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In good hands: sophomore guard Rajon Rondo is ready to take the rock and lead UK to its first Final Four in eight years



Sophomore guard Samantha Mahoney

Sophs cook up team chemistry

By Chris DeLotell
THE KENTUCKY KERNEL

Samantha Mahoney hates to cook. So does Chante Bowman. That caused some problems last year when the two UK guards and would-be Emerils lived together with fellow freshmen Sarah Elliot and Eleia Roddy.

Regardless of who eventually had to cook the meal, neither Mahoney nor Bowman had any interest in cleaning up. That's where Elliot, the Cats 6-foot-6 center, came in.

"Sam and Chante would always argue, but then neither wanted to clean up, so I would end up having to do it," Elliot said, laughing as she recalled a host of funny moments and bonding experiences she shared with her fellow freshmen last year.

Mahoney Bowman and Elliot, all of whom ended their freshman season on the UK women's basketball team as starters, said living together off the court helped them mature and progress on it.

"We became closer by living together," Bowman said. "You have that chemistry on the floor. It definitely has helped us."

Elliot noted that a stronger bond developed because they were all going through similar transitions and challenges at the same time.

"We could depend on each other because we were all going through the same thing," she said.

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Senior guard Patrick Sparks started every game last season for the Cats.

Backcourt plays down hype, pumps up depth

By Josh Sullivan
THE KENTUCKY KERNEL

Head coach Tubby Smith was shocked to learn that he is entering the season with the "best backcourt in America."

At UK basketball media day last month, he scoured the pages of the media guide until he found the headline declaring his guard tandem as the nation's finest.

"Maybe I need to start proofreading these things," he said, with a smile.

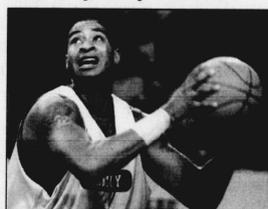
Smith might not be ready to crown sophomore point guard Rajon Rondo and senior shooting guard Patrick Sparks kings of the college basketball backcourt, but it's clear that if UK is to

make its first trip to the Final Four in eight years next March, the duo will have to deliver on the promise it showed last season.

Sparks, who emerged as the team's second leading scorer at 11 points per game, led a ferocious comeback against arch-rival Louisville, scoring 25 points and nailing three free throws with 6 seconds left to help turn a 16 point half-time deficit into a two-point win. Sparks led another comeback victory at Alabama last year, nailing seven of 10 3-pointers en route to 26 points, helping clinch UK's 43rd Southeastern Conference championship.

Rondo, who set a new UK season record with 87 steals, scored 16 points

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Junior forward and transfer Rekalin Sims

Fresh faces clamor for court time

By Ryan Wood
THE KENTUCKY KERNEL

This time last year, Rekalin Sims was gearing up for his second season as a Salt Lake Community College Bruin.

As a freshman, he averaged 18 points per game and eight rebounds per game, earning second team all-American honors for the junior college ranks.

After his sophomore year, he had bumped his totals to 19.4 ppg and 9.6 rpg and earned first team all-American honors.

His team was 29-16 during his two-year tenure, and it didn't take long for NCAA Division-I one schools to start calling.

He was heavily recruited by Texas A&M his entire sophomore session, but according to Sims when he got the call from UK, he knew he wanted to come to Lexington.

"My visit really won me over," Sims said. "I came out here and fans knew who I was before I got here. I went to Keeneland with Coach Smith one day... when you walk around with him, you're a rock star. It felt amazing."

Now the 6-foot-8, 200-pound junior forward is expected to make an immediate impact on UK's squad, especially with the eligibility of sophomore center Randolph Morris still uncertain.

"Rekalin is a very intelligent player, and he was an outstanding rebounder in junior college

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UK BASKETBALL 2005-06

Cats see exhibition as simply business

By Josh Sullivan
THE KENTUCKY KERNEL

UK head coach Tubby Smith doesn't see tonight's exhibition contest against Division II Northern State as a real game.

"This is a practice. No more, no less," Smith said yesterday during a press conference at Memorial Coliseum. But sophomore guard Joe Crawford didn't sound so convinced.

"We're looking to play hard and beat them by as

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|-------------------|------|------|
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| G Patrick Sparks | 11.0 | 2.1 |
| F Joe Crawford | 3.2 | 1.8 |
| F Sherry Thomas | 1.4 | 1.3 |
| C Shagari Alleyne | 2.8 | 1.9 |

Northern (S.D.) State (0-0)

| Probable Starters | PPG* | RPG* |
|-------------------|------|------|
| G Kyle Schwan | DNP | DNP |
| G Craig Nelson | 6.2 | 2.4 |
| F Matt Hammer | 16.5 | 7.1 |
| F Levi Hamilton | 4.3 | 2.7 |
| C Aaron Busack | 13.3 | 4.9 |

* last season

many points as we can," he said. Junior forward Sherry Thomas said the bout with two-time defending Northern Sun Intercollegiate Conference champions will offer the Wildcat frontline a chance to earn some respect.

"It'll be a challenge for us, because our frontcourt isn't as well known as our backcourt," he said. "In a way, we feel like we have something to prove." Smith expects Northern State's post game to present a significant challenge for his big men. The Wolves start preseason NSIC player of the year Matt Hammer at forward, along with 6-foot-6, 240-pound Levi Hamilton.

While fans will have to wait until at least next Wednesday to see last year's

starting center in action again, they should get a heavy dose of this year's new big man tonight. Smith says freshman center Jared Carter is continuing to make great strides on the practice court.

"He's been playing extremely well," Smith said. Most analysts initially expected Smith to sit Carter for a year, giving him more time to develop before using any of his eligibility. But since Big Blue Madness last month, Smith has hinted that if Carter continued to improve quickly, he'd go ahead and suit up for the 2005-06 season. Yesterday Smith all but confirmed that decision.

"I doubt if we'll redshirt him at this point," he said. Smith and several players have suggested that the Cats

may employ a more up-tempo style this year, and the descriptions of practices up to this point seem to indicate the team is seriously preparing for that change.

"Practice has been more up-tempo, more intense," said senior guard and team co-captain Ravi Moss. Crawford echoed Moss's take, saying, "Practice has been tough conditioning wise. Every drill, we're constantly running." Asked if he'd allow his players to be more aggressive in their transition offense tonight, Smith said, "We're going to give them more freedom early on to see how they do."

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BLUE BLOODS

Senior guard Ravi Moss (Hopkinsville, Ky.) and sophomore guard Rajon Rondo (Louisville) pose for photographers during UK basketball photo day in August.

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Guards

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on five of seven shooting against Cincinnati in the second round of the NCAA tournament.

He followed up with a ten-point performance in the regional semifinal victo-

"If Rondo becomes an all-American caliber player, then that's true. ... he's going to be really, really good."

Jerry Brewer

Courtesy: Journal sports columnist on Rondo and Sparks' best backcourt billing.

ry over Utah.

Both players gained valuable competitive experience in the off-season as well, as each made the roster of separate national summer league teams.

Rondo ran the point for the U.S. under-21 national team, leading the all-star squad to a gold medal at the Global Games in Dallas and a fifth place finish at the World Championship in Argentina.

Sparks competed for America in the World University games, helping the team win a gold medal in Turkey.

"I think the international experience has really helped them to better understand what we are trying to get them to do here," said Smith. "I think they are becoming leaders."

Smith's peers certainly expect his guards to emerge as an elite tandem.

Sophs

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"The stress, school, tests, practice, tutoring, class... all of it. You grow up together because you go through everything at the same time. When you grow up together, you have a stronger connection."

Third-year head coach Mickie DeMoss is looking for that strong connection to continue to show up on the court. As the Cats enter what some have called the most anticipated season in years, DeMoss will depend on her triumvirate of sophomore returning starters to continue the program's progress.

"Our sophomore class was instrumental in the success we had last season,"

Women's Hoops
UK vs. Dalhousie (Canada)
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DeMoss said. Elliot agreed that last season's significant playing time helped her growth.

"Last year was so important for experience," she said. "I was scared I didn't know what to do. But getting the experience has helped us. We're well prepared. For us to have that, it made us mature quicker."

The significant minutes they experienced will not only help the women on the court, but in leadership roles with the young team as well, according to Mahoney.

"Our team is really young," she said. "We're supposed to be leaders this year, and getting to play like we did last year really helps us this year."

Bowman said the experience of last season gives them a certain respect level with teammates and the opposition.

"It's important because now we aren't labeled as the young ones," she said. "It helps our team get better and allows us to help the freshman class."

DeMoss praised Bowman

for her team-first attitude and intensity.

"Chante brings such a competitive spirit to our team every night out, and that is something we badly needed last year," DeMoss said.

The coach said Mahoney will likely start at 2-guard for the team this season.

"We are certainly going to try and keep her at the 'two' position (this year) because she provides a lot of scoring opportunities for us on the perimeter," DeMoss said. DeMoss said the team will likely tailor its offense around the strengths of Elliot, attempting to exploit opponents by pounding inside to the 6-6 center. The team's fate may very well be intertwined with the strength of Elliot's surgically repaired knee, according to the coach.

"She can dominate on both ends of the floor," DeMoss said. "We're really going to need her to stay healthy this year."

Mahoney, Bowman and Elliot not only will be depended upon this season, but for several years to come as well, as they look to help DeMoss take UK Hoops to an elite level.

"Coach DeMoss came in and recruited us and we got here as the program started on the upswing," Mahoney said. "It's going to help us in the future as we continue to get better."

DeMoss also looks for Roddy, a 6-foot-3 forward who missed the second half of last season due to a torn meniscus, to return as an even better player.

"She is back, stronger than last season," DeMoss said. "We are expecting some great things out of her on the front line this season."

Bowman, as well as her classmates, believes continuing improvement is imperative.

"We're progressing," she said. "We're getting good coaching. We're all getting better as players and as a team."

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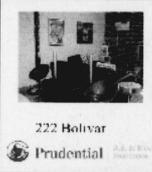
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#1 – BRANDON STOCKTON
Guard • Glasgow, Ky.

Former Kentucky Mr. Basketball looks to add senior experience to UK's already deep guard spots.

5-9 • 167 • SR



#2 – RAVI MOSS
Guard • Hopkinsville, Ky.

Perhaps the best walk-on in the land, he will do whatever it takes to win, from clutch shots to tough defense. A pre-season starter last year.

6-2 • 190 • SR

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#3 – RAMEL BRADLEY
Guard • Brooklyn, N.Y.

Provided energy and excitement off the bench last year and should continue to do so this year. He's from Brooklyn – he won't let you forget it.

6-1 • 179 • SO



#4 – RAJON RONDO
Guard • Louisville, Ky.

As a freshman, he broke former Cat Wayne Turner's single-season steals record (87). This year, he easily ranks as one of the top-five point guards in the nation.

6-1 • 171 • SO

Nineteen times, UK has graced the cover of Sports Illustrated



#10 – LUKASZ OBRZUT
Center • Gilwice, Poland

Seemed to gain confidence as he earned more minutes in the season's final stretch. UK needs him to stay aggressive – and out of foul trouble.

7-0 • 270 • JR



#12 – PRESTON LEMASTER
Guard • Paris, Ky.

Senior Night will be here eventually – in the mean time, he will light the victory cigar of every Big Blue blowout.

6-2 • 188 • SR

The Wildcats own a 89.6 winning percentage in Rupp Arena, compiling a record of 363-42



#13 – BOBBY PERRY
Forward • Durham, N.C.

One of only two reserves to play in every game, Perry showed potential last season and must build on it to help UK's thin front line.

6-6 • 219 • JR



#21 – SHAGARI ALLEYNE
Center • Bronx, N.Y.

If Alleyne can stay out of Smith's dog house academically, the "Shagari Safari" could be back on the trail this year.

7-3 • 271 • JR

Former Cats Nazr Mohammed (San Antonio) and Tayshaun Prince (Detroit) both won NBA titles in the past two seasons



#22 – PATRICK SPARKS
Guard • Central City, Ky.

When this transfer from Western Kentucky was on last year, so were the Cats. When Sparks made at least two 3-pointers, UK went 17-1.

6-0 • 180 • SR



#23 – SHERA THOMAS
Forward • Montreal, Quebec, Canada

After missing time last season due to a surgery, his recovery seems nearly complete. He must step up to help replace Chuck Hayes.

6-7 • 230 • JR

Head coach Tubby Smith was the second fastest UK men's basketball coach to 100 wins, behind Adolph Rupp



#25 – ADAM WILLIAMS
Guard • St. Albans, W.Va.

Spent last year at the IMG Academy (Fla.) playing prep ball and should be mature for a freshman. Must show outside touch to break into backcourt.

6-4 • 190 • FR



#32 – JOE CRAWFORD
Guard • Detroit, Mich.

During the postseason, he emerged as a potential offensive force. With Kelenna Azubuike's exit, UK needs Crawford to do even more.

6-4 • 210 • SO

UK's seven national championships is second only to UCLA



#33 – RANDOLPH MORRIS
Center • Atlanta, Ga.

His future at UK remains uncertain, but if he returns he must be more aggressive and consistent to win back fans' hearts.

6-10 • 266 • SO



#42 – REKALIN SIMS
Forward • Vallejo, Calif.

After transferring from Salt Lake Community College (Utah), Sims seems poised to make solid contributions as a Wildcat.

6-8 • 200 • JR

All four of UK's seniors are from Kentucky



#43 – JARED CARTER
Center • Georgetown, Ky.

Addition of Scott County product gives UK three 7-footers, the most in school history. Carter's quick development might end any redshirt talk.

7-2 • 240 • FR



ORLANDO "TUBBY" SMITH
Head coach • Scotland, Md.

At UK, Smith has amassed five SEC league titles, five SEC Tournament titles and one national title. But the Cats have not seen a Final Four in seven seasons, one shy of the school's longest absence.

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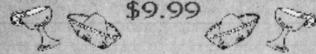
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Newbies

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and he has the ability to do the same thing here," head men's basketball coach Tubby Smith said.

And rebounding is something Smith said UK must.

"We have good depth, but we have got to get better at rebounding," he said.

The Cats averaged 35.2 rebounds per game last year — outrebounding their opponents by an average of 1.2 per game.

"We are really going to be missing a guy like Chuck Hayes who gave us that presence inside," Smith said.

Although some believe comparisons between Sims and Hayes will be inevitable this season, Sims wants to make it clear to fans, coaches and anyone else who's listening that he is not here to "replace" Hayes.

"I don't think it's my job to fill his shoes," Sims said. "He was here for four years. I'm a junior college transfer."

"Hayes was a warrior out

here," he added. "He was loved by the fans and the coaching staff and I don't think anyone will ever be able to fill his shoes."

Sims is ready to fall in line with his new coach at his new digs.

"I play hard," he said. "I'm going to do whatever coach tells me to do, whether it be diving for loose balls, taking charges, knocking down shots and of course rebounding."

Fans will also see other new faces on this year's team who hope to make a positive impact.

Jared Carter, the 7-foot-2, 240-pound freshman center from Georgetown, Ky. (Scott County High School) is making things a little more complicated for Smith, but in a good way.

"He really playing well," Smith said of Carter. "He's going to make it tough to even consider redshirting him, especially with Morris' situation."

In the mean time Carter hopes to improve and contribute.

"I'm going to try to help the team in any way I can,"

Carter said. "Coach knows best so if he wants me to be redshirted, I'll redshirt, but either way I go into every practice everyday giving it my all."

Another possible redshirt candidate is 6-foot-4, 190-pound freshman guard Adam Williams. He hopes to play but thinks a season on the bench might be a blessing in disguise.

"After this year we'll lose 4 to 5 guards," Williams said. "That would give me a chance to step up as redshirt freshman next year (and) I wouldn't be totally opposed to it."

Opportunity has knocked on the door of three young men who hope to take the challenge and collect the passed torch.

For Sims, he's just happy to be here.

"When Kentucky called I jumped on it as fast as I could," he said. "Playing for Coach Tubby is a dream come true."

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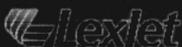
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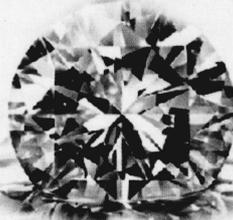
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Rape case with UK basketball player dropped

Accuser's attorney says client won't pursue case any further

By Josh Sullivan
THE KENTUCKY KERNEL

Commonwealth Attorney Ray Larson decided yesterday not to pursue a grand jury indictment of a former UK basketball player accused of drugging and raping a woman at Wildcat Lodge in April.

Although authorities never named the suspect, the agent for Chuck Hayes, who graduated in May, told reporters that the former player had retained an attorney.

In a statement sent to the accuser's lawyer, Larson said he had "serious doubts about the com-

plainant's credibility and great concerns about the lack of corroboration of her account of the events leading up to, during and after the alleged rape."

Larson's statement said his office spent more than 200 hours reviewing the police investigation of the accuser's claims and found "almost no evidence which corroborates the complainant's allegations."

"On the contrary, the evidence tends to disprove the allegation of rape," the statement said.

The suspect admitted to having sex with the woman, but said the encounter was consensual.

The accuser claimed she was incapable of consenting to sex because she had been drugged. A

medical examination provided no evidence to that effect, and her "actions after leaving Wildcat Lodge seem to clearly contradict her assertion of being drugged," Larson's statement said.

Larson said the investigation revealed that the accuser made three phone calls to the suspect after the alleged crime took place, during a period in which she claimed to be "in and out of it," or asleep. He also said witnesses told police that the accuser was acting normally during the period when she claimed to be suffering the effects of the drugging — talking on the phone, driving to Versailles and making child care arrangements and other plans.

