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## Black faculty and staff air diversity concerns to Todd

By Troy Lyle  
THE KENTUCKY KERNEL

Several quilts of many colors hang on the walls of the faculty lounge at Dickey Hall, providing the backdrop for yesterday night's meeting where more than 40 black faculty members and administrators met with President Lee Todd to demand UK immediately address the diversity issue.

Among other suggestions, the group proposed eliminating the Pres-

ident's Commission on Diversity and requiring diversity training for faculty.

"I would say everyone was candid," said Roberta Harding, professor in UK's college of law. "No one held back — Todd was able to appreciate the intensity of our concerns."

"We were able

to convey that this was kind of it — changes have to be made," she said. "This administration has to become much more receptive to listening and hearing the concerns we discussed tonight. Something must be done to move forward."

English professor Yolanda Pierce said these diversity concerns are important for all of UK.

"These kinds of issues are important to all students, not just blacks," Pierce said. "Every semester for the last seven years, I've had at least one

student walk up to me and say that I'm the only black faculty they've come in contact with in their time here — and I'm in one of the most diverse departments on campus."

Last night's meeting was Todd's response to an Oct. 17 letter in which nine black faculty members explained the "crucial issues" facing UK's black faculty, students and staff.

"Our intent is to assist you (Todd) in ushering in a new era, which contrasts with the present one," the letter said. "Namely, one that minimizes

and omits our numerous achievements and expertise."

Harding said the group wrote the letter because as far back as 2001, Todd had promised to regularly meet with members of UK's black faculty to discuss the diversity issues facing UK. No such meetings had occurred until last night, she said.

Todd eventually sent an e-mail in response to their letter, she said.

"I'd like to see a university community that embraces black faculty

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## Cheating policies undergo changes

### UK Senate Council adopts changes to structure of guidelines

By Troy Lyle  
THE KENTUCKY KERNEL

UK's Senate Council passed two changes to the current academic offense guidelines yesterday.

After two hours of debate, the council voted to adopt a new minimum penalty for a second offense. The council also changed how and where a student will be charged in conjunction with an academic offense.

Councilman Robert Grossman, professor of chemistry, said these changes have been in the works for more than a year.

"This is by no means a simple matter," he said. "A lot of things had to be considered — especially the balance between justice and mercy."

He said these changes were needed on several different levels.

"Repeat offenders are not being caught," he said. "And many professors are being forced to break the rules in order to do the right thing."

"Students are also being blackmailed into forgoing the appeal process in many situations because a professor offers a lesser punishment than what is defined under the current guidelines," Grossman said.

The new minimum penalty for a second offense will be an "E." This "E" can be removed from a student's transcript if the student repeats the course. Once the student repeats the course, the "E" will remain on his or her transcript, but the grade received will be used to calculate the student's GPA. The Senate Council also proposed adding an amendment to the above by introducing the option of an "XE."

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## Celebrating Puccini

UK Opera starts a new season with two operas. See page 3 for story



Vocal Performance doctoral student Lillian Roberts starred as Suor Angelica Saturday night at the Singletary Center for the Arts. The two performances of operas by Puccini drew a total audience of more than 1,000 people during the opening weekend for the UK Opera Theatre. **KATE BURKMAN | STAFF**

## Todd: Legislature must treat UK as state's flagship

By Adam Sichko  
THE KENTUCKY KERNEL

President Lee Todd said state legislators must start treating UK with a new attitude as a higher priority than other state universities if it's to reach its state-mandated top-20 ranking.

"The trouble in Kentucky is, they want to spread the money over all the universities," Todd said yesterday. "We can't grow fast enough if we have to wait for everyone else to get a building."

"We need to be treated differently," he said. Todd spoke to Professor Mike Farrell's editorial and column writing journalism class in the Grehan Building yesterday afternoon about funding higher education in Kentucky. He argued that UK needs more independence when expanding its campus in its push to reach top-20 status by the year 2020 — as House Bill 1 from 1997 mandates.

"We need more flexibility to control our own destiny," he said. Currently, UK must have prior approval from the state legislature for any project that costs more than \$400,000. Todd cited the example of the four new dorms and the proposed Student Center renovations as instances where UK should have greater leeway to spend its own money.

"It's not so much the total amount of money (we get), but the flexibility to do what we need to do, when we need to do it," he said. To help facilitate that process, Todd is heading an effort to create a long-term business plan for UK. No one's ever determined either how much the state-mandated top-20 push will cost,

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## Bush tabs nominee for Supreme Court

### After Miers' withdrawal, Bush chooses renowned conservative

By Warren Vieth  
LOS ANGELES TIMES

WASHINGTON — President Bush on Monday named appeals court judge Samuel A. Alito Jr., a consistently conservative jurist with a 15-year record on the federal bench, as his latest choice to replace retiring Supreme Court Justice Sandra Day O'Connor.

Alito immediately was embraced by conservative activists who had parted company

with Bush over the ill-fated nomination of White House counsel Harriet E. Miers, who withdrew last week after it became clear her prospects for confirmation were shaky.

"This has got the whole conservative base really excited and enthused," said Jay Sekulow, chief counsel for the American Center for Law and Justice, a Christian legal foundation, and a key White House adviser on judicial appointments.

"This moves the court to a more conservative tilt, no doubt about it. Justice O'Connor was the swing vote on a lot of cases, and she sometimes swung in the other direction."

But Bush's choice of a candidate with a

more certain conservative philosophy set the stage for a confrontation with Senate Democrats who fear that Alito would move the high court further to the right on key issues, particularly abortion rights.

"We need to be careful here," said Sen. Charles Schumer, D-N.Y., a member of the Senate Judiciary Committee, which screens judicial candidates. "This is a nominee who could shift the balance of the court and thus the laws of the nation for decades to come."

One anti-abortion advocacy group, Operation Rescue, fueled such fears by prediction.

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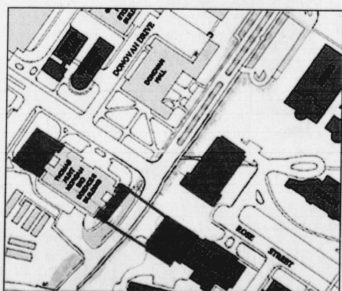


PHOTO COURTESY OF UK HEALTHCARE  
This map details part of UK HealthCare's hospital expansion plan. New buildings and pedways are colored red. Under the plan, Virginia Avenue will extend and connect with Huguet Drive. Rose Street will end there.

## Hospital's second tower remains in the works

By Shannon Mason  
THE KENTUCKY KERNEL

The plan for the growth of the UK Chandler Medical Center keeps growing.

A second bed tower is currently included in the plans of the University HealthCare expansion, but no final decision will be made until 2008, said Dr. Michael Karpf, executive vice president of health affairs.

At last week's meeting, the Board of Trustees approved bonds funding the expansion plan that called for two towers to be built immediately.

Karpf said architects suggested building a second bed tower sooner rather than later for three reasons.

The first of which is that the total cost would be cheaper.

"We could save \$10 to \$12 million," Karpf said.

The cost would be cheaper because the cranes used to build the tower would already be in place, he said.

The second reason is that it would increase flexibility when everything is ready to be moved out of the old hospital, Karpf said.

The third reason, he said, is that constructing the new buildings in a close time frame would be less disruptive to the community and to patients, Karpf said.

Karpf said patients would not be in the first new bed tower during the construction of the second.

