

## Budget squeeze leads A&S to consider cuts

Arts and Sciences suggests bigger classes, fewer offerings to offset shrinking resources

By Samiiah Shalah  
THE KENTUCKY KERNEL

Fewer classes at all levels, a larger number of students in each class and flexible major requirements were among the recommendations in a self-study draft done by the College of Arts and Sciences.

Tomorrow is the last day the committee will accept comments on the report. It will then be finalized and sent to the administration.

The seven-member ad

hoc committee that prepared the self-study agreed that teaching more undergraduates with fewer resources will require all departments to rethink their major requirements.

Enrollment plays a large part in the need for this change, committee members said. The UK freshman class grew in six years from 2,650 to 4,020 — more than a 50 percent jump.

Arts and Sciences is UK's largest college and accounts for about 55 percent of the total undergraduate

credit hours generated at UK.

"Clearly, the challenge is how do we deal with increasing enrollment and decreasing budget," said Mark Meier, the committee chair and a chemistry professor. "We believe we need to concentrate on doing a better job of what we are doing now."

In the report, the committee acknowledges an inevitable decrease in educational quality as student numbers continue to rise while full-time employees

shrink or, at best, level off. It then suggests that general education courses and most upper-level classes

be adapted to accommodate larger classes.

Linguistics professor Lynn Guindon recommends that only tenured faculty and administrators be on the self-study committee, leaving out undergraduate or graduate students, staff and untenured faculty.

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Meier strenuously to this type of defeatist thinking. The quality of our students' education will be diminished

only if we pursue this line of action."

She also pointed out that she and other faculty and administrators were on the self-study committee, leaving out undergraduate or graduate students, staff and untenured faculty.

Meier said they met with student ambassadors of the college for an hour and a half to discuss student-related is-

ssues, and people throughout the college were solicited for their opinions throughout the study.

The college is simply doing its best in the face of current numbers, Meier said.

"The enrollments are the reality. To argue that we should hold the line is pointless," he said. "Those enrollments are already here, and we don't control them. So this is the hand we're dealt — our job is to play our cards well."

The college wants to help the faculty teach larger classes by setting up larger lecture halls, review-

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English junior Jerome Scribner hands a flier to Sonya Bashkikh, a communications disorder freshman. The flier expressed dissent for the proposed renovation to the Hilary J. Boone Center, the faculty club and conference center on Rose Street and Columbia Avenue.

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## Students seek help to fight renovation of faculty center

By Troy Lyle  
THE KENTUCKY KERNEL

Some students plan to voice their disapproval of the Boone Faculty Center's proposed \$4.38 million renovation project at today's Board of Trustees meeting.

Two students, who passed out "Stop the Madness" fliers in front of the Classroom Building yesterday, hope at least 50 students will attend the meeting to express their concerns.

Several more are expected to gather around the ramp to the Student Center by the Buell Armory to further show their dissent, said Stuart Reedy, an information systems tech support specialist. He said he heard the trustees will cross the ramp to look at a project near the Student Center before the 1 p.m. meeting at Patterson Office Tower.

In light of the recent budget crunch, record tuition increases and the loss of key faculty, this project is not a good idea for UK at this time, said Jerome Scribner, an English junior.

"There's roughly \$2 million of unrestricted funds allocated for this project that would be better spent on updating university facilities," he said. "If in fact this money is available for student use, we definitely need it."

Reedy couldn't agree more. This administration shouldn't be considering a project of this magnitude and cost when so many groups around campus are struggling financially, he said. Students are already paying higher tuition rates and the faculty is carrying a much larger load, both financially and academically, he said.

"I think this is but one example of a much larger trend within this administration," Reedy said. "This administration doesn't have the students, faculty or staff's best interest in mind."

"The interesting thing is the Boone Center is located directly across from Maxwell Place where President Todd and his wife live," he said.

Not everyone sees this project as inappropriate.

State Sen. Tom Buford, R-Nicholasville, said that if UK is going to be a top-20 research university, the administration must have some leeway in making decisions and the ability to reach out and raise money.

"We can't handcuff them (UK) too much," said Buford, who voted for the proposal when it came before the state's Capital Projects and Bond Oversight Committee in July.

