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JONATHAN PALMER | STAFF

Excited about his winning ticket in a race at Keeneland on April 10, UK football coach Rich Brooks couldn't contain himself. UK holds its annual Blue-White scrimmage at 1 p.m. Saturday at Commonwealth Stadium. It's Brooks' third as the head coach of the Cats.

COMPETITIVE by nature

Story by Jeff Patterson
THE KENTUCKY KERNEL

The odds have been stacked against Rich Brooks before. After two disappointing seasons as the UK football coach, he sees the light at the end of the tunnel, now that the program's three-year probation is over.

Sensing the win, the underdog threw all of his might into one punch.

A foolish mistake, he recalled.

Nearly 30 pounds lighter under the trunks than his opponent, Rich Brooks found himself in serious trouble in the middle of the boxing ring.

"I went waiting in on a guy that I thought I had tumbling, and he had a roundhouse and popped me," said the UK football coach.

"He caught me with one and damn near knocked me out."

The tough-nosed competitor got a little too greedy, Brooks remembered of his performance. But he recovered to win the bout.

"I started swinging instead of boxing," Brooks said. "I finished off the match by boxing."

Although that bout happened ages ago — nearly 50 years ago at Nevada Union High School in Grass Valley, Calif. — the lessons learned in

boxing still stick with Rich Brooks.

"It teaches you to be disciplined," said Brooks, 63. "Some of that has carried over."

Soaking up the boxing knowledge of Ginger Jack Snap, a former middleweight who coached at Nevada Union, Brooks excelled.

In fact, he never lost.

At Oregon State, he was the school-wide champion, taking on all challengers in the intramural ranks, dispersing them with ease.

Brooks hardly boasts his boxing accolades. When talking about it, he just mutters a few short responses. He can let others do the talking for him.

"He was a great boxer," said his daughter Kerri Brooks. "He wasn't the biggest guy or strongest guy. He was feisty and scrappy."

So, he was not just an OK fighter?

Actually, he was close to untouchable in between the ropes.

"Bloodied? No," Brooks

said. "But stunned and almost KO'd."

After playing football at Oregon State, he stayed on as a graduate assistant coach. Several fraternities asked him to referee some bouts. And a few brave souls wanted a piece of Rich Brooks the boxer.

As usual, he won.

"Somebody challenged him," said Karen Brooks, Allen's wife. "And he can't resist a challenge."

Rebounding from the rough

When Rich Brooks became the UK football coach in Dec. 2002, many called the job a monumental challenge.

Some called him crazy.

He hadn't coached a collegiate game since the 1994 season, when he took Oregon to the Rose Bowl.

He hadn't coached at all in two years, after stints in the NFL as the head coach of the St. Louis Rams and defensive coordinator of the Atlanta Falcons.

See Brooks on page 5

Brooks' Bio

Born: Aug. 20, 1941, in Forest, Calif.

Personal: Wife, Karen; two daughters, Kasey and Kerri; two sons, Denny and Brady

Education: Nevada Union High School, Grass Valley, Calif., 1958; Oregon State University, bachelor's in physical education, 1963, master's in education, 1964

Career record: College, Oregon, 91-109-4, 1977-94; Kentucky, 6-17, 2002-present
NFL, St. Louis Rams, 13-19, 1995-96

Hobson named A & S senator

Tie broken at last night's SG meeting; one LCC Senate seat remains vacant

By Elizabeth Troutman
THE KENTUCKY KERNEL

The Student Government College of Arts & Sciences Senate tie between Ryan Mabry and Monica Hobson was broken at last night's meeting.

SG Senate members elected Monica Hobson, a political science junior, to the position. Both candidates were given the opportunity to speak their platform before the group of about 30 senators.

Hobson said that Mabry, a mathematics sophomore, was tough competition. He is also the baseball beat writer for The Kentucky Kernel.

"We were both qualified candidates," she said. "I think I speak for both of us when I say a resolution was very good to hear."

Hobson said she thinks the key to her victory was support from former SG senators, including Allison Hensley.

Disqualified president-elect Will Nash attended the meeting to support Hobson.

"A lot of people I ran with had been senators," she said. "It is really important to have the support system from people who have been senators."

The two candidates tied with 247 votes each during the campus-wide election

March 30 and 31. Mabry said most of the SG members that showed up for the meeting last night were supporters of Hobson.

"I think it is remarkable that it ended in a tie," he said.

"I did as well as I could have. I was pleased with the way the election turned out. It was a good experience."

Mabry said he is not discouraged by the loss and plans to run for SG next year.

The race for Lexington Community College's Senate seats also ended in a six-way tie among write-in candidates.

Nash, who is also SG's communications director, said the tie was broken when only one of the six, Paul Stringer, turned in a campaign expenditure report.

Candidates who do not turn in reports are disqualified, he said.

No other information on Stringer was available at press time.

LCC has two Senate seats. The Senate president — who is usually chosen by the president after the spring semester finishes — will nominate a candidate in the fall, and the Senate will then confirm the candidate.

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Four plead guilty in Transy book thefts

By Darlous Shafa
THE KENTUCKY KERNEL

Three UK students and one Transylvania University student pleaded guilty in federal court yesterday to charges related to the theft of rare art items and books from the Special Collections Library at Transylvania.

According to documents from the U.S. District Attorney's Office, UK students Warren C. Lipka, Eric J. Borsuk and Charles T. Allen II and Transylvania student Spencer W. Reinhard each entered guilty pleas to all charges.

The four were arrested on Feb. 11 and charged with two counts of robbery and conspiracy to commit robbery, one count of conspiracy, theft of major artwork, interstate transportation of stolen property and possession of stolen property.

"I haven't had any theft of art cases before and our office has handled very few," said David Marye, an assistant U.S. district attorney who prosecuted this case. "It's been a very interesting case."

Phone numbers for Bor-

suk, Allen and Spencer were not available at press time. Calls to Lipka were not returned.

On Dec. 17, 2004, prosecutors said Lipka used a stun gun on a Transylvania librarian, and he and Borsuk used the librarian and stole the rare items — including some sketches made by naturalist John J. Audubon. Allen drove the getaway vehicle and Reinhard joined them when they tried to sell the items to Christie's auction house in New York City on Dec. 21, police said.

The four men will be sentenced Sept. 9 and each could face a maximum of 75 years in prison. Marye said they could serve less time because of their decision to plead guilty and notifying the U.S. District Attorney's Office before the scheduled trial date of May 16.

"We're of course hopeful that we can get them less time than what the government wants," said Adelle Brown, Lipka's attorney. "It's really too early to say."

There was no plea agreement. See Theft on page 2

Themes vary at spring dance concert

By Doug Scott
THE KENTUCKY KERNEL

A semester filled with long hours and aching feet culminates this weekend with the UK Dance Ensemble's spring concert.

The concert, to be performed at the Singletary Center for the Arts, will feature 14 pieces, all choreographed and performed by the 31 members of the ensemble.

