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## Book aims to stop 'partner stalking'

### UK professor authors book on ways to respond to stalking in relationships

By Brandon Cannada  
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Twenty-seven percent of women who participated in a study at UK reported being stalked at some time after a difficult separation from a partner.

A UK professor has written a book to help those women cope with what is known as partner stalking.

T.K. Logan, a professor of behavioral science, is the author of "Partner Stalking: How Women Respond, Cope, and Survive." She has also completed a variety of studies on intimate-partner violence and partner stalking.

Stalking can be defined as the unwanted and

repeated course of conduct directed toward a specific individual, which induces fear or concern for safety in the individual being targeted, according to a fact sheet distributed by UK Women's Place.

Partner stalking includes this definition, but applies it to current or former relationships, according to Logan's book.

"For the book we interviewed 62 women, half from Fayette County and half from Eastern Kentucky," Logan said.

The book aims to give women who experience partner stalking a voice to increase awareness about the dynamics of such stalking, as well as to provide information to fill a gap in the cur-

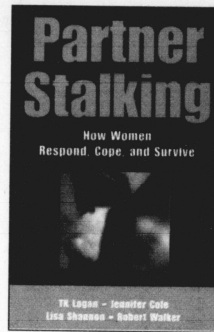
rent partner-stalking literature, according to the book's preface.

Stalking has been associated with intimate partner violence, according to the 1998 National Violence Against Women Survey. Women in violent relationships are often stalked by that partner. Partner stalkers are more dangerous and more likely to follow through with violence than non-partner stalkers.

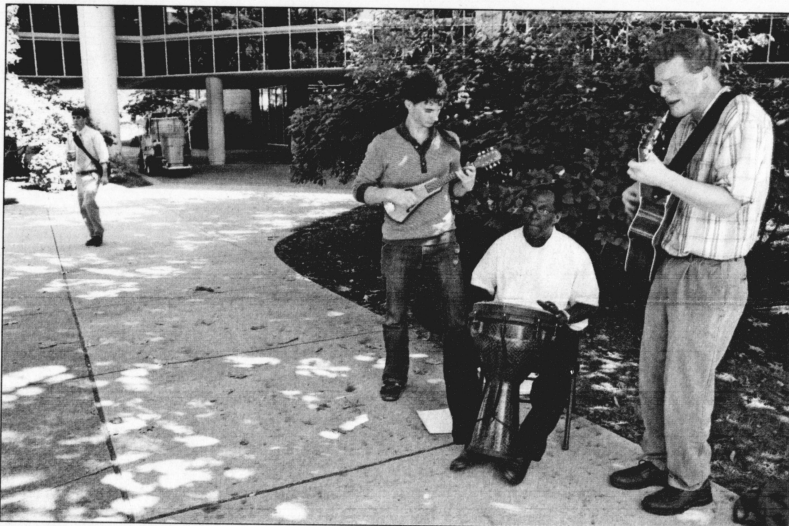
Dorothy Edwards, director of Women's Place, is especially excited about the advancements Logan has made in research on partner stalking.

"We can target our efforts more efficiently

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## PLAYING TO PRAISE



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Aaron Scales, an architecture senior, Samuel Boye and Bill Wyatt play a mandolin, jimbay, and guitar outside of the Student Center yesterday. The band is a part of the University of Christian Fellowship and tries to play at least once a week. "We come out to praise God," said Scales.

## Classmates help student made homeless by Saturday's explosion

By Juliann Vachon  
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Business professor Dennis Officer placed one bucket and one basket in front of his Finance 300 class.

Students were asked to place their exams, which they had just gotten back and had time to review, in the bucket. But in the basket, they were asked to place money.

Officer told the students that one of their classmates had lost her home and belongings in the Orlando Apartment gas-leak explosion on Saturday.

He then placed a \$100 bill in the basket, telling students he was making the first donation and encouraging them to do the same, said finance and accounting junior Michael Knoll.

