote about how many times he played Quake or Madden yesterday.

He did, however, write about his favorite president to loathe: Richard Milhous Nixon.

Thompson may be getting a warm heart late in his 67 years. Why? In 1973 he thought Nixon to be a vile man with insane henchmen, bent on sucking America into the seventh level of hell.

Shortly before the NFL preseason kicked off in July, the self-proclaimed "football junkie" wrote on ESPN.com of "Tricky Dick, "He was crooked in every way and his hands were covered with blood — but he was a rabid, high-rolling football fan with a sly taste for gin, and on some nights, he could be good company."

Thompson grew, I guess. Maybe there are a few gems out there. Blogs that make statements, even. Maybe I'll like them, because other than the score of the Titans game, my e-mail, my car stereo equipment and Back to the Future shower curtain I found on eBay — and porn — that's about all I have left on the Web.

Hey, I think I'll blog about it.

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## Silence compelling in new UK drama

By Melissa Smith-Mallery  
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In a time when everything that can be said will be said with flourish, a break from the droning on is sometimes welcome.

At first, the dialogue of Jerome Hairston's a.m. Sunday seems very choppy — like watching poetry — because so much isn't said. The play highlights the depth and drama of silence, and that silence becomes a central character.

These silences have to fill in the back-story, and actors are forced to explain without the guiding aid of words.

R.P. and his wife Helen are raising two sons who are dealing with racism in the classroom and on the streets, while their marriage is unraveling at the seams. Trust

has evaporated in this family, and everyone is holding his or her own secret.

New actor Kwame Troxler plays Denny, younger brother of Jay (Christopher Alexander). Denny is a voiding racism by acting dumb around his classmates, and Troxler's confession reveals another level of his character.

Although a bit rough in his delivery, Troxler is impressive in his debut and I hope to see him on stage again.

College freshman Alexander plays 15-year-old Jay well, so brooding and confused within his body.

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Jay is hiding his relationship with Lorie, a white girl, from his parents. Helen confronts him, and the silence that resonates between them only reinforces his lack of trust for his family.

Perhaps most interesting are the characters of R.P. (Phil

Cherry) and Helen (Lara Brier). Throughout the play, a telephone rings, but a dead

line greets whoever picks up. Only R.P. seems to know who is calling, which results in an emotional confrontation between him and Helen.

Both Cherry and Brier show great talent when dealing with the unsaid, and their poetic battles help to complete the visage of a broken family.

No one looks comfortable in his or her surroundings, always wary of building tension brought on by the high level of secrecy. Always just shy of revealing the whole truth, rarely in life is silence comfortable, and a.m. Sunday refuses to allow an iota of comfort for the audience.

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## IN OUR OPINION

# Hoosier student fees waster? SG and SAB

Student Government and Student Activities Board hoped 8,000 to 10,000 students would gather for tonight's Hoosier Daddy 2.

So each group ponied up \$25,000 to host the pep rally.

The event was forced indoors because of Hurricane Ivan's remnants.

Bad weather may have negatively affected the attendance, but the cost was still exorbitant.

SAB vice president Ethan Bennett told the Kernel this week that last year's pep rally cost \$30,000. He said this year's funds would cover everything, including the appearance fee for the band Midtown.

Since the \$50,000 is just an estimated amount, we're glad SAB President Lindsay Crelly said any funds not used would go back into the budget to be used for future

events. But Crelly also told the Kernel in a Q&A that she wanted to see SAB bring in a more varied slate of events for students to use.

It seems that if they cut down on the scale of the one pep rally a year, SG and SAB could use its funds obligatorily paid by every UK student — to host more diverse events and bring in more student interest.

Because while the football team's performance proved they need all the help they can get beating opponents this year, the Hoosier

Daddy pep rallies don't appeal to enough students for the price tag.

For starters, bringing in national acts such as Midtown has its merits, but SAB could bring in local talent. That has the dual benefit of saving money and promoting the Lexington arts scene.

Relocating funds away from the pep rallies will also aid SAB in hosting more concerts and other campus events free of charge for students.

The \$50,000 budgeted also went to pay for those hideous signs that have littered campus all week.

SAB, of course, has a need to advertise its event. But the design was confusing and unclear.

SAB should consider that the diverse writing was difficult to make out and in the future use signs with cleaner fonts for more clarity.