The center's renovations were ranked low in the last legislative session by the Council on Postsecondary Education, but Hilary J. Boone, See Boone on page 2

## UK Police reports rash of car break-ins during football game

Police look to increase security at games; drivers urged not to leave valuables in cars

By Darriush Shafa  
THE KENTUCKY KERNEL

UK Police are taking action after a recent string of break-ins at Commonwealth Stadium, most of which happened during Saturday's football game.

Eight cars were broken into during the past week, with six of

the break-ins taking place during the game.

UK Police Maj. Joe Monroe said police are arranging for more security in the lots during home games.

"We're going to change some things and have more people out in the lot," he said.

UK Police work security at the football games but patrol only inside the stadium, Monroe said,

prompting them to ask Lexington Police to help patrol the parking lots.

UK also has released a campus crime alert warning people not to leave valuable items in their vehicles, especially items that can be carried away or removed from a vehicle easily.

Monroe said once the planned changes go into effect, crime should become less of a worry to fans at the games.

"I think once we step up and put extra people out there, that should take care of the problem," he said.

Former Kentucky Attorney General Chris Gorman was one of the fans at the game whose car was broken into.

Gorman said two coolers were stolen, as well as some UK collectible figurines, worth a total of about \$200.

"I guess they just ran out of stuff they could take," he said.

Gorman, a UK law graduate and attorney general from 1992 to 1996, said he doesn't think very highly of the people who tried to spoil his day.

"I suspect they're the people

who cheat on college exams and plan to go through life cheating," he said. "They'll get caught."

Despite the negative experience, Gorman said it wasn't enough to ruin the entire day, which he said was his first tailgating experience.

"We had a great time. I'm not about to let whoever it was, three or four people, ruin our great time," he said.

"It's just one of those things that happened. We'll be back."

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ing the allocation of teaching assistants and creating course Web sites.

It also recommends that the 95 percent of funds set aside for personnel salaries and benefits be lowered in order to accommodate such measures, which could mean even fewer professors in the future.

"Too much money is tied up in salary," said Army Stromberg, a committee member and statistics professor. "When there's a cut, the money comes out of operating expenses, so salary percentages go up."

He said the faculty will continue to shrink as teachers retire or leave and are

not replaced, which will create a heavier burden on existing staff.

When Stromberg began teaching Statistics 291 10 years ago, his course size was 35. Now, it's capped at 135.

"You have to adapt," he said. "Most professors agree that the larger class, the more students are inhibited from asking questions."

One portion of the self-study mentions Arts and Sciences Dean Steven Hoch's measure to increase the money spent on information technology from \$100,000 to \$550,000 by fiscal year 2006.

Hoch declined to comment for this story.

The self-study suggests a larger incorporation of "smart classrooms" — classrooms equipped with computer technology — in the college, which Stromberg strongly advocates.

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**Mark Meier**  
committee chairman and chemistry professor

"The concept of writing on the board doesn't work very well when you have 300 students," he said. "With smart classrooms, students can see better, and I can show them what to do on-screen."

Full access to the self-study draft can be found at [www.as.uky.edu](http://www.as.uky.edu).

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## Boone

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a Springfield, Ky., native, came forward and donated \$1 million towards the renovations, Buford said.

That money combined with prior donations gave the project life.

"It would be nice if patrons would donate to dormitories or for facilities' upgrades," he said. "But these individuals are inclined to give towards projects like the Boone Center."

"The proposed renovations would give the university the ability to reach out and raise even more money, and considering UK is better off than the rest of Kentucky or any other state university," the time is right, he said.

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### History of the Hilary J. Boone Center

Opened in March 9, 1987, the Hilary J. Boone Center, on Rose Street and Columbia Avenue, hosts meetings, luncheons, seminars and other activities sponsored by one of its roughly 1,800 members.

Hilary J. Boone Jr. — a 1941 UK graduate — funded the center, which currently contains a 125-seat dining room, a pub, a billiards room and a library. Renovations of the facility are set to begin sometime in October and are scheduled to be finished in summer 2005.

