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Gwynne Oates looks at Frank McCrory's balloon flag before the balloon is inflated. McCrory has the names of cancer survivors and victims signed on his balloon from different events where it has flown.

## Not just a lot of hot air

Balloonist Frank McCrory is battling more than the wind when he pilots his hot air balloon. McCrory's balloon has a pink section representing breast cancer victims and a lavender section for victims for all other cancers. The balloon had been signed in memory of victims and survivors. McCrory has a new balloon expected to be ready in the next few months that will be in the shape of a cancer ribbon.



**BRAD LUTTRELL | STAFF**  
Pilots set up their hot air balloons for display Saturday morning despite being unable to fly due to weather conditions.

## UK neurologist studies near-death experiences

By Shannon Mason  
THE KENTUCKY KERNEL

A recent study conducted by a UK HealthCare neurologist is gaining widespread media attention.

Dr. Kevin Nelson's study, published in the April 11 issue of *Neurology*, the scientific journal of the American Academy of Neurology, examines the connection between near-death experiences and the REM (rapid eye movement) state of sleep.

Nelson said he thinks the study is gaining attention for several reasons.

"Death is a uniform condition of life," he said. "And the study involves the paranormal and transcendental."

ABC News, the BBC and United Press International all reported on the study.

The study compared the sleep experi-

ences of 55 people who had reported having near-death experiences to those of 55 people who hadn't had near-death experiences, Nelson said.

The study defines a near-death experience as a time during an episode of danger, such as a car accident, when a person experienced a variety of feelings including a sense of being outside of one's physical body, unusual alertness, seeing an intense light and a feeling of peace.

Nelson's study found that a condition called REM intrusion, where REM sleep blends with wakefulness, may be a cause of near-death experiences.

Some symptoms of REM intrusion are temporary paralysis and hallucinations, Nelson said.

According to the study of the people who have near-death experiences, 60 percent describe times of REM intrusion.

Of the people without near death experiences, only 24 percent report times of REM intrusion.

Thus, near death experiences may be the result of arousal system differences caused by REM intrusion, Nelson said. Nelson said it is important for people to realize that his study did not seek to find out why people have near death experiences, but rather to get a better understanding of how they occur.

"This was a spiritually neutral study," Nelson said. "It doesn't have a bearing on the meaning of a personal experience."

Nelson also said near-death experiences are more common than is thought. "People just don't talk about them," he said. "They're afraid people will think they're crazy or wacko. It's just too unusual."

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## UK ready to spend on capital projects

Hospital bed tower, pharmacy complex get go-ahead thanks to state funding

By Shannon Mason  
THE KENTUCKY KERNEL

The incoming freshmen of Fall 2006 will be the first students to see the completion of two of UK's capital projects expected to aid in its climb to the status of a Top 20 university.

A new building that will house the College of Pharmacy should be completed within the next three to four years, said William C. Lubawy, associate dean for academic affairs in the College of Pharmacy.

Also, UK HealthCare's new patient care tower is scheduled to open sometime between 2010 and 2011, said Dr. Michael Karpf, executive vice president for health affairs.

The College of Pharmacy is in desperate need for a new facility, but not because the current one is too old.

"It's just over 20 years old," said Lubawy. "So, why is it not adequate? Because it is only 60 percent of the intended size."

"The day we moved in it was already too small."

Lubawy said the current building is designed well for 85-88 students per entering class. The class of 2009, which entered this past fall, has 131 members.

Patrick J. McNamara, professor and chair of pharmaceutical sciences, said that Kentucky has "an acute shortage of pharmacists."

"We're trying to meet (the state's) demands and we can't do it in the physical

constraints of this building," McNamara said.

The current building has already experienced renovations. Walls have been built, not in open spaces, but in "nooks and crannies," said Lubawy.

"When we have increased the size of practice labs, we've had to steal space from other areas," said Robert Yoke, professor and associate dean for research and graduate education in the College of Pharmacy.

**"(Without a new facility) we can't grow sophisticated programs. We'll go backwards with it and lose a lot of our specialists."**

**Dr. Michael Karpf**  
executive vp for health affairs

One resulting problem from this makeshift expansion is the lack of men's restrooms. Since the majority of the pharmacy students are female, the men's restroom on the second floor was turned into a women's restroom. The only men's restroom available now is on the third floor, meaning that male students and professors have to walk upstairs to use the restroom.

Also, the College of Pharmacy now has faculty and students in 16 total buildings: 13 on-campus and 3 off-campus.

"Our faculty is very student-friendly," Lubawy said, adding that it is hard for them to be student-friendly when they are spread out all over campus and some off-campus.

Students are also lacking in study space inside the college.

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## Doctors use Hawaiian shirts for fundraiser

By Chris Stewart  
THE KENTUCKY KERNEL

The doctors at the University of Kentucky Children's Hospital decided to brighten up the hallways at work — and raise money to treat cancer while they were at it.

Last Friday was supposed to be Hawaiian Shirt Day in the Pediatric Critical Care unit and the Neonatology

unit at UK Children's hospital, but it grew to include the entire hospital.

By day's end, physicians, nurses and technicians in the angiography, radiology and other departments had joined in to donate money.

"We had hoped to raise about \$250 and it snowballed to about \$800, so we decided

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**DARROSH SHAFIA | STAFF**  
Serenity Faith Arnold, two months old, gets a comforting touch from Nancy Hensley, one of the nurses in the Pediatric Intensive Care Unit. Arnold was one of the babies in the PICU wearing a hand-made Hawaiian shirt for the Hawaiian Shirt Day fundraiser, which raised \$1,300 for the Marley Cancer Center.

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By Linda C. Black  
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**Aries (March 21-April 19)** - Today is a 5 - It's perfectly normal for you to be in a pensive mood. Use this as your excuse to hide out in a peaceful, relaxing place.

**Taurus (April 20-May 20)** - Today is a 7 - Party conditions are excellent now, except for one little thing: You'll have a strong temptation to go over budget. Don't. You'll hate yourself later.

**Gemini (May 21-June 21)** - Today is a 5 - First, everything seems possible. Then later, none of it does. You should remember that whether it seems possible or not doesn't matter. Persistence pays.

**Cancer (June 22-July 22)** - Today is an 8 - Although travel beckons, if you're going, please take care. There'll be confusion and more difficulties than expected. Pack a lunch, and a bottle of water.

**Leo (July 23-Aug. 22)** - Today is a 5 - Your financial situation is very unstable now. Don't gamble, even on a sure thing. And don't spend lots of money on toys. Don't worry, this condition doesn't last forever.

**Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)** - Today is an 8 - Get out and explore the scenery. If you're alone, the odds are good you'll meet somebody special while you're out there. Or you could take one along.

**Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)** - Today is a 5 - You'd just as soon cruise along in a familiar routine. That's not likely to happen, though. Pay attention to where you're going.

**Scorpio (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)** - Today is a 7 - Relaxing in the privacy of your own

home is recommended. Count your blessings, and don't argue about money already spent.

**Sagittarius (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)** - Today is a 6 - Conditions are home are unsettled. They'll get worse before they get better. Be willing to confront tough issues and handle them, once and for all.

**Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)** - Today is a 7 - Allow yourself to be absorbed by a fascinating book. But only after the chores are done. That last part is important.

**Aquarius (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)** - Today is a 7 - You're getting into new territory. Your old methods won't work. The good news is that money's coming in. So be careful, but don't worry about it.

**Pisces (Feb. 19-March 20)** - Today is an 8 - OK, slow down. Take it easy. Remember to be respectful. Give credit where it's due, and you'll pass the test with honors.

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## Pitt, Jolie set to have baby in Africa

### THE DISH

As we reported in the last issue, Angelina Jolie and Brad Pitt's bundle of joy will be foreign-born. Jolie, 30, and Pitt, 42, "have chosen to have [their] baby here because she loves Namibia," the governor of the country's Erongo Region, Samuel Nuyyoma - who had breakfast with the couple April 14 - tells Hot Stuff. (Jolie's rep would only say, "Everyone is hoping for a healthy baby.") The family - including Maddox, 4, and Zahara, 1 - has already made itself at home. On April 11, Pitt and Maddox, who now have matching mohawks, took an all-terrain vehicle tour in the desert. "Brad went with a guide and loved it," the instructor, James Tromp, tells Us. Still, Jolie's ex-girlfriend, model Jenny Shimizu, 38, doesn't think the relationship will last. "Angelina loves danger and dabbling in the dark side," Shimizu told England's News of the World. "That's where she gets her kicks - not playing happy families with one man."

her 34th birthday - the star still had plenty to smile about. "A small airplane flew across the sky all morning that said, Happy Birthday. We love you," a source tells Hot Stuff. And just before breaking for lunch at 2 p.m., the cast and crew sang her a rousing "Happy Birthday." Says the source, "She couldn't stop smiling." The best part? After the meal, new mom Garner retired to her trailer to spend time with 5-month-old daughter Violet.

### Brody Dishes on Nick & Kristin

Nick Lachey, 32, and Kristin Cavallari, 19, may be over, but Cavallari's ex, Brody Jenner, 22, still has thoughts on the subject. "I think the age difference was a little strange," he tells Hot Stuff. "But besides that, Nick is a great guy and Kris is a great girl." He adds that he's not getting back together with the Laguna Beach star. "I'm single now," he tells Us.

### Lindsay's Fling With Ratner!

After being spotted getting close at L.A. hot spot The Dime on April 8, Lindsay Lohan, 19, and director Brett Ratner, 37, have taken their action to the East Coast. A source tells Hot Stuff that on April 15, Ratner booked a room at NYC's Mercer hotel right next to Lohan, who was in town to shoot Saturday Night Live. "They're hooking up," a source tells Us. Later, the X-Men: The Last Stand director showed up at the SNL afterparty at a Heartland Brewery. But Ratner may have some competition. A source tells Us Lohan also has her eye on Keira Knightley's ex, model Jamie Dornan. "They met at a Calvin Klein dinner and had feelings right away," says the insider. "He came to SNL and was backstage supporting her." Lohan's rep tells Us, "I don't comment on Lindsay's personal life."

### Lost Stars Dating

It's a family affair! Ian Somerhalder and Maggie Grace - who played spoiled step-siblings Boone and Shannon on ABC's hit drama Lost - are dating offscreen. Hot Stuff has learned. "They stay out of the limelight," a source tells Us. "But they spend a lot of time hanging out and working out together at Gold's Gym [in Venice Beach, California]." Somerhalder, 27, and Grace, 22 - whose characters hooked up in a flashback sequence on Lost before they were both killed off - "kiss and hold hands when they come and go from the gym," says the source. "You can tell they're a couple." Indeed! At a March 3 Dolce & Gabbana party at the Chateau Marmont in L.A., Somerhalder "had his hand on her leg and she linked her arm through his," says another source. "She laid her head on his shoulder." (Grace's rep had no comment and Somerhalder's publicist couldn't be reached.)

### Jen's B-day Presents!

Happy Birthday, indeed! Although Jennifer Garner (a.k.a. Mrs. Ben Affleck) had to film Alias in Malibu, California, on April 17 -

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## The joy of six: UK comes back twice from six down for sweep

By Jonathan Smith  
THE KENTUCKY KERNEL

Hopefully, the 1998 national championship men's basketball team won't mind if the 2006 baseball team borrows the nickname "Comeback Cats."

For the second straight game against South Carolina, UK overcame a six-run deficit to pull out an improbable win.

And afterward, the team partied like it was 1999 — the last time the Wildcats swept the Gamecocks in a three-game series.

"It's big," head coach John Cohen said after his team's 12-9 win in front of 2,059 fans at Cliff Hagan Stadium. "There's no question it's big. Because now the next time you enter a weekend you say 'Hey, we can sweep somebody.'"

Greg Dombrowski (7-1) earned the win for the No. 21 Wildcats (23-10, 11-7 South-eastern Conference), making him the first Cat hurler since 2003 to reach seven wins in a season. He threw five innings, giving up six runs on nine hits. The win moved UK into a first-place tie in the SEC East.

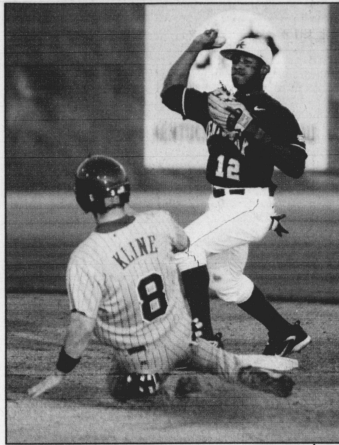
Holding true to form, Dombrowski struggled to find a rhythm in the first inning. He hit the opening batter of the game, then gave up three singles allowing No. 7 USC (30-11, 11-7) to take a 2-0 lead.

"I never really got into a complete groove today," Dombrowski said. "The best thing I could do is to keep battling and keep our team in the game."

Dombrowski almost pitched his team out of the game in the fourth inning.

With a man on first and one out, Cheyne Hurst laid down a bunt in front of home plate. Catcher Sean Coughlin overran the ball, leaving every-one safe. Third baseman Neil Giesler singled to load the bases, and was followed by a single and a sacrifice fly to score two. A single by Cock designated hitter Drew Martin knocked in the final run of the inning.

