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## Radio ads aim to highlight campus diversity

By Troy Lyle  
THE KENTUCKY KERNEL

UK began a series of radio ads yesterday to illustrate its commitment to diversity and the numerous opportunities available to students who choose to come here.

The ads will run on WBTF-107.9 FM in Lexington and on WGZB-96.5 FM and WMMJ-101.3 FM in Louisville through Dec. 11 and again Jan. 2 through Jan. 22.

President Lee Todd is paying for the ads out of his reserve funds. The total cost is about \$40,000. The campaign will feature three, 60-second radio spots in which UK students and a parent discuss academic

opportunities and campus life at the university. Potential students will also be directed to UK's admissions Web site to get more information about applications, scholarships and admissions.

"I want parents and prospective students to know that UK is a welcoming place and a diverse place," Todd said in a press release. "I also want them to know that UK offers more opportunities than any other university in Kentucky. We offer

more programs and majors, and we have the highest graduation and retention rates in the state.

"UK is a place where students can find themselves and begin to realize their dreams."

Jay Blanton, UK's public relations and marketing executive director, said the ads are part of a comprehensive effort to demonstrate UK's commitment to diversity.

For prospective students to identify the many opportunities at UK, they need to know about them, he said.

UK expanded its effort to address di-

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## 'Freedom Calls' offer long-distance reunions

Teleconferences connect families with soldiers stationed in Iraq

By Shannon Mason  
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FRANKFORT — David and April Fields had not seen their son since September, but that changed yesterday when they got to see and talk to him via a Freedom Call in Kentucky's capitol.

Sgt. Joshua Fields, a Lexington native, has been stationed in Iraq since January, with the exception of a brief visit home in September. He was delighted to be able to see his parents.

"It's a great experience," he said. "I didn't know how easy it would be. If I had known it was this easy I would have tried to do it sooner. It sure is good to see them."

His mother said he will head home about a week after Christmas.

The Fields' Freedom Call took place shortly after Gov. Ernie Fletcher announced the "Freedom Calls from Rupp Arena" event scheduled to take place on Dec. 17 at the UK-Louisville basketball game.

"While we enjoy the holiday season and this great basketball rivalry, we can't forget that the loved ones of many Kentuckians are away fighting for freedom," Fletcher said. "This event will allow us to honor and thank our soldiers for their service and bravery."

The national CBS feed of the game will be broadcast on the Armed Forces Network. In turn, videoconference signals from Camp Fallujah, Camp Taji and Al Asad Air Base in Iraq will be transmitted into Rupp Arena's audio-visual system.

Not only will fans be able to see and hear the troops in Iraq, three private videoconference rooms will also be available for the families and soldiers to spend some time together. The first Freedom Calls will start around noon.

This is the second year of the event, which took place at Freedom Hall in Louisville for last year's game between UK and U of L.

Fletcher said he enjoyed being a part of the

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## Hurry up and wait



Last night, about 7,000 students packed Memorial Coliseum for the basketball ticket lottery — and many went home empty-handed as about 3,500 tickets were available. Students lined up early for a chance to get seats for UK's home games against Louisville and North Carolina — and then raced inside when the doors opened. While they waited for their number to be called, students watched as the Cats took on Iowa in the Guardians Classic. The Cats lost 67-63 and will play West Virginia tonight.



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Top: Students charged through the doors of Memorial Coliseum last night after waiting in line for the basketball ticket lottery to begin.

Above: Students ran up the ramps of Memorial Coliseum last night as they raced to get a spot in line for a chance at tickets to UK's December home games against Louisville and North Carolina.

## Kenyan tells story of Africa with art

By Ashley Costas  
THE KENTUCKY KERNEL

Since arriving on UK's campus in August, Peterson Kamwathi hasn't had time to miss home.

He's been too busy creating prints, woodcuts and monotypes as part of UK's Kenyan Artist-in-Residence program funded by the Ruth Hunt Wood Foundation. The foundation has been bringing artists to UK since 2000.

Kamwathi, from Nairobi, said he hopes his art reflects his experiences at UK and issues in his homeland.

"By using symbols and imagery, I am able to communicate my beliefs to a Kentucky audience that gives them a better understanding of current events in my country," he said in a press release. "Other pieces pay respect to my visit here."

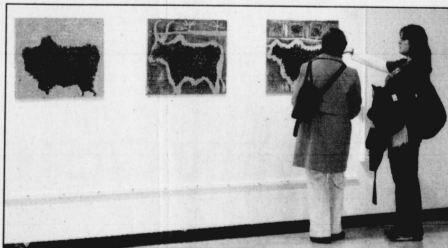
Kamwathi's art is on display at the Tuska Gallery for Contemporary Art in the Fine Arts building. The 20 pieces will be exhibited through Saturday.

