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## UK administrators teach to 'stay in touch' with needs of students

By Brian Bennett  
Senior Staff Writer

The closest some students get to knowing administrators is seeing their signatures on dean's list certificates or academic probation notices.

But some students have an entirely different perspective of some of the University's top decision makers. They know them not as "administrator" but as "teacher."

Most vice chancellors, academic deans and associate deans on the Lexington Campus teach at least one class per year.

Administrators say that leaving their offices and entering the classroom allows them the opportunity to do something they need to do more of — meet and interact with students.

"It makes you realize even now the varying needs that students have, and it keeps you in touch with their needs now versus their needs a year ago," said J. John Harris, dean of the College of Education. "That barometer reading is critical, indeed, if we are to stay in touch with students."

"I don't know how you can understand student problems unless you deal with them on a daily basis," said Thomas Lester, dean of College of Engineering. "I think it's important to establish those linkages and make them feel comfortable and let them know they can approach you if they have any problems."

Administrators are urged — though not required — to teach by Robert Hemenway, chancellor for the Lexington Campus. Hemenway said having administrators in the classroom is a "way to really maintain touch with reality."

"We haven't made it an absolute dictum," Hemenway said. "What

I've made clear is that I believe that administrators, assistant deans, deans, vice chancellors and chancellors ought to be teaching because it's the best way we have to keep touch with the real reason for the Lexington Campus — and that's to educate.

"I think most administrators have gotten where they are because they were good faculty members, they loved to teach," he said. "And I don't see why we should encourage brain death on the part of administrators by divorcing ourselves from the classroom."

Hemenway takes his own advice. This semester he is teaching English 356: Survey of African-American Literature. A former English Department chairman, he has taught other English classes in past semesters.

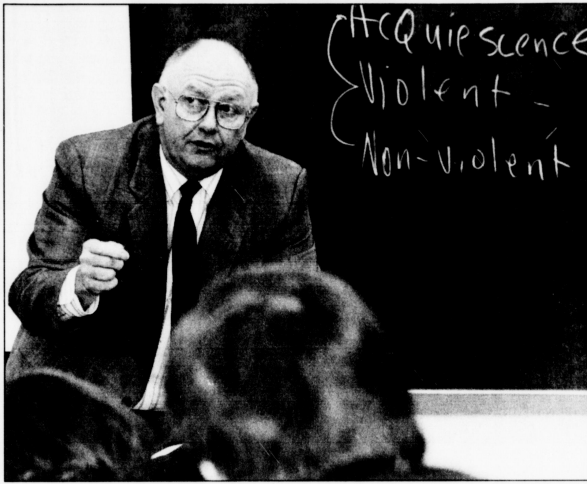
Teaching actually helps make better administrators, Hemenway said.

"No one can be a good administrator if they're just sitting in their office and looking at pieces of paper. You've got to get out and see the human faces that make up the University community in order to be a good administrator," he said.

Jack Blanton, vice chancellor for administration and instructor of MGT 301: Business Management, said he takes ideas that students' ideas from the classroom back to the office to help with decision making.

"I think it's terribly important for top University administrators to stay in touch with their customers," said Blanton, who has taught the course for the past eight years. "They give me feedback. They let me know how I'm doing what I'm doing and how to do it better."

But with already crammed schedules — deans and vice chancellors



Chancellor for the Lexington Campus Robert Hemenway teaches English 356: Survey of African-American Literature. He says teaching makes him a better administrator.

laugh at the notion of a 40-hour week, saying it's more like 60 — where do administrators find the time for preparing for class and grading papers?

The answer, they say, is anywhere they can.

"Like anything else in life, you just make the time," said James Kuder, vice chancellor for student affairs who teaches a tests and measurements course in the College of Education. "I try to catch a half-hour here, a Saturday afternoon (there) or a lunch break. I don't need — because I really enjoy teaching."

Despite the extra work teaching adds to their already heavy schedules, most administrators say that being in the classroom is their favorite part of their weekly routine.

"First of all I love to teach," said Rutherford Campbell, dean of the

College of Law and professor of a corporate finance and security regulation course this semester. "I get a kick out of teaching. It's like therapy for me."

Besides, teaching shouldn't be a foreign activity since it's how every administrator began, said Douglas Boyd, dean of the College of Communications.