Boone was a captain of the UK tennis team in his undergraduate days, and UK's tennis facility bears his name also. Boone served in the U.S. Air Force during World War II and returned to start an insurance business. He has served on the boards of at least six organizations and also on the board at Centre College in Danville, Ky. UK awarded him with an honorary Doctorate of Law in 1989.

UK faculty and staff pay dues of \$15 per month to be a member of the center. A member of the Boone Center is also, by default, a member of about 15 other "University Clubs" in North America, England and Australia.

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## TECH CHECK

### Nostalgic students dig up old games

There's a new trend among college students, and it's not popped collars, pre-distressed jeans or ruffled skirts.

Rather, this fad is from the toy box of our collective childhood: Video games (something near and dear to this resident Tech Guy's heart).



**Paul Ross**  
TECH COLUMNIST

But before you start your letter to the editor professing your love for Halo, let me be more specific.

I'm not talking about new games.

I'm talking about old-school games. Popular console games from Atari, NES, Super Nintendo and Sega are making a comeback.

These are the beloved 8-bit and 16-bit cartridges from the past that relied on story and/or game play instead of cinematic effects and cutting-edge graphics to sell.

Classics like *The Legend of Zelda*, *Mrs. Pac-Man* and *Super Mario Bros.* appear ever more frequently on T-shirts, hats and wristbands on college campuses across the nation.

Even now, there's a huge market for retro games. But why when the latest titles offer far superior graphics and spectacular displays of violence?

"Nothing can quite compare to the feeling of gaming when we were younger," LCC English junior Samantha Tully said.

"Retro gaming is like visiting an old friend," LCC edu-

cation sophomore Alfred Ben Parks said. "I wear my Nintendo wristband with pride."

Whatever the appeal might be, the demand for these games has sharply risen, causing a substantial jump in their price and availability.

In fact, some shelves now only feature titles currently in production. This means that retro gamers will have to look toward alternative means to acquire their coveted cartridges.

One resource for thousands of gamers is the popular online auction site eBay. "I've been looking for the old Nintendo games," said horticulture senior Brandon Blevins. "I've been tempted to go on eBay and buy an old NES."

A quick eBay search for "Mario" yielded more than 6,000 items. Of these, more than half were related to the popular Nintendo plumber.

"Thousands of games, consoles and related items sell every day, with prices ranging from a few pennies to hundreds of dollars. Because there is a limited availability of some of the more popular titles, a single retro game can often sell for many times what it was worth years ago, when it was new and just off the shelf.

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lection by buying retro games, be prepared to dig deep into your pockets — several titles bundled as an auction lot can easily cost more than \$750.

Gamers aren't the only ones who have noticed the resurgence in popularity of old-school games. Gaming companies have taken notice as well, cashing in with hats, T-shirts, wristbands, stickers, even boxes branded with popular retro video game characters and logos.

In addition, many of the most popular titles are being re-released. Atari has made available several discs for the

PlayStation 2 console that have a library of old game titles for players to choose from.

Nintendo also has seen a profitable re-release of many older titles through its newest handheld, the Game Boy SP.

Whether it's the excellent storylines, the replay value or the echoes from our childhood gaming days, trust this techie's assessment: Retro games are here to stay — after all, they've survived our fickle pop culture this long.

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### NASA expert addresses extraterrestrial life

By Stephen Burnett  
THE KENTUCKY KERNEL

Trying to connect with forms of extraterrestrial life is Greg Schmidt's job description.

The NASA astrobiologist will speak tomorrow at the ideaFestival in downtown Lexington, discussing possible life in outer space.

"The talk is entitled 'Consciousness and the Cosmos,'" Schmidt said. "But I'm actually planning to go a little deeper and talk mostly about what we're doing and what we know about life's potential place beyond Earth."

The talk is free, Schmidt said. And anyone — science geek or otherwise — who'd like to hear about the search for extraterrestrial life is welcome.

"The world is changing very quickly," said history senior Jordan Wood. "and it's going to be something that affects all of us, not just science majors."

Even before entering high school, Schmidt said he wanted to work for NASA.

"About five years ago my mother found a drawing that I had done when I was about six," he said. "It said, 'When I grow up, I want to work for NASA.'"