For Kamwathi, art is much more than the pieces you create, it's about having a passion for what you do.

"I like actually touching the painting, it's kind of magical," he said with a smile.

As of now Kamwathi is very involved with the print medium.

First issue free. Subsequent issues 25 cents.



Kay Sherwood-White, a music graduate student (left), looks at Peterson Kamwathi's "Four woodcut plates" with sister, Beth Sherwood who is visiting for Thanksgiving from Chicago.

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### If you go

Kamwathi's art is on display at the Tuska Gallery for Contemporary Art in the Fine Arts building. His 20 pieces will be exhibited through Saturday.

through out the world.

He's had exhibits in England and national exhibits in his native Kenya numerous times. The artist's work was also published in MSANII, a magazine for arts from Kenya's Rahimtulla Museum of Modern Art.

"I think my experience here will be reflected in later work. I think the whole experience will sink in as time goes on."

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## Old cell phones find new homes

By Keith Smiley  
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Students can now help prevent violence against women by giving their old cell phones a new home.

A cell phone drive began yesterday in which students will be able to donate their old phones and chargers to UK Women's Place at several locations around campus.

The cell phones will be distributed to female students, faculty and staff that need a phone for emergencies.

Lindsey Jasinski, an integrated strategic communications sophomore, started the cell phone drive as a project for her UK 100 class, Emerging Leader Institute.

Jasinski said she decided to collect cell phones after a speaker talked to her sorority about women's safety.

"The goal of this project

isn't for people to get service plans and call their boyfriends," Jasinski said. "It's strictly for 911 calls."

The phones don't need service plans because cell phones can always make 911 calls and the donated ones will be programmed as emergency phones, said Jennifer Wies, victims service coordinator at Women's Place.

Phones can be dropped off at Women's Place in Frazee Hall or at sorority houses on campus. Jasinski said she would also like for people to donate a charger with every phone.

The cell phone drive runs until Dec. 2, but the donation box will stay at Women's Place in Frazee Hall even after the project ends.

Wies said she hopes donations will continue after the fall semester ends.

"Lindsey's drive will raise awareness that people

can recycle their cell phones," Wies said. "Next semester, when students are getting new phones or their parents are getting new cell phones, they'll bring their old ones in for recycling."

Because this is Women's Place's first cell phone drive, Wies said she doesn't have specific goals for how many phones will be collected.

Jasinski hopes that her project will help at least a few women.

"If we collect five cell phones, it will still be a success," she said.

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### To donate

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iversity in the wake of a 40 percent drop in this fall's black freshman enrollment numbers.

As a result, Todd increased UK's recruitment staff and added \$500,000 in diversity scholarships more than two months ago. The

eight new staffers will be a part of a new diversity enrollment management team aimed at attracting and retaining Kentucky's best students.

Don Witt, UK's assistant provost for enrollment management, said the ads are a small part of a larger effort to take a more "holistic" approach to recruitment and enrollment.

"We've had tremendous success in recent years in attracting the best and bright-

est students from Kentucky to attend UK," Witt said in a press release. "This effort — from scholarships, to recruiters, to advertising — is a part of a more aggressive and comprehensive campaign to reach out to even more students who can benefit by being part of the community of students, scholars and staff that makes the University of Kentucky a special place."

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## Calls

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event last year. "It was a neat experience, very touching," Fletcher said. "I look forward to a similar experience this year."

Rob Sprang, director of Kentucky TeleHealth Network at UK HealthCare, came up with the idea for the original Freedom Calls event and said the teleconferences and events will keep taking place as long as the soldiers are in Iraq.

"I hope we're not doing it next year," Sprang said. "I want them home."

Sprang said 13 families are currently registered to

participate in the event. He also said anyone else who is interested in participating and has a family member near one of the three camps should send an email to freedomcalls@kthn-schedule.com. Families and soldiers will be contacted to make arrangements for the event.

Sprang said he would love to have 40 or 50 families signed up to participate.

"We could handle 40 to 50 easily," he said.

To make the event possible, KTHN connects to the Freedom Calls Foundation, a non-profit foundation that raises funds

to place communication centers at the front lines. The event is sponsored by KTHN, Kentucky TeleCare, St. Claire TeleCare and many others who contribute to the effort.

**"It gives me something to look forward to out here. Every other day seems like Groundhog Day."**

Joshua Fields  
American soldier  
on Freedom Calls

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## Poverty

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sign welfare programs," Ziliak said.

The UKCFR was established in 2002 by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services and is aimed at targeting research, mentoring and the spread of efforts on the issues of poverty and inequality among the citizens of the Commonwealth and the south.

"The money will show what programs work and

how to redesign them to be more effective, also to alleviate the cause of poverty, such as food assistance and disability," Ziliak said.

