



Tips

Roommate games

I received these suggestions in an e-mail on how to annoy your roommate and was rolling on the floor. I just had to share them with you.

Kill several people. Store the corpses underneath your roommate's bed. Call the police.

Burn all your waste paper while eyeing your roommate suspiciously.

Hide your underwear and socks in your roommate's closet. Accuse him of stealing them.

Whenever his parents call and ask for your roommate, breathe into the phone for five seconds, then hang up.

Hang stuffed animals with noses from your ceiling. Whenever you walk by them mutter, "You shouldn't have done that to me."

Set your roommate's bed on fire. Apologize and explain that you've been watching too much "Beavis and Butthead." Do it again. Tell him that you're not sorry because this time he deserved it.

Buy some knives. Sharpen them every night. While you're doing so, look at your roommate and mutter, "Soon, soon."

Bring in potential "new" roommates from around campus. Give them tours of the room and the building. Have them ask about your roommate in front of him, and reply, "Oh, him? He won't be here much longer."

Collect hundreds of pens and pile them on one side of the room. Keep one pencil on the other side of the room. Laugh at the pencil.

Collect potatoes. Paint faces on them and give them names. Name one after your roommate and separate it from the others. Wait a few days, then bake it and eat it. Explain to your roommate, "He just didn't belong."

Paint a tunnel on the wall like they do in cartoons. Every day, hit your head as you attempt to crawl through it. Hold your head and grumble "Stupid road runner."

For all 222 ways, visit <http://www.funnyhab.com/roommate.htm>

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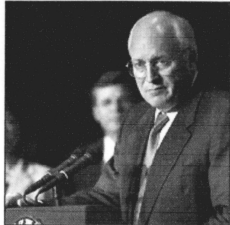
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PARKING

Cheney rallies Fletcher supporters



JAMES CRISP | KERNEL STAFF

Vice President Dick Cheney visited Lexington Monday for the first time since the Centre College debate.

Cheney: 'I'm here to make sure Ernie comes back to the U.S. Congress.'

By Lamin Swann
SPECIAL SECTIONS EDITOR

Vice President Dick Cheney visited the Bluegrass for the first time since the 2000 vice presidential debate last October at Danville's Centre College.

At a private fundraising reception for U.S. Rep. Ernie Fletcher, R-Ky., Cheney spoke to a crowd of about 200 supporters of the congressman.

"It's nice to be back in Kentucky," said Cheney, also saying he was pleased with the only vice presidential debate for the 2000 election. "We liked the way it came out. [In the

election] we carried Kentucky by a substantial margin."

Fletcher, who is running for re-election in 2002, received acclamation from Cheney for his involvement in a bi-partisan Patients' Bill of Rights, which passed in the House of Representatives last month.

The bill ensures patients are provided broad protections and access to health care while HMOs are held accountable for their decisions.

"Ernie did a superb job, crucial in getting the bill out of the House," Cheney said, who was a congressman in the '80s.

Fletcher spoke highly of Cheney's role in the George W. Bush administration.

"He's a vice president more involved in the president's agenda than any other vice president in history," Fletcher said.

Cheney also spoke on the top issues on Bush's agenda since in office including Social Security, energy and the tax refund that Americans are receiving now. "This is the first biggest tax cut in a generation since Ronald Reagan," he said.

The former secretary of defense also spoke about an upcoming education bill and the Bush policy on reshaping the nation's defense to assist troops in the armed forces. [The armed forces] is a volunteer force. We need to give

them the resources they need," Cheney said.

While many criticize Bush's energy policy, Cheney said it can happen and sees affordable energy as a fundamental building block to today's society.

"We can have a clean environment and increase the supply of affordable resources," he said.

To assure the Bush agenda is fulfilled, Cheney said he sees Fletcher as a team member to the current Republican administration.

"I'm here to make sure Ernie comes back to the U.S. Congress," Cheney said. Fletcher is running for a third consecutive term as Kentucky's congressman for the sixth district.

POLITICS IN THE SKY

UK grads pilot vice president's jet

Cheney's pilot: 'I'm just a taxi driver who's well trained ...'

By Steve Jones
ASSISTANT SPORTS/LEISURE EDITOR

We don't all have a plane, but the vice president does.

