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New parking structure to be ready for spring semester

By Ashley Francis
THE KENTUCKY KERNEL

A new parking structure will open on campus before the beginning of the spring semester and officials are hoping this will help alleviate parking difficulties on campus.

Parking Structure 7 will open Jan. 9 on the corner of Sports Center Drive and Complex Drive, near the Johnson Center. The new complex will add 540 parking spots to the

area.

"Parking Structure 7 will provide an excellent opportunity to increase the number of parking spaces for residents, commuters, employees and guests," said Don Thornton, director of UK Parking and Transportation Services.

Parking Structure 7 will be available to employees with E permits, visitors to the campus and commuter students, and will also have hourly parking available for students and visitors. The structure will also be open to any one with a valid UK parking permit after 3:30 p.m.

"Building a new parking structure on the corner of Complex Drive and Sports Center Drive gives Parking & Transportation Services an opportunity to locate the facility adjacent to areas with an enormous need for more parking," Thornton said.

The university hopes the new parking area will ease the crowded areas of the Johnson and Seaton Centers, South Campus residence halls and the Nutter Training Facility, Thornton said.

"It will also give the university the opportunity to eliminate a lot of the confusion that there is with parking because parking will be more centralized," Thornton said.

The university began building the structure in October 2004 in response to the demand for more parking.

The \$22 million structure is not the only addition in the next year.

Parking Structure 6 on Virginia Avenue is scheduled to open this July and will add 770 parking spaces.

Thornton also said 120 spaces will be added to the area between the Nutter Field House and Cooper Drive in the near future to accommodate the overflow of cars cluttering the streets near South Campus.

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STILL WAITING FOR AN ANSWER

After preliminary hearing with NCAA, UK prepares to make final case for center Randolph Morris' reinstatement

By Josh Sullivan
THE KENTUCKY KERNEL

Randolph Morris should know soon whether or not he will ever be allowed to suit up as a Wildcat again.

A decision on the sophomore center's status appears to be drawing near after the NCAA Legislative Review and Interpretations Committee ruled Wednesday on an appeal by UK.

"When the NCAA staff makes a rules interpretation, that decision can be appealed," said NCAA spokesman Kent Barrett. "UK was appealing a decision by our staff to this committee."

Though officials for both institutions declined to reveal the verdict, an NCAA press release said UK could appeal the LRIC's ruling to the management council.

ESPN.com reported that on Wednesday the committee upheld an earlier decision, ruling Morris' relationship with sports agency SFX this summer was a violation of NCAA rules and declaring him ineligible.

Now UK appears ready to skip a further appeal attempt and make its final pitch for Morris' reinstatement.

"From here, we could

appeal to the management council or go ahead and move to reinstate," said UK spokesman Scott Stricklin. "I don't anticipate us getting the management council involved. We want to get it resolved as quickly as possible."

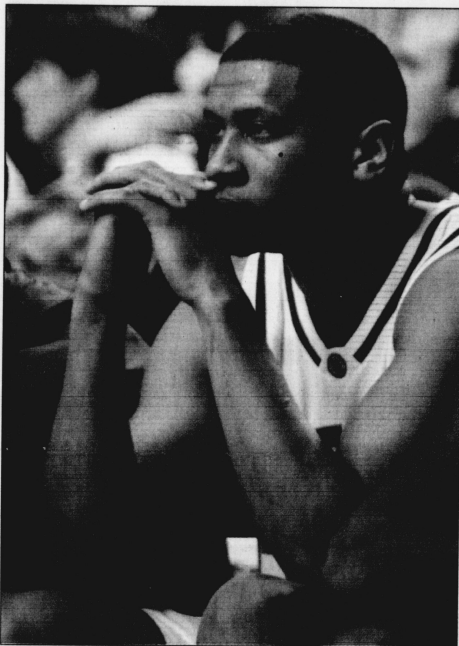
If UK chooses that route, the NCAA's student-athlete reinstatement staff will make a final decision on whether Morris did forfeit his remaining eligibility by crossing the line between amateur and professional status in his dealings with SFX.

A prospect guide for NBA teams listed the sports agency as the contact for Morris in the weeks leading up to the NBA Draft. The company arranged a workout for Morris in Chicago during the pre-draft camp in early June. It also released the statement declaring his intent to remain in the draft instead of returning to school.

That appeared to mark the end of Morris' college career until he went unselected in the June 28 draft. NCAA rules allow an undrafted athlete to return to collegiate competition, provided he or she didn't have a written or verbal agreement with an agent.