Poverty in Kentucky is no longer influencing simply economic conditions, but is now moving on to damage health and well being, according to a study done by Harvard University in 2001.

That study listed male residents of Hartan County, Ky., as having a life expectancy of only 66 years, lower than that of the developing nations of Turkey and Ecuador.

Additionally, rural areas

of Kentucky are where poverty stands the strongest. Of the top 20 counties with the highest overall death rates, 17 are rural and designated as persistently poor.

Kentucky has a lot of ground to make up after past battles with poverty, but this new grant is a step in the right direction, Ziliak said.

"This grant lays the foundation for future research, and allows for different areas to come together in a cross-disciplinary research," Ziliak said.

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A woodcut by visiting Kenyan artist Peterson Kamwathi hangs in the Tuska Gallery for Contemporary Art. Kamwathi came to UK as part of the Kenyan Artist-in-Residence Program, and his work will be on display at the Tuska Gallery through Saturday.



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## STUDENTCHEF | more than Ramen

# Homemade chili offers a warm alternative to take-out

By Elizabeth Troutman  
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There is an eerie sense of confusion amidst the crowd of midnight shoppers at the Kroger on Euclid Avenue. They pace through the aisles like warped zombies carrying shopping baskets cluttered with Little Debbie's and Ramen noodles. They stare mindlessly at the shelves of cereals contemplating whether to purchase the Kroger generic Fruity Pebbles, or the real deal for a dime more.

Midnight grocery shopping is one of my favorite weeknight pastimes. Not because it's fun to watch the smitten couples hold hands as they search for a romantic meal idea. And not because it never fails that I run into at least one person I know and end up chatting about nothing for five minutes — five minutes that could be devoted to serious grocery shopping.

"Grogering" is enjoyable because successful grocery shopping, much like shoe shopping, requires a considerable amount of thought and planning, as well as creativity. But when you are in college, venturing into the realm of cooking takes the backburner to studying for exams and writing

essays, not to mention a social life.

Hence, I had an epiphany in the middle of the produce section, a devotion to cooking a meal, at least once a week, for the roommates, for neighbors, or for anyone who is hungry. This approach incorporates social activity, relaxation and a break from any studying taking place.

According to the National Center for Health Statistics, 90 percent of the food Americans purchase is processed food. Some 64 percent of Americans are overweight and 30 percent are clinically obese. The average weight of an American male jumped from 168 pounds in the early 1960s to 180 pounds today. This obesity epidemic is connected to the increase in fast food consumption in an increasingly rapid-paced world.

Homemade meals smell good in the kitchen, are often fun to put together and are healthier than most fast food meals. It is rewarding to make a successful meal, knowing each ingredient that goes in is fresh. But the best part is sharing your creation with others.

Start with a relatively simple and familiar concept: chili night.

A pot of steaming, hearty, storable and — if made correctly — tasty brew that pairs with such items as spaghetti, hog dogs and french fries. Chili comes in a variety of forms and flavors, which make it appeal to many different tastes and diets. White bean chili, chicken chili, traditional chili with ground beef and vegetarian chili are some of the varieties that are easy to make and require a single pot.

Traditional chili is dependent upon the essential spices. To ease the stress of cooking, a shortcut to buying each and every spice incorporated in chili (chili powder, onion powder, coriander and other somewhat pricey spices) is purchasing packets of chili spice available at any grocery store. Chili includes inexpensive canned tomatoes and incorporates fresh vegetables including peppers and onions.

The process of making any type of chili consists of two easy steps: cooking the meat (if your chili includes meat) and letting the ingredients simmer. There's no complicated or timely sifting, stirring or frying. Chili is a friendly, independent meal that can take off on its own after it is started. It is also a patient dish

that can simmer for an extended period of time.

Traditional ground beef or turkey chili goes nicely with sour cream, cheese and spaghetti. For future meals, store leftover chili in plastic bags or Tupperware. You can thaw the chili out in the refrigerator or microwave it for extended meals throughout the week.

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### Help is on the Way

A new biweekly how-to guide for those of you who feel a little lost in the kitchen. If you have a favorite dish that you would like to see in Student Chef, e-mail features@kykernel.com

### Recipe: Busy Day Chili

- 2 teaspoons of vegetable oil
- 1 pound of ground turkey or ground beef
- 1 chopped onion
- 1 chopped yellow pepper
- 1 package of chili spices
- 4 cups of vegetable juice
- 2 14-ounce cans chili-flavored chunky tomatoes
- 1 can of dark red kidney beans

Heat oil in a large pot. Add turkey or beef, yellow pepper and onion. Cook over medium heat until the meat is no longer pink. Add remaining ingredients and reduce heat to medium-low and stir occasionally. Let simmer for 5 to 7 minutes (or longer if desired). Do not let the chili reach a rolling boil.

Top with sour cream and cheese.