And as Dick Cheney came to Lexington Monday to speak at a Republican fundraiser, so did his jet — Air Force Two.

As the blue and white Boeing 757 landed in Bluegrass Airport, UK cadets from the Air Force ROTC were there to take a glimpse of the plane that carries the nation's second most powerful man.

Two former UK graduates piloted the plane Monday. Lt. Col. Joseph Bender (class of 1982) and Major Steve Ward (class of 1980) arranged a tour of the jet for the cadets.

Bender was humble in defining his role on Air Force Two. "I'm a just a taxi driver who's well trained and highly motivated," he said.

Ward said his training has helped him to relax into a job that involves the safety of some of the nation's most powerful figures.

"You know you're doing something out of the ordinary, but you do it enough and practice it that it never feels routine, but you get to the point where you feel comfortable doing it."

Bender explained that all of the plane's flights are non-stop and that the jet is capable of flying west all the way to Tokyo or east to Cairo without refueling.

This is possible by Air Force Two's extra 60,000-pound fuel tank that is not standard in regular commercial 757s.



DOUG MORGAN | KERNEL STAFF

Aiming high

Lt. Col. Tim Bender, USAF, UK Class of '82, describes his role as a pilot for Air Force Two to members of UK's AFROTC on Monday morning. Vice President Dick Cheney was in Lexington to speak at a fundraiser for Rep. Ernie Fletcher.

It is also capable of routing the entire flight and the pilots are only left to follow the simple path designated for the trip.

"It builds a highway in the sky for you," he said.

The cabin contains ten first class business seats for the "customers," or VIPs on board.

Bender said the plane routinely carries the secretaries of state and defense. He said there is a high request rate for use of the plane by heads of state and that many requests have to be denied because of limited space.

"There's definitely a pecking order for who gets on the air plane," Bender said.

There is a special area for the vice president, who is referred to as the "Distinguished Visitor" and his guests and staff. Cheney has a small private office with a desk and a roll-out couch. Bender also said the vice president is able to use the telephone system at any time to reach the White House.

The plane has private fax lines, phone lines and the Internet. "It's very much a flying business office," Bender said.



DOUG MORGAN | KERNEL STAFF

Maj. Steve Ward, the aircraft commander for Cheney's trip to Lexington, showed features of Air Force Two to UK AFROTC Cadet Tony Hughes.

Administration Building update

An ad hoc committee appointed by UK President Lee Todd met Monday to advise UK on the renovation of the fire-damaged Administration Building. The results:

• A mold problem has begun inside the building. Senior Vice President for Administration Jack Blanton said UK is bringing in experts from Louisville to dispose of the problem.

• Construction crews will build a temporary roof, consisting of plywood and tar paper, over the building, and close windows during the next four to six weeks to dry out the area. The process will take an indefinite time and require heaters be placed inside during winter to ensure no further damage to the building.

• The committee is debating the addition of a rear entry to prevent the structure from appearing closed off to the POT plaza.

• The second floor of the building will house a ceremonial room, running the width of the building, for special meetings, media conferences and other events.

• The committee is considering adding a classroom to the interior of the building, similar to that of the University of Kansas, to increase student traffic inside.



SCOTT SLOAN | KERNEL STAFF

Restoration

A classroom may be added to the Administration Building. The historic building was damaged in a May 15 fire.

EVENTS

L.A. minister visits University to discuss faith-based funding

STAFF REPORT

A prominent black minister will visit campus today to discuss the issue of faith-based funding and charitable choice.

Rev. Leonard Jackson is the associate pastor of First African Methodist Episcopal Church in Los Angeles.

Jackson helped planning and implementing relief efforts following L.A.'s 1992 riots. Lance Brunner, an associate professor of music at UK and a member the Interfaith

Alliance of the Bluegrass, which is presenting the event, said he expects Jackson to address the issue in general and talk about the dangers and possibilities surrounding the issue.

"It's a matter that needs broad discussion and that in a vital democracy we need to have inclusive discussions about the ways social problems can be addressed and solved."

Discuss it

Leonard Jackson speaks at noon today in Student Center Room 230 and at 7:30 p.m. tonight at Pleasant Green Missionary Baptist Church, 540 W. Maxwell St.