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## Diversity

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students and staff," she said. "Where everyone felt appreciated — where everyone felt like they could make a positive contribution to the entire university."

Todd responded to their concerns by saying that diver-

sity is a very complex issue, one he and his administration are working hard to improve. "I think people interpreted my comment to say that blacks can't compete here, and I don't see how they got that from that statement," he said, referring to earlier comments where Todd attributed a 40 percent drop in black freshmen enrollment to the increase in acceptance standards. More than 200 black freshmen declined to attend

UK this year.

Todd said recent steps, such as a more holistic application process and more money for minority scholarships, should help UK improve soon. "Right now there's a general feeling that blacks at UK are merely tolerated," she said. "We want to be acknowledged — having a racially diverse campus and community is a positive thing."

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## Cheating

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This process will allow all involved to go one step further. An "XE" cannot be removed by repeating a class. Under the current rules, the student must be suspended with a second offense.

Current guidelines require a professor to report a student on a first offense. The student is then given an "E" on his or her transcript.

They decided that if a student is caught cheating or plagiarizing and is registered within a college that does not

have an honor code, that student will be charged under the code outlined by the Senate Council.

In instances where a student is caught cheating or plagiarizing and is registered within a college that has an honor code, then that student would be charged under the guidelines or honor code of that college.

Other proposed changes to the current academic offense guidelines include:

No minimum penalty on a first offense.

After a third offense, a minimum of suspension and mark on the student's transcript for three years.

SG President Becky

Ellingsworth said she's concerned about students.

"If we are going to change the rules, we have to make sure we are looking out for students' rights as well," she said.

SG Senator Monica Hobson, a political science senior, said the important thing to consider is the flexibility to distinguish the difference between offenses.

"These new guidelines give professors the ability to fit the crime to the punishment," she said. "It's a move in the right direction for students and faculty — now there's leave way."

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## Todd

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or how far away UK is from getting there, Todd said. The plan calls for calculating certain variables in the four areas of research, undergraduate education, graduate education and faculty quality to yield estimates of any additions UK would need to make and the price tag of that campus expansion.

"We're putting together a

plan to see where we're at and how far away we are from the top 20," Todd said. "That's what this plan's about — where do you add them, how do you add them and when do you add them."

UK's state appropriations have suffered in recent history. From 2000-03, the state cut \$73 million from UK's allotment of state funding. State money makes up about 18 percent of UK's total funding, so UK must clearly outline its priorities, Todd said.

"Without a long-term plan, it'll be whoever screams the loudest or whatever's

comfortable," he said of UK's budget process.

The state government must recognize that UK needs more realistic financial help if it's to stay on course to reach top-20 status, Todd said.

"What they'd like for us to do is not ask for a lot of money and not charge you all much, and still get there (to top-20 status)," Todd said. "I am concerned that they haven't taken into consideration what it takes for us to get there."

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## Hospital

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Karpf said the cost of the second bed tower would be nearly \$27 million, but said that this cost is already figured into the current budget of \$450 million.

The second bed tower is tentatively scheduled to be built at the end of phase 1A in the health care expansion. If the tower is approved in 2006, Karpf said the "shell" of the tower would be complete by 2010.

"The walls and the floor will be built, but it will be finished out in phase 1B," Karpf said.

Phase 1A also includes building a new parking garage on Conn Terrace since the current parking garage is located on the site for the new hospital building. Demolition of properties on Conn Terrace began on Oct. 14. Phase 1A should be complete in 2010.

According to the UK HealthCare Strategic Plan, phase 1B includes the construction of a new research facility across South Limestone Street and the construction of a combined medical and dental education building. Phase 1B should be complete in 2015.

Karpf said previously that phases 1A and 1B could overlap resulting in the completion of phase 1B before 2015.

Phase 2 includes knocking down the old hospital and building a new facility for ambulatory care. This phase should be complete between 2015 and 2018.

Phase 3, the last phase, includes tearing the critical care tower down and building a facility to provide better inpatient and outpatient access. This phase should ultimately be completed by 2020.

Karpf said a second bed tower is needed, but a final decision will be made based on the progress made on the expansion in the next few years.

"It's in the plans," he said. "But the final yes doesn't occur until 2008." E-mail [smason@kykernel.com](mailto:smason@kykernel.com)

## Nominee

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ing that Alito's confirmation would put the Supreme Court "on the fast track to derailing Roe v. Wade as the law of the land," referring to the landmark 1973 decision that affirmed a woman's right to choose abortion.

But a number of legal scholars and court observers said it was not clear how Alito might rule if a case that could overturn Roe v. Wade came before the Supreme Court, or whether a majority of the nine justices would vote to overturn even if Alito chose to do so.

At the same time, it appeared fairly certain the addition of Alito would give the Supreme Court a more conservative cast than it has had

with O'Connor, who is perceived as a centrist who sometimes sided with the court's liberal justices.

Some legal analysts said that Alito was in the mold of Justices Antonin Scalia and Clarence Thomas, who anchor the Supreme Court's conservative wing. He has even been called "Scalito," a reference to Alito's and Scalia's Italian-American heritage as well as their similar legal philosophies.

## CORRECTIONS AND CLARIFICATION

A photo caption in The Kernel yesterday mis-spelled the sponsor of the 2005 Stepshow. It should have said the National Pan-Hellenic Council.

A photo caption in The Kernel yesterday incorrectly identified the group of students on a Homecoming float. It should have identified the students as members of the Lambda Chi Alpha fraternity.

To clarify Sports Editor Derek Poore's column on Friday, he implied UK Athletic Director Mitch Barnhart was not in attendance at Big Blue Madness on Oct. 14. Barnhart did attend Big Blue Madness.

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Answers: HE, THE, (Answers Monday)

Yesterday's Jumbles: BLUE, PHONE, NIPPLE, CARNAU.  
Answer: What a "good sport" will do at a nuclear camp — SMOK AND MAKE IT.

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## Puccini performances draw crowd to UK Opera opener

By Sarah Whitfield  
THE KENTUCKY KERNEL

UK Opera Theatre entertained more than 1,000 people this weekend in its first performance of the season. "A Puccini Celebration," compilation of two one-act operas by Giacomo Puccini, gave opera students the chance to open the season for crowds of 600 to 800 people per night.

After the success of "Madame Butterfly" last season, UK Opera Theatre Director Everett McCorvey decided to bring more of Puccini's works to UK's stage for the 2005-2006 season. The two Italian operas featured were "Stor Angelica," a tragedy, and "Gianna Schicchi," a comedy.

Whitney Hale, a public relations specialist at UK, attended the Friday performance.

"I thought it was wonderful," Hale said. "It was also beneficial to people who don't follow opera because even though the solos were performed in Italian, there were subtitles running above the stage."

"Even though I arrived late, I was still able to follow the performance and enjoy it."

Puccini's operas usually run in a trilogy. However, this performance only consisted of two operas. McCorvey said they decided to cut out the first opera because of the time constraints, costs of each opera and casting.

"Each opera lasts about 55 minutes long and we felt that it would be a very long night for the audience if we ran all three," McCorvey said.

He also said he felt that he could more effectively cast students for "Stor Angelica" and "Gianni Schicchi." Seventeen students performed in "Stor Angelica" and 16 stretched their vocal chords in "Gianni Schicchi."