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# 'Harry Potter' won't be remembered as a classic

By Daniel Kelley  
THE KENTUCKY KERNEL

When the title cards come on the screen during the new "Harry Potter" film, audiences will applaud.

It is hard to imagine these books losing any popularity and so it is hard to imagine the movies doing the same.

But without some improvement, they will never be classics.

"The Sorcerer's Stone," "The Chamber of Secrets" and "The Prisoner of Azkaban" were all very entertaining movies, but very little else. Nothing in any of the movies was especially powerful or moving.

Such is the case with the newest addition to the series "Harry Potter and the Goblet of Fire." The latest film follows Harry (Daniel Radcliffe) through his fourth year at Hogwarts' School of Witchcraft and Wizardry during which he is unexpectedly chosen as a competitor in the upcoming Tri-Wizard Tournament. Harry at only 14 years of age, is well below the 17-year age limit, but the Ministry of Magic's laws say that whoever the goblet of fire selects must compete, so Harry is forced into action against his will.

Now, subtlety has never been Harry Potter's strong suit. This is true for both the character and the movies in general. The characters tell us how we're supposed to feel and what we're supposed to think about each scene, without letting us decide anything for ourselves. But at this point, the extreme obviousness leaves us entertained in the same way that "Looney Tunes" entertains us: it's fun, but we never have to think.

Right away, we know that director Mike Newell wants us to realize that this movie is not the live-action cartoon that the first two films were; it is closer to the darker, more chilling third movie. "The Goblet of Fire" opens with a snake slithering out of a skull and up to the title card. Chilling, yes, but manipulative more than anything.

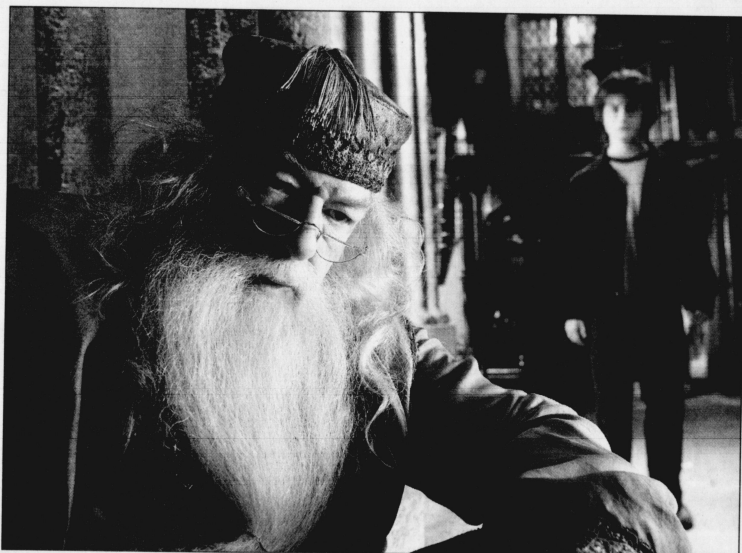
It may as well have opened with a giant "BOO!"

The entire movie proceeds this way. When it's happy, it is light. When it's sad, it's dark. Nothing is ambiguous; nothing is left to interpretation.

The movie series is slowly crumbling under its own weight; when there was only one relatively short book, it wasn't so difficult to establish the characters and keep us interested in them and the story as a whole. By this, the fourth book, enough characters and actions have been introduced — 734 pages — that it is nearly impossible to fit enough in.

In this latest movie, it feels like several characters, including Hermione (Emma Watson), Professor Snape (Alan Rickman) and Hagrid (Robbie Coltrane), have been pushed aside in favor of newer characters. This doesn't necessarily have to be a bad thing, but when those new characters are hardly developed, the end result is a movie that feels, even at two and a half hours, that it isn't long enough to accommodate its ambitions.

To be fair, the movie wasn't all bad, or even half bad. Really it was fun and enjoy-



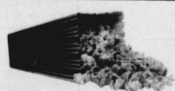
The fourth film in the "Harry Potter" series, "Harry Potter and the Goblet of Fire," opened in theaters on Friday. In this film, Potter is forced to play in the grueling Hogwarts' Tri-Wizard Tournament at the young age of 14 — at the same he is battling the trials of adolescence.

able, which is really what it aspired to be. It was funny when it wanted to be, and the story kept attention nicely.

What the movie definitely got right above all else (by association only; J.K. Rowling was really the one who mastered this bit) were the accounts of Harry Potter and his friends relating to each other as teenagers. Despite all the commotion going on around him, Harry still has time to look for a date, lamenting about the girls at Hogwarts. "Why do they always travel in packs? How are you supposed to get a date alone?" This is the concern of every teenager — no matter if they are studying Spanish or Defense against the Dark Arts.