"We have students in education, business, communications, kinesiology and health promotion, and some in fine arts," said Rayma Beal, director of the dance ensemble.

Preparation for this week-end's concert began at the end of January with auditions and at least one re-

hearsal per week. In addition to rehearsals, members of the ensemble are required to take three hours of technique class every week.

Members who choreograph routines spend the entire semester writing and refining choreography.

"It takes forever. There's an hour, sometimes longer, rehearsal each week. Some choreographers have the moves, but some people wait until they can see what looks good on their dancers," said Angie Galloway, an elementary education junior. "For me, it starts with the music. If there's a song I really like, I just start moving."

Dancers often build their routine around a theme. Ashley Holbrook, an elementary

education senior and president of the ensemble, entitled her piece "Women: Nothing But Trouble."

"It's about how women tease and play and how it gets boys and men in trouble," Holbrook said. "I like something that means something not only to me, but to my dancers. I understand that the majority of the people in the audience aren't dancers. I like to make dances that are entertaining for the crowd but challenging for the dancers."

Secondary education freshman Sarah Spunt based her piece, entitled "Testimony," around her faith.

"It's my testimony of people and places that have helped me develop my faith in being a Christian," Spunt

UK Dance Ensemble's Spring Concert

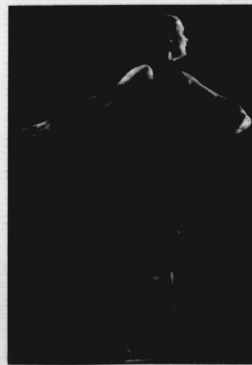
The concert is 8 p.m. Saturday and 2 p.m. Sunday at the Singletary Center for the Arts. Tickets cost \$10 for students, \$12 for the general public, and \$3 for patrons 12 and under.

said. "I wanted a dance that meant something to me and some of the dancers that I'm friends with."

Galloway and Holbrook both agreed that their favorite aspect of being in the ensemble is performing.

"I love dancing onstage. I love to perform," Holbrook said. "This semester is my last semester; this year is a little bittersweet."

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Casey Gregory, a mathematics junior and one of 31 dancers in the UK Dance Ensemble, performs during dress rehearsal. The ensemble's spring concert is Saturday at 8 p.m. and Sunday at 2 p.m. at the Singletary Center for the Arts.

HEALY SCHIFFER | STAFF

House approves Alaskan oil drilling; faces Senate challenges

By Justin Blum
THE WASHINGTON POST

WASHINGTON — The House on Thursday approved a wide-ranging energy bill that would permit new drilling in Alaska and give producers billions of dollars of incentives.

The 1,000-page bill was approved by a vote of 249 to 183, after a spirited debate over a provision providing legal protections to a gasoline additive linked to drinking-water contamination.

Much of the legislation focuses on conventional sources of energy and provides relatively little for conservation and alternative forms of energy.

The measure calls for opening Alaska's Arctic National Wildlife Refuge to oil and gas development, and alters the Clean Air Act by giving localities whose polluted air comes from distant states more time to meet national air quality standards.

It would grant funding for research into oil and natural gas drilling in the deep waters of the Gulf of Mexico, at a cost as high as \$2 billion.

At a time of surging energy costs, including gasoline prices well above \$2 a gallon, supporters said the legislation eventually would help bring down prices at the pump.

Opponents said it would not moderate consumer prices and instead would further inflate energy companies' soaring profits.

The House provided far more tax breaks to the oil and natural gas industry and less to alternative energy and efficiency than President George W. Bush had proposed.

Even so, the president believes the overall bill is "largely consistent" with what he is seeking. White House spokesman Scott McClellan said.

The House-passed bill is similar to legislation that was ap-

proved by a House-Senate conference committee in 2003.

That measure died as the result of a Senate filibuster.

Senate leaders this year are trying to forge a bipartisan compromise.

A Senate bill has not been introduced, but lawmakers said they expect to take up the matter soon.

Among provisions added to the House bill this year are an extension of Daylight Savings Time by two months and granting the federal government ultimate authority to determine where to locate liquefied natural gas terminals that receive imports by tanker.

The House defeated a provision requiring increased automobile mileage and some other conservation measures.

Democrats forced a confrontation over shielding the gasoline additive methyl tertiary-butyl ether, or MTBE, from defective-product lawsuits, rekindling a dis-

pute that contributed to the unraveling of the energy bill in 2003.

The additive, found to be leaking from underground storage tanks and contaminating groundwater in communities nationwide, has prompted a number of lawsuits and cleanup bills that threaten producers with billions of dollars in penalties.

Large oil companies and other producers of the additive have sought protection from Congress, saying the government had certified the additive as appropriate for use in meeting federal clean air standards.

Republican leaders originally refused to allow the full House to consider an amendment to strip the provision from the bill.

But Rep. Lois Capps, D-Calif., successfully forced a vote by citing rules allowing floor amendments to strip out provisions that would impose "unfunded mandates" on states and localities.

Capps cited a report from the

Congressional Budget Office that the MTBE provision would create such a mandate because it could force governments to pay for cleanup.

House Minority Leader Nancy Pelosi, D-Calif., said the provision is a "disgraceful... giveaway" that was included at the behest of oil companies and was championed by Majority Leader Tom DeLay, R-Texas.

"Not surprisingly, Tom DeLay and House Republicans are happy to oblige," Pelosi said. She later added: "Republicans aren't even giving MTBE polluters a slap on the wrist. They are giving them a pat on the back."

DeLay did not speak on the floor, but other supporters of the measure said MTBE deserves protection because of the government's mandate to reduce air pollution.

The effort to strip the provision from the bill failed by a vote of 213 to 219.

NEWS BRIEFS

Professor wins A&S teaching award

Daniel Breazeale, a philosophy professor, has been named the 2005 College of Arts & Sciences Distinguished Professor.

The award is the highest professional recognition offered by the college. Recipients are honored for their outstanding research, unusually effective teaching, and distinguished professional service.

Breazeale joined the UK faculty in 1971 after earning

a doctorate at Yale University. He specializes in 19th and 20th century European philosophy that includes Kant, Hume and Nietzsche.

Pharmacy professor given national leadership award

Joseph L. Flink III, a pharmacy professor, has received the 2005 Phi Lambda Sigma-Procter & Gamble National Leadership Award.

The award is the highest recognition provided by the national pharmacy leadership society for pharmacists and places recipients among

the top leaders of pharmacy.

The award was presented during the Phi Lambda Sigma awards luncheon on April 4, during the American Pharmacists Association's annual meeting in Orlando, Fla.

UK offers new program for headache patients

Help is on the way for headache sufferers, who can turn now to the University of Kentucky HealthCare Headache Center. Offering preventative care as well as treatment for acute headache

usually with same-day appointments — the center is the first of its kind in Kentucky.

The UK HealthCare Headache Center is led by Dr. Tarvez Tucker, a neurologist who specializes in treating migraine headache and associated pain.

