



## IS RANDOLPH MORRIS ELIGIBLE?

An NCAA committee met yesterday to review the case of UK center Randolph Morris and rule on whether he'll be eligible to play for the Cats this season. Check out [www.kykernel.com](http://www.kykernel.com) for breaking news updates and read tomorrow's Kernel for more on the Morris case.

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## Field narrows today in police chief search

Number of candidates will shrink to four or fewer; President Lee Todd will select new chief in January

By Megan Boehke  
THE KENTUCKY KERNEL

University officials will meet today to continue to narrow the list of police chief candidates from nine to no more than four. Ken Clevidence, UK's director of

public safety, is overseeing the search and will meet with Lance Broeking, UK's director of finance for campus services, as well as an advisory board made up of about 15 representatives from around campus. A consultant from Waters-Oldani Executive Recruitment, the

firm helping UK advertise the position, will also be present.

UK contracted Waters-Oldani to help recruit candidates. The company posted the job on its Web site and marketed the job to candidates with direct mailing and by visiting industry-specific seminars.

UK had 75 applicants at the end of the Oct. 21 deadline, Clevidence said.

The search firm helped narrow

the group to about 20 people and then conducted interviews and background checks on those candidates, Broeking said. UK then used the firm's recommendations based on those interviews to narrow the field to nine candidates.

Broeking said he and Clevidence will meet Monday with UK President Lee Todd to give him their list of the remaining candidates. Todd will then interview each candidate

on campus in the middle of this month.

Todd is looking for a person "with experience and someone with passion for police work on a university campus," said UK spokesman Jay Blanton.

Clevidence said he hopes to have a new police chief named by the beginning of next semester. However, it may take longer if the selected

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### TIME LINE

The final checkpoints in the search for UK's new police chief

#### TODAY

Advisory committee narrows field from nine candidates down to no more than four finalists.

#### MID-DECEMBER

Finalists tour campus and meet with President Lee Todd

#### MID-JANUARY

Todd names new police chief

#### FEB. 1

Goal to have new police chief begin work

### Miss Black and Gold Pageant

## Beauty meets Brains



WHITNEY WATERS | STAFF

Kennetha Bell (front), a psychology junior, dances with Kenisha Brown, a kinesiology sophomore, during the opening parade of contestants in the Miss Black and Gold Pageant.

Eight black UK students in the Miss Black and Gold Pageant showed elegance, sophistication and poise last night at Memorial Hall.

This 'masquerade affair' was hosted by the Alpha Phi Alpha fraternity and showcased talents including singing, music performance and salsa dancing.

Ashley Hayden, a senior with a double major in English literature and business management, won the competition. She will receive a scholarship for next semester's textbooks and work with Alpha Phi Alpha in community service projects.



WHITNEY WATERS | STAFF

Senior Ashley Hayden, an English literature and business management major, smiles after receiving her winner's crown last night in the Miss Black and Gold Pageant at Memorial Hall.

## Senate nixes SG election clause

Graduate test preparation service gets \$5,000 in funding

By Sean Rose  
THE KENTUCKY KERNEL

The Student Government Senate unanimously voted to pass an amendment in favor of online voting procedures in future elections at last night's meeting.

If approved, online voting will be implemented next fall for the freshman Senate elections. The amendment also strikes the section of voting procedures that forbids campaigning in and around voting areas.

Amendments must be passed with a three-fourths majority at two meetings before they go into effect. This amendment will be voted on again at the next meeting in January.

SG President Becky Ellingsworth said striking the section did not come up in conversation when writing the amendment, which she sponsored. She said online voting would open up every computer as a possible voting booth and that candidates should still be able to

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## Kentucky author's play debuts

By Elle Fairbanks  
THE KENTUCKY KERNEL

After reading a copy of Harper Lee's "To Kill a Mockingbird" from his seventh grade English teacher, Kentucky native Silas House knew he wanted to be a writer.

"I read the book and never looked back," House said. "It just opened my eyes to a whole new world. I knew then that I wanted to be a writer."

House has come a long way since that fateful day in English class. He has since written numerous novels, journals and, now, a play that premieres tonight at UK.

"The Hurting Part," House's first play, will be performed at 7:30 p.m. in the Guignol Theatre. House is thrilled to finally see his play come to life and is grateful that UK wanted to produce it.

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## Women's group fights violence with ribbons

By Darlush Shafa  
THE KENTUCKY KERNEL

They ran out of ribbons after two hours, and one group of three shared a single pair of gloves to keep their hands warm so they could pass out fliers.

It wasn't for a concert or a political event. It was to remember. Fifteen volunteer members of The Eardrum, a campus women's group, handed out green ribbons yesterday and will be handing out more today from 9:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. in front of the Funkhouser Building, on Rose Street across from the

Chemistry-Physics Building and at White Hall Classroom Building. The green ribbons and pink fliers are for Remembrance Week — a time to remember victims of and those who have been affected by violence against women.

"We made thousands of ribbons," said Ellen Sawyer, Eardrum's president and a communication junior. "We ran out after two hours."

Sawyer and two other Eardrum members, political science and women's studies senior Susan Matsubara and English and women's studies junior

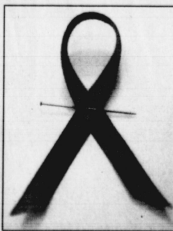
### FYI

■ The Eardrum meets weekly on Wednesdays at 8 p.m. in Room 205 of the Student Center. For more information e-mail [earthrumuk@gmail.com](mailto:earthrumuk@gmail.com).

Kathryn Hogg, stopped handing out fliers only to trade the single pair of gloves they had between the three of them.

When the ribbons ran out, the group members began handing out fliers.

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# SG pursues avenue for online voting

By Sean Rose  
THE KENTUCKY KERNEL

Student Government's efforts to revise its constitution continued last night as the Senate voted to pass an amendment to raise limits on campaign spending.

The Constitutional Revisions Committee recommended in its last meeting that maximum expenditures for presidential candidates be raised from \$600 to \$800. Senatorial candidates maximum expenditures were recommended to rise from \$150 to \$200 and senatorial funds when running together from \$200 to \$250. All limits will grow with yearly inflation.

Committee chairman Will Nash, a presidential candidate in the March election, said the increase was designed to counter inflation.

"By today's standard, the purchasing power was half what it was then," said Nash, an economics and political science senior.

Amendments to the SG constitution must receive a three-fourths majority vote at two meetings before they go into effect. The Senate will vote on these suggestions again at the next Senate meeting in January.

SG President Becky Ellingsworth said she's happy with moves made by the committee.

"I think we're making a lot of progress," said Ellingsworth, a communication senior. "I'm very pleased."

The constitutional committee also met before the Senate meeting yesterday in the Student Center. The agenda for the meeting was to discuss four sections of the constitution not examined at the last meeting, but the dominating issue turned out to be online elections.

The committee discussed the issue for nearly an hour over a conference call with a company called Votenet, a Washington, D.C.,-based business. The company performs online elections with other colleges, as well as the Emmy Awards and Country Music Awards.

Nash said even though online voting was the only order of business covered, he thought the meeting was valuable.

"I think it was very informative," Nash said. "We've learned it's obviously not an easy process putting elections online, so we want to be thorough."

Last meeting, the committee heard from UK's Information Technology department on its capability to handle online elections. Nash said the committee is trying to decide who would be best suited at running the elections.

"My gut tells me that a partnership between an outside company and UK would be best," Nash said.

He added that he hoped that the committee would have enough information to make that decision at next week's meeting. The committee is still trying to decide if it's realistic to try online elections for the upcoming spring elections or wait later, with next fall's freshman elections.