Larson also said records show that the accuser tried to call the

suspect 143 times between April 13 and July 7. He said the volume of phone calls before and after the sexual encounter "raise questions about the complainant's intentions toward the suspect."

Larson's decision likely marks the end of this six-month saga. The accuser's attorney, Traci Boyd of Lexington, could not be reached for comment last night, but told other media outlets that her client did not plan to pursue the case any further.

In early May, just days after the investigation began, police cleared the case "by exception," citing the accuser's lack of cooperation. On July 5, she told police she wanted to file criminal charges, but no arrest was made. She then took her case to Fayette County Attorney Margaree

Kannensohn, who declined to prosecute the case, citing a lack of probable cause.

"We're certainly pleased and unsurprised that it ended up this way," said UK athletics spokesman Scott Stricklin. "It's a shame that a student-athlete that represented the university and the state so well over the past four years had to have his name dragged through the mud in this way for no apparent reason."

He went on to criticize the actions of some local media regarding the incident, saying, "The media outlets that were cautious and didn't jump the gun before the facts came out are looking a lot smarter today."

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SEEING WHAT'S UNDER CYNTHIANA'S HOOD

COMING TOMORROW: 15 UK photojournalism students, four professional coaches, one rural Kentucky town. See Cynthiana, Ky., through the eyes of college photojournalists — and their camera lenses — in UK's second annual Picture Kentucky photoworkshop.



Bob Shirley, left, and David Kinney attempt to repair Kinney's Volvo in Cynthiana, Ky. Shirley said they "were working on mysteries without any clues." Both men are natives of Cynthiana.

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Todd, black faculty seek next move for diversity

By Troy Lyle
THE KENTUCKY KERNEL

President Lee Todd said in Monday night's meeting with more than 40 black faculty members and administrators that he would review the five diversity recommendations they presented and meet with the group again soon.

"Diversity is very important to me," he said, reiterating his and UK's commitment to immediately address this issue. "It's confronting a lot of universities out there right now. I want to see how they're handling it and use that to develop the best approach."

UK experienced a 40 percent drop in black freshman enrollment this past fall. UK has attributed that drop-off in part to an increase in the minimum score needed on an entrance exam.

Also, more than half of black freshman whom UK accepted decided to attend another university. This fall's freshman class entered with 151 blacks. More than 750 black students applied to UK. 357 were accepted and more than 200 declined.

Last year's black freshman enrollment was about 252, based on that 40 percent figure.

Todd said regardless what measures are taken, he wanted those faculty members and administrators present at Monday night's meeting to be a part of the process.

The basis for the recommendations presented to Todd stemmed from a list of basic concerns, including a lack of direction and clarity on diversity by Todd and a shortage of

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Kentucky journalism great Nick Clooney to speak at campus film screening

By Ryan Lasley
THE KENTUCKY KERNEL

When the new journalism-based film "Good Night, and Good Luck" comes to campus, students will get a special surprise.

Journalism and Telecommunications School Director Beth Barnes contacted Nick and Nina Clooney about the possibility of holding a screening of the film "Good Night, and Good Luck" at UK. She also proposed that Nick speak at the potential screening.



Clooney

"I thought it would be a wonderful complement to the movie," Barnes said.

Clooney embraced the idea and his wife Nina called Warner Independent Pictures to get permission to have the Lexington premiere of the film shown at UK.

"Any small contribution I can make, I will," he said.

Clooney's relationship with the university has been well documented. In the past, he has held seminars and lectures on journalism, and in 2001 was elected into the Kentucky Journalism Hall of Fame, which is sponsored by UK.

However, the film also has a special meaning for Clooney, who had a little special pull in the matter. His son, George, co-wrote, directed and acted in the film

If you go

"Good Night, and Good Luck" will be shown today at 4:30 p.m. in the Worsham Theatre located in the Student Center. Following the film, Clooney will be giving a presentation on the challenges to modern journalists.

A limited amount of show tickets will be available at the door.

For more information, contact Beth Barnes at 257-4275 or Whitney Hale at 257-1754.

based on the feud between journalist Edward Murrow and Senator Joseph McCarthy. The film zeroes in on Murrow's part in reporting

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Nobel Prize-winning physicist brings universe to UK's campus

Wilczek to examine "dark matter" and the fragility of life

By Sean Rose
THE KENTUCKY KERNEL

A Nobel Prize winner will lecture — and joke his way through some of the mysteries of the universe in Memorial Hall tomorrow at 7 p.m.

Frank Wilczek, the 2004 Nobel Prize winner in physics, is bringing his lecture "The Universe is a Strange Place" to UK as part of the Department of Physics and Astronomy's "Einstein and Beyond" lecture series.

"The main focus is things I don't understand about the universe," Wilczek said.

"And things we're working on now."

Wilczek said half of his lecture would probe the questions behind dark matter, an unknown substance that holds much of the universe's mass. He said the other half would examine "the fragility of life."

"There's only a small sweet spot in this space of possibility where life as we know it, intelligent life, could evolve," Wilczek said.

"And yet we don't know why things are this way."

Wilczek said he hopes he can communicate three points through to the audi-

ence: the universe is strange and beautiful; if people work to understand things, then they will understand things; and there is still a lot to learn about the universe.

"If people can really appreciate these three lessons ... I will be more than satisfied," Wilczek said.

Wilczek won the Nobel Prize for his work with the equations behind the "strong force," which is the fundamental force that



Wilczek

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Faculty

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black faculty, as well as a measurable absence of mid- and senior-level black administrators at UK.

The group of black faculty and administrators, who call themselves the Concerned African-American Faculty, outlined these concerns Monday night. The group promptly last night's meeting when

nine of its members sent a letter to Todd on Oct. 17 accusing him of failing to promote racial diversity at UK.

Their recommendations included:

- the UK Board of Trustees immediately developing and implementing a plan for racial diversity and academic excellence

- diversity training for all faculty members who may get a "chair or dean of color" in their department

- the immediate dissolution of the President's Commission on Diversity

- definitive steps to attract and retain black faculty, which the group said in turn will attract and retain more black students

- Todd guaranteeing the appointment of black faculty to major UK committees

- Roberta Harding, a law professor and member of the group, defended the recommendation of removing the President's Commission on Diversity by starting with the fact that the commission hasn't met for more than five months. The committee's chairwoman, Deneese Jones,

left UK in June to take a position at Longwood College in Farmville, Va.

"The commission made a list of recommendations over the previous year — none of those recommendations have been acted on," she said.

"What we're saying is, if Todd isn't going to act on those recommendations, then maybe there's a need to start over."

The Concerned African-American Faculty echoed her sentiment in its list of recommendations, which said the commission was unnecessary and lacked a relevant and

functioning agenda. The group recommended the establishment of a new, time-limited Blue Ribbon Task Force on Racial Diversity and Equality.

This task force would primarily focus on increasing the number of black faculty and administrators at UK, as well as identifying those who are accountable for monitoring progress.

Todd responded to this idea of removing his commission by saying, "I put the Commission on Diversity in place my first year here to ad-

dress some of these problems, yet it hasn't addressed the issues to everybody's satisfaction," he said.

"The fact they are making a potential recommendation to dissolve it while others want it not to be dissolved means I've got to take a new look at it."

At this point, no word has been given as to when the next meeting between the two parties will be.

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Film

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on the Red Scare, during which McCarthy became renowned for accusing prominent figures of being communists at the height of the Cold War.

As a child, George often got to be part of his broadcast journalist/television host dad's job, including appearing

on "The Nick Clooney Show." Clooney said George has always been very interested in the news.

"George and I talked about journalism all the time at the dinner table," he said.

Murrow happens to be a hero of Clooney's as well. During the 1940s, Clooney listened to his radio coverage of World War II.

"He painted the picture much better than television could have ever done."

As a fellow newsmen,

Clooney was inspired by Murrow's work as a journalist. However, he felt that Murrow's influence went deeper than that.

"Mr. Murrow affected me as a human being before he affected me as a journalist."

Clooney spoke about how Murrow's ethics and pursuit for truth reflected in his journalism. He believes that Murrow set the standard for modern journalists with the way he carried himself in the business.

"He gave us benchmarks for integrity and fairness."

Clooney feels differently about the current state of journalism. When he was starting in the business, aspiring journalists had apprenticeships and had to learn the rules before they could start covering stories. He feels today's journalists do not know what their job is and lack the courage needed to get the whole story.

"We do not ask the tough questions and we do

not ask hard enough to get to the truth," he said.

Clooney said the main thing he emphasized to his son for the film was the same advice he gives to reporters: double-check to make sure the facts are right, and be accurate all of the time. To research for the film, George interviewed the real-life characters and read books as well as watching footage on the 1950s Red Scare.

Past journalistic films lacked the realism Clooney

was accustomed to. An example of this is the abnormally large size of the newsroom in "All the President's Men." Most newsrooms are much smaller, Clooney said. After seeing a rough cut of his son's film, Clooney felt "Good Night, and Good Luck" depicted the life of a journalist realistically.

"That's the first time I have ever recognized a true newsroom on film."

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holds an atomic nucleus together.

Astrophysics professor

Al Shapere said he hopes the lecture would spark students' interest in the universe.

"I hope some of them will be inspired just to be in contact with this distinguished visiting physicist," Shapere said.

"I hope they leave with

more questions than when they arrive."

Astrophysics professor Tom Troland echoed his colleague's sentiments. He said many students see physics as boring and complicated, but he hopes through the lecture students will "learn something about the excite-

ment of modern physics."

Wilczek said it's an exciting time in the realm of physics, with new ideas such as proposals for what dark matter might be. He said solving the mystery of dark matter would be a "tribute to the power of the human mind."

Wilczek also said he wants students to understand that these powerful human minds belong to regular people.

"I hope they'll get the idea that even the most fundamental discoveries are made by actual human beings," Wilczek said.

"What one fool can discover, another fool can understand," Wilczek said, quoting Nobel Prize winner and physicist, Eugene Wigner.

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U.S. troops completely withdraw from Saddam Hussein's hometown

By Jonathan Finer
THE WASHINGTON POST

TIKRIT, Iraq — Under a cloudless autumn sky in the heart of Saddam Hussein's home region, commanders of the U.S. Army's 42nd Infantry Division withdrew yesterday from a sprawling 18-palace compound that has been a U.S. base since 2003.

They called the move a step toward reducing the visibility of U.S. troops and eventually withdrawing them altogether. In Baghdad, mean-

while, the military reported that a roadside bomb killed an American soldier in central Iraq on Monday, bringing the number of U.S. troops killed in October to at least 36.

The scenic, hilly campus straddling the Tigris River, an enduring symbol of Hussein's rule and largesse, stands just a few miles from the village where the former dictator was born and the earthen pit where U.S. forces captured him last year. By Monday morning, the cold stone halls were eerily empty, a command

center that once buzzed with computer screens and communications equipment reduced to some plywood tables and sleeping bags for the few remaining troops.

Known to the Americans as Forward Operating Base Danger, it will be formally turned over to the provincial government on Nov. 22 after three weeks of logistical preparations, said Maj. Gen. Joseph Taluto, commander of the 42nd Infantry, which is leaving Iraq this month. For now, an American artillery

battalion is all that remains.

"Soon this place that was once for only an elite few will be a place for the Iraqi people," Taluto told a crowd of Iraqi politicians and tribal leaders and fellow generals gathered for a ceremony transferring control of the region north of Baghdad to the Army's 101st Airborne Division, which recently arrived for its second tour in Iraq and will be headquartered at a U.S. base a few miles outside Tikrit.

"Instead of representing

how one man used Iraq's wealth, it will represent how Iraq's wealth can be used for its people," Taluto said.

Grandiose even by Hussein's notably gaudy standards — its 134 buildings are adorned with inlaid brass and kitschy chandeliers, their walls covered in a veneer of marble — the complex was built after the 1991 Persian Gulf War for Hussein's relatives and political patrons. One of its palaces has a water-tributary of the Tigris, teeming

with three-foot-long carp, flows underneath another.

The palace complex will be the 30th U.S. base turned over to Iraqis this year, said Brig. Gen. Donald Aston, a top U.S. spokesman in Iraq, who joined generals George Casey, commander of U.S. forces in Iraq, and John Vines, commander of the multinational corps, at Tuesday's ceremony.

The purpose of such transfers is to reduce the footprint of the U.S. presence in Iraq.

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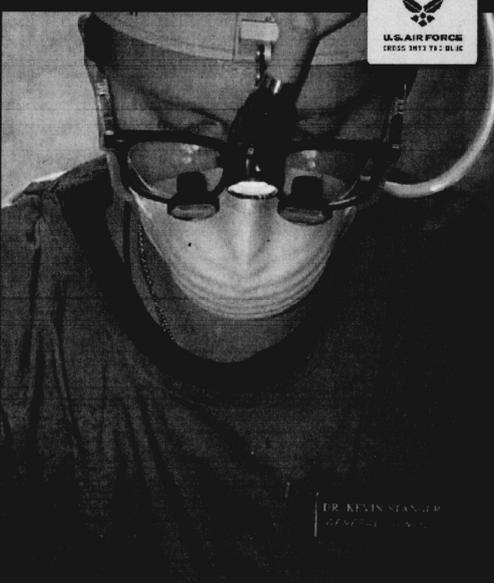
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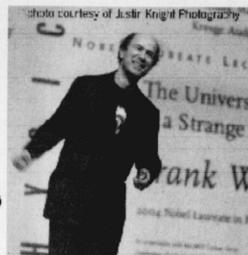
UNIVERSITY OF KENTUCKY
CRIME REPORT

Selected crimes reported to UK police
Oct. 25 to Oct. 31

- Oct. 25: Bike theft reported at Kirwan III at 11:03 a.m.
- Oct. 25: Bike theft reported at 650 Rose Street at 12:50 p.m.
- Oct. 25: Drug usage reported at Holmes Hall at 4:06 p.m.
- Oct. 25: Marijuana usage reported at Blanding Tower at 7:58 p.m.
- Oct. 26: Harassing communication at 641 South Limestone Street reported at 10:05 a.m. A woman told police her ex-husband had been calling and harassing her at work.
- Oct. 26: Marijuana usage reported at Kirwan Tower at 9:58 p.m.
- Oct. 27: Theft from building reported at Commonwealth Stadium between gates nine and 10 at 11:12 a.m.
- Oct. 27: Theft from building reported at Keeneland Hall at 3:17 p.m.
- Oct. 27: Suspicious circumstances at the Patterson Office Tower reported at 4:05 p.m. where a female purse was found in the fifth floor rest room.
- Oct. 27: Marijuana usage reported at Kirwan III at 4:27 p.m.
- Oct. 27: Suspicious person at Greg Page Apartments where there was a hole in the construction fence and an approximately 10-year-old boy was seen climbing on a crane reported at 4:58 p.m.
- Oct. 27: Harassment in progress reported in the lobby of Holmes Hall at 5:45 p.m.
- Oct. 27: Theft from building reported from the Fine Arts Building at 6:36 p.m.
- Oct. 28: Suspicious person on the fourth floor of the parking structure near Veterans Affairs Medical Center seen looking under cars reported at 12:27 p.m.
- Oct. 28: Theft from building reported at 404 South Limestone Street at 3:42 p.m.
- Oct. 28: Bike theft reported at the Student Center at 4:31 p.m.
- Oct. 29: Suspicious person reported looking into cars at Coliseum Liquors at 1:38 a.m.
- Oct. 29: Marijuana usage reported at Haggin Hall at 2:47 a.m.
- Oct. 29: Man reported looking into vehicles in the parking structure near the UK Chandler Medical Center at 6:55 a.m.
- Oct. 29: Hit and run reported at the UK Chandler Medical Center at 7:04 p.m.
- Oct. 29: Theft from automobile reported at Commonwealth Stadium at 9:15 p.m.
- Oct. 29: Theft from automobile reported at Commonwealth Stadium at 10:30 p.m.
- Oct. 29: Lexington Fire Department assisted UK police after an 18-year-old female possibly overdosed in a dorm room at Keeneland Hall at 10:40 p.m.
- Oct. 30: Criminal mischief involving vandalism to a washing machine reported at Greg Page Apartments at 8:06 a.m.
- Oct. 30: Property found at Commonwealth Stadium after football game was delivered to the police station after cleaners found students' IDs, credit cards and other cards in a portable toilet, reported at 2:20 p.m.
- Oct. 31: Criminal mischief involving individuals shooting pellets, possibly paintballs, from a vehicle at the intersection of Woodland Drive and Euclid Avenue at 9:26 p.m.
- Oct. 31: Burglary Reported at Keeneland Hall at 4:48 p.m.
- Oct. 31: Theft from building reported after money was said to have been taken from a residence Cooperstown Apartments.
- Oct. 31: Hit and run accident reported at 597 South Upper Street behind Dickey Hall at 4:44 p.m.
- Oct. 31: Bike theft reported at Alumni Gym at 10:10 p.m.
- Oct. 31: Drug usage reported at Keeneland Hall at 10:34 p.m.