"Connecting with this earlier me was incredible," he said. "This is something that I've always wanted to do. I can't possibly imagine a better job."

His job involves search-

ing for life or signs of life on Mars, and planning future efforts to learn more about possible locations in the universe friendly to life.

"NASA has a pretty vigorous research program, and a lot of the Mars program has been redirected toward this goal," Schmidt said.

More recent news stories such as the "Mars rock" meteorite discovery in 1996 have "galvanized the world's interest in astrobiology," Schmidt added.

"I t really illustrates how difficult it is to decide how you find life, because as you have the best scientific experts in the world looking at that piece of rock with the best technologies in the world," yet they still can't figure it out, he said.

"I don't think there's life anywhere in the solar system right now," said Nathan

Landrum, a geology sophomore and sci-fi aficionado. "I'd like to find out if the evidence they have points to life in the past on Mars."

Like many scientists, Schmidt answered that question with a definite "maybe."

"Most people think now that conditions are too hostile on the Martian surface," he said.

But now that the Mars rovers *Spirit* and *Opportunity* have found possible signs of water in the planet's past, Schmidt said he's optimistic that signs of past life could be found as well.

"However, we won't know that for some time to come," he said.

Schmidt also said he doesn't think humans are ready to go to Mars just yet.

"There are many questions that remain to be answered about humans in deep space," he said.

Scientists have estimated a manned mission going directly from Earth to Mars would take six to eight months to traverse the 200 million kilometers between Earth and the Red Planet.

Since then, President Bush announced in January

that NASA would first begin planning "practice" robotic and human colonization on the moon.

"Going to the moon makes sense," Schmidt said. "We could learn how to set up factories on the moon that would be able to produce our needs for living there, and then we could stay there for increased periods."

Schmidt also acknowledged criticism from those who see expensive space missions as frivolous, especially in light of the problems on our own planet.

"We do need money for education and medical research and everything. But look at the benefits that NASA has brought," he said, including such small technologies as car accelerometers, which trigger air bags.

"The country can afford to do this," he added. "Any advanced civilization should spend money on basic research on learning things that extend itself. And I think that what we're doing here does that."

Schmidt said he certainly knows more now than he did when he was a teenager and worked on a report about the Search for Extraterrestrial Intelligence project.

"I'm optimistic that we're going to find signs of life in my lifetime beyond our home planet."

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\*UK Anime presents "Miyazaki Night", 6:00pm, Center Theater, Student Center

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MEETINGS

\*Cats For Christ Mtg., 7:00pm, Student Center, Room 230 Wed 22

\*UK Fellowship of Christian Athletes Mtg., 8:00pm, Upstairs of the Commons Market, South Campus

\*MCL, French Division's Table Francaise, French Conversation Group, 2:00-4:30pm, Student Center, Room 206

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\*Teach for American Information Session, 6:00pm-7:30pm, James W. Stuckert Career Center, Room 101

\*UK ACLU Lecture "American Correction Policy: Wasting a Generation," 7:00pm, YWCA Phyllis Wheatley Center, 647 Chestnut Street, FREE NO TICKETS

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\*Creative Writing Corner, 6:00pm-8:00pm, W.T. Young Library, Writing Center, 5th floor Westside, for more information call the Writing Center at 257-1356

MEETINGS

\*Wesley Foundation Focus Worship, 7:30pm, Student Center, Center Theater Thurs 23

\*Resident Student Association General Assembly Meeting, 5:30pm-6:30pm, WTY Library Gallery

\*Christian Student Fellowship presents "Synergy", 8:00pm, CSF Building on the corner of Woodland and Columbia

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\*UK Fencing Club, 8:00pm-10:00pm, Buell Armory on Administration Dr.

\*UK Dressage Team Mtg., 5:00pm, Student Center, Room 118

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## IN OUR OPINION

# Protect speech we loathe, too

Earlier this month, the University of Louisville granted the Ku Klux Klan's request to pass out literature on campus. This comes after numerous attempts by the KKK to come on campus during this year and the dismantling of kiosks where the group posted material.

The KKK said it hopes to come to campus on a more regular basis.