Services provided by the Headache Center include evaluation and prevention, often combining appropriate prescription medications with referrals to physical and occupational therapy.

Theft

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ment, which means they have more leeway in their sentencing. Because they pleaded guilty, the severity of their sentences will be reduced two levels on the suggested guidelines, Marye said.

Marye also made an oral agreement to drop the severity a third level and because they agreed to plead almost a month before trial.

"I think this puts them in a posture to ask the court to be as lenient as possible," Marye said.

However, because the guidelines are only suggested, Marye said he could not say what penalties the four could face. The judge could still give them more than the recommended sentence, and the judge still has to consider the use of violence in the case, Marye said.

"There's just no way to know," Marye said.

Now the pleas are entered, and Brown reflected on what will happen to the four men.

"I think it's tragic that four intelligent men with promising futures would find themselves in this position," Brown said. "It's somewhat inexplicable."


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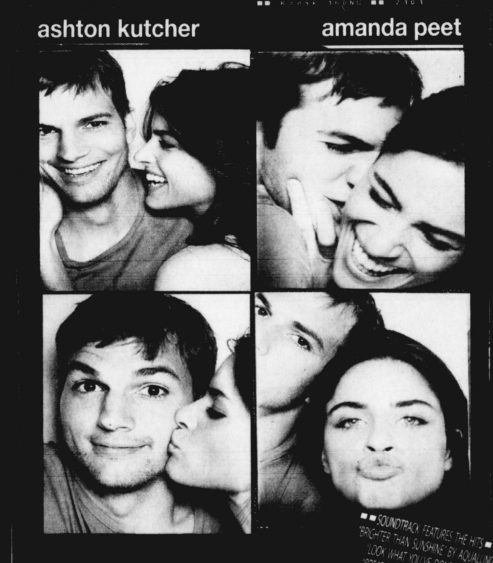
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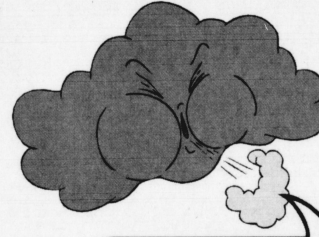
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Web sites can aid in choosing professors – for a price

By Kyle Slagley
THE KENTUCKY KERNEL

Thanks to Web sites like www.pickaprof.com and www.ratemyprofessors.com, students can research potential professors before taking their class.

The sites offer reviews and rating systems on each professor posted by students that have taken their classes — tools that can be of aid during registration times.

"I like the fact that the sites not only rate the profes-

sors but they offer comments about how hard the tests and papers are," said music performance and arts administration freshman Nick Covault. "You can learn the professors' assignment and class habits."

Though the Web sites offer postings from many students, there could also be an inherent bias to some reviews.

"It seemed like a lot of people that get onto the sites didn't like the professors, so they got on there just to com-

plain." Covault said. "I got the impression that if people do like the professors they're less likely to use the sites."

Pick-A-Prof also offers a breakdown of the grades for the class.

"(Pick-A-Prof) breaks down the number of grades that each professor gives out for each semester," said music education sophomore Nick Burczyk. "It lists how many A's were given, how many B's were given and so on, in addition to the comments on how people liked

the class."
Pick-A-Prof recently maintained frequent users are subject to a membership fee. The site charges \$5 per semester of use, but then returns the fee to the user in the form of an e-campus.com gift certificate.

"I don't see any reason why you should need to pay to use it," Burczyk said. "You're getting information that's public domain; information that can be found elsewhere. It's just making it harder for the user."

Click, click ... boom

For more information on Web sites that rate professors, visit www.ratemyprofessors.com or www.pickaprof.com.

Burczyk said he expects the site to lose a lot of users because of the fee.

"Most college students have jobs but are already struggling to pay rent and other expenses. They're trying to profit off of a group that's already making no

money.
"I'd definitely be more willing to use ratemyprofessors.com instead. It's all about finding what's cheap and what's free," he said.

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ETCETERA | the poore philosophy

That terrier's an alias! It's an alien hyped on espresso

In my apartment building, there are a few rules and regulations: no pets, no out door grills and no sober activities. So, everyone has a grill and a dog — except me.

Now I love most dogs in general, but I have trouble filling my own cereal bowl with food, much less taking care of a pet.

So I don't really care if there are dogs in my building.

Unfortunately, there are many dog owners in my building who don't own dogs they own aliens. These are the small, aggravating, mutant dogs that must be a result of breeding real dogs with high-strung, obnoxious weasels, which are given strong doses of Starbucks mochas.

I would also suggest Congress look deep into a possible steroid-dachshund conspiracy. These little dogs have super dog strength of some sort, allowing them to constantly run around — barking.

Small dogs bark at absolutely everything for any reason, 24 hours a day. It's very similar in scope as the behavior of cats, which

sleep 23-and-a-half hours out of the day.

Big dogs are happy dogs. They usually go about their business being big dogs. They'll protect you, barking at anyone that they perceive to be a threat to their owners or a threat to their Beggin' Strips. They'll also hop in your lap and lick you for no real reason at all. Then they'll hop into anyone else's lap, stranger or not, and lick them.

Big dogs are happy when they're fed and walked. Little dogs are happy only when their native alien race returns to earth and destroys every rawhide factory on the planet — because apparently only this ridiculous, made-up scenario will

shut them up because it hasn't actually happened.

There are definite advantages to having large dogs over small, irritating, squeak-toy-like dogs. Small dogs have only one job: barking at everything including their water bowl. And when they're finished barking, they begin barking at their owners because it dawns on them barking is boring and they need new ideas.

They also chew on everything, which I guess they assume to be food, and then bark at whatever it was they were chewing upon the realization that it wasn't food at all.

Have you ever noticed these small dogs always re-

semble their owners?

I have a grandmother who I'm convinced takes her dog with her to a hair salon that simultaneously perms both her and her dog's hair.

My grandmother also looks strikingly like a Pekingesee.

Anyway back to the barking because, well, they haven't stopped. Dogs like this not only bark nonstop, but usually the barking is so high-pitched only other dogs can hear it — and they start barking. Otherwise, it resembles fingernails scraping across a chalkboard over top of 16 blenders and a screaming baby.

And they follow you

around too, almost like a nagging girlfriend, picking at your feet and squawking.

Why would anyone want such a pet? I mean, I could just as easily throw a crazed monkey into my apartment with (my respects to PETA) its tail set on fire and would get basically the same effect — everything chewed up and loud, insane howling that doesn't cease.

So I'm basically endorsing large dogs. I think only these should be included in the "Man's Best Friend" category. Those other mutant creatures wouldn't know a friend if they barked at it.

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(Left to right) Sandy Wax, Sherri York, Kate Nelson, Mary Ellen DiPrisco and Deborah Blackwell of SoapNet, the 24-hour basic cable network devoted to soap operas and their fans.

