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Logging opponents to protest at trustees' meeting

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Students and community members who oppose logging Robinson Forest will once again try to appeal to UK's board members, this time with their bodies and signs before today's Board of Trustees meeting.

Protesters will gather at noon on the first floor of Patterson Office Tower as board members pass through for the 1 p.m. meeting on the 18th floor, said Taylor Shelton, a UK GreenThumb co-coordinator. He and other demonstrators will present their opposition to the plan, which would cut about 800 acres of the Eastern Kentucky forest for a forestry research project.

"It's to let them know we're not going to stop," Shelton said. "We aren't going to back down, we're not going to say, 'Oh, you are right about this.'"

Today's demonstration follows months of protests, including a sit-in outside President Lee Todd's office in December, culminating in a presentation to members of the board during a joint committee meeting at the end of last semester.

At the December meeting, four people — two students, a member of local activist group Kentucky Heartwood, and Kentucky writer Wendell Berry — presented their rationale for why the forest should not be logged. The December meeting did

not end with any action by the board, although Todd presented written responses to the protesters explaining why the Robinson Forest plan should continue. "After we listened the last time, actually, I feel like we've done our due diligence and listened to a full day of presentation," said Board of Trustees Chairwoman Mira Ball.

Ball said she felt last month's meeting satisfied the protesters' requests, but she would be open to further discussion if some of the board's 19 other members wish to discuss the logging plan.

Staff trustee Russ Williams also said he would be willing to discuss Robinson Forest if "the board doesn't feel finished with it."

"I don't want to shut the door on everything," Williams said. "We have a standing action right now but, certainly, if someone wanted to bring it up and discuss it, I would be willing to bring it up and discuss it."

Student Government President Nick Phelps, the student representative to the board, said he has addressed the Robinson Forest debate by meeting with interested student groups. However, Phelps said that because he did not vote on the 2004 decision, he would defer to other board members on further action.

"I need to have some respect for how things work," Phelps said.

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TAYLOR SHELTON
GreenThumb co-coordinator



Freeman Hrabowski stands and applauds Reginald Smith Jr. as he sings "Believe In Yourself" yesterday at Heritage Hall as a part of Lexington's Martin Luther King Jr. Day commemoration. Hrabowski gave the keynote address.

Community reflects on King's vision

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Krissalyn Booth braved temperatures in the teens on the eve of Martin Luther King Jr. Day to participate in a commemorative march that began UK's second annual student vigil, titled "King's Dream is Alive."

Booth, an English sophomore, said she celebrates Martin Luther King Jr. Day because it's important to respect the civil rights movement.

"Martin Luther King was a man of faith and a man of God, and he fought for the equality and rights of everyone, not just black people," Booth said.

Marchers watched on Sunday as students acted out silent scenes depicting hate crimes of the past, which Booth said helped remind students of how things were prior to the civil rights movement.

"I hope people will not become numb to the people before us that have paved a way so we can have the rights that we have," she said. "The visual scenes give a better portrayal of what happened."

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Marchers walk down Main Street as part of the city's Martin Luther King Jr. Day events.

Police continue investigation of campus rape report

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Lexington police continue to investigate a possible rape that was reported to have occurred in the Sigma Alpha Epsilon fraternity house in the early morning of Jan. 13.

The incident occurred between an adult male and an adult female at 410 Rose Lane sometime between 1:30 and 4 a.m., according to the police report, which the woman filed at 2:22 p.m. the same day.

The woman who filed the rape report knew the perpetrator, which is common among sexual assaults that occur in private residences, said Lt. James Curless of the Bureau of Investigation's Personal Crime Section.

Although the report links the incident to the SAE house, the man involved was not affiliated with the fraternity, said Brandon Weghorst, the director of communications at the fraternity's

national headquarters.

"The person was not a member of the organization in any way, so he was not a pledge and was not an active," Weghorst said.

He said the national headquarters is aware of the situation and has launched its own investigation to find out what details it can cover the next couple weeks or months.

The current police investigation will determine whether there is probable cause to make an arrest or bring the incident to court.

"Right now we're a little premature to cross that bridge," Curless said. "We're still obtaining facts and information."

UK police are not handling the investigation because the initial report was made to Lexington police, and the SAE house is in an area that the university and city police share jurisdiction over.

Sorority stretches holiday's meaning into week

By Jasmine Whitlow
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This year's Martin Luther King Jr. Day has passed, but a UK sorority is working to continue King's message by organizing community events throughout the week.

Delta Sigma Theta Sorority Inc. is hosting Delta Week 2008 "Red, White and You," to follow the weekend's events.

"These events broaden awareness under the realization that we are still living Martin Luther King's dream," said Alicia Arnett, a Delta Sigma Theta member and pharmacy senior.

The Delta Week events are designed to continue that political and social awareness of current issues, she said.

A presidential election forum will be held today in room 211 of the Student Center at 6 p.m. The UK College Democrats and UK College Republicans will come together to educate students about the candidates and to hold an informal debate.

"Voter registration is a national program of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority under the idea of political awareness and involvement," said Brittany Fulton, a member of Delta Sigma Theta and a marketing and finance senior. "We want students to be informed and understand the importance of being an informed voter."

A Stress and Rejuvenation Fair tomorrow in room 206 of the Student Center from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. It will feature spa and salons showcasing their products and sharing about their companies, including Mary Kay and Avon. Students will have an opportunity to win giveaways to spas and salons and receive a free facial at the fair.

"The Stress and Rejuvenation Fair is a good way for students to find out about businesses in Lexington that could be a stress reliever for students," said Delta Sigma Theta President Kiesha Hilson.

As part of the organization's mission, Delta Week will host a community service project Thursday in room 230 of the Student

Center from 2 to 5 p.m. Students and the members of Delta Sigma Theta will put together boxed lunches and deliver them to a homeless shelter under the theme: "Ask NOT What Your Country Can Do for You, But What YOU Can Do for Your Country."

