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New college partnership announced by Todd

By Ashley Gatlin news@kykernel.com

UK is teaming up with Bluegrass Community and Technical College to introduce a new cooperative student transfer opportunity program.

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Berry of the transfer opportunity program into action.

The program is designed to allow SCTC Students to take up to 12 credit hours of UK course work at the BCTC tuttion rate. Its goal is to enable students to take possible to the students to take program in the transfer to a four-year institution.



tion.
"You don't want to just take a bunch of hours if it doesn't count toward your degree," Todd said.
Students are allowed to take more than 12 hours of UK course work. However, additional hours will be billed at the UK tution rate instead of the BCTC rate. According to the schools' Web sites, UK's voice and tution rate for a Kentucky resident is \$307 per credit tuition rate for a Kentucky resident is \$307 per credit.

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Green fee group plans out new membership

By Kelli Long klong@kykernel.com

Student Government allocated \$1,250 to three different organizations during Wednesday's Appropriations and Revenue Committee meeting.

Athletic organizations received \$400, while the rest went to academic and campus events. They also approved \$2,505 for Senate special projects that will be presented and voted on by the full Senate at the meeting next week.

The Green Fee Committee had their second meeting, during which they discussed the organization and formation of the committee that would handle the money from student fees designated to go toward sustainability.

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The committee discussed the idea of having members on the committee from not only \$G\$ and GreenThumb, but also possibly from Reslife, the Sustainability Advisory Board and al-targe members. These
members, totaling 13, would have voting privileges,
but anyone else interested in the issue can voice their
opinions to the committee.

At the committee is next meeting in two weeks, they
will discuss plans for the group's constitution and the
application for the new committee's executive members.

The Internal Affairs Committee also met and prepared an act that appoints two new members, Erice
Smith and Terran Cross, to the \$G\$ supreme Court. It
will be voted on at the next full Senate meeting.

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Stylish **'staches**

Archive exhibit displays historical facial hair

By Pete Jones

By Pate Jones
new@Kykurmal.com
Handlebar, pencil-thin, closed loop, facespanner, waterfall, or Fu Manchu.
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"We had joked about it for years." Flahardy said. "We would find particularly nice mustaches and photocopy them. It was a running joke that we had that everybody in the 19th century had a mustache."

Obama effigy found hanging from noose in tree near Rose St.

By Jill Laster

Jastic Richard Styles and Loom

A likeness of Barack Obama was found hanging from a noose in a campus tree Wendesday.

UK Police received a report at 74-35 am, that the Democratic presidential candidate's likeness was hanging from a tree between Parking Structure #2 and the Mining and Mineral Resources Building near Hew T. Young Library walkway. At 8:25 a.m., members of UK's physical plant division cut the effigy down using a crane, said UK's physical plant division cut the effigy down using a crane, said UK's physical plant division cut the effigy down using a crane, said UK's physical plant division cut the effigy down using a crane, said UK's physical plant division cut the effigy down using a crane, said UK's physical plant division cut the effigy down using a crane, said UK's physical plant division cut the effigy down using a crane, said UK's physical plant division to the case, Johnson and Secret Service was called as part of standard protocol, she said.

If someone were to be harassed, not to be harassed, or the measurement junior A.J. Mertz, who saw the effigy when it was hanging. The figure also wore a mask to resemble a black man, Mertz said he saw the life-size figure and thought it was a Barack Obama mask.

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Campus leaders denounce racial incident at UK

By Kelly Wiley kwiley@kykernel.com

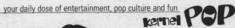
With hand-mass signs in the back of Memorial Hall supporting the fight for diversity, the stage was set for a forum Wednesday night to discuss the effigy of Democratic presidential candidate Sen. Barack Obama found hanging from a noose in a tree on campus earlier in the day.

"Change needed to happen on campus," said La Toya B. Smith, a counseling psychology graduate student. "We are going to be active in the situation. We are no longer going to sit idly by."

"UK President Lee Todd began the forum by expressing his disappointment with the effigy. Todd called the act an embarrassment to the university and the Lexington community. However, he said despite this "disgusting episode," the school will continue striving to create an environment for diversity.