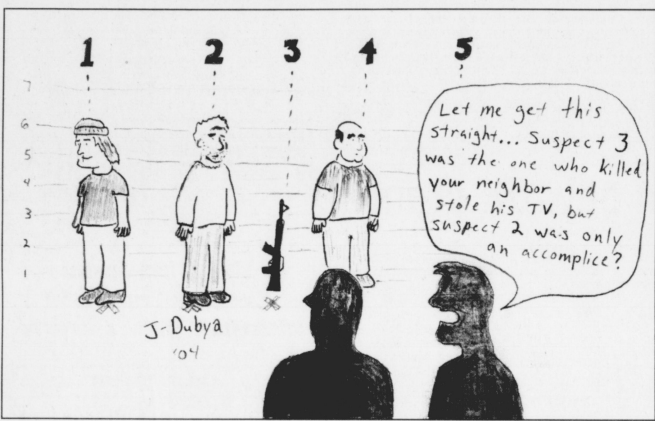
That's more money SAB could have better spent.

Crelly told the Kernel that she was always interested in hearing from students what they want SAB to do for campus and that SAB would try to make it happen.

Since students are forced to pay fees to be entertained throughout the school year, they need to take an interest and let SAB know what they like and dislike.

And SAB should consider more carefully how it spends those student funds.

**SG and SAB should spend less money on elaborate pep rallies and redirect student funds toward more diverse activities.**



JUSTIN WATTS, THE KENTUCKY KERNEL

## LETTER TO THE EDITOR

### Clinton's assault weapons ban did not make Americans safer

President Clinton's assault weapons ban did nothing to make me safer. Since the bill was passed in 1994, about all it did was arbitrarily limit magazine-fed weapons to 10 rounds per magazine. And that was only on newly manufactured weapons.

For example, if you owned a 15-round magazine for your Glock 9mm before the law was passed, it was still legal to own it even after the law was ratified. That means that in the past decade, the only thing the Assault Weapons Ban did was prevent me from getting shot an eleventh time before the assailant had to reload.

Of course, in this scenario I'm operating on the assumption that a criminal who has already decided to shoot and kill me will choose to obey the law regulating the weapon he is using to commit murder. How often do you think gun-carrying criminals worry about whether the magazine in their handgun complies with federal laws?

I'm not trying to debate the Second Amendment. My point is a simple one. I want the same politicians that campaign on crime prevention and gun control to create laws that will in fact prevent crime and control guns.

If the majority of Americans want strict gun control, so be it. Just give us something that will back up the promises made on the campaign trail. Talk is cheap, and the assault weapons ban was a cheap attempt to win some votes without doing anything to make me any safer.

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Economics senior

## World leaders must take action to end war, genocide in Sudan

The Sudan War is Africa's longest-running civil war. This war between a Muslim north and a Christian south has already left 2 million people dead.

An estimated 300,000 people will die this year alone if no substantial action is brought to stop this war.

It is well understood in many circles that the south is fighting against an imposition of a northern-sponsored, nationwide Sharia law.

This law follows strict Islamic code and its principal source is the Islam religious book, the Quran. Unlike Nigeria, where most northern states practice Sharia law and the southern states practice common law, Sudan's government tried to impose a Sharia law on the entire country.

There are indications that a final peace agreement will be signed in Kenya to end this war in coming weeks.

While many wait on the signing of a peace deal between north and south Sudan, there is a huge problem emerging from the western part of the country.

As witnessed in other wars, many small groups emerge from the main war. These groups cause major problems in Sudan and are not really involved in the ongoing peace process in Kenya.

The government-backed militia Janjaweed, for example, has so much at stake that they were a given different peace talk session in Abuja, Nigeria. However, the peace talks have

broken down. U.N. Secretary General Kofi Annan, U.S. Secretary of State Colin Powell and Britain Foreign Secretary Jack Straw have all, on different occasions, visited Darfur.

Powell has described the situation as genocide and to date nothing substantial has been done to stop this from going on in the Darfur region.

There are reports of rampant rape cases, high infant mortality rates and sporadic killings of black Sudanese in Darfur.

Many believe that if these atrocities were taking place in the some other part of world, international troops would immediately be sent to protect the civilians in the region.

Taking a critical look at what is going on, one might wonder whether the international community learned anything from the genocide in Rwanda. In a matter of days, thousands of precious lives were lost in Rwanda because we were not paying attention.

Thank God we are paying attention this time. But that is not enough; we must act quickly to stop this killing from going on in this region.

Are we waiting to see another Rwanda so we can go to our safe conference rooms to consult the dictionary for appropriate adjectives to qualify the situation? I hope not.

There is absolutely no time for us to sit and wait. The world community must act now.

In spite of the politics and how one sees President Bush, he has great respect among his fellow African leaders. Having this power and respect on the continent, a similar serious ultimatum should be issued directly to the Sudanese government to disarm

the Janjaweed militia or face serious consequences.