Knoll, along with other students, raised \$562 for the female student. The basket was overflowing with money as Knoll left Memorial Hall, and he said it was a sign of support and generosity from

classmates.

"I wanted to help the classmate because I could be in the same situation one day," Knoll said.

Officer said he received an e-mail from the student yesterday morning saying she was one of the residents affected by the explosion and would not be able to make it to his Finance 300 class that day.

"I got the e-mail saying she was going to miss class to search for an apartment, buy some new clothes and just start getting her life back together," Officer said.

Inspired by the e-mail, Officer said he realized his class could try to make the transition easier for the student.

"I knew I was going to have the chance to stand in front of my class and offer them an opportunity to be generous," Officer said.

The Finance 300 class has about 300 students.

"I didn't expect to raise

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## Former House speaker to discuss health care

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Newt Gingrich has ideas on how to improve America's health-care system and will share those ideas with health-care leaders from around the state at a dinner tonight.

Gingrich, a former Speaker of the U.S. House of Representatives, will be the featured speaker at the 20th annual fund-raising dinner for UK's Sanders-Brown Center on Aging Foundation at the Marriott Griffin Gate Resort.

"Speaker Gingrich is certainly one of the principal politicians with an understanding of the health care issue," said Dr. James W. Holsinger, Jr., chancellor emeritus of the UK Chandler Medical Center and a friend of Gingrich. "The Speaker is exquisitely bright."

Gingrich, who served 10 terms as a U.S. representative from Georgia's sixth district, will deliver a presentation entitled "Saving Lives, Saving Money: Transforming Health Care in the 21st Century" at the dinner.

He will also participate in the Kentucky Health Leaders Forum before the event with 20 health-care leaders from across the state.

Gingrich has written a book on health care, "Saving Lives, Saving Money," and founded the Center for

Health Transformation as part of his work on health care after leaving Congress.

The center's dinner has featured a number of distinguished speakers in the past, including former Sen. Bob Dole, ABC reporter Hugh Downs, actress Lauren Bacall and former astronaut Sen. John Glenn.

"Through the years, it's become expected that we will have that caliber of speaker," said Lindsey Ein, director of the Center on Aging Foundation. "We want our speakers to be good examples of successful aging and remaining vital in their communities."

Ein expects the dinner to raise around \$50,000 for the center, which will be used to support research, education and clinical-care initiatives related to aging.

The dinner also features the presentation of the fifth annual Senior Star Award, given to a Kentuckian who represents graceful aging and remaining active in the community. This year's award will be given to John Steele Davis of Versailles. Davis, 89, has been active in the Woodford County Historical Society for 40 years, including serving six terms as president.

The Lexington Philharmonic's Ashland Trio will perform during the dinner.

## Student receives grant to study in Ethiopia

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On Sunday, Trace Lasley was finally able to say "Tadiyaas" to Ethiopia.

Tadiyaas is an informal greeting in Amharic, the official language of Ethiopia.

Lasley, a fifth-year senior majoring in economics, history and philosophy, is one of the recipients of the National Security Education Program's (NSEP) Boren Undergraduate scholarship. The scholarship allows students to study abroad in a country of interest, particularly in terms of defense, to the United States.

Lasley's profile on Facebook lists one interest: Ethiopia.

"It's just exactly what I wanted to do," Lasley said.

He said he chose Ethiopia because of his long-harbored interest in it. That interest stemmed from Lasley's junior year of high school when he came across a two-paragraph caption in his history textbook. That caption highlighted the Battle of Adowa, which took place in Ethiopia.

Lasley said Ethiopia is an under-studied area of the world that will play a large role in the future. Lasley said he plans on taking political science classes at the Addis Ababa University while he is in Ethiopia, as well as studying Amharic.

Lasley's mother, a resident of Paducah, Ky., said she was behind him "100 percent" in his interest.

"I've very proud of him," Karen Lasley said. "While I've got mixed emotions as a mother because he will be out of the country, I know he'll do fine."