"We cannot let episodes like this tear down the progress we have made," Todd said.

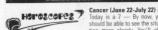
Mayor Jim Newberry also was persent to show his distants for the symbol. Newberry said he was sickened by the cowardly act, which is unacceptable in any community.











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Today is a 7 — Apply what
you've recently learned to
advance your career. You have
more resources at your disposal.

Tim's life with his girls

McGraw gets personal to THE DISH write his first children's book

For his latest venture, proud papa Tim McGraw found inspiration in daughters Gracie, 11, Maggie, 10, and Audrey, 6 (mom is wife Faith Hill, 41). Cowriting My Little Girl "gave me the chance to do something special for my girls," the country crooser-latest the control of the country crooser-latest th

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Elegance trumped imittion on the Oct. 15 finale of
Bravo's firth season of Project Runway. Leanne Marshall, 28, and her chic collection reigned supreme over rivals Kenley Collins — whose
designs were dismissed to

Q: You have several scenes with Angelina.

All my scenes are with her. She's fantastic and really takes the lead. She has a great grasp of the emotional world and holds it throughout the film.

Lohan knows leggings:
"I've always worn them, so I thought I might as well start making my own!" Lindsay Lohan, 22, tells Us. She debuted her collection, 6126 (which represents Marilyn Monroe's June I. 1926, birth date), at Henri Bendel in NYC October 13. The line features 35 styles (think: zippers, lace and edgy patterns) in butter-soff fabrics such assupima cotton and cashmere (\$44+\$160)...

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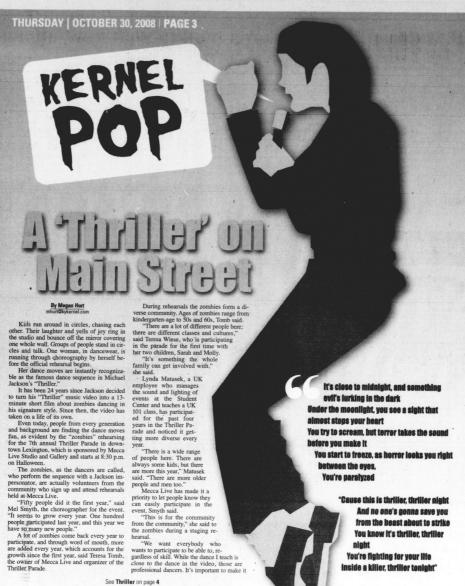
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WRFL 88.1 FM Most-played albums of the week

1. Laika and the Cosmonauts, "Cos-

mopolis"
2. Rainbow Arabia, "The Basta (EP)"
3. Deerhoof, "Offend Maggie"
4. TV on the Radio, "Dear Science"
5. Melvins, "Nude With Boots"
6. Jolie Holland, "The Living and the

Dead"
7. Dan Le Sac vs. Scroobius Pip, "An-8. Brightblack Morning Light, "Motion to

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9. Mojomatics, "Don't Pretend That You Know You Know Me"

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Students empowered by Woodie Awards

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MATY. will host its 5th annual Woodie wards, which according to Kernel columnist

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Of Montreal bends genres, reality with new album



"Of Montreal's new effort,
"Skeletal Lamping," released
on Oct. 21, is a crazed psychedelic adventure with many
gentr-bending points along
the way. Hailing from Athens,
Ga., the band is fronted by
the eccentric vocalist and
songavniter Kevin Barnes. The
songavning style of Barnes
can best be described as the
essence of a schrophrenic
kid, with a touch of ADD,
who happens to have a very
large record collection.
His style changes from
track to track, sometimes

even having many genre, shifts within the same song. This makes the record very enjoyable when listening through it continuously and gives the listener a feeling of being in a disco club on Mars. Past Of Montreal albums have been full of songs that resemble character studies, but with "Skeletal Lamping," Barneis seems to be focusing his interest inward. The new songs focus on his life and the life of his alter ego. Georgie Fruit. In an interview last year, Barnes described

his alter ego.