Reports taken from UK police crime log
Cops log compiled by staff writer Megan Boehnke
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2004 Nobel Laureate
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Frank Wilczek

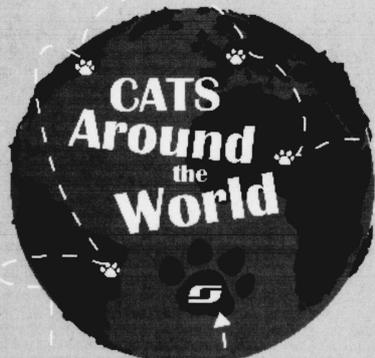
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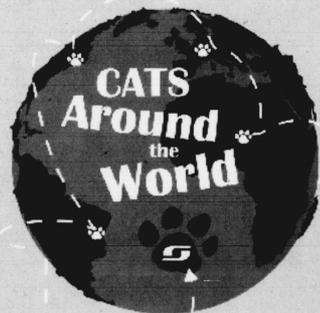
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Yoda prepares for battle in "Star Wars Episode III: Revenge of the Sith." The film will be released on DVD this Friday.

IN THEATERS

JARHEAD

Jake Gyllenhaal plays Anthony Swofford, a 19-year-old Marine. This film is a memoir of Swofford's trip from basic training to the front lines of Operation Desert Storm. Jamie Foxx plays Sgt. Sykes, a career Marine who heads up Swofford's sniper platoon, and the still underrated Peter Sarsgaard plays Swofford's friend and mentor, Troy. It is based on the book of the same name. It looks great, and has Oscar talk buzzing around it. And Kanye West's "Jesus Walks" fits very well into the previews, if you haven't already seen it. At Lexington Green, Regal and Woodhill cinemas.

GOOD NIGHT, AND GOOD LUCK

In the 1950s, Senator Joseph McCarthy was running wild in Washington D.C. accusing anyone and everyone of being a Communist, and organizing public hearings that did little more than humiliate the hearings' subjects. Famed journalist Edward R. Murrow decided he'd had enough and produced episodes (with no financial backing from CBS) of his show "See it Now," a program dedicated to debunking and launching a counter attack against McCarthy. This film is a docudrama set in the newsroom of CBS showing Murrow and his production staff compiling and working on his show in order to

bring McCarthy down. This film also has lots of Oscar buzz around it. Opens Friday at the Kentucky Theater and Regal.

CHICKEN LITTLE

The sky is falling! Whoops, it was just an acorn. Nobody panic. Move along, there's nothing to see here, folks. Wait. What was that? The sky really is falling? And aliens are invading? OK, maybe we should panic. Zach Braff stars as Chicken Little in this new CGI Disney movie. It has a lot of hype to live up to with Disney's CGI movies, and let's hope it lives up to the high bar "The Incredibles" set last year. At Regal and Woodhill cinemas.

EVERYTHING IS ILLUMINATED

Elijah Wood plays Jonathan Safran Foer, a Jewish-American author who travels to the Ukraine to find the woman that saved his grandfather from the Holocaust. When he arrives, he meets his ridiculous tour guides Alex, Alex's grandfather and Sammy Davis Jr., the seeing-eye dog. Near the end of his journey, Jonathan discovers that his grandfather also has a dark secret, which in turn must be illuminated. At the Kentucky Theater.

SHOPGIRL

Mirabelle (Claire Danes) is a glove salesman at Saks Fifth Avenue and an artist struggling to pay her bills. She is swept off

her feet by a middle-aged rich man named Ray Porter (Steve Martin). At the same time, Jeremy (Jason Schwartzman), who is just a regular everyday guy, is also interested in Mirabelle. Based on the novel by Steve Martin, so it should be quite good. Theatres TBA.

ON DVD

STAR WARS EPISODE III: REVENGE OF THE SITH

In the final chapter in the 6-part "Star Wars" saga, we finally see what happened to all of the Jedi, what happened to Luke and Leia's mom, and why Anakin Skywalker turned to the dark side. The darkest film of the saga, and the best of the prequel trilogy, it is a must-buy on DVD.

THE PERFECT MAN

Chris Noth, Heather Locklear and Hillary Duff star in a movie that looks so bad that you couldn't pay me enough to see it. See, Heather Locklear's character is a single mom with two kids, and Chris Noth is "the perfect man," so of course Hillary Duff and the little girl with glasses must then work together to hook the two up. This is the type of movie they should include in a 12-pack of Coke to use as a coaster.

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ONTAP | For the week of Nov. 2 - Nov. 7

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Blood Brothers
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9 p.m. The Dame. Tickets cost \$5.

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8 p.m. Coyotes Niteclub, Louisville. Tickets cost \$30.

Marc Broussard w/ Will Hoge
9 p.m. Headliners Music Hall, Louisville. Tickets cost \$12.

Buckethead
8 p.m. 20th Century Theater, Cincinnati. Tickets cost \$15.

Galactic
8 p.m. Bogarts, Cincinnati. Tickets cost \$15.

Chimaira
7 p.m. Blue Cat, Bellefontaine, Ohio. Tickets cost \$18.50.

Michael Winslow (The sound effects guy from Police Academy)
8 p.m. Zanies Comedy Showplace, Nashville. Tickets cost \$17.25.

Bill Yackey and Aaron Weaver
10:30 p.m. The Paddock. Admission costs \$3 to \$5.

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8 p.m. The Dame. Tickets cost \$6.

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8 p.m. Louisville Palace Theater. Tickets cost \$25 to \$55.

Dar Williams
8 p.m. Phoenix Hill Tavern, Louisville. Tickets cost \$23.

Trey Anastasio
7:30 p.m. Taft Theater, Cincinnati. Tickets cost \$36.

Elton John
8 p.m. US Bank Arena, Cincinnati.

Tickets cost \$38 to \$88.
Black Label Society
8:30 p.m. Bogarts, Cincinnati. Tickets cost \$25.

Ben Lee
8 p.m. The Basement, Columbus, Ohio. Tickets cost \$12.

SUNDAY

Hot Hot Heat
7:30 p.m. Jillians, Louisville. Tickets cost \$15.

MONDAY

WWE Presents Smackdown!
7 p.m. Rupp Arena. Tickets cost \$20 to \$50.

TUESDAY

Bob Schneider w/ Eric Hutchinson
8 p.m. The Dame. Tickets cost \$10.

Nottamouth Kings
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Back to Band Camp: UK alum writes fourth 'American Pie' film

By John Dixon
THE KENTUCKY KERNEL

To make it in Hollywood, just ask an uber-famous movie producer for a job.

Hey, it worked for one UK graduate.
Brad Riddell, a 1994 alumnus with a degree in English and a minor in theater, wrote movie producer and part-time Kentucky resident — Jerry Bruckheimer several years after college to announce his Los Angeles move and to request an internship. Bruckheimer obliged, adding momentum to Riddell's career. Lately, Riddell's first film script, "American Pie Presents: Band Camp," was just shot, slated for release in stores on Dec. 27.

Riddell, an Erlanger, Ky., native, said before he decided on screenwriting, he thoroughly career-shopped through his favorite movies.

"I came to UK as a finance major after seeing the movie 'Wall Street,' thinking I wanted to be a broker," says Riddell. "Then I saw 'Gross Anatomy' and decided to go pre-med."

But Riddell soon had a revelation. "Finally, 'The Dead Poet's Society' helped me to read what was in my heart. I realized that it wasn't the jobs the movies portrayed that were inspiring me, but the movies themselves. So I changed my major to English and theater."

Today, Riddell lives in Los Angeles with his wife, Tina, and spends his time either working on scripts or teaching reading and writing to area middle school

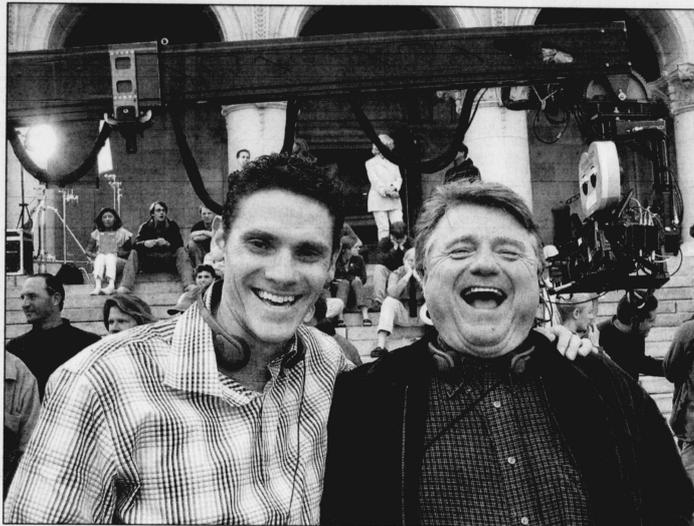
kids. He is also an adjunct faculty member in the writing division at the University of Southern California's film school.

Riddell focused his UK studies on creative writing, film, theater and media arts. Much motivation for his career came through two creative writing professors, Gurney Norman and Nikky Finney.

"They were profound influences on me, both as a writer and a human being," he says. "Nikky first showed me that writing is never easy, and only the tough and persistent will survive."

Finney remembered Riddell's persistence:

"Brad had a single passionate focus: film and scriptwriting. He liked writing in general a great deal, but he really wanted to be in L.A. at the center of the Hollywood scene



UK English and Theatre graduate Brad Riddell poses with the film's director, Steve Rash, during production of "American Pie Presents: Band Camp," written by Riddell. The film is set for a DVD release Dec. 27.

working in, and around, the arena that a scriptwriter works in."

"He never thought about another career. Never," she said.

After graduation, Riddell worked on local commercials, PBS documentaries and corporate marketing videos for Video Editing Services on East

High Street in Lexington. During a three-year stint, he ascended from videographer, to editor, to producer. But area productions were limited, he wanted a bigger scene. So in 1999, he applied to the University of Southern

California's film school. Cut to Riddell's letter to Jerry Bruckheimer. Bruckheimer's production company hired Riddell, almost immediately on arrival in Hollywood, as a script analyst, or "reader," meaning he read screenplays and judged their worth for the company's time and investment. Somehow, he found time for a master's of Fine Arts from USC.

"Film school was necessary for me," he says. "I knew precious little about writing for the screen, and I didn't want to waste several years of my life learn-

ing by trial and error: I wanted an intense, rich, professional education so I could hit the ground running as quickly as possible."

And, film school provided security.

"I also wanted a safety net. I wanted to have some structure to my life here, and school was the ticket for me. Everyone in L.A. is struggling to act, write, direct or produce. I couldn't just move here without a job and declare myself a writer. Many people do that, and are just as successful as film school graduates. That's not who I was. Plus, I wanted an MFA so I could teach someday."

At USC, Riddell wrote his thesis script, "Band Camp," which received the prestigious USC Award of Distinction (one of only five scripts that year to do so) and would eventually become the fourth installment of the mega-popular "American Pie" series.

"The (Award of Distinction) got some attention around town. Eventually, my manager heard that Universal was looking to revive the 'American Pie' franchise with a story about band camp — so he sent my script to them, I pitched several times, and I got the job."

"Band Camp" is the Tall Oaks Band Camp, where several musically-inclined high schoolers must deal with the camp's newest member, the hypersexual Matt Stifler (brother of Seann William Scott's character, Steve, from the original "American Pie").

The film, Riddell promises, is "an orgy of practical jokes and candid-camera videos." Matt soon falls for the beautiful Elyse and must stifle his "stiffneis-

ter" a chore that promises "hilarious" results. Eugene Levy, from the original "Pie" movies, guest stars as Tall Oaks's top counselor, Steve Rash, who directed Jamie Foxx in 1999's "Held Up," directs from Riddell's script.

"Band Camp" is a direct-to-DVD release, a trait reserved usually for inconspicuous art and independent films or studio trash designed to divert attention as film executives pilfer an audience's pockets. While not the former, Riddell contents strongly that "Band Camp" is also definitely not the latter.

"For a while, the studio loved it so much they considered putting it in theaters. But the marketing would have been too expensive and they had to back off. It was great validation, though, that our little movie almost made the big screen."

And, as Finney asserts, Riddell cares too much about his work to hand over a mediocre product, as she remembers from her time teaching him.

"He never played with his work. Writing was a calling for Brad. He was serious and hungry to learn how to do the many beautiful things language can do."

With "Band Camp" awaiting release, and further brightening Riddell's star in Hollywood's universe, Riddell is focused now on other projects, including a book adaptation (which he cannot reveal for legal reasons) and several

original ideas. He has also worked closely with Dr. Tom Marksberry from the UK English department on several documentaries, including "John Ford Goes to War" in 2002 and "Sam Peckinpah's West: Legacy of a Hollywood Renegade" in 2004.

"You see a lot of students," said Marksberry,

"who love films and want to make films. And the two categories are not always the same. That's why it's so great to see Brad bringing his love for the movies and his talent for writing together."

Riddell's new ideas are mostly family comedies. "In Hollywood," he says, "ideas are currency. And the good ones are few and far between."

He also plans to further the industry back home, already co-founding a yearly Filmmaker's Lab through the Kentucky Idea Festival. This lab, he hopes, will eventually lead to a larger accredited filmmaking institution — for which funding has already begun.

"Just as important to me as building a career as a successful writer," Riddell said, "is my desire to bring real, permanent and professional film education to Kentucky so people like myself don't have to spend \$80 grand and leave the state to get filmmaking training."

Someone get this busy man another slice of pie.

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Coming to Lexington on Saturday, Auburn head football coach Tommy Tuberville said he is well aware of UK's injury trouble, but said the Wildcats defense will still give Auburn problems.

"I read their statements, and they've had some tough times in the last six or seven weeks," Tuberville said in a press conference yesterday. "They've been very competitive. They've played well at times. Their defense really played well last week. Their offense moved the ball on a very good Mississippi State defense. We'll have to prepare for that going into this week."

Tuberville is 12.5 in November games with the No. 17 Tigers.

Offense

With former Auburn running backs Carnell "Cadillac" Williams and Ronnie Brown picked in the top five spots in last spring's NFL draft, big shoes have been left to fill for the Tigers' run game this season.

Rushing the ball, the Tigers have used junior running back Kenny Irons

to handle the load for Auburn. Irons has rushed 146 times for 846 yards and seven touchdowns. He's second in the Southeastern Conference in rushing yardage.

Redshirt freshman Brad Lester, who has found the end zone five times this season on the ground, has 43 carries for 280 yards.

Through the air, Auburn sophomore quarterback Brandon Cox has thrown for 1,589 yards and 11 touchdowns, with six interceptions. Cox has completed 119 of 203 passes for the Tiger offense.

A trio of Auburn receivers have caught most of Cox's bombs this year: senior Ben Obomani (22 receptions, 241 yards, four TDs), D. Aromashodu (18 catches, 310 yards, four TDs) and junior Courtney Taylor (17 receptions, 224 yards).

Defense

Junior free safety Will Herring leads Auburn with 44 tackles this season and has blocked one kick. Senior linebacker Travis Williams is second on the Tigers with 41 tackles, two forced fumbles and a sack.

Special Teams

Kicker John Vaughn is third in the SEC in scoring. He's a perfect 34 of 34 in extra points but 10-for-17 kicking field goals. His season long is from 38 yards out.

In DeMoss' third season, women's basketball seeks to defy league's low expectations

Traditionally coaches in every sport take preseason polls with a grain of salt, especially those conducted by the media.

After all, the media aren't in the locker room, they aren't at practice every day (by choice or mandate) and they haven't spent the past few decades of their lives learning the art of basketball, the craft of coaching and trying to put the two together (arts and crafts) to mold a championship-winning squad.

Chris Johnson
SPORTS COLUMNIST

So it was somewhat of a surprise when UK women's basketball coach Mickie DeMoss mentioned at last week's Southeastern Conference Media Days, that she would've placed her team higher than its media prediction (9th) in the preseason poll.

DeMoss even went so far as to hazard a fifth-place finish for her Cats.

Yesterday, DeMoss emphasized her team's run to the semifinals of the Women's National Invitation Tournament last season and the development of her three sophomore starters.

Preseason second-team All-SEC guard Samantha Mahoney, forward Chante Bowman and center Sarah Elliott were cited as reasons why her team should be so highly in the SEC poll.

"The three sophomores played so much last year," DeMoss said. "And the WNIT run last year gave the team a lot of confidence and positive energy."

The WNIT run was great, for the sport and for the hometown fans, considering how the WNIT gives home-

team advantage not to the team that has the better record, but the team that will bring in the most fans.

But beating a few also-ran teams and then losing to West Virginia isn't going to rein in a lot of confidence in the gladiator ring that is the SEC.

All other things remaining as they are, placing the Cats fifth would put them behind only Tennessee, Georgia, Louisiana State and Vanderbilt.

All four of those teams are in the ESPN.com preseason top-14.

Sounds a little optimistic for a team that boasts a freshman and three sophomores among its starting five.

Which was a point DeMoss saw coming, but didn't defend.

"Media people look at the paper and say 'Well, they're so young,'" DeMoss said.

Having a young core of talent isn't a bad thing. Big game experience may be lacking, but that was partly gained last postseason.

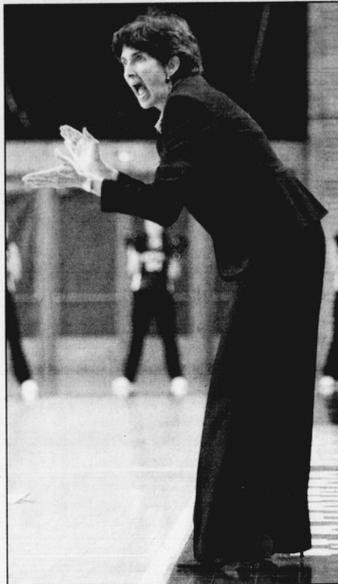
It says a lot about those sophomores to have sixty percent of a starting lineup that led the team to its longest postseason run of all time.