All the daytime drama, any time of day or night

By Maria Elena Fernandez
LOS ANGELES TIMES

LOS ANGELES — Among the many things ABC's "Desperate Housewives" has proved is this: Women in the '90s did not stop watching daytime dramas because they wanted to. They simply couldn't. Work beckoned some out of the house; others were called to a different type of duty by their multi-tasking offspring who required transportation to and from play dates, school and soccer practice.

That's a truth about women's lives that Deborah Blackwell, the former William Morris television agent who is now senior vice president and general manager of SoapNet — the 24-hour basic cable network devoted to soap operas — realized four years ago, when she began to mastermind the channel's "new way to watch soaps" philosophy.

The plan was to give women back their soap operas by airing them at night.

SoapNet's programming now includes current daytime soaps and old soaps ("Ryan's Hope"), along with prime-time classics ("Dynasty" and "Melrose Place") and original series that cater to the soap-opera fanatic.

Already a mid-size network, the channel's distribution reached 40 million households on March 31, when DirecTV moved it to its most popular programming tier. SoapNet now ranks sixth in prime time in the 18- to 49-year-old fe-

male demographic among all basic cable networks, with a total average audience of 14 million.

Blackwell and her executive team of die-hard soap fans have done all of this while wearing wigs to work, conducting business in their pajamas and giggling their way through each workday.

Those days of power lunches in Beverly Hills long gone, Blackwell pushed past the already laid-back office culture of cable television, looking toward the more experimental and free-flowing environment of MTV to motivate her staff of 35 to "live the brand" and immerse themselves in the whimsical nature of soaps as they went about marketing and promoting the channel, acquiring existing programming and developing original series.

"This is a channel that is devoted in every single way to the soap-opera fan: what they want to watch, what they want to hear about and the kinds of reality shows they would want to see on television," said Anne Sweeney, president of Disney-ABC Television Group, who oversees the channel's operations. Blackwell's team, Sweeney said, "really knows and understands the genre, and Deborah is very daring. So, as a result, they have a whole lot of fun."

Blackwell was the first to buy a wig for an impromptu office celebration of "great soap hair."

When "Pajama Day" fell on the morning she was to lead consumer product ses-

sions about the network's new brand, Blackwell threw on a hooded sweatshirt over her "Go to Bed With SoapNet" camisole and marched on.

But as wacky as the SoapNet executives can be, they dressed up the elevators in their Burbank building to look like showers for a "Dallas" bash (a tribute to the show's "dream" season), they view their frivolity as serious business.

Blackwell, who wants to build an empire similar to sibling network ESPN, said her goal is to reach full distribution — about 85 million homes — and then expand to a second channel where she could air the daytime dramas she has no room for in the current schedule.

Of the nine soaps aired during the day, SoapNet airs four at night: "All My Children," "One Life to Live," "General Hospital" and "Days of Our Lives."

"ESPN owns sports on cable, and we want to own the category of soaps on cable, satellite and online," she said. "... Most soap fans want to know more about the stars, the way the shows are created, and they want to go behind the scenes. They want a deeper, richer fan experience."

The challenge lies in distinguishing SoapNet in a cable universe of hundreds of channels, and from daytime programming on the broadcast networks.

"We wanted to be the ones to make people feel that it's cool to watch soaps again," Blackwell said.

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11 die in Iraq helicopter attack

By Solomon Moore
LOS ANGELES TIMES

BAGHDAD, Iraq — A private helicopter carrying civilians was shot down over central Iraq yesterday, killing six American security guards and five others, according to a U.S. official.

No one aboard the Mi-8 helicopter survived the crash, according to the company that managed the chartered aircraft. The helicopter was 12 miles north of Baghdad on its way to a U.S. military base in Tikrit when it was struck by ground fire.

In a separate attack near Ramadi, an American security guard was killed when a bomb exploded near his armored vehicle.

All seven of the dead Americans were employees of Blackwater USA, a North Carolina security firm. The company has now lost at least 16 employees in Iraq since the U.S.-led invasion two years ago, more than any other security contractor, according to U.S. Labor Department statistics.

"This is a very sad day for the Blackwater family," company President Gary Jackson said in a statement. "We lost seven of our friends to attacks by terrorists in Iraq, and our thoughts and prayers go out to their family members."

The five other men — three Bulgarians and two Fijians — who died in the

helicopter incident, worked for Toronto-based SkyLink Air and Logistical Support and its Bulgarian subcontractor in Iraq, Heli-Air Services. Skylink has a contract with the Defense Department to ferry personnel around Iraq.

Militants frequently fire shoulder-launched missiles or rocket-propelled grenades at aircraft in and around Baghdad as well as in northern and western Iraq. A British C-130 military cargo plane went down north of Baghdad in January, killing 15 people, although the Royal Air Force has not determined the cause of the crash.

The past week has brought deadly reminders of the toll the insurgency has taken on private American contractors. At least four other Western civilians were killed in recent days, all along the road between Baghdad's secured Green Zone and the international airport.

On Tuesday, insurgent snipers ambushed a British security firm's convoy near the airport, killing three security guards, one of them an American.

And on Saturday a car bomb hit another private convoy on the airport road, killing a Western security guard and Marla Ruzicka, an activist from northern California who was working to gain restitution for Iraqi war victims.

By last year, an estimated 50,000 private security personnel were working in

Iraq for Western companies. Private security details have guarded major Iraqi government figures and U.S. officials, as well as corporate employees involved in reconstruction efforts here. Many of the security guards are former members of the U.S. armed forces and other national military organizations and can earn more than \$100,000 a year with "danger pay" bonuses.

Contractors have become increasingly targeted by insurgents in an effort to halt the reconstruction effort. Since March 2003, at least 284 contractors have been killed in Iraq, according to statistics kept by the Labor Department. The figure includes Americans as well as contractors from other countries.

The six Blackwater employees killed in Thursday's attack on the helicopter represent the second-deadliest incident for U.S. contractors in Iraq since the war began. Last April, six truck drivers working for Halliburton were killed, and a seventh is missing and presumed dead.

Among the dozens of security firms in Iraq, Blackwater is considered one of the most elite, with many of its employees former members of U.S. special forces. It has taken on some of the most dangerous missions.

No other details were available regarding the deaths.

FBI asking why people sneak into hospitals

By David Brown
THE WASHINGTON POST

WASHINGTON — The FBI and other law enforcement agencies are looking into incidents in which people masquerading as unannounced inspectors were found poking around three hospitals in Boston, Detroit and Los Angeles.

In each case the impostors were stopped by security guards or hospital staff and then either left or were expelled. No one has been arrested, and neither the identity of the intruders nor their motives are known.

"There is no working hypothesis. It could be any number of things, from identity theft to something more nefarious," an FBI spokesman, who declined to be named, yesterday.

The Department of Homeland Security is also "aware of these suspicious reports," said Brian Roehrkasse, a department spokesman. He added the agency does not have "any intelligence information that indicates al-Qaida is

planning an attack or targeting hospitals."