Trace Lasley learned of the scholarship through his work-study at the UK Study Abroad Library. It was there that David Bettez, the director of external scholarships, recommended the NSEP scholarship to Lasley.

"I like to encourage all UK students who are seeking to learn a language to consider this program," Bettez said.

Lasley received the scholarship, valued at \$19,500, on May 31 at an award ceremony in Washington, D.C.

Receipt of the NSEP scholarship is contingent upon a commitment to work for the U.S. government for one year upon returning from the country. After the one-year period, participants have the possibility of recruitment into organizations such as the CIA or the National Security Agency.

"It's a program designed by the government to encourage students to learn languages critical to our national security," Bettez said. "Most of the students seeking this scholarship are looking to work in the government."

Lasley said he plans to continue to work for the government after his one-year requirement is up.

"(The scholarship) really is just a great opportunity for (students) who want to work for the government anyway," Lasley said.

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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've done the preparation, now proceed with your plans. Intend to go farther than you think you can, and you might surprise yourself.

**Taurus (April 20-May 20)** Today is a 6 - You're a good worker, but there's no point in finishing meaningless tasks. Cross the unimportant stuff off your list without the slightest guilt.

**Gemini (May 21-June 21)** Today is a 10 - Stop arguing, even with yourself. Choose, so you can get go-

ing. If something changes as you go along, you can make the correction. **Cancer (June 22-July 22)** Today is a 5 - You're able to buy yourself special things occasionally, because you pinch your pennies habitually. Hold out for the best deal.

**Leo (July 23-Aug. 22)** Today is an 8 - Extensive discussions are required to discover all the secrets. Make sure you know what you're signing.

**Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)** Today is a 6 - Continue to be cautious with your money, even if you're feeling flush. Later, when you have a lot more, this won't seem like very much.

**Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)** Today is a 9 - You're especially cute, decisive and persuasive now. Figure out whom and what you want, and get him/her fit.

**Scorpio (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)** Today is a 5 - The others just want the job done, they don't care about costs.

This is why they need you, and why you make the big bucks. **Sagittarius (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)** Today is a 7 - You're hot on the trail of a new theory that will explain everything. Ask somebody who owes you a favor to help out with the chores.

**Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)** Today is a 5 - The top of the mountain appears to be almost within your reach. Pay closer attention now, so you don't fall off.

**Aquarius (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)** Today is an 8 - You provide the data, and your friends will come up with the plan. This is a joint effort, and the odds are in your favor.

**Pisces (Feb. 19-March 20)** Today is a 5 - Start by paying back a debt. That takes a load off your mind and allows the creativity in there to expand. You're entering a new phase.

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## Kate Hudson filing for divorce

An in-love Hudson's set to make it work with Owen Wilson

Six weeks after announcing her separation from Black Crowes frontman Chris Robinson, 39, on August 14, Kate Hudson is ready to make the split stick.

"She is filing for divorce imminently," a friend tells Hot Stuff. A major motivation: You, Me and Dupree costar Owen Wilson, 37.

"As soon as she files, it relieves a lot of the pressure of going out with Owen," says a friend of the actress, who has shared dinners, soccer games and a trip to Hawaii with Wilson recently.

The actor "makes Kate laugh," says a source. "She's much more true to herself when she's with Owen." Hudson's still in contact with Robinson about their son, Ryder, 2.

"Chris calls and checks in," says the source. "Kate has never been happier." (Reps for Hudson and Wilson had no comment.)

not a couple."

### Lindsay & Harry Taking a Break

Lindsay Lohan certainly doesn't take long to rebound. On September 21, her beau of three months, Pink Taco restaurant CEO Harry Morton, 25, told Lohan, 20, that "he needed time to breathe, and that there's too much drama with her," says a Lohan insider.

Two days later, at West Hollywood hot spot Hyde, a clubgoer says Lohan went ballistic on a woman with whom Morton was talking.

"She yelled, 'That's my man!'" says the witness. The next night, Lohan was seen making out with old flame Stavros Niarchos, 21, at L.A.'s Dragonfly.