Junior shooting threat Jenny Pfeiffer is back after a year's absence, along with the emergence of senior Jenny Humphrey, a decent amount of experience will be in place to lead the maturing squad.

So maybe she's right, the team has been underrated. "You still have to play the games," DeMoss said.

And, before one could conjure thoughts of beating Pat Summitt, DeMoss turned her comments into deprecating generic coach speak. "We could finish ninth, we could finish 12th," she said. "I don't know."

Then, in an eloquent turn



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UK women's basketball coach Mickie DeMoss enters her third season in Lexington and her rebuilding project continues. This year, she will likely start at least one freshman and mostly sophomores who started as freshmen last year. "And the WNIT run last year gave the team a lot of confidence and positive energy," DeMoss said at a press conference in Memorial Coliseum yesterday.

of phrase, DeMoss illustrated her apathy for the entire project.

"You can't put a lot of stock in it," she said. "We just try to use it as a positive,

to motivate the players." Because, you know, coaches don't take media polls seriously.

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Olympics 100 days away: still problems to be fixed

By Candus Thomson
THE BALTIMORE SUN

With 100 days to go until opening night, the 20th Winter Olympics is like a Broadway show, with juicy plot lines and high drama but still in the middle of its casting call.

The \$3.64 billion extravaganza has the scenery of the Italian Alps and Turin's towering spire. Mole Antonelliana, a made-for-TV icon much like the Mormon Tabernacle of four years ago.

And underneath the glamour and beauty lurk the lurid subplots of cheating and doping. It wouldn't be the Olympics, after all, without a controversy or 10.

That said, it will be tough to top the histrionics of 2002 in Salt Lake City, with the cheating French figure skating judge and flawed scoring system that led to the awarding of duplicate gold medals to Canadian pairs skaters Jamie Sale and David Pelletier.

But if one thing has the potential to dampen the Olympic flame it is Italy's strict drug law, which could result in athletes being ushered from podium to police station.

A long-running test of wills between the International Olympic Committee and the Italian government over the prosecution of

drug-using athletes ended last week when the IOC blinked. But the matter is hardly resolved.

The IOC wanted the equivalent of a "get out of jail free" card for athletes to bypass a drug law enacted in 2000 that has been used to nab dirty soccer players and competitive cyclists.

Olympic officials argued that internal checks have been effective, catching two dozen athletes and stripping six of their medals at the Summer Games in Athens last year. They also promised to test 1,200 competitors in Turin, a 45 percent increase from 2002.

But Italian authorities stood their ground, and now the IOC must deal with the possibility of a public relations nightmare.

Security, the top concern in 2002 and last year, has been downplayed so far despite the July 7 bombings in London and warnings by Italy's intelligence community of a "current and concrete" threat of terrorist attacks against the Winter Games.

Salt Lake organizers spent \$310 million on security for the first post-9/11 Olympics, and their Athens counterparts spent \$1.4 billion. Italian officials have refused to disclose their security budget and manpower.

"The best way to ensure security is not

to talk about it," said Mario Pescante, a government minister and Olympics supervisor.

"What I can say is that all the funds requested have been provided. We are preparing very well but it is not possible to be 100 percent secure."

Like Salt Lake and Athens, Turin organizers are grappling with a budget shortfall — \$44.5 million so far. The situation is likely to worsen if the cash-strapped government follows through with its plan to cut \$19.24 million from its Olympic budget.

But the bottom line of the Winter Games is never the bottom line once the cauldron is lit and the athletes take center stage. With the season's international competitions just beginning, it's hard to say now who will attract the limelight and enjoy the public's adulation during two weeks that begin Feb. 10.

Will U.S. figure skaters come up empty-handed for the first time since the 1936 Olympics?

Can Bode Miller, as dangerous in a news conference as he is on the slopes, become the first American man since Tommy Moe in 1994 to win an Alpine skiing event?

Is bobsledder Vonetta Flowers, the first black athlete to strike winter gold, poised to do it again and in the process rehabilitate

the image of "Mean" Jean Racine, a goat of the 2002 Games?

Does the doubles luge team of Brian Martin and Mark Grimmette, winners of bronze in 1998 and silver in 2002, have what it takes to hit for the Olympic cycle at the end of their careers?

For American fans, perhaps the greatest drama leading up to the Games is whether they have seen the last of the woman who has dominated U.S. figure skating for nearly a decade.

Michelle Kwan, 25, sat out last season's Grand Prix circuit, which had already switched to a more tamper-proof scoring system, to prepare a new program for the U.S. championships, operated under the traditional 6.0 point system.

She won at home in January with a beautiful, but conservative, program. But two months later at the world championships in Moscow, she skated with all the confidence of a woman in a minefield and finished fourth.

It appears that the five-time world champion will sit out all Grand Prix events leading up to the Olympics and it remains to be seen whether she can skate her way into one of the three slots on the U.S. team in January at the national championships.

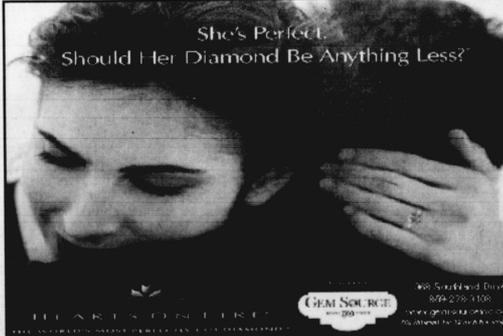
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Alito nomination signals new battle

By Tom Brune
NEWSPY

WASHINGTON — As Supreme Court nominee Samuel Alito made his courtesy calls to senators yesterday, Republicans got a taste of what Democrats could make life like should the conservative jurist's nomination touch off a nuclear meltdown of the Senate.

By invoking an obscure Senate rule to force an unexpected closed session on intelligence matters yesterday afternoon, Democrats not only confronted Republicans on vulnerable issues, but also showed how they can use procedural maneuvers to tie up the Senate on the Alito confirmation.

This tactic amplified an undertone that followed Alito as he made his rounds on Capitol Hill — Democrats might try to block his confirmation vote with a filibuster. "This is a shot across the bow," said Thomas Mann, a government expert at the Brookings Institution think tank.

Jim Thurber, director of the Center for Congressional and Presidential Studies at American University,

added, "It's a maneuver that's likely to show what the Democrats are capable and willing to do in their fight against Alito."

The tactic occurred as top Republicans and Democrats began negotiating the ground rules for the confirmation process, including how quickly to hold hearings and a Senate vote.

The White House is pushing the fast track. "We should begin later in this month, if possible, and have a markup and floor vote before the Senate adjourns for the year," said lobbyist Ed Gillespie, who is helping Alito.

Democrats say they doubt that schedule is possible.

"When there is a controversial nominee for a pivotal swing vote on the high court, the procedure should not be short-circuited, short-changed or rushed," Sen. Charles Schumer, D-N.Y., said Monday.

Democrats said they must read and evaluate 15 years of rulings by Alito as a judge on the Third Circuit Court of Appeals, and will seek documents from his

years as a Reagan administration lawyer.

Much depends on Sen. Arlen Specter, R-Pa., the Republican chairman of the Senate Judiciary Committee. He and ranking committee Democrat Patrick Leahy of Vermont are discussing how to proceed.

On the day after Alito was nominated, questions about a Democratic filibuster already dogged him.

Democrats control just 45 votes in the Senate, too few to defeat a nominee outright since only a majority vote of 51 is necessary to confirm, but enough to block a confirmation vote with a filibuster, which requires 60 votes to end.

Senate Majority Leader Bill Frist, R-Tenn., said yesterday he would not hesitate to invoke the "nuclear option" by using the Republican's 55-vote majority to change rules and ban judicial filibusters.

If Frist goes nuclear, Minority Leader Harry Reid, D-Nev., has in the past made clear that Democrats will use procedural tactics — as they did yesterday — to tie up the Senate.

"If Frist decides to denote the nuclear option on judicial nominations, he can expect continuous disruption of the Senate and a major battle carried to the American public," Mann said.

Democrats say it is too early to talk about a filibuster.

"I don't think we should assume that's going to happen at all," said Sen. Dick Durbin, D-Ill., on CBS' Early Show.

Yet Democrats might also be signaling they are unsure they can win support of moderate Republicans in the Alito fight.

After Frist threatened to ban judicial filibusters in May, the so-called Gang of 14 — seven moderate Republicans and seven moderate Democrats — avoided a showdown by reaching an agreement to preserve the filibuster in extraordinary circumstances.

But after meeting with Alito yesterday, Sen. Mike DeWine, R-Ohio, one of the 14, said, "It's hard for me to envision that anyone would think about filibustering this nominee."

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England enacts new citizenship requirements

By Mary Jordan
THE WASHINGTON POST

LONDON — As a child in the Soviet Union, Konstantin Volosov studied Lenin and Marx. But now, 30 minutes before taking Britain's new citizenship test for immigrants, he focused on the queen's ceremonial duties, the Liverpool accent and the rituals of Boxing Day.

"It's a good idea to learn these things," said Volosov, 32, a mathematics student working on his doctorate at a London university. "I find it ridiculous that people are living here 25 years and know nothing about this country."

Starting yesterday, the tens of thousands of immigrants who apply for British citizenship each year must pass a new "Britishness" test, designed to test familiarity with this country's politics, life and customs. The prime minister's official residence is at 10 Downing Street; a dog must wear a collar bearing its owner's name and address — those who want to hold a British passport are to learn this and much more.

The test was designed by government officials who are increasingly worried that immigrants are not integrating into British society, preferring to live in urban enclaves where language, culture and food are separate from this country's traditions.

Fears about immigrants feeling no connection or loyalty to their new country surged following the London transit bombings in July, which killed 52 commuters and injured 700 others. Po-

lice have said that the men who carried out the attacks were immigrants or sons of immigrants who were radicalized against Britain while living in this country's South Asian or Caribbean communities.

Last year, in another effort to encourage connection with Britain, the government also instituted a ceremony in which new citizens are required to declare their allegiance to the queen, as well as promising loyalty to Britain and "its democratic values." In the past, a new citizen simply swore an oath of allegiance before an official and received a citizenship notice later in the mail.

British commentators have poked fun at the test, wondering how many native-born citizens would know some of the more arcane information the newcomers were being asked to learn — that about 25 percent of British children live in single-parent homes, for instance, and that women, and initially only those over the age of 30, won the right to vote in 1918. Others have also expressed doubts that the test will make immigrants suddenly feel an overwhelming craving for fish and chips and a pint of ale.

People applying for U.S. citizenship also must pass a test, but its questions have tended to focus on history, the system of government, the symbolism of the flag and other civics class-type subjects.

Volosov, 32, who came to London from Moscow nine years ago, said he believed the British test was a good idea, though he would rather be working on his

thesis than his 145-page government handbook, "Life in the United Kingdom," which among other things explains that if you spill someone's drink in a pub, it's "good manners" to offer to buy another.

Volosov said that if he got citizenship, it would be "easier to get a job, a mortgage, even tuition would be cheaper." He hopes to work in risk management for a financial firm.

Sitting in a test center last Friday, waiting for the exam to begin, he reviewed underlined passages in his handbook, including: "Until 1857, a married woman had no right to divorce her husband."

Seated next to him, Abi Sirokh, 27, a film producer from Morocco, asked a potential test question out loud: "How many countries in the Commonwealth?"

Answer: 54.

Sirokh, who has lived in London for 17 years, said he was eager to get citizenship because of the growing hassles of international travel. As young male born in Morocco, he said he often fits the "profile of a terrorist" and is constantly chosen at airports for extra screening. He said he didn't mind taking the Britishness test, but doubted it would have much effect.

"This test is about knowledge," he said. "It's not going to help people integrate with one another."

A third test-taker, Rob Berrington Smith, 30, a motorcycle mechanic from South Africa, said he just wanted it to be over. He failed on his first attempt and had paid another \$72 to try again.

All three showed up for the test Friday because they knew they wouldn't be finished with their citizenship applications by yesterday, when the test became a requirement.

As Volosov began looking at the questions, in a room full of computers in west London, one of the 90 approved test sites throughout Britain, he was trying to keep straight all the information from his booklet: The dialect in Liverpool is called Scouse. The day after Christmas is called Boxing Day because "servants, gardeners and other trades people used to receive money (a Christmas box) in appreciation for the work they had done throughout the year."

He was given 45 minutes to answer 24 multiple-choice questions and was warned not to discuss the questions afterward. Many people will be quizzed on the same information: More than 140,000 people were granted citizenship last year.

Afterward, Volosov got the good news: he passed. So did Sirokh and Berrington Smith, who had to run off to work. Volosov and Sirokh, who had never met before, went to celebrate at the Kiwi Kitchen, a New Zealand restaurant nearby.

There, Sirokh smiled and asked the London-born waitress: Do you know when St. George's Day is?

St. George's Day is the national day of England. The English waitress guessed April 12. Then she tried April 30.

Sirokh smiled. He knew the correct answer was April 23.

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IN OUR OPINION

Student Center renovation way past due

John Herbst, UK's director of Student Services, knows how vitally important a new, renovated Student Center would be to UK's campus.

"The Student Center is the face of the university, whether you like it or not," Herbst told The Kernel's Editorial Board last month.

Right now, that face looks more like the gray-haired, baggy-eyed face of a 70-year-old grandparent rather than the vibrant, youthful visage of one of the thousands of students here on campus.

The list of student grievances in a campus survey UK administered to students last year could go on for pages.

The current version is clearly boring and outdated. It's a labyrinth, and it's depressingly old and ugly. The most recent serious addition occurred in the 1980s —

the decade in which most students here were born.

In that survey, students said they use the bookstore and food services the most. Both could stand to benefit from an overhaul — the bookstore could always use more space, and students said while the location of the food is good, the quality and variety of it isn't desirable.

The proposed model looks like a futuristic mall.

There's a bowling alley, a movie theater, upscale restaurants, clothing stores

and a fitness center among the proposed additions. That, plus a renovated satellite K-Lair, will cost \$127 million.

If students are willing to do their part by paying higher fees, UK and state legislators should follow suit.

Fifty-three percent of the more than 5,000 students who responded to the survey said they'd be willing to take a student fee increase of \$70 to \$80 to help provide funding.

That's an encouraging statistic. If students are willing to do their part — after all, they have the most invested — then UK's administration and the state legislature must accord-

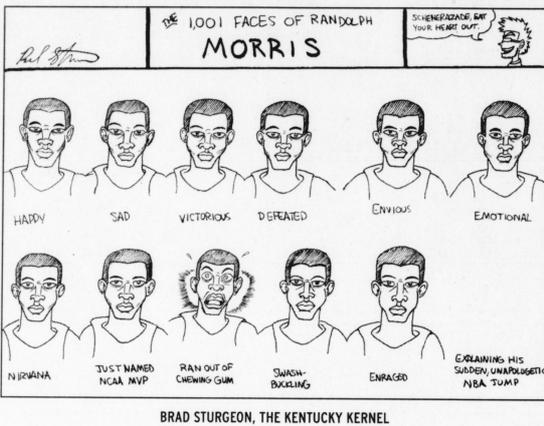
It's high time we changed the look and feel of the Student Center, and the proposed renovations look both modern and drastic.

A new Student Center will definitely change the atmosphere and attitude of campus.

UK shouldn't go overboard; however, some parts of campus deserve to be preserved. The K-Lair "satellite" idea would ruin the atmosphere there. It's a place that students love because it's got a unique character — which would utterly vanish under the proposed changes.

Students should continue to remain heavily involved in the decision-making process and continue to give their opinions on this issue.

This is our campus, and the Student Center renovation is direly needed.



BRAD STURGEON, THE KENTUCKY KERNEL

LETTERSTOTHEEDITOR

Cartoon was out of line

There is a fine line between political satire and ignorance, and Chris Stewart's Nov. 1 cartoon falls in the latter category. Last time I checked only Libby and DeLay have been charged with doing anything wrong, and not a single person in the cartoon has been convicted of anything.

What's the deal with the striped prison jumpsuits? Since the Republicans have won consecutive presidential elections and also control the U.S. House and Senate, liberals like Stewart have come to the harsh realization that Democrats cannot win on substance alone, so they must demonize Republicans in order to try and regain control.

This includes fake documents about Bush and the National Guard, stories about Cheney receiving deferred compensation from Halliburton (God forbid anyone should make money), and Rove doing nothing but helping Bush get elected (which apparently makes him the anti-Christ).

The Democrats and the media are having all out orgasms over the possibility of anyone close to Bush being convicted of anything. What ever happened to "innocent until proven guilty"?

If Libby or any other conservative is convicted of a crime, I will be the first to say that he deserves punishment. But that is for the courts to decide and not the media. It is funny how Stewart selectively forgets that the Democrats' idol, President Bill Clinton, committed perjury and was impeached. I bet that Clinton is Stewart's kind of guy.

RYAN ROBINSON
management and marketing senior

Let's wash our hands of water vote

The Kentucky Supreme Court washed away the hopes of local condemnation supporters, though perhaps for only one election season.

And the Kentucky Court of Appeals has yet to rule on the legality of Lexington holding a referendum to decide whether the city can proceed with condemnation of Kentucky American Water Co.

So far, the question of the referendum's legality has received a good deal of attention, perhaps to the chagrin of voters uninterested in the legal technicalities and caveats involved. What's more important, however — and what's been neglected — is a serious discussion of whether democracy by referendum and initiative is good for a society founded upon the principles of representative democracy.

In "Republic on Trial: The Case for Representative Democracy" (perhaps some of you remember the book from UK Professor Steve Voss' PS 101 class) its authors make the case that issues of public policy should be settled through the traditional legislative avenues and not via direct democracy.