Jackson

IT'S ONLY ROCK 'N' ROLL

Every rose has its thorn

By Patrick Avery
SCENE EDITOR



Just when you thought the '80s metal scene could finally be nothing but a paragraph in the back of a history of rock textbook, Hollywood goes out and makes a feature length film about the dreadful time period.

In *Rock Star*, Mark Wahlberg stars as Steel Dragon tribute band lead singer Chris Colosimo. He takes his tribute band status a little too far by imitating the band up to the last nipple ring. His band-

mates accuse him of being unoriginal and fire him. They hire another Steel Dragon tribute band's lead singer (Third Eye Blind's Stephen Jenkins).

Steel Dragon's guitarist Kirk Cuddy (Dominic West) gets a hold of Chris and auditions him for the band. Chris makes it, and soon finds himself at the top of the world playing to packed arenas. But he soon falls into the stereotypical rock star lifestyle: drugs, sex and alcohol.

Jennifer Aniston shows up as Chris's girlfriend and manager, Emily.

Stephen Herek does a pretty good directing job. At least better than *Don't Tell Mom the Babysitter's Dead*, *The Three Musketeers* and *Holy Man*, all his movies.

Wahlberg is laughable at first but we grow accustomed to his presence as a long-haired musician. The transformation he makes from giddy rock star to a drunken one is an impressive journey.

The movie is clever when it inserts references to modern rap songs and certain album covers with no band name on them (a la Metallica).

The concert scenes are extraordinary. The minute Wahlberg steps on the stage, the audience feels his adulation and adrenaline rush as 15,000 fans scream and cheer for him.

The documentary-style interviews at the beginning and the end of the movie should have been left for a *This is Spinal Tap* sequel, instead of this satire.

Aniston is overrated as an actress, but was moving in this performance, her tearful scene at the end was incredible.

Rock Star is a movie that musicians will appreciate because they can identify with the yearning for attention on stage. It even has a decent message: Strive to be creative.

Grade: B

Walk this way

Wahlberg plays rocker Chris Colosimo and teaches his fans a few lessons on '80s rock.

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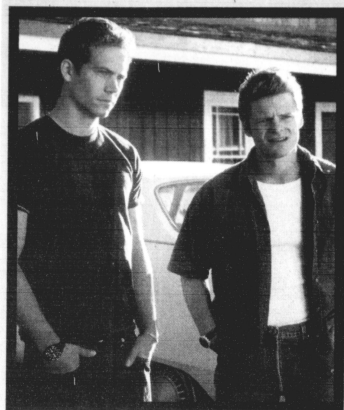


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On a magic carpet ride

Joy Ride starring Steve Zahn, Jim Beaver, and Leelee Sobieski will be showing at 9 p.m., tonight at the Worsham Theater. It is a free showing and seating is limited.

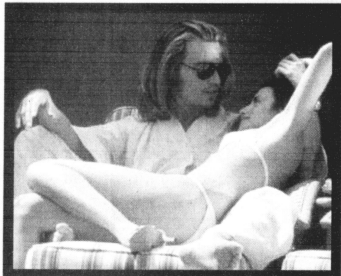


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She don't lie, cocaine

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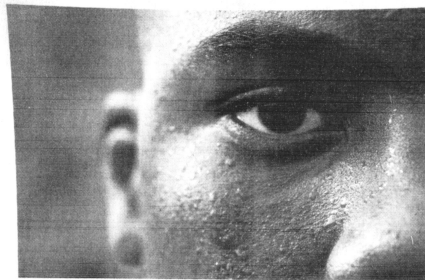
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Crowded roster gives Tubby multiple redshirt options

Tubby Smith has to be the most optimistic college basketball coach in the nation, if that is possible for a UK coach. The fifth-year UK coach and owner of one national championship has his deepest team ever.

How deep? Smith's best low-post scorer and former high school all-American, Jason Parker, had surgery on his knee this summer and will miss at least three months of action, and maybe the entire season.

Yet UK is ranked in the top five by most coaches and preseason prognosticators, dropping no more than three spots. One has to wonder where all the minutes will be dispersed and whether someone will be forced to sit out the season.

The Cats will go three players deep at every position. Unfortunately for Tubby, there is no need to go that deep.