"One of Delta's founding principles is community service," said Hilson, an accounting and Spanish senior. "We strive to do something better in the community in every way we can."

The ladies of Delta Sigma Theta will hold two social events to wrap up the end of the week. On Friday, a party under the theme "Fight for Your Right to Party" will be held at the High Street YMCA from 11 p.m. to 2 a.m., and on Saturday, "United We Stand, Divided We Fall" ice skating event will be held at the Lexington Ice Center from 5:45 p.m. to 7:45 p.m.

"It's not your average week," said Kimber Hatton, a nursing junior and a member of Delta Sigma Theta. "It's not just social but educational."

Phillips named eventual successor to Brooks; head coach gets extension

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More than 20 years ago, Joker Phillips had a decision to make.

As family members and friends advised Phillips on where to go to college, it took a simple question from his mother to reveal his choice.

"My mom came to me and asked, 'Joe, where do you want to go?' I told her that I wanted to go to Kentucky, always have," Phillips said. "It wasn't the popular choice of many of my friends and family, but it was where my heart was."

Phillips' decision more than two decades ago in his hometown of Franklin, Ky., came full-circle Friday.

In what head coach Rich Brooks and Athletics Director Mitch Barnhart

called a move of "continuity and consistency for current and future players," Phillips was named the eventual successor as the head coach of UK football once Brooks decides to leave the position.

"To have the opportunity to someday lead this program is real special to myself and my family," Phillips said. "The thing is, I appreciate the support of everybody. The journey has been fun."

Phillips, UK's offensive coordinator and wide receivers coach, was named the successor at a news conference Friday, which President Lee Todd attended. Barnhart also announced that Brooks will receive a contract extension through the 2011 season and will receive a pay raise to

\$1.6 million a year.

"I'm really thankful that Dr. Todd and Mitch (Barnhart) believed in this program," Brooks said. "I made a statement when I came here when Mitch hired me that I wanted to do the same thing here that we accomplished at the University of Oregon during my tenure. ... I believe we're on a solid foundation in this program."

The announcement of a succession plan and Brooks' contract extension comes three weeks after UK completed its second consecutive 8-5 season and first back-to-back bowl victories since the 1950-51 seasons. The Cats beat Florida State in the Gaylord Hotels Music City Bowl on Dec. 31.

Leading up to the bowl game, there

were rumors that Brooks, 66, would retire. Following the victory, Brooks reiterated what he has said throughout the season: that he wants to leave UK as the longest-tenured coach in school history.

"For Brooks to accomplish his goal, he will have to coach five more seasons. Fran Curci has the longest tenure and coached for nine seasons at UK from 1973-81.

As UK continued to have success in the 2007 season, other reports surfaced that Phillips, 44, was generating a lot of interest for head coaching vacancies at other schools. With the program's future facing speculation, Barnhart and Brooks decided a succession plan needed to be in place.

Succession plans are highly uncommon in college football, but it appears

the move will keep Phillips in Lexington until Brooks steps down.

The UK offensive coordinator had several opportunities to coach at other programs, according to Brooks, but Phillips said UK and working with Brooks is where he always wanted to be.

"He's hard to leave," Phillips said of his head coach.

Todd added his support of the decision and commended Brooks for the job he has done in rebuilding the football program over the last five years.

"Coach Brooks has built this program the right way, with hard work and integrity," Todd said in a news release.

"Joker Phillips has played a major role in that effort and I'm proud to see one of our own poised to take the reins of

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Horoscopes

By Linda C. Black

To get the advantage, check the day's rating: 10 is the easiest day, 0 the most challenging.

Aries (March 21 - April 19) Today is an 8 — You have another conflict between your public and private lives. You may have to attend a meeting, but get back home quickly. Somebody there needs you around.

Taurus (April 20 - May 20) Today is a 6 — Don't push for progress. Focus on security, and replenishing your resources. Stack up provisions for the future. This exercise always calms your nerves.

Gemini (May 21 - June 21) Today is an 8 — Don't waste your money on silly things you can do without. Save it up for something spectacular you'll remember for years. Get a good camera, too.

Cancer (June 22 - July 22) Today is a 6 — They say that if you do

what you love, the money will follow. In your case, that's what's happening now. If you don't already have the perfect job, go and apply for it.

Leo (July 23 - Aug. 22) Today is an 8 — A confrontation doesn't need to lead to an ugly scene. The other folks have to make decisions without you sometimes. Make suggestions if you must, but don't expect them to be obeyed.

Virgo (Aug. 23 - Sept. 22) Today is a 5 — Give yourself time to think, so you don't make silly mistakes. Yes, you're under pressure. It's nothing you can't handle. You might even make it look easy.

Libra (Sept. 23 - Oct. 22) Today is an 8 — Once you understand what's required, you can start making plans. Next, figure out what you can delegate, and to whom. Get everybody involved. Your team loves to play.

Scorpio (Oct. 23 - Nov. 21) Today is a 6 — There's an exam coming. Better be prepared. Practice the skills you'll need to do your job from the next level up. In private, of

course.

Sagittarius (Nov. 22 - Dec. 21) Today is a 7 — The more you study, the more options you discover. New questions are raised almost as fast as the old ones are answered. Expand your area of inquiry.

Capricorn (Dec. 22 - Jan. 19) Today is a 5 — Stash away as much as you can in a very safe place. Make it hard to get it out once you've put it in. Locked-in multi-year investments, for example, work just fine.

Aquarius (Jan. 20 - Feb. 18) Today is an 8 — You're strong and getting stronger, so you won't mind a bit of competition, will you? Don't let them catch you off guard. Be prepared.

Pisces (Feb. 19 - March 20) Today is a 5 — It may be especially hard to get to work on time this morning. Hopefully, you'll be able to stay late and finish the tasks. Keep from falling behind, if you can.