Virtually all American hospitals are subject to unannounced inspections by surveyors from the Joint Commission on Accreditation of Healthcare Organizations. The surveyors can ask to see hospital records, gain admittance to non-public areas and watch people work. In all three incidents, the impostors implied or stated outright they were the organization's surveyors.

In the past the organization has occasionally gotten reports of people falsely claiming to be its inspectors. Usually, though, they were seeking favored treatment, such as moving ahead of others in the emergency room or getting copies of a patient's medical chart. That was not the case in the recent incidents, which occurred from late February through mid-March.

"We decided that this represented a pattern of behavior that we had not seen before, and our anxiety level went up," said Joe Cappiello, the organization's

vice president for accreditation/field operations.

In the first, a well-dressed white man and woman were stopped by a security guard at a Los Angeles hospital about 2 a.m. They showed badges similar to those issued by the organization and asked to be let in. When the guard asked for more identification, they retreated, saying they were at the wrong hospital.

The second incident occurred three days later at a hospital in Boston. A well-dressed man described as being 35 to 40 and of South Asian or Middle Eastern descent was stopped about 3 a.m.

About a week later, a woman was found in the maternity ward of a Detroit hospital.

A fourth incident, which occurred in daylight hours on March 27 at a hospital in Sussex County, N.J., was deemed unrelated to the others. In that one, three men told a security guard they were doctors and asked for a hospital directory and information about bed capacity and services.

It could be any number of things, from identity theft to something more nefarious."

— an anonymous FBI spokesman, on why people are sneaking into hospitals disguised as inspectors

Study: revamp transplant system

By David Kohn
THE BALTIMORE SUN

A larger, more efficient system for matching kidney donors with recipients would save hundreds of lives and hundreds of millions of dollars every year, according to a new study by researchers at the Johns Hopkins Hospital and the Massachusetts Institute of Technology.

Their paper, published this week in the *Journal of the American Medical Association*, looked at paired donation, a relatively new transplant method that has grown more popular in recent years.

Here's how it works: For a kidney transplant to be successful, the donor and recipient must be medically compatible. Some patients have willing donors whose tissues aren't compatible with their own. The exchange system finds another pair of incompatible donors. The donor in the first pair gives a kidney to the recipient in the second pair, and vice versa.

Over the past decade, there have been more than 50 paired donations in the United States, 22 of them at the Johns Hopkins Hospital, which has become a leader in the procedure.

Many transplant specialists have argued that increased use of paired donation could help a significant percentage of the 61,000 patients waiting for a kidney transplant. Although several regional networks are being set up to match

pairs, there is no national system.

Last year, Dr. Dorry Segev, a Johns Hopkins Hospital transplant surgeon, and his wife Sommer Gentry, a mathematics graduate student at MIT, decided to analyze the effect of a national paired donor program.

The couple came up with the system for matching donor-recipient pairs. Using simulated pools of donors and recipients, they found that a national system using their matching method would produce thousands of matches, and would do so more efficiently than current methods.

They say their approach would match almost 46 percent of the pairs, a notable improvement over the system used by several paired donor programs around the country.

"We suspect there are thousands of patients who can benefit from this," Segev says. Although the paper didn't address the question directly, Segev estimated that the system could save several hundred lives annually.

Every year, about 6 percent of those on the waiting list for a kidney die before one can be found.

Segev and Gentry calculate that if 4,000 people joined the matched pairing network, and about half received kidneys, the program would save \$750 million a year — primarily from decreased use of dialysis, an expensive medical procedure that purifies the blood of pa-

tients with kidney failure.

Segev and Gentry say that to work best, the system must be national in scope and make matches carefully. "One strategically wrong match can result in many lost opportunities for other patients," Segev says.

Choosing multiple paired matches is a complex process. Transplant specialists must take into account not only immune system compatibility — which is determined by about 100 different kinds of immune cells — but also blood type and the age of the donors.

For example, people with Type O blood can only receive kidneys from other Type O's. But those with Type A blood can receive kidneys from A's and O's. The same holds true for Type B. To maximize the number of matches, Type A and Type B donors should be matched with A and B recipients, leaving O donors for O recipients.

Kidney transplant specialists liked the proposal, but said it left out key variables.

"It's a great idea, but it's not perfect," said Dr. Michael Rees, a transplant surgeon at the Medical College of Ohio in Toledo. "This paper is all kind of an educated guess. It's not a fact paper."

Rees is part of the Ohio Solid Organ Transplant Consortium, a group of nine transplant centers in the Midwest that are working to increase paired dona-

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Brooks

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Then in 2002, UK's football coach, Guy Morris, left for Baylor. A long, secretive coaching search ensued. In the end, Brooks was hired to coach a Kentucky football team in the middle of probation.

"Why would he want to coach?" asked Oregon head coach Mike Bellotti, Brooks' defensive coordinator from 1989-94. "He doesn't have to coach."

"He wasn't ready to give that up." But why take the UK job? After all, the 2003 season would be the second year of a three-year probation — in which the team lost 19 scholarships — for recruiting violations during the Hal Mumme era.

"He was ready for another challenge," Kerri Brooks said. Said Bellotti: "That doesn't scare him. The severity of the challenge excites him."

Taking this job was just like starting over for Brooks. Like when he started at Oregon in 1977. The long dormant Ducks hadn't posted a winning record since 1970.

"To me, it's a challenge I enjoy," Brooks said. "It's more fun to make something good."

Heading into Saturday's Blue-White game at Commonwealth Stadium, Brooks' third at UK, he is looking to rebound off of last year's dismal 2-9 season.

It was a season in which fans wore T-shirts. They wanted to "ditch Rich."

Questions surrounding Brooks' job surfaced after his Nov. 1 news conference, in which he defended his embattled offensive coordinator, Ron Hudson. Fans from Pikeville to Paducah were wishing for Hudson to either leave or be fired.

Brooks said he had the final say-so on Hudson's future.

"As far as I'm concerned, it's up to me," Brooks said on Nov. 1. "If it isn't, I guess somebody can replace me."

When he claimed that comment, the Cats denied the most offense in the country — ranked 117th in total offense, averaging 258.2 yards per game.

A few weeks later, Brooks' most ardent supporters mainly Mitch Barnhart, UK's athletic director — couldn't give him a vote of confidence.

"No, I do not regret that statement," Brooks said before the start of spring practice. "I understand fans' frustrations with a non-productive offense. The fans have a right to bitch."

"The fans are also not knowledgeable enough to know what the real problems are and how to fix them all the time."

Hudson resigned the week of the season finale at Tennessee. All of a sudden, Brooks, who has three seasons left on his five-year contract, was coming back.

But what if Hudson hadn't quit, would Brooks have coached his last game?

"I don't know that. I don't know that," Brooks said. "You can play what is all you want."

If there was reason enough that they left I should be gone, then I should have been gone. But that's not the way it came down."

"He does not want to end his career on a sour note," Kerri Brooks said.