In the past UK has found itself short of players, but Smith made sure not to repeat the same struggles. Because Smith overloaded, someone has to sit. Junior guard Todd Tackett made it easier on Smith by leaving the team to play baseball, but the Cats' roster still consists of 16 players.

Smith is leaving the option open to play Parker and not redshirt the 6-foot-8 forward, but Parker and his family have indicated that his long-term health is most important.

With Parker out the post is balanced, but not packed. The wing positions are booked, though. UK returns preseason all-Americans Tayshaun Prince and Keith Bogans, and sophomores Gerald Fitch and Erik Daniels at shooting guard and small forward. The Cats also welcome freshmen Josh Carrier, Rashaad Carruth and Chuck Hayes.

Prince can play some post, but Bogans will log major minutes at both wing positions.

Fitch is a Smith favorite because of his hustle and rebounding. Carruth is a high school all-American and Carrier and Hayes were ranked in the top 25 at their positions out of high school.

The logical choice to redshirt is Daniels, who averaged 5.2 points and 12.9 minutes per game last year. He is still developing his game after emerging from obscurity as a high school recruit.

Redshirting players is something Smith has never done at UK by choice. He has enjoyed the benefits of redshirt stars in the past, though. Jules Camara sat out last year after a DUI and still has two years of eligibility.

Jeff Sheppard sat out his senior year (1997) under Rick Pitino because of depth at the wing. A year later Sheppard helped Smith win his first national title.

The focus should be on what is best for the player. If Jason Parker must miss the entire year to recover, then so be it. Take your time. Get healthy. Get your pompons.

Taking a year off is in the best interest of any player who will not see an increase in playing time.

The question for Tubby is, who? And, when?

It's a problem many coaches would love to have.

The key for this team gifted with a dearth of talent is to keep a positive attitude regardless of playing time.



Travis Hubbard
SPORTSDAILY EDITOR



Sophomores Erik Daniels (above) and Jason Parker would be leading candidates to redshirt this season if UK coach Tubby Smith opted to reserve one of the Cats. Parker is injured and could miss the entire season and Daniels faces a logjam at shooting guard and small forward.



FILE PHOTOS

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Week of September 10-16, 2001

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MEETINGS

- *UK Dairy Club Mtg., 7:30pm, Ag Science Center North
- *Young Life-First Year Fellowship, 7-8:30pm, Student Center, Rm. 111
- *Bounce, 4-5:00pm, Haggin Study Rm.
- *Alpha Phi Omega Meeting, 7:30pm, Old Student Center Rm. 359
- *Green Team Environmental Club, 7pm, Student Center Rm. 106
- *Leftist Student Union Mtg., 8pm, Student Center Rm. 228
- *Golden Key Mtg., 8pm, Student Center, Rm. 206
- *Student Affiliates of the American Chemical Society, 8pm, Chem-Phys Building
- *Next Stage Committee, 5-7pm, Student Center, Rm. 203

ACADEMIC

- *Choose a Major, 12:00pm, Career Center
- *Master Your Time, 2:25pm, 201 Frazee Hall, Call to enroll 257-6959
- *L.E.A.P., 10-10:50am, 203 Frazee Hall, Call to enroll 257-6959
- *Public\$S for Religious Charity? Bush's Faith-Based Funding, Good? Bad? or (are you Different?), 12Noon, Student Center, Rm. 230

LECTURES

- *The Many Lives of the Kentucky River, 4:30-5:30pm, Mining & Minerals Building

SPORTS

- *UK ShinDo Karate classes, 5-6:30pm, Alumni Gym Loft
- *UK Tae Kwon Do practice, 5:30-6:30pm, Alumni Gym Loft

SPECIAL EVENTS

- *AKPSI Co-Ed Business Fraternity, 7:30pm, Student Center, Rm. 230
- *Black Student Union Week, 4:30pm, Martin Luther King Jr. Cultural Center

MEETINGS

- *Bounce, 4-5:00pm, Commons
- *Fellowship of Christian Athletes, 9pm, CSF Building on the corner of Woodland and Columbia

ACADEMIC

- *Internship Information Sessions, 11:00am, Student Career Center, for more info, call 257-3632