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THE DISH

HOW TRISTA GOT HER BODY BACK

While most women marked the new year by kicking off a new diet, Trista Sutter used her holiday to kick back — and celebrate. After just five months of dedicated dieting and exercise, she has met her weight-loss goal and shed all 30 of her pregnancy pounds! (She dropped 15 pounds immediately after giving birth on July 26 to son Maxwell via C-section.) "I'm so proud," the 108-pound mom, who's married to firefighter Ryan Sutter, 33, from 2003's *Bachelor*, tells *Us* of her triumphant transformation. The 5-foot-2 former Miami Heat

You sound surprised you pulled it off!

It was a huge change. If you'd seen me at the gym three months ago, I was in Ryan's hoodies and big baggy pants and kind of hiding myself. A month ago I was like, Oh, my God, how am I going to do this? But right before we left, my body changed a little more and I just felt comfortable. I would have loved another month to get more ripped like Kelly Ripa, but I'm content in how I look.

How has your body changed?

In every muscle group I can see a difference: my back muscles, my legs, my butt. And my quads feel a lot more toned. But my abs are the most drastic change and the one I'm most proud of. When I first started working out with Brock, we didn't even do abs because it hurt [due to the C-section]. Now, I can do situps and crunches like crazy, and that actually feels good.

What's your workout?

Three to four times a week, I go to the gym and do an hour workout with Brock [see page 63]. We don't do a whole lot of cardio; it's mostly circuit training. "Another day I do Billy Blanks' *Boot Camp* DVD, and then one day a week I walk Max in a stroller around our neighborhood, which is about a three-mile loop. Every night before I go to bed, I do abs, pushups and tricep presses. I feel better when I wake up if I've done something to set my muscles and make them feel alive.

Biggest challenge?

Just making time to go to the gym. Ryan was fantastic about watching Max. It was a huge help being able to go to the gym and knowing that Max was in the best of hands with his dad. And there were times I brought Max with me. I put him next to the treadmill, and he would fall asleep because of the hum of it, which was supercute!

Tell Us about your diet.

I'm not a big diet person. I think that as long as I work out consistently and eat healthy, that's all I need. I'm very conscious of portion control. So I wasn't necessarily counting every single calorie, but I was really aware of not taking in calories I didn't need [see next page].

How do you feel about your body now?

I'm feeling more energetic and alive — and less self-conscious. I can wear the tighter versions of Juicy sweatpants and not feel like stuff is jiggling everywhere!

In October, you told *Us* you were eager to get back into your size-26 Hudson jeans. When did you fit into them?

When I was trying on my outfits to pack for Hawaii, I was like, OK, let's try them on. A couple months back, they were really tight — like those commercials where you're lying on the bed trying to zip them up. It was so satisfying to get them on.

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A DREAM COME TRUE

Blackwelder invited to play in first major of the year



Women's golf head coach Myra Blackwelder helps junior Mallory Blackwelder, Myra's daughter, with her swing. Mallory Blackwelder will play in the Kraft Nabisco Championship starting April 3.

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Since she was a baby, Mallory Blackwelder has been immersed in the world of professional golf, sitting on the green as her mother, Myra, played on the LPGA Tour, and watching her father, Worth, caddie for numerous pros.

As she grew and became interested in playing golf herself, Mallory Blackwelder's dream soon became playing in the majors.

Now, her dream is about to come true. On April 3 at Mission Hills Country Club in Rancho Mirage, Calif., Mallory Blackwelder will play in the Kraft Nabisco Championship, the first major tournament of the year on the tour. The tournament is a four-day event.

Mallory Blackwelder, a junior on the women's golf team, was one of seven amateurs that received sponsor invitations to play in the tournament. The field of more than 100 professionals includes 2007 Rolex Player of the Year Lorena Ochoa, multi-major winner Annika Sorenstam and last year's Kraft Nabisco Championship winner Morgan Pressel.

"It is the most exciting news that I have ever gotten," Mallory Blackwelder said. "It's a huge opportunity to get an invitation to play. That's what I want my future to be, to go out and play on the tour, so to get a glimpse of that right now as an amateur, there will be pressure, but not as much pressure, I'm really excited."

Mallory Blackwelder said she is looking forward to seeing how she compares to the world's best golfers. "They're all out there right now and they're successful, and that's what I want to do," she said. "I want to see what I need to do next year, and after that, try to get out there and be successful in golf."

At the tournament, Mallory Blackwelder said she wants to play a practice round with seven-time major winner Juli Inkster. Mallory Blackwelder's father caddies for Inkster, and she is hoping he can pair up with her for a round of 18 holes. "I like to pick up on things that some of the best players in

the world do and try to learn all aspects of it," Mallory Blackwelder said. "Their short games are more refined than mine, and they are able to practice all day and every day. I'm going to classes and it's snowing outside right now, so I want to do well, but I'm not going to put too many expectations on myself or too much pressure on myself."

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MALLORY BLACKWELDER
Junior golfer

31 as a day for practice rounds for all the players.

Myra Blackwelder, UK women's golf head coach, said she hopes her daughter will take a lot from the tournament, including the sense of belonging and being comfortable playing to the best of her abilities at the professional level.

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Vols rising in the rankings despite Lofton's struggles

By Travis Waldron
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Chris Lofton may have turned down the chance of a lifetime.

After averaging 20.8 points per game and nailing 41.9 percent of his 3-point attempts, Tennessee's senior guard decided not to forego his senior season and opted against entering his name in the NBA Draft last year.

Through 17 games of his senior season, the Maysville, Ky., native has seen his scoring average drop to 13.4 points per game — his lowest since his freshman season; a career 46 percent shooter, he's made just 34.5 percent of his field goal attempts and 33 percent of his 3-pointers.

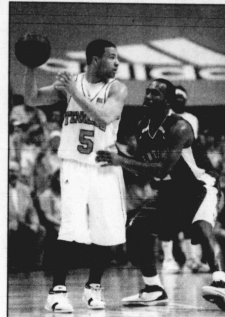
So was Lofton's decision to come back to college a bad one? Not at all, said head coach Billy Gillispie, whose Cats will take on Tennessee tonight at 9 in Rupp Arena.