Since the end of the sea-



Kerri Brooks, the wife of UK football coach Rich Brooks, takes care of her neighbor's horses. She was the only one to see the birth of the foal (left) more than three weeks ago.

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son, he has taken steps in order — he hopes — to make sure it doesn't happen.

The changes surround his program. Joker Phillips replaced Hudson as the offensive coordinator. Mike Archer's defense made the switch from a 3-4 defense to a 4-3. There are four new coaches on the staff —

quarterbacks coach Kurt Roper, offensive line coach Jimmy Heggins, linebackers coach Chuck Smith and defensive line coach Rick Petri.

During practice, he's the same coach he's always been. He stands back to let his assistants do their jobs.

But when there are problems, like in Wednesday's practice when the offense stumbled around, Brooks takes control.

"I see him biting at the champs some times," said senior receiver Tommy Cook.

On this occasion, "he got right in the huddle and corrected it," Cook said.

After the talk, it was as if nothing had happened.

"He had the unique ability to fire up, blow up and move on," Bellotti said.

With an unimpressive 6-17 record in his two seasons at UK, some would think he may be ready to enjoy fishing in Oregon. Enough with coaching.

But Brooks hasn't lost that competitive energy.

"I have even more," he said.

"That's why he desperately wants to turn UK around."

"Nobody is more unhappy about the last two years more than me," Brooks said.

"This is my last job."

"I want it to be successful. I want it to be better than when I got here."

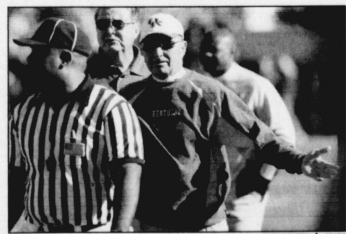
Getting over the hump

Spinning like a helicopter, Jared Lorenzen, UK's larger-than-life quarterback, heaved a pass somewhere in the direction of a blue and white uniform. Keenan Burton, then a freshman receiver, was thought to be the intended target.

Florida's Johnny Lamar swooped in for the grab and swept the lead and game right away from the Cats in 2003.

Last year against South Carolina, the Cats had two chances to seal the win by holding on to would-be interceptions. They didn't, and they lost.

"Those are the plays that define whether we win the close games or we lose them," Brooks said.



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Often vocal with the officials, Rich Brooks questioned a referee over a call in UK's loss to Georgia on Nov. 6, 2004, at Commonwealth Stadium.

Right now, Brooks needs a couple of those plays to build some momentum as he tries to rebuild the program out from probation, he said.

"One win isn't going to do it," Brooks said. "But you need to break through somewhere. We have lost quite a few games that we could have won."

At Oregon, Brooks said, one win washed the cellar-dweller tag off the Ducks. In Brooks' third year at the helm, in 1979 — after back-to-back 2-9 seasons — some scrawny defensive back stepped up late in the game against California.

The kid who made the play was a redshirt freshman by the name of Steve Brown. Brooks went over to Brown, who now coaches UK's defensive backs, and told him to enter the game as a nickel back.

Within a few minutes, Brown intercepted a pass and returned it about 15 yards to clinch the win. The Ducks went on to finish 6-5, posting their first winning record in nine seasons.

"I was just playing football," Brown said. "And I realized then if there was any significance."

"That was the start of the breakthrough," Brooks said.

Twenty-six years later, after playing and coaching in the NFL, that kind of vision is a big part of the reason why Brown is at UK.

"Here I was, a 155-pound waiking out of high school; I had played seven games, and he told me, 'If you do as I say, you can play pro football,'" Brown said.

"I didn't know, so I did what he said. I had blind faith and trust. It worked out for me."

The 'purse lady'

The better half can be just as tough.

Don't let the fact that Karen Brooks is a caretaker of a neighbor's horses or how she loves finishing antiques in the family's Jessamine County horse fool you. She takes after her husband. Just as competitive.

The two first met when he was coaching one of Karen's powder-puff football games.

"I didn't want to go out with him at first because he was quite the ladies man," Karen recalled.

If that wasn't enough, he was dating one of Karen's sorority sisters at the time. But that didn't stop Rich Brooks.

"He kept asking me out," Karen said. And eventually, they dated, got married, settled down.

You know, the usual. Just don't say obnoxious things toward her: After all, there's a reason people earn nicknames like the "purse lady."

During her husband's tenure at Oregon, she took exception to one fan's personal taunts.

"I hit somebody with a purse at a game before," she said.

That was only an isolated incident, but the name stuck with her.

Still, it's a family tradition to defend Daddy.

When Kerri Brooks was 14, she got fed up with one drunken Oregon fan yelling at her,

telling her that her father sucked.

"He was mocking me," Kerri said inflecting her voice. "So I socked him in the face."

Good thing her father was a good boxer.

"My dad taught me all of my moves," Kerri, now 38, joked.

The Brooks women can be a vindictive bunch, Karen said.

"Women in our family are bad about that," she said.

'Losing is unacceptable'

You'd think Rich Brooks would lighten up in family athletic events, but he's every bit as competitive.

Once or twice a year, when the four children and four grandchildren gather on vacation, Brooks holds the family Olympics.

The UK coach sets up feats of strength for his family. There's rafting, kayaking and miniature golf.

"We compete against everybody," Kerri Brooks said. "Even the grandkids."

These family gatherings have the makings of a soon-to-be released Chevy Chase movie. One vacation sticks out vividly for Kerri Brooks.

Leading in a raft race, Karen sabotaged her daughter's chance for victory.

"My mom is trying to drown me!" said Kerri Brooks, a camera operator for CBS.

"She flipped it over because she knew she was going to lose."

Her father is just as fierce in putt-putt golf.

"He hates to lose, no matter what the game is," Kerri Brooks said. "Losing is unacceptable."

A fact Brooks' friends and fellow coaches know all too well.

Victory was easy as sinking a four-foot putt.

Early in his tenure as Oregon's offensive coordinator, Mike Bellotti stood just a few feet away from the cup — with a win over Rich Brooks looming. And Bellotti blew it.

"I didn't miss it on purpose," Bellotti promised.

The coach was disgusted and disappointed, but he wasn't the one who missed it.

"He was probably more mad than I was," Bellotti said of his former boss.

Brooks didn't want to win that way.

"He loves competition," Bellotti said. "He wants competition."

On the golf course, nobody on UK's coaching staff stands a chance against the defensive backs coach, Brooks said. So, Brown beats Brooks with ease?

"Like a drum," Brown said with an air of confidence. "He doesn't invite me that much."

Competing off the field with his fellow coaches is a staple of his personality. It doesn't matter the nature of the event. Sewing could probably become an intense activity with Brooks.

"When you talk about Rich Brooks, that's the one thing you know if you ever play him in tennis, golf or basketball or whatever the case may be, you better bring it," Bellotti said. "You better come ready to play."

He hasn't changed a bit.

"You have to compete against him," Brown said. "And you have to bury him because he's going to fight you."