The Cats chipped away at the six-run lead in the bottom half of the fourth. First baseman Ryan Strieby belted a lead off home run to left center field. It was Strieby's 12th long ball of the year, and



Second baseman John Shelby attempts to turn a double play Saturday. Shelby hit two home runs in UK's weekend sweep of No. 7 South Carolina.

his second straight weekend with two home runs.

Two batters later, second baseman John Shelby smoked a two-run home run to right center field, narrowing the gap to 6-3.

"I just went with it (the pitch)," Shelby said. "I get a little aggressive sometimes and get out of my rhythm but I just used what they gave me."

In the bottom of the fifth inning UK exploded for five runs. With one out, Bertram doubled to right center, plating Strieby from first. After a Shelby ground out, USC pitcher Kyle Brown walked Grace, leaving the door open. After an RBI single by short-stop Ryan Wilkes, left fielder Shaun Lehmann blasted a three-run home run over the left-center field wall.

"I was studying the pitcher and his sequences throughout my different at-bats," Lehmann said. "I learned that the coach liked to call curveballs and then come back with another curve. He was going to mix it up."

The Cocks scored once in

the sixth to cut the lead to one, but the Cats answered with four more runs in the bottom half of the inning, breaking the game open.

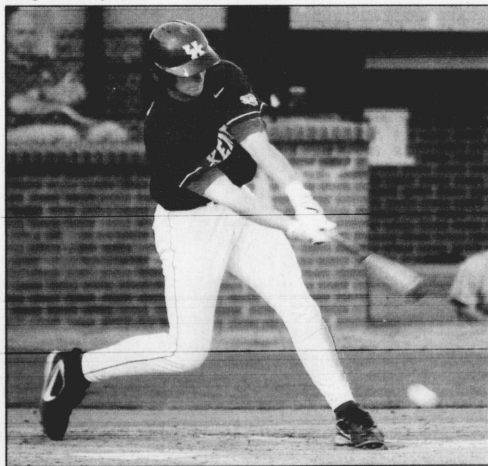
After an RBI single by Strieby and an error by Carolina right fielder Robbie Grinstead that led to another run, Shelby again went to the opposite field, scoring Bertram. "In a ball park like this, or at a place like South Carolina or at the place in Gainesville, you just have to score as many as you can, regardless of how good the pitching is," Cohen said.

UK's Andrew Albers entered the game in the ninth inning to pick up his first career save and set off an eruption from a raucous crowd that included three fans holding brooms, and sending his teammates into delirium.

"We get excited like that after every win," Shelby said. "But I guess Kentucky hasn't swept in a long time so we figured that to be a big thing. 'We're going to keep celebrating.'"

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Junior infielder Ryan Strieby hits a foul ball during UK's 15-12 Saturday victory over South Carolina. His two home run weekend helped UK sweep. The Cats are now tied with Carolina atop the SEC East at 11-7.

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					<p>Sunday 30<sup>th</sup></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>*UKUFO, 10:00 PM, Seaton Field</li> </ul>

## New Web-based social network aims high

By Aaron Snyder  
THE KENTUCKY KERNEL

For all the Facebook.com and Myspace.com addicts out there, there's now something else that will get your mouse clicking.

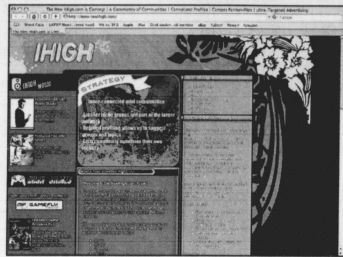
A Web site known for catering to high school students and their interests is being revamped to attract a broader demographic, including college students.

Third Dimension Design is revamping its Web site, based on iHigh.com, to attract 15- to 25-year-olds.

The new site will be similar to Myspace.com and Facebook.com in that it connects individuals through a digital social network, but differs in how it connects people. Whereas other sites connect people by friendship and mutual acquaintances, iHigh.com will connect people by their interests. Users will be able to write blog entries about their interests and will also be able to see others' comments about the same topics.

"Our goal is to create a community of communities," said John Williamson, president of 3rddimensiondesign.com.

Williamson and Third Dimension Design are setting out to find people to publish what they know and love by forming teams in four major areas: sports, music, auto-



otive and finance. There will be a minimum of two people in each team with the goal being to promote special interests and build a following.

The Web site's designers are also incorporating advanced technology to try to stand out from their peers.

Multimedia delivery, which enables users to upload audio and video files, and audio blogging, which allows users to record themselves or interview others over the phone, are two examples of the ways in which iHigh.com will differ from other networks.

The network will also partner with different sites, using links from keywords and interlinking content across their networks, said

Williamson. Intense advertising, including an RV draped in advertisements traveling to high schools and colleges, will push a strategic campaign to get the word out about the Web site.

iHigh.com already pulls in around \$300,000 to \$500,000 in ad revenue each month and is hoping to increase those figures by increasing their target audience.

"If the new iHigh can combine features from both Myspace and Facebook, it is very possible to increase their audience," said psychology junior John Robinson.

Still, some issues concern students about iHigh.com — issues that have recently transcended the internet social

networking scene.

"Privacy would be a big issue," said elementary education junior Sarah Baumann. "I like Facebook because I feel safer. There are things in college, whereas something like Myspace doesn't have requirements and I would feel less safe on it."

Security is something iHigh creators are taking into consideration, and they say the site is already secure.

"We want to force the creation and let it grow as part of a large network, empowering people to be their own celebrity," Williamson said.

Whether your interests lie in sports, music, cars or anything else, Williamson is confident that there is a place to express your interests on iHigh.com.

"We are asking people this question, 'What's your creative high?'" Williamson posited.

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## Little Kentucky Derby



Frank McCrory's balloon is raised for display on Saturday morning during the Little Kentucky Derby. He has flown in memory of friends and loved ones, including friend of Lance Armstrong who rode with him on the Tour de France. McCrory's wife, Beverly, is a two-time cancer survivor.

BRAD LUTTRELL | STAFF



Frank McCrory, far left, and several friends drag out McCrory's balloon at the Little Derby Saturday morning in a field next to Greg Page Apartments. McCrory did not get to fly on Saturday due to fog in the morning and high wind temperature in the evening. All 15 pilots were able to fly Sunday morning.

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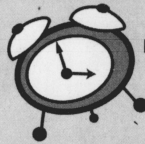
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"Students have to sit in the hallways to study," Lubawy said. "UK's med center has the lowest student study space per student."

Yokel said there are other reasons behind the new building as well.

"I think the growth of the (pharmacy) program is one reason," Yokel said. "And it also plays in with the top-20 (plan). It helps support that effort."