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## SG

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put up posters and campaign in public.

"You should still be able to do that with online elections," said Ellingsworth, a communications senior. "There's not really a designated area where students vote."

Ellingsworth added that if the amendment is passed the second time, it won't go into effect until next fall.

"That's something to be determined about with the bylaws in the future," Ellingsworth said.

She said the issue depended on what type of online voting was used.

A second amendment passed and will be seen again by the Senate in January. It came from the Constitutional Revisions Committee in efforts to revise and improve SG's constitution.

The amendment states that the maximum expenditures for presidential candidates will be raised from \$600 to \$800. Senatorial candidates maximum expenditures were recommended to rise from \$150 to \$200 and senatorial funds when running with a partner were recommended to rise from \$200 to \$250.

Each limit will also grow according to the rate of inflation each year. It also

states that the Senate has authority over what the maximum limit should be.

"By today's standard, the purchasing power was half what it was (in 1965, when the last limit was set)," said Will Nash, constitution committee chair and an economics and political science senior.

Some senators said that because of this fact, the limit should be increased to \$1,000.

Senator Ben Carter said it is in SG's "best interest to go ahead and adjust to inflation."

"I believe we need to try to match the spending power when this was devised," Carter, a finance and economics senior, said.

Senator Lauren Henson argued that the lower option was best for students and that the limit in 1965 could still have been too much.

"Eight hundred dollars is the lower number," said Henson, a communications sophomore. "It's more accessible to the average student."

The Senate also passed an act allotting \$5,000 from the budget surplus to the Kaplan Scholarship Program. Kaplan prepares students for graduate tests, including as the LSAT or MCAT.

"It's one of those things where people say, 'What does Student Government do for me?'" said Senate President Nick Phelps, an economics sopho-

more who sponsored the act. "It's small but it's a start."

The original act allotted \$15,000, but some senators said it was too much money helping too few students. Each \$1,000 pays for a class that takes on one student.

The senate also allotted \$1,000 to fund "Warm-Up Wednesdays." The program is a continuation from last year. SG will provide hot chocolate outside the Student Center next Wednesday and six times during the spring semester.

Michael Brewster, a social work junior, was appointed as the senator for the College of Social Work. No one had run for the college's Senate seat and Phelps appointed Brewster after he showed interest in the position.

The Senate also passed two resolutions last night. The first was a resolution on the dining plan. The resolution wants Chick-fil-A to accept meal plans and for UK to make renovations of dining facilities a priority, as well as examine the overall quality of the new meal plan. The second resolution was on campus diversity and states diversity should be a priority to the university's quest for top-20 status.

Resolutions carry no actual authority but are official views issued by SG toward UK or other institutions.

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## UNIVERSITY OF KENTUCKY CRIME REPORT

Crimes reported to UK police  
Nov. 23 through Nov. 29

- Nov. 23: Hit and run at 705 Sports Center Drive reported at 12:17 p.m.
- Nov. 23: Theft of a wallet at the Kentucky Clinic reported at 12:23 p.m.
- Nov. 23: Theft of items from the Patterson Office Tower reported at 1:07 p.m.
- Nov. 23: Burglary and attempted theft of 60" screen television at 620 S. Limestone St. reported at 2:40 p.m.
- Nov. 23: Marijuana smell reported and citation issued at 101 Avenue of Champions reported at 3:05 p.m.
- Nov. 24: Nonsexual assault reported at UK Chandler Medical Center at 5:41 a.m.
- Nov. 24: Out trying to catch a white Norwegian elkhound. Later taken to Humane Society at 1 p.m.
- Nov. 25: Assisting other agency to look for missing juvenile in the Arboretum area reported at 7:06 p.m.
- Nov. 25: Possible trash can fire next to UK Chandler Medical Center Emergency Room reported at 7:48 p.m.
- Nov. 27: Person wearing a light pink shirt reported lying down on ground at 208 Adam Drive
- Nov. 28: Male and female reported having seats laid back in suspicious car in K-lot at 2:15 a.m.
- Nov. 28: Male subject causing disorder in K-Lair Grill at 2:33 p.m.
- Nov. 28: Sexual assault reported by nurse at UK Chandler Medical Center at 7:55 p.m.
- Nov. 29: Theft from front desk lock-box at 217 Elm Tree Lane at 10:45 a.m.
- Nov. 29: Vandalism to immobile device reported at 404 S. Limestone St. at 1:14 p.m.
- Nov. 29: Theft from building reported at 171 Funkhouser Drive at 1:25 p.m.
- Nov. 29: Vandalism reported to immobile device in the Student Center parking lot at 7:12 p.m.

Compiled from UK police crime log.  
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## NEWS BRIEFS

### Shiite Laborers Stain Aid Latest Wave of Violence

BAGHDAD, Iraq — Gunmen shot to death nine Shiite Muslim laborers yesterday near the city of Baqubah, the latest in an ongoing campaign of violence against Shiites by Sunni insurgents rebelling against the U.S.-backed government.

In the capital, snipers fired on the home of Salma Kifali, a prominent Shiite politician, wounding two of her guards. Armed men also killed Sheik Hamza Abbas Issawi, a Sunni cleric who called for participation in upcoming parliamentary elections, Tuesday after evening prayers in

Fallujah.

The day laborers were gunned down as they headed to farm jobs in a minivan yesterday morning amid a mixed patchwork of Sunni and Shiite villages in an agricultural area seven miles north of Baqubah. Two others were injured in the attack.

### Minority and Women's Business Fair

The University of Kentucky will host a Minority and Women-owned Business Enterprises (MBE/WBE) recruitment fair in the Lexmark room of the UK Main Building from 4:30 to 6:30 p.m. on Monday, Dec. 12.

Minority- and women-

owned vendors will get the opportunity to get to know the bid process, phases of the construction on the UK Chandler Medical Center's new patient care facility and the overall extent of the work taking place.

Other projects will be outlined including student health care and pharmacy facilities.

UK President Lee T. Todd Jr. will be at the recruitment fair and will speak as part of the President's Initiatives on Diversity. The fair is also hosted by the Gilbane Building Company, UK's Capital Project Management Division and UK's Purchasing Division.

## Ribbon

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"It's a good thing we're running out of them," Sawyer said.

According to a safety survey conducted at UK two years ago, 36.5 percent of women at UK have been physically assaulted, sexually assaulted or stalked. Earlier this semester, UK President Lee Todd allotted \$1.25 to for campus safety initiatives, including the CATS Path, a well-lit, police-patrolled main thoroughfare that runs through the heart of campus.

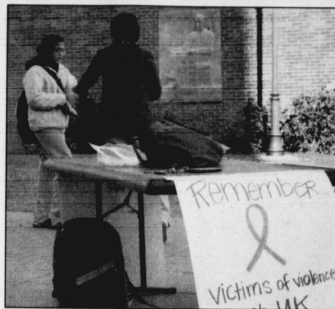
"People are so silent about it," Sawyer said. "This is a way of speaking up about it and saying, 'I'm not going to be silent anymore.'"

Hogg said a lack of information isn't the problem — but the prevalence of apathy is.

"People are pleading ignorance," Hogg said. "They need to see this."

Matsubara said Remembrance Week creates a chance to unify the campus in the fight against violence against women.

"This is an opportunity



TICIA SPALDING | STAFF  
Members of the campus organization Eardrum pass out fliers and ribbons on campus. The group will continue handing out commemorative green ribbons and informational fliers today at three points around campus.

for the student group to come out and talk about it," said Matsubara.

Matsubara said the group wants to take an active role and make people aware of the issue.