Rowling, Newell and everyone involved with the books and movies have certainly created an exciting world, but the fact is that it's not very hard to create an exciting world these days. What they need to do now is make that world mean something. A fun movie — and book — is fine; if that's all you want. But this series could be so much more.

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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•Thanksgiving Bluegrass Airport Shuttle for Students, 11/22/05, Pick-up is limited to campus</li> <li>•Alpha Phi Omega Activities Meeting, 11/22/05, 7:30 pm</li> <li>•Society of Telecom. Scholars Meeting, 11/22/05, 5:00 pm, Maggie Room (Graham Building)</li> <li>•Fencing Club Practice, 11/22/05, 8:00 pm, Buell Armory</li> <li>•Men's Volleyball Open Gym, 11/22/05, 8:00 pm, Alumni Gym</li> <li>•TaeKwonDo practice, 11/22/05, 6:30 pm, Alumni gym loft</li> <li>•Native America Day Games at Center for Creative Living, 11/22/05, 1:00 pm, Center for Creative Living</li> <li>•UK GreenThumb Meeting, 11/22/05, 6:30 pm, Room 106 Student Center</li> <li>•The Thomas D. Clark Study, 11/22/05, 10:00 am, Thomas D. Clark Study</li> <li>•Basic Needs Planning Meeting, 11/22/05, 6:00 pm, front of the SVC office</li> <li>•UK College Democrats, 11/22/05, 7:30 pm, Student Center Rm 211</li> <li>•James W. Stuckert Career Center Drop-In Hours, 11/22/05, 8:00 pm, James W. Stuckert Career Center 408 Rose Street</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•Thanksgiving Bluegrass Airport Shuttle for Students, 11/23/05, Pick-up limited to campus</li> <li>•UK FUSION Committee Chair Applications Deadline, 11/23/05, 106C Student Organization Center</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•Placing Leaders Around Youth, 11/27/05, 4:00 pm, Meet Outside the Student Center by the ATMs</li> </ul>

Have a Happy  
Thanksgiving!

## IN OUR OPINION

# Put 15-passenger vans in the garage for good

Student safety should never have to take a backseat to UK's other priorities — even to the inexpensiveness and convenience of a 15-passenger van.

Nine of UK's 19 benchmark universities no longer use or are phasing out 15-seat passenger vans because of safety concerns. The Kernel reported last week. Of the 10 benchmarks that use them, eight require training for all drivers.

UK still uses these vans — which have a 22 percent rollover rate in single-vehicle crashes, according to a 2004 National Highway Transportation Safety Administration study — and training is only required for drivers from the univer-

sity's College of Agriculture.

"We've issued more advisories on 15-passenger vans than any other issue I've ever seen," said Rae Tyson, chief spokesman for the NHTSA, in an interview with The Kernel.

With nearly half of our benchmarks shying away from repeated warnings from the NHTSA and looking for safer alternatives, UK should take note and implement the same changes.

The university has already taken an admirable step in the right direction by putting a complete halt on purchasing 15-passenger vans.

"The issue now is deal-

ing with our current fleet," said UK Environmental Health and Safety Director David Hibbard.

"They will not be replaced with 15-passenger vans." Alternatives include shuttle buses and heavier, dual-rear-wheel vans. Though these vehicles are more expensive

than the 15-passenger vans in UK's current fleet, their safety ratings are higher — and paying a little more for

safer transportation now instead of switching over after a deadly crash happens is just common sense.

In the meantime, training for all drivers should become mandatory, not just for those from the College of Agriculture. Training is an integral part of ensuring safety for all drivers and passengers in these vans, and is recommended by the NHTSA.

Presently, a driver in the university's general motor pool must be at least 25 years old and have a valid driver's license and have five years' driving experience to drive 15-passenger vans. UK's motor pool contains 17 vans that travel about 250,000 miles each year.

"It's important people understand the risks associated with using these vans," Tyson said. "If you're going to drive them like a passenger car, you're going to get into trouble."

Let's face it — driving a 15-passenger van is definitely different than driving a passenger car. With trained drivers, the likelihood of a rollover substantially de-

creases. And although there are still many other factors that affect accident ratios and rollover probability — such as the number of passengers, tire inflation, seatbelt usage and road conditions — UK should mandate training for all drivers of 15-passenger vans while working on phasing them out altogether in favor of vehicles with higher safety ratings.

It too often takes a tragedy to get an institution to change its safety policies. We are fortunate that no such incident has struck UK in connection with the vans, but that doesn't give the school a license to take an unnecessary risk.

**Halting purchases of these potentially dangerous vehicles was a good first step toward phasing them out altogether**

## I only wish America had good taste in TV

I have a new reason to hate Fox. No, not because I'm about to go on some liberal bent about how Fox News is fraught with shameless self-promotion and neoconservative conspiracies. God knows the right-wingers needed a news outlet, too.