"His team's ranked third, so that would mean he's playing better," Gillispie said at a news conference yesterday. "He's doing what his team asks him, and his team's ranked third in the country. For someone to say he's not having as good of a season, maybe they're looking at individual things, but it's a team game."

Lofton comes into the matchup with his home-state school needing just five 3-pointers to pass former Arkansas player Pat Bradley — who made 366 triples from 1995-99 — to become the Southeastern Conference's leader in made 3-pointers.

But Gillispie is not the type of coach to use that as motivation for his players.

"No," he said when asked if stopping the record mattered to him. "It's great that he's had that kind of career so far. I couldn't care less right now. We're trying to win the game



Senior guard Joe Crawford defends Tennessee guard Chris Lofton on Feb. 13, 2007 at Thompson-Boling Arena in Knoxville, Tenn.

tomorrow for Kentucky, and he's trying to win for Tennessee."

Instead, Gillispie will harp on his team's poor defensive outing against Florida on Saturday, when UK allowed the Gators to shoot 48 percent and score 81 points. Sophomore forward Ramon Harris said the Cats have focused on improving that defense this week and said the team has had good practices.

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Locking up Phillips benefits Cats now and in the future

Whoever came up with the expression that you can't have your cake and eat it too must not have told UK's athletics director. Either that or Mitch Barnhart just wasn't listening.

Instead of taking the risk of losing one of the nation's top offensive coordinators, he decided to keep Joker Phillips right where he is, and in the same breath, offer a dream job.

It was a good call with little risk of a backwards step for UK's football program.

In each of Phillips' three years as UK's offensive coordinator, the Cats have seen a dramatic change in offensive production from year-to-year. In the season prior to Phillips taking over the offense, UK only produced 15.7 points per game. In just his first year as coordinator he raised the points production to 21.7 and 26.7 in his second. This season the Cats produced a staggering near-two touch-down difference in scoring, averaging 36.5 points per game en route to their second consecutive bowl win.

With the success the Cats have seen on the offensive side of the ball, Phillips would have once again been the focal point of other schools looking for a boost on offense. But with Barnhart's offer to Phillips to one day be the head coach, it keeps the Cats' offensive marmoset at bay.

It was a job call.

Joker works

The move by UK's athletics department

was an easy choice based on what they knew of Phillips. The former UK wide out from 1981-84 — the team that captured the last bowl victory before a 22-year drought — still produces wins for the Cats today with his offensive genius. There is no dollar sign that can be placed on that. Phillips took an offense that was a joke and made it one deserving of a standing ovation.

Offensive teams have the luxury of running up the scoreboards occasionally, which in return, puts butts in the seats of stadiums. Teams that have a great offense always draw larger crowds because they are fun for fans to watch, hence the record number of sellouts and crowds at UK football games this past season. Simply put, Phillips — under Rich Brooks' leadership — gave reason for UK's football program to smile again.

So with Phillips, UK doesn't just get more wins on the field, it brings in money. In building a program, money is just as necessary as wins. It gives funds to build new facilities to better the current players as well as attract more prospects. It's those funds that allow Brooks to surround himself with a top-tier coaching staff.

When it was time to bring in key assistant coaches like Phillips, the price for UK tickets went up. But the UK fan base kept coming because the team began winning. Now, the effect of a successful coaching staff, moving off probation and a common goal has UK on a collision course with football supremacy, if the school keeps its current course.

The illusion of risk

Like all coaching changes — even those set for a future date — there are always risks and doubts. It's easy to look at UK's current

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ED MATTHEWS | Staff
Head coach Rich Brooks argues with a referee during the UK-Georgia game on Nov. 17, 2007 at Sanford Stadium in Athens, Ga. Brooks received a contract extension through the 2011 season on Friday.

PHILLIPS

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this program. He deserves it and, frankly, we could not find a better candidate to lead UK football into the future."

Phillips will begin that future whenever Brooks decides to step down. At that point, Phillips will then be offered the job, Barnhart said, citing the contract they signed. The details of the coaching contract, specifically the salary, will not be addressed until Phillips is offered the position, Barnhart said.

If Phillips were to take over as head coach today, he would be the second black head coach in Southeastern Conference history. He would also be the first black "coach-in-waiting," Brooks said.

"It's historic for the University of Kentucky," Brooks said. "I think it's historic obviously for the SEC and for college football."

Phillips has been UK's offensive coordinator for three seasons. He, along with Brooks, has helped transform UK from a perennial bottom-

feeder in the Southeastern Conference to one of the nation's most potent offenses.

Under Phillips' tutelage, the Cats' offense has improved in each of the past three seasons. UK led the SEC in passing offense (287.9 yards per game) and ranked fourth in scoring offense (36.5) this season. The Cats' scoring average was the second-highest in school history, trailing only the 1998 team that posted 37.9 points per game.

"When Rich is ready to go fishing, I'm looking forward to someday running this program."

JOKER PHILLIPS
Offensive coordinator

Phillips has never been a stranger to the program. He played at UK from 1981-84, primarily as a wide receiver, and was on the football staff from 1988-96, serving several roles as an assistant coach. Phillips returned to the program in 2003 after coaching stops at Cincinnati, Minnesota, Notre Dame and South Carolina. He also has three years of professional experience as a player.

Phillips will try to continue the Cats' success as offensive coordinator under Brooks. Once the time comes, Phillips said, he will be ready to take the reins as head coach.

"When Rich is ready to go fishing," Phillips said, "I'm looking forward to someday running this program."

BLACKWELDER

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When Myra Blackwelder heard the official word that her daughter was selected to play in the tournament, she said she was practically speechless. Myra Blackwelder has played in the tournament before, and with her daughter's selection, the two will become the first mother-daughter pair to have played in the tournament.

Myra Blackwelder said her daughter's mindset will be a strength in the tournament.

"She's got great concentration and focus," Myra Blackwelder said. "That's always been her strong suit. She has always been really consistent in driving and hitting the ball."