McNamara said the new building will be located on South Lime-

stone Street and Leader Avenue next to the Biomedical/Biological Sciences Research Building and across from the Kentucky Clinic.

"We'll be the first to move to the other side of Limestone," McNamara said, adding that the intention is to eventually get all of the health care colleges on that side of the street.

The new building will be 240,000 square feet.

"We will more than double our instructional space and there will be about a 40 percent increase in research space," McNamara said.

McNamara said the planning for the new building is currently in the middle of the programming phase.

"This is where we determine

what types, sizes and the number of classrooms," McNamara said. "Of course, the male students are asking how many restrooms there will be."

Yokel said this phase is scheduled to finish in May, when the schematics phase begins.

Yokel said the schematics phase focuses on adjacencies — what things need to be near each other.

The architects working on the new building are from the firm EOP Architects, in Lexington, and Ellenzweig Associates Inc., from Cambridge, Mass., Yokel said.

UK also has needs for a new patient care tower, said Dr. Michael Karpf.

"The current building can't sup-

port the technological care we give," said Karpf. "The floor-to-ceiling heights are too low and the patient rooms are too small."

Karpf said a new patient care tower is needed to maintain the programs and doctors the university supports.

"(Without a new facility) we can't grow sophisticated programs," Karpf said. "We'll go backwards without it and lose a lot of our specialists."

The new patient care tower will be located on the site of the medical center's current parking garage. A new garage is being built between Transcrip Avenue and Conn Terrace on South Limestone Street. When the new garage opens in August 2007, the old one will be

turned down and construction on the new patient care tower will start.

The new patient care tower will be one million square feet and half of that will immediately be outfitted for use, while the other 500,000 square feet will be shelved.

The new facility will be connected by a lobby to the critical care tower and the Gill Heart Institute making the total size 1.5 million square feet.

Karpf said they have just completed the detailed design phase and are moving on to the construction plan design phase.

Karpf said images of the new patient care facility will be unveiled at the Board of Trustees meeting in June.

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# Med

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to go for \$100," said Dr. Lori Shook.

When the money was counted, the doctors had easily surpassed their goal of \$1,000, finishing the day with \$1,300.

The doctors were not the only ones enjoying a day of bright colored flowered shirts. Babies in the Pediatric Intensive Care Unit were dressed in hand-made Hawaiian shirts and green paper grass skirts.

Shook, along with Dr. Darryl Lyons, received \$5 from every hospital employee that wore a Hawaiian shirt and were selling leis, faux Hawaiian flower necklaces, to hospital staff to compliment their bright attire.

All the donations were being collected in the honor two pediatricians at the UK Children's Hospital, Hubert Ballard and Heinrich Werner, and it was their decision to donate the money to the Markey Cancer Center.

Lyons said everyone in the hospital was more than willing to donate to the cause.

"I walked around the hallways earlier and total

strangers were sticking money in my pocket," Lyons said.

Lyons said all of the money donated was being given to the Markey Cancer Center.

By 10 a.m., the doctors had sold all but four shirts after beginning the day with 400.

With so many people walking around the halls of the hospital in their best Jimmy Buffet attire, it became unclear who was in charge of the fundraiser.

"Whoever did this, this is a really nice thing," said Dr. Trine Van Gulder, a physician in endoscopy.

For some, the day more than just a dress-down day at the hospital.

Denise Price, a technician in angiography whose son died of leukemia at the age of 16, said she was moved by the willingness to donate to the cause.

"My family has been in the situation," Price said. "This (fundraiser) really touched my heart."

Other physicians said they think this has great potential.

"I think it's wonderful," said Dr. Henrietta Bada, chief of the division of neonatology. "The fund raising will benefit a lot of people."

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# NEWS BRIEFS

## UK Ad Club wins District Championship

UK's American Advertising Federation National Student Advertising Competition Team, Radius, won the District 6 Championship on Friday.

The team competed against teams from West Virginia, Kentucky and Ohio to win the title.

For the competition, the 20-member team selected five members to make a 20-minute presentation to summarize their ad campaign, research and recommendations.

Working since October, Radius this year put together a campaign for Postal Vault, a company that makes locking curbside mailboxes, entitled "It's that easy."

The team will travel to the national AAF competition in San Francisco on June 11-12 to compete against 15 other teams, one from each of the other 14 districts and one wildcard team.

## Oil prices keep climbing

Oil hit \$75 a barrel in futures trading, as strong global economic growth pushed up demand while traders worried about the disruption of supplies from Nige-

## ria and Iran. Speculation by hedge funds was also a factor.

Gas prices reached \$3 a gallon in many states. Republican leaders called for probes into price gouging and excessive salaries for oil company executives, while Finance ministers meeting in Washington warned higher energy prices could hurt the global economy. Oil companies will report quarterly profits this week.

## Nagin may be underdog in mayoral runoff

Despite winning 38 percent of the 108,000 ballots cast in Saturday's mayoral election, incumbent New Orleans Mayor C. Ray Nagin still might be the one to beat in the runoff election May 20.

Analysts said Landrieu is more likely to land the supporters of runners-up Ron Forman, who won 17 percent of the mayoral ball, and Rob Couhig, who received 10 percent. There were more than 20 candidates in the primary field.

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# Earth Day gets two days of campus celebration

By Savannah Galloway

THE KENTUCKY KERNEL

Two campus organizations teamed up to celebrate Earth Day at the University of Kentucky over the weekend, with a fair and other activities as part of the two-day celebration.

The Green Thumb Environmental Club and Residence Life Recycling organized the Earth Day Fair, part of Earthdays in the Bluegrass, at the Free Speech Area near the Student Center Friday.

Earthdays in the Bluegrass is a month of events planned to promote responsible global citizenship and celebrate the world, Tiffany Thompson, Green Thumb Environmental Club member said.

Thompson said Green Thumb and Residence Life Recycling worked together since January to plan Earthdays and many environmental groups from across the state were on hand to talk with students and faculty.

"It's a chance to connect students with different environmental groups across Kentucky," Thompson said.

Thompson said the Earthdays fair is the longest running event Green Thumb sponsors, and this is the second year it has teamed up with Residence Life Recycling to put together the Earthdays in the Bluegrass.

Students could participate

in various activities, including trying to shave, making paper and constructing birdfeeders, while listening to live bluegrass music.

"This is a great way to promote student awareness and encourage conscientious citizenship among the students and faculty at UK," said marketing sophomore Laura Kinsley.

Two volunteer coordinators for Friends of the Arboretum were also at the fair to promote volunteering and the upcoming Arbor Day on April 29.