"Every dean went to graduate school to be an educator. Nobody went to graduate school and said, 'Gosh, I hope to be an administrator someday,'" said Boyd, who is teaching a global communications course.

Boyd said teaching keeps him focused on his real mission.

"When I come to my office every morning, I try to tell myself that I'm here primarily to promote educational services, not to shuffle papers," he said. "Teaching helps

keep that on my mental agenda."

Though some students might find it intimidating to have a dean or a chancellor for an instructor, English senior Sylvia Taggart disagrees.

Taggart, who is taking Hemenway's class, said having administrators in the classroom is advantageous for students.

"I don't really think about him being the chancellor up there. He's just a professor," Taggart said of Hemenway. "If anything, (administrators) have a wider range of life in general, and they can add something to the class."

Despite the difficulties of fitting his teaching duties into his schedule, Hemenway said he couldn't give up the thrill he gets from teaching.

"The joys of being in the classroom make all that effort worthwhile."

## Testing center offering tips for students as finals near

By Tanya Pratt  
Contributing Writer

UK's Counseling and Testing Center will be sponsoring sessions from 7 to 8 tonight on strategies for studying for and taking finals.

The sessions, which are open to all students, will be held in 230 Student Center.

The sessions involve class participation and include advice to students on preparing for and taking their final exams.

"I want to pull ideas from the students and get them to bend the ideas that I present," said Betty Hall, a counselor at the center.

At the sessions, students will receive worksheets so they can practice for their finals. They also will receive a time schedule that the counselors hope will be effective in the students' management of study time during deal week and throughout their college experience.

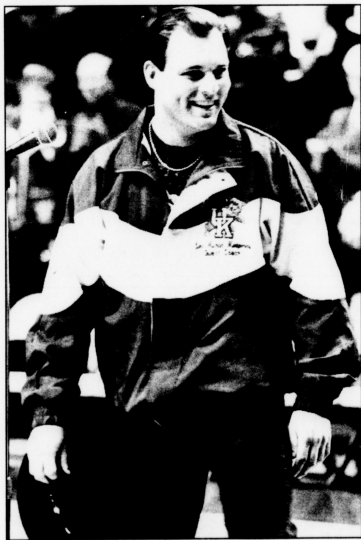
The counselors will attempt to help students in becoming aware of all their choices and establishing their own ideas and concepts about learning.

Hall will preside over the first night of counseling, and Greg Strouse, another counselor at the center, will take charge of the second night. Both are involved in the learning skills program at the center.

The Counseling and Testing Center always is available for students. It offers counseling for different areas of concern, like stress, testing anxiety, developing a more effective time schedule, learning skills and brainstorming on problem classes.

Students may call 257-8701 to make individual appointments with the center's counselors. The center is located on the third floor of Frazer Hall.

## FRONT & CENTER



Country musician John Michael Montgomery grins after struggling with the singing of the national anthem at Rupp Arena Saturday night. See related stories, Page 3.

## Jackson chastises baseball for racism on first day of winter meetings

By Ronald Blum  
Associated Press

LOUISVILLE, Ky. — Baseball was jolted yesterday when the Rev. Jesse Jackson came to the winter meetings to chastise the sport for racism.

Jackson, responding to racial slurs allegedly made by Cincinnati

Reds owner Marge Schott, came to the hotel where all of baseball had gathered and said he and his Rainbow Coalition would seek to speed the sport's integration of its executive suites.

A report released yesterday showed 17 percent of front-office employees are black, up 1 percent from 1991, but just 21 of 534 executives

and departments ahead among the clubs were black.

"Forty-five years after Jackie Robinson, it's time for owners to grow up and join the real America," Jackson said from a podium in the press room.

After his news conference, Jackson met with a baseball delegation headed by Milwaukee Brewers

owner Bud Selig, chairman of the ruling executive council.

"If we cannot talk to them, we will meet them in a real sense at the turnstiles in the opening week of the season," Jackson said. "We will meet them in the Congress and in the hearing rooms."

"The meeting was congenial but inconclusive," Jackson said. "We

shall seek to meet with the body of owners ... at a date yet to be determined that is mutually agreeable."