"I think what we're doing is important for the idea of visibility," Matsubara said. "Hopefully, it will bring attention to the issue. We need

attention."

Hogg said she's volunteering to lend a hand. "I care about people," she said, "and a lot of my friends have dealt with this. I've also seen the ignorance surrounding the issue."

"We feel like we're helping out."

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"UK's Theatre Department came to me and asked if they could perform the play. I thought it was a great idea, and the director has since done a phenomenal job with it," House said.

"Everyone seems to really understand my message, UK has really taken it the extra mile."

"The Hurting Part" focuses on the homesickness of a Kentucky family around the 1962 holiday season. After moving to Dayton, Ohio, to find work, the entire family begins to miss their Kentucky roots.

Family along with forgiveness and the stresses of relocating, are recurring themes in House's works, and this play is no different. Growing up in the small southeastern Kentucky town of Lily, House learned the importance of family and community and has since incorporated it into his craft.

"I was always surrounded by people who encouraged me," he said. "I always knew that I could write, and I was born to write."

House doesn't only turn to his family and friends for inspiration — everything he sees influences him.

"Everyone that I meet influences me in some way," he said. "Also, I read just about everything, so I can see other people's points of view."

House was voted Kentucky's Best Author this year and in 2003 and has received the award for Appalachian Book of the Year and two Kentucky Novel of the Year prizes. House's first three novels, "Clay's Quilt," "A Parchment of Leaves" and "The Coal Tattoo" are all set in Eastern Kentucky, a region with



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which House is familiar.

"I grew up and still reside in Laurel County," he said. "I've lived my whole life there and know the area pretty well."

House hopes to see his holiday-themed play at UK for years to come. Since UK owns the rights to the play for the next three years, House hopes the university's theater department will be able to perform this show each holiday season.

"It'd be great if they could do it every year," said House. "We don't really know yet if that's possible, but I hope that everything works out."

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candidate is not from the area and has to relocate, Clevidence said, adding that he wants the chief on the job no later than Feb. 1.

The position has been vacant for more than a year after former UK Police Chief Fred Otto III resigned in November 2004, one month after he was reprimanded for having a UK police employee illegally help him with coursework for his doctoral degree at Eastern Kentucky University.

Clevidence managed the position himself for nine months before naming Capt. Kevin Franklin as the interim police chief in July.

UK originally narrowed its search to seven people last spring, but when three of those candidates accepted other positions during the selection process, UK decided to continue the search this fall, Clevidence said.

The current pool includes candidates with doctorates and master's degrees, and the candidates have all had experience on either a university police force, a municipal force in a university town or outside experience such as FBI training, Broeking said.

"We have a pretty diverse

candidate group as far as we can tell, without having met with them yet," Broeking said. "I know we have a good complement of African-Americans, females, males. I think we have a pool that represents a good cross-section of folks in the law enforcement community."

With the university recently investing \$1.25 million more into women's safety, the university has a lot of momentum in regard to campus safety, Blanton said.

"It is a critically important position being filled at a critically important time for this campus and this university," he said.

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— Lance Broeking, UK director of finance for campus services, on the remaining nine candidates to become UK's new police chief

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# Bush outlines plan for withdrawal from Iraq

By Craig Gordon  
NEWSDAY

WASHINGTON — For a man trying to convince Americans that he has a way out of Iraq, President Bush had an unusual way of going about it yesterday.

He offered no timetables for withdrawal, no new benchmarks for when that could start, and not a word about a possible drawdown next year, as others in his administration have hinted at in recent days.

In fact, Bush even appeared to raise the bar on what it would take to bring American troops out of Iraq — saying he would settle for nothing less than “complete victory,” something he admitted would be hard to detect and harder to achieve.

It has been one of the vexing questions of this war — what will victory look like against a seemingly implacable insurgency no less deadly today than a year ago?

Bush offered his own definition yesterday — an Iraq that is “peaceful, united, stable and secure,” according to his 35-page White House strategy document.

Right now, most American generals probably would settle for just one of those, let alone all four.

Some experts yesterday questioned whether Bush had set his sights too high in a land as violent and fractious as Iraq by talking of “complete victory.”

That complicates efforts to start bringing troops home next year, as nervous congressional Republicans want ahead of the 2006 midterm elections.

“It just seems to be an unattainable goal,” said John Mueller of Ohio State Univer-

sity, an expert on public opinion in wartime. “If he does start to reduce (troop levels), he won’t be able to say this is complete victory. It would just be preposterous.”

“It’s a good applause line,” Mueller said. “He would hope people would forget it.”

Added defense analyst Loren Thompson of the conservative Lexington Institute: “We want this country to be something that it has never been.”

Bush’s speech ultimately had the challenge of putting forth two seemingly conflicting themes — digging in his heels against a withdrawal from Iraq while laying the groundwork for it.

Not today, not tomorrow, Bush made clear, but seemingly sometime in the not-too-distant future, talking up the fighting prowess of Iraqi security forces.

Bush even hinted that he thought victory was in sight.

“Our strategy in Iraq is clear, our tactics are flexible and dynamic; we have changed them as conditions required and they are bringing us victory against a brutal enemy,” he said.

In that way, Bush’s new and improved Iraqi exit strategy is the same as the old Iraqi exit strategy — build up homegrown forces, gradually hand over security duties to them and then have U.S. troops slowly fade into the background and eventually come home.

But Bush’s strategy document also highlighted the uncertain nature of his plan, noting that the White House expects — “but cannot guarantee” — an unspecified reduction in U.S. troops next year.

Even so, most analysts be-

lieve Bush’s plan can work. But they criticize Bush for being slow to take the training of Iraqi forces seriously and to adopt the “clear and hold” — staying in towns after the insurgents are cleared out — strategy that the administration has been pursuing for several months now. Bush himself admitted shortfalls there as well.

“It took us way too long to figure that out, but we’ve been doing it increasingly and it seems over the last four months to have finally taken hold,” said Thomas Donnelly, a military analyst at the American Enterprise Institute think tank. “But it’s not the quick approach, it’s going to take a long time.”

Time is the one thing Bush probably doesn’t have, despite his tough talk about staying the course.

One thing helping him is that the Democrats’ message on Iraq has not been clear, with House Democratic leader Nancy Pelosi yesterday endorsing calls for an immediate withdrawal that even some in her party have rejected.

Two-thirds of the public want Bush to start bringing home troops in the next 12 months, and a similar number disapproves of Bush’s handling of the war.

But Republicans seize on a different finding — less than one in five support immediate withdrawal, a sign that the public still wants Bush to succeed in Iraq.

So some independent analysts believe Bush probably bought himself a little breathing room with yesterday’s speech, but only if the situation on the ground matches the picture he painted yesterday of Iraqi forces growing stronger every day.

# Book outlines the different breeds of the ‘bad boss’

By Mary Ellen Slayter  
THE WASHINGTON POST

Do you work for a Wannabe, Suppressor, Pretender, Confounder, Dumbfounder, Propagator, Player, Bully, Manipulator, Cult Maker, Pilferer, Saboteur, or a Combination Type?

Bad bosses are a fact of working life. No matter what career you choose, chances are you’re going to have to deal with people who steal your ideas, criticize your work constantly, and flake out just when you need them most.

It’s not illegal to be a jerk. But that doesn’t mean you have to silently accept this bad behavior and the damage it can do to your career.

“Who’s Afraid of the Big, Bad Boss?” by Marilyn Haight identifies 13 common bad boss types, and offers advice on how to cope with them. She also saves you some wasted effort by explaining what definitely doesn’t work with each of those personality types. While the book would be useful to workers of all ages, it is especially helpful for those new to the workplace, who haven’t mastered the basics of office politics.