The authors, mostly political scientists, note points often in favor of the initiative and referendum. Those supporters claim that direct democracy gives the voters a chance to make their voices heard on issues the legislature has ignored and that voters' views will not be shaded by the personal preferences of elected representatives. Continuing the argument, they note the contention that direct plebiscites increase citizen interest, make for better-informed citizens, lessen corruption, weaken special interests and encourage change. Certainly, those claims are consistent with the supposed benefits that Let Us Vote Lexington and FLOW have espoused.

However, as noted in the book, the

arguments can be refuted. Legislators failing to act is usually the result of a sharply divided legislature and electorate. Initiatives tend to be introduced not by regular citizens but special interest groups or wealthy political entrepreneurs like George Soros. Initiatives generally attract fewer voters than general elections, which also give interest groups the opportunity to educate citizens.

But the overarching problems with direct democracy are these: it subverts the legislative process, reflects the opinions of the interested few and provides no mechanism for accountability (how can citizens hold themselves accountable for bad policymaking?).

The legislative process, which requires "deliberation, negotiation and compromise," will be replaced with the executive fiat, to be enforced by the executive branch. The result is an empowered executive branch and a weakened legislative branch — a far cry from what the Founding Fathers would have wanted.

If Lexingtonians vote to condemn Kentucky-American, they commit the Urban County Council to that course of action, unless city leaders decide the adjudicated purchase price is out of Lexington's range. Aside from that, the decisions will largely be out of the council's hands, and in the charge of Mayor Teresa Isaac.

So if some other unforeseeable issue were to surface after votes gave the local government the green light to use eminent domain? Could the Urban County Council legitimately rebuke an ordinance adopted by voters?

That referendum and initiative measures generally make bad policy is an understatement. Often, the resultant policy is overturned in court due to its lack of constitutionality, and other times, they cause nearly unmanageable circumstances for lawmakers.

In Colorado, taxpayers passed the taxpayer bill of rights, or TABOR, via referendum in 1992. Only voters can approve a tax increase, and spending can only be increased at the rate of inflation.

However, voters (recall the lack of accountability) passed a referendum increasing education spending by a much faster percentage in 2000. Now, tax-cutting Gov. Bill Owens has been reduced to promoting yet another referendum for this year which would suspend the rebates of tax surpluses (mandated by TABOR) to prevent a budget shortfall. However, much citizens wish to curb taxation, even someone favoring lower taxes has to admit that Colorado has a mess on its hands.

Such a fate may not necessarily befall a local government, much less Lexington. But the circus-like conditions in referendum and initiative-crazy California and Oregon should be avoided in Kentucky, and likely will be. Kentucky does allow referendums, but rarely, it does not allow statewide initiatives. And Fayette County has allowed initiatives since 1974, but has never held one.

This is a welcome sign of health for representative democracy in the area. For as James Madison wrote in "Federalist No. 10," the ideal of a representative democracy is "to refine and enlarge the public views, by passing them through the medium of a chosen body of citizens, whose wisdom may best discern the true interest of their country, and whose patriotism and love of justice will be least likely to sacrifice it to temporary or partial considerations."

Since every council seat is up for grabs next year, why don't condemnation supporters attempt to reopen the condemnation process via conventional means by winning back control of the council? If condemnation activists really do represent the will of the people, and not a faction, then why not secure victory by electing council members who will carry out their agenda?

Otherwise, those opposing condemnation will have to choose to focus on both being good republicans (meaning republican government, not the Republican party) on one hand by fighting the ballot initiative process, and defeating a truly wretched policy on the other.

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Bush requests \$7.8 billion for bird flu prep

By David Brown
THE WASHINGTON POST

WASHINGTON — President Bush yesterday asked Congress for \$7.8 billion to help prepare the country for a global epidemic of influenza, telling a high-powered gathering of scientists and public officials at the National Institutes of Health that "our country has been given fair warning of this danger to our homeland."

The money — the latest requested addition to a burgeoning investment in public health preparedness since the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks — would go for vaccine development, drug and vaccine stockpiling, disease surveillance, and local health department manpower needs.

The biggest share, \$2.8 billion, would subsidize development of cell-based technology for making influenza vaccine — an investment that America's dwindling vaccine industry has been unwilling to make.

About \$1.2 billion would go to build a 20-million-dose stockpile of an experimental vaccine based on the "bird flu" virus now circulating in Asia; \$1 billion for antiviral medicines; \$800 million for development of new flu treatments; and \$644 million to help local governments make their own preparations for pandemic flu.

Bush also said he will ask Congress "to remove one of the greatest obstacles to domestic vaccine production — the growing burden of litigation... Congress must pass liability protection for the makers of life-saving vaccines." He provided no details of that proposal.

Bush's request bears a striking resemblance to a \$7.9 billion supplemental appropriation for flu pandemic planning assembled by Democratic leaders and passed last week by the Senate. Democrats and Republicans are now scrambling to appear more concerned than the other about a threat that no longer seems theoretical with the spread of H5N1 avian influenza out of Asia and into Europe in the last month.

Since late December, 2003, there have been 122 human cases of infection with H5N1, 62 of them fatal. Thailand today confirmed that a 50-year-old woman from Bangkok became ill with H5N1 influenza on October 26, and remains hospitalized. She is the third confirmed case in a Thailand in a month.

So far the virus has not acquired the capacity to spread easily from one person to another, but it is highly infectious and lethal to chickens. About 140 million birds have been killed or culled during the current outbreak. However, some ducks and several species of wild, migratory birds can be infected without dying or even becoming ill, a fact that is helping spread the microbe.

Bush spoke before several cabinet officers, the directors of NIH and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, and the director-general of the World Health Organization, Jong Wook Lee. It was intended to stress the multi-national, multi-agency aspects of his administration's preparation against the threat of a pandemic.

"For me personally, this is a historic day in public health," said Julie Gerberding, the CDC head. "We have worked hard for a decade to put influenza on the table."

Outside the Natcher Building after the speech, Michael Osterholm, a former state health official from Minnesota, said the administration has made clear that responsibility for pandemic preparedness penetrates every sector of society.

"State and local governments, academia, health systems, the private sector — they all have a part to play if they're waiting for someone to come and rescue them, that's the wrong answer," he said.

Bush's 26-minute address at the government's premier campus for medical research was the first of a two-day blitz on pandemic influenza.

Today the Department of Health and Human Services is scheduled to release its preparedness plan, which

has been in preparation in various forms since the late 1970s. A draft was released in August 2001, but the document has undergone extensive revision since then, including in the last two weeks.

Local elected officials, public health officers, hospital administrators, and clinicians — as well as drug companies, medical equipment suppliers, airlines, police departments and state militias — all hope the long-awaited plan will give them a clearer idea of what to do during an influenza epidemic.

Bush's speech described a many-pronged strategy that ranged from \$251 million to help foreign countries train local physicians, epidemiologists and lab technicians, to the creation of a website, pandemicflu.gov, that will suggest "what every American can do to decrease their risk of contracting and spreading the disease in the event of an outbreak."

Influenza experts believe public support for strategies to limit contagion will be essential to prevent or limit a pandemic. These include frequent hand-washing, travel restrictions during an outbreak, self-imposed home-quarantines of the ill, and the possible stockpiling of food and other essential items.

Until a vaccine is widely available — which will likely take years — these low-tech defenses are likely to be the most important ones.

Currently, flu vaccine is made by growing weakened strains of flu virus in fertile chicken eggs, a process that takes six to eight months from start to finish. Growing the virus in cells — which can be grown and then stored frozen in vast quantities — will give vaccine makers a flexibility and "surge capacity" they now lack.

Industrial-scale vaccine production by means of newer methods using cell cultures is unlikely to occur in less than five years.

The final version of the HHS pandemic preparedness plan, described as about 25 pages long, has been closely held by the administration.



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Picture Cynthiana

Participants in UK's 'Picture Kentucky' photojournalism workshop travel to Harrison County to capture Cynthiana, Ky., through a camera lens



Members of the Harrison County High School football team raise their helmets to cheer for their team at kick-off of the homecoming game against Western Hills on Oct. 7 in Cynthiana, Ky. Harrison County won the game 24-6. JONATHAN RODGERS | WORKSHOP

By Adam Sichko
THE KENTUCKY KERNEL

On the surface, Cynthiana, Ky., is nothing more than your standard small town.

It's got two Dairy Queens, a McDonald's and a Wal-Mart. Strangers who have never been there before can find their way around town in a matter of hours — minutes, even.

It's a nice, rural community, the high school football coach says. Just like a lot of towns in Kentucky.

But four weeks ago, 15 UK photojournalism students faced a challenge at the second-annual Picture Kentucky workshop: Capture what makes Cynthiana unique.

Figure out why a member of the high school's homecoming court already knows there's no other place she wants to raise six children. Discover why the county sheriff doesn't want to take his broad shoulders and buzz cut and work somewhere else. Uncover the life of a 64-year-old airplane mechanic, with his thick sideburns and his dog, Duchess, at the Cynthiana-Harrison County airport.

And, of course, catch all of this

in your camera lens.

"The operative word is experience," said Dave LaBelle, The Kernel's photojournalism adviser and the leader of the workshop. "In one sense, it's to introduce a lot of beginners to the water in the pool, to let them know how deep it is.

"When you throw them in the pool like that, they figure out, 'I'll drown if I don't swim.'" LaBelle said. "People perform differently. It exposes weaknesses, which is a wonderful thing."

Photography professionals from the Chicago Tribune, the Lexington Herald-Leader and the Pittsburgh Post-Gazette coached students through their assignments.

"I think it was hard to have somebody expert in the field looking at stuff," said workshop participant Hilly Schiffer, a journalism junior and assistant photo editor at The Kernel.

"You had to take it as constructive criticism: it was kinda hard to hear that, but it's something everyone has to hear."

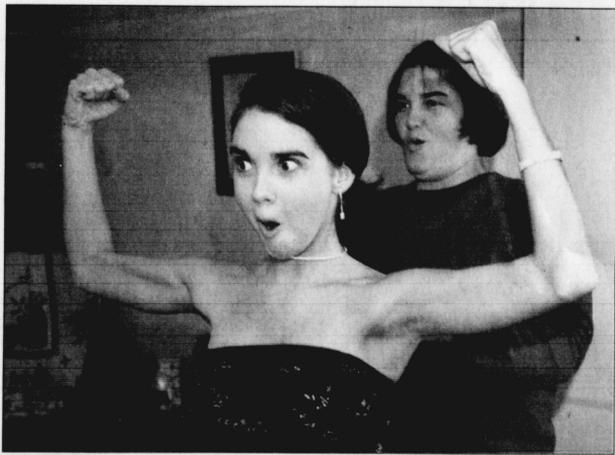
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Jamie Williams, 19, takes another look at her make-up at home before going to the homecoming football game. Jamie was second runner-up for Harrison County High School homecoming queen. HILLY SCHIFFER | STAFF



Ashley Gaunce awaits the final homecoming queen announcement with her date, Travis Aubrey. Gaunce was one of six senior candidates for homecoming queen. TRICIA SPAULDING | STAFF

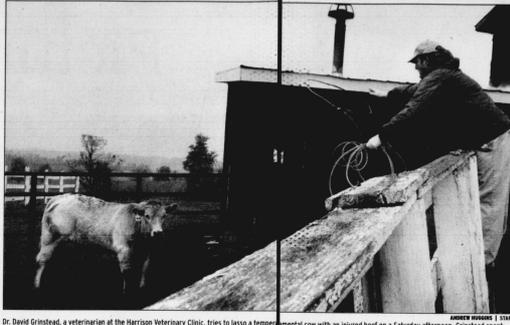


Abby Gregg flexes her muscles to get pumped up for the homecoming queen announcement on Friday, Oct. 7, at the Harrison County football game as her sister, Heather, cheers her on. WHITNEY WATERS | STAFF

Below: Anita Thompson, left, and Lois Cason get their hair styled at the Cozy Cottage on Saturday, Oct. 8, in Cynthiana, Ky.



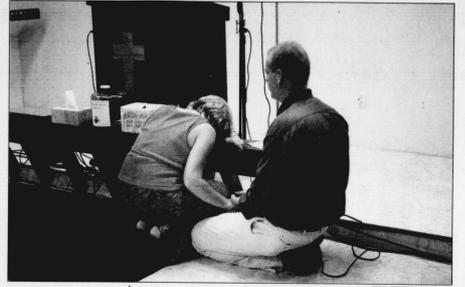
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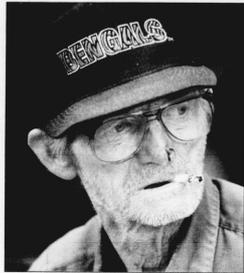
Dr. David Grinstead, a veterinarian at the Harrison Veterinary Clinic, tries to lasso a temperamental cow with an injured hoof on a Saturday afternoon. Grinstead spent the majority of his Saturday visiting farms in Harrison County.

JAMES HANCOCK | STAFF

Below: Paula and Cecil Bowling pray for friends and family during a Thursday night service at We've Got the Power Ministry in Cynthiana, Ky.



KASIA STEVENSON | WORKSHOP



Steve Baker, 68, has been growing pumpkins and selling them with his brother, Loden, for five years along Highway 27.

HELY SCHWARTZ | STAFF

Picturing Kentucky

one frame at a time



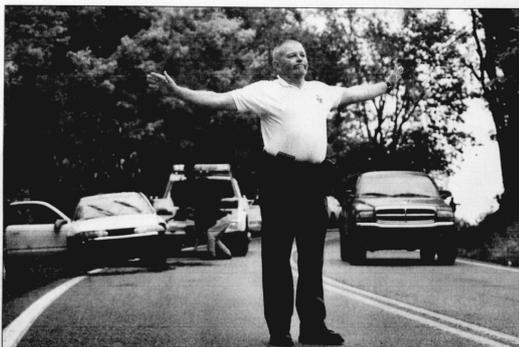
Students at Pleasant Hill Mennonite School in Harrison County play Canadian prisoner tag during recess on Friday, Oct. 7. The school has 30 students in grades one through eight from the surrounding Mennonite community.

KEITH WHEAT | STAFF



Rhonda Wilson gathers 100 balloons to take outside to her blazer for a delivery to a 4-year-old boy's birthday party in Cynthiana, Ky.

SCOTT LUTHER | STAFF



Harrison County Sheriff Bruce Hampton directs traffic after responding to an accident where a car slid off the road into a 20-foot embankment. Hampton has been in law enforcement for 31 years and has been the sheriff of Harrison County for 16 years.

JONATHAN PALMER | STAFF



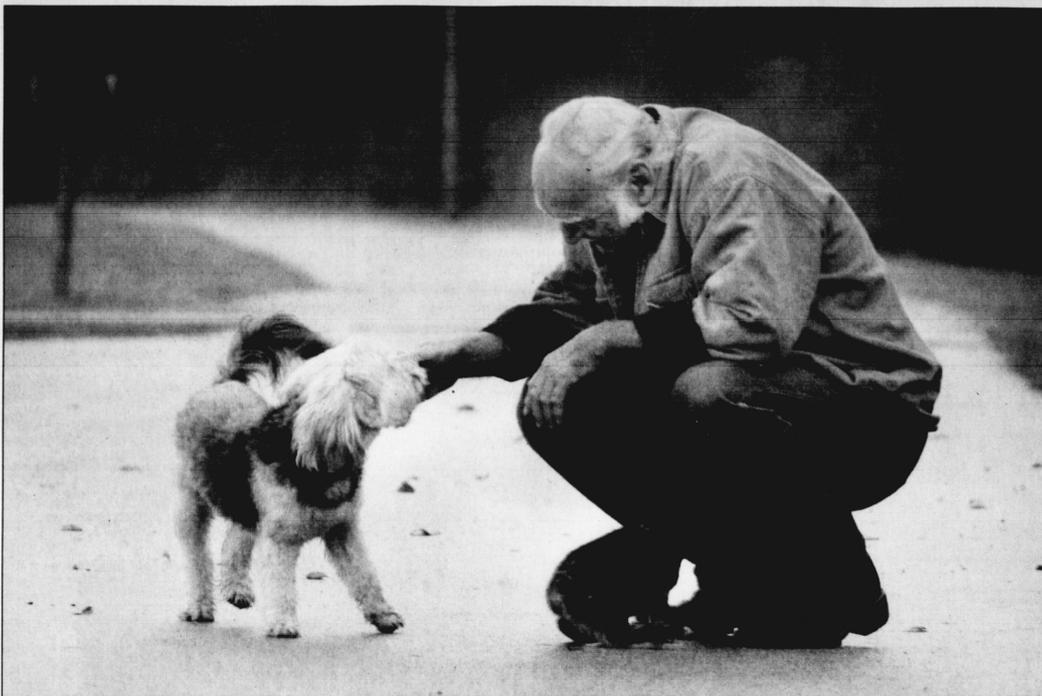
Frances Feltz, left, hugs Mickey Kelly, nurse at the Edgemont Manor Nursing and Convalescent Home in Cynthiana, Ky. Feltz, 81, is a retired nurse of 19 years with five kids, 18 grandchildren, 14 great-grandchildren and two great-great-grandchildren.

SARAH SARTZ | STAFF



George Franklin, 71, hands a tomato to Tyler Franklin, his 4-year-old grandson, in Cynthiana, Ky. Franklin runs a small farm in Harrison County where he produces vegetables to sell at the farmers market on Church Street. Tyler was helping his grandfather pick tomatoes for his kitchen.