Both Morris and SFX have contended that de-

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HILLY SCHIFFER | STAFF FILE PHOTO

Randolph Morris watches from the bench last season during his freshman year at UK. After the season, he put his name in the NBA Draft but went unselected, placing his eligibility in question.

UK study shows value of meditation

By Chris Weis
THE KENTUCKY KERNEL

A UK associate biology professor received national attention last weekend for his work in sleep research.

Bruce O'Hara and his colleagues — Prashant Kaul, a graduate student from India, and Jason Passafiume, a Beckman Scholar — presented a study of the connections between meditation, sleep and performance at the Society for Neuroscience annual meeting Sunday in Washington, D.C.

The study showed that meditation improves a person's performance on psychomotor vigilance tasks, which are designed to give an accurate measurement of a person's attention level, O'Hara said.

Ten people performed better on a vigilance task after meditating for 40 minutes than they did after reading for 40 minutes, according to a USA Today report on O'Hara's experiment. When the 10 subjects lost a night's sleep before the test, the results remained the same.

"This is an indication meditation may help in alleviating sleep deprivation and general sleepiness," O'Hara said.

"As far as we know, nothing can pay off sleepiness but sleep," O'Hara said. "However, meditation might be an exception. It could be restorative in some way."

Sleep and meditation studies drew more interest at the annual meeting after the Dalai Lama opened this year's convention with a talk on meditation.

"Meditation used to be a much smaller part of the research program but now it's actually a fairly major part," O'Hara said.

O'Hara's findings were featured in New Science and USA Today articles on the meeting.

O'Hara came to UK two years ago to continue research he began at Stanford University. He helped manage Stanford's sleep lab for 12 years.

Some of O'Hara's work in Lexington concerns unraveling the question he called "one of the biggest unanswered questions in neuroscience," the question of "why we sleep."

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TIMELINE | The Randolph Morris eligibility case at a glance

MARCH 27	JUNE 21	JUNE 28	EARLY JULY	NOV. 30
After UK's loss in the NCAA Tournament, Morris says he plans to return for sophomore season.	Morris states his intention to remain in the draft via a press release from sports agency SFX.	Morris goes unselected in the draft, reopening the door for a possible return to UK.	Morris asks to return to the team. UK and the NCAA begin investigating Morris' actions leading up to the draft.	NCAA committee rules on UK's appeal of a staff decision regarding Morris' eligibility.

Researcher earns grant to work with plague vaccine

By Lauren Castle
THE KENTUCKY KERNEL

When Brian Murphy attended medical school, he never imagined he'd be handling the plague.

Yet, for the last five months, he has been doing just that.

"I didn't go into medical school to research plague but I think that the satisfaction of working on something that can affect multiple patients or a whole population is exciting," Murphy said.

Murphy recently received almost \$100,000 in a grant from the Southeastern Regional Center of Excellence in Bioterrorism to study a plague vaccine for a year.

"My interests with vaccine development, public health and infectious disease are why I chose to do this," Murphy said.

While most may associate the plague with medieval times, Murphy said there is still a need to continue research on it.

"The plague is not that bad right now," Murphy said. "Potentially, though, there could be another black death, without a vaccination."

According to the Center for Disease Control and Prevention, plague is caused by the bacteria Yersinia pestis which occurs in many areas of the

world including the United States.

"There are around 3,000 cases of plague a year world wide," Murphy said. "Around 10 cases a year in the United States, the majority of which are in the southwest."

The main concern with the plague, however, is bioterrorism, Murphy said. "The way it (Yersinia pestis) tricks your immune system to let it live inside your body is harmful."

Murphy, along with colleagues Susan Straley and Bob Perry, is trying to find vaccines for all people, but primarily first-response military troops.

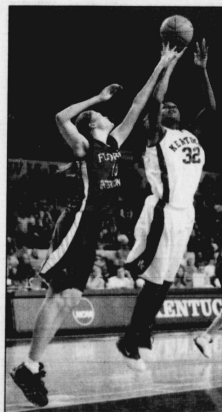
"The worry is that a terrorist group could acquire Yersinia pestis and use it on an entire city," Murphy said. "Inhale 10 to 1,000 particles of this bacterium and you will have acquired the plague."

Murphy will study the specific proteins of Yersinia pestis. The purpose will be to decide which of these proteins can be used as a future vaccination for the plague.

There are three types of plague that could infect animals and humans. Pneumonic, bubonic and septicemic are all dangerous, in different ways.

According to the CDC, pneumonic plague occurs when Yersinia pestis in-

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BOB DUNLEY | STAFF

Senior forward Jennifer Humphrey shoots past Florida International junior center Lasma Jackson during the first half of last night's game at Memorial Coliseum. UK won 71-56 and improved to 5-0 on the season.