For Haight, a “bad boss” is a boss who intentionally harms her or his employees and employer, not someone who is merely inexperienced. These people can’t be reasoned with, or educated into being better bosses. They don’t want to be better bosses.

There are plenty of decent books out there about incompetent bosses, but Haight said it was time for a book about bosses who were intentionally bad. “We needed a book about what to do if you find out your boss is incorrigible,” she said in an interview.

Haight, an organizational development consultant, said she came up with the idea for the book after years of working as a management consultant for employers. Oftentimes, she said, she would be hired by managers who wanted her to help them lay the blame on their workers, when it was really their own fault that there were so many problems. Later, when she moved on to other work, “the voices of those employees kept echoing in my mind,” she said.

For young workers in particular, she recommends the section in each chapter about interview strategies. In

it, she mentions phrases that workers can listen for to find out what kind of boss someone is likely to be. For instance, a Suppressor, whom she describes as a boss who regards employees chiefly as nuisances, will often say things like “I run a pretty tight ship,” or “I like to stay involved in the projects my people are working on.”

If you hear those phrases, which sound innocent enough on the surface, probe a bit more deeply, Haight advises. Follow up with questions of your own, such as “How do you recognize people for doing a good job?”

That can help keep you from getting into a bad situation, but what if you are long past the interview stage? Then what? In that case, Haight outlines strategies for surviving each bad boss type. For example, if your boss is a Pretender — someone who talks a good game, but is actually incompetent — she suggests the following actions (at least until you can switch employers or get a transfer):

- Subtly teach your Pretender boss the technicalities of the work, without letting slip that you know the boss is faking it.

- Defer to your boss for big decisions.

- Allow your boss to claim your work as his or her own.

- Function below your full potential to avoid intimidating your boss.

At the Web site she’s set up for the book, BigBadBoss.com, Haight includes reader submissions about their own bad bosses, including November’s entry about a Bully:

“I once worked with a shooting star of a company. There was a 120-person worldwide sales team; only 5 were women. The VP of sales harassed me with words such as, ‘I don’t know why you have so much self-confidence; you certainly don’t have anything to back it up.’ He also called me fat... I was only 125 lbs at the time... I had made four important sales, but he fired me for lack of performance... The guy who took my territory was with the company 12 months with no sales.

“I was so crippled by the constant hammering and the leaving events, I couldn’t work for anyone else again. He did me a favor... in hind sight; I started my career as (an entrepreneur) after that incident.”

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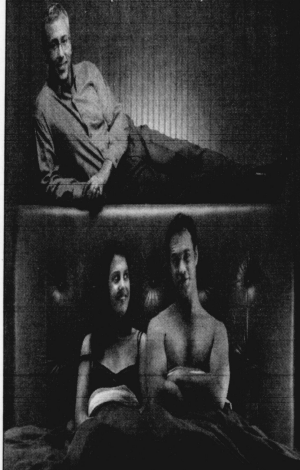
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# Oceanographers find changes in currents

By Juliet Elgerin  
THE WASHINGTON POST

WASHINGTON — The system of circulating water currents that moderates northern Europe's weather is 30 percent slower than it was nearly 50 years ago, according to a study by British scientists.

The finding, being published in the journal *Nature*, is significant because it could signal a major climate shift in coming decades. Some scientists worry that a disruption in the "conveyor belt" of currents — which brings warm surface water north toward England, Ireland and other northern countries and returns cold, dense, deep ocean water to the south — could sharply chill temperatures in northern Europe.

The warm water Gulf Stream that flows on the surface from the Gulf of Mexico to northern Europe is part of the larger system, but the researchers found no change in the stream itself.

Harry Bryden, an oceanography professor at Britain's University of Southampton and the paper's lead author, cautioned in an interview that he and other researchers are not predict-

ing a drastic climate shift in a matter of years because of the slowing of this "overturning" circulation.

"We're not 'Day After Tomorrow' fanatics," Bryden said, referring to the 2004 movie that portrayed drastic climate changes occurring within a matter of days. He added, however, "I'm convinced we've measured a real change... We've established there's variability in the overturning circulation."

Bryden and his two colleagues compared the circulation rate and water temperature data in one section of the Atlantic stretching from Africa's coast to Miami during five different years between 1957 and 2004. They determined that the deep water southward-flowing section of the conveyor is now moving 30 percent slower than it did in 1957 because it does not contain as much dense, cool water.

Bryden attributed the slowdown in part to the waning of salinity caused by the addition of less dense freshwater from melting Arctic sea ice and glaciers. He said the slowing is in line with computer models that suggest that Earth's warming climate

could weaken and eventually halt the conveyor belt circulation altogether, causing northern Europe to become as much as 11 degrees Fahrenheit cooler in a matter of decades.

Terrence Woods, a senior scientist at Woods Hole Oceanographic Institution who studies Atlantic Ocean currents, said the paper has produced "an interesting result" but should not be over-interpreted.

"I don't think there's a trend going back to 1957," Joyce said. "They can clearly say it's different now" from 1957.

And James O'Brien, another ocean current expert at the Center for Ocean-Atmospheric Predicting Studies at Florida State University, said researchers have yet to determine how much the change reflects a natural climate cycle.

"There's so much climate variability in the system we can't draw too many conclusions from two snapshots of ocean currents," he said.

Bryden said researchers should know much more in a year because they have set up 22 moored buoys the section of the Atlantic current they've been studying.

# Big Easy musicians move to Austin

By Sylvia Moreno  
THE WASHINGTON POST

AUSTIN, Texas — The self-proclaimed Live Music Capital of the World, the place that gave rock-and-roll superstar Janis Joplin her start in the 1960s, is sounding a little funkier these days. The chill, as one of the famed Neville Brothers sings in his new regular gig, has met the gumbo.

Among the estimated 1 million Louisiana and Mississippi Gulf Coast residents displaced by Hurricane Katrina are musicians trying to reestablish New Orleans' distinct second-line beat in a city better known for folk and roots, rhythm and blues, indie rock and country rock.

The city's population of more than 8,700 musicians has not only grown a bit but also diversified racially and ethnically. Relocated here, indefinitely, among others, are Cyril Neville and Tribe 13, Ivan Neville and Dumpsta Funk, the Hot Eight Brass Band, the Iguanas, the Caesar Brothers Funk Box, the Radiators, and Big Chief Kevin Goodman of the Flaming Arrows Mardi Gras Indian tribe. Some of them have even created an ad hoc band with a name that sums up who they are today, post-Katrina: "The Textiles."

"We all want to go back, but how can you go back to a situation like that? Everything this so vibrant and now everything is dead," said Dale Spalding, 56, a harmonica player and vocalist. "New Orleans was a great musical scene; it was intoxicating. But Austin is a very rich musical town, too."

Whether these musicians will transform a largely white music scene remains

to be seen. Right now, Austin officials are monitoring the adjustment of the estimated 7,300 Katrina evacuees, 90 percent of them black. They have moved to a city forced this year by black leaders to confront long-simmering complaints of unfair treatment by police, a place where black residents say they have been excluded from the mainstream economy and the vibrant cultural scene.

Those issues, activists contend, have led to the steady decline in the numbers of blacks, who now make up 9.5 percent of the city population of nearly 700,000. The influx of Katrina evacuees could reverse that trend, some political observers believe, and inject the small black community with cultural, economic and political vitality.

Austin's newest residents "bring a true cultural mix, which is what every city should be," said Nancy Coplin, music coordinator at Austin-Bergstrom International Airport.