The character's name is
Georgie Fruit, and he's in his
late 40s, a black man who
has been through multiple
sex changes," Barnes said.
"He's been a man and a
woman, and then back to a
man. He's been a man and a
couple of times."
When listening to the album it is easy, to realize which
songs were written from
Fruit's perspective. The song
"wicked Wischom" is a perfect
example of this. It starts off
with a very dunceable best and with

a falsento vocal before switching to a funky bass line that would make Bock envious. Then Barnes spews out the lines, "I'm just a black shemale! and I don't know what you people are all about." "Skeletal Lamping" is overflowing with weird sexual overtones, but the record can basically be summed up "as a very creative pop album that is full of love songs, Personally, I really enjoy Of Montreal's new album and their older works as well, but for the average music listener

the band could be a bit much to swallow. Their exploration of multiple syles and genres can easily turn people off who don't necessarily enjoy a great amount of experimentation within nunsic, but for those with an open mind, I would definitely recommend "Skeletal Lamping." Essential Downloads: "And I've Seen a Bloody Shadow" and "Wicked Wisdom, New Wicker, on Few.

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casier for anybody to learn the dance," Smyth said. Mecca Live also doesn't charge for zombies to participate, so the ones who can't afford it won't be denied. They instead ask for donations for the dance space and expenses that Mecca Live pays for, like sound equipment and safety patrol.

Smyth and Tomb, along with other members of Mecca Live, created the Thriller Parade in 2002 while throwing around crazy ideas for the members of the community the deas." Tombs said. "Thriller parade in 2002 while throwing around crazy ideas for the members of we community of the community of th

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cide who wins," Martin said.
"College students have shown how eclectic their tastes are as this year's nominees span across all genre lines."

In the past, the Woodies have grabbed the attention of college students across the country, but Martin said this year the awards have re-ceived an unprecedented number of votes, and there are over two weeks left before the polis close.

When asked what caused such a spike in voter turnout, Martin expressed his excitement for this year's newest Woodie Award category, the "College Radio Woodie." In "College Radio Woodie." In "College Radio students and the college radio students are college radio students are under the college Radio students are college radio studios across the country."

Not only did Martin her.

lieve this new category stirred up excitement among fans, but he stressed the importance of college radio DJs and their impact on music nationwide.

"The passion of college radio DJs is unmatched," he said. "They aren't out partying or sleeping at 3 a.m. Their life is dedicated to finding that next great artist that's on the brink.

"In the past we've had celebrities feud on stage, and artists openly cuss our record labels. But that's the Woodies. Every year is a surprise.

With that kind of organic entertainment, and an awards

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Matt Murray is a jouradius suphomore. E-mail
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UK ensembles to host concert in Haggin Field

"Before Dark," the 2nd annual outdoor, fall-themed concert with UK a cappella ensembles Paws and Listen and the acoUstiKats will take place Thursday in Haggin Field at 6 p.m., according to a news release.

The concert will feature the 2008 Z-Rock 103.3's "Battle of the Band" winner, Jonathan's Machete, and will include several booths showcasing other university student organizations. There also will be other family-themely activities use, has face and pumpkin panting, cakewalk and a silent auction for gift baskets and the opportunity to have Paws and Listen and the acoUstiKats sing at a personal event for the highest bidder. All proceeds from the auction will benefit the UK School of Music.

Admission is free and open to the public, and concernes en encouraged to bring blankets and lawn chairs. In event of several parts, and the concerned are encouraged to bring blankets and lawn chairs. In event of Studem Center.

MUSTACHES

256,000 hits, according to Fla-hardy's stat counter. Almost 600 blogs have referenced or linked to it. Even now, the blog averages about 300 hits per day, and regular followers post comments. The photo displays in The Hub will re-main up through October. More than just pictures of men sporting mustaches, the blog educates on the history of mustaches and terminology. One fact on the site is that British military men were required to have a mus-tache until 1919 when Parlia-ment revoked the order. All original material post.

UK's archives and the photographs are donations, mostly from private families and state bequeaths, Plahandy said.