While this editorial board does not in any way endorse or promote the doctrine of the KKK, we agree with UofL's decision to allow them on campus earlier this month and hope they allow them to come back with the stipulation that they do not encourage violence.

The freedom of speech is essential, especially on a college campus where the transfer of ideas is key.

But with that said, we hope that peaceful groups that promote diversity use this as an opportunity to have their voice heard. The KKK's effort at UofL should be countered with the same liberty the group is using.

While many people's first response would be to shut the KKK's propaganda out of campus, unfortunately their message — and the message of other hate groups — is still out there.

People should understand that reality and take the dissemination of ideas into their own hands.

It is because of this sentiment that we applaud UofL President James Ramsey for encouraging peaceful discourse as opposed to censorship.

In a letter to the student body, he encouraged "teach-ins and a day of dia-

logue to encourage education and discussion about hate groups, free speech, the importance of diversity and other important subjects."

He also pointed out that while the KKK would be recruiting, students do not have to listen. While the First Amendment guarantees the freedom of speech, it does not mandate that everyone must pay heed.

As Ramsey said, "We can and should choose to deny these two individuals what they most want: our attention."

UofL was bold in making its decision and should allow the group to continue to come on campus. Still, peaceful discussion should be the loudest voice heard, not the sentiments of a hate group.

# Q&A with Steve Voss

Associate Political Science Professor

Opinions Editor Andrew Martin sat down with Associate Professor Steve Voss to talk about voting habits of students and the American public.

**Q. Why is student turnout at the polls so low?**

**A.** Student turnout is low for three main reasons:

1. Students are often not happy with the choices they have because candidates are not appealing to people in their age range; they're not trying to appeal to people in their age range.

2. Students' lives are so unsettled they don't know where they fit into our society yet. So they don't feel the long-term attachments to political parties that older people do.

Once their lives take shape, then they sort of know where their bread's buttered. Then their partisan affiliations will become more solid.

3. Students physically have unstable lives, they move around a lot and this mobility makes political engagement harder for them.

**Q. Several issues seem to concern most students. Why don't politicians try to mobilize students?**

**A.** The interests of young voters are regularly neglected precisely because they're not a political force. Part of the problem is that they form a relatively small part of the population.

A bigger part of the problem is that they don't turn out. There's not much use appealing to a voting bloc that's not going to go to the polls.

There are some issues that may seem as though they ought to be good for appealing to young people. But in practice they're not.

Politicians starve schools and starve education because that's, for many reasons, the politically easiest thing to do.

**Q. Do you believe it's the role of college professors to encourage students to vote?**

**A.** I know that many if not most of my colleagues will disagree with me, but no, I don't see my job as encouraging my students to be or do anything in particular, except expand their minds.

I tell PS 101 students on the first day, "My job is not to make you a good citizen. It's to teach you enough about the system so that you can choose whether you want to be a good citizen, a bad citizen or any other kind of citizen."

You're the people who paid me to provide you with a service.

I'm not a preacher. I'm not a political activist. My job is to teach.

**Q. What about organizations like Student Government?**

**A.** Student Government is selected by the voters to do what they want them to do.

It strikes me that Student Government is a good resource for people to work together to gain more influence over the political system, especially as it regards funding for the university itself.

Sure, successful student politicians should be looking for ways to promote the interests of their voters and keep those voters happy.

And I imagine getting more funding for the university is one shared interest

that a student leader could identify with to promote a political career.

**Q. What about high schools? Do you think high schools should do more to prepare students for civic engagement?**

**A.** As a political scientist I'm supposed to say the loss of civics education is a tragedy.

But, once again, I don't think that the job of a public institution should be to tell people who they should be.

Should young people in the teen-age range learn about the institutions that govern them? Sure.

Would learning about those institutions help them be more effective political activists? Sure.

But when the curriculum crosses over into advocacy and to pushing people to become engaged with the system, then I start to get uncomfortable.

in political activities as their lives settle down. For the most part, voting is a learned behavior and people stay consistent.

The reason voter turnout in this country has declined over time is because we've replaced generations of people who were politically engaged with generations of people who weren't.

Other than minor fluctuations caused by age, community stability and whatnot, people who don't vote at age 22 are unlikely to suddenly become politically active and start voting later on.