Certainly when the evacuees arrived in Austin in early September, the city's private and public sectors, along with the huge music industry, welcomed the Katrina diaspora with open arms.

"Like everyone else, I was disturbed and startled by the images of people — the confusion, the apparent lack of centralized coordination in any kind of relief effort," said singer-songwriter Natalie Zoe, vice chairman of the Austin Music Commission, said of the situation in New Orleans. Her initial foray into Austin's Katrina shelter with plates of homemade cookies and bags of clothes from her closet quickly

evolved into a large-scale effort to locate and connect displaced musicians with MusicCare, the charitable arm of the Recording Academy, and with sources of housing, furniture and even vehicles.

Club owners, such as Steve Wertheimer of the well-known Continental Club, opened his home to homeless musicians and began putting them to work by scheduling gigs. Clifford Antone, owner of the legendary blues club Antone's, organized four relief concerts to benefit charities helping Katrina evacuees. Roadhouse blues singer and pianist Marcia Ball organized her own concert to benefit the displaced musicians and create a relief fund that continues to distribute cash to those still trying to reestablish their careers.

A small group of musicians and music fans created Instruments of Healing to replace instruments lost. And at the Austin airport, which features live musical performances five days a week at three in-house venues, added a 10th gig on Thursday afternoons showcasing the displaced musicians. The performance series is co-organized by an airport concessionaire and Austin honky-tonk country band leader Lucky Tomblin.

"These folks suffered a devastation beyond anything I ever dreamed we'd see. A beautiful, beautiful soulful city was devastated," Tomblin said. "Hopefully this series of concerts will keep people from forgetting that these people are out there struggling. It's not over."

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## WHAT'S THE DEAL? | Demystifying campus trends

# Do you mind not studying while I watch TV?

What would an article be without a few words of wisdom from my drunken roommate to start things off? Exactly. So, let me share with you the comment that came out of my roommate's mouth while the other day while complaining about a bad score on an exam: "How was I supposed to know the Battle of 1812 was in 1812?"



**Kenny Moyer**  
KERNEL COLUMNIST

Uh, good try. Another lesson learned for why to stay in school, kids. An old history professor of mine once told my class about how, back in the day, people used to churn and turn for knowledge. School wasn't a chore, but a privilege. It seems as though students these days, with the exception of a few, really take the education they are receiving for granted and don't appreciate its worth. For the purpose of this article, I think it's even more important to note that our society takes a lot of things for granted, such as life. I can't tell if our society is be-

coming more and more lazy or if technology is making life more convenient. You always hear stories about how our grandparents, while growing up, had to walk eight miles to school in two feet of snow and didn't have any shoes to wear. In their opinion, their childhood and adolescence were seemingly much tougher than ours today.

What do you think? After thinking about that for some time, I started to think perhaps our older citizens are right, but more so, I have a feeling today's generation is just plain lazy.

First, let me contradict this point. The world of business and success has always been a "who you know" type game. No matter what you do in college or the years before, your future could possibly depend on simply what significant people you are acquainted with who could help get on your feet. This isn't exactly laziness, but rather convenience and luck.

Moving on, what's the deal with neighborhoods allowing leaves the yards to be raked onto the streets for someone else to come and pick up? Okay, maybe the idea of bagging your own leaves is over-

rated and hard to do if you have a giant piece of land covered with trees. Any maybe it saves space in our wastelands to have the leaves compacted by machine instead of balled in leaf bags. But seriously, come on. Where's the joy in the season?

Another convenience our generation is fortunate enough to have is the cell phone. I'll admit the features of today's mobile phones are certainly pleasant. Cell phones can act as a communication device (whether through voice or text), an Internet browser, a music player, and even a camera. Those are a lot of gadgets built into one object. The only downside is that you can get away with sitting on your rear-end and literally have the world in the palm of your hand. Cool, huh?

Now, if I haven't started already, let me share with you why I feel people are becoming lazier, and in what Peter Griffin (from "The Family Guy") would suggest, what really grinds my gears.

For beginners, let's talk about the remote-controlled car starter. Sure, during the wintry months, it becomes convenient to start and warm your car up from inside your house rather than getting off your

bottom and manually starting it from the inside of the car. Who wouldn't want this luxury? But, you figure if you have to go outside and scrape the ice and snow off your car anyways, sometimes taking up to 10 minutes — the time it takes your car to heat up — why waste the money?

Toughen up. Another example that really gets me is the multiple-disc CD-changer, either in your car or home stereo. I saw a 12-disc changer just the other day and thought to myself, "What is this world coming to?" I can't even remember what I did last weekend, let alone remember which 12 CDs I could possibly have put in this player. For the time it takes this type of CD player to recognize a CD and start playing one, you could have ejected a single one from a single player and inserted another. Maybe it helps driver safety if used in cars, I don't know.

How about the wireless vacuum cleaner that you just turn on and watch clean your house? I mean, really. Is there not enough time on some people's schedules to vacuum their own carpet? If the cost of one of these robots is worth the same amount as your time doing other

things, then go right ahead. I would, however, rather take the time to care for my own home, all while getting somewhat of an exercise in.

Speaking of exercise, did you see these new electronic abdominal stimulators? Yeah, they actually have machines nowadays that shake convulsions onto your stomach muscles to help tone and shape the region into a nice six pack (I'm not talking about beer, dude). Basically, they do sit-ups for you. No more crunches ever again! I'm getting worn out just writing about it.

In my opinion, there are two types of people: lazy and productive. Productive people only use what's convenient (and efficient), but also know how to enjoy doing things on their own. They wash the dishes after they use them and clean up what they mess up.

Lazy people however, do just enough to get by. The college lifestyle maybe presents us with too many opportunities to be lazy, but trust me, later in life, what goes around comes around.

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# Former Creed singer hopes to pick up where he left off

By Geoff Boucher  
LOS ANGELES TIMES

LOS ANGELES — Scott Stapp, the former lead singer of Creed, is back from career exile with an album titled "The Great Divide." It's a fitting name — there may be no more polarizing figure in recent rock history, and the gulf between his fans and his detractors is wide and ugly.

Stapp may have been the most mocked man in rock in the 1990s, but Creed also sold a staggering 25 million albums in the United States alone. The problem now, though, is that pop audiences' infatuation fade fast, while rock purists know how to hold a grudge.

None of this is lost on Stapp. "I don't know what to expect, I really don't," Stapp said in a hushed voice during a recent visit to Los Angeles to promote the solo CD. "Do I pick up where I left off? Or do I have to start all over again, playing to five people in a room? Do I have to work my way back

up?" Stapp reached great commercial heights with Creed, a band that presented a radio-friendly sound that was part simplified Pearl Jam and part arena-rock spiritual anthem. Stapp's childhood as the disaffected son of a Pentecostal minister in Florida may have left him privately conflicted, but on stage he was an evangelist in leather pants belting out hits such as "My Sacrifice," "Higher" and "My Own Prison."

As the band propelled itself to the very top of rock, Stapp became something akin to the Vanilla Ice of modern rock — ridiculed as derivative, vainglorious and underserving. And though Bono has long laced rock with Christian imagery, Stapp's messianic music videos made him a laughingstock with music critics and even some peers. Dexter Holland of the Offspring, for instance, used to wear an "Even Jesus Hates Creed" T-shirt on stage.

In the end, Creed didn't even like Creed. The band officially

broke up last year, but the first death rattle was in December 2002 on stage in Rosemont, Ill. Stapp's account of the night is that increasing tension within the band inspired him to turn and call out his mates while performing the aptly titled "Who's Got My Back."