Mallory Blackwelder still has more than two months to prepare for the tournament. Until then, she will have the chance to hone her game, starting with UK's opening in the spring season Feb. 17 in the Papa John's Collegiate in Miami.

In the end, Mallory Blackwelder said she hopes to be among the world's best golfers who make the cut to play the final two rounds at the Kraft Nabisco Championship.

"My goal is to make the cut," Mallory Blackwelder said. "If I make the cut, I think that will be a huge accomplishment. I'm just happy to get to play. If I believe that I can go out there and do well, then I will."

LOFTON

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"But we have to carry that into the game," Harris said. "You can practice as hard as you want, but if we don't communicate in the game, if we don't execute in the game, it's not going to help us."

Perhaps no team in the SEC is a better test for a defense than Lofton and the Volunteers.

Tennessee averages 84.5 points per game to lead the SEC in scoring, and only Vanderbilt has made more 3-pointers than UT's 162.

But unlike past seasons, when the Vols leaned on Lofton's scoring ability, this team boasts a far more balanced offensive attack.

Senior guard JaJuan Smith leads UT in scoring at 14.8 points per game, but that is good for only 15th in the conference and nearly six points less than Lofton's team-leading 20.8 points per game last season. Five UT players have finished games as the leading scorer this season, including sophomore transfers, forward Tyler Smith and guard J.P. Prince, who have added depth to an already potent Tennessee offense.

More than a week ago, UK held Vanderbilt's powerful offense to its lowest point total of the season. If the Cats show a similar defensive improvement against the Vols, it will be another stepping stone for a team that is showing improvement even if its 7-9 record is not gaudy.

"They've improved, in my opinion, greatly," Gillispie said. "The record is definitely not where we thought we'd be or where we want to be, but it's where we are. If we continue to have the right attitude and right work ethic and get a little more healthy, I think you'll see a team that's pretty fun to watch."

SPORTS BRIEF

Cheerleaders capture 16th title at Universal Cheer Association National Championships in Orlando, Fla.

The UK cheerleading team continued its string of dominating performances at the Universal Cheer Association National Championships by winning its 16th title Sunday at Disney's Wide World of Sports in Orlando, Fla.

The championship comes one year after a disappointing third place finish in the competition.

"We're glad to bring the trophy back to Lexington," head coach Jomo Thompson said. "The Bluegrass is its home and we knew we had to bring it back after placing third last year."

The title is the Cats' fourth in the last five years and 12th out of the last 14 years.

"It was a tough spot having to perform first (in the finals)," Thompson said. "But we went out and hit our routine, setting the bar high and putting the pressure on the other 14 teams after us."

UK earned an automatic bid to the finals by winning the South Regional. The Cats were one of six Southeastern Conference teams in the 15-team finals.

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WILLIAMS

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football program and say, "All hail Woodson." It's simple to say the man who was a contender for the Heisman is the reason why UK had such a potent offense that won back-to-back bowl games, and there's room to argue that.

It could also be argued that the final snap in the Cats' Music City Bowl win last month marked the decline of a nice run with the football program because 10 of the 16 graduating seniors were starters, and those playmakers carried the team the last two years.

A coach can urge players to make plays and draw up game plans on the board until he's blue in the face with cramping hands, but it's up to athletes to execute. Still, some credit has to go to the man who brought those players into the program.

From 2003-04, Phillips was UK's recruiting coordinator and was responsible for bringing in not only senior quarterback Andre Woodson but seniors Keenan Burton, Jacob Tamme, Wesley Woodyard and a good portion of the rest of those seniors who have received national attention while becoming household names.

So much of college athletics is based on the ability to recruit. It can take a team from being a cellar-dweller to a national contender in two years flat. By Phillips showing that he has an eye for recruiting and landing talent, he has proven he can, and will, sustain the UK program and take it to the next level when he gets his chance.

And as for the UK fan base, you can now have your cake and eat it too.

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Ag. competition gives students farm experience

By Kelli Long
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Lauren Stockwell and her team members drew blood from sheep, took the rectal temperatures of cows and analyzed freshly laid eggs over the weekend as part of the club's annual Quadrathlon.

Her group was participating in the four-part competition that tests Block and Bridle members in all areas of animal science. Block and Bridle is a club in the College of Agriculture that gives students an opportunity to work with animal agriculture issues in more depth than they do in their classes.

Groups of four students gave presentations Friday on current issues in agriculture and took a written exam over topics ranging from nutrition to reproduction in a variety of different species of animals.

Teams were also required to complete practical tests at several local UK farms on Saturday. Participants had to saddle a horse, judge chickens and perform other tasks that showed how well they could handle animals in a typical farm situation.

The final part of the competition was a quiz bowl where the teams competed against each other answering animal science questions.

"This event is a great opportunity for teams to test their animal science knowledge in a far less stressful setting than the classroom," said Stockwell, an animal science senior who organized the event. "It also is a great networking opportunity. Judges are professionals in their industry, and they are free to answer any questions the students may have."

This was Stockwell's first year organizing the competition, though she has participated in the event on a team for the previous three years. Last year, her team won the UK event and



Animal science freshman Cole Wills, right, and animal science senior Sara Evans judge chickens at the poultry unit in the Mane Chance Farm on Newtown Pike.



Animal science senior Sara Evans prepares to give a newborn lamb a shot at the Annual Block and Bridle Quadrathlon. Her team won the event and will go on to the regional competition at Texas A&M University.

went on to win third place at the regional competition held at Auburn University in Alabama. Around 40 members of the

Block and Bridle Club were involved in the events. Those who were not part of one of the four teams helped run the competi-

tion by grading tests, taking pictures for the club scrapbook and keeping time.

The sheep practical was Carrie Tilghman's favorite part of the competition, she said. Tilghman, an agricultural education sophomore, had to find the jugular vein among a sheep's woolly neck and draw blood with a syringe.

"This year's competition was the first for Tilghman, and she thought it was a good educational experience."