**Crystal Little**  
KERNEL COLUMNIST

It's because of something even more atrocious than inherent media bias.

Fox has canceled "Arrested Development" — the one TV show worth carving half an hour out of my schedule to watch when it aired, instead of at 3 a.m. on DVD.

Well, let me clarify — though it's not been officially canceled, the ominous writing is most definitely on this bleak wall. After letting it return for its much-contested third season, the network has cut it to 13 episodes.

This is kind of the equivalent of drowning a burlap sack of puppies right before my horrified eyes.

Pardon the drama; I'm still in a bit of shock. The sassiest, most intelligent comedy on the air has been pretty much axed — because no one was watching it.

So maybe I shouldn't solely hate Fox for this tragedy of Greek proportions.

I should hate everyone who didn't tune in to see the quirky, single-camera antics of the eccentric, southern California Bluth family.

This critics' darling, winner of many Emmys, including 2004's Best Comedy award, is going down in flames — just like the banana stand in the first season.

And most of America doesn't care.

Apparently, middle America's too caught up in the tired antics of banal sitcom formula, enamored with tepid shows like "According to Jim" and "King of Queens."

"Arrested Development" isn't necessarily for everyone, I'll admit. It's rife with inside jokes, though narrator Ron Howard does an admirable job of bringing new viewers up to speed. It doesn't have a laugh track. It's irreverent. It's definitely not "Friends."

In short, it's brilliant.

And about to die, thanks to all the people not watching.

On the other hook — er, hand — I suppose there's a silver lining: At least the show and its small but rabid fan base are ending on that clichéd high note. The cast, which includes Jason Bateman, Jeffrey Tambor, Portia de Rossi, David Cross, Jessica Walter and Will Arnett, has been nothing but dignified during interviews — during the final episodes of the season, they're single-mindedly committed to bringing viewers (paltry few that we are) the best performances possible, complete with caustic jabs at Fox and the millions of people that don't watch the show.

Still, I can't help but feel angry that the hopelessly unimaginative will of the insipid masses has brought down a show that gave hope back to innovation — something pop culture has relegated to its fringes and replaced with tripe like "Laguna Beach."

Taste the sad.

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### Online Poll Question

Would you support starting the fall semester on a Monday in order to have a two-day Fall Break and have off the Wednesday before Thanksgiving?

Yes  
No

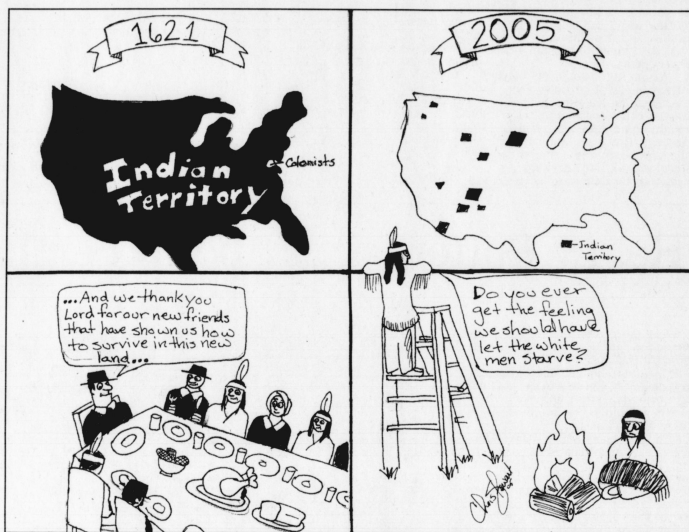
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## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

### Iraq is quite unlike Vietnam

It sounds like the "debate" between professors regarding the war in Iraq was not much of a debate at all. John Stemple, who has a penchant for comparing this war to Vietnam, apparently did so at this "debate." Sounds like the only "debate" was how fast to turn tail and run. In light of that, I'd like to throw a few things out there for those like him who think this is like Vietnam, and who cannot get out of the past. If Vietnam were like Iraq, the United States would have:

- Occupied and held Hanoi
- Killed or dispersed the Politburo and North Vietnamese Army
- Captured Ho Chi Minh and had him awaiting trial
- Held elections whereby the Vietnamese people voted for a constitution and representation
- Lost 2,200 soldiers rather than 58,000
- Had volunteer soldiers, not drafted ones
- Had soldiers having a beer with their officers rather than "fragging" them, and morale would have been relatively high (which it is in Iraq)
- Had enough support of the Vietnamese population that the bulk of the remnants fighting against the U.S. were Cambodians, Laotians or other communist sympathizers — not Vietnamese people themselves.

And that's just a start. Additionally, the stakes in Iraq are far greater than the stakes in Vietnam. Saddam paid \$25,000 per Palestinian suicide bomber in Israel. With him out of the way, is it coincidental that Israel and Palestine are actually making progress in peace talks?