The consideration of production costs for showcasing the full trilogy was one of the determining factors when nailing down the show's length. In order to produce an opera in the way it was meant to be shown can get pricey, said McCorvey. Each show that UK Opera Theatre presents can

cost about \$60,000, he said.

Overall, McCorvey thought that this weekend's performances were well received.

"They were two great nights at the opera and you left the performance feeling very fulfilled," McCorvey said. "You heard some great singing from the students and it was just wonderful," McCorvey said.

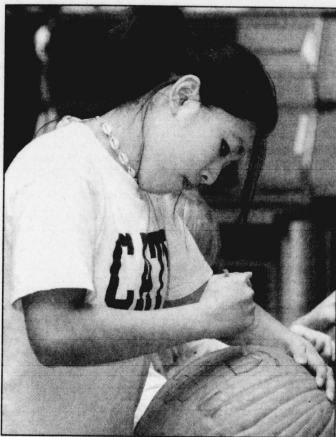
Cori Hughes, the program coordinator for UK Opera and Dr. McCorvey's assistant, also attended the performance.

Hughes said everyone she talked to was pleased with the performance.

More of Puccini's operas are in the works for UK Opera Theatre in upcoming seasons, Everett said. Next up for UK Opera Theatre is Mozart's "The Magic Flute," which will be performed in February 2006.

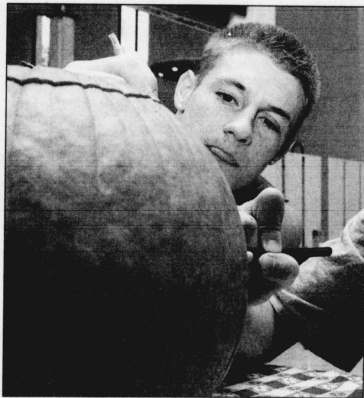
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**Top:** Rachel Chen, a pharmacy freshman, carves a face into a pumpkin during the Pumpkin Carving Contest at Commons Market.

**Right:** Chris Wrale (left), an undeclared freshman, helps Andrew Durig, an agriculture biotechnology freshman, carve "UK" into a pumpkin at Commons Market yesterday.



## Carving through the Competition

Students celebrate Halloween by carving pumpkins for prizes at Blazer Cafe and the Commons Market yesterday. All participants received a free dinner, and the winner at each location won \$50 toward his or her plus account.

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Which finalist was enticed by her friends?  
A) Kelly Clarkson  
B) Christina Christian  
C) Tamyra Gray  
D) Nikki McKibbin

Who is the host of American Idol?  
A) Ryan Seacrest  
B) Simon Fuller  
C) Simon Cowell  
D) Rich Brooks

Which contestant caused an uproar by mouthing off to Simon after a rude remark and asking the audience, "What did you guys think?"  
A) RJ Helton  
B) Nikki McKibbin  
C) Tamyra Gray  
D) Justin Guarini

Which one of the American Idol contestants was not in the top five?  
A) Christina Christian  
B) Tamyra Gray  
C) RJ Helton  
D) Justin Guarini

What did Bo Bice sing in the finale?  
A) "Oh Canada"  
B) "Alabama"  
C) "Sweet Home Alabama"  
D) "Sweet Home Kentucky"

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Ruben Studdard was a contestant on season 3 of American Idol.  
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What was the big outrage in the season 2 April 30th episode of American Idol?  
A) Julia, Kimberly, Carmen and Riley were all in the audience begging for a chance to come back.  
B) Julia Guerin showed up to sing.  
C) Terryzo was voted off.  
D) Ruben ranted in the bottom two.

Which contestant did Simon Cowell say "belonged at Six Flags"?  
A) Clay Aiken  
B) Trenyce  
C) Kimberly Lock  
D) Kimberly Caldwell

Let's hope watching TV pays off. Good Luck!

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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>UK GreenThumb Meeting, 6:30 pm, Room 106 Student Center</li> <li>UK College Democrats, 7:30 pm, Student Center Rm 211</li> <li>Men's Volleyball Open Gym, 8:00 pm, Alumni Gym</li> <li>TaeKwonDo practice, 6:30 pm, Alumni gym loft</li> <li>Basic Needs Planning Meeting, 6:00 pm, in front of the SVC office</li> <li>James W. Stuckert Career Center Drop-In Hours, 3:00 pm, James W. Stuckert Career Center 408 Rose Street</li> <li>Anthropology Department Colloquium Series, 3:30 pm, 231 Classroom Building</li> <li>Fencing Club Practice, 8:00 pm, Buell Armory</li> <li>Cheap Seat Tuesdays presents "Murderball", 8:00 pm, Worsham Theatre</li> <li>The Thomas D. Clark Study, 10:00am, Thomas D. Clark Study</li> <li>Alpha Phi Omega Actives Meeting, 7:30 pm</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Intelligent Design and Freedom of Religion and Belief, 7:00 pm, Fellowship Hall, Lexington Theological Seminary, 631 S. Limestone St.</li> <li>Student Government A &amp; R Meeting, 8:00 pm, 353 Student Center</li> <li>Comedy Caravan, 8:00 pm, Student Center Rm. 228</li> <li>Thomas D. Clark Study, 10:00am, Thomas D. Clark Study</li> <li>Relay for Life Meeting, 9:30 pm, William T. Young Library auditorium</li> <li>Student Government A &amp; R Meeting, 8:00 pm, 353 Student Center</li> <li>James W. Stuckert Career Center Drop-In Hours, 3:00 pm, James W. Stuckert Career Center 408 Rose Street</li> <li>UK Habitat for Humanity Meeting, 5:15 pm, Room 228 Student Center</li> <li>Kentucky Education Association Professional Development Seminar: Religion in the Classroom, 4:00 pm, DH 109</li> <li>Add Club - Jeff Epstein, Director and Founder of Chicago's Polio School, 8:00 pm, On the Third Floor of the Fine Arts Library</li> <li>El Lobo (Spanish Film series), 3:00 pm, William T. Young Library Auditorium</li> <li>CSAB Applications due for Programming Directors, 203 Student Center</li> <li>Internship Information Session, 9:00 am, James W. Stuckert Career Center - 408 Rose Street</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>WEEKLY DISCUSSION GROUP, 7:00 pm, Blevins House</li> <li>Fencing Club Practice, 8:00 pm, Buell Armory</li> <li>DanceBlue Chair &amp; Captain Meeting, 5:00 pm, Student Center Rm. 228</li> <li>Amnesty International meeting, 7:00 pm, Student Center Rm 228</li> <li>Men's Volleyball Open Gym, 8:00 pm, Alumni Gym</li> <li>TaeKwonDo practice, 6:30 pm, Alumni gym loft</li> <li>Relay for Life Meeting, 9:30 pm, William T. Young Library Auditorium</li> <li>James W. Stuckert Career Center Drop-In Hours, 3:00 pm, James W. Stuckert Career Center 408 Rose Street</li> <li>UKLAMBDA Meeting, 7:30 pm, Room 357 of the Student Center</li> <li>Second Interviews, Site Visits and Negotiating, 3:30 pm, James W. Stuckert Career Center - 408 Rose Street</li> <li>Lecture: The Universe is a Strange Place, 7:00 pm, Memorial Hall</li> <li>RSA General Assembly Meetings, 5:30 pm, 359 Student Center</li> <li>The Thomas D. Clark Study,</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>10:00am, Thomas D. Clark Study</li> <li>The Thomas D. Clark Study,</li> <li>10:00am, Thomas D. Clark Study</li> <li>Anthropology Department Colloquium Series, 4:00 pm, 213 Lafferty</li> <li>ICF Dinner and Fellowship, 7:00 pm, CSF Building on Woodland Ave. (across from Cooperstown Apt.)</li> <li>James W. Stuckert Career Center Drop-In Hours, 3:00 pm, James W. Stuckert Career Center 408 Rose Street,</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The Thomas D. Clark Study, 10:00am, Thomas D. Clark Study</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>UKUFO, 10:00 pm, Seaton Field</li> <li>The Thomas D. Clark Study, 10:00am, Thomas D. Clark Study</li> <li>Teresa Walters, piano, 7:30 pm, Singletary Center</li> <li>Placing Leaders Around Youth, 4:00 pm, Meet Outside the Student Center by the ATMs</li> </ul>

GO CATS!