It's not just a case of college students putting off their civic duties and picking them up later when they get used to the idea of being able to vote.

**Q. Would a hot-button issue such as the reinstatement of the draft invigorate student voting?**

**A.** I don't think the reinstatement of the draft would initially lead to a big increase in student involvement in politics.

Once you reach critical mass of lives disrupted and upper-middle class people killed, you'd probably start to see some activity.

Right now the military is overwhelmingly a working-class institution.

The sad truth is when college kids don't have their own hides threatened, they're not too concerned with issues of foreign policy, except for that subset of activists who are basically concerned with everything.

**Q. Would it help turnout if there were less strict registration laws?**

**A.** Voter registration laws do suppress turnout. States that do not require registration have seen higher turnout as a result.

People who are registered vote at a very high rate. At a rate comparable to what we see in other industrialized countries, so yes, that registration step is a real barrier to involvement.

I suspect it's a bigger barrier for younger people because of the way they move around. You have to do this extra work to stay registered.

So sure, it would make a difference, and it would probably make a disproportionate difference among people in the age range of the UK student body.

But it would not cause a sudden sea change in the level of political involvement that we see in the United States.

**Q. Looking at the declining voting patterns in the United States, what kind of indicator is that for the health of the republic?**

**A.** If people were really angry they'd vote more. Germany before Hitler, had very high voter turnout.

Often high turnout is a sign of anger, of a political system breaking down. So not voting can mean people are content.

Now it's also true that some people do not vote because their choices stink. That's a counterbalancing sign the political system is somewhat unhealthy.

On the other hand, America is a diverse nation. It's not clear that you could ever identify two candidates that would satisfy the bulk of the population.

The reason so many people find the main candidates unsavory is because they don't follow party lines, they think for themselves.

That's a sign of health.

# Media allow bias to stand in way of reporting facts

Everyone suspend your sense of reality, and for just a moment let's imagine an alternate universe together. Now, most things remain the same in this unfamiliar place; the Terminator is still the governor of California, Rick Pitino is still the Antichrist and the UK football team still can't score a win against the SEC elite.

The differences are subtle. For the sake of fantasy, let's pretend that CBS had never run that story about President Bush's National Guard service, that they'd never received any memos concerning his service, or lack thereof.

Instead, FOX News runs a story about John Kerry's service in Vietnam. An unidentified source has supplied the elite media's favorite whipping boy with documents calling Kerry's service into question. These memos suggest he shirked his duties and had strings pulled in order to leave Vietnam after four months. Furthermore, they carried his commanding officer's signature.

FOX News runs with it. Anchor Bri Hume dedicates the major portion of FOX's evening newscast to the story and proudly explains how multiple "experts" were consulted to authenticate the documents.

But then, something terrible happens. Online blogs begin to question the authenticity of the memos used in FOX's story. A controversy builds.

Eventually, many of the "experts" FOX used in its story tell other media outlets that FOX misrepresented their evaluations of the memos. In fact, some say they outright told FOX not to run the story because they couldn't authenticate the memos at all.

Then other experts begin to weigh in. Professionals who examine documents for a living say there's no way the papers FOX used as evidence can be real. Some say the signatures are phony. Others say it would have been impossible to produce the memos 30 years ago, that they had to be typed on a modern-day word processor.

What's more, the widow and son of Kerry's commanding officer come out and say that they can't imagine he actually signed off on these papers because he admired Kerry and spoke highly of him.

The only witness who claims Kerry's commander even felt the sentiments expressed in the memos is an 85-year-old woman who acted as his secretary.

Now imagine the firestorm that erupts and engulfs FOX News. If this scenario had unfolded in our reality...

Urban newspapers throughout the country would be absolutely rabid in their denunciation of FOX News. You couldn't turn on the TV without being bombarded by the assaults the network and cable news broadcasts were gleefully unleashing upon FOX.

Liberal Web sites like movern.org would be leading a charge to have FOX banished from the airwaves. Suppose a few days later, the media had developed a pretty good idea of who provided FOX with the evidence it used in its story about Kerry's service.