LECTURES

- *What have we done for us lately? A Motivational/Leadership Presentation by Steve Birdline, 3:30-5pm, Student Center, Rm. 230
- *Syd Mead, Visual Futurist, "The Lady in the Chartreuse Dress", 5:30pm, Worsham Theater

SPECIAL EVENTS

- *Amnesty International Human Rights Film Series-The Killing Fields, 7pm, Classroom Building, Rm. 114
- *Black Student Union Week, 4:30pm, Martin Luther King Jr. Cultural Center

ARTS/MOVIES

- *SAB MOVIE, "Joy Ride", 9pm, Worsham Theater. Passes available in Rm. 203 Student Center (time: 2 with UKID)

INTRAMURALS/RECREATION

- *UK Judo Club, 5-6:30pm, Alumni Gym
- *UK Aikido Club, 6:30-8:30pm, Alumni Gym Loft
- *UK Medieval and Renaissance European Dancing, 7pm-9pm, Blazer Hall

MEETINGS

- *CRU, 12:30pm, Worsham Theater
- *Devotions-Lunch, 12:00pm, BSU, \$1.00 admission
- *Freshmen Focus, 8:00pm, BSU
- *Cinema Committee, 8:00pm, Student Center, Rm. 231
- *Religion Studies/Institute, 12:00pm, Student Center, Rm. 119

ACADEMIC

- *Interviewing Workshop, 5:00pm, Career Center
- *Internship Information Sessions, 3:30pm, Student Career Center, for more info, call 257-3632

SPORTS

- *ShinDo Karate classes, 5-6:30pm, Alumni Gym Loft

SPECIAL EVENTS

- *AKPSI Co-Ed Business Fraternity, 7:30pm, Student Center, Rm. 230
- *Kirwan OneHG Athletics Pool Party, 9pm-12am, Lancaster Aquatics Center/Season Center, FEE: One canned good-or-\$1 before 11pm
- *Black Student Union Week, 4:30pm, M.L. King Jr. Cultural Center

SPECIAL EVENTS

- *Lambda Chi Watermelon Bust, 4:30pm, Goodbar Field
- *Bow! Party, 4-6pm, Rose Bowl beside W.T. Young Library, questions call 257-8867
- *WRFL Lawn Concert, 12-1pm, Student Center West Lawn, Free
- *Anthropology Graduate Student Bake Sale, 8:00am-3:00pm, Student Center Bridge Hallway
- *International Night, 7-10:30pm, Bradley Hall Courtyard

SPORTS

- *Tae Kwon Do practice, 5:30-7:00pm, Alumni Gym Loft

ACADEMIC

- *Master Student, 9:00am to 4:00pm, 201 Frazee Hall, early registration is recommended, for more details call (859) 257-6959

SPORTS

- *UK at Indiana Football Game
- *Tae Kwon Do practice, 11-1:00pm, Alumni Gym Loft
- *UK Women's Rugby Game vs. WKU, 2pm, Rugby Pitch(soccer/softball complex)

SPECIAL EVENTS

- *SAB AND AASA JAZZ presents Bela Fleck and the Flecktones Concert, 8pm, SCA. For more info call 257-8427
- *HG Athletics Dance, 8pm-1am, Student Center Grand Ballroom

ACADEMIC

- *Master Student, 1:00pm to 6:00pm, 201 Frazee Hall
- *UK Symphony Orchestra, 3:00pm, SCA, Free
- *Contemporary Art Quizzes, The John M. Welch III Collection, 12-5pm, Singletary Center for the Arts

INTRAMURALS/RECREATION

- *UK Aikido Club, 1-3:00PM, Alumni Gym Loft
- *UK Judo Club, 5-7pm, Alumni Gym Loft

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The Christian who was formerly known as ...

Pop star finds faith

OWENSBORO — Denise Matthews, a former sidekick to the pop artist Prince, recalled an abusive childhood and years of cocaine abuse in an hour-long sermon that enlivened an Owensboro church crowd Sunday.

Matthews, 42, was known as Vanity while in Prince's band in the 1980s. She cut four solo albums and appeared in 17 movies, but said she wasn't happy until she recently found God.