Now, to the similarity with Vietnam: We won the military war in Vietnam but lost because Minh knew that our country would not stick it out, and we did not. (Try reading what Minh's generals' strategy was.) With people like Dr. Stemple continually throwing bones to the Zargawis of this world, the outcome unfortunately may be the same.

TIM KLJNE  
law student

### Dating column was nonsense

This is written in response to Donielle Meadows' Nov. 21 column, "Dating older men isn't a bad idea." Are you kidding me? The Kernel actually printed that... thing? An article in which there are 14 instances of "brotha," a word not even in the English language? Does Meadows really think that she can pass off this praise of her boyfriend as an article? I'm having trouble believing

that The Kernel printed this. Not only does she generalize all younger men into one category, but she perpetuates a stereotype on herself throughout the entire article! Momma didn't raise no fool? A sucka for education? Words out my mouth?

This is the most useless excuse for an article I have ever read in my life. It's not even funny! Is The Kernel trying to promote diversity or something by printing this idiotic crap, or is it really so short on writers that it had to settle? I thought I was reading an op-ed page, not a self-help and romantic-advice column where some girl rants about her boyfriend and how great he is. How rapid can she possibly be?

Generally, I love reading The Kernel's op-ed page. But every time I read one of Meadows' articles, it causes involuntary heaving spasms from deep within my bowels.

ERIC CHASE  
undeclared freshman

### MA 123 is overly tough, too

Attention math students taking MA 109: If you think you have it bad in college algebra, don't even think about taking calculus. I see myself as a relatively good math student (I got a 32 in the math section on the ACT and took a semester of AP calculus and a year of AP statistics in high school), and I am struggling to pass MA 123 this semester.

The class is so ridiculous that it's not even worth taking. The average on our last exam was a 41 percent, and that doesn't even factor in the scores that were below a 30! It's not even like this was just a hard exam, either. The professors and teaching assistants have been throwing ludicrous material and impossible tests at us all year. In class, they will explain how to do the most simple of the problems and then throw impossible problems on the test. The problem isn't just the tests and the homework. The problem starts with the curriculum and continues with the professors and the TAs. The amount of material that the professors are expected to teach us in one semester is not easy to learn, especially if it's not taught well.

There are six MA 123 professors, four of whom are rated based on overall quality on [www.ratemyprofessors.com](http://www.ratemyprofessors.com); their average is a 2.4 out of 5. Sure, this isn't the most accurate way to depict how students feel about their professors, but the average rating that the students give these professors is about the same as the average score on a typical MA 123 test: Failing.

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journalism freshman



## SPORTS BRIEFS

### Iowa holds off Cats with late free throws

Despite answering coach Tubby Smith's call to crash the boards, No. 7 UK couldn't guard past No. 17 Iowa and fell 67-63 in the semifinals of the Guardians Classic in Kansas City, Mo. The Cats outrebounded the Hawkeyes (3-0) 36-31 in the loss.

Junior transfer Rekalin Sims led UK (2-1) with 22 points and five rebounds in the Cats' first loss of the season. The forward was four of six from behind the 3-point line, but fouled out with 40 seconds left in the second half.

The Cats opened up the first half with a 10-0 run to take a seven point lead, but the Hawkeyes rebounded and neither team could pull away the rest of the game.

Sophomore guard Rajon Rondo led the Cats on the boards with 16 rebounds, and added five points and six assists.

Iowa forward Greg Brunner led the Hawkeyes with 19 points and 12 rebounds. The Wildcats committed 19 turnovers.

UK had a chance to win after junior forward Bobby Perry's 3-pointer made it 61-61. After Iowa's Adam Haluska made one of two free throws, the Cats trailed by one, but then a UK turnover ended the Cats' hopes.

The Cats pulled within 65-63 on a layup by senior guard Ravi Moss with 1.4 seconds left, but Iowa would sink two free throws to win by four.

In the earlier game, No. 2 Texas defeated No. 13 West Virginia in a squeaker, 76-75. The Longhorns will take on Iowa at 10 tonight on ESPN. West Virginia will face UK in the consolation game at 7 p.m. on ESPN-U.

#### Women's hoops faces Stetson tonight

Coming off an 81-52 win over Indiana-Purdue, the UK women's basketball team looks to continue its winning ways against Stetson tonight at 7.

"We are looking forward to facing Stetson tomorrow night," UK Coach Mickie DeMoss said. "I thought in the first game, my young players were able to get some good minutes. I look forward to continuing our progress. We are looking to see a lot of zone tomorrow night and I think that is what most teams are going to do to us early because they cannot match our size well."

Freshman guard Carly Ormerod led UK (1-0) with a game-high 17 points against IUPUI on Friday night. Sophomore forward Elicia Roddy landed her first career double double with 11 points (career high) and 12 rebounds.