UK 71, FIU 56 'Intimidating' defense lifts Cats over Panthers

By Chris DeLotell
THE KENTUCKY KERNEL

Mickie DeMoss still doesn't know who her team's go-to scorers are, but for the UK women's head coach, that's just fine.

Right now, everybody's scoring. The Cats used a balanced attack to take down visiting Florida International last night, 71-56. Eight players scored — four reaching double figures — as UK completed its best start since 1998, moving to 5-0 in front of 2,247 fans at Memorial Coliseum.

"It's great as long as we have somebody who steps up," DeMoss said of her team's balance. "Right now it's working for us. We'll at least be tough to scout."

The Cats' depth played a role in the first half, with center Sarah Elliott limited

to nine minutes with an injured ankle and guard Chante Bowman forced to sit out the final 11:30 of the half with two fouls.

Junior guard Jenny Pfeiffer gave the Cats a lift off the bench, hitting all three of her first-half shots, including a bank-in 3-pointer. She also sank both of her free throws. Pfeiffer finished the game with a team-high 14 points.

"She can score," DeMoss said. "I thought we were a little out of sync on offense and Pfeiffer was able to come in and give us a lift on the offensive end."

After trailing for the first 25 minutes of the game, FIU fought back to take a 38-38 lead on two free throws by Gordana Bedalov with 15:25 remaining, but reserve guard Nastassia Aktius hit a three on the ensuing UK pos-

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Sleep

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"We spend eight hours a day doing it yet we don't know what function it serves," O'Hara said. "Why do we spend a third of our lives in sleep?"

O'Hara said he hopes to learn more about sleep using relatively new molecular and genetic approaches on mice.

"Everyone is quite optimistic that this genetic approach will ultimately lead to some of the answers," he said.

O'Hara is working with two engineering professors at UK to improve on piezoelectric technology that allows for sleep/wake monitoring in rodents.

The new technology would allow for more sleep medicines to be tested, a process that has been awkward and expensive in the past, O'Hara said. More genetic approaches could be used with the technology to find genes underlying sleep as well, he said.

O'Hara said sleep research may

lead to better treatments for people with sleep disorders, like insomnia and sleep apnea. Sleep apnea is currently recognized as one of the most common disorders in medicine, he said.

Sleep disorders affect 75 million Americans, O'Hara said.

"You do basic research. We get those basic answers and it is a step toward more practical benefits," O'Hara said.

The research is being funded by grants from the National Institutes of Health and from the U.S. Department of Defense, which wants to find ways to curb sleep deprivation problems in the military.

For example, O'Hara said, almost all of the friendly fire casualties in the Gulf War were related to sleep deprivation.

"They've had a long-term interest in better-functioning soldiers," he said, adding that the same problem leads to mistakes causing industrial, automobile and trucking accidents.

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Plague

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fects the lungs and it can spread through the air.

In terms of bioterrorist attacks, this type is the most dangerous form.

"Pneumonic plague is 100 percent fatal and is transmissible through people," said Murphy. "It acts like pneumonia."

According to the CDC bubonic plague is the most common and is

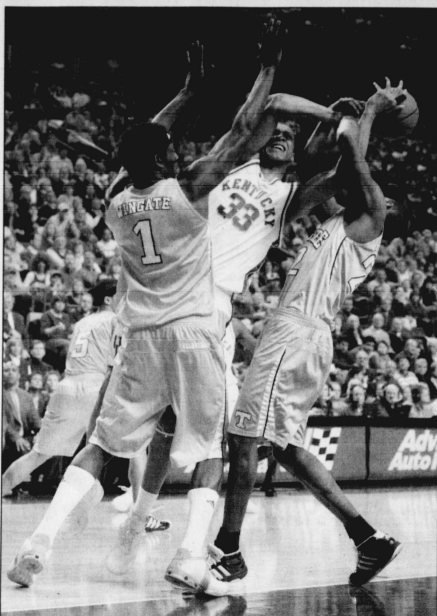
transmitted through flea bites. It affects lymph nodes and cannot be spread from person to person.

The septicemic plague occurs when plague bacteria multiplies in the blood stream and also cannot be transmitted from person to person.

Murphy said the study of this vaccine will take longer than a year and he is applying for more grants right now to further his studies.

"We are covered through a year but when the funding stops, I will still continue," Murphy said.

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Center Randolph Morris has the ball stripped away by Tennessee players during a game last year at Rupp Arena. As a freshman last season, he averaged 8.8 points and 4.2 rebounds per game while starting every contest but one. This season, he has yet to play as UK and the NCAA investigate his eligibility.