"We're glad to be here. This is our first year here and we'll be here next year and as long as they'll have us. It's a great idea and a way to encourage volunteering," said Kay Hopkins, volunteer coordinator for Friends of the Arboretum.

A representative from the College of Agriculture informed students about the new sustainable agriculture major within the college. Amnesty International was also there promoting corporate accountability.

Thompson said Green Thumb and Residence Life Recycling wanted April to be a month to inform students about their world.

"It's all about trying to tempt students about making daily sustainable choices," Thompson said.

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# CORRECTIONS

In a caption in Friday's Kernel, the name of the band Adari was misspelled. In another caption in Friday's Kernel, the name of UK golfer Matt Kohn was misspelled.

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# Spring Bridal Guide

## Very Superstitious

By Kristin Hogue  
Kernel PR

Have you ever wondered why there are so many superstitions and traditions involved with a wedding? Maybe you have never realized how the finest details within a wedding have larger implications. From the month in which your ceremony takes place, to the color of the dress you will don, there are hundreds of meanings and histories within everything.



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Many wedding-related traditions have been passed down through countless generations or are directly from the age of the Romans. All traditions have basically the same meaning: to bestow luck and fertility upon the couple.

Many traditions have changed over time or are very different versions of an original. One of the most popular, "something old, something new, something borrowed, something blue, and a sixpence in her shoe" stems originally from the Victorian era. Many brides follow this tradition. According to <http://www.weddings.com/faith/traditions.html>, "something old" refers to the couple's friends who remain close, that object was traditionally worn by an older woman to a happily married woman. "Something new" stood for health, happiness and success in the future. "Something borrowed" was traditionally an item borrowed from the bride's family as a token of their love. "Something

blue" was used because blue represented fidelity and constancy. A sixpence was traditionally placed in the bride's shoe to bring wealth to the couple in marriage.

There are several implications involved with the day of the week and month in which the wedding is to occur. Sunday used to be the most popular day of the week to be married because of the rhyme "Monday for health, Tuesday for wealth, Wednesday best of all, Thursday for losses, Friday for crosses."

Saturday for no luck at all." This rhyme has not stuck in modern times because Saturday is the most common day for weddings today. The wedding cake is another source of tradition. Originally the cake was a cluster of wheat cakes that were baked over the bride's head to please fertility. Couples traditionally make the first cut of the cake to symbolize their new life together.

What the bride wears on her way to the ceremony also has meaning. For good luck, the bride will pass by a black cat, a chimney sweep, have the sun shine upon her or spot a rainbow. Items that will be better but lack include seeing pigs, lizards, rabbits on the road, an open grave, a snake or a cat for they indicate the couple will be barren and be dependent upon charity.

White wedding gowns, symbolizing virginity and purity, were thought to ward off evil spirits. To avoid bad luck with the groom, women were not to try on their dress the day before the wedding. Moreover, women are encouraged not to practice signing their new name until it is made legal.

Whether you believe in these superstitions or follow these traditions is up to you. Not unless you plan on skipping or doing something very untraditional for your wedding day, many of these traditions will most likely be factored in your plans.

## Lexington's Pure Barre Technique offers pre-wedding exercise, relaxation

By Dustin Bowman  
Kernel PR

Are you nervous about saying "I do"? Pure Barre, located on the corner of High Street and Southside, offers an innovative fitness environment that will relax your mind and shape your body before the big day.



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Pure Barre combines ballet and Pilates methods to tone and lengthen muscles. Each 55-minute class is divided into four sections. The first section focuses on warming up the muscles and toning the abdomen, neck, and uses light dumbbells to tone the biceps, triceps, shoulders and back. The second and third sections focus on the inner and outer thighs and the seat. The fourth section focuses again on the abdominals and lower back.

The workouts use a ballet barre to help with balance and stability, and to ensure that targeted muscle groups are worked efficiently. The class also works on a "spirit and recovery" process. This means that a stretching session follows each working session. This helps to lengthen muscles and increase flexibility.

"Pure Barre is similar to ballet and Pilates in that it works to create long, lean muscles by performing focused, controlled movements," said Carrie Rezek, owner of Pure Barre Inc. "It is different, however, because it is faster-paced so your heart rate goes up and down more. It is done with music with a strong beat and there is more floor work."

Don't let talk of flexibility and the use of the barre fool you. Students do adapt to the techniques as they attend class. An average teacher to student ratio of 1 to 6 makes learning easier. The instructors are knowledgeable and are dedicated to making sure that each student is performing the techniques correctly.

"In return for students' hard work in class, I try to provide a fun atmosphere

conducive to developing good workout habits and a healthier body," said Pure Barre instructor, Megan Wilson. "I know personally that I find it more beneficial to have an instructor telling me what to do rather than going and working out by myself. I try to motivate clients to want to workout, enjoy what they're doing and not hate exercising."

Students notice positive changes in their bodies quickly. One student has lost 13 pounds after taking only eight classes, and another has lost 4 1/2 inches around her waist after only nine classes.

"We have a ton of success stories," said Rezek. "One month will be an improvement on a volunteer student. We give her free classes for one month, but she has to take at least 4 classes per week and allow us to take her measurements. After 4 weeks, she lost 11 pounds and 12 inches and looked amazing."

Students also enjoy the environment that the class offers.

"Pure Barre incorporates a variety of both upbeat and mainstream music that fuels the energy throughout the class," said Pure Barre instructor, Jessica Howard. "When intensely mixing dance and ballet to target the thighs, seat, and core, students leave feeling energized and transformation with their bodies."

University of Kentucky students and Kiva are our class therapists, and the first class is free.

"Class prices are comparable to the rate students would pay for a personal trainer," said Howard. "All Pure Barre classes devote individual attention to students, and work quickly to transform their bodies. The technique is so effective that students are recommended to attend class only 3 times per week."

The Pure Barre Technique was created and licensed by Carrie Rezek. Rezek has had extensive training in fitness, dance, Pilates and the Lette Barre Method. She owns Studio Surge in Birmingham, Mich., which features Pure Barre and Pilates classes. Because of the rapid results her students experienced, she opened Pure Barre studios in other cities around the country.

Similar techniques are only offered in Lexington, Ky., San Francisco and Chicago, so Lexington is lucky to have this technique," says Rezek. "Women in New York City have been doing Lette Barre, which is similar to Pure Barre, for 30 years and for 30 years it was exclusive to the Upper East Side of New York City. Our goal is to make the technique available to more people because it is amazing and everyone should have the opportunity to experience it."

Pure Barre is located at 867 E. High St. Suite 150.