## IN OUR OPINION

# Overhaul of SG constitution is overdue

Last week, Student Government took a step that should have been pursued years ago — the formation of a committee to revise and clarify the SG constitution. Although the group's recommendations will be the ultimate test of its value, the revision process so far looks promising.

The committee consists of 13 SG members and seven non-SG members, one of whom is disqualified presidential candidate Will Nash. The inclusion of students from outside the organization gives the impression of a willingness on the part of SG to make revisions in light of typical students' concerns about SG. The group's SG-member majority should live up to that image by taking these students' input seriously.

As the committee begins to meet — possibly as early as this week — its top priority should be to clarify the constitution's definition of

election offenses and which ones automatically disqualify a candidate. One of the major issues in the court battle that this year's SG election spawned was the difference between a "misdemeanor" and a "felony," the two classes of election violations defined by the SG constitution.

The difference, according to the current constitution, is that an election felony affects "the integrity of the election," whereas a misdemeanor does not. This vague distinction raises a number of questions, leaving the decision of whether to disqualify a candidate to the whims of SG's Election Board of Claims and Supreme Court — whose performance over the past few years has been inconsistent at best.

In more clearly defining election offenses, the committee needs to find a middle ground between sheer vagueness and unreason-

able specificity (as in the constitution's 12 clauses regulating the number, size, location and adhesiveness of campaign posters). The new language should be open to some interpretation but provide a clear answer to most cases of election fraud, instead of leaving the matter up to personal perceptions of "integrity," which can vary wildly among different people.

We understand that it's tough to come up with general criteria for election fraud without being unclear or making a laundry list. But that's just the task before SG if it strives to resemble a legitimate government. Of course, the best situation

would be one in which election violations rarely occurred and therefore didn't require so much attention, but SG candidates' behavior over the past few years give us few reasons to expect such a state of affairs anytime soon.

Last week, SG President Becky Ellingsworth expressed two hopes for the committee. The first was for it to look into implementing Internet voting for this spring's SG elections, a step that could help increase their perpetually anemic turnout. This is exactly the sort of matter that SG officials should pursue.

On the other hand, the second desire Ellingsworth expressed — to seek inde-

pendence from UK — is just what SG should not be spending its time on. The last thing the student body needs is a struggle over whether an organization that has already wasted plenty of student money should be free to do so without oversight from the institution that ensures its cash flow.

If Ellingsworth turns the search for constitutional reform — which should help prevent future fights like the one we've all witnessed this year — into a symbolic struggle over the independence of an organization that has thus far proved undeserving of it, she threatens to doom the potential for significant reform.

**UK was right to end court struggle**  
The related development in SG news last week was that UK has dropped its appeal of the Fayette Circuit

Court decision that awarded Ellingsworth the SG presidency despite UK's objections.

We're glad to see the university ending a fight that should have been solved months ago, long before it ended up in circuit court. The clarification of the relationship between UK and SG, as well as the revision of the SG constitution, will ultimately prevent battles like this one in the future.

The sole value for UK of continuing the court fight would have been to remove Ellingsworth from office, but the appeals process could have taken 14 months — when the removal of Ellingsworth would be a moot point.

Continuation of the legal fight would have been a waste of the university's time, resources and money, and it's good for both sides to be moving on and determining SG's future outside of court.

### The constitution's section on elections needs a balance between vagueness and excessive detail

## Arts need money more than Student Center

I'm writing in response to the university's consideration of \$127 million for a new Student Center. Although I'm sure the current center is in need of renovations, allocating \$127 million for that purpose would hardly be justified when academic programs, specifically fine arts, are starving for adequate facilities.



**Bobbie Allen**  
GUEST COLUMNIST

As the daughter of a music educator, I have the privilege of unrelenting exposure to the arts, as well as the knowledge of the lack of general funding in public school systems for those programs. In addition, I have been employed by UK at the Singletary Center for the Arts for almost five years in a multitude of capacities negotiating and communicating with the College of Fine Arts. It would be an insult to the college to appropriate such an exorbitant amount of money to the beautification of a building few students use for academic purposes while allowing dedicated students and professors to continue their pursuit of excellence in a building with limited low-quality practice facilities, an unsafe environment and laughable heating and cooling systems.

There are not enough practice and classroom spaces for music students. The Steel Band rehearses in a room called "the Cage." Stop by room 33 in the Fine Arts Building, and I'm sure the band office staff will have no problem escorting you to see the bare concrete floors, dim prison-cell lighting, chain-link fencing and doors separating "storage" units that comprise "the Cage." The trumpet ensemble is a nomadic tribe at this point in the semester. I believe the registrar originally placed the ensemble of 30 members in the professor's office for classroom instruction. For anyone that has been into any professor's office, it is unfathomable that 30 people, with trumpets and stands, could fit into this space for class. As a result, the class literally calls around to find a room to practice in for each class meeting.

Individual practice rooms are available for students, but they are severely limited. With only a few rooms for all instrumental and vocal majors to use, the rooms are continually filled. As a result, students are forced to schedule practice times late at night. If you did not know, there have been a string of thefts in the Fine Arts building as well as the Singletary Center. Backpacks, CD players, recording devices, wallets, money and even violins have been stolen from the two facilities. Because the Fine Arts Building remains open later than most campus buildings, it has become a pseudo-safe house for homeless individuals.

As an employee of the Singletary Center, I have had to secure the building late at night following concerts, and I know I don't feel safe under these circumstances. How is it possible for music students to feel safe practicing when their only option has become to practice late at night with the potential of homeless people lurking around the building or thieves in search of a quick buck?

The \$127 million for the Student Center would not be wisely appropriated. If students wish to shop, they go to the mall. If they wish to go bowling, they go to the bowling alley. Won't local businesses be hurt because of the proposed new Student Center? As I said before, I know the Student Center needs to be renovated but not completely rebuilt. This money should not be approved for the new center but forwarded to students in a capacity that they can use — education, for example.

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### Online Poll Question

Do you think UK should undertake a renovation of the Student Center, even if it costs more than \$100 million?