"We pretty much have the largest collection of Kentucky Civil War photographs," he said. "Most of what we do is serve photographs to the public that are specially to the propose of the property of the pr

tache until 1916 when Parlia-ment revoked the order.
All original material post-ed on the blog comes from mustaches," he said.

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hour. At BCTC it is \$121 per credit hour for a resident.

"We still expect a lot of students from around the state to come directly into (K, but some students feel that they are not ready." Todd said. "It is our goal to help you achieve your goals."

Todd and Julian said they hope the new plan will create more opportunities and make it easier for students to carn a bachelor's degree. The goal is to increase the number of transfer students from 4,000 per year up to more than 11,000 per year.

"Students who complete their associate's degree arone likely to go on and complete a bachelor's degree."

Julian said.

States with top-20 research schools have a 28 percent

John and States with top-20 research schools have a 28 percent population with buchelor's degrees, Todd said. The population in Kentucky with bachelor's degrees is 20 percent.

"We need more Kentuckians competing to complete four year programs," Todd said. "We want this to be a model that is one we can continue to invest in."

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Student representatives from UK attended the event as well. Travis Darden, president of the Black Student Union, said it was the BSU's responsibility to go out and make sure justice and equality are served.

"It is unrealistic to believe ignorance, racism and bigotry do not exist on this campus," Darden said.

Student Government President Tyler Montell agreed that racism was present on this campus, but it is also present in today's society. Montell asked students to come together, because today, Montell said, everyone was a victim.

"Today we are forced to take a step bagk," Montell said. "Today our community has been degraded by intolerance."

Joe Gallenstein, president

ance."
Joe Gallenstein, president
of the College Democrats, and
Jacob Sims, president of the
College Republicans, each
spoke, agreeing in their
stances against Wednesday's

stances against weenesday's racial act.

"This despicable act not only leaves a scar on our university, the students and faculty within it, but it also leaves a scar on the Commonwealth of Kentucky as a whole," Sims said.

said.

Sims said whoever created the effigy was "cowardly," and the College Republicans do not want that individual's support at the polls on Election Day.

Day As the forum came to an end, some students were contrased, thinking it was going to be an open forum when a students were fee to speak.

"I misunderstood the info," said Matthew McClendon, a landscape architecture freshman, "I thought we were going to be able to express our opinion."

ion."

Todd said he faxed a letter
of apology to Obama and his
family. Police are continuing to
investigate the occurrence.

OBAMA

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Communications and psychology sophomore Khai Johannes said he was not surprised by the effigy. Some people aren't open to change, he said, a problem that will only grow closer to the election. An Obama win would make it worse, he

that will only grow closer to the election. An Obama win would make it worse, he said.

"It's funny in my opinion because the same person who did that is probably a guy sitting in the football stands cheering for black football players," he said. "But when someone tries to take a leadership role, watch out."

UK is not the first place to have a symbol against Obama or other contenders in the 2008 presidential race.

A similar incident occurred two weeks ago when a man, Mike Lunsford, hung an Obama effigy in his yard in Fairfield, Ohio, aboul 100 miles north of Lexington.

A life-size representation of Sarah Palin hanging from the front of a West Hollywood man's house has caused controversy as well. The man, fund Michael Morrisette, had defended the statue's presence, citing First Amendment rights.

At George Fox University, a small Christian college near Portland, Ore., an Obama effigy was cut down on Sept. 23.

Two Arkansas men were arrested this week in connection with a plot to kill Obama as well as shoot or decapitate 88 black people. Daniel Cowart, 20, of Bells, Tenn., and Paul Schlesselman 18, of Helena-West Helena, Ark., planned on killing 88 because each word of "Heil Hitler" be-

gins with H, the eighth letter in the alphabet, police said.

The effigy's message is especially strong in southern states such as Kentucky because of lynching's tie to the region's past, said UK political science professor Christopher Rice. The practice was used not just to kill people but also to scare black people who witnessed the suffering. The nose, a symbol of lynching, and Obama being black come together to create a message with a clear meaning, Rice said.

"Would you see (2004) Democratic

ate a message with a clear meaning, Rice said.