For information about scheduling and location either contact Tom Rezek at (859) 435-2391 or visit [www.purebarre.com](http://www.purebarre.com)



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## A Girl's Best Friend

By Sarah Mills  
Kernel PR

A diamond is forever, right? Make sure you pick the right one. Like people, no two diamonds are exactly alike. They are classified by their rarity using the "4 C's" - carat, color, clarity and cut. Diamonds with the combination of the highest "4 C" ratings are more rare and consequently more valuable.

Carat refers to the weight of the diamond and is the most significant value factor. Carats are based on a standard unit of measure. One carat is divided into 100 points (just like there are 100 pennies in a dollar). Common diamonds typically weigh between one-fifth carat (20 points) and 1 carat (100 points).

The color of the diamond also translates into its worth. The more colorless a diamond is the more it is worth. The Gemological Institute of America (GIA) grades diamonds on a scale of D - Z. Grades D, E and F are colorless grades and G - J are

near colorless. The difference in each grade is subtle and the lighting under which a diamond is being viewed makes a difference in its appearance.

Clarity is the presence of inclusions in a diamond. A diamond's clarity is effectively determined by viewing the gem under low-power magnification with controlled lighting. The GIA uses 11 clarity ratings ranging from "flawless" (very very small, 0% very small), SI (slightly included) to I (included). It is not until a diamond is slightly included that the flaw is visible to the naked eye.

However, fewer flaws, whether seen by the naked eye or not, means a greater price tag. Cut is not the shape of the diamond but refers to the angles, proportions and finish of a diamond. Cutting is the contribution made by man transforming the rough diamond crystal into a faceted, polished gem. The cut determines how much brilliance (white

light, dispersion (rainbow-colored light), scintillation (sparkling when the diamond moves) and luster (bright reflections from the surface) a diamond has. Each diamond shape has requirements that make it an ideal cut, excellent cut or very good cut.

The shape of a diamond is what most people look at first, which are solely based on personal preference. There are a common shape: round, radiant, princess, pear, oval, marquise, heart, emerald, cushion, asscher and triangle.

Many diamond retailers offer diamond grading reports such as the ones offered at diamonds.com. This ensures that the diamond you purchase is really worth what you're paying for. Grading reports document the diamond's unique characteristics and are performed by an independent gemological laboratory such as the GIA or the AGS, the American Gem Society.

## Upcoming Bridal Shows and Events

By Allison Behrman  
Kernel PR

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## Do Me a Favor

By Alisa Oerther  
Kernel PR

Give your guests something to hold onto! You don't have to spend tons of money to make your wedding memorable for everyone invited. Wedding favors can be as simple as a little something you can bring in a bag in your pocket, but they don't have to be.

Wedding favors were started in the late 17th century. They were considered to be a gesture of gratitude and affection. The most popular choice of favor was the Jordan Almond, a chocolate covered almond, which signified both the bitterness and the sweetness of marriage. These almonds are still a very fashionable favor that comes in many different colors symbolizing things such as health, wealth, and happiness. Now, these favors are both a sign of gratitude, and as a way to enhance the embellishment of your wedding.

Many brides and grooms like to make homemade favors to show that they took time and effort to thank their guests for being apart of their celebration. It also costs less if you choose the right gift. A CD for each guest with the bride and groom's favorite songs is a fun and personal favor that costs less than you think. Add a picture of the two of you and a note to make it more personal. Flower bulbs that match the season of the wedding are very popular. Add a note such as "Watch Our Own Growth" with the date of the wedding.

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## What About the Guys?

By Joe Smyly  
Kernel PR

Spring and summer are prime seasons for weddings, which also means they are a busy time for another type of celebration: Bachelor parties.

Although the subjects of bachelor and bachelorette parties are not a conversation piece that couples are eager to discuss, the fact remains, they go hand in hand with the exchanging of vows.

Just because the rowdy get-togethers are inevitable, however, does not mean everyone appreciates them.

"My boyfriend could have one," Sarah Bagshaw, a freshman marketing major, said. "I won't like it, but I know it's a huge part of a guy's life. It's like taking something away from him. I'll get one, too, though, so it's cool."

While most people agree that bachelor parties are a fun way to bid farewell to single life, not all run on the same level.

"I would want a bachelorette party," Dennis Johnson, senior majoring in agricultural communications, said. "But I would not like it."

Bagshaw did, however, admit that she had probably would have had a problem with exotic

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## IN OUR OPINION

### Welcome gays into UK community

UK's gay community doesn't seem to matter to the campus majority.

Last semester, a small group of students petitioned Student Government for letters of support to back the development of an on-campus resource center for gay, lesbian, bisexual, transgender, questioning and straight students. It would benefit all UK students — regardless of sexual preference.

But the presentation didn't garner the support they sought, which was a crushing disappointment and detriment to UK and SG's commitment embracing diversity.

But, believe it or not, this editorial isn't supposed to be a singular attack on SG.

Instead, it's an endorsement for the proposed center, and a plea for the entire UK community to support its creation.

"There's no easy way to come together and find support with people with similar experiences — and that's part of the challenge for people who are in the process of coming out," Mary Bolln-Reece, director of UK's Counseling and Testing Center, told The Kernel in an interview last week. "The center would help acknowledge that gay, lesbian, bisexual, transgender and questioning students are an important part of our community."

Bolln-Reece is right — the center would be an invaluable resource for all UK students, no matter if they're gay, bisexual, or straight and their best friend just came out to them.

And because the center is a student-oriented push, it makes the ar-

gument in favor of the proposal all the more powerful. If UK students like first-year law student Ross Ewing and English senior Mary Lesch are struggling to gain support for a resource center, it's obviously an important issue that should be addressed.

"This is an indication of student need," Pat Terrell, UK's vice president for student affairs, told The Kernel in an interview last week. "We have students who are interested (in the project) and the center would benefit all students, not just gay students."

With this kind of support from Terrell, along with other key members of the administration, realizing the center should only be an issue of minor details.

But Ben Carter, chair of SG's operations and evaluations committee, told The Kernel that while the center deserves recognition, and change to be supported, he thinks letting students vote on the issue in next year's SG election may best resolve the situation.

Right attitude — wrong solution. This editorial board loves democracy — but taking a campus-wide vote on the resource center has the very real potential of backfiring spectacularly. And if it did, that would send the irreparably damaging impression that the UK community is close-minded and homophobic.

Support and implement the resource center — it's the only way to ensure a continuing commitment to diversity and meeting what is a clear need for not only a marginalized minority, but for the entire student body.



TONY FISHER, THE KENTUCKY KERNEL

### TAs, stick to geography, check your opinions at the door

There are many Americans who do not agree with the Iraq War. There is Cindy Sheehan and her protests against President Bush, and of course the ever-popular Michael Moore, who makes a living with videos denigrating the Bush administration.