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IN OUR OPINION

Campus facilities must be accessible

Students in one UK class brought much-needed attention this week to an often-forgotten aspect of campus life.

For the 12th year in a row, students in Interior Design 234 sat in wheelchairs, hobbled on crutches and walked around blindfolded to demonstrate just how accessible campus is for those with disabilities.

With so much construction underway on campus, it's important for administrators to remember that disabled students, faculty and staff deserve adequate access.

The students found only one restroom in the White Hall Classroom Building accessible to those with disabilities. They also found elevator doors to be heavy and difficult to open and entrances to be too narrow for wheelchair entry.

Those conditions will be unacceptable for the newer buildings.

According to U.S. News & World Report's 2005 survey of the nation's best colleges and universities, UK's

campus is 95 percent accessible to those with disabilities. Percentages for all of UK's benchmarks were not available, but only six schools — Florida, Iowa, Michigan, UCLA, Virginia and Washington — ranked at a higher percentage or received a "fully accessible" rating.

More can be done to make UK 's campus accessible to disabled students and staff.

Three others — Georgia, Purdue and Texas A&M — received a "mostly accessible" rating.

It's encouraging that UK's campus has a climate friendly to those with disabilities.

It's also nice to see other students help remind us of what we normally wouldn't consider.

As interior design sophomore Morriah Ample noted during her examination of buildings' accessibility: "It definitely increased my sensitivity to other's needs when it comes to designing ... When you put it under a microscope, you see the little things."

That's something we could all stand to do a little more often.

IN OUR OPINION

University hearing right end to SG mess

There seems to be no end to Student Government's nonsense.

After Will Nash and Michelle Bishop defeated Becky Ellingsworth and Kyle Burns by 171 votes March 30 and 31, Ellingsworth's campaign cried foul.

Upon examination, Nash and Bishop had spent more than the \$800 permitted by the SG constitution. They were also found to have wrongly used an SG tax exemption in purchasing campaign materials.

The SG Supreme Court flew in the face of precedent and ruled these violations amounted to an SG felony and upheld their disqualification in a 4-2 vote.

As if that wasn't enough, SG Supreme Court Chief Justice Tony Stoppel swore in Ellingsworth as president in meeting Monday that was, if not secretive, certainly not publicized.

He did so after the Elections Board of Claims certified the election for Ellingsworth via e-mail.

But it looks like university administrators are willing to step in.

Believe us, we champi-

on student independence and responsibility as much as anyone, but as stewardship of student fees and with a seat on the Board of Trustees at stake, UK officials are right to intervene to make sure the more than 1,300 students who voted for Nash do not have their rights trampled.

University officials were correct to step in on debate over the outcome of SG presidency.

The University Appeals Board, composed of three students and six faculty members, will hold a hearing next week

and will have the final authority on overturning the court's ruling. The Kernel reported Wednesday.

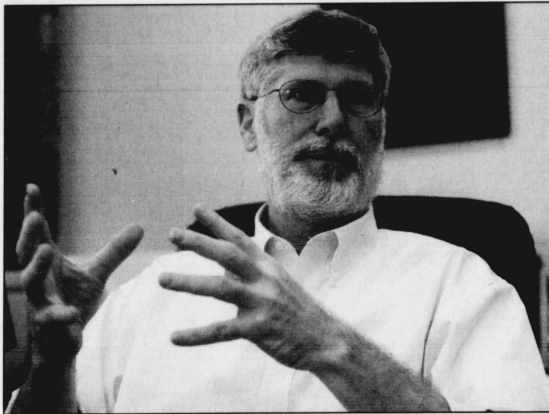
"I am very proud of the way the process works," said Joseph Fink, chair of the board and a professor in the College of Pharmacy. "Students are well-served by the process."

Dean of Students Victor Hazard sent a memo to SG, the Supreme Court justices, Nash, Bishop, Ellingsworth and Burns informing them the university does not view Ellingsworth's presidency as valid.

We urge the appeals board to reinstate Nash's victory. They are the last line of defense to overcome SG's immaturity, incompetence and recklessness.

Q&A with Steven Hoch

Dean of the College of Arts and Sciences



JONATHAN PALMER | STAFF

Assistant opinions editor Ben Roberts sat down with the College of Arts and Sciences Dean Steven Hoch to discuss issues related to the college, the state of the liberal arts program at UK and UK's drive for top-20 status.

Q. How have recent budget cuts affected the College of Arts and Sciences?

A. Well they've affected the college very severely. One, we've lost a number of good faculty in a number of departments. This university is about manpower and if we lose good faculty we're in deep trouble. We've tried as best we can to replace them by equally good faculty and in some cases we've been successful, but it's hard.

Salary raises, although this year we're looking at good salary raises of 4 percent, over the last three years we've had raises that have averaged about 1.3 percent. So in that area, we've fallen farther and farther behind and that has an impact on faculty morale.

Q. Do you find it harder to entice more faculty to come to UK with these budget cuts going on?

A. If we don't have competitive salaries it becomes difficult. But we've done a number of things to try and make UK more attractive, with better parental leave policies for faculty, better sabbatical policy for faculty. President Todd has a long-term plan to increase faculty salaries. This is very costly and difficult to do, but I know it's a firm commitment of his and something we need very desperately here at UK.

So I think we're headed in the right direction, but I think we're helped because we're not disadvantaged because so many other state universities are in a similar situation. Where we've become somewhat less competitive is with private universities.

So we've lost faculty to Duke or to Vanderbilt or to other large private institutions. It's becoming increasingly difficult for state institutions to compete with private institutions.

Q. How do you compete with these private institutions that are

so renowned for their liberal arts programs?

A. Well UK is still a very attractive place to work. We have strong graduate programs, which are attractive to many faculty.

The very top students at UK are as good as any student at Harvard or Duke or Vanderbilt or Yale. So it still makes undergraduate teaching a pleasure.

Where we're deficient in some cases I think is with our facilities. We're working hard in our salaries and we've had to sacrifice a little bit in terms of class size. But being a faculty member at a major research university is still a great job in life. It's a lot of fun. I think anybody that goes into the academic world decides it's about having fun. It's about passion and it's about doing something that you really like.

So to that degree everybody has already made that psychological adjustment or personal decision that this is the route they want to go.

Q. In what ways do you think the College of Arts and Sciences can help the state of Kentucky, the community outside of UK?

A. That's very easy. One of the things to realize is that we graduate 800 to 900 students per year.

We know, on average, that every UK student who gets a job will earn between \$900,000 and \$1 million more in their career than someone who hasn't received an undergraduate education.

So, if we're putting out 900 students per year, and over their lifetime they're each going to earn \$1 million more, that's putting \$900 million more into the economy of the state over the lifetime of these people. And remember, we're doing this every year. So for those that stay in the state, this is a huge boost.

And one of the things people need to remember is that Arts and Sciences covers physics to philosophy. We have 35,000 or 36,000 alumni of the college. With the exception of those who are retired, or those that don't want to have a job, everybody who wants to have a job has a job. And they have a good job. And that is a major benefit to the Common-

wealth of Kentucky.