Morris

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spite their connection leading up to the draft, Morris was not a client of the firm.

In early July, Morris met with head coach Tubby Smith and asked to rejoin the team. Since then, UK and the NCAA have been working together to determine the nature of Morris' relationship with SFX.

If the student-athlete reinstatement staff agrees that there was some sort of agreement between Morris and the agency, his playing days at UK would be over.

But that wouldn't necessarily end his school days, said UK Associate Athletic Director for Compliance Sandy Bell.

"The NCAA rules allow us to give a scholarship to a professional athlete that's not currently under contract (with a team)," she said. But Bell wouldn't speculate as to whether or not UK would renew Morris' scholarship next year should he be barred from returning to the court.

"I'm not going to deal with ifs; I have to deal with facts," she said. "This is a young man's life. It's not rules; it's not fan stuff."

"This is a young man's life, for God's sake. Give us time to fix it," Bell said.

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Old threads a gift of new style

By Bill Yackey
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Looking for the latest and greatest gift this holiday season? This year, it's in with the old and out with the new. Vintage T-shirts, jackets and shoes have made a comeback in fashion over the last few years. Companies like Urban Outfitters, Abercrombie & Fitch and Nike have caught on and are producing replicas of these vintage clothes and charging high prices for them. However, a savvy shopper can get the real thing for a fraction of the cost.

Lexington offers several outlets to satisfy your holiday vintage shopping. A good first stop for vintage shirts, leather jackets and boots is Junk, located at 132 W. Third St. near the Transylvania campus.

Owners Brian Moore and Shawn Chambers opened less than a year ago and say their trademark is having equal selection of clothes for men and women.

"Most vintage stores are more like 80 percent women's clothes and 20 percent men's," said Moore.

Moore, who gets most of his items from estate sales,

said their costume jewelry, necklaces and belt buckles make great gifts for college students who have to buy lots of gifts. Most of their jewelry is priced than less \$10.

Pops Resale and Consignment at 1423 Leestown Rd. specializes in vintage clothing as well as old records and video game systems.

The cluttered shop looks small from the street, but once inside, the back of the store opens into a vintage clothing and vinyl record haven. Vintage T-shirts, jeans, jackets and even suits are organized on racks by type of clothing and color. T-shirts sell for as little as \$3, and a discount rack features articles for cheaper than that.

"T-shirts are one of our best sellers," said owner Dan "Pops" Shorr. "Sometimes people will walk out of here with bundles of 25 for gifts."

Shorr opened Pops in Lexington almost 10 years ago because he hadn't seen anything like it before.

"We have stuff you can't get at any mall," said Shorr. Shorr said he visits auctions and trade shows to find his merchandise, but most of it is brought in the door by customers looking to sell

their old clothes.

A few doors down from Pops is the Goodwill Store, which resells donated clothes and furniture to help disabled and disadvantaged people to find employment. It is also a hot spot for vintage shirts, dresses and jackets.

The Goodwill staff puts out 1,000 new items on their racks each day. "Every time you come in, the store is completely different," said Janie Jones, the Leestown Road store manager.

Most donations are made by adults, so it's easy to find authentic vintage clothes from past decades. Most shirts are \$1, and retro suits run for \$10.

Lindsay Columna, a psychology junior, has been wearing vintage clothes since middle school. She suggested antique jewelry and T-shirts as good gifts, especially for girls.

"I think it makes you more unique because you can throw together this cool outfit for 10 bucks," Columna said. "We like to have this funky random stuff, it makes you stand out."

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Krystal Ball

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LSU 28 Georgia 17
USC 42 UCLA 28
Virginia Tech 31 Florida St. 12
West Virginia 10 South Florida 9
Navy 27 Army 13
Louisville 99 UConn 2

Adam Sichko (64-27)
Last week: 4-3

Texas 45 Colorado 17
LSU 27 Georgia 24
Virginia Tech 31 Florida St. 21
USC 35 UCLA 31
West Virginia 28 South Florida 10
Navy 24 Army 7
Louisville 21 UConn 14

Doug Scott (63-28)
Last week: 5-2

Texas 66 Colorado 25
Georgia 64 LSU 27
USC 63 UCLA 28
Virginia Tech 63 Florida St. 28
West Virginia 62 South Florida 29

Navy 61 Army 30
Louisville 59 UConn 32

Chris Johnson (63-28)
Last week: 3-4

Texas 42 Colorado 24
LSU 31 Georgia 27
USC 41 UCLA 38
Virginia Tech 26 Florida St. 10
West Virginia 34 South Florida 9
Navy 38 Army 17
UConn 28 Louisville 27