Jackson said that if owners failed to develop a minority hiring plan by opening day, there would be selective boycotts of stadiums and pressure put on Congress to repeal baseball's antitrust exemption.

## Firefighters' 'Toys for Tots' drive under way

By Erica Patterson  
Staff Writer

For the 61st year, Lexington-Fayette County firefighters will collect, repair and distribute toys to disadvantaged children during their "Toys for Tots" Christmas toy drive.

With more requests for toys and more help from volunteers, firefighters no longer deliver toys personally on Christmas Eve, as they have done in the past, said Mike Barnes, vice president of the Fraternal Order of Firefighters, which sponsors the drive.

The 1,800 Marines standing offshore on three Navy ships are the vanguard of a multinational rescue mission in the war and famine-wracked nation. But Pentagon sources said most of the 28,000 U.S. soldiers and Marines committed

to the operation might not begin arriving for several days.

Robert Oakley, a special U.S. envoy and former U.S. ambassador to Somalia, arrived yesterday to meet with leaders of Somalia's warring clan leaders and with international aid workers to outline plans for the U.S.-led operation. He stressed that Washington envisioned a humanitarian effort and not a military one.

"We hope it will remain a humanitarian operation all the way through, because the purpose is to protect deliveries of relief supplies, relief workers and relief recipients," Oakley said.

"The program is growing and growing each year. We don't have unlimited resources, but we do try to help everyone," Barnes said.

Volunteers in last year's toy drive included boy scouts, Greek organizations and area businesses, Barnes said.

Monetary donations, new toys and like-new toys, excluding electronic and battery operated toys, for children up to 12 years old will be accepted at any local fire station until Dec. 18.

Donations made after this date

will go toward the program for next year.

There also is a toy collection box in the School of Journalism office in the Enoch J. Grehan Journalism Building. The collection box will remain in the office until the end of finals week, said Bill Foraker, an advertising senior and member of the American Advertising Federation, one of the organizations helping in the drive this year.

"I feel it's a good cause to help out children at Christmas time," he said. "Donating to this cause — the time, the effort, a toy — whatever you can do, you can envision

brightening a child's Christmas."

"It's a good thing to do for the community to help the children who are less fortunate," said Kevin Terry, advertising senior and volunteer for the toy drive.

AAF members and other volunteers will set up a toy store at the Red Mile clubhouse Dec. 21. Toys will be distributed the next day from 8 a.m. to 7 p.m., and families that have requested toys will be able to pick two per child, Barnes said.

Parents may request toys at Fire Station No. 1 in Lexington until 1 p.m. Dec. 14.

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# DIVERSIONS

## Lexington native carries on Kentucky tradition in country

By Shannon Whitley  
Contributing Writer

John Michael Montgomery, a hot new country music singer, said country music is like "finding somebody out there you always wanted to meet — that perfect person."

"Well, music is my perfect person," said Montgomery, who was in Lexington appearing as a celebrity guest coach for UK's Lady Kat Invitational Tournament.

Before the game he displayed his intense, electrifying voice by singing the national anthem. Montgomery also performed, a bit more nervously, the national anthem at Saturday's nationally televised UK-Georgia Tech game.

Since he was a child, Montgomery has been in the music scene with his parents, who were both musicians.

At 15, he bought his first guitar.



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And, at 16, he began performing as a professional in the music industry.

"I've been on stage on and off growing up. My mom and dad always got us up and let us sing a song," the singer said, remembering the times his brother, sister and he spent with his musician parents.

However, Montgomery's big break did not happen until he began playing at Austin City Saloon. People in the Lexington area took an instant liking to Montgomery and his strong vocal range. He soon attracted a great regional following.

During one of his performances a

man walked in the door of the bar and liked what he heard, Montgomery said. Not long after that night, executives from Atlantic Records came to hear this dynamic performer.

They liked his music and signed him to a recording contract with the label. Montgomery said the people from Atlantic Records liked his music and believed in him.

"They are still there for me, and we are trying to make it work," he said.

On Oct. 13, Montgomery's hard work and diligent playing paid off with the release of his debut album, "Life's a Dance." The musical range of the songs is fantastic, from the rowdy, partying "Beer and Bones" to the slow melody of the title track and first single, "Life's a Dance."

Montgomery said he developed a love for music at a very young age and that he is possessed with it.