"I have learned now how to be abased, to suffer need," Matthews told the packed crowd at Owensboro's Church Alive. "I've learned these things through Christ."

Matthews said her struggles began when her white mother left her as a child. She said her African-American father beat her with wooden blocks and his fists.

"I had a horrible childhood," she said. "I didn't know what it was to be happy. I loathed myself."

Once her musical career took flight, she said she started using cocaine.

She said she's been clean for nine years and has learned to overcome her bitterness for her father. She now travels to churches across the country preaching and urging others to turn to religion to overcome their problems.

Reinventing the wagon wheel ...

Stage coach draws crowd

CLOVERPORT — Hewitt White has seen it happen dozens of times. A car or truck pulls up, a stranger gets out and makes a beeline for his work shop.

Somewhere, somehow they've found out what White does in the long, narrow building, and they have to see for themselves.

"Half the people who come here we've never met before," White said.

White welcomes them all. As they stare at the incredible workmanship and ingenuity that is on display, White labors on. When one man is building a full-size, 1960s-era stagecoach virtually from scratch, there's little time to spare.

White doesn't mind visitors. In fact, a lot of people in this little Ohio River town are almost as interested in White's latest creation as he is and can't stay away from his shop for long.

"Everyone checks in at least once a week," White said, while draping his arms over one of the coach's 4-foot-high front wheels, which he fabricated himself except for the spokes — some of the few parts of the coach he didn't make himself.

— Source: AP
Compiled by:
Clay McDaniel



IN OUR OPINION

Plea bargaining away the truth

No contest plea of middle school teacher unlikely to yield beneficial results for anyone

Innocent or not, Terry Squires will forfeit his innocence and freedom in order to avoid harsh punishments stemming from four students at Jessie Clark Middle School.

Pleading guilty to accusations that he inappropriately touched four female students, Squires now faces 12 months in jail that will be suspended for two years if he attends a treatment program for sex offenders. He also must register as a lifetime sex offender in the state registry.

Opting to avoid felony charges, Squires entered an Alford plea, which basically states that while the defendant denies any wrongdoing, the evidence may be enough to convict.

The question is, if Squires truly believes in his innocence, why did he take the plea in the first place? Why would he want to sacrifice his reputation — arguably the most vital asset a teacher possesses — so that he could barter his was into a lesser punishment?

"In the 20 years I've been in education, I've never touched a child for sexual gratification," Squires said in the courtroom before the sentence was handed down.

Squires will be sent to jail immediately if he does not complete the treatment program. How can any rehabilitation program be successful if Squires refuses to admit fault? Isn't the most important step in any recovery overcoming denial?

Supporters stand at both sides of this proverbial fence. Described as having an "exemplary life and career" by Fayette Circuit Judge Mary Noble, Squires has no public record and was at very low risk as a possible sex offender. The incidents that occurred in late 1999 and early 2000 do little to improve the record of work Squires may have achieved thus far.

Squires now works in a teacher resource center, an obvious demotion from his former teaching position.

But pleading guilty, even while maintaining one's innocence, is still pleading guilty.

It may be a sign of the times and perhaps even a condemnation of the system, though, when the fear of going to jail matters more than clinging to one's innocence.

Joshua Goebeler

KERNEL COLUMNIST

Give us a vote, and we won't rock the vote

"Some who will try to disrupt the meetings, claiming they represent the poor. To those folks, I say, 'Instead of addressing policies that represent the poor, you embrace policies that lock poor people into poverty, and that's unacceptable to the United States.' Trade has been the best avenue for economic growth for all countries and I reject the isolationism and protectionism that dominates those who will try to disrupt the meetings in Genoa."

— George W. Bush

Just last week I drove by an old hovel of a house. The yard was overgrown, the roof caving in and the paint flaking from the paneling. I almost felt sorry for the poor wretch who must live there, until my eyes focused on the satellite dish that was growing out of their miniature jungle, pumping endless hours of quality programming into their shack, then I realized that this person is representative of what a higher standard of living can bring. When I say higher standard of living, I mean it as Bush means it, a McDonaldized consumer culture.

There were tens of thousands that marched against the G-8 summit in Italy. It was during these protests that 23-year-old Carlo Giuliani was shot and killed by police.