"She's using Stavros to make Harry jealous," says a friend of Morton. For now, says a Lohan pal, "it may not be over. She's hoping they'll get back together."

Rooting for them: Lohan's Bobby costar Nick Cannon. He tells Us, "Harry's a keeper!" Lohan's rep says, "I don't comment on Lindsay's personal relationships."

### Kathy's Laser Ring Removal

Johnny Depp, Angelina

Jolie and now Kathy Griffin: The comic, 45, who recently divorced husband of five years Matt Moline, told Hot Stuff on September 19 that she had just done away with a tattoo — of a wedding band. "I had it lasered off today." Uh, OK.

### Whitney And Bobby — What's Next

Just two weeks after a now-sober Whitney Houston filed for separation from him, embattled and teary-eyed singer Bobby Brown (who, on September 24, was still wearing his wedding ring) tells Hot Stuff, "I can only be myself. That is all I can be. I'm doing all right."

(His rumored gal pal Karine Steffans tells Us, "I see Bobby every day, and he is doing great.")

For her part, Houston, 43, is rebuilding relations with her daughter, Bobbi Kristina, 13. As a friend tells Hot Stuff, "She was not the best mother." (Houston's rep had no comment.)

Meanwhile, Courtney Love, 42 (who encouraged Houston's friends to stage an intervention five months ago), has also dumped her boyfriend, comic Steve Coogan.

A Love pal tells Hot Stuff, "Steve is a bad influence on her." (Coogan's rep could not be reached.)

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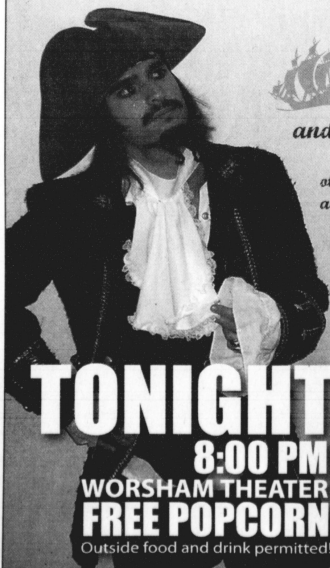
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## Cats looking for first-ever win against SEC legend Spurrier

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Wesley Woodyard was in the minority.

Growing up in LaGrange, Ga., the junior linebacker was one of few in his hometown that wasn't enamored by then-Florida head coach Steve Spurrier. "I remember everybody wanted to go to Florida," Woodyard said. "Everybody looked up to him."

And Spurrier looked down on every team in the Southeastern Conference — especially UK.

In 12 games at Florida and one at South Carolina, Spurrier has beaten the Cats.

13-up, 13-down. "He's an excellent football coach," UK head coach Rich Brooks said. "He has done, I think, a very good job at South Carolina. He obviously did a great job at Florida."

While looking over the Cats, Spurrier has also ruled the SEC, winning six conference championships.

"He's a great coach and had great talent around him," wide receiver Keenan Burton said. "We have to come out and execute and try to do the things that we didn't do against him last year."

In those 13 wins, the Cats were rarely competitive. The only close game was a 24-20 last-second loss in 1993.

Last year, the Cats lost 44-16, but trailed by only a point midway through the third quarter after scoring a touchdown. Following a punt on their next drive, the Cats fumbled four times over seven plays.

"It's hard to win a game, or make it a competitive game, or be in the game and have a chance to win when you do that," Brooks said.

During his career, Spurrier has changed the way football was and still is — played in the SEC. He shifted the conference from a smash-mouth running league, to an air-it-out passing league.

Chances are, he'll stick to that plan this weekend after Central Michigan threw for 411 yards against the Cats.

"They're going to try to pass against us," Woodyard said. "We have to step up defensively.



Andrew Huggins | Staff  
Wide receiver Keenan Burton returns a kickoff in Saturday's game against Central Michigan. Steve Spurrier brings his South Carolina Gamecocks into Lexington having never lost to UK in his coaching career. "He's a great coach and had great talent around him," Burton said.

coverage-wise and run-wise."