As it turns out, the suspected supplier was a dedicated Republican who had called on his brethren to "wage war" on democrats in this election campaign.

He'd suggested the use of "down and dirty" tactics in postings to Republican Web sites. Where would this story would show up in newspapers across the country? That's right, front page, above the fold, the main story of the day.

Well, now we know CBS's source was for the story slamming Bush's record: a dedicated Democrat, who had urged his fellow liberals to "wage war" against Republicans in this election.

Retired Lt. Col. Bill Burkett did, in fact, call on Democrats to use "down and dirty" tactics against Bush during this campaign in several postings to Democratic discussion groups. On Aug. 25 he posted a message to a site saying he and other researchers "reassembled" files to show that Bush didn't fulfill his duties in the Texas Air National Guard.

Last Friday several media outlets had identified Burkett as the suspected source of the tainted documents. And where do you think this story appeared in our hometown newspaper, the Lexington Herald-Leader, the next morning? It was buried on page A6. Most reasonable people will agree that the CBS scandal is an on-going story worthy of serious front-page play when developments occur.

The Herald-Leader opted to run a front-page story on how much money is being spent to renovate the governor's mansion, a story that could have run at any time in the next three months and story about a "nasty fungal disease called sudden oak death" and other threats to Kentucky trees also garnered front-page headlines.

Now that CBS has finally acknowledged that the story they defended so staunchly was a fraud, let's see if they suffer the backlash they deserve.

It appears CBS was more than willing to be duped by someone out to get Bush. The network's lack of background work before airing the story and its apparent misrepresentation of expert advice from document examiners tell me that Dan Rather and his team wanted to believe the story so bad they disregarded all sense of journalistic ethics.

You can bet CBS would have run any documents destroying Kerry's service through a gauntlet before running a story the likes of which they ran about Bush.

And you can bet the Herald-Leader would have reserved a space on the front page, above the fold, for any story uncovering such fraudulent tactics being used against Kerry just weeks before the election.

Naaah. There's no liberal bias in the media. If you believe that, then you're living in an alternate reality.

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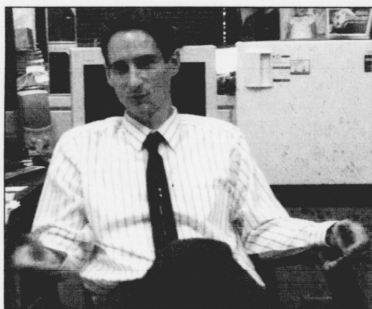
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## FOOTBALL NOTEBOOK

### Speedy Dixon cuts to front of backfield

By Jeff Patterson  
THE KENTUCKY HERALD

It took a glimpse of where he could be for Tony Dixon to crack a smile.

As the freshman back fielded questions after UK's 51-32 win over Indiana on Saturday, he lacked the confidence he displayed on the field.

Every answer was straightforward. There was no joy in his voice.

For a rookie who had just rushed for 105 yards and one touchdown on nine carries, this was surprising.

When asked if he was glad he made the switch from cornerback to running back during fall camp, the Parrish, Ala., native's face lit up.

"Oh yes," Dixon said. "I love it."

Dixon, who made his first collegiate start against the Hoosiers, also caught three passes for 34 yards.

"I always told coaches I'm a better player at the running back position," he said. "I'm a team player, but I think I help the team more at the running back position."

His 67-yard touchdown in the second quarter was the longest run by any Cat since 2001, when Chad Scott rushed 67 yards against Ball State.

"I know that's the longest run since I've been here," said UK head coach Rich Brooks.

Junior Arliss Beach rushed 41 yards on seven carries late in the game. Beach, who had been the starter for most of Brooks' tenure, has been nursing a sore shoulder.

"I was very proud of Arliss coming in and cleaning up on that last drive," Brooks said.

Freshman Rafael Little also showed lots of potential in his debut. The speedy back rushed for 33 yards on four carries.

"We have some choices now at running back," Brooks said.



BLAKE DENNIS | STAFF

Freshman running back Tony Dixon danced around the Hoosier defense in his first start Saturday in UK's 51-32 win over Indiana. Dixon rushed for 105 yards on nine carries. He rushed for a 67-yard touchdown in the second quarter. Dixon signed with UK to play cornerback but was quickly moved into the offensive backfield.