SARAH SARTZ | STAFF



While walking to work early Friday morning, Richard Carl stops to play with his dog, Duchess, and one of his cats at the Cynthiana-Harrison County Airport. Carl, a mechanic at the airport, lives in a trailer next to the runway. **BRAD LITTELL | STAFF**

Dogs, cats, Kentucky country



Audrey, a teacup Yorkie, takes a bath on Friday afternoon at the Animal House pet grooming store in Cynthiana, Ky. Audrey is one of the smallest dogs that regularly comes into the store. **JULIE FITZPATRICK | STAFF**



A calico cat balances on a fence early one morning in Cynthiana, Ky. Harrison County veterinarian David Grinstead visited the farm where this cat was perched. **ANDREW HUGHES | STAFF**



Belle, a shepherd mix, says goodbye to her owner before getting a bath and a haircut at the Animal House on Saturday, Oct. 8, in Cynthiana, Ky. **JULIE FITZPATRICK | STAFF**

Cynthiana

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"That's the only way we're going to get better," she said.

"It was a chance for all the rookie photographers to work with people who know what they're doing, and get personal instruction to where the experienced students got better and the new students really showed the talent that they have," said workshop participant Keith

Smiley, a journalism sophomore and The Kernel's photo editor.

Even more important is pushing students to new heights and challenging them to change the way they approach their work, LaBelle said.

"Probably the most important thing was that they found belief in themselves," LaBelle said. "Probably as much as anything, it messes with people's comfort zones."

But the students didn't seem to mess with the comfort zones of Cynthiana's residents.

"It was difficult to approach a complete stranger and ask them to let you observe almost every detail of their life," said Dariush Shafa, a journalism senior. "But everyone has a story, and most people want to tell it."

"That's a wonder to me," LaBelle said. "You can still do this — people went into this small town, asked people to be a part of their lives, and they said, 'yeah.'"

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In his father's name

As his son awaits a jail sentence, UK soccer coach tries to persevere

By Ryan Wood
THE KENTUCKY KERNEL

On a cold night in December 2004, a man in his mid-twenties claiming to be "Walter Beckman" walked into Transylvania University's special collections library to view some rare documents.

What happen over the next few hours and weeks to follow sounds more like the plot to a George Clooney and Brad Pitt heist movie than real life — but real life is often stranger than fiction.

Once inside, Beckman used a cell phone to call in a second man. The two restrained the librarian on duty and proceeded to take a first-edition of Charles Darwin's Origin of Species published in 1859, a manuscript from the 15th century, 20 pencil sketches by John James Audubon and various other rare documents, according to an affidavit from FBI special agent Richard Miller.

All told, the men stole \$100,000 to \$500,000 worth of historical items, Miller said.

About two weeks later, two men, each about 20 years of age, met with a special collections official at Christie's, a renowned auction house in New York.

The men claimed to be representing a "very private individual interested in selling some rare books through the Christie's private treaty service," Miller wrote in his report.

Smelling something fishy, the officials at Christie's called the authorities and provided digital images of two men.

According to federal law "whoever transports (stolen) goods of the value

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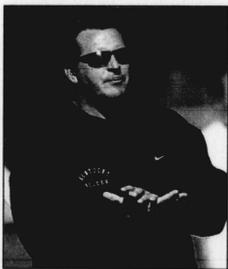


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Warren Lipka, UK women's soccer head coach, has been with the Wildcats since the women's team became a varsity sport in 1992.



KEITH SHIMLEY | STAFF
Anti-war demonstrators carry a flag-draped coffin by rows of flags in front of the White Hall Classroom Building yesterday. The students were taking part in a rally to protest the more than 2,000 deaths of U.S. soldiers in the war in Iraq.

Students march in anti-war protest

Demonstration coincides with rallies nationwide

By Chris Miles
THE KENTUCKY KERNEL

Four anti-war demonstrators started on a march from the doors of the W.T. Young Library, holding a mock coffin with an American flag draped over the top. By the time the group reached its destination at the front of the White Hall Classroom Building, it had grown to more than 20 people.

The demonstration, headed by the new student group Committee for Democracy and Social Change — which applied to UK last week — was one of more than 180 planned rallies happening on campuses and throughout cities across the nation yesterday, although the UK demonstration was not directly connected with any of the other rallies. The other rallies were put together by the anti-war organization The World Can't Wait.

"We're here to help students feel a sense of empowerment," said English senior Amanda Gatewood, a committee member and one of the mock pallbearers. "We're here to show that we as students can do something."

The anti-war rally held outside the Classroom Building to protest the deaths of more than 2,000 U.S. soldiers in the war in Iraq, caught the attention of



KEITH SHIMLEY | STAFF
Students carry a flag-draped coffin from the W.T. Young Library to White Hall Classroom Building yesterday as part of an anti-war demonstration.

dozens of students going to and from class.

"I think it's interesting," said undeclared freshman Lauren Sibert. "These demonstrations seem to be getting more and more of their message out there."

The demonstrators used a loudspeaker to give speeches and drums to applaud their cause. At one point, Steve Goins, of Lexington, played a rendition of the Vietnam-era song "Bring 'em Home" to the crowd.

"This all came under a flurry of student comments of 'Go home!' and 'Shut up!' and a counter rally in favor of the war put on by the UK College Republicans.

"We're here to give another voice," said Kentucky College Republicans state chair Hugh Derek Hall, a political science and economics junior at UK. "These guys (the demonstrators) are anti-American. They hold some hippie idea that the rest of the country disagrees with."

The anti-war committee members said they held a different view of how the nation feels on the Iraqi war.

"A recent CBS poll showed that 59 percent of the nation is against the war," Gatewood said. "We want to help show that to the UK campus."

The UK College Republicans looked to do the same.

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Clooney: Journalism demands sacrifice

By Dariush Shafa
THE KENTUCKY KERNEL

Last night's showing of "Good Night, and Good Luck" brought students into the Worsham Theatre in the Student Center, both to see the movie and to hear the father of director George Clooney speak about journalism.

When it was all over, many believed the film had put journalism back on a pedestal. "You hear so many negative portions of journalism," said Beth Barnes, director of UK's School of Journalism and Telecommunications, who helped bring the film to UK by contacting George's parents, Nick and Nina Clooney. "It just seemed like it (the film) would be a really good reminder of what this profession is all about."

George directed, co-wrote and acted in the film, and his mother, Nina, was also on hand last night for the screening.

"It is very humbling to find out that after all this time, George turns out to be the best newsman in the family," Nick Clooney said.

Clooney's film is a movie about journalism's role in the Red Scare of the 1950s, when Wisconsin Senator Joseph McCarthy accused many high-ranking government, military and public figures of being communists, at the height of the Cold War. Edward R. Murrow, a CBS broadcast journalist, challenged McCarthy's actions and helped defuse the Red Scare.

Though Nick Clooney himself said he had great respect for Murrow, he said the story his son told was the most important part of the film.

"You might notice that Joseph McCarthy did not survive, and neither did Edward Murrow," Clooney said to the crowd after the film. "The truth did."

Clooney also said one of the film's main themes is that the ultimate goal of journalism is to tell the truth.

"You're not going to make a whole bunch of money and whatever newswoman you jump into, you'll find battles," Clooney told students. "You will, at one time or another, be putting your career on the line, and if you're not, you're doing something wrong."

But Clooney also praised the

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New Blue blood steals the spotlight

By Josh Sullivan
THE KENTUCKY KERNEL

It didn't take long for the UK basketball team's new big men to make a good impression on the Wildcats faithful.

While senior guard Patrick Sparks led UK with 15 points in last night's 80-51 exhibition victory over the Northern (S.D.) State Wolves, the win was a coming out party for two newcomers.

Freshman center Jared Carter and junior forward Rekalin Sims both played key roles in the blowout win.

Sims notched seven points and grabbed a team-high eight rebounds in 22 minutes of play. Nineteen seconds after checking into his first game in Rupp Arena, Sims had

grabbed three boards and a basket.

Sims did his own imitation of former Cat Chuck Hayes, the scrappy forward head coach Tubby Smith hopes he can replace, by taking two charges in the lane in the first half.

"He was very active," Smith said of Sims. "He stands in there and takes the charge. That's why we recruited him."

After the game, Sims said he was pleased with the way he performed in his first contest on a Division I squad.

"I felt pretty good. I got out there and got a chance to do what I'm good at — taking charges and getting rebounds."

Sims' fellow newcomer was the team's second leading rebounder.

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CHRIS REYNOLDS | STAFF
UK guard Rajon Rondo grabs a loose ball from Northern State's Luke Wicks in the second half of last night's 80-51 win. Rondo finished with eight points, five assists, five steals.

Sims takes charge of UK grunt work

When Rekalin Sims left the court, he looked like he had just won a national championship, instead of a scrimmage in his first major college basketball game.

The smile on his face was bigger than the impressive stat line he had put up: seven points, eight rebounds (five offensive), one assist, one block, one steal, two charges taken.

He played like a seasoned veteran, but when he got off the court, he acted like a kid. A kid very happy with the job he had just done.

"I showed a little bit," he said after the game.



Chris Johnson
ASST. SPORTS EDITOR

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Designated (bus) driver student groups' goal

By Julie Fitzpatrick
THE KENTUCKY KERNEL

Two campus groups are teaming together to create a safe ride home for UK students who have been drinking alcohol.

Genesis, a group which focuses on college drinking issues and is supported by Greek organizations, and College Alcohol Use Student Educators are teaming up to provide the Safe Ride service.

"Safe Ride allows students who have been drinking to call a phone number and have a reliable, free, safe ride home," said Stacy Pishko, an education graduate student who works in UK's alcohol education office.

Planning for the Safe Ride shuttle began at the beginning of September, when students from both groups attended conventions in Cincinnati. They learned about smart drinking choices and examined alcohol and drinking statistics.

"Alcohol awareness is an important cause, concerning educa-

tion and awareness, to help students make safer and healthier choices concerning alcohol," Pishko said.

Meg Quarles, director of CAUSE and co-director of Genesis, said the jump-start the program needs may finally happen.

"Both groups really wanted the same thing at the same time," Quarles said.

"This fall semester, we finally got a chance to bring both interested groups together and really start on details."

The objective is that students will have a number to call from bars, and have as many steps as necessary to make sure that students will get home safely.

Safe Ride will also be coordinated with the existing CATS Night Route bus, which runs continuously until 10:30 p.m. and then on a call-request basis.

The Safe Ride bus will run the same route as the CATS bus and will also cover highly populated areas around campus such as Virginia Avenue.

"It will basically add publicity to a service that UK already has, but that people don't utilize," said Jocelyn Eve, a communications senior and member of CAUSE.

This serves as a way to keep students safe from driving under the influence, walking home alone or putting themselves in danger in any other way said Genesis member John Scott, an electrical engineering and mathematics sophomore.

"The basic idea is that we are trying to get a shuttle service to go around dorms and major party streets during popular times at night," Scott said.

"There will be a continuing shuttle route that will provide an

alternate to taxi rides and will hopefully prevent drunk driving."

Along with helping students to get home safely, the service will also help with women's rights, Quarles said.

"It will be a good way for girls to get a ride home, helping them be more secure," she said.

"If girls have no money, or no ride, there will be a safe way for them to get home."

What the service won't be used for is transportation from bar to bar or party to party, Quarles said. They hope to have the service running by next semester.

"We want to be clear that this program is to safely transport UK students from the bar to home," Quarles said. "Safety is always our goal."

"We just want students to be safe, and I think that this is a big step in that direction."

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NEWS BRIEFS

Brazilian guitar duo comes to UK tomorrow

A Brazilian guitar duo, The Assad Brothers, will perform at the Singletary Center at 7:30 p.m. tomorrow.

The brothers, who are considered to be among the world's best classical guitarists, have toured around the world, playing music ranging from baroque to modern.

They have collaborated with other musicians including Yo-Yo Ma, Dawn Upshaw, Nadja Salerno-Sonnenberg and Gideon Kremer.

The performance is the second in the Singletary Center's Corner on Classics series that features world-renowned classical musicians.

Famous potter to speak to UK art students

The Department of Art is hosting a lecture from potter Brad Schweiger, a professor at Ohio University.

Schweiger will discuss his life's work, some of which is on display at Renwick Gallery in the Smithsonian American Art Museum in Washington, D.C. and the Mint Museum of Craft and Design in Charlotte, N.C.

The free lecture is part of the department's Visiting Artist series and will be held Friday at noon in the White Hall Classroom Building, room 118.

Schweiger will also be participating in classes and critiquing student work.

Student organizations to co-sponsor rally

UK student groups Greenthumb and Catalyst, along with six non-UK organizations, will sponsor a Nov. 9 Rally for Water and Democracy in Phoenix Park downtown.

The rally, organized to protest the recent decision for the issue of local ownership of water not to be put on this year's election ballot, will offer free food and run from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m.

Protest

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"This isn't the way a lot of students feel," said Katrina Collins, a journalism senior and vice chairman of the UK College Republicans, of the anti-war demonstrators. "We support our troops, like most people do."

This was the second major anti-war demonstration the UK campus has experienced this year.

"I'll give them credit; they're great at rallying support," Hall said on the anti-war demonstrators. "We're a little more calm."

The protesters said they were trying to spread their message on campus.

"We're just want to get this out there, to be visible," Gatewood said.

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NICK SCHIFFER | STAFF
Nick Clooney answers students' questions after the Lexington preview of "Good Night, and Good Luck" at Worsham Theatre in the Student Center last night.

Film

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students for the ideals of journalism they were pursuing.

"You're the pinnacle of 225 years of people trying to be free," he said.

Students said they enjoyed both the content and the message of the film.

"I thought it did a good job of portraying journalism and the benefits to our country," said undeclared freshman Paul Mattingly.

"The movie gave me so much respect for journalists, because I never realized how much of themselves they put on the line," Mattingly said.

Journalism professors on hand were also impressed.

"I hope what they (students) take away is a renewed enthusiasm for journalism," said jour-

nalism professor Mike Farrell.

"This movie, and Nick Clooney's comments, make it clear how important journalism is in a democracy."

"For George Clooney to put his house up to get the insurance to do it (the film), that's passion," said journalism professor Buck Ryan of George Clooney's efforts to fund the film. "That's as rare as a Murrow today."

Both of the Clooneys said they were happy with the reception the film got and the questions students asked.

"What a marvelous turnout," Nina Clooney said.

"I feel good about this. They (students) didn't just let it ride over them like a piece of entertainment; they were thinking," Nick Clooney said. "The ones asking the questions asked the right questions."

"It was a very rewarding audience."

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Airline exec to give PR talk

By Dustyn Bowman
THE KENTUCKY KERNEL

Ginger Hardage, this year's James C. Bowling Lecture speaker, insists that the secret to Southwest Airlines Co.'s success is not flying around the country, but landing back at home.

Her speech, "Building a Brand from the Inside Out," will focus on engaging employees and telling an organization's story through public relations, a strategy that has been the driving force of Southwest for the last 15 years. Southwest believes that when employees are taken care of, they will want to take care of the customer, said Hardage. Southwest's vice president of public relations and corporate communications. If customers are happy then profits will increase.

"Public relations holds a mirror up to the inside of an organization so that the outside can see," said Hardage. "If an organization is good on the inside, the public will see that."

Hardage began her 25 years in public relations at the Life Insurance Company of the Southwest, according to the Southwest Airlines Web site, where she held a position in marketing communications. She also held various public relations positions, including director of communications at Diamond Shamrock Corporation, which became Maxus Energy Corporation. She came to Southwest Airlines in 1990.

Hardage chose a career

If you go

The Bowling Lecture will be held tonight at 6 at the King Alumni House. The lecture is free and open to the public.

in public relations because it allows her to focus on writing, creativity and human interaction, which she feels mirrors her personality. Her awards and honors indicate that she probably made the right choice.

In 2000, she was named both one of the 50 most powerful women in public relations by PR Week magazine and public relations practitioner of the year by the Texas Public Relations Association. Before that, Inside PR magazine named her the top corporate public relations practitioner in 1995.

Under her leadership, Southwest was recognized by PR Week as having the top communications department in the nation in 2000.

Hardage credits her staff, and said one of her best decision she's made is to have a decision-making team.

"Any recognition that I've received is because of Southwest," Hardage said. "They are the ones winning the awards. They respect the reputation of Southwest for me."

She participates in Southwest's "Days in the Field" program, which requires employees to spend one day each quarter doing someone else's job. Her next assignment involves taking on the job of an appearance

technician. Appearance technicians work through the night to make sure the planes are clean and presentable for the next day's flights.

Hardage said it's an honor to have the opportunity to speak with UK students and emphasize the importance of listening to professionals in the public relations field.

"I know how helpful it was for me to learn about day-to-day communication," Hardage said. "There are so many directions you can go with a communications degree. I hope to give some insight into the opportunities available to students."

The James C. Bowling Lecture series aims to bring a nationally recognized public relations professional to the UK campus each year. The series is sponsored by the UK Journalism Alumni Association and is funded with a \$100,000 endowment grant from Joseph F. Cullman III. Cullman worked with Bowling at Philip Morris Cos. Inc.

At the height of his long-time career at Philip Morris, Bowling was the vice president of corporate affairs and assistant to the chairman according to UK's Web site. He also served on the company's board of directors.

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New regulations curtail off-road car use

By Bettina Boxall
LOS ANGELES TIMES

Cross-country off-road vehicle travel will be curbed in national forests under new regulations aimed at controlling exploding off-road use that has been the source of increasing friction on America's public lands.