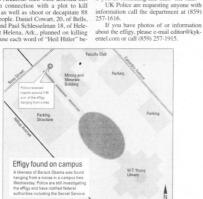
"Would you see (2004 Democratic nominee) John Kerry in effigy? No, you would not," he said. "Senator Obama is African-American, and if provokes this racially-charged thinking. 'Don't vote for so-and-so because he is black."

How effective such a strategy is depends on whom the effigy's creators were trying to access, Rice said.
"To me that's unclear," he said. "The University of Kentucky isn't going to be an environment that's going to be sympathetic to that."

Human nutrition freshman Lauren Brinkman had not heard about the effigy, but said the representation was "just too much." Brinkman, who said she likes neither Obama nor Republican opponent John McCain, said what wins people is a good argument, not an ugly symbol.

"No one's going to take you seriously if you do something like that," she said.
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Friday's game against Vanderbilt is not just an end to the season for the four seniors defendermathelled route season of the four seniors of the four seniors

what they was group needs.
"This group, this class, is close," Holdsworth said. "We have to walk away with a win on Friday."
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has already been eliminated from qualifying for the Southeast of Last och are something to pay for in their last game of regular cases on play; pride.

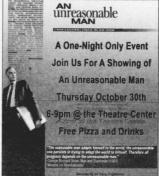
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Friday's game against Vanderbitts not just an end to the season for the four seniors defendermidfelder Kristin Kover, defender Tara Herold, defender Kate Hughes and midfielder Nicola I Holdsworth - it's an end to their collegisted soccer careers.

"We're playing for pride mow," Kover said, "We all still want to wim and we have the opportunity to end our soccer careers on a high note:

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UK bounces back against rival

By Clark Brooks

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The series has traditionally be longed to Indiana are 20-1-2 against the Casts. UK's only win came in the 1995 season when Indiana was ranked have cost the Cats in the past few years.

"This rivalry is a weird deal. When we started playing annually, we kept average 2,000 fans per game and are all variety out of the players of the players





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■ KERNEL EDITORIAL

UK faculty, staff must receive safety training

A Kernel report on Wednesday that said most UK faculty and staff are not trained for emergency situations leaves this editorial board feeling even more unsafan an already uncertain time of the control of the control

ment some type of system that would give every employee the proper training they need to handle an emergency situation.

We are not talking about a two-day event on every specific emergency detail. All we are calling for is a simple one- to two-hour session that would outline the basic emergency procedures a professor would have to follow in the unlikely event of an emergency. That could be a simple side presentation with UK Police Maj. Joe Monroe or an informal seminar with local policemain; anything that gets the message across of how to handle a panic-filled situation.

Whatever the university decides to do, it will certainly be better than the lack of plan UK has now. Ultimately the professors of each course, whether it is a lecture hall of 300 students or a classroom of 15 people, are responsible for the safety and well being of everybody in that designated time frame. Somebody in the room needs to have an idea of how to handle an emergency situation and the university should make sure that its employees are one of those people.

UK Police are working to complete the training program for all UK employees and students by the end of this semester, Monroe said in Wednesday's article. We commend him for his efforts. But the university should on its part to see that this gets done now instead of later because there is no later when it comes to student safety.

And when the university hires its new employees, they should make training sessions part of the standard faculty orientation. In the process of filing our paperwork, getting acclimated to the university and other procedural hiring processes, there is no reason UK camol set some additional time aside to prepare its employees for emergency situations.

It is scary to think what would happen tomorrow if the unitable really did happen given the lack of preparation of UK, and it is irresponsible on the university's behalf not to already have a training program in place. Act now and do something immediately before it really is too late.

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Campus responds to Barack Obama effigy

■ LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Boy, am I shhamed to be a Wild-cat today. Lexington has felt its share of shame in the past — one merely has to think about where you're at while sitting on the patio at Cheapside Bar and Grille. But we were always able to rationalize that those actions occurred in the past, that we had reached a point where racism simply wasn't an issue. Or at least that's what some of us like to tell ourselves. Racism was a problem for a different generation. Mind you, we're telling ourselves this while racisst jokes are being made around us, while people are rushing in to assure Americans that Barack Obsuma isn't a Muslim, as if you couldn't be Muslim and a "true" American, all at the same time, and while most groups on campus are still divided by race. I thought we had moved past 'exparate, but equal. 'You'd be hard-pressed to

prove that in many UK organizations though. This is not to say that efforts haven t been made to change this, just that we're far from reaching our goals on this issue. The Nick Phelps (former Stopershelm) e-mail scandal from January of this year is proof enough that we still have work to do.