"The hands-on activities helped me to learn about species that I have not been around a lot," Tilghman said. "This competition lets you use the things that you learn in the classroom in real-life situations."

The winning team was announced Saturday and will go on to compete at the regional competition, which will be at Texas A&M University this year.



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Veleashia Smith, director of the UK Martin Luther King Jr. Cultural Center, said the scenes were designed to make students think and form a personal reaction to the news they see on television.

"It's one thing to watch in horror the devastation that happened to our fellow New Orleansians, but how did it make you feel to walk by the scene and actually see one of the images? That's the purpose of each scene," Smith said, "to challenge what you thought you knew and hopefully make changes in yourself and have more respect to those struggling around you."

Smith said for her, Martin Luther King Jr. Day is a holiday of deep reflection and honor. "Reflection for the work that still needs to be done in our society, and honor for my ancestors who paved the way for me to get to where I am now," she said.

After the march, students and faculty held mid-presentation at the Worsham Theater, followed by breakfast in the Student Center lobby.

During the presentations, Student Government President Nick Phelps urged students to stretch their boundaries and broaden their horizons.

"It's time to change the 'me' society to the 'we' — there should be no solo action," Phelps said. "You're a lot stronger with another person beside you than you are by yourself."

Juan Espinosa, a political science junior, said King's words and wisdom are the root of a better world.

"As university students and the future of this nation and the world, we have to follow the

passage of Dr. Martin Luther King by educating ourselves and learning about and respecting others," Espinosa said.

Following the annual march through downtown Lexington yesterday morning, Freeman Hrabowski, the president of the University of Maryland, Baltimore County, spoke at Heritage Hall downtown.

He urged people to consider what King said. "What you do today will affect those unborn."

Hrabowski encouraged people to not focus on the past as an excuse and, instead, to use the past to motivate and achieve success in the future.

Hrabowski said young people can do anything if they focus on their thoughts, words, actions, habits, character and destiny.

"What will you do when nobody's watching?" Hrabowski asked the audience. "There's your character."

Regina Lewis, an agricultural biotechnology freshman, was one of nearly 70 people who met Hrabowski on Sunday evening at a "Student Conversation Hour" for science, technology, engineering and mathematics majors.

Students in the group conversation discussed what it means to be smart and to do their best, Lewis said.

"He gave all of us advice to use our resources, to study and interact with people of all ages, races, and backgrounds, and not to let ourselves become a victim," she said.

Lewis said she sat in the front during Hrabowski's speech at Heritage Hall so she could be engaged in the presentation.

"His words motivate me to study hard so I can become Dr. Regina Lewis and I can use my resources to improve my knowledge and ... to help others achieve success," she said.

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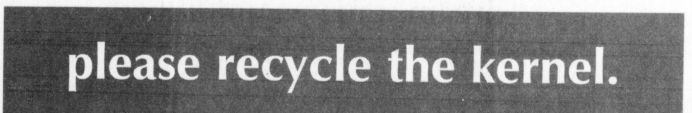
said. "I'm not the president of the university and I'm not the chairman of the Board of Trustees."

The University Senate has also weighed in on the Robinson Forest debate. Although the Senate voted against passing a non-binding resolution calling for the board to halt logging, it did pass a non-binding call for the board to create regulations on how it manages university land.

Today's demonstration follows yesterday's phone call campaign, when Brittany Zwicker, a Green-thumb co-coordinator, and others opposing the Robinson Forest logging called members of the Board of Trustees. Zwicker, a communication disorders senior, said yesterday that she had been calling board members, leaving messages on voice mails and with secretaries.

Shelton said he is not sure if the board will choose to halt logging through the demonstrations and phone calls but hopes for change.

"I can't predict the future but I hope they continue to listen to what we have to say," said Shelton, a geography junior. "The last meeting was better than anything we've gotten before, so we're hoping that at the next meeting they'll say, 'Hey, that's better than last time.'"



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KERNEL EDITORIAL

MLK Day carries more significance than a simple break

Like other holidays that are observed with an absence of classes, it is easy for a typical college student to view Martin Luther King Jr. Day as a three-day weekend and nothing more.

But the third Monday in January is also one of only four federal holidays that recognizes an individual, and it is the only federal holiday that honors any aspect of the civil rights movement.

King, as we all know, was a pivotal force in the civil rights movement and advocated non-violent demonstrations and protests. But this holiday is important for dual reasons. Not only does this holiday honor his work and selflessness, but it also highlights the injustices Americans are capable of.

Throughout his years organizing non-violent demonstrations and raising awareness of the racial inequities in America, King was arrested 30 times, received countless death threats, and ultimately was assassinated in Memphis in 1968 when he was standing on a hotel balcony. The holiday honors a man who would not stop

working for change, a man who was the youngest winner of the Nobel Peace Prize in history and a man whose life was cut short by the injustice he fought.

And as is said in King's memory, there is still work to be done.

King's holiday was not embraced by everyone at first. In fact, it wasn't until 2000 that all 50 states officially observed Martin Luther King Jr. Day. Thirty-two years passed after King's death before every state committed to observing his birth.

And now, eight years since that point, close to 40 years since the civil rights movement in America peaked, we can all still learn from King and his dedication to bringing positive change and standing up against great odds for what is right.

There is still work to be done in America. Martin Luther King Jr. Day reminds us of this. It reminds us of two conflicting sides of our history: the dark, oppressive portions, and the strength of individuals who overcome. It reminds us of one individual who gave his life working for equality.

Not only does Martin Luther King Jr. Day honor his work and selflessness, but it also highlights the injustices Americans are capable of.

MySpace deal doesn't save kids from sexual predators

The following editorial appeared in the *Minneapolis Star Tribune* on Friday.

In the latest round of Whac-A-Mole that is regulation of the Internet, 49 state attorneys general and MySpace last week agreed on a set of protocols that would ostensibly make the online community a safer place.

Under the pact, MySpace will implement several measures that will make it somewhat more difficult for strangers to reach children using the online community, including allowing parents to submit their children's e-mail addresses to MySpace to prevent their children from setting up a Web page, changing the default setting from public to private for 16- and 17-year-old users and strengthening software to identify underage users.