Woodyard added that the reason Spurrier has been so successful against UK and the rest of the league is that he is so compatible with his players.

"He knows how to relate to his offensive players," Woodyard said. "They respect him, and they want to go out and make plays."

Heading into the matchup, the players said they know Spurrier has their number, but added that the previous games will have no effect on this weekend's game.

"We're aware of that," Woodyard said. "But that's in the past. We're looking forward to this year. We're trying to do big things here; we want the program to move in the right direction."

### Injury update

Tight end Tyler Sexton and defensive linemen Jamil Paris and Corey Peters underwent magnetic-resonance imaging tests yesterday for medial collateral ligament injuries, Brooks said. None of the three players will play this week.

Defensive tackle Ricky Abren is in a cast for an injured wrist. He will be held out of practice on Tuesday, but Brooks expects him to practice Wednesday. Brooks also said Rafael Little will be sit out practice Tuesday because of a lingering knee injury, but he expects Little to practice Wednesday.

Center Matt McCutchan is doubtful for Saturday's game because of a high ankle sprain. He hasn't played in the past two weeks.

## Law Day connects students to schools

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Students interested in the legal profession have the opportunity to visit with representatives of law schools from around the country tomorrow during UK Law Day.

The event offers students an opportunity to compare various law schools' programs and to talk with admissions counselors from those schools, said Drusilla Bakert, associate dean for admissions, scholarships and student affairs at UK's College of Law.

"Some schools will have their senior

admissions officers there who can answer detailed questions about their school's admissions process and a candidate's application," Bakert said.

UK's law fraternity, Phi Alpha Delta, is sponsoring the event, which will take place tomorrow from 10:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. along the first-floor corridor of the White Hall Classroom Building.

Phi Alpha Delta President Blake Edwards said the event has been successful for the past five years and recalled how it helped him when he attended last year.

"I have always known that I wanted to go to law school, but the event really helped me focus on what I needed to do to get pre-

pared for law school," Edwards said. Law schools that have confirmed attendance are Alabama, Albany, American, Capital, Cincinnati, Chase, Dayton, Indiana, Bloomington, Kentucky, Louisville, Minnesota, Ohio Northern, Ohio State, Regent, St. Louis, Tennessee, Valparaiso, Vanderbilt, and William and Mary.

There will be a lot of information about what students need to do to receive admission into desired schools, Edwards said.

Phi Alpha Delta is having a meeting tonight at 6 p.m. in Student Center room 363 to discuss UK Law Day and answer any questions students have.

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## To govern well, one must at least show up

Student Government didn't get anything of substance done at its Sept. 27 meeting. But their inaction wasn't due to legislative bickering or a lack of items on the agenda.

No, it was because not enough senators showed up for the Senate to meet quorum. Two-thirds of the body must be present for votes on legislation to be held, but only 16 senators — about half of the full Senate — showed up.

Because of the other senators' absence, the matters scheduled for the evening — including a resolution about diversity, a constitutional amendment to allow Web-based elections, and appointments to SG's executive branch and the University Appeals Board — went undecided.

The absent senators also missed two important presentations by UK administrators.

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One was by Patricia Terrell, vice president for student affairs, on the opening of a resource center for students who are gay, lesbian, bisexual, transgender or questioning. The other was Provost Kumble Subbaswamy's discussion of the university's three-year strategic plan.

There are multiple possible reasons for the widespread absenteeism. The meeting was scheduled for earlier than usual, said Senate President Brent Burchett. Last week was also the first wave of tests and papers for many students.

And it was Greek Week as well. During Greek Week, fraternities and sororities receive support for having more of their members show

up to scheduled events. Many senators are in Greek organizations, and it is possible those who missed the meeting were at these events.

No matter where the absent senators were, missing the meeting is inexcusable. SG should be their first priority, and they should schedule their social lives and study time around it (within reason, of course). As Burchett said at the meeting, "Sometimes we have to give up certain things." It is rather probable that half of senators had such pressing commitments that they couldn't make the meeting under any circumstance.