Megan Boehnke (62-29)
Last week: 5-2

Texas 35 Colorado 17
LSU 23 Georgia 14
USC 42 UCLA 17
Virginia Tech 28 Florida St. 16
West Virginia 31 South Florida 25
Navy 21 Army 13
Louisville 28 UConn 21

Andrew Martin (61-30)
Last week: 4-3

Texas 24 Colorado 13
LSU 30 Georgia 17

USC 42 UCLA 35
Virginia Tech 28 Florida St. 14
West Virginia 27 South Florida 17
Navy 28 Army 21
Louisville 31 UConn 28

Josh Sullivan (59-32)
Last week: 4-3

Texas 42 Colorado 13
LSU 17 Georgia 10
USC 35 UCLA 31
Virginia Tech 42 Florida St. 22
West Virginia 27 South Florida 7
Navy 28 Army 0
Louisville 35 UConn 3

Tim Wiseman (58-33)
Last week: 5-2

Texas 35 Colorado 17
Georgia 17 LSU 16
USC 42 UCLA 35
Virginia Tech 28 Florida St. 17
West Virginia 24 South Florida 10
Navy 14 Army 9
Louisville 28 UConn 14

Hilly Schiffer (55-36)
Last week: 7-0

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IN OUR OPINION

Kill dead week before it kills students

Next week is supposedly "dead week." But students' brains — not their workloads — are all that seems to die the week before finals.

During dead week, instructors are supposed to refrain from giving exams or tests in order to give students a break before finals. It's certainly a noble concept.

Whatever benefit comes from this minor respite, however, is erased by the slew of presentations, projects and papers that are typically due that week.

It's pretty hard to study for finals that are in a week when you have two 15-page papers due the next day.

In fact, the effect of the current dead-week regulations is merely to keep the burden on students from growing any larger.

We may have every major assignment due that week, but at least we don't have

to study for any tests! That's not enough. Dead week needs to be strengthened, so that students can truly have a week dedicated to studying for finals.

A simple addition to the current regulations would suffice to fix dead week. Section 5.2.4.6 of the University Senate Rules (www.uky.edu/USC/NewSenateRules-Main.htm) prohibits instructors from giving any examination — quiz, text or final exam — during the week preceding finals.

That statute should be revised to include papers, projects and any other assignments that make up a significant per-

centage of a student's grade in a class. Of course, we are not under the illusion that the week before dead week would become any different than dead week itself is now — a slew of major assignments all due within days of each other.

But timing is important: It's better to have everything due in one week and then have a week to study for finals than to have it all due at once with no break at all.

Moreover, if major assignments are due the week before dead week, there's at least the chance that instructors will be able to return them

while classes are still in session so that students can know their grades when going into the final exam.

The current system sets students up for failure by giving them just a weekend to study before finals.

In this instance, it would be appropriate for Student Government to petition the University Senate for the change. Perhaps an ad hoc committee — with both faculty and students as members — could be formed to look into the problem.

Faculty may benefit as well from spreading out their grading workload. And they could point out that students and faculty both cried the policy when students anxiously plead for extensions on end-of-the-semester projects.

But especially for the students' sake, UK needs to make sure "dead week" is no longer a misnomer.

Everyone, faculty included, knows "dead week" rules are a farce. So let's do something to make finals week better for students.



BRAD STURGEON, THE KENTUCKY KERNEL

Pentagon press agency should get out of Iraq

Much like its Vietnam-era predecessors, the Bush administration has chosen to adhere to a strict doctrine of optimistic foreign policy, neglecting the realities of war and the errors in the march to said war in favor of an attitude that equates pessimism and bad news with un-American sentiments. Americans should, so argues the Bush administration, "stay the course" in Iraq, a three-word phrase that has become more of a delusional state-of-mind rather than a plan for victory.

As if attempting to discredit the Western press and blathering from a podium about "evil-doers" wasn't enough, the Bush administration has decided that deception and manipulation of the Iraqi media should play a role in the

The United States military has been running a "multi-million-dollar covert campaign" to pepper Iraqi newspapers with optimistic "news" stories intended to win over the Iraqi populace, according to a story in *The New York Times*. Graced with headlines such as "The Sands Are Blowing Toward a Democratic Iraq," the articles are prepared by the military and then sent off to the Lincoln Group, a Washington public relations firm that translates the articles into Arabic and then distributes them to Iraqi newspapers.