"The day I feel like I'm success-

ful is the day they lay me down in my grave and I've achieved what I've wanted to achieve," Montgomery said. His goals are to "be able to have a family and a career," he said.

To be able to leave behind more than just his music is one of Montgomery's main goals. He said he hopes to have children and grandchildren to carry on his love of music.

"Family is the number one priority in anyone's life," Montgomery

said. "And that is the successful part of a life."

"My dad is probably more of an idol to me than anyone."

He also said that, when he was growing up, his father was the person he most wanted to be like.

Montgomery said that country music singers like Garth Brooks, George Strait and Randy Travis have helped introduce a new type of country music that sends out a positive message about real life.

Younger people, like college stu-

dents, should be able to relate to this music better than older country music, Montgomery said. He said he hopes students who usually do not listen to country music will give it a chance.

It is not uncommon for Montgomery to listen to music by Journey or Lionel Richie, as well as that by singers like George Strait, he said.

The respect he has for other musicians goes way beyond just country music singers.

## Former Austin City Saloon singer churns out quality debut album

John Michael Montgomery  
*Life's a Dance*  
Atlantic Records

By Shannon Whitley  
Contributing Critic

From "Beer and Bones," to "Nickels, Dimes and Love," John Michael Montgomery's debut album *Life's a Dance* offers a little bit for everyone desiring some true country music.

Montgomery's vocals on his Atlantic release range from soft and passionate chill-making tones of love songs to true grit two-stepping sounds exemplified in "Beer and Bones."

The songs on this CD should reach a vast audience because of the variety of style in the vocals and background music. Montgomery's debut is one of the best in country music in a long time.

There is no toss up as to which song is the best — if anything, the major decision is which song not to



expressed in words like "life's a dance/you learn as you go/sometimes you lead/sometimes you follow."

Then Montgomery sings of wishes and dreams in "Dream on Texas Ladies." In this song, a true Texas lady is supposed to keep wishing on a bright shining star in a hope of finding her true cowboy. However, if what you like to hear is swinging country music, then "When Your Baby Ain't Around" is the song to listen to.

This CD is one that everyone should have. Whether you love country music or never listen to it, you should give Montgomery, a Lexington native, a chance. Everyone should be able to relate to some aspect of one of the songs, whether falling in love or mending a broken heart.

It has been a long time coming for the release of a CD from Montgomery, but it truly has been worth the wait.

listen to. All the songs show the diversity and talent of a rising star.

"I Love the Way You Love Me" is, by far, one of the most true-feeling-evoking love songs to date. The sound of Montgomery's voice singing, "I love the way you love me/strong and wild/slow and easy/heart and soul/so completely," can just send chills down the spine.

If you have ever wanted to slow dance with a certain person, then grab that special someone and dance your heart out to this song, for it has real meaning.

The songs are not another collection of typical country songs about drinking, divorcing your wife and losing your job. They are about other real life experiences, which the title release, "Life's a Dance," best



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## United Nations choice to feed Somalian people a justifiable decision

### EDITORIAL

Only a couple of months ago most people had never heard of Somalia. Today, the United States is preparing to send nearly 30,000 American troops under the United Nations flag to that country on a humanitarian mission.

The deployment, titled "Operation Restore Hope" by President George Bush, is designed to protect and distribute food and supplies to Somalis, who are literally starving as competing warlords steal the food from those who need it.

The country of Somalia, located on the horn of Africa in the eastern part of that continent, has no established government following the overthrow of its former one in 1991. The results of that coup were many divided and hungry factions. Those splinter groups are hungry for food and for power.

The deployment of troops is a necessity for the survival of the Somalis. People must eat to survive.

While the short-term goal for the United Nations troops is to get food to the many starving people, long-term goals also must be considered.

What happens once the people are fed? Will the factions go back to their stealing and fighting? Should an organized government be established or encouraged?

Because of the many factors that could influence the long-term effects, the United Nations most likely will need to be stationed there indefinitely in a peace-keeping effort.

"How many" and "how long" are two questions that remain to be answered. For now, we most focus on keeping the people alive so we can worry about the future.