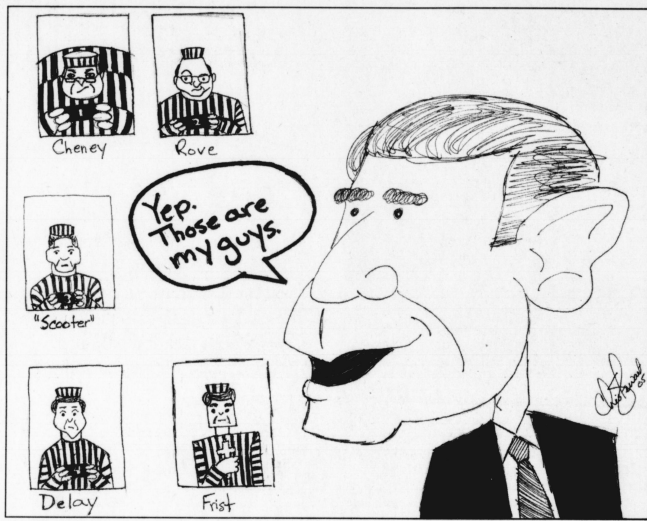
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CHRIS STEWART, THE KENTUCKY KERNEL

## I felt the pain in more ways than one when I moved mid-semester

My neck won't turn all the way to the left or right. My back cracks every time I bend down. And my head is hardly able to sit up straight enough to view the screen to type.

Moving is a beast — one that conquered my entire body this past weekend.

I wouldn't advise anyone to move mid-semester. It's hard enough to manage school, work and a life — to then throw on the task of hauling all of your possessions and memories to another location is even tougher.

Moving is an event of many ups and downs — and I'm not just talking about the walking up and down of three flights of stairs.

For example, once you've unpacked your belongings into your new space, you have to organize your things. Then after many hours of arranging, you finally have the room set up the exact way you want it. It looks amazing and everything fits.

So you start plugging all the cords in so you can run up the electricity bill, of course, and start to see the seeds of your work. Then after all of your efforts, you find out that the TV cable cord is just a couple inches short and that the TV will fall off the dresser if the cord is stretched any farther.

It's like when once you fix one thing, the next thing is bound to break.

For me, it wasn't just the physical breaking that obviously comes from moving but the emotional

breakdowns as well. I haven't lived in too many places in my life, so moving from one place to another has been a huge deal.

I know my body will heal over time and that I'll get used to driving down Tates Creek every morning instead of Harrodsburg, but it was most difficult for me to pack up all my old memories of my apartment.

Once I moved everything out of my room, I sat there looking at the once-photo-covered, now-blank walls. I replayed all of the faces that had walked through our door. Each person being there for different amounts of time, for different reasons and how each of them has helped to transform me into the person I have become after living there for over a year.

I am a totally different person than I was on my first day of living there. It was my first apartment. Once I got over the feeling like I was playing an extended game of "house," it became my home. I learned how to pay bills, clean and survive on my own.

I became an adult at my old apartment. As my favorite Alanis Morissette song says, "you live and you learn." I can honestly say that I lived and learned in that apartment.

The happy ending to this story is that I'm writing this column in my new room. I have a brand new start to a stressful semester. Although it hasn't been ideal for me to start over in the middle of a semester, at least I have been given the chance to start over and move on, which I fully intend to do.

My first step will be to release the stress of my neck and lie down. Hilly Schiffer is a journalism junior. E-mail [hschiffer@kykernel.com](mailto:hschiffer@kykernel.com).

## LETTER TO THE EDITOR

### U.S. was founded on Christianity

After reading Tyler Shepard's Oct. 20 letter to the editor, I think he is mistaken and incomplete in his research. I am glad that he researched quotations from Thomas Jefferson and John Adams to assert that this nation was not founded on Christian principles. Also, Mr. Shepard noted that "several of the founding fathers were naturalists." I have some observations and research of my own to address his observations.

First, at least 50 of the 55 founding fathers professed to be Christians, and 28 of them were active in their local congregations. That "several" were naturalists is true, but an overwhelming majority — 40 of 55, or 73 percent — were Christians.

Second, Mr. Shepard used quotes from Jefferson and John Adams. He overlooked some important quotes:

Patrick Henry, Mar. 23, 1775: "Besides, sir, we shall not fight our battle alone. There is a just God who presides over the destinies of nations, and who will raise up friends to fight our battle for us."

John Adams, letter to Thomas Jefferson, June 28, 1813: "The general principles, on which the Fathers achieved independence, were the only Principles in which that beautiful Assembly of young Gentlemen could Unite. And what were these general Principles? I answer, the general Principles of Christianity, in which all these Sects were United."

Third, Mr. Shepard wrote that "Our founding fathers came here to escape the conservative Christians of England." That is not true. The Mayflower Compact says, "Having undertaken for the Glory of God, and the Advancement of the Christian Faith, and the Honour of our King and Country, a Voyage to plant the first colony in the northern parts of Virginia..."

In conclusion, this nation was founded on Christian principles.

DAVID C. HARRIS  
agricultural economics senior



## FOOTBALL NOTEBOOK

### Second win costs Cats another starter

By Chris Johnson  
THE KENTUCKY KERNEL

The infamous injury bug bit the Cats yet again, as emerging star Braxton Kelley, a true freshman linebacker who was third on the team in tackles, was diagnosed with a torn anterior cruciate ligament in his left knee.

He'll be operated on in the next couple of weeks. Kelley suffered the injury during a kickoff in Saturday's 13-7 win over Mississippi State.

"Braxton Kelley had been playing at a top SEC linebacker level all year. He was a force inside, he could shed blocks, and had instinct for reacting and reading offenses," Brooks said.

Brooks described the play when the injury occurred as a "freak way to blow out an ACL."

Brooks also said that redshirt freshman Ben McGrath would replace Kelley at linebacker. McGrath played the position after Kelley's injury Saturday, previously he had spent the majority of his time on special teams.

"(McGrath) hadn't played hardly at all at linebacker," Brooks said. "But he was prepared to play when he went in. He's not as quick or explosive as Braxton Kelley, but he made some really good plays."

#### Little picks up honors

Sophomore running back Rafael Little was named the Southeastern Conference Offensive Player of the Week after gaining 274 all-purpose yards against the Bulldogs, the league office announced yesterday.

Little gained 114 yards rushing, added four catches for 44 yards, and returned six punts for 89 yards. Little leads the SEC in all-purpose yardage at 158.6 yards per game.

"He's been great every week," Brooks said. "He's a real force on the football team. He's on track for 1,000 yards, and he's doing a great job in the punt return game."

#### Cats gain confidence

The players' confidence level was up after gutting out a victory last week against the Bulldogs.

"We've got more confidence going into Auburn with a win," defensive lineman Jason Leger said. "Georgia got beat by Florida. Auburn got beat by Tennessee. (In the SEC), they're all beatable teams."

Leger's confidence became apparent when asked about the Cats potentially beating Auburn and the rest of the opponents on their schedule.

"We can compete, we can beat 'em," Leger said of the Tigers. "Twenty-two guys gotta go out and give it everything they got. And mistakes ... effort don't make up for mistakes."

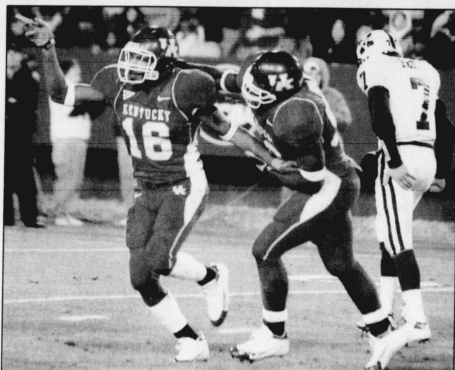
When asked what the possibility was of UK winning its remaining four games, Leger was optimistic.

"It's a difficult task, but not impossible by no means. It's very possible to do," he said.

#### Burton's return lifts spirits

The return of Keenan Burton was inspiring to a team used to its leaders being on the sideline.