When it comes to protecting children online, these steps will likely have the practical impact equivalent to taking your shoes off as you pass through airport security. Netlessome and attention-grabbing, but probably ineffective at restraining the targeted population.

Adolescents already use e-mail addresses that their parents don't know about. They already misrepresent their age online, because they know that minors are barred from certain types of content. Finally, MySpace has little incentive to develop tools that might dampen traffic on the site, knowing that if adolescents begin to chafe under the restrictions they'll flee to other sites.

Singling out MySpace also creates an ad hoc situation that will have little

impact on the next online site-of-the-moment. Furthermore, patchwork solutions mean that parents can't count on one set of privacy restrictions applying to all Web sites, increasing the complexity of an already complex world. Ad hoc solutions also fail to give guidance to future online services that may arise. And if the past 15 years of the Internet has shown us anything, it's that the next hot thing is just around the corner.

Emphasizing threats such as sexual predation of children online can distract attention and divert resources from the larger issues around sexual molestation of children. Although there have been serious instances in which a stranger has gone to meet a child in person after first having met them through MySpace, unrelenting publicity has distorted the danger. Combining the fear of strangers abducting children with the mysterious world of the Internet makes for a great headline. In fact, however, when it comes to sexual assaults on children, 93 percent of the offenders are either family members or acquaintances of the victim, according to data from the Department of Justice.

It is true that numerous sexual predators have been found lurking on MySpace. But children are smarter than we give them credit for, and evidence of the need for intervention on MySpace is thin.

Going after the bogeyman of online sexual predators of children may make us feel good, but it does little to address the larger and more relevant issues around families and child safety.

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Criticizing films without watching them is unfair

I read a "Frame by Frame" article by Ricky Simpson in Friday's features section of the Kernel. I was in awe that someone could write a review for a movie that they had not yet seen.

Simpson's review of the movie "27 Dresses" was obviously negative. It is not fair to the movie or the potential audience to lay claims on a movie that the reviewer has not yet seen himself. Simpson even says, "I haven't seen it, but I have a feeling..."

Sometimes, a movie is different than it is portrayed in a trailer or a clip, and watching the whole movie is needed to make a fair judgment. "27 Dresses" was a movie with substance, humility, humor, love and more. It was not just a romantic comedy that can be automatically assumed a specific way.

Another comment: Simpson made

was about "Mad Money." "This comedy may have its moments, but it looks as if it will be forgettable," he wrote. It is unjust to the film to give it a bad review and call it "forgettable" if the reviewer has not even seen the movie in the first place.

Many students on campus read the Kernel and take its opinions to heart. If the Kernel says that a movie is forgettable then why should students waste their money? What if that movie had turned out to be a box-office hit or just a pleasurable viewing?

The point I am trying to make is that you should know what you are talking about before you write about it. If you haven't seen the movie, how can you really review it for the many students who rely on you?

Andrea Frye
Dietetics sophomore



BRIAN GODDELEY, Kernel cartoonist

From cold weather to budget cuts, SG works to aid students

Howdy! We're going through some tough times these days, aren't we? Budget cuts, men's basketball

losses, the Cowboys can't win a playoff game, and every morning starts with shivering because it takes my car so long to warm up.

It's okay though. Things will get better! How about our women's basketball team knocking out No. 18 Auburn and our gymnastics team earning its first Southeastern Conference victory in two seasons? Keep it up!

On Friday, I spent my first day in Frankfort meeting with state representatives about higher education, especially issues concerning UK. I enjoyed the experience, and I look forward to keeping the pressure on as the state General Assembly continues to hold meetings this week.

The state representatives and your Student Government representatives are discussing the cost of college and things that can be done to alleviate some of the strain: other topics include new buildings on campus, bonding authority and gun control.

It is our hope that a constant UK presence will turn into direct results

in full funding for the university and possible financial relief for students. If you are interested in joining us, come on over! Go ahead and mark on your calendar the dates Feb. 19 and 20. One of the two dates will be the annual rally during which we will join students of other Kentucky colleges in making some noise on the hill.

To increase your safety, be sure to join the newly launched UK Alert. Go to www.uky.edu/UKAlert and sign up. You could win an iPhone.

I may stand on a sidewalk this week with a sign that reads, "Yell if SG makes your day better." I know hundreds of you are getting hot chocolate and coffee during our Warm Up Wednesday project. We are in a different place each week, and our Warm Up Wednesday team made a lot of students' mornings warmer at Funkhouser last week. That new SafeCats golf cart makes getting around a lot easier!

There are some new things headed our way, and all of you should be pumped! The USA Today college readership program is coming to campus thanks to SG. Look for these newspaper units all over campus: They will provide the New York Times and USA Today daily for everyone. The Kernel is a good campus newspaper, but now you will be equipped for anything with a notable national paper.

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Speaking of Web sites, SG will have a new one in a week or so! Be sure to check it out at UKSGA.org. Are you bored? Have you been looking for something to do that will develop into real change for the betterment of UK? Register for Students Educating and Empowering to Develop Safety's training this weekend. Go to www.uky.edu/studentaffairs/vipcenter and learn more about the Violence Intervention and Prevention center's goal of a violence-free campus. I attended the SEDS training, and I strongly recommend we all take part in the program.

This has been a fun and proud year in SG. Have you thought about coming and being a part of the organization? How about running for an office? Elections are coming up, so come in and ask how you can get involved!

Keep up the hard work folks. Let's keep this train rolling! Nick Phelps is the president of UK Student Government. E-mail nicholasphelps@gmail.com.

Despite progress, Dr. King's greatest dream remains unfulfilled

If the Rev. Martin Luther King Jr. had succeeded, racism, discrimination, poverty, injustice and inequality wouldn't still boldly assault the nation.

King's greatest failing was that his dream remains unfulfilled. Picking up where King left off is what people now must do as we celebrate the weeks of the national holiday commemorating his birthday. He would have been 79 years old.