## Working experiences not always pleasant

Don't sacrifice your dignity for a few dollars



**Mitchell Douglas**  
Kernel Columnist

My desperate search for a job lasted nearly the entire fall semester, reaching no end until the last days of October. With the help of a friend, I landed a dishwashing gig at a fairly popular Lexington restaurant and breathed a "happy to be employed" sigh of relief.

One month later I quit. I guess I wasn't as desperate as I thought. Don't get me wrong. There's nothing wrong with washing dishes. A job is a job. As long as you're doing something legal, you're on the right track.

But while my boss was welcoming me so warmly to the grind, he had no respect for my position. The following is an account of my brief 30-day stint as part of the nation's work force. All names have been changed to protect the innocent — me.

My first day at Le Cafard was slow and uneventful, the kind of first day everyone dreams of having. A wiry, hippy-looking guy named Johnathan showed me the ropes, and we ate red beans and rice while waiting for catastrophes on bus trays to make their way back to the dishroom.

We had to wash silverware at least twice, which made sense to me, but another trick of the trade seemed puzzling.

As I scraped off plates in preparation for a run through the dishwasher, Johnathan informed me not to throw any oyster shells away. What appeared on the menu as fresh oysters actually were fresh out of a can, and all the shells customers ate off of had to be washed for further use.

I couldn't help laughing. Le Cafard gave new meaning to the word thrifty.

It wasn't until things got busy that my boss showed his true colors. Clyde was not only my boss but the head chef, a title that put him on another level of dictatorship.

One minute he was asking you how you were doing, the next he

was barking orders and causing the kitchen staff to scatter like chickens with their heads cut off. He played the role of the friendly tyrant all too confusingly well. Clyde was the type of boss who you smile at at work and curse at when you got home.

On one of those busy nights, I got careless and split a finger open with a coffee cup. I got a few stitches and a few days off, but when it was time to take them out Clyde was not so understanding.

Although the doctor had taped my finger together and advised me not to get it wet for several hours, Clyde advised me to come in or I wouldn't have a job. His tone of voice was condescending, and his threat was actually a promise.

I reported for work that night but held a grudge against Clyde until my last day. As far as he was concerned, my job didn't mean anything, and finding a replacement wasn't a problem.

It's ironic that one of the most important jobs at the restaurant was perhaps the least respected. Such is the case when you have a job that no one wants.

Leaving Le Cafard was an easy decision. I'm still poor, but at least I've still got my pride. I'm looking for another job, and I'm not pressed about finding one. Nothing could be as difficult as the conditions I've left behind.

Don't sacrifice dignity for dollars. In the end, it's not worth it. At the very least, I've earned a little money for rent, learned a lesson in management tactics and gained a good story to tell my father.

He can't stop telling his friends about what we did with the oyster shells.

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## Someone will buy a Whopper in 1993



**Chip Tillett**  
Kernel Columnist

One of the reasons I consider Lexington a college masquerading as a city is that all of the television stations sign off early.

In a real city, the local affiliates would be on "round-the-clock" providing the viewers with quality programming, but in the heart of the Bluegrass this void is filled by cable TV. And when these stations run out of quality programs, the viewers get infomercials.

These extra long commercials are half-hour paid advertisements aimed at viewers who don't have much gray matter but still enjoy spending money. The programs have titles like "Amazing Discoveries," "Incredible Inventions" and my personal favorite, "Hey, Moron, Why Don't You Waste Some Money On This Stuff."

But in reality, the only amazing discoveries are the people that get to sit in the audience. These people have even more time on their hands than I do.

They sit. They watch. They clap. But I pray they don't reproduce. These are people who should not be allowed around sharp objects.

But even better than the brain-dead audience are the hilarious products.

The Flo-Bee Haircutting System looks like a vacuum cleaner suck-

ing up hair. Another has a guy promoting a machine that will help you save hundreds of dollars by making your own beef jerky. And the strangest one to date is guys covering up thinning hair and bald spots with some sort of spray paint.

But my personal favorite is the one for the Psychic Friends Network. It is hosted by Dionne Warwick, and she is promoting a 900 number that allows you to talk to your own personal psychic.

All for only \$3.99 per minute. (Sounds like a bargain to me.) I can only think of two reasons Dionne would be a spokeswoman for this hotline: 1) She believes this garbage, or 2) She really, really needs the money.