"On fourth and long, the quarterback throws it up to him, he's a guy who can make that catch," said sophomore linebacker Wesley Woodyard, who had a career-high 11 tackles against Mississippi



KEITH SHIMLEY | STAFF

Sophomore linebacker Wesley Woodyard, left, celebrates with freshman linebacker Braxton Kelley after recovering a fumble by Mississippi State freshman quarterback Mike Henig, right, during the third quarter of Saturday's game.

pi State. "I'm glad he's on my team."

"We took a shot downfield early with him," Brooks said. "We're hoping that that will start loosening up some other things for us. It's interesting that he comes back and Scott Mitchell gets four catches."

**"We've got more confidence going into Auburn with a win. Georgia got beat by Florida. Auburn got beat by Tennessee. (In the SEC), they're all beatable teams."**

Jason Leger  
sophomore defensive lineman

#### Defense rises to late challenge

Woodyard said the defense's attitude on Mississippi State's last drive was one of resolve.

"Our slogan the whole year has been, 'Count on me,'" Woodyard said. "The team counted on us."

Woodyard attributed the improved defensive numbers to the coaches and the players.

"The coaches emphasized taking things more serious, watching more film," he said. "Coach called on me to step my game up. I feel like the team's success has to do with whether I make bad plays. If I do good things, it helps the team a lot."

#### Cats brace for Auburn defense

Brooks pointed out that UK's opponent for this week, the Auburn Tigers, had put up glowing defensive numbers against its last three league opponents.

South Carolina, Ole Miss and Mississippi State were held to a combined 10 points, with the Bulldogs being shut out. None of those three teams rushed for over 81 yards, and all three were held to under 210 yards of total offense.

With UK's offensive strength coming from its running game, Brooks seemed apprehensive about his team's chances to light up the Commonwealth Stadium scoreboard Saturday.

"It doesn't look like we'll be really impressive with our offensive numbers," he said.

Brooks went on to list Auburn's defensive numbers on the season: ranked fourth in the nation in scoring defense (10.9 points allowed per game), 17th in rushing yards allowed per game (107.3 per game) and fourth nationally in total defense (288.9 yards per game).

#### Injury update

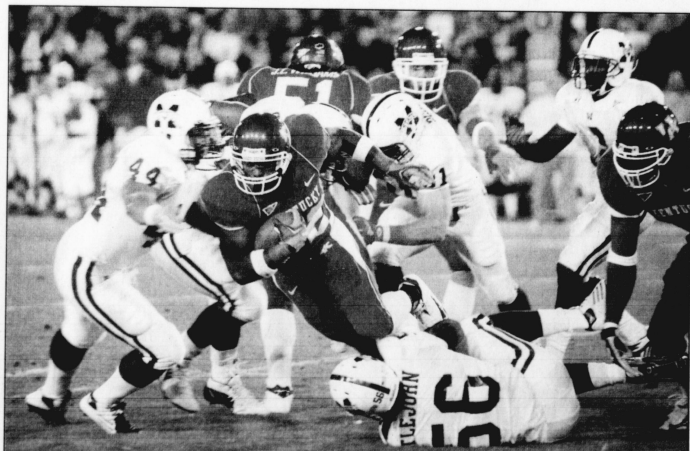
Besides Kelley, junior offensive tackle Fatu Turituri had a lot of swelling in his knee and was scheduled for an MRI last night. Senior center Matt McCutchan (knee, ankle) and freshman offensive lineman James Alexander (arm) will miss tomorrow's practice, but will be back Wednesday. Sophomore receiver Keenan Burton (foot) played 41 snaps Saturday and woke up sore Sunday morning, Brooks said.

#### Vandy kickoff set

UK and Vanderbilt will kick off at 2 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 12, in Nashville, Tenn.

The Big Blue Sports Network will carry the game on radio (890 AM locally). There is no live or delay telecast of the game.

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Sophomore tailback Rafael Little is tackled during the first half of the UK-Mississippi State game on Saturday at Commonwealth Stadium. Little amassed 274 all-purpose yards - 114 rushing, 44 yards receiving and 89 yards on punt returns - and was named Southeastern Conference Offensive Player of the Week.

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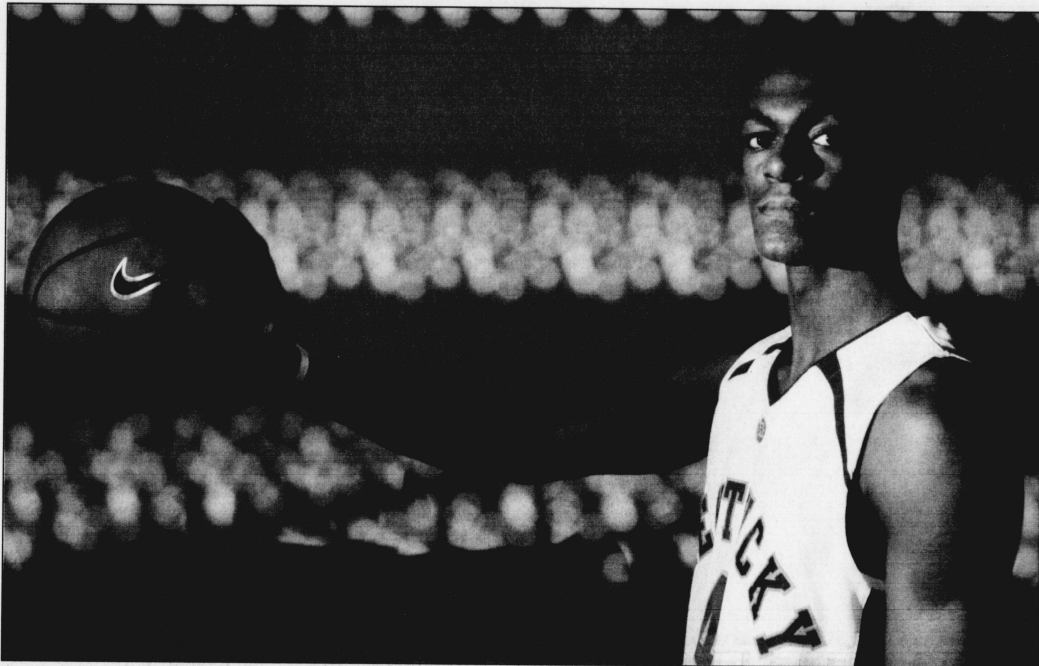
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## A STEAL MIND



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**In good hands: sophomore guard Rajon Rondo is ready to take the rock and lead UK to its first Final Four in eight years**



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Sophomore guard Samantha Mahoney

### Sophs cook up team chemistry

By Chris DeLotell  
THE KENTUCKY KERNEL

Samantha Mahoney hates to cook. So does Chante Bowman. That caused some problems last year when the two UK guards and would-be-Emmeris lived together with fellow freshmen Sarah Elliot and Eleia Roddy.

Regardless of who eventually had to cook the meal, neither Mahoney nor Bowman had any interest in cleaning up. That's where Elliot, the Cats 6-foot-6 center, came in.

"Sam and Chante would always argue, but then neither wanted to clean up, so I would end up having to do it," Elliot said, laughing as she recalled a host of funny moments and bonding experiences she shared with her fellow freshmen last year.