SG isn't a meaningless, do-nothing puppet "government" — it's a real organization with a large budget and significant responsibility. Its officials need to treat it as such at the very least by showing up at biweekly meetings.

If a sense of civic duty doesn't motivate them, perhaps fear will. SG has a good record of getting rid of absentee senators; last year,

SG senators should have scheduled their study time and Greek Week participation around the Senate instead of missing the meeting.

Fredy Perry (aka "Fredy P") was forced to resign his seat after missing three Senate meetings.

Whatever may motivate them, SG senators need to avoid a repeat of last week's meeting.

## NYC 'takes the cake' with trans fat ban

Kentuckians are almost constantly bombarded with news of the state's health woes. Among the most frequently cited statistics is Kentucky's obesity rate, which stands at 26.7 percent for adults — the fifth-highest in the country — according to a report released this year.

In contrast, New York City's obesity rate is roughly 20 percent. And the city's Board of Health thinks it has a solution.

Last week, a plan was announced that would eliminate synthetic fats from New York restaurants. The substance in question is partially hydrogenated oil, which has been used in shortenings and frying oils for decades. The fats are used for frying such items as french fries and doughnuts.

The problem is that trans fats have been tied to increased rates in obesity and coronary heart disease. As a result,

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some fast food chains have voluntarily switched to non-hydrogenated cooking oil to reduce trans fats. In June, both Wendy's and Panera Bread made the switch away from artificial trans fats.

So it would appear that the market is making its own corrections for such an unhealthy product. While it would obviously benefit citizens to reduce or eliminate trans fat from their diets, it is not the responsibility of the New York City Board of Health or any other government body to do so.

Ultimately, this issue boils down to personal choice and responsibility. If New Yorkers or anyone else want to eliminate trans fat from their diet, it is their responsibility to eat healthily.

Trans fat is bad for you. Laws that eliminate choice, however, are worse.

## Troops' departure brings out emotion, appreciation

Tears slowly slid down her face as she grasped her husband of nearly 11 years.

Her husband pulled her as close to him as he possibly could.

They held each other. He got on the bus. And then he left.

Ten feet away, a couple in their very early twenties hid between two buses, hugging and kissing in hopes that he wouldn't take the final step onto the bus.

Twenty feet away, a mother and a father stood under an umbrella, holding each other as their only means of standing up as the bus driver started the engine. The mother held a tissue and fit her head under her husband's shoulder as she attempted to pull her hand away from wiping tears long enough to raise her hand to wave good-bye. Meanwhile, the father, a grown man, was weeping out loud.

In the midst of all the hugs, kisses, prayers and tears stood another man. Single and alone, he strolled through the other soldiers, watching and smoking a cigarette. And then there was me.

I stood letting every rain drop hit me without ever feeling wet. I tried to be strong and not cry. But it was impossible.

This scene was only a week and a half ago in London, Ky., where I watched more than 140 American soldiers load a bus heading to Camp Shelby in Hattiesburg, Miss., from which they will then all be sent to fight in Iraq.

I know the Iraq war has been going on for a long time, but I hadn't felt the effects of being personally connected until now. Although I knew one soldier in Iraq, I didn't see the look of his family's faces when they said farewell.

I met Johnny and Jackie two days before his send-off. The two were nice enough to let me observe Johnny's last days in Kentucky until next June.

This send-off was not their first. They had gone through the same pain before, when Johnny went to fight in Bosnia.

Five weeks before being de-

ployed, Johnny was able to come home to watch his wife give birth to their third son, Jackson. He is also the father of Ryan, 9, and Alex, 3.

Two days before loading the bus, Johnny heard his son, Ryan, announced during a middle-school football game.

The day before his departure, Johnny visited family and friends as they gave their farewells. The couple had a family portrait made. His final stop before the last night he'd spend in his bed was to his mother's home for his favorite meal — ham, mashed potatoes, biscuits, green beans and apple dumplings.