The Asheville Global Report writes, "According to a Reuters photographer who witnessed the incident, the

youth had picked up a red fire extinguisher from the ground. He raised the fire extinguisher with two hands above his head, facing the back of a jeep that had its rear window shattered. Then two shots rang out from inside the jeep, and the youth fell to the ground. The jeep drove backwards over the sprawled torso, then changed gears and sped away, driving over his body a second time as it left the scene."

It is amazing to me that Bush would make a statement that is ripe with such fertile absurdity. How can he expect us to believe that he is concerned with the welfare of people in poverty stricken nations?

What Bush is concerned with is free market capitalism. He is concerned with lining the pockets of the companies that helped pave his way into office. Globalization is nothing more than a Fordist policy designed to exploit the people and resources of poor nations.

Why is it that the IMF refuses to let the world's poorest nation out of the stranglehold of debt that they have these countries in? They actually use an argument that parallels Bush's in its asinine, that it will be bad for the developing nation's economies.

Did you vote to give the District of Columbia \$16 million to provide security for the International Monetary Fund and World Bank, because I sure didn't?

Where is the representation? Why are so many people

IN OUR OPINION

Some things never change with trustees

Out with the old, in with the new — or so we are led to think.

Unless you live under a rock, you know that UK has a new president. And with a new president generally comes a new administrative structure, new appointments, new positions and new staff-changes, to put it generally.

Evidently, some people are slightly afraid of change.

The UK Board of Trustees is a powerful policy-making body that consists of appointees by the governor of Kentucky, faculty and staff representatives and the president of Student Government. The current chairman is one Billy Joe Miles, a Kentucky businessman who has been chair of the board for two years — the length of his contract. This past Saturday the trustee nominating committee unanimously decided that the contract of Miles and of his vice chairman, Steve Reed, be extended another year.

Why, might you ask, should Miles be granted this exception? The committee stated that there is a need for "continuity" on the BOT, given that "UK President Lee Todd has been on the job only nine weeks."

One need only look at the national or state government to realize that this argument is slightly invalid. When Bush was elected in January, America got an entirely new cabinet, new federal judges and new political appointees along with a new party in power. We can't exactly say that the country is running perfectly because of that transition, but there hasn't been a complete internal collapse. The point is, handing over the reins of power seems to go smoothly enough on the macro-scale; there is little reason to think it couldn't be accomplished at some place as small as a university.

The plot thickens. Anyone who was around two years ago when our former president was surreptitiously granted a contract extension might remember that such moves don't always play out well. And, as it turns out, there is a little behind-the-scenes power-mongering going on: The vice chairman Steve Reed, a Louisville lawyer, supports Miles' third year as chairman. Might he have designs on the top spot himself should Miles be removed from competition in 2003?

The BOT has had a productive past year. Miles almost single-handedly found, interviewed and chose President Todd — which has turned out to be great for UK — but, scarcely two months later, the board managed to wrest health insurance from most UK staff members. A spotty record, to say the least.

The question: Is this contract extension justified? Does UK absolutely need Billy Joe Miles at the helm? Does his record speak to our reliance upon him? And what does this say of UK, an institution supposedly enacting sweeping reforms but still hanging on to the policy-makers of the previous, rather mediocre administration?

We don't pretend to have the answers. But we do know that change is the only constant, and cling to the past when we should be looking forward seems to be a grave disservice to our potential.

protesting? It's because no one is being given any avenues to voice how they feel. No one is being given a vote. The U.S. and other countries are being extremely militaristic in the way that they are pushing their policies without regard to public opinion.

If there were a vote tomorrow on globalization vs. non-globalization and the later won then it wouldn't matter, globalization would continue. It would continue because that is where the money is for the privileged few that live in the privileged few countries.

What about the residents of Brazil's municipality of Paulinia, where nearly 80 percent of the population has been stricken with chronic intoxication from industrial waste polluting their drinking water?

What of Antonio de Padua Mello, whose mother-in-law died of cancer, whose wife and even his dog have cancerous tumors? I would like to see Bush go up to him and tell him about how much globalization is helping him and his family.

But, I guess it is difficult to say for sure IF these people have benefited from the higher standard of living that globalization provides until we ask that all encompassing question, "Does your village have a television?"

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