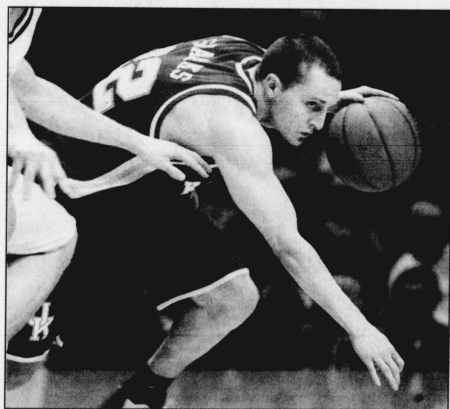
"Sam and Bowman and Elliot, all of whom ended their freshman season on the UK women's basketball team as starters, said living together off the court helped them mature and progress on it.

"We became closer by living together," Bowman said. "You have that chemistry on the floor. It definitely has helped us."

Elliot noted that a stronger bond developed because they were all going through similar transitions and challenges at the same time.

"We could depend on each other because we were all going through the same thing," she said.

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Senior guard Patrick Sparks started every game last season for the Cats.

### Backcourt plays down hype, pumps up depth

By Josh Sullivan  
THE KENTUCKY KERNEL

Head coach Tubby Smith was shocked to learn that he is entering the season with the "best backcourt in America."

At UK basketball media day late last month, he scoured the pages of the media guide until he found the headline declaring his guard tandem as the nation's finest.

"Maybe I need to start proofreading these things," he said, with a smile.

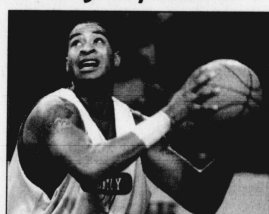
Smith might not be ready to crown sophomore point guard Rajon Rondo and senior shooting guard Patrick Sparks kings of the college basketball backcourt, but it's clear that if UK is to

make its first trip to the Final Four in eight years next March, the duo will have to deliver on the promise it showed last season.

Sparks, who emerged as the team's second leading scorer at 11 points per game, led a ferocious comeback against arch-rival Louisville, scoring 25 points and nailing three free throws with 16 seconds left to help turn a 16-point half-time deficit into a two-point win. Sparks led another comeback victory at Alabama last year, nailing seven of 10 3-pointers en route to 26 points, helping clinch UK's 43rd Southeastern Conference championship.

Rondo, who set a new UK season record with 87 steals, scored 16 points

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KEITH SMILEY | STAFF  
Junior forward and transfer Rekalin Sims

### Fresh faces clamor for court time

By Ryan Wood  
THE KENTUCKY KERNEL

This time last year, Rekalin Sims was gearing up for his second season as a Salt Lake Community College Bruin.

As a freshman, he averaged 18 points per game and eight rebounds per game, earning second team all-American honors for the junior college ranks.

After his sophomore year, he had bumped his totals to 19.4 ppg and 9.6 rpg and earned first team all-American honors.

His team was 29-16 during his two-year tenure, and it didn't take long for NCAA Division-I one schools to start calling.

He was heavily recruited by Texas A&M his entire sophomore session, but according to Sims when he got the call from UK, he knew he wanted to come to Lexington.

"My visit really won me over," Sims said. "I came out here and fans knew who I was before I got here. I went to Keeneland with Coach Smith one day ... when you walk around with him, you're a rock star. It felt amazing."

Now the 6-foot-8, 200-pound junior forward is expected to make an immediate impact on UK's squad, especially with the eligibility of sophomore center Randolph Morris still uncertain.

"Rekalin is a very intelligent player, and he was an outstanding rebounder in junior college

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# UK BASKETBALL 2005-06

## Cats see exhibition as simply business

By Josh Sullivan  
THE KENTUCKY KERNEL

UK head coach Tubby Smith doesn't see tonight's exhibition contest against Division II Northern State as a real game.

"This is a practice. No more, no less," Smith said yesterday during a press conference at Memorial Coliseum.

But sophomore guard Joe Crawford didn't sound so convinced.

"We're looking to play hard and beat them by as

many points as we can," he said.

Junior forward Shery Thomas said the bout with two-time defending Northern Sun Intercollegiate Conference champions will offer the Wildcats a chance to earn some respect.

"It'll be a challenge for us, because our frontcourt isn't as well known as our backcourt," he said. "In a way, we feel like we have something to prove."

Smith expects Northern State's post game to present a significant challenge for his big men. The Wolves start preseason NSIC player of the year Matt Hammer at forward, along with 6-foot-6, 240-pound Levi Hamilton.

While fans will have to wait until at least next Wednesday to see last year's

starting center in action again, they should get a heavy dose of this year's new big man tonight. Smith says freshman center Jared Carter is continuing to make great strides on the practice court.

"He's been playing extremely well," Smith said.

Most analysts initially expected Smith to sit Carter for a year, giving him more time to develop before using any of his eligibility. But since Big Blue Madness last month, Smith has hinted that if Carter continued to improve quickly, he'd go ahead and suit up for the 2005-06 season. Yesterday, Smith all but confirmed that decision.

"I doubt if we'll redshirt him at this point," he said.

Smith and several players have suggested that the Cats

may employ a more up-tempo style this year, and the descriptions of practice up to this point seem to indicate the team is seriously preparing for that change.

"Practice has been more up-tempo, more intense," said senior guard and team co-captain Ravi Moss.

Crawford echoed Moss's take, saying, "Practice has been tough conditioning wise. Every drill, we're constantly running."

Asked if he'd allow his players to be more aggressive in their transition offense tonight, Smith said, "We're going to give them more freedom early on to see how they do."

### Exhibition

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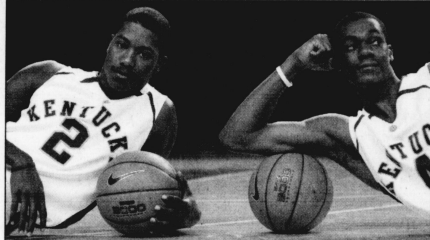
### #10 Kentucky Wildcats (0-0)

Probable Starters	PPG*	RPG*
G Rajon Rondo	8.1	2.9
G Patrick Sparks	11.0	2.1
F Joe Crawford	3.2	1.8
F Shery Thomas	1.4	1.3
C Shagari Alleyne	2.8	1.9

### Northern (S.D.) State (0-0)

Probable Starters	PPG*	RPG*
G Kyle Schwan	DNP	DNP
G Craig Nelson	6.2	2.4
F Matt Hammer	18.5	7.1
F Levi Hamilton	4.3	2.7
C Aaron Busack	13.3	4.9

\* last season



### BLUE BLOODS

Senior guard Ravi Moss (Hopkinsville, Ky.) and sophomore guard Rajon Rondo (Louisville) pose for photographers during UK basketball photo day in August.

HILLY SCHIFFER  
STAFF

## Guards

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on five of seven shooting against Cincinnati in the second round of the NCAA tournament.

He followed up with a ten-point performance in the regional semifinal victory

**"If Rondo becomes an all-American caliber player, then that's true. ... he's going to be really, really good."**

Jerry Brewer  
Courier-Journal sports columnist on Rondo and Sparks' best backcourt billing.

ry over Utah.

Both players gained valuable competitive experience in the off-season as well, as each made the roster of separate national summer league teams.

Rondo ran the point for the U.S. under-21 national team, leading the all-star squad to a gold medal at the Global Games in Dallas and a fifth place finish at the World Championship in Argentina.