Seeing something in their eyes that was less than supportive, Stapp says, he plopped down on stage on his back and sang to the rafters. Some fans at the show had a different interpretation; they filed a lawsuit later claiming that Stapp was drunk or loaded and that the band owed a refund to all 15,000 fans on hand.

Months after the Rosemont fiasco, Stapp and Creed guitarist Mark Tremonti, the musical forces behind the band, came together in the studio to begin work on the band's fourth studio album. It went nowhere. After that, Stapp, for the first time, found himself running away from the spotlight.

"It was killing me, so I ran off to Maui and spent a lot of time with my son," he said. "I was in-

ternalizing everything. You can't have a me-against-the-world attitude, and I know that now. This is a business where you have to let a lot of stuff go."

Stapp may want to let things go, but what about his skeptics? Fred Jacobs, of Jacobs Media, a Michigan-based radio consultant company that works with rock stations, compared Stapp's fall from grace to the waning interest in Oasis in America.

"Scott has a lot of baggage to overcome," he said. "This is a lightning rod guy for a lot of radio programmers and frankly that hurts. There's not a lot of excitement right now to embrace his new music. This is a guy that made people angry. Like Oasis, there was a growing perception that his behavior hurt him."

For a guy steeped in Christian experience, Stapp sounds a pretty Zen these days. He won't talk about Tremonti and company, nor will he discuss any animus toward rock radio, although he does let it slip that some of the current air-

play stars in modern rock sound "like Creed tribute bands." Then it's back to the basics of humility.

"I'm older now and I've (had) time — a few years — to reflect on the past and how I got where I am, the good and the bad," Stapp said as he prepared for an appearance on "The Tonight Show With Jay Leno." "I thought about the way I handled things, and sometimes I think I came off the wrong way. It was all a function of this chip on my shoulder."

On the show, Stapp wore a shirt printed with the phrase "Music is the Weapon of the Future," a motto of Fela Kuti, the Nigerian music pioneer and political firebrand who died in 1997 of complications due to AIDS. But backstage the rock star had a more passive message.

"I can't live for other people's opinions. I have to live for me," the 32-year-old said. "I can only be me. The other way, well, that was killing me. Now, I can admit my faults."

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## Hoops closer-knit after trip

By Chris Delotell  
THE KENTUCKY KERNEL

UK women's basketball coach Mickie DeMoss is thankful for her team's championship in last week's Pepperdine Classic. The gravy on top of the back-to-back victories was that the team was able to spend five days together in Malibu, Calif., and become a more cohesive unit.

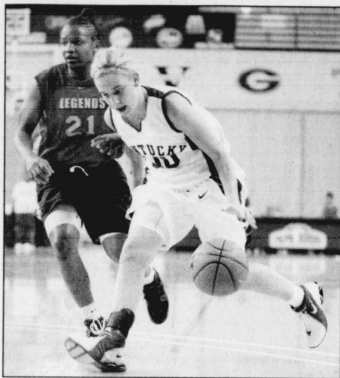
"Anytime you take a team on the road - especially a young team like ours where players don't really know each other all that well - it gives them a chance to bond together," DeMoss said. "When you are out there, all you've got is each other."

The Cats (4-0) took the Pepperdine Tournament with wins over Indiana State and Hofstra. DeMoss was pleased with the level of competition the Cats faced from the two mid-major schools.

"I definitely think we were tested in California," she said. "Indiana State has a very solid team. Playing on the road, we were certainly tested in both of those games."

DeMoss was also pleased with the continued maturation of true freshman point guard Carly Ormerod.

"Carly was tested as much as anybody on that trip because both teams really



UK freshman point guard Carly Ormerod and the women's basketball team seek a 5-0 start against Florida International at 7 tonight.

brought the heat to her," DeMoss said.

The Cats (4-0) have won their first four games by an average margin of 24 points per game and look to continue the program's best start since 1998 tonight at Memorial Coliseum against Florida International. The Panthers (4-0) come to Lexington on the heels of a blowout victory

over Seton Hall.

The Golden Panthers have a roster that could double as a United Nations convoy, with players from the United States, Croatia, Finland, France and Latvia. Six of the 12 players on the team hail from overseas.

"They have a lot of foreign players and they play a little different style than we

are used to," DeMoss said. "They'll play more of an international style."

FIU is led by 6-foot-3 Latvian center Lasma Jekabsons, who is averaging a double-double with 14.3 points-per-game and 10.8 rebounds-per-game in blocks-per-game with nearly four blocks per outing.

"Their offense goes through her," DeMoss said. "They throw it in to her a lot. She can catch and score or catch and kick it back out."

DeMoss said the responsibility of stopping Jekabsons will rotate among sophomore center Sarah Elliot, senior forward Jennifer Humphrey and sophomore forward Eleia Roddy.

The Cats will not only be playing for their first 5-0 start in seven years, but also to continue their ascent in the USA Today ESPN Coaches Poll. UK received 16 votes in this week's poll, placing them six spots outside the top 25.

DeMoss feels her team deserves the national recognition.

"I'm happy for our team," DeMoss said. "Respect is earned. Nobody's going to give us anything. We've got to go out and earn it."

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## Steroids detected in dietary tablets

By Amy Shipley  
THE WASHINGTON POST

A dietary supplement marketed to fitness and health enthusiasts on the Internet and in body-building shops contains anabolic steroids linked to two of the biggest doping scandals in sports history, including the renowned case involving East German Olympic athletes in the 1960s and '70s, according to a prominent researcher.

The supplement, which is sold under the name Halodrol-50, contains a steroid that closely resembles Oral-Turinabol, the principle steroid used to fuel East Germany's secret, systematic sports doping program, according to Don Catlin of the UCLA Analytical Laboratory.

Catlin said it also contains DMT, or madol, a steroid federal authorities say was developed for Bay Area Laboratory Co-operative (BALCO), the California nutritional supplements company at the center of a scheme to provide prominent professional athletes with undetectable performance-enhancing drugs.

Catlin analyzed the makeup of Halodrol-50 for The Washington Post, which purchased the product on the Internet and reimbursed the Los Angeles researcher for the cost of the testing. The discovery provides further evidence that the country's multimillion-dollar dietary supplements industry has also become a clearinghouse for the distribution of anabolic steroids, which help build muscle and speed recovery from strenuous exercise but also can cause serious health problems.

Catlin last month tested five other dietary supplements obtained by The Post and found that each contained anabolic steroids, four of which had not been previously detected. The Food and Drug Administration announced after publication of The Post's story on Oct. 18 that it had opened an investigation into the four companies marketing them.

An FDA spokeswoman said Tuesday that the investigation is continuing. The official declined further comment.

It is illegal to sell anabolic steroids or any unapproved drugs as dietary supplements.

Halodrol-50, which costs \$50 to \$90 for a bottle of 30 tablets, is marketed by Gaspari Nutrition, a dietary supplements company based in Neptune, N.J., that sells bodybuilding and weight-loss products. Halodrol-50 claims on its label to "induce maximal visible changes in size and strength in the shortest period of time possible."

The Halodrol-50 label states that it contains polydehydrogenated, polyhydroxylated, halomethethallocholane. Catlin described that chemical descriptor as "hocus-pocus." He said the language was outdated and vague and appeared to be deliberately misleading. The label makes no mention of DMT or other anabolic steroids.

"It's obfuscation," Catlin said. "There is no attempt to be clear and concise and to describe the product for what it is."

Rich Gaspari, owner of Gaspari Nutrition, did not respond to two requests for an interview made by telephone

to associates at his company. He also did not respond to two e-mail requests for comment. Gaspari's voice mail box was full.