The hanging of an Obama effigy on campus Wednesday morning was deplorable, cowardly and disgusting. Yet, hardly unexpected. It meavy suspected paths the racial undertones on campus are just barely hidden beneath polite speech. As much as it sickens me, I am aware that this kind of behavior is protected by our right to free speech.

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speech.

But this isn't the same as the effigy hung of Sarah Palin earlier this week in West Hollywood. Both are disgusting, and beyond the bounds of the kind

of political discourse that can actually produce something productive. But that action didn't occur in the South, didn't involve an African American candidate, and didn't evoke images of lynchings that occurred in this very place. This makes the two completed different in how they are perceived.

UK President Lee Todd saud in his email to the university that he would like to "personally assure (the Obama family) that this is not who we are as a university or as a state." Unfortunately, I disagree with him. This is exactly who we are. And until we acknowledge it as such, and work to change the underlying racisin present here, all the diversity-increasing actions in the world won't make a difference.

Laurel Benson English senior

The effigy of Sen. B-rack Obama that was found on UK's campus is an outrage for all people of any shred of human decency. The fact that this was found on our campus speaks to larger implications about our state and our

implications about our state and our university.

Why a person's race invokes such rage and hatred in some people is beyond the ability for me to understand. Obama is a highly educated, successful and passionate human being. Minimizing his accomplishments by hating him sheerly on his race is ignorance, of the first degree.

This effigie is an isolated situation. The philosophy that "race is determinative of a person's character" is the problem. I suspect the person or persons that chose to lynch this Obama-imitation are indicative of a wider class of people who are simply un-

someone different than themselves.
Incidents on our campus over the last year should make it clear that UK needs to foster diversity and understanding amongst its students. I believe UK President Lee Todd took the right approach in his letter to students, and in disavowing any support, implied or express; for this terrible form of expression. I congratulate him for providing effective leadership on this issue.

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Todd's insistence that our university rise above such hatred is admirable. However, I call upon more concrete action from the UK administration to educate its students about diversity, to minimize such attitudes underlying the event that took place. What happened is regretable, but the read problem is that so many peeple, but the most problem is that so many benefit and the most problem is that so many for the post students at our university, and members of the population of our

state at large, simply look at blacks as inferior, and any black aspiring to political office as uppity, or worthy of demonization.

If UK is serious about preventing the attitudes that cause such events, and in seriously fostering diversity on our campus. I will offer my own personal proposal. Mandate a class that focuses on racial diversity and education. Most people are simply ignorant of black culture. If students had to take this class, or even a once-amonth seminar for an hour credit, this would go a long way in providing people with more education, which tends to decrease ignorance.

To you, the reader, I encourage you to judge someone based on character, not skin color.

University community should unite, collectively fight 'actions of hatred'



a single act of ignorance to overshadow our desire to thrive and succeed as a university. Instances such as this are reminders that our destination will not be reached without set-backs. Peace and justice for all citizens is the most basic principle of American freedom — and it is on that foundation that we have been able to accomplish such great things throughout the history of UK.

As members of the university community, we have a responsibility to fulfill. We will not be here farever — some of us have less than a year remaining in our time on campus. Nonetheless, limited time does not equal limited potential. Among us are America's best and brightest minds — our only constraints lie intrinsically. We must not allow ignorance to inhibit our ability to progress.

If an individual can make such a profoundly negative impact, just imagine our potential if we unite as one. We must work together as a student body. Collectively, we posses many strengths that enable us to move forward. Our time at this university is too short to idly sit back and allow these things to continue. This is not a concern of any single race — inday, every student is a victim. Every member of our student body must now become part of the greater change. There is no better time than now.