King was assassinated 40 years ago on April 4 in Memphis. To resurrect the dream of the drum major for justice, each of us must take action. Some recent reports show that a lot of work needs to be done.

A study by Julia Isaacs with the Brookings Institution found that economic gains lifted many black families into the middle class following the civil rights movement.

But those gains have actually reversed for their children. The study said "a majority of blacks born to middle-income parents grow up to

have less income than their parents." "Only 31 percent of black children born to parents in the middle of the income distribution have family income greater than their parents, compared to 68 percent of white children from the same income bracket," the study notes. "White children are more likely to move up the ladder while black children are more likely to fall down."

Blame it on tightening affirmative-action programs, a resegregation and diminished quality of education for children of color, family breakups, and discrimination and racism.

The report also said that in 2004 the median family income of blacks age 30 to 39 was \$35,000, or 58 percent of the \$60,000 for white families in the same age group.

Clearly the middle class of all colors has lost ground as Bush administration tax cuts have made the rich richer. But discrimination and racism still black progress even more.

King in 1967 helped launch the Poor People's Campaign to demand jobs, better wages, a good education and other benefits for poor adults and kids of all colors. King would abhor today's wealth disparities and the shameless military spending.

That is what all of us must do to help revive King's dream.

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2005 that exceeded the total income of the poorest 20 percent of people in this country. The New York Times reported, citing Congressional Budget Office data. People should be outraged.

King also would be dismayed by a study titled "Job Quality and Black Workers." Steven C. Pitts with the Center for Labor Research and Education at the University of California-Berkeley found that 56 percent of all black workers are stuck in low-wage jobs.

The inattention to the crisis of low-wage jobs reflects the invisibility of the black working poor," the report said.

Shortages turn people on each other. A poll by New America Media found friction, mistrust and stereotyping among blacks, Asian-Americans, American Indians and Hispanics. King wouldn't like that conflict. Such ill feelings only keep poor people down.

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Katisha Pickrell puts on makeup as she gets ready before going on stage at Saturday's Miss Lexington Scholarship Pageant.

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UK women find that pageant is about more than looks

By Juliann Vachon
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Eight young women, dressed in bright red tops and black pants, hustled around a dressing room cluttered with sparkling gowns, high-heels, curling irons, jewelry, lotion and lipstick.

It was less than 30 minutes to showtime Saturday evening, and the contestants for the 2008 Miss Lexington Scholarship Pageant were ready for their chance to battle it out for the crown, scholarships and the opportunity to compete in the Miss Kentucky competition this summer.

It is no secret that physical appearance plays an important role in winning a pageant, said the 2008 winner, Dana Elliott, but many do not see what lies beneath the makeup, the hairspray and the handy "butt glue," used to hold the swimsuit in place and avoid any embarrassing slips.

Contestants have to be dedicated and balance between normal life and competing, Elliott said. And looks only get a contestant so far.

"It's not just a beauty pageant where you come in and you fix your hair and you look pretty. These girls are substantial," said Elliott, a UK graduate. "I think that it's important for people to understand that it's not always about walking out in your swimsuit and having a perfect body. You have to have validity in your person."

As Miss Lexington 2008, Elliott received a \$4,000 scholarship, which she will apply toward student loans, on top of other prizes, and she will advance to the Miss Kentucky pageant at the Singletary Center for the Arts in July.

Four other contestants in this year's pageant also had UK ties — one plans to start at the university this summer and three are currently taking classes. For all of them, the pageant coupled with their school and work lives was challenging but rewarding.

Katisha Pickrell, an elementary education sophomore, said balancing pageant preparation with 18 hours of classes and work was tiring. Most mornings started at 6:30 a.m. with a visit to the gym, followed by classes and then homework. On the weekends, Pickrell works at Miss Priss, a prom and pageant boutique.

But the time was well worth it. Aspects of the competition, like personal interviews with the judges, are helpful, Pickrell said.

"I'm actually applying to the elementary education program in about a week and I have an interview there that is about 15 minutes long," Pickrell said. "I feel a whole lot more confident knowing that I can go in and have a discussion with these people and really just stand up tall and not be afraid to talk with them."

Pickrell was the first runner-up and walked away with \$1,200 in scholarships.

The Metropolitan Woman's Club has sponsored the Miss Lexington Scholarship Pageant for 48 years. Club members were on hand throughout the day providing food and helping the girls with whatever they needed.

"We love working with the girls," said Sharon Haggard, a club member. "This pageant teaches



Lindsey Sheekies, Miss Metropolitan 2007, crowns Dana Elliott as Miss Lexington.

young women to get out there and strive for a goal."

Broke Schaefer, an agricultural biotechnology junior at UK, had never competed in a pageant and entered the Miss Lexington pageant to experience something new in her life.

"I was really looking for something to take me out of my comfort zone," she said. "What a heck of a way to do it, getting glimped up and walking out there in front of everyone."

Schafer said she selected the Miss Lexington competition as her first pageant because of the emphasis on scholarship and the organization's willingness to "appreciate curves." While unfamiliar and apprehensive at first to jump into the pageant world, Schafer said her mother provided the needed push to enter, and she is glad she took the step.

"My views on this whole process have definitely changed," Schafer said. "You've seen how smart these girls are. It's not nearly the cookie-cutter image some make it out to be."

Because Schafer sold the most ads for the competition, she walked away with the advertising award, which includes a \$200 scholarship from the Metropolitan Woman's Club.

Even without a crown, making connections and building skills and confidence has made the pageant experience worth it for many of the Miss Lexington contestants.

"I think a lot of people just assume we're really caddy and all we want is the crown, we're just in it for that," Pickrell said. "But being able to walk across a stage and sing to hundreds of people and speak in front of them and go into an interview and not fall apart, I've just gotten so much out of it."



The contestants for Miss Lexington 2008 receive instruction from a pageant director at the dress rehearsal prior to the Miss Lexington Scholarship Pageant.

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