Johnny volunteered to fight in Iraq. He felt like it was something that he needed to do. His courage amazed me.

As we were talking and he was holding Jackson and watching the other boys play, he jokingly said, "I don't know which battle is harder, the fight at home with the kids or in Iraq. My wife is the one going through the combat."

He seemed so emotionally strong and not at all concerned. Jackie's courage was just as incredible. After the send-off, I asked her how she dealt with him being gone for so long.

"I don't have time to think about it — I have to take care of three kids," Jackie said.

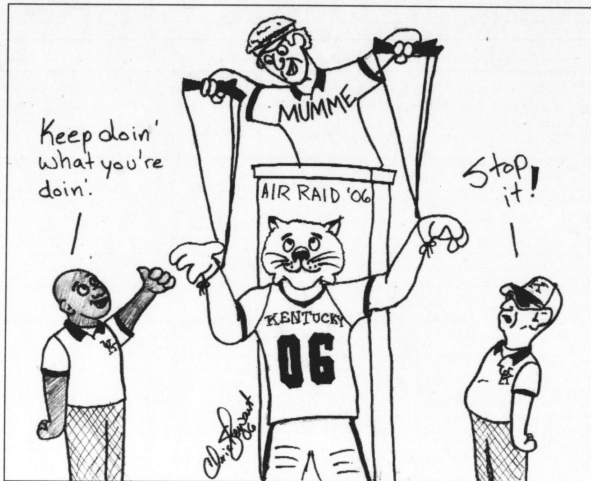
What a sacrifice. Johnny is sacrificing by missing the first nine months of his son's life. He is missing time with his wife as she is holding things together at home. Neither of their situations is easy, and for that, I admire their selflessness.

Johnny's family is now only left with the hope that he will be back and that every day he is gone is one day closer to him being home.

When Johnny left, his mother looked at me and said, "He's my baby, and he'll always be my baby."

Now, when I'm walking on campus and see the men and women walking around with camouflage uniforms on, I think of Johnny and his family. I truly honor and respect our soldiers and their families. And to those families and soldiers, in case you haven't heard it, you are very much appreciated.

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## Get facts straight before stereotyping poor Kentuckians

If you do not regularly watch "Kentucky Tonight" on KET, then you need to pay attention. This program, which runs

live on Monday nights at 8 p.m., is a production on issues confronting Kentuckians. It is structured as a debate moderated by Bill Goodman and generally features four guests — two on each side of a certain issue.

Last week, the episode focused on poverty in Kentucky. The guests were Makeda Harris, a policy analyst for Kentucky Youth Advocates; Joanna Badagliacco, a UK sociology professor; Chris Derry, president of the Bluegrass Institute for Public Policy Solutions; and James Ziliak, a UK economics professor and director of the university's Center for Poverty Research.

As my roommate and I were watching this program, our other housemates thought we were watching a football game.

We were yelling at the television, cheering on Badagliacco, Harris and Ziliak — and cursing at Derry. After the program, we had a discussion about all of the things we had just heard. Derry proposed that the reason Eastern Kentuckians are poor is because they will not move to Lexington and Louisville — where they could easily find jobs, of course. He proposed that by making the choice to stay in Eastern Kentucky, these poor individuals were choosing to be underprivileged. He adopted a blame-the-victim mentality, neglecting any sense of place, minimal job opportunities or lack of education.

Why didn't I think of these solu-

tions? Oh yes, because they are terrible.

Badagliacco reminded Derry that he was speaking from a position of privilege, which is true. Derry is not from Kentucky, and he was educated at the Air Force Academy and Vanderbilt. He has no sense of what it is like to be a young mother on welfare, wanting to work but having no opportunity to do so.

Mr. Derry also generalized all poor people into unwed mothers. Obviously, as he pointed out, if women would stop having children out of wedlock, we would not have so many poor people.