In addition to the dissemination of the faux news articles, the Pentagon has paid, through the Lincoln Group, dozens of Iraqi journalists, who have displayed a favorable opinion of the United States' presence in Iraq, monthly stipends of hundreds of dollars. Such actions illustrate an ironic turn of events coming from an administration that has been so adamantly against the supposed "liberal bias" in American news media. But then again, it's the Bush administration. What do you expect?

Conservatives are upset by the constant stream of bad news that emanates from Iraq, and I understand. It must be frustrating when you feel you have to blame perceived media bias for failed foreign policy. But to forgo any sort of ethical journalistic standard in order to somehow seek a balance is completely absurd.

The fact the government is planting biased news articles in Iraqi newspapers is a complete contradiction of what a free, democratic press stands for: Are we trying to help Iraq establish its own democracy, or are we trying to subvert the Iraqi people into a colonial state?

You may recall last year when the government produced video news releases, starring actors posing as journalists, and distributed them to broadcast news stations under the guise that they were legit news pieces. The videos were intended to garner public support for health care laws signed by Bush in December 2003.

Earlier this year, the Government Accountability Office released a memo in which it condemned the Bush administration for making the mock-news broadcasts. In classic and predictable fashion, the administration ignored the GAO memo and expressed its intent to continue producing the broadcasts. Go figure.

For a group whose credibility is constantly waning as public opinion polls continue to show plummeting approval ratings, it's startling the Bush administration has the effrontery to fund a propaganda campaign both at home and overseas. But then again, I guess that's what "staying the course" is all about. And by "staying the course," I mean "deception, warringongering, and a complete detachment from reality."

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

'It's still a Grand Old Party'

One could argue this year has been a challenge for members of the Republican Party on both the state and national level.

In 2003, Republicans were elated to see Ernie Fletcher take the governorship from the Democratic Party. Since then, an inherited billion-dollar deficit is now a surplus, the size of state government has been reduced, thousands of jobs have been created and violence against pregnant women and their unborn children has been recognized as the two-part crime it is.

Gov. Fletcher has tried to move Kentucky forward. Even though he's admitted making some mistakes, Attorney General Greg Stumbo continues his crusade to berate the governor and smear the GOP. I certainly don't need Stumbo to lecture me on ethics, nor does anyone else.

On a national level, President Bush has come under pressure for myriad reasons. Democrats in Congress have forgotten to support the war for which many of them voted. But our armed forces are willing to risk their lives for the greater good of America and the world; it's their selfless, unfettered bravery that warrants the high praise and respect they ought to receive.

Reasonable people may disagree about Iraq, but it takes an unreasonable person to assert that immediate withdrawal — which could equate to failure — is the way to win this war and honor the sacrifices of our troops.

So for those Republicans who've questioned their allegiance to the GOP over the past year — for whatever reason — rest assured. We are still the party of personal responsibility and accountability, a party that values freedom of faith and finance, the sanctity of marriage and the worth of a human life, even in its most vulnerable state. We are still a party of hard workers — people who know how to spend our money far better than any government bureaucrat.

For those on the right, be proud of our principles, our governor and our president. It's still a Grand Old Party and the day we allow our convictions to be determined by popular opinion is the day we should change our political registration.

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Support your assertions, please

I was under an obviously false assumption that by college everyone had learned the valuable and important lesson of supporting claims. While reading Chris Miles' Nov. 30 column, "U.S. turning into an intellectual vacuum," Miles proposes the idea that Americans are falling behind intellectually to countries such as India and China.

The support given in this article is weak at best. He cited two lectures, which contained no direct quotes, and an article that he gave no title where one could possibly begin to look for it.

I do agree with the necessity to keep Americans up to par with other countries intellectually, and personally feel education should be a top priority among diplomats and individuals alike. However, I don't entirely agree with the notion Miles claims was put forth in the article he read — that Americans are losing jobs with companies such as Microsoft to countries like India because India has a more qualified workforce.

Interestingly enough, an article published on msn.com

titled, "Will Your Job Move to India?" gave a different reason for this outsourcing altogether.

The article focused on the bottom line, or revenue gained from lower wages. Because Americans demand higher wages for their quality of life — and then you add in health care, which falls upon the employer — it really seems more economical to move whatever jobs you can to a less wage-demanding country.

If we want to entertain Miles' solution to the problem he sees, our only alternative is to become more intelligent. While an honorable task, I think we're more likely to save jobs by being both intelligent and a smart consumer, which means buying from companies who employ Americans.

Another solution is creating healthcare systems similar to European nations where taxes pay for the most cost-appropriate programs, not individuals and employers. It really does make a difference, and if we don't do what we can now to save American jobs, we are going to find it more difficult to put our degrees to use.