**Ther Montel is UK: Student Government president. E-mail opinions@kykernel.com.

SG and students working together will influence change



As a first year senator, I am greitly disturbed by the widely negative attitude that is associated with Student Government on campus. I would like to take this space to explain some of the powers of SG as mandated by the SG Constitution, a copy of which can be obtained at the SG office. A summary of each office's duty can also be obtained on SG's Web site, (http://uksga.org/). The purpose of SG is the constitution: "To increase student influence over academic policy; to the Constitution: "To increase student influence over academic policy; to services; to protect and expand student substantive and procedural rights; and to better represent the student body in relations with the faculty, administration, Board of Trustees, and the Commonwealth of Kentucky."

The duties of senators are listed in Article I, Section 1. In my experience, I have found

the following to be the most important functions of senators: The ability to appropriate funds, approve nominated executive officials, approve the SG budget and to enact SG policy. The Senate is given, by the administration, a portion of student fees you pay every year to attend the university. The senators then divvy up the fees they have been allocated as they see fit. So far this school year, SG has appropriated \$27,000 to various student groups and activities.

The Senate cannot appropriate funds for every student activity. According to the Student Funding Act of 2006, SG cannot fund, "1) food and beverages; 2) non-university printing services; 3) subscriptions; 4) taxes; 5) management or consulting fees; 6) organizational membership dues; 7) personal gifts, donations or contributions; 8) financial aid or scholarships and 9) expenses incurred prior to SG approval. In addition, if an organization is not a registered student organization, they may not receive any SG funding. Becoming a registered student organization is a relatively simple process and the instructions can be

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found on (http://www.uky.edu/GetInvolv-ed/StudentOrgs/).

The powers and duties of the president of SG are outlined in Article II, Section 2. These duties include the ability to possess full executive authority to represent the student body in dealings with persons of other universities and the university faculty and administration; to administer the executive branch, as well as appoint all personnel required to run the executive branch; to prepare an executive branch executive branch and administration; to prepare an executive branch executive branch and administer all Senate legislation enacted into law, as well as allocating money specified in the budget approved by the Senate.

The president also sits on the Board of Trustees as the representative of the student body. This is a privilege not afforded to SG presidents at many private universities. The Board of Trustees at U. R. all authority in all mainters affecting the institution and exercises jurisdiction over the institution's financial, educational, and other policies and its relation with state and federal governments."

Every resolution that the student Senate

passes is, in effect, a non-binding act be-cause it does not have a final say on the is-sue. Instead, it just mandates how the SG president will vote. The Board of Trustees has 20 members and the SG president is one

president will vote. The Board of Insides has 20 members and the SQ president is one vote.

SG is a body of limited power, but we can maximize our influence of campus if we work together. I strongly urge instead of pointing out what SG is not doing for you, submit concrete proposals for what you would like to see SG accomplish. If they take action or inaction on an issue, then specifically mention what your problems are with the issue so the body can attempt to remedy them.

On a campus as large as UK, it is inevitable that every senator will not know all of his or her constituents. However, if you offer constructive criticism, hopefully we can work for the better of the student body, the university and the Commonwealth in the future. Believe in blue!

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Evidence found of solar system around nearby star

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WASHINGTON — For
the first time, astronomers
think that they've found evidence of an alien solar system
around a star close enough to
Earth to be visible to the
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They say that at least one
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Unknown receivers ready to make name for themselves

By Kenny Colston
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Gene McCaskill removed a white, No. 13
jersey as he ran off the field during one of UK's practices this week inside the Nutter Indoor Complex as the Cast prepared for Mississippi State.
That type of fluid situation had led UK head coach Rich Brooks to consistently play, and starting at quarterback.
We've got to come out and make some plays. (We've) got to adjust."

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Both McCaskill and Adeyemis and that inexperience is no longer a free pass.

"We've got to come out and make some plays. (We've) got to adjust."

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They are a very physical football team, "They are a lead than the real No. 13 on this year's football team, Eric Adeyemis, except by their numbers. So when they so get in on the fun," McCaskill said.

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