Under the rule, all of the country's 155 national forests will be required to designate roads, and trails and areas of off-road use and then restrict off-highway vehicles to those routes. "We believe this rule will provide a good consistent approach to motorized vehicle use on national forests," said Forest Service Chief Dale Bosworth, who has called uncontrolled off-road use one of the four greatest threats to national forest lands.

The rule has the support of the country's major off-road lobbying group, the BlueRibbon Coalition. It also won the qualified praise of environmental groups, but they faulted the effort for not including new enforcement funding or staffing.

"Taking this action to put them only on designated routes is a great move and we applaud that," said Karen Schamach, president of the Center for Sierra Nevada Conservation in California. "We just wish that they were putting their money where their mouth is."

Off road recreation has enjoyed tremendous growth in recent decades. In 2002 there were 11.5 million off-road users in the national forest system. At the same time, the vehicles have become

more powerful and capable of climbing over rougher, remote terrain.

"There are more machines that can go in more places," said InterMountain Regional Forester Jack Troyer. "With the increased use we have, we can't manage the impacts on the land any more."

About one-third of the country's 192 million acres of national forest land are open to cross-country off-road use. And in other, more restricted areas, users have veered off designated routes and created their own trails, damaging soil and tearing up wildlife habitat.

Officials said some cross-country areas would remain accessible under the new rule, but much of the land now open would be off limits in the future, once the new routes are designated.

By creating a well-mapped, signed system of official routes and trails that would be drawn up in consultation with off-roaders, the Forest Service hopes to curb the go-anywhere urge.

Officials said some open areas would be designated for off-highway travel under the new rule, but that off-roading mostly would be confined to spotty routes.

Blue Ribbon founder and executive director Clark Collins said he thought the problem of off-road damage had been overblown. "Unacceptable impact is largely the result of improper guidance for users and we see this new rule as an opportunity to get better information for the users so we don't have that problem."

He added that he was glad the Forest Service still would be able to designate open areas for off-road use and also hoped that routes created by users would be incorporated in the new system.

There is no deadline for forests to designate the off-road routes, although Bosworth said he expected the mapping to be completed in four years. That lack of a deadline, coupled with the absence of any new funding for enforcement, prompted criticism that the rules lack the teeth to be effective.

"I applaud the Forest Service for taking on the off-road vehicle issue," said Jim Furnish, a retired deputy chief. "However, the Forest Service has simply failed to create a solution capable of beating the problem."

In California, the Forest Service has entered into an agreement with the state to create an off-road system in all of its 19 national forests by 2008 with the help of \$2 million annual funding from the California Off-Highway Motor Vehicle Recreation Commission. And three Southern California forests, the Angeles, San Bernardino and Los Padres, had designated off-road routes.

But in what might be a glimpse of the future, the routing has not eliminated illegal use. "We are still getting some people driving where they're not supposed to," said Rich Farrington, the Forest Service's route designation program leader in California. "We need improved communication and maybe more law enforcement."

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WHAT'S THE DEAL? Demystifying campus trends

Part One: The ultimate dater's guide to success

Do you remember those Chex Mix commercials featuring Charlie Brown and other "Peanuts" characters, and whenever Charlie's mother would yell from off-screen all you heard was "Wa-wa-whah-wa-whah?"

Yeah, you remember Okay that's the same sound I hear as I am sitting in class, listening to the lesson also while writing this column. Instead of focusing on the subject at hand, I often catch myself daydreaming and thinking about what awkward stories I may have after the upcoming weekend.



Kenny Moyer
KERNEL COLUMNIST

Is it me, or is it becoming harder and harder to concentrate on school-related activities the closer we get to the winter season? The weather is getting much colder, making it a pain to walk to class. Midterms are over. It's almost as if there is nothing else to look forward to, other than finals.

That's why it's time for everyone to develop a new interest: dating. This notion may seem contradictory to the theory I established earlier this semester about how freshman romance never makes it through the obstacles of college. If my prediction served correct, you should have bro-

ken up with your long-time other half and moved on to the single life. Fun, wasn't it? But, I'm sure you've noticed it's now time to settle back down again for the winter season. Having someone to keep you warm during the gloomy days of wintery weather is vital to personal health. Also, you'll come to find you will want someone to talk to over the holiday season, and especially someone to celebrate with on the stroke of midnight on New Year's Eve.

So, is it really that easy to go out and find someone you immediately mesh with and start a meaningful relationship right off the bat? Chances are, no. In fact, only a few individuals have the joy and luck of finding true romance at an unexpected time and place. If you are one of those blessed people, pat yourself on the back and cherish the moments you share with a significant other. Fate has been kind enough to greet you two; now, it's up to you to take it from there.

If you are not one of those select few, I suggest you sit back, relax and let the doctor (that's me, dude) help you on your way. Maybe I was inspired by Will Smith's role in " Hitch," but I really think his character was on to something. To some men and women, conversing with the opposite sex simply comes natural. They possess confidence no matter who they are talking to. They have elegant, colloquial speech — that

means great vocabulary — and a witty sense of humor. All of these characteristic elements combined make for quite a conversationalist and romance closer, if you will. Let's break these attributes down one by one, starting with the latter, and see how we can fit these into not only our weekend lives, but daily lives as well.

Having a sense of humor is essential for being attractive to the opposite sex. Especially during their youthful age, people like to laugh, and laugh at original comedy. The keyword here is original. Even if you are absolutely the least funny person on Earth, think of something that makes you different from everyone else and find humor in it. Use your imagination and create attention towards yourself. Possessing a strong sense of humor will also allow you to have a fixed comfortable smile on your face that will immediately attract the opposite sex towards you.

Next on the agenda is having an upper-level dialect. Sure it's funny to hear the "F-word" every once in awhile, but improper and repetitive use of such words only suggests you have nothing else to say. Hence, you have no vocab. Both women and men become more attracted to the opposite sex the "brighter" they portray themselves to be. Don't always use "uhs," "likes," or curse words as fillers in conversation. This also applies to business situations as well.

Try having a "Word of the Day," and use it frequently until it becomes a regular part of your day-to-day conversation.

And lastly, confidence, probably the most important ingredient you can have as an individual. Without confidence, you can't use big words in speech, and you certainly can't tell a good joke. When searching for love, people look for confidence in others. When approaching the opposite sex, be comfortable and always give eye contact during conversation. If across the room from someone you are "eyeing," body language will play a key role. Let your body language show signs of coolness.

There are a few other factors that will inhibit your ability to attract the opposite sex, such as the color of clothes and the type of scent you are wearing. But, I think it's safe to say we've got the essentials down to a science. Try incorporating all of the above tips into your daily life.

You shouldn't be afraid to approach anyone. Just remember, no one is better than you. After your attempts at grabbing someone's attention, be prepared to enter the beginning phases of the dating process.

Stay tuned to next week for another installment of the ultimate dater's guide to success.

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UK choral groups showcased at fall concert

By Ellie Fairbanks
THE KENTUCKY KERNEL

To showcase a semester's worth of music classes, the UK Chorale and Choristers will sing — and dance — their hearts out on the Singletary Center's stage tonight.

The groups will perform at 7:30 in the Singletary Center's Concert Hall. This year's concert is comprised of an eclectic mix of "Song and Dance" themed numbers.

"This year's concert features choral music based on, and inspired by, dance," Jeff Johnson, Director of Choral Activities, said.

Members of the chorus will not only sing these dance-inspired songs, but they will also dance for them. Dances and songs planned include the waltz, a salsa number featuring "La Bamba," a Swedish folk dance and a square dance, complete with a live bluegrass band and a professional caller.

While this concert is put on by

the Choristers and the chorale group, not all performers are part of these groups. Members from the UK Dance Ensemble will perform during the salsa number, and the live bluegrass band is comprised of five faculty members from UK's School of Music.

"Everything that we do should be really fun. All the songs are so different, and it's really exciting seeing the singers and dancers perform," Johnson said.

This concert is one of two concerts that the Choristers and Chorale perform together. Each concert, tonight's and the annual Spring concert, serves as a type of final exam for the groups. Members of the groups are enrolled in a one-credit hour music class that uses the concerts to showcase what students in the class have learned.

"These concerts are a culmination of an entire semester of choral music study. They're open and free

If you go

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to everyone because we want to show off what we've learned," Johnson said.

The Choristers, who have 80 members, are typically the younger members of the group — freshmen and sophomores — and are not necessarily any type of music majors. The Chorale, with 55 members, is the more seasoned veterans of the chorus. They are mostly junior and senior music majors. For some se-

niors, this year's fall concert will mark the end of their UK music career.

"At the end of the concert, there will be a showcase of our five seniors this semester. They'll come out, get roses, and sing the first verse of 'My Old Kentucky Home' to the audience," Johnson said.

Singing "My Old Kentucky Home" to end the concert is a tradition for the Chorale and Choristers.

"We always end with it. The seniors sing the first part and then the other two groups come in and add accompaniment. It's usually really emotional for everyone," Johnson said.

Any student interested in joining either of these groups can contact Jeff Johnson, Director of Choral Activities at UK, at jeff.johnson@uky.edu.

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Destiny's Child tops album sales with '#1s'

Nickelback and Ashlee Simpson also among top 10 album sellers

By Randy Lewis
THE LOS ANGELES TIMES

"Tis the season of the hits, a year-end record industry tradition that Destiny's Child capitalizes on this week, capping its career with another No. 1 debut on the nation's album sales chart with its new "#1s" collection.

The hits compilation sold 113,000 copies its first week in stores, spurred both by the group's farewell concert tour and the inclusion of three new songs, among them the single "Stand Up for Love." The hits include "Independent Women, Part I," "Say My Name" and "Survivor."

■ **FYI:** Total album sales for 2005 are about 10 percent below where they were at the same point last year.

Destiny's Child pushed last week's top finisher, Ashlee Simpson, out of the top slot, as her sophomore album "I Am Me" sold 73,000 copies its second week, dropping to No. 6.

Nickelback's "All the Right Reasons" rebounded from No. 4 to No. 2 with sales of 102,000.

Other new entries in the top 10 were country singer Joe Nichols' third album, "III," which debuted at No. 7 on sales of 57,000 copies, and Bette Midler's take on the songs of pop chanteuse Peggy Lee coming in at No. 10 with sales of 55,000.

"The Legend of Johnny Cash," a single disc career-spanning collection encompassing his signature work for the Sun, Columbia, Mercury and American labels, landed at No. 11 on sales of 50,000, the only other new top 20 entry.

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"#1s" by Destiny's Child topped album sales for this week.

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Lipka

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of \$5,000 or more across national or interstate lines is guilty of an offense against the United States — and that's exactly what the convicted men were trying to do.

These images and a trail of e-mails and cell phone calls sent to Transy's library and Christie's auction would lead to arrest warrants being issued for Charles Allen, Eric Borsuk, Spencer Reinhardt and Warren C. Lipka.

Lipka's father — UK's head women's soccer coach Warren M. Lipka — couldn't believe what he was hearing and seeing when news broke of the charges brought against his son.

"These get-rich-quick schemes are not what life is about," Lipka said.

"Life is not easy; you have to work at it."

It was the off-season for women's soccer at the time, and Lipka was negotiating a new contract after two sub-par seasons, when he went a combined 12-21-5. With his job — and now, his son's freedom — possibly in jeopardy, Lipka didn't know what to expect heading into the 2005 season.

"Last off-season had a big effect on me," Lipka said. "I didn't know how much of an effect until after everything (was) done and taken care of."

Court documents state that FBI agents and Lexington detectives located the stolen goods while serving the search warrants in homes where some of the accused lived.

The four men have been charged with six different counts in federal courts. The trials wrapped up in October, and the sentence hearings are set for Dec. 6.

Combined, the four could serve a total of 140 years, up to 35 years apiece.

"It puts things in perspective," Lipka said of the possibility of seeing his son behind bars. "I appreciate life more. I appreciate my freedom. I appreciate

ciate (coaching) more."

Credited with starting the women's soccer program at UK and the only coach the Cats (152-112-22 as a program) have ever had, Lipka didn't know if he could weather the storm.

For a time, he didn't even want to leave his home; not knowing what people would think or say. He found himself re-evaluating the way he lived.

"In life, everybody goes through adversity," Lipka said.

"(With) anything that happens to be a trying moment, you can do two things," he said. "You can go down in a hole and give up, not looking up for anything. Or, you can dig down deep and change your life, start over, and that's what (I and my son) decided to do."

But his expired coaching contract, which he negotiates with UK Athletic Director Mitch Barnhart on a year-to-year basis, was still hanging over his head.

"Sometimes, you hope that you have the ability to give second chances," Barnhart said. "Warren is the guy that started this program, and he has had a lot of success in the past."

Having said that, he hit a little stretch where they were struggling as a coaching staff and as a team," Barnhart said. "Then, you throw the challenges that come from the personal side on top of that, and it can be a bit overwhelming."

Barnhart chose to stand behind Lipka and signed him to a contract without hesitation.

"I wanted to see him have an opportunity to get it cranked back up again," Barnhart said. "And he never backed away from the challenge of getting it done."

Both men have families and understand what it means to look out for their own children.

"I can't thank Mitch as much as I want to for sticking by me and supporting me and understanding ... knowing it's been very tough on me," Lipka said.

With a tumultuous situation in his immediate family, Lipka found comfort from his coaching staff and players —

who acted as a second family.

"I think I definitely try to balance Coach (Lipka) out, and that's what an effective assistant coach does," assistant coach Jerrod Roh said. "I know Warren has searched his own soul and found we needed to do things a little differently (as a team)."

"My job has been the best thing for me," Lipka said. "My players have been very supportive. They have been there and they have been the family for me I needed."

Now Lipka's soccer team (7-5-7, 3-5-3 Southeastern Conference) is poised to make a run in the SEC tournament this weekend. The team could guarantee itself a spot in the NCAA tournament if they can win the conference title. It would be UK's first SEC title since 1995.

"I'm very proud of the resolve this team and Warren have shown," Barnhart said.

Lipka's players are also pleased. "We've definitely built on what we learned last year," junior goalkeeper Anne Ogundele said. "The girls have bought into coach's philosophy of never giving up."

Lipka's resolve evidently had an impact on his team. UK's improvement this season has made a tough year a little more bearable for Lipka.

"That's why this year has been so special," he said. "We are going in a direction we need to be going, but it was because I was given the chance to prove I could do it."

Lipka says there's a lesson to be learned — life doesn't always have happy endings.

"It's been an eye-opening experience and an experience I wouldn't wish upon anyone, but there are lessons to be learned and a positive way to go about it afterwards," Lipka said.

"Me and my son looked at the past, looked at both our mistakes and said, 'We aren't going to make them again' — and we are moving forward."

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Cats

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Carter snagged seven boards and posted eight points in just 11 minutes of action.

"I was really impressed with Jared," said Smith. "He knows how to play around the basket. Tonight, he really showed a lot."

Along with the new-look front line, fans got a glimpse of the Cats' new up-tempo attack. UK led 20-10 with seven minutes remaining in the first half, when Smith unleashed a barrage of full-court pressure. The Cats used speedy transition offense to close the half with a 15-5 run and take a 35-15 lead into the locker room.

UK was forced into a more half-court oriented game in the early stages of the second half.

"In the second half, they solved our press," Smith said.

The Wolves actually outscored the Cats in the first ten minutes following the intermission, closing to within 56-40 with 9:56 remaining, prompting Smith to return four of his five starters to the game. That led to a 16-2 UK run.

"We picked up the intensity in the transition game," Rondo said.

Afterward, Smith said he was disappointed with the team's overall effort on the glass, despite out-rebounding the Wolves 40-31.

"I didn't think we did a good job at all," he said. "With a substantial height advantage, I thought we should have done a much better job."

Sims said the Cats must get better at crashing the boards.

"We've just got to keep attacking," he said. "We want to out rebound teams two-to-one if we can."

Despite the criticism, Smith said he was happy with the level of intensity his team showed in its first test against outside competition.

"I'm pleased with everybody's energy and effort," Smith said. "Everybody seemed excited to be out there."

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Junior forward Rekalin Sims reacts to a favorable call in the first half of last night's exhibition game against Northern (S.D.) State. The Cats beat the Wolves, 80-51; Sims scored eight points.

Johnson

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when asked if the performance was what he had to offer. "A little bit of this, a little bit of that."

Little of what Sims did in UK's 80-51 exhibition victory over Northern (S.D.) State last night was negative.

The two charges, both in the first half of play as UK built a 35-15 intermission advantage, were perhaps the biggest positive.

"I took like 60-something last year in (junior college), Sims said. "It was like a world record or something ... It was more than the whole team up here took for the year."

Sims slyly recounted his charge-taking strategy.

"There's a little, a little, flop to it," he said, smiling. "I got it down, baby."

Sims' penchant for the flop or his manner of making it convincing, was one of UK head coach Tubby Smith's reasons for recruiting the forward out of Salt Lake Community College in Utah.

"It's why I recruited him," the poker-faced Smith said after the game. "He was very active, he did good things."

Sims started doing good things immediately upon his entrance to the Rupp Arena floor.

Even as mature a player as he is, the 17,035 in attendance had to have some affect on him, right?

"Not really," Sims said. "I know they're on my side. They want to see me do good, and I want to make them happy. So it's OK."

In his first half-minute in a

UK uniform, Sims had three rebounds and two points.

By halftime, he had racked up seven rebounds to go with five points and two forced turnovers on the charges.

"It's automatic for me to take a charge," he said. "I took four in one game in (junior college)."

It's the kind of gritty, in-the-trenches basketball that has been synonymous with Smith and UK for the last eight years.