Even though I wouldn't be caught dead calling a psychic friend, I decided to try out my own psychic powers and see what 1993 holds in store. The great thing about it is it's free.

Sometime, somewhere, a man walks into a Burger King and orders a Whopper. (See, that wasn't so hard.)

\*Rosanne Arnold, not wanting to

get less media attention than Madonna, puts out her own book called "Sex, Adipose Style." Included in the book are lewd pictures of Rosie and hubby Tom (Will somebody please shoot him?) doing unspeakable things. Luckily, the United States Supreme Court not only rules the book obscene, but also disgusting.

It is revealed that Casey Kasem is actually a life-sized Muppet.

The Cats win the national title. Sorry, Big Blue fans, that's the Cincinnati Bengals. The Wildcats make due with a Final Four appearance.

The New England Journal of Medicine releases a report that confirms an earlier fear that country music causes brain damage and in-breeding. How else do you explain "Billy Ray Mania?" In a related study, it is proved that girls in certain parts of Kentucky, Tennessee and West Virginia are only virgins if they can run faster than their brothers.

The Food and Drug Administration reveals the creation of a new, less tasty and nutritious meat substitute called "I Really Can Believe It's Not Meat." Later, it is learned not only that this already had been invented, but also that it has been in use for several years by UK Food Services.

On the success of other reality based television shows, Fox unveils their new show, "This Blows." This hour-long show is devoted entirely to people blowing their noses. Of course, Bob Saget is the hosts (and you thought I had forgotten).

A middle-aged man purchases a bright red sports car. (Wait, this is just a mid-life crisis.)

And, finally, Marge Schott lifts the ban of facial hair on her baseball team and acquires every player to grow an Adolf Hitler-esque moustache. While Schott claims to be a minority herself, she's actually a member of the majority most racists belong to — the stupid one. Gosh, Marge, I knew your team was red, but I didn't know your neck was also.

So, there are my bold predictions for the upcoming year. I suggest you cut this column out, post it and begin to mark off events as they happen.

Just call me Nostradamus. How sure am I that my crystal ball is accurate? "I bet your life on it (or maybe Tom's)."

*Chip Tillett is a telecommunications junior and a Kentucky Kernel columnist.*

## Military would be happier without gays

**Charles Jarrett**  
Kernel Columnist

right all may share.

Let us open the armed services up to all members of our great melting pot. Why should we discriminate against those less fortunate, like the handicapped, homeless, unemployed, criminally insane, addicted, tall, obese, etc.?

To best facilitate a move to liberate our oppressed comrades, certain superficial accommodations must be made in regard to our military's hardware.

Condoms must be available in every barracks room, ship and aircraft. To deny homosexual men the opportunity to protect themselves, should an uncontrollable urge to practice their sexual preference overtake them, would not only be discrimination, but also constitutes criminal negligence on the part of that individual's commander.

That type of uncaring attitude about people's sexual orientation might permanently scar them emotionally for years after their military service has ended.

Service members must be afforded the opportunity to be segregated by sex and sexual preference.

Nothing could be more traumatic for a young budding lesbian than for her to be forced to live with a man's love slave. If she were forced to witness the humiliation of a heterosexual relationship, she might be made to feel somehow helpless, inadequate or different.

Likewise, military commanders must allow troops of the opposite sex to share living accommodations, as well. To do otherwise would be discrimination against the heterosexuals.

To prevent unwanted births, each airbase, port and fort should be equipped with a Planned Parenthood Clinic. Of course, all of this

Nothing could be more traumatic for a young budding lesbian than for her to be forced to live with a man's love slave. She might be made to feel somehow helpless, inadequate or different.

will require massive expansion of current facilities. Look, Bill! You're creating jobs already!

All military vehicles must be equipped to accommodate handicapped drivers and to include those are taller than 7 feet or weigh more than 350 pounds.

Any rational person can see the futility of this entire argument. First and foremost, our military machine has but one basic mission: To close in and neutralize the enemy. Everything else is just support.

To serve in this machine is a privilege. It requires certain skills and physical attributes that not everyone possesses.

I am not implying that homosexuals do not also possess these attributes, but why change something that works? We have the most powerful military force in the world, and it did not happen overnight.

Our military might was not achieved by the enlistment of sociologists, psychologists or politicians.

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