However, Bruce Kneller, a consultant to Gaspari, wrote in an e-mail late Tuesday that he had spoken to Gaspari and was conveying a comment on Gaspari's behalf. "The product ... was discontinued several weeks ago after the publication of an inflammatory article in The Washington Post," Kneller said, referring to the Oct. 18 Post story. "It is no longer made or sold by Gaspari Nutrition and, in fact, was only available for less than three weeks."

Though Halodrol-50 is no longer available on the Gaspari Nutrition Web site, the product continues to be marketed on other Web sites that sell bodybuilding substances.

In an e-mail sent by a Gaspari official to a distributor, which was provided to The Post, the Gaspari official said Halodrol-50 and another product called Orastan E no longer advertised on Gaspari's Web site would continue to be sold to good customers. The Gaspari official added that he hoped "the government and media will ignore us and think we got rid of them," focusing instead on the "other companies."

Oral-Turinabol anchored the secretive doping program in communist East Germany that led to that country's emergence as an Olympic power three decades ago, according to classified documents uncovered in 1990 following the fall of the Berlin Wall. At the 1976 Summer Games in Montreal, East German women won 11 of the 13 swimming events. But the side effects from the massive

doses of steroids administered to the East German competitors were as remarkable as the athletes' successes. Women developed excessive body hair, deepened voices, massive shoulders and male secondary sex characteristics.

Criminal trials in 2000 resulted in the convictions of East Germany's Olympic president and chief sports doctor, but a number of former athletes are still grappling with medical, legal and psychological issues related to the doping program.

One of the two steroids found in Halodrol-50, Catlin said, more closely resembles Oral-Turinabol than any other known steroid, but the two are not identical in structure. The steroid would be undetectable in standard drug tests because it is not an exact match with Oral-Turinabol.

"This is an unknown," Catlin said. "If I had to pick one it's ever so close to, it's Oral-Turinabol. ... It's very close."

The FDA is investigating four other dietary supplement companies named in the Oct. 18 story in which The Post reported that Catlin had found anabolic steroids in five products produced by four companies: Anabolic Xtreme, Applied Lifescience Research Industries, Legal Gear and PharmaGenX.

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## IN OUR OPINION

# Fate of AIDS epidemic is in our hands

Today is World AIDS Day — the annual 24-hour spotlight devoted to a global reflection on a problem that is too often dismissed as merely a problem of sub-Saharan Africa.

This crass relegation is the fault of the media, in part. After an initial firestorm of stories and reports wore off in the mid-'90s, crusades for HIV and AIDS awareness became tired topics. We, the media, know it's a problem. In the past, we've tried our collective best to convey to the general public that it's a problem.

But the overwhelming response has been lackluster: There's nothing any of us can do to truly make a difference, so why bother with a disease that ravages a continent half a world away?

There are myriad reasons to bother, because this worldwide epidemic affects us all, whether we admit it or not. Since 1981, more than 25 million people have died from AIDS-related illnesses.

That's nearly 1,000 times the number of UK's current undergraduate student body.

We're here to take a stand, to prove that even a small college newspaper 1,000 miles away from the most AIDS-ravaged region on

the planet can do its part in fostering an intelligent dialogue and dispel misconceptions.

After all, the kind of complacency seen in today's spot-crisis reporting cycle breeds

**More people than ever  
need help, and it is  
incumbent upon us  
to reach out to the victims  
of a most terrible disease.**

ignorance. The latest statistics attest to that ignorance. Last week, UNAIDS, the United Nations' HIV/AIDS task force, reported that more people are living with the virus than ever before. An estimated 40.3 million people are living with HIV and AIDS today — 5 million were infected this year alone.

More than 3 million people died from AIDS-related illnesses this year, according to the report. Of that number, more than 500,000 were children.

These numbers do not represent actors from an inspiring encore from "Rent," featuring tragically beautiful people singing and dancing about their fight for eternal optimism while the audience is left to think that HIV is manageable, after all.

These numbers represent real people. Rich. Poverty-stricken. Young. Old. American. Russian. Asian. African.

It's real and it's frightening, still surrounded by stigma — and the numbers rise every year.

So take a moment and reflect on this invisible war that spans the globe, and the casualties buried each day.

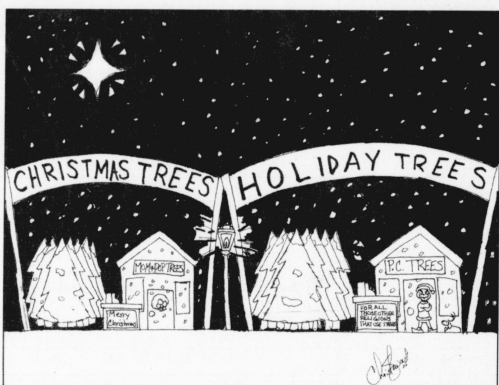
Realize it's time for apathy to end — we can all make a difference, whether we work in the medical field, join Peace Corps, educate others about the virus or volunteer time, money or both at a local nonprofit organization.

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## Cultural deprivation leads to depression

Recently, a stranger told me I was depressed. More accurately, the stranger was a psychiatrist who worked in the university health clinic, who, after a 30-minute chat in her stuffy office, informed me that I most likely suffered from "severe depressive symptoms."

Happy, happy, joy joy. The news wasn't entirely shocking, and explained why my schoolwork had suffered as well as my once-prolific output for the fine publication. And while I have yet to commit to an avenue of treatment, I believe I have discovered the root of my problem:

**Lexington, Ky.** For those of you who (a) were born here or (b) have moved here from a decidedly smaller village, you might not understand why this big town/small city has triggered my 19th nervous breakdown (and then some).

If you've ever set foot in The Big City and felt that current of activity, life, then you've felt the exact opposite of stepping onto Lexington's Main Street any given night of the week.

And with most of the populace holed up in dorms or suburbs, downtown is decidedly ghostly, devoid of any real energy save the pulsing mob of drunkards perpetually clustered outside the watering holes on Upper Street. In fact, all that's missing is an occasional tumbleweed to complete the feeling of isolation and deadness in this place.

I noticed this shortly after I first moved here, and drive around in the vain hope that the changing of traffic lights and the idiosyncrasy of other drivers could distract me from this creeping idleness. It didn't take long before Lexington's myriad one-ways and no-wheres ran me into the ground, forcing me to look elsewhere for flickers of life.

So I went to The Dame. I frequented Common Grounds. I went to The Dame again. I tried joining writer's groups and other clubs that I hoped would provide a forum for basic human interaction, anything that could make me feel that current of life.

To my disappointment I quickly grew tired seeing the same bands, drinking the same cup of coffee, having the same conversations over and over with different people. It seemed that basic human interaction proved too much to ask of Lexington (to use an unfortunate misnomer), and, as with members of a cult, most people seemed too self-involved to bother dealing with a person who wouldn't sing the town's praises.

Unable to fit in, there remained the only handful of things I could actually do in Lexington: alcoholism (at the top of a very short list), seclusion, insomnia, and, um ... voting Republican?

(That last item being an unfortunate reality, as evidenced by Fayette County's 2004 election results, which showed that Big Blue Country was decidedly infatuated with the war-mongerin', gay-hatin' W — who is still, unfortunately, the one.) Though I hadn't stooped that low, I still felt adrift. Some had suggested that I hadn't "discovered Lexington yet," that I should give it more time, that I'd make friends and, before I knew it, I'd "fit right in."

Lexington, although sprawling, is not a metropolis, so it didn't take long for me to see it inside-and-out, front-to-back (in actuality, this takes about five to six hours of dedicated driving). After "discovering Lexington," I became even more disheartened with what I found: a polluted pond, overcrowded with uninteresting, bloated fish, forcing tadpoles like me to forage an existence somewhere along the pond's fringes.