It is in the interest of America, particularly in this perilous time of war against terrorism, that the war in Sudan cease immediately. It was not long ago when Sudan hosted our sworn enemy, Osama bin Laden.

He lived there for a while before going to Afghanistan. To prevent another Taliban-type government, a government that would harbor terrorists for the sole purpose of destroying American interests, we must act now.

Janjaweed is no different than any other terrorist group in the world. We must see to it that they disarm.

This issue is non-partisan and should be dealt with accordingly. The right-wing groups should step up their lobbying to see an end to Christian persecution in Sudan.

Left-wing and human rights groups such as Amnesty International and African-American groups such as the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People should pressure the government to stop this racially motivated ethnic cleansing.

Today, the United States is pressing a resolution in the U.N. Security Council. As the Security Council looks at the resolution, they should remember the 150 Rwandan peacekeepers sent to the Darfur region.

If a country still recovering from genocide is sending its people to keep peace in Sudan, the rest of world, through the United Nations, should do more than pass a resolution to stop this devastating situation from getting worse.

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## Student social reform can save America

Last week we took a look at protests as the basis of social reform. (If you missed this column, you can't join our dental hygiene protest until you catch up!)

Today we will take a look at some of the cutting-edge protests that took place at this year's Republican National Convention to get a better understanding of how gratuitous nudity can save America.

The first protest we'll look at is the "make out, not war smooch-a-thon." In this protest, a bunch of people moved to a junior high make-out party out of a basement into the streets of New York.

Although similar to the 1970s protest "Make love, not war," this protest is better suited for those who don't want to contract an STD.

This is a great protest for college students because, let's face it, we don't need a reason to make out. College kids love to make out. Therefore college kids will love provoking social reform via tonsil hockey. The second protest on the list is the nude AIDS activist protest where a group of protesters stood naked in downtown New York. The problem with this protest is that being inappropriately naked with random people is how a lot of people contract AIDS to begin with. Plus, the cause of the protest was lost somewhere in between embarrassed giggling and hysterical laughter.

I wouldn't recommend this protest for college students because we don't need any more excuses to be naked, but that doesn't mean we won't do it anyway. So if you're going to protest nude, make sure you have a good cause.

For example, protesting alcohol restrictions on campus while in the nude would have a negative effect. This is called streaking, and it is part of the reason there are alcohol restrictions to begin with.

The last protest we will examine today is a perfect example of what happens when you let people from the "MTV spring break generation" put together a protest.

In the "Axis of Eye panty protest" a group of women stood in nothing but white trench coats with a clever political innuendo involving the president's name printed on their not-suitable-for-television areas.

As soon as enough media personnel and eager men arrived, they flashed the audience, declaring to the world that you don't have to be given beads to flash people you unmentionables. You can also flash people if you dislike the president and have witty slogans printed on your underwear.

Maybe they'll put together a "Girls Gone Wild Political Protests" Hosted by Bill O'Reilly" for college students who want to be politically active but don't want their parents to stop paying their tuition.

As you can see, the cutting edge of social reform has stripped America's problems down to its bare essentials, leading the way for our generation to come in and change America's dirty underwear.

So what have we got? PDA, public nudity and girls gone wild. On any normal college campus I'd say that's called a frat party. Who says college kids aren't politically active?

We can do this. Now let's get out there and make our grandparents blush red with pride!

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# Sports

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## Young offensive linemen ready to step up

By Jeff Patterson  
THE KENTUCKY KERNEL

This is what they were expecting. This is why they were recruited. Sign with UK and play right away.

"They all told us when we came in that we'd get a chance," said freshman tackle Aaron Miller.

"That's the main reason I came here," said freshman tackle Micah Jones.

Now that Jones and Miller will get their chance Saturday against Indiana, they just hope they are ready.

"I'm not worried about starting so much," Jones said. "I'm worried about getting in and helping this team out."

The two linemen have spent much of the past week practicing with the first-team offense in preparation for UK's home opener Saturday against Indiana.

Jones, a 6-foot-4, 317-pounder, has played mainly at right tackle. Miller, a 6-foot-6, 295-pounder, has played the bulk of his snaps at left tackle.

UK head coach Rich Brooks said he probably would not name his starters until game time.

After the offensive line's lackluster performance in UK's season-opening 28-0 loss at Louisville Sept. 5, Brooks said his line needed to be more physical.

Against a strong, quick Cardinal defensive front, UK's linemen were pushed back, instead of driving forward, he said.