MELOY HUNTSINGER
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Abortion position has no teeth

I went to the abortion panel Tuesday night at William T. Young Library, and something bothered me. A gentleman talking claimed he was for women's rights. Well, so am I.

Two other ladies talked about how the lives of women would be harder economically, not to mention their quality of life, were it not for a right to an abortion. If someone has a baby, I agree the mother will have less free time and money.

But the real issue is whether or not abortion is ending a life. Women's rights, quality of life — these are side issues. It boils down to this: Is an abortion operation going to end a little baby's life before it had a chance to live?

I don't know when life begins exactly. I cannot tell you that on this day of the pregnancy it is a person, not an unborn thing. The thing is, neither can scientists.

So no one knows for sure. Why should we risk ending the life of a child? If we don't know, then we shouldn't tamper with whatever life there may be.

Although I take issue with abortion for spiritual reasons, I can't support abortion for logical reasons, either. It's for this reason — the uncertainty over whether or not abortion ends a life — that I think the pro-abortion rights position really loses any of its footholds.

NATHAN CHICK
business management senior

UK disability parking not enough

I recently had surgery on my ankle, which has limited my ability to walk long distances without pain. I live off campus but am close enough to walk by most people's standards.

After having my surgery, I went to UK Parking and Transportation Services to get a disability parking pass. I had to wait two weeks while they filled all kinds of pa-

perwork with the UK Disability Resource Center, and after waiting I was finally approved.

UK Parking told me that I could park in any white-lined spot on campus with the exception of a few places. Around campus there are a few areas that are specifically marked for handicap students. These places are the lot in front of Miller Hall, a small row of spaces in the Funkhouser Building, a small row at the end of Patterson Drive and in front of the Student Center.

The first time I used my pass, I drove all around campus and ended up getting a spot by the Student Center, which is real close when I have class in the Chem/Phys. Building.

After that, I started noticing that the spots in the spaces in front of Miller Hall were always taken, but six of eight spaces were usually taken by people without disability parking passes. I know that I am allowed to park in any white lined spot on campus, but everyone knows that those are never empty until way after 5 p.m.

Well, after weeks and weeks of having to park in the fraternity lot by William T. Young Library, I am now forced to walk to class.

The distance is a little longer, but it is much less of a hassle than trying to find a spot where I should be allowed to park but am not able to. I think that UK Parking need to do something to address these parking issues. Now I just take two Advil, and tough it out for the long walk.

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Heels up first in difficult December docket

By Ryan Wood
THE KENTUCKY KERNEL

Saturday's showdown against the defending national champion North Carolina Tar Heels is just the beginning of a very tough December for the UK basketball team.

"This is the hardest part of our schedule," head coach Tubby Smith said earlier this week. "Not just competition-wise, but also academically. Guys are preparing for finals and papers are due as the semester comes to an end."

After this weekend's game, the Cats (5-1) head to Atlanta Tuesday to take on Georgia State before traveling to Indianapolis next Saturday to take on No. 16 Indiana at the RCA Dome.

Just one week after that game, Dec. 17, Kentucky welcomes intrastate rival

Louisville and former coach Rick Pitino to Rupp Arena for the annual battle of the Commonwealth.

UK will close out the month in Louisville against Iowa and in Cincinnati against Ohio University.

Smith is 4-1 in his career at Kentucky versus UNC.

North Carolina head coach Roy Williams is 2-4 against Smith, losing his three of those games against Kentucky while he was at Kansas.

Williams claimed his first Tar Heel victory against the Cats last December in the Dean Smith Center by a margin of 91-79 on route to the national title.

"This is a big game for us," Smith emphasized.

The Heels (3-1) lead the series, which dates back to the 1924 season, 17-10, but UK

has won four of the last five.

The two schools are the winningest in all of college basketball, with UK holding the edge in total victories, 1,909 to 1,863, and winning percentage.

The last time North Carolina came to Rupp was in the 2003 season. UK guard Gerald Fitch recorded 21 points, including a late 3-pointer, to give UK a 61-56 win in front of a sellout crowd.

During their 2001 visit to Rupp, the Tar Heels didn't fare any better when guard Tayshaun Prince dropped five consecutive 3-pointers to open the game including one from 30 feet, roughly at the midpoint UK emblem, leading UK to a 79-59 victory.

Junior forward Rekalim Sims will be facing UK against UNC for the first

time Saturday and he can't wait to suit up.

"It's going to be an exciting game. I'm looking forward to it a lot," Sims said.

Equally excited is sophomore guard Ramele Bradley who traveled to Chapel Hill for last year's loss.