"It's exciting to play in front of this crowd," he said. "They reward you with screaming. When we got, like, seven turnovers in a row, it was a rush, man. They were screaming, going wild."

It's a breath of fresh air to see someone who doesn't look bored, who is playing the game like he knows it's the best extra-curricular activity on campus, who wants to play

more so he can be able to do what it takes to help his team and his college win a game.

Chuck Hayes was one. It may be a premature comparison, but from what was shown last night, in his first college game, Sims had a very Hayes-like stat line.

It's not fair to ask someone to come in and fill someone else's shoes, because no two players are alike. But Sims' knack for the intangibles and Hayes-like statistics all bring to mind the recently departed blue-collar baller.

Who wouldn't want a teammate who does all the dirty work, not because it has to get done, but because he likes it?

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Once again, let's end water condemnation

With the water company debate mired in election status and legal status of a referendum, key points of the issue should not be forgotten.

Because the issue will come up again and again, until the smoke and mirrors of local ownership advocates subside.

For all the claims of local citizens and advocacy groups about the importance public ownership of Kentucky-American Water Co., we just can't see any compelling reason for the city to go through with the condemnation process.

Private ownership is doing just fine. Water bills are not steep or unfair.

It's interesting to note that local ownership is tied into Lexington's history. In fact, Lexington's first water utility was founded and owned privately after local officials voted not to build a municipal utility.

Private companies have picked up the slack for what the city government wouldn't do more than 100 years ago. Their track record seems

fine from this view.

In a check on the utility, water rates are regulated by the Kentucky Public Service Commission — meaning that any increase in rates must be approved by a regulatory government agency. However, city governments are not subject to such rate checks, and so a city government determined to use water revenue to enrich government coffers for other programs — as some city officials had hinted at — would be unchecked.

Advocates of local ownership paint Kentucky-American as one of a far-flung dictatorship. Spare us the melodrama. Labeling RWJ as some German army massed to sack Lexington and take away the water entirely is absurd. Yet some advocates have

stooped to such levels.

In a global economy, we all have to accept the inevitability that the inflow and outflow of investment capital and revenue streams is going to happen.

Furthermore, the attempt to localize Kentucky-American — even advocates of a local ownership will admit that, locally speaking, Kentucky-American has been a responsible corporate citizen — is a gross misappropriation of the government's eminent domain power.

Last year, the council's vote to abandon takeover should have settled the issue. Lexington voters went to the polls and changed the makeup of the city council. That new council said no to local ownership. Even so, local ownership advocates contin-

ued to push for a city takeover, including placing a referendum on the Election Day ballot. The Kentucky Supreme Court has decided the legality of having such a referendum in a non-election year violates state law. That is pretty much cut and dry.

And the referendum's ultimate fate lies with the Kentucky Court of Appeals.

But we'll entertain the hypothetical. Even if the Kentucky Supreme Court did allow the referendum on the ballot, what would it mean if passed?

City officials would be bound to a particular course of action without the flexibility to reverse themselves as they would in the normal legislative process.

It would only serve up new problems with an issue that the Lexington public is already exasperatingly tired of.

The obsession local ownership advocates have maintained is approaching nonsense. It's time to lay down arms and get back to the issues truly vital to this community.

There's never been anything wrong with private ownership of water, so why is local ownership so vitally important?



AARON SMITH, THE KENTUCKY KERNEL

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Abortion is most certainly genocide

The following letter is from the organizer of the Center for Bio-Ethical Reform's Genocide Awareness Project (GAP) at UK, responding to Kernel columns written by Brenton Kenkel and Doug Scott.

In his column, Brenton Kenkel focused his attention on whether abortion fits one definition of genocide. Had he read our GAP materials more carefully, he could have saved himself a lot of time and column space that he wasted on arguments that miss the point. Webster's New World Encyclopedia defines genocide as "the deliberate and systematic destruction of a national, racial, religious, political, cultural, ethnic, or other group defined by the exterminators as undesirable."

Our GAP handouts are very clear: the targeted group is "unwanted, unborn" children. Not "all unborn" children, as Kenkel asserted, but "unwanted, unborn" children.

In every major city in America, there are "clinics" where you can take your unwanted, unborn child to be "terminated." It happens 1.3 million times a year, which certainly qualifies as "systematic."

In disputing our assertion that abortion is genocide, Kenkel ignored every one of the comparisons we make. For example, in every case of genocide we present, personhood is redefined by those in power in terms that excluded the intended victim class.

The Dred Scott decision of 1857 denied personhood to African American slaves. The Nuremberg Laws of 1935 denied personhood to Jews. The Roe v. Wade decision of 1973 denied personhood to unborn children.

As with abortion, genocide is often framed in the language of "choice." When Stephen Douglas debated Abraham Lincoln over the issue of slavery in 1858, he said that although he was personally opposed to slavery, the southern states should have the right to choose whether to be slave states or free states.

Doug Scott imagines that pro-lifers believe women "love" having abortions. We make no such assertion. Indeed, a woman in crisis pregnancy is often more victim than perpetrator — a victim of a culture and circumstances that leave her feeling as if she has no other choice. She is often very young. She has been told nothing but lies about what that baby inside her is like and nothing about the serious physical and emotional risks she faces. Her plight is often made worse by irresponsible or even coercive male behavior. Is that really exercising "choice?"

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Campus debate needs shades of gray

I always knew that I hated rallies. Now I know why. Despite the discussions on campus lately concerning debates on abortion, the war and other matters, I truly feel that the rallies held on either side of any of these issues have done more to hurt debate than help it.

Obviously, it cannot be argued that these rallies haven't started conversation (that would be a little hypocritical, seeing as how a rally yesterday prompted me to write this), but the type of conversation started hasn't been at all productive.

Quite simply, rallies polarize debate and make individuals and groups take one side or another. By playing so much on people's emotions, rallies remove the intelligent and rational side of debate in favor of shouting and name-calling.

Let's face it: Wars and high-tension moral issues tend to de-

fine people in society. They give us easy labels like "pro-life" or "pro-choice" that help to quickly generate assumptions about a person's character. Even though this is blatant stereotyping, rallies promote this inherently.

Before the rally Wednesday even started, one onlooker shouted, "Go home!" to the group assembled in front of the White Hall Classroom Building, and accusations of "accept the truth you hippies" were heard as the rally progressed.

On the other side, a member of the College Republicans who tried to speak was jeered even before having had a chance to speak, proving only that both groups were just as willing to degrade themselves to the point of unintelligible bickering as the other.

Granted, I admire the courage and the dedication of the members of both rallies, but instead of these high-energy slogan-based rallies, students should look to things like panel discussions, newspaper articles and personal conversations that can have with others to remind them that not every position comes with a nifty label, and that no opinion is black and white. Now, if we could only hear the gray through all of the shouting and drum noise...

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Opinions shouldn't be kept to self

When reading the Oct. 20 letters to the editor concerning abortion, safe sex and the anti-abortion group on campus, I would like the shed some light on the matters.

First, both John Dixon and Mike Moll mentioned that the abortion pictures ruined their breakfast and walks to class. Though I can understand their sentiment, I think we need to look outside of our personal enjoyment of campus life to the greater issue of what is depicted in the pictures.

I wonder if they would be equally disgusted if they saw those pictures back in the 1940s of the Holocaust. The pictures of Holocaust victims would be disgusting, horrible and unsettling. May the Holocaust pictures and that of aborted fetuses cause such a reaction so we would know that ideas have consequences, realize the consequences and take actions to address horrible tragedies.

Second, the ideas of safe sex and abortion have been mentioned in previous letters. Is it safe sex if condoms and other contraceptives don't protect against dozens of sexually transmitted diseases that do not have a cure? And even the pill is not 100 percent pregnancy-proof.

Is it a safe abortion procedure if there is a possibility that the patient could be rushed to the emergency room because she is bleeding to death? Does their definition of safe abortion include the 30 percent increase risk of breast and other cancers?

Is it a safe procedure if parts are left inside the woman, leading to infections potentially causing cancer? Is abortion safe emotionally, considering Post-Abortion Syndrome? Is the procedure safe if the procedure leaves the patient unable to have children in the future? They aborted the only child they could have ever had.

Finally, responding to the statement in the "Keep your opinions to yourself" letter: I am glad that Rosa Parks and Martin Luther King Jr. did not keep their opinions to themselves. Also, I am thankful that this institution of higher learning embraces freedom of speech and diversity of thought on this campus.

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Alito's alarming rulings don't stop and start with abortion

Contrary to appearances, President George W. Bush's plan to replace retiring Supreme Court Justice Sandra Day O'Connor has gone off without a hitch.

The sheer absurdity of Bush's original pick, White House counsel Harriet Miers, led to the conclusion that either Bush was far out of touch even with his own base or that Miers was a sacrificial lamb whose defeat from the right would relieve the pressures on Bush to nominate a centrist woman. The latter seems to be the case, if the nomination of ardent rightist Samuel Alito to the high court is any indication.

Above all, the nomination will serve as a reawakening of the battle over judicial nominees — a proxy for "culture wars" in the United States, according to Beltway pseudo-sociology — that was deferred this past spring when the Senate's "Gang of 14" halted both Democratic filibusters and the Republican desire to use the "nuclear option" rule change to end them.

The American public can now look forward to watching the liberal People for the American Way's Ralph Neas and the conservative Focus on the Family's James Dobson — and their respective ideological comrades — verbally spar over abortion, abortion rights, the right to choose, the right to life, the right to privacy, *Roe v. Wade*, respect for precedent, judicial activism and every other manifestation of the abortion dispute for the next few months. I think I'm going to lock up my TV for my sanity's sake.

Meanwhile, the Democrats will make abortion the centerpiece of their opposition to Alito. Certainly any supporter of abortion rights will find his opinions on the issue worrisome, but the utter failure of PFAW and other groups' campaigns against Chief Justice John Roberts shows that abortion isn't a politically viable rallying point.

Instead of focusing on an issue that divides Americans nearly 50-50, the left should hone in on how much Alito's judicial philosophy is at odds with typical citizens' values in other matters.

It just so happens that Alito's disinterested, objective view of the law shares with contemporary Republican governing philosophy the result of hurting the working class. In *Chittister v. Department of Community and Economic Development* in 2000, he ruled that Congress did not have the authority to enact the Family and Medical Leave Act of 1993, which ensures that workers can take unpaid leave to care for loved ones without fear of losing their jobs. (In 2003, the Supreme Court — not exactly a hotbed of Marxist revolution — upheld FMLA.)

Right now, as middle-class Americans face terrible wages and worse job security, Alito's willingness to invalidate Congress' passage of FMLA raises serious questions about how he would use his seat on the Supreme Court. Can we expect to see big business further tighten its grip on U.S. public policy as a confirmed Alito and the other conservative justices strike down the increases in federal power over economic matters that began with — and were the foundation of — the New Deal?

Many of Alito's other decisions are disturbing. In 1996, Alito voted to invalidate a federal law prohibiting private possession of machine guns. He dissented last year in the appeals-court ruling *Do v. Groody*; he argued that it was constitutional for police officers to strip-search a 10-year-old girl and her mother even though they weren't named in the search warrant.

It's disappointing to know ahead of time that an inordinate focus on abortion will obscure these issues, on which Alito is clearly outside of the American mainstream. If the left has any true interest in defeating this nomination instead of just stirring up a "culture war" that I think exists largely in the minds of Beltway pundits, it will expose how out of touch Alito is when it comes to issues Americans generally agree on.

But I'm not holding my breath — or turning on my TV. Brenton Kenkel is a philosophy and political science sophomore. E-mail bkenkel@kykernel.com.

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Senior women's tennis player Danielle Petrisko returns a ball at the UK Tennis Complex.

Petrisko travels to Peachtree City, Ga., for the Southeastern Conference Fall Coaches' Championship, hosted by the Florida Gators.

"Both tournaments will be great opportunities to build on our record," head coach Carlos Drada said. "The SEC tournament especially will be good to help with our conference ranking in the future."

This will be the last set of matches for UK, the reigning SEC champions, before it breaks for the winter, returning to action in mid-January.

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Fall season gives tennis face time

By Chris Miles
THE KENTUCKY KERNEL

The Wildcats women's tennis team will split and head in two directions as it enters into the last of its fall tournaments this weekend.

Two players, juniors Kim Coventry and Joelle Schwenk, head up to Columbus, Ohio, today for the ITA National Indoors Tournament.

The remaining four players, led by senior All-Southeastern Conference player Danielle Petrisko, go south to Peachtree City, Ga., for the SEC Fall Coaches' Championship, hosted by Florida.

"Both tournaments will be great opportunities to build on our record," head

coach Carlos Drada said. "The SEC tournament especially will be good to help with our conference ranking in the future."

"This is a great chance for both our players and our coaches to get to know other teams and who's on them," he said.

This will be the last set of matches for the women's team before it breaks for the winter, starting back up in mid-January, when they'll get into the meat of their matches and eventually head into conference play.

The team has been doing well and is constantly working on fundamentals to better hone their skills, Drada said.

"We've been doing well

this season," Petrisko said. "But our key to winning (in Georgia) will be for us to keep up what we're doing and stay consistent. Hopefully, we'll be able to easily adjust to other teams."

UK, the reigning SEC champions, returns six players who hope to defend their title and even better it.

"We have a great group," Drada said. "The main core from last year's winning team is pushing us, and we're looking to win — and win big with them."

"I'm feeling confident about our performance," Coventry said on her and Schwenk's appearance in the National Indoor. "We're pretty lucky and pretty happy we got into this tournament, but

we're treating this as any other match."

Coventry said their ability to move quick will give them an edge in the tournament.

"We'll just play the best we can," she said. "The entire team sees the respective tournaments as important as any other."

"This is the last tournament of the fall for me," Petrisko said on the cap to the fall season. "I'm looking forward to it, but at the same time I'm going to be bitter-sweet. Either way, we're all optimistic and are going to play well."

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Wildcats hope to keep Woodson, football off grass

By Laura Nelligan
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After UK's first conference win of the season over Mississippi State, the football team finally got the boost it needed. But the Cats know they can't let it go to their heads.

"It's always good to get that (first conference win) out of the way," said senior center Matt McCutchan. "We would have liked to have seen that a couple of weeks ago, but we just finally got a win, and that's what we've been looking for."

"We're a little bit more upbeat because we can finally see some success out of our hard work on the practice field," he said. "We've been working hard all along. It's just nice to get a win."

Sophomore wide receiver Keenan Burton said the Cats are more focused than last week. He said the team has more poise and is ready to play No. 17 Auburn at home Saturday, the atmosphere at practice isn't much different.

"We have confidence now," Burton said. "In this sport, you have to have confidence — a lot of it."

Sophomore middle linebacker Wesley Woodyard,



UK sophomore quarterback Andrew Woodson shuffles a pass against Mississippi State on Saturday. The Wildcats host the No. 17-ranked Auburn Tigers (6-2, 4-1 SEC) at 1 p.m. Saturday.

who had 11 tackles, a sack and a recovered fumble against the Bulldogs last week, said the win has lifted the heads of some players who were getting down on what was a one-win season.

"We're looking forward to every game we play right now," Woodyard said. "We've been getting better these past few weeks. We're just looking forward to that next big step."

McCutchan listed a few successes from last weekend that must happen in order to defeat Auburn.

"Eliminating mistakes, keeping the ball of the turf, keeping Andre' (Woodson) off the turf, and just getting after guys on defense," McCutchan said.

Woodyard said one way UK can keep that confidence is to not view potential wins over ranked Southeastern Conference opponents as "upsets."

"This is the way I look at it — if you look to upset a team, basically you're belittling yourself to that team," Woodyard said. "If everyone feels that they can go out and play their best game and do what they've been taught to do, I feel that we can beat these guys."

"It's just another team, no matter what rank they are," he said.

Despite Auburn's national ranking, Burton likes his chances.

"There's always a 50/50 chance in every game," Burton said. "You can go out there and win, or you can go out and screw it up and lose."

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Soccer's Fenix on SEC Good Works Team

UK women's soccer sophomore Kelsey Fenix has been named to the third annual Southeastern Conference Good Works Team.

The SEC uses the team to highlight an athlete from each member school who "gives back to their community in superior service efforts," UK Athletics said.

The midfielder has volunteered in the Lexington community, including food drives for God's Pantry and serving meals to residents of The Hope Center.

Fenix, an exercise science major, stuffed Christmas stockings for families as part of the Salvation Army Stocking Stuffers and played Bingo with patients at UK Children's Hospital.

Playing in all 19 games for UK this season, Fenix ranks fourth in the SEC with 52 shots.

Food drive at Commonwealth on Saturday for Auburn game

UK's Student-Athlete Advisory Committee and God's Pantry will be running a donation drive on Saturday when UK football takes on

Auburn at Commonwealth Stadium. Game time is 1 p.m.

Fans can donate non-perishable items, including canned goods. They can also donate money. SAAC students will be at each gate to receive donations.

Each fan who donates will get an entry form to enter a prize drawing — 125 pairs of men's basketball tickets will be given away.

Three SEC teams in preseason top 5

Tennessee starts the 2005-06 women's basketball

season in an all too familiar spot at the top.

The Lady Vols received 19 of 26 first-place votes in the ESPN/USA Today coaches' poll, released yesterday.

Duke was second (three first-place votes) and LSU was third, also getting three top-spot votes.

Ohio State was ranked fourth, followed by Georgia and Rutgers, tied for fifth. Vanderbilt was the only other SEC team in the top 25, at 16th.

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