We all hold our own opinions about the war that is still raging in the Middle East. The problem comes when these opinions are indoctrinated upon students.

One week ago, the Lexington Herald-Leader published a letter to the editor entitled "Teachers must take stand against Iraq War," by three teaching assistants in UK's geography department. These three teaching assistants are Oliver Belcher, Tommy Wilson and Michael Marchman.

They proceeded to explain that they would no longer teach the Iraq War in a neutral manner. Instead they will teach it as a "gross injustice and a criminal act" and encourage other teachers and educators of Kentucky to do the same by signing a petition. Then they had the audacity to write to The Kernel stating the same thing to the students of UK.

In America, there is the freedom of speech, so these three men have every right to state their opinions in a public forum. But as educators of students, they do not have the right to preach their opinions. Campuses across the nation are already having problems with

teachers being too liberal, but this one goes further than anything else.

These three teaching assistants, who don't even have the authority of an actual professor, have said that anyone who teaches the Iraq War neutrally has "a lamentable moral apathy."

Every student at this university has to pay tuition in some way; they pay to be educated by those people who have proven that they are experts in their fields of study.

They do not pay to hear personal political opinions.

Obviously these educators don't care about an open forum for ideas or even for the feelings and emotions of the students. The fact is that students pay to learn not to be preached to.

Would these men dare to stand up in a class and say that the Iraq War is a "criminal act" when there are several members of UK's ROTC, future members of the Army, in the audience? They would be saying that those men and women are criminals committing a criminal act by supporting their country.

Take, for example, Ward Churchill, the professor at the University of Colorado, who in 2001 published an essay stating that the people killed in the Sept. 11 World Trade Center attacks were "little Eichmanns." Eichmann being the "Chief Executioner" during the Holocaust.

If he were a professor at the University of Kentucky, would it be OK for him to teach students such things, telling them that those who died in the World Trade Center were not all innocent and that America was to blame for these attacks?

It is after all what he believes. What makes him any different from those who would teach that the Iraq War is evil?

In attempts to justify the act of non-neutrality, Belcher, Wilson and Marchman cite the fact that racism and sexism are not taught neutrally because these are known to be morally wrong. Yet these two forms of discrimination involve how people were born — whether born male or female, black or white — things unchangeable in this life.

During to compare the murdering of blacks for being black or the rape and harassment of women because they are women to a war that, according to them is "fought to sustain and perpetuate longstanding global inequalities" is ridiculous and insulting.

I have no problem with these men thinking that the war is wrong — my own sister agrees that the Iraq War is wrong — but that doesn't mean they have carte blanche to force students to hear this opinion and no others.

I think the university needs to seriously consider whether or not it will continue to allow these men to teach on campus.

Diversity applies to opinions and ideas as much as it does the heritage of a person. Teaching only one side of an issue or argument is the antithesis of diversity.

So to Oliver Belcher, Tommy Wilson and Michael Marchman, I find it so unappealing that you would teach me only what you believe!

What about the voices of so many others? Should they be muted?

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### Hey UK, it's called 'dead week' for a reason

With today being the dawn of the five-day descent into hell we have all come to know and love as "Dead Week," this Editorial Board will once again take this opportunity to express our grievances on one of the more prominent travesties plaguing the student body.

Although one can assume that "Dead Week" derives its name for the inactivity that is ideally supposed to result from professors refraining from giving tests or exams in the week preceding finals week, it would be more aptly named for the feeling one experiences on the Friday afternoon of "Dead Week," which closely resembles losing the will to live.

Why, with such a mandate in place, would students dread the week before finals, as opposed to the Finals Week itself?

Not included in Section 5.2.4.6 of the University Senate Rules are presentations, projects, papers and the like, which are as much if not more of a burden than quizzes or exams.

With an onslaught of work due

within a week's time, most students do not focus their attention on their finals until after "Dead Week," a mere two days before Finals Week begins.

This sort of inconsideration on the part of faculty is deplorable and the inaction of the part of SG to fight this academic injustice is disappointing, albeit not surprising. Sure students procrastinate, but a reform of "dead week" could maintain a top-20-worthy student body, they are going to have to set them up for success with a "Dead Week" that fosters academic achievement, instead of setting them up for failure with a "Dead Week" that basically academically sabotages the student body.

For as much work as students put in to each semester and the level of stress they must endure in the final weeks of each semester, a brief respite before finals is not too much to ask. If UK intends to maintain a top-20-worthy student body, they are going to have to set them up for success with a "Dead Week" that fosters academic achievement, instead of setting them up for failure with a "Dead Week" that basically academically sabotages the student body.



Megan Vazmina  
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## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

### Protesters polite, but self-important

Around noon on April 21, I made my usual trek from Miller Hall to the meeting area in front of Patterson Office Tower, where, each Friday just before noon, a handful of students, sharing a bullhorn, assemble to protest the American invasion and occupation of Iraq.

The first trek occurred several Fridays ago, whereupon I asked the protesters to refrain from employing the bullhorn as its sound interfered with my ability to conduct my class. I was impressed with the willingness of the protesters courtesy to put down the bullhorn and afterwards, I told my students so.

I should add here that I have asked my own students not to shuffle into our Miller Hall classroom at noon but, instead, to be seated at noon with their books open and ready to go — a request that the vast majority have made consistent efforts to honor.

On April 21, however, it seemed as if the use of the bullhorn might go on past noon, at which point I began to ask the protesters to refrain. After having observed them to do so, I attempted vocally and publicly to thank them.

The main speaker, however, refused to pay me any heed, having assumed, as he told

me afterwards, that my remarks had been offered sarcastically. And when he would not initially hear me out, I did indeed take it upon myself to confront him, at which point one of his fellow protesters approached me privately and said something to the effect that "public announcements about this war matter more than [my own] class." So here is my question, which I submit to the entire UK community: Do they?

DAVID WILKE  
professor, honors program

### Don't cover up more black history

We, the students of the Historic Preservation department at the University of Kentucky, have read with dismay in both the Kentucky Kernel and the Lexington Herald-Leader about the proposal by Student Government Senator Sam Gaines to remove or cover the mural by Anne Rice O'Hanlon in Memorial Hall.

Enough has been printed about the mural's subject matter that we will not revisit it here. Surely the mural is a product of its time (1934) and place (Kentucky), and thus it depicts a conservative image of Kentucky and its past.

At the time of the mural's creation, how-

ever, the images depicted in them were in the past. Thus, the mural could be read to contain a visual critique of the very types of racism upon which SG has focused.

Gaines suggests there are more positive parts of history we can portray. We ask which parts of slavery, if any, should we portray, and who should decide?