"Going into this game we got to do a lot better job than last time," said senior right

guard Matt Huff. "We got a lot to prove after that."  
UK gains a lot of bulk by using Jones and Miller with the first-team line. Miller has 10 pounds and three inches on current starting left tackle Michael Aitcheson. Jones has 37 pounds on starting right tackle Hayden Lane, but Lane is two inches taller.

Brooks said Jones and Miller impressed their coaches this week with their blocking ability and competitiveness. "We'll see on Saturday whether they are going to show up and do those things," Brooks said. Changing the offensive line can affect the unit's chemistry.

"It's always a little different when you put different people in the game because a lot of guys are used to playing with one another," Huff said.

"It's just something we've got to get over because right now we are trying to find the best



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five people we can. "If we've got to play some true freshmen, then so be it."

That's why Jones came to UK — he wanted to play now and stand out.

When he stepped on campus, he wanted to change the team's attitude.

He loves speaking his mind, whether it's his fellow linemen or senior defensive end Vincent "Sweet Pea" Burns, who discussed the offense's heart after practice Wednesday with Jones.

"He's always vocal," Huff said. "He's real confident about himself."

That is the attitude Jones wants the rest of his teammates to have.

"Why hold something back if you feel it," Jones said. "My mom has always told me I was that way."

Heading into Jones' first major game, UK is getting just what they expected from Jones — he's speaking his mind.

"They are 2-0 right now," Jones said. "We are going in to beat them."

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### THE SCOUTING REPORT

**Last game:** Indiana (2-0) defeated then-No. 25 Oregon 30-24 on the road Sept. 11. UK (0-1) lost 29-0 at Louisville Sept. 5.  
**Keys to the game:** Hold on to the ball. Neither team's offense has produced much of anything this season, so the team that wins the turnover battle should win the game. Indiana's defense has forced nine turnovers this season. UK forced one turnover.

**Players to watch:** Hooster linebacker Kyle Killian leads the team with 19 tackles (4.5 for a loss) and has three sacks in two games. IU QB Matt Lovvich has completed 15 of 32 passes with two touchdowns and one interception.

— Jeff Patterson

## Micah, I'm doggin' your coaches, not you



Tim Wiseman  
SPORTS EDITOR

Walking off the practice field last week, Micah Jones stopped.

The 6-foot-4, 317-pound freshman offensive lineman stopped and turned to face me.

"What's your name?" he asked.

"Tim," I said, in a tone that did not quite convey the confidence I hoped it would.

"Tim what?" he asked.

"Tim ... Wiseman," I answered, becoming even less sure about where this little chat was going.

"Yeah, that's right," he said, pointing in my direction. "You're the one that's been doggin' us in the paper."

He walked off before I could offer a witty response, but in retrospect maybe that was for the best.

You're wrong, Micah. I wasn't dogging you or your teammates. That's wrong, because you all deserve better than that.

I was, however, taking direct aim at your coaches and the decisions they continue to make.

It's not your fault UK is on probation. It's not your fault UK has a revolving door for football coaches. It's not your fault your coaches continue to mismanage and misuse your talents.

If anything, fans like me should be grateful any high-profile recruit would take the huge leap of faith to come to UK at such a time.

Now that you're here, you deserve better. Your coaches should be flexible — they should be tailoring offenses and defenses to your strengths and not the other way around.

Last season, we watched offensive coordinator Ron Hudson refuse to change his offense even when it was painfully evident his players were not meant to play his way.

This year began the same way, and that's why I was so frustrated.

Since you read the paper, maybe you can pass along this message to Hudson. I am not arrogant enough to believe I have the answers for the offense, but I do have some questions.

Why doesn't junior fullback Alexis Bwenge get the ball

more? He was second on the team in rushing last year with 318 yards, and he's big enough (6-foot-1, 229 pounds) to break some tackles for an offense that needs a jumpstart. He ran for 69 yards against Arkansas last year, most of which came during the high-pressure overtime periods, when yards were precious. He proved he can run then, why won't his coaches give him the chance to prove it again?

Why aren't you, Micah Jones, starting? You were UK's big-name recruit and you deserve a shot out there. You aren't going to redshirt this year, so you need real-game experience now. If UK is building for the future, then you're the foundation and you have to be out there.

In my last column, I said this UK team left fans without hope. If your teammates have the same fire as you do, then I was wrong about that.

I promise to believe if you and your teammates show that kind of desire out there. But I am not going to let your coaches off the hook.

That's what I would have said if you'd given me the chance.

The only answers that matter, though, are the ones UK's coaches have for you.

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