It's a classic case of sink or swim, but in Lexington's case, who cares? It's still stagnant water. Give me the ocean.

There's only so many times you can navigate this town's utterly brainless road layout before you just get tired of it. You curse the idiot who laid these roads, no doubt the injured cousin of the first mayor. You start to wonder why in hell did you ever moved here in the first place. Eventually, you start to watch a lot of TV. You gain weight and lose it just as fast. You drink. You avoid sunlight.

Before you finally sink to the pond's filthy bled, a stranger tells you you're crazy.

One day I will graduate and leave this town for the ocean-at-large, but that is a long way away. In the meantime, I will talk to a therapist, and the next time someone says Lex Vegas with a straight face I will smile and nod and clench my fists, thinking: Happy happy, joy joy.

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## LETTER TO THE EDITOR

### New sorority is a ticket to real progress

I want to commend Boushra Aguil, a high school friend of mine, and the co-founder of Gamma Gamma Chi, Amira Shalash, for taking a step toward creating Muslim awareness on our campus and in our community. I believe with all my heart (through having known Aguil and spoken with her) that this is an attempt to bring Muslims closer to non-Muslims and foster understanding between this little-understood minority and the rest of the community.

The fact remains that Muslims have the highest birthrates in the world, and they are not going to just go away, no matter how much anti-Islamic policy and rhetoric we dish out in America, Australia and Europe (especially via e-mail these days). People must learn to share the world with Muslims.

There is a common misconception in America that Muslims like to "move in and take over" and I've even heard people cite the riots in France as an example. But I know better. We've had similar riots right here in the United States from poor blacks in the suburbs of Oakland, Los Angeles and many other large cities. These riots were the result of desperation caused by a system of economic disparity not by a religious decree.

I'm not justifying the riots, but I can see that their origins transcend ideals and faith and reflect a lack of basic human necessities. People are people, despite our differences, and we all have a right to co-exist. Muslims have the right to integrate and become mainstream as have blacks and Hispanics.

I think that this sorority has an excellent opportunity to make real progress in increasing people's tolerance and compassion at UK, in Lexington, and in Kentucky. They will undergo many hardships, as all great movements do, but that should provide Aguil and Shalash fuel to keep going, because right around the corner from difficulty is breakthrough.

As long as they make a concerted effort to integrate and foster understanding, this sorority will prove to be a campus treasure rather than a problem. But it must be a concerted effort, or resentment will arise. I believe they will make that effort.

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electrical engineering senior

## Confederate flag shouldn't symbolize Southern pride

Call me a carpetbagger, but I've never been able to understand the South's peculiar relationship with the Confederate flag — which, to my outsider mind, has always seemed an unambiguous symbol of treason in the service of racist slavery.

But the matter apparently isn't so clear to some of our fellow universities down South. A story in yesterday's New York Times — I know, the quintessential Yank newspaper — discussed some schools' struggles with how to maintain symbols of their Southern heritage (i.e., Confederate insignia) while drawing students from the whole country.

What doesn't occur to many of the alumni of Southern universities quoted in the article is that maybe those outsiders who are repulsed by the rebel flag have a point.

Of course, this is where defenders of the stars and bars normally start to play identity politics. Here are some of their typical claims (and my Yank responses):

■ **It's about Southern pride and heritage, not racism.** If the best symbol for Southern heritage you can come up with is one inextricably bound with seceding from the United States in order to keep blacks enslaved, maybe the South isn't something to be proud of. Or, as is more likely the case, maybe there are better symbols out there. There are plenty of proud German-Americans, but they don't put swastika stickers on their vehicles; nor do the very many proud Irish-Americans bear insignia of the Irish Republican Army.

■ **The Confederate flag is a symbol of states' rights, not slavery.** That's an obfuscation of the origins of Southern secession and the Civil War. The disagreement wasn't over whether some abstract notion of whether states have rights; of course they do, as in any federalist system. The question was whether states had the right to declare that blacks were only three-fifths human and could be bought and sold as property. To think any government has that right is a sign of a deranged moral compass.

■ **People from outside the South just don't understand.** Really? Is there something in Southern air, or perhaps the water, that gives you a unique (but not-racist-I-swear) sentiment that can only be expressed by the stars and bars? And why is it that all those black Southerners who breathe the same air and drink the same water seem not to feel the same way?

None of these are valid excuses for putting Confederate insignia on your pickup truck, much less as officially sanctioned flags and monuments on university campuses.

The point of a university education is to make students more worldly and cosmopolitan, not parochial and narrow-minded. At college, we learn to look at the world in radically different perspectives than the one we grew up with, and the belligerent Southern nationalism — not to mention obvious racism — of the Confederate flag has no place in that process.

David W. Aiken, a Sewanee (University of the South) alumnus quoted in the Times article, expressed exactly the wrong attitude. "What is the purpose of making (Sewanee) a more national school?" he said. "Do I want kids from California, New York coming there? Not really."

With a philosophy like that, why not just make high school last eight years? God forbid that students be forced to share a classroom — perhaps even a dorm room — with someone from a different region!

If a liberal-arts education doesn't break students out of their comfort zones and get them to view their lives through a more worldly lens, then it has failed. The Confederate flag represents an attitude completely counter to the goal of university education. It's a symbol of the untenable belief that a region or nation can act with no regard for natural rights and the values of the rest of the world — the sort of belief that led to the gulags in the Soviet Union, the Holocaust in Germany and slavery in the South.

I am proud that UK maintains an identity as a Southern school without using racist, treasonous Confederate insignia. Those schools that fly the stars and bars or have statues of Confederate generals do so at the expense of repelling students of different races and points of view — and at no one's benefit.

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## SPORTSBRIEFS

### UK sold out of Indiana ticket allotment

The UK Athletics Department has sold out of its ticket allotment for the UK-Indiana game set for Dec. 10 at the RCA Dome in Indianapolis. Athletics Department spokesman Scott Stricklin said.

Tickets are still available through TicketMaster at (317) 239-5151.

The annual rival game is set for 3:45 p.m. and will be televised nationally on CBS.

### Football senior finalist for sportsmanship award

Senior cornerback Antoine Huffman was among 10 finalists in the inaugural ARA Sportsmanship Award. The new national NCAA award looks for "outstanding role models throughout college football," said Presi-

dent Charles Miles of the Glenview, Ill.-based Awards and Recognition Association.

Among the other nine nominees were Matt Leinart, quarterback at USC, Auburn's Ben Obomanu, Southern Mississippi's Luke Johnson, Grayling Love of Arizona State, Middle Tennessee State's Devarick Scandrett, California's

Scott Smith and DeAngelo Williams of Memphis.

The winner will be announced in mid-December.

### 2006 football opponent advances in playoffs

Texas State, UK's home football opener next season, will host Cal Poly on Saturday at 4 p.m. on ESPN2.

Texas State (9-2) was co-champion of the Southland Conference.

It reached the quarterfinals of the NCAA Division I-AA playoffs by routing Georgia Southern 50-35.

### Freshman linebacker Rivals.com All-American

Freshman linebacker Braxton Kelley, who went out for the season after a knee injury at Ole Miss, was named to the Rivals.com second-team freshman All-American team on Tuesday.

Kelley amassed 44 tackles this year for UK, who finished its season (9-6) with a 27-8 Senior Day loss to Tennessee.

While Kelley may not be fully healed for spring practice, he is expected to return for practice next August.



Huffman

**"We knew we would find outstanding role models throughout college football, and we were not disappointed."**

Charles Miles

ARA President, on Sportsmanship Award nominees

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