More than any other aspect of economic development this university can do is to pump out highly educated people.

If you look at indicators like per capita income per state, it's very highly correlated to the number of people who have a four-year college education.

Q. What steps has the College of Arts and Sciences taken toward UK's drive to top-20 status?

A. One of the things is trying to hire the very best faculty and retain the very best faculty, strengthening the quality of graduates and undergraduates coming to UK through things like the Honors Program, the Freshmen Discovery Seminar Program, the activities of the Gaines Center and through increasingly encouraging faculty to apply for federal grants or grants from private funding agencies, which allows us to bring the very best graduate students here.

And trying to create a work environment that takes full advantage of Lexington and takes full advantage of those policies the university can have to make UK a very congenial work environment.

Q. What are your personal feelings on the drive to top-20 status?

A. I think it has great symbolic value. Trying to make clear to the people of this state that we have a great research institution here and we need to make it greater.

To make it greater is something that will be of huge economic and social benefit to the state. Kentucky's a state with a number of well-known problems.

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A guide to today's races

Editor's Note: Races handicapped for a wet track due to predicted rain.

Top choices for today's races at Keeneland:

Race 1
1. 2 Gold Street Blues (7-5): This horse comes out much better races at Gulfstream where he has been competitive. This and getting a nice sprint jockey in Rafael Bejarano should be his keys to victory.

2. 5 Sandys Gold (7-2)
3. 1 Makers at Midnight (4-1)

Race 2
1. 2 Adieu (9-5): In a field of unraced 2-year-olds, this horse benefits from the Todd Pletcher/John Velazquez combo and comes in off a bullet work on April 16.

2. 8 Lady Flo (3-1)
3. 1 Scat (10-1)

Race 3
1. 4 Cat Tracker (7-5): In what should be a muddy track, this horse has won from four starts on the off track. He has the most consistent and best speed of the field as well as leading rider Velazquez.

2. 6 Hunting Hillbilly (9-2)
3. 4 El Prado Rob (3-1)

Race 4
1. 2 Sweet Melody (3-1): This horse takes a large drop in class and adds blinkers for the first time. Since he reunites with Javier Castellano, who rode him in his best races, I can forgive his horrible start here on April 9.

2. 6 Summer Cielo (2-1)
3. 8 Mariah's Cat (10-1)

Race 5
1. 2 Kristen Kristen (5-1): If this filly can get the early lead as she has shown she can do on the dirt, she may be able to win this wire to wire as there is not a lot of speed. The return to dirt also allows me to forgive her poor effort last time out.

2. 1 Peppermint Lilly (5-1)
3. 5 Hot Attraction (6-5)

Race 6
1. 9 Preach By Day (9-2): If there is a wet track, this horse has pedigree on both sides to handle the off surface. He showed a liking for Keeneland last race in a nice second place effort.

2. 4 King of Jazz (3-1)
3. 6 Chislehurst (6-1)

Race 7
1. 2 Elusive Jazz (5-2): This horse comes off a nice second place at the same condition here earlier this month, despite going six wide. He keeps Brian Hernandez aboard and looks to get over the hump this time.

2. 6 Elijah's Song (3-1)
3. 4 Sandbagger Jones (10-1)

Race 8
1. 6 Essence (7-5): This horse drops out of a Grade 2 and last won at a Grade 3, so there is a big class advantage. In his only race at Keeneland, he won't this level on a muddy track by eight lengths, so look for a repeat.

2. 3 Plaid (5-1)
3. 5 Valiant Dancer (3-1)

Race 9
1. 3 Hirapour (3-1): This 2.5-mile steeplechase race is a highlight of the spring meet. This horse has never finished worse than second in his last 10 starts including a win in this race last year; so look for him to repeat.

2. 6 Dynamo (9-5)
3. 4.5 Sur La Tete (4-1)

Race 10
1. 5 Manchito (7-2): This horse has hit the board in his last two starts at a higher class. The drop in class along with some good speed figures should allow this horse to break his maiden.

2. 6 Chatta Band (3-1)
3. 7 Teethandletflity (5-1)

Best Bet: Essence (Race 8)
Long Shot Special: Sandbagger Jones (Race 7)

Some already living NFL life

By Sam Farmer
LOS ANGELES TIMES

NEW YORK — Braylon Edwards is No. 1 all over the place — on his jersey in the hearts of Michigan fans and in his mind — but not necessarily in the NFL draft.

Although he is widely regarded as the most athletic prospect in this weekend's draft class, the former Wolverine receiver is not likely to be the first player selected. San Francisco, with the top pick, is leaning toward Utah quarterback Alex Smith.

Miami, which drafts second, needs a running back more than a receiver, although the Dolphins could use both, and this class features at least three outstanding tailbacks. It is unlikely though, that Edwards will slip past the third spot, where the choice belongs to Cleveland.

Dropping a few slots can cost a top player a million dollars or more but Edwards doesn't seem concerned about slipping too far. If at all. He's confident of what he can do, confident that he has more to offer than former USC receiver Mike Williams, who sat out of football last season yet is seen

by many scouts as a tremendous prospect.

"I don't think there's any reason I can't go into the NFL and dominate," Edwards told reporters this week. "I'm not that stressed about going one or seven — wherever I land is where I land."

Already he's living the life of an NFL star: He has the six-carat diamond earrings, a \$140,000 Bentley Continental GT coupe, and the 2004 Biletnikoff Award as the nation's best college pass catcher. He heads a strong draft class of receivers that includes Williams, who at 6 feet 5 is two inches taller but fractionally slower; South Carolina's Troy Williams, and other likely first-rounders Mark Clayton of Oklahoma and Roddy White of Alabama Birmingham.

But Edwards, a player Arizona Cardinal Coach Dennis Green described as "fantastic," appears to be the gem of the group in the eyes of many NFL talent evaluators.

"He's a classy kid, he's a mature kid," said Floyd Reese, general manager of the Tennessee Titans. "I think, at least the little bit that we know of him, that he's a competitive kid. I think football is impor-

tant to him. I think that being the best is important to him. When you have talented kids that have all of those intangibles, then you probably have a pretty good chance of having a successful pro player."

Then again, maybe not. Edwards is the latest in a long line of ballyhooed Michigan receivers who've churned out mixed results in the pros. Among the Wolverines who came before him were Anthony Carter, Desmond Howard, Amari Towner, Derrick Alexander and David Terrell — an up-and-down collection of pros.

"I have met a couple of those guys," Edwards said. "A lot of them had prolike college careers. They've done OK in the NFL. The main thing, they said, is stay humble and learn the game."

Like Carter and Terrell, Edwards wore No. 1 at Michigan, long considered a special honor at the school. Of the five Wolverine players to wear that number — Greg McMurtry and Tyrone Butterfield being the others — Edwards posted the best statistics, catching 242 passes for 4,832 yards. His '98 touchdowns set a Big Ten record.

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