#### Burton out for the season

Sophomore receiver Keenan Burton will miss the remainder of the season with a hairline fracture of his wrist, Brooks said Monday. Burton, UK's top returning receiver, will undergo surgery Thursday.

"I'm disappointed for Keenan and for the team," Brooks said. "It's a tough loss for us. We were fortunate that we had some receivers make big plays against Indiana. They will have to continue to step up their play because Keenan was one of our top receivers coming into the season."

The team will apply for a medical redshirt for Burton, team spokesman Tony Neely said.

Burton played only on the kick return team Saturday. Junior Scott Mitchell, who started in place of Burton, had three catches for 48 yards and one touchdown.

#### Dustin Williams eyes return

After missing a month of practice recovering from a partially torn hamstring, junior

linebacker Dustin Williams played briefly in the first quarter Saturday. He recorded one tackle for a three-yard loss.

Brooks said he wanted to give Williams "a little taste of the action." Williams practiced twice with the team last week, but will practice all this week in preparation for more playing time Saturday at Florida.

#### McCutchan named SEC Lineman of the Week

Junior center Matt McCutchan was selected as the Southeastern Conference Offensive Lineman of the Week for his performance in UK's 51-32 win over Indiana on Saturday. McCutchan, a walk-on, anchored the Cats' line with eight cut blocks, three knockdown blocks and one pancake block.

#### Bye-Bye to Bye-Week Blues

Saturday's win marked the first UK win coming off a bye week since 1998, when the Tim Couch-led Cats defeated Mississippi State 37-35. The Cats were 0-8 in bye-

week games before Saturday. "That's all I heard last year after a bye week," Brooks said. "We played crap-ty."

UK lost at South Carolina and Vanderbilt last year coming off an open date.

#### An intense backup

Junior defensive end B. Jay Parsons gave UK quality minutes when filling in for seniors Ellery Moore and Vincent "Sweet Pea" Burns. Parsons, who no longer sports a Mohawk, recorded three tackles against the Hoosiers.

"B. Jay is crazy," said junior linebacker Chad Anderson. "He's one of those kids who is real low-key, and all of a sudden he gets in the game and he goes nuts."

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## SPORTS BRIEFS

#### Jones named SEC Offensive Player of the Week

UK sophomore forward Elisabeth Jones was named the Southeastern Conference's Offensive Player of the Week for the week of Sept. 13-19.

Jones led the Cats to a 1-0 win over Missouri Friday with a game-winning assist to freshman Callie Lanphier. The two have hooked up on all three of Lanphier's goals this season. Jones leads the Cats with six assists, and is on pace to break the school single-season assists record of 11, held by Annie Gage and Elizabeth Ramsey.

Jones, a Nicholasville, Ky., native, has started all seven games for UK. She has scored a point in four consecutive matches, with two goals on the season.

Jones was named to the 2003 SEC All-Freshman team.

#### UK water ski team advances to regionals

After placing third in a South Atlantic Conference tournament last weekend in Clemson, S.C., the UK water ski club qualified for its first-ever regional tournament.

The team will travel to Milledgeville, Ga., this weekend for a two-day tournament.

Eight UK students competed in Clemson in slalom, tricks and jump events.

The SAC consists of all schools from the Southeastern Conference and the Atlantic Coast Conference except Florida.

#### UK, Boyd Earn SEC Honors

UK and its quarterback, senior Shane Boyd, earned top honors from CollegeSportsReports.com, by being named the Southeastern Conference's Team and Player of the Week.

The Web site said:

"Performer Honors: UK's Shane Boyd was indeed a dual threat for the Wildcats as he both threw and ran for a pair of scores. For his merits, Boyd finished with 205 yards on 21 of 30 passing and 150 yards rushing on 17 carries. That is 335 yards of offense and four scores."

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UK defender Brandon Stewart tries to stop the Winthrop attack in UK's 2-1 win Sunday. Stewart, a junior from Dallas, made the All-MAC second team last season. UK faces Marshall Friday at 7:30 p.m. at the UK Soccer Complex.

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