Sparks competed for America in the World University games, helping the team win a gold medal in Turkey.

"I think the international experience has really helped them to better understand what we are trying to get them to do here," said Smith. "I think they are becoming leaders."

Smith's peers certainly expect his guards to emerge as an elite tandem.

## Guards

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"The stress, school, tests, practice, tutoring, class ... all of it. You grow up together because you go through everything at the same time. When you grow up together, you have a stronger connection."

Third-year head coach Mickie DeMoss is looking for that strong connection to continue to show up on the court. As the Cats enter what some have called the most anticipated season in years, DeMoss will depend on her triumvirate of sophomore returning starters to continue the program's progress.

"Our sophomore class was instrumental in the success we had last season,"

"I think if Rondo becomes an all-American caliber player, then that's true," said (Louisville) Courier-Journal sports columnist Jerry Brewer. "And I think he's going to be really really good."

Brewer pointed to Rondo's improved jump shot as a key to his success this season.

"The threat to shoot is going to make him even more explosive," Brewer said. "He's going to jump to 13 or 14 points a game and probably eight assists."

Brewer says UK's reserve guards are another big reason the backcourt is enjoying so much pre-season hype.

"I like the experience and depth they have," he said. "They can run all day if Tubby lets them. Game by game, you might see different guys at that two-guard spot."

Senior guard Ravi Moss and sophomore guard Ramele Bradley made significant contributions off the bench last year.

"You know Ravi and Ramele will give you everything they have," Brewer said.

Moss also cited the Cats' depth as a major strength.

"We are very endowed at the guard spot," Moss said. "Patrick and Rajon are very talented, and there are more guys who can come off the bench and contribute. We can throw a lot of bodies out there and be explosive."

The Cats play their first exhibition game of the season tonight at 7 against Northern State in Rupp Arena

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## Sophs

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"DeMoss praised Bowman for her team-first attitude and intensity.

"Chante brings a competitive spirit to our team every night out, and that is something we badly needed last year," DeMoss said.

The coach said Mahoney will likely start at guard for the team this season.

"We are certainly going to try and keep her at the 'two' position this year because she provides a lot of scoring opportunities for us on the perimeter," DeMoss said.

DeMoss said the team will likely tailor its offense around the strengths of Elliot, attempting to exploit opponents by pounding inside to the 6-6 center. The team's fate may very well be intertwined with the strength of Elliot's surgically repaired knee, according to the coach.

"She can dominate on both ends of the floor," DeMoss said. "We're really going to need her to stay healthy this year."

Mahoney, Bowman and Elliot not only will be depended upon this season, but for several years to come as well, as they look to help DeMoss take UK Hoops to an elite level.

"Coach DeMoss came in and recruited us and we got here as the program started on the upswing," Mahoney said. "It's going to help us in the future as we continue to get better."

DeMoss also looks for Roddy, a 6-foot-3 forward who missed the second half of last season due to a torn meniscus, to return as an even better player.

"She is back, stronger than last season," DeMoss said. "We are expecting some great things out of her on the front line this season."

Bowman, as well as her classmates, believes continued improvement is imperative.

"We're progressing," she said. "We're getting good coaching. We're all getting better as players and as a team."

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# 2005-06 UK MEN'S BASKETBALL OUTLOOK



**#1 – BRANDON STOCKTON**  
Guard • Glasgow, Ky.

Former Kentucky Mr. Basketball looks to add senior experience to UK's already deep guard spots.

5-9 • 167 • SR



**#2 – RAVI MOSS**  
Guard • Hopkinsville, Ky.

Perhaps the best walk-on in the land, he will do whatever it takes to win, from clutch shots to tough defense. A pre-season starter last year.

6-2 • 190 • SR

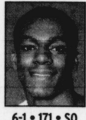
UK has won more games than any other college basketball program, winning its 1,900th game last year



**#3 – RAMEL BRADLEY**  
Guard • Brooklyn, N.Y.

Provided energy and excitement off the bench last year and should continue to do so this year. He's from Brooklyn – he won't let you forget it.

6-1 • 179 • SO



**#4 – RAJON RONDO**  
Guard • Louisville, Ky.

As a freshman, he broke former Cat Wayne Turner's single-season steals record (87). This year, he easily ranks as one of the top-five point guards in the nation.

6-1 • 171 • SO

Nineteen times, UK has graced the cover of Sports Illustrated



**#10 – LUKASZ OBRZUT**  
Center • Gilwice, Poland

Seemed to gain confidence as he earned more minutes in the season's final stretch. UK needs him to stay aggressive – and out of foul trouble.

7-0 • 270 • JR



**#12 – PRESTON LEMASTER**  
Guard • Paris, Ky.

Senior Night will be here eventually – in the mean time, he will light the victory cigar of every Big Blue blowout.

6-2 • 188 • SR

The Wildcats own a 89.6 winning percentage in Rupp Arena, compiling a record of 363-42



**#13 – BOBBY PERRY**  
Forward • Durham, N.C.

One of only two reserves to play in every game, Perry showed potential last season and must build on it to help UK's thin front line.

6-6 • 219 • JR



**#21 – SHAGARI ALLEYNE**  
Center • Bronx, N.Y.

If Alleyne can stay out of Smith's dog house academically, the "Shagari Safari" could be back on the trail this year.

7-3 • 271 • JR

Former Cats Nazr Mohammed (San Antonio) and Tayshaun Prince (Detroit) both won NBA titles in the past two seasons



**#22 – PATRICK SPARKS**  
Guard • Central City, Ky.

When this transfer from Western Kentucky was on last year, so were the Cats. When Sparks made at least two 3-pointers, UK went 17-1.

6-0 • 180 • SR



**#23 – SHERAY THOMAS**  
Forward • Montreal, Quebec, Canada

After missing time last season due to a surgery, his recovery seems nearly complete. He must step up to help replace Chuck Hayes.

6-7 • 230 • JR

Head coach Tubby Smith was the second fastest UK men's basketball coach to 100 wins, behind Adolph Rupp



**#25 – ADAM WILLIAMS**  
Guard • St. Albans, W.Va.

Spent last year at the IMG Academy (Fla.) playing prep ball and should be mature for a freshman. Must show outside touch to break into backcourt.

6-4 • 190 • FR



**#32 – JOE CRAWFORD**  
Guard • Detroit, Mich.

During the postseason, he emerged as a potential offensive force. With Kelenna Azubuike's exit, UK needs Crawford to do even more.

6-4 • 210 • SO

UK's seven national championships is second only to UCLA



**#33 – RANDOLPH MORRIS**  
Center • Atlanta, Ga.

His future at UK remains uncertain, but if he returns he must be more aggressive and consistent to win back fans' hearts.

6-10 • 266 • SO



**#42 – REKALIN SIMS**  
Forward • Vallejo, Calif.

After transferring from Salt Lake Community College (Utah), Sims seems poised to make solid contributions as a Wildcat.

6-8 • 200 • JR

All four of UK's seniors are from Kentucky



**#43 – JARED CARTER**  
Center • Georgetown, Ky.

Addition of Scott County product gives UK three 7-footers, the most in school history. Carter's quick development might end any redshirt talk.

7-2 • 240 • FR



**ORLANDO "TUBBY" SMITH**  
Head coach • Scotland, Md.

At UK, Smith has amassed five SEC league titles, five SEC Tournament titles and one national title. But the Cats have not seen a Final Four in seven seasons, one shy of the school's longest absence.

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