These women need to be educated; they need to be informed. My question to him, then, is whether he would advocate comprehensive sex education and birth-control accessibility?

At the end of the program, I called into the show. The question I voiced concerned the above problem. Obviously, there are many poor individuals in our state that are not unwed mothers.

What does Derry think about veterans? Would he say that they made the choice to be poor because they went to serve our country and do not have proper benefits now?

Would he degrade two-parent homes in which the parents are both working, but at minimum wage-level jobs because they do not have the skills to find better employment?

After I asked this question, Derry immediately changed the subject, refusing to respond to an obvious hole in his argument.

Derry also fought hard against a living wage. If we raise the minimum wage to something that people can

live on, he argued, entry-level jobs would disappear. High-school students would not be able to find jobs because employers would be forced to pay them higher wages also.

Although I recognize that there are many people in our state who feel this way, Derry cannot have his cake and eat it too.

If poor individuals take entry-level jobs, he argues, they can work their way up to higher positions with better pay. This is sometimes not possible — for instance, if you are a single parent with no high school education and no time for job training

because of a lack of reliable day care.

Many of us, being college-educated people, are in a position of privilege. But there is a significant difference between being privileged yet being able to empathize with the situations of others, and living

your life from an ivory tower, forever looking down.

Years ago, being poor was not something to be ashamed of. Yes, there have always been individuals who have less than others, but it is those who are speaking from a privileged position that have made it a crime to be poor. No one, if given the chance, would choose to be poor.

Derry needs to know that his views are pompous, unwanted and completely inappropriate. People do not make the choice to be poor. Privileged individuals like Derry — and the terrible social conditions that they regulate — make the decision for them.

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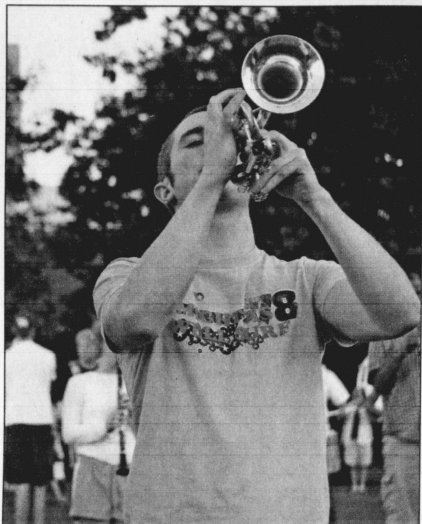
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## MARCHING TO THE BEAT



Michael Holland, a freshman music major in trumpet performance, practices with the UK Marching Band yesterday evening on Stoll Field. The Wildcat Marching Band is scheduled to perform its routine at Saturday's football game against South Carolina.

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### CLASSMATES

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that much," Officer said. "I'm really impressed by the generosity of our undergraduate students."

Accounting junior Alex Hale said he was happy to help, along with Officer and his classmates.

The identity of the student remained anonymous, but Hale said it did not make a difference.

"We've got all of these great things around us and happening for us, and so when situations like this come about, it's the least I can do to help," Hale said. "I couldn't get up there fast enough to put that \$5 in the basket."

### STALKING

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with experts like T.K. (Logan) on campus," Edwards said. "Our prevention efforts of reducing these incidents only happen if we have good data."

College campuses provide a good environment for stalkers because they are relatively closed-in communities where daily routines and regular behaviors can be easily monitored. And in the case of partner stalking, the stalker usually already has an intimate knowledge of the victim's habits, according to the fact sheet.

Maggie Fincel, a journalism junior, thinks being with

a group is key to staying safe on campus.

"I think if you stay with groups and be careful, stalking isn't a huge issue, but girls who go out alone and don't think about it can be at risk," Fincel said.

UK students can visit Women's Place on the first floor of Frazee Hall to learn more about violence, rape and stalking.

Edwards said she believes Women's Place can help students who think they are being stalked.

"We're not just counseling — we work hand in hand with the police department to protect students," Edwards said. "We also show students how to properly document incidents for legal recourse."

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