"We have worked hard on our transition defense, getting back and getting matched up," DeMoss said. "We made some freshman mistakes the other night, not getting matched up in transition. Overall, I was pleased with our performance and am looking forward to tomorrow night."

The first 10 fans will get a free foam UK Hoops cowboy hat.



MILY SCHUPPER | STAFF

Junior center Lukasz Obrzut had two rebounds in 24 minutes of action UK's 67-63 loss to No. 17 Iowa in the Guardians Classic last night. Tonight UK will take on No. 13 West Virginia in the consolation game at 7 p.m.

#### Notre Dame knocking on door of BCS

Penn State moved into the No. 3 slot in the Bowl Championship Series, ahead of LSU and Virginia Tech, the BCS announced yesterday. Southern California was still atop the standings, with Texas second. Notre Dame was No. 8 as teams are vying for one of the eight spots in college football's four major bowls.

The Irish and first-year coach Charlie Weis are BCS-eligible if they finish ranked 12th or better with nine wins. Notre Dame will receive an automatic bid if they are ranked sixth or better with nine wins.

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## FOOTBALL NOTEBOOK

### Injury bug spreads to tailback

By Chris Johnson  
THE KENTUCKY KERNEL

A win over a sub-500 Tennessee program may be a little tougher this week, as the injury bug has taken small bites out of two prominent UK starters.



LITTLE

Tailback Rafael Little sustained three separate injuries in UK's 45-13 loss to Georgia last Saturday. The sophomore will play against Tennessee this Saturday, head coach Rich Brooks said, but will be held out of practice tomorrow.

Little suffered a hip pointer, a strained quadriceps muscle and a neck injury Saturday. Brooks said the most worrisome of the wounds is the quadriceps strain, which was a problem for Little pre-season, and is the reason Little will be held from practice for a day.

Sophomore quarterback Andre' Woodson suffered a badly sprained left (non-throwing) thumb during Saturday's loss. Brooks said the injury hinders Woodson's ability to take snaps, and will get most of his reps this week

from the shotgun.

"He's got enough swelling and black-and-blue in there to make handling the football and fumble problems enormous," Brooks said.

Brooks listed Woodson as questionable for Saturday's finale, and noted that freshman Curtis Pulley will be given more than his usual amount of snaps this week.

"Curtis Pulley has made more improvement from the start of fall camp to now, as far as throwing the football, than almost any quarterback I've ever been around," Brooks said.

Little dropped to fourth in the Southeastern Conference in rushing after gaining 29 yards on 13 carries against Georgia last week.

#### A win is a win ...

UK players echoed coach Rich Brooks' sentiment expressed after the Mississippi State victory when discussing Saturday's match-up against a rare sub-500 Tennessee team (4-6).

"It doesn't matter at all what their record is," said freshman linebacker Ben McGrath. "It's still Tennessee. They're a lot better than their record shows."

The Volunteers haven't lost to the Cats in 21 consecutive meetings, dating back to 1984.

"I didn't even realize it had been that long," McGrath said.

Senior center Matt McCutchan, who was 3 years old when the Cats won in 1984, said a win over a down Volunteer program would have the same impact as a win over the traditional powerhouse Tennessee teams.

"They've still got great athletes," McCutchan said. "They've just had a rough time of it."

Brooks echoed his players' thoughts.

"Regardless of record, a win over Tennessee is a win over Tennessee," Brooks said.

It's been so long since UK beat the Vols that players from that year's team have moved on - to the coaching ranks.

"Joker Phillips played on the 1984 team," Brooks said.

#### McCutchan hopes Senior Day won't apply

Senior Matt McCutchan is perhaps the most interesting case out of the 23 seniors listed on the UK roster.

The center transferred from Navy three years ago after playing junior varsity games for the Midshipmen his freshman season. McCutchan sat out his sophomore campaign and had to sit out a second season after transferring.

He is currently petitioning the NCAA for a sixth season of eligibility.

The starting center and Brooks both said the chances of gaining a sixth season were favorable.

"I'm pretty confident I'll get another year," McCutchan said. "We've gotten everything back from the Naval Academy and there was a precedent set before me."

"We have confidence that he'll be back," Brooks said. "He won't participate in Senior Day."

#### Injury update

Besides Little and Woodson, offensive lineman Trai Williams (knee) will have an MRI this week. Brooks said Williams would be able to play, though in a limited capacity. Senior tailback Arliss Beach and junior defensive end Durrell White are both scheduled to run with team trainers today. Both are questionable to doubtful for Saturday. On a positive note, freshman linebacker Braxton Kelley and junior offensive lineman Fatu Turituri (knees) will both be operated on today and begin rehabilitation as soon as possible.

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