So much African-American history has been lost, due to intentional destruction or neglect — how much more can we afford to lose? Some of Lexington's African-American hamlets are under threat from development and neglect. These represent part of Lexington's segregated past. Should they be allowed to disappear without a trace because of that unpleasant association? We say no, and we say no to the proposed destruction of this mural.

PATRICK THOMPSON  
treasurer, Historic Preservation Graduate Organization

### If that's not censorship, what is?

In Brenton Kenkel's recent column, "What's the Value of Depicting Mohammed?" I found myself wondering how Kenkel could possibly have ignored the true importance of the recent "South Park" episode.

While "South Park" is known for pushing the envelope, this episode was not simply about the right to portray Mohammed, or even about the right to offend those whom they choose.

Kenkel, brushing the true issue aside, claimed that this was "corporate decision-making" and not censorship. I disagree. The fact that the episode was censored makes its point all the more viable; that in a land of "freedom," there is no such thing as speech that is free; corporations buy it all. Pushing the envelope here pertained not to depicting this religious leader over that one, but rather, the right to do so without fear of being black screened by corporate overlords.

However, the leaders of the corporate world (in this instance Viacom) ruled the cartoon "too offensive" and blocked a portion of it from air. For a show that has touched unfalteringly on the hate that most of the world feels for America, this was perhaps its boldest move yet.

In mocking the outcry against the Dutch cartoonists whose cartoons resulted in anger throughout the Arab world, South Park has shown that the words "freedom of speech" mean nothing unless they are upheld.

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## Smith leads Blue attack; no injuries in scrimmage

By Jonathan Smith  
THE KENTUCKY KERNEL

Just when it looked like the annual Blue/White game was headed in the same direction as the rest of spring practice, the offense finally woke from its three-week slumber.

After being down 25-3 early in the second half, the blue-clad offense went on a 43-16 run to defeat the White team, the defense, 46-41.

Although there was a maddening method to determine the winner of the game, it had the feel of an episode of the television show "Whose line is it anyway?", where the points don't matter. UK head coach Rich Brooks had other objectives for the game.

"The good news is, there's no serious injury coming out of what I thought was a very physical scrimmage," Brooks said. "We have to be a physical team to win in this league."

Freshman running back Alfonso Smith broke out of the shadows of his older backfield mates, carrying the ball 14 times for 97 yards and one touchdown.

He is finally getting more touches after Rafael Little's wrist injury, and showed the

crowd of about 9,000 fans at Commonwealth Stadium the possibility of a three-headed running back attack, when grouped with Little and returning back Tony Dixon.

"It's hard to catch me," Smith said. "I think I'm pretty good right now."

The defense made the first big play of the day when quarterback Will Fidler's pass intended for Ravi Moss hit off the rookie wide receiver's hands and into the arms of sophomore strong safety Adam Richey.

The defense continued to shine in the second quarter when walk-on transfer Robbie McAtee blocked a Tim Masthay punt and returned it 46 yards for a touchdown.

The offense got going on the next possession, thanks in large part to Smith. On the offense's first scoring drive of the day, Smith ran for 33 yards, including a nine-yard touchdown gallop.

Following Smith's score, Rocco Maragas led the offense on its next scoring drive. Maragas, a senior walk-on quarterback that has only played in one game, marched the offense down the field for another score. He was 3-for-5

for 63 yards, finishing the drive by tossing an 18-yard touchdown pass to tailback Terrell Bankhead.

"He came in and hit some threes for us," offensive coordinator Joker Phillips joked, in reference to reserve Preston LeMaster's 12-point effort against Ole Miss during the basketball season.

While Maragas enjoyed his shining moment, the other quarterbacks did little to distance themselves from one another. Sophomore Curtis Pulley finished 9-for-11 for 63 yards and no touchdowns, while junior Andre Woodsen went 8-for-11 for 71 yards and one score.

Brooks gave no indication as to who might be the starting signal-caller next fall, but he did set up some guidelines for what the quarterbacks shouldn't do, rather than what they should do.

"They've got to make plays and not make negative plays," Brooks said. "The negative plays are as big a factor in this race as anything. You can not make negative plays."

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Freshman tailback Alfonso Smith is brought down during the annual Blue/White game at Commonwealth Stadium Saturday. Smith led the Blue team, the offensive players, with 97 yards rushing. The Blue came back from a 25-3 halftime deficit to win, 46-41, in front of about 9,000 fans.

## SPORTS BRIEFS

### Tennis women fall in finals

UK's run to the finals of the Southeastern Conference women's tennis tournament ended yesterday when they were swept 4-0 by No. 4 Florida. No. 20 UK (17-8, 10-3 SEC) defeated No. 33 Alabama and No. 8 Vanderbilt during its road to the finals; the third-seeded Cats lost to Florida for the second straight year in the finals of the conference tournament. The Cats will now await the NCAA Tennis Tournament selection show, which will be broadcast on ESPNEWS May 3 at 8:30 p.m., to see who their first-round opponent will be. The show will broadcast both the men's and women's tournament matchups.

### Men's tennis upset

No. 12-seed Mississippi State ended UK's SEC tournament run Friday with a 4-2 upset victory in the quarterfinals. State made its second upset in two days, after defeating LSU in Thursday's first round. The fourth-seeded Cats (16-9, 7-5 SEC) clinched the doubles point by winning two of the three matches, but lost four of the five singles matches played. All-SEC first team selection Alex Hume, a senior for UK, was the only Wildcat to claim a singles victory.

### Softball drops two of three in Gainesville

UK (21-28, 4-11 SEC) split a doubleheader with Florida Friday, then dropped the deciding game in the series 5-3

yesterday. The Cats scored their runs in the top of the first inning, on a string of singles and a wild pitch. Florida came back in the bottom of the third to take a 4-3 lead after three singles of their own, followed by a three-run homer from Gator Kristen Butler. A UK rally was snuffed out in the top of the seventh, when the Cats put runners on first and second with one out, but hit into a force play at second and a groundout to end the threat and the game.

### Men's golf finishes fourth

UK didn't defend its SEC championships this weekend, finishing fourth in the conference tournament at Sea Island, S.C. Top-ranked Georgia won the tournament, finishing at 13-under-par as a team. Florida finished one stroke back, followed by Alabama and UK. Senior Matt Kohn led the Cats, finishing in 14th place with a three-round total of 213 (72-68-73). Brad Doster, after a first-round 79, battled back to finish tied for 14th with Kohn. UK heads to the NCAA regionals next.

### Cook vaults to 21st

Junior Krystle Cook posted a 9.7 in the vault at the NCAA Championships at Oregon State University last Thursday. The score put Cook in 21st place overall. Cook was the lone Wildcat to qualify for the championships.

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