"I circled (this game) early," Bradley said. "I remember last year they started out real fast on and pulled out to a 10-0 lead. Me sitting on the bench watching, my whole mindset coming into the game was 'go out there and show heart and not back down.'"

"That's going to be my same focus going into this game," he continued. "Not backing down, it doesn't matter about the name (on the jersey)."

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Cats face ACC Champ Terps in NCAA

By Chris DeLottell
THE KENTUCKY KERNEL

The room was silent with anticipation. Some of UK's volleyball players let their thoughts roam, wondering what they would do if the season was over. Others tried to come to grips with the end of their careers. As the NCAA Tournament selection show carried on, the Cats became less and less optimistic about their chances of earning an at-large bid.

Then assistant coach Robby Pulliza screamed.

The players and coaches looked to see "Kentucky" on the screen, and pandemonium ensued, according to head coach Craig Skinner.

"I was in awe," junior defensive specialist Julie Gagnon said. "We started hugging each other and crying. We were kind of pessimistic about our chances, so that made the moment even better when we got in."

"It was the best moment of my athletic career," senior middle blocker Amy Kaplan

said.

Skinner, who was named Southeastern Conference Coach of the Year for leading UK to the NCAA Tournament for the first time since 1963, came here from Big 12 power Nebraska, where making the NCAA Tournament was commonplace.

"I never realized how big and how important the NCAA Tournament was until Sunday," he said. "I've taken the tournament for granted the past few years and after seeing the reaction of our players when they saw our name up on the board on the TV, it was one of the most incredible things I've seen."

"I think you realize and understand how much effort and energy and work they've put in to what they're doing. It's amazing the emotion you feel when you reach a goal and achieve something that

takes a lot of hours of preparation."

Despite the fact that UK was picked to finish last in the SEC in the preseason coaches' poll, Skinner said he believed all along that the Cats had the talent to go to the NCAAs.

"It's a heck of a group effort," he said. "We have some seniors who had never been satisfied. They have been an amazing group. I think these kids needed a reason to be successful and I think we instilled some things that helped them feel confident about what they're doing."

In the first round of the tournament, held in Louisville, the Cats will face Maryland. The Terps enter the NCAAs with a 27-4 record and as co-champions of the Atlantic Coast Conference. Maryland runs a 6-2 offense, which is similar to the style favored by Arkansas, who UK defeated twice this

season. Skinner said he feels his team's familiarity with the system will help.

The Terps are anchored by a strong front line, led by the school-record holder for blocks, 6-foot-4 middle blocker Rachel Wagener.

"They're big and physical in the middle," Skinner said. "They have a pretty balanced attack."

Other than their knowledge of the front line, UK's players are not familiar with Maryland's team.

"I'm trusting our coaches and their scouting ability," senior outside hitter Danielle Wallace said. "But it's not that much difference just because they play in the SEC. It's really the same."

If the Cats beat the Terps today at 5, they will advance to face the winner of the Louisville-Western Kentucky match tomorrow. All-session tickets are available in the Memorial Coliseum ticket office for \$15.

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session, sparking a 22-6 burst that put the Cats ahead for good.

Alcius scored seven of her season-high 12 points in the decisive run.

"I felt like we had a lot of opportunities to put the game away, but that shot set the tone for it," she said. "It got the crowd into it and the crowd got us into it."

A Pfeiffer 3-pointer from the left corner punctuated the run, pulling UK ahead 60-45 with 5:04 to play. FIU got no closer than 13 points for the remainder of the game.

"They have a lot of depth and size and did a good job wearing us down," FIU coach Cindy Russo said. "It's a conglomeration of people. They all kind of do the same thing and they have some very good players."

The team feels that depth is its biggest strength right now.

"We have a lot of athleticism and a lot of depth," forward Jennifer Humphrey said. "That's what won us the game tonight: our depth."

"It just shows we're becoming more of a team," Al-



Junior guard Jenny Pfeiffer goes by Florida International senior guard Faeza Bouderra for a shot during the first half of last night's game at Memorial Coliseum. UK defeated the Golden Panthers 71-55.

cius said. "Our starters aren't going to be able to play well every night, so the mindset becomes, 'What can I do as a bench player to help the team?' That's important for us."

FIU's best offensive player, Lasma Jekabsons, was a non-

factor, shooting just two-for-11 on the night and finishing with five points. Russo credited UK's post defense for shutting down the Panthers' scoring leader.

"They manhandled her," Russo said. "They did an excellent job and she was a bit

intimidated."

After the game, the Cats displayed their 5-0 start.

"It's a great accomplishment, but it's nothing right now," Pfeiffer said. "We've got a lot to work on."

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