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Todd lays out top-20 funding needs

By Troy Lyle
THE KENTUCKY KERNEL

President Lee Todd said this week if UK is to become a top-20 research institution and Kentucky's flagship university, it must receive substantially more state funding and greater flexibility in regulating its agenda.

To help make that case, UK is continuing to develop a long-term business plan.

His responses to The Kernel via e-mail Tuesday came on the heels of a \$193.1 million higher education budget proposed by the Kentucky Council on Postsecondary Education. That proposal, released Monday, has UK slated to receive a funding increase of \$27.55 million over the next two fiscal years.

Todd said part of convincing the council and state legislators to give UK the majority of state funding requires understanding the impor-

tance of UK reaching top-20 research status, as well as the fact that UK is the state's flagship institution.

"I'm optimistic we can — and that we will — make a compelling case to our leaders in Frankfort that an increased investment in higher education is critical to reaching the goals we all have for our state," Todd said.

"That's precisely why the top-20 business plan is so important. It will lay out in clear, sharp terms where

we are today and where we need to go tomorrow."

Part of that plan includes five legislative priorities which Todd called a "road map" to UK's most essential needs.

Those priorities include:

- Significant increases in operating funds for UK students
- An additional \$80 million in state bonds to complete the second and final phase of its Biological Sciences and Pharmaceutical Complex.

- An additional \$150 million in state bonds to complete the additions to the Chandler Medical Center
- Increased flexibility to issue bonds, as proposed in House Bill 45
- Flexibility for UK to increase its spending limits on large construction projects

Todd said he is "very pleased" with the response he's received from Gov. Ernie Fletcher and state legislators.

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SG court vacancies filled up

Heated debate ensues over changes to Accountability Act

By Sean Rose
THE KENTUCKY KERNEL

The Student Government Senate filled the last three vacancies of the SG Supreme Court by unanimous decision last night at their meeting in the Student Center.

Second year law student Chad Meredith, fourth year pharmacy student Tony Tagavi and agriculture economics freshman Jacob Hulker replaced justices who graduated. SG Supreme Court Judges are appointed by the president, approved by the Senate and serve until they leave UK.

SG President Ellingsworth said she was impressed with the appointees' interest in the position.

"This isn't something that I sought people for or that I'm picking and choosing," Ellingsworth said.

She added that she was pleased the justices were different ages and from different colleges.

"I've really tried to diversify these three appointments," Ellingsworth said.

A controversial act met heated debate on the floor last night as well. The Accountability Act of 2005 was passed but part of it was struck down. The act requires paid SG staffers to publicly post their office hours. A second part to the act requiring the executive communication director and communications junior, Jason Robinson, to give a report to the Senate each meeting on the SG events that had occurred was deleted.

History junior and SG Senator Will Fuller, who co-sponsored the act, said it was designed to promote communication. Others called it redundant because Ellingsworth performs a similar task at the beginning of each Senate meeting. Some senators said it violated the separation of each governing branch.

"I still believe that there is a separation between the executive and legislative branch," said finance and economics

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SG sponsors safety walk

By Sean Rose
THE KENTUCKY KERNEL

UK officials and Student Government members will be taking a stroll around campus tonight.

SG is hosting a safety walk designed to reinforce previous efforts to improve women's safety on campus. UK officials, police and the public will look for areas that are possible safety concerns at night because of poor lighting and landscaping, or a lack of emergency phones.

"We want to make sure that things are being improved on campus and that we're continually looking for areas to improve," said SG President Becky Ellingsworth.

Tonight is SG's first on-campus safety walk and its second of the year; the organization usually hosts one each year.

"A lot of the suggestions that have come from these walks have been implemented," said acting UK Police Chief Kevin Franklin.

"I think it's an eye-opener for both the students and members of the community and members of the UK community to experience what other students experience every day," Ellingsworth said.

Those interested in participating should meet outside the SG office in the Student Center at 8 tonight.

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Cats top Tigers in tune-up

By Josh Sullivan
THE KENTUCKY KERNEL

The UK men's basketball team weathered a strong push from the Georgetown College Tigers in last night's final exhibition tune-up of the season before finally pulling away for an 85-63 win.

The perennial NAIA power, located just 15 miles northwest of Lexington, showed no signs of fear, hanging with the No. 10 Cats for much of the game.

After enjoying one of the kinder welcomes UK fans have recently bestowed upon a visiting team, the Tigers proceeded to match the Cats shot for shot, jumping out to a 24-20 lead on a jumper from guard Craig Shoen ten minutes into the game.

But on UK's next possession, new Wildcat workhorse Rekalim Sims converted a three-point play, sinking a layup while getting fouled and nailing the free throw.

That play sparked a 22-4 Kentucky run to close the half, giving the Cats a 42-28 lead going into the locker room.

Sims, a junior college transfer, was the hero of the first half for the Cats, amassing a stat line that would have been impressive for an entire game, scoring 14 points on five of six shooting, grabbing five boards and dishing out two assists. Nine of those points came on three straight UK possessions, as Sims knocked down a trio of treys.

Sims finished with a game-high 22 points and 11 rebounds. He also forced four Tiger turnovers — two charges and two steals. UK head coach Tubby Smith said Sims' perimeter marksmanship as a power forward will give the Cats a threat they haven't had for some time.

"I knew he was an outstanding outside shooter," Smith said after the game. "He's a very aggressive player and also a well-rounded player. He just has a nose for the ball."

Sims finished with four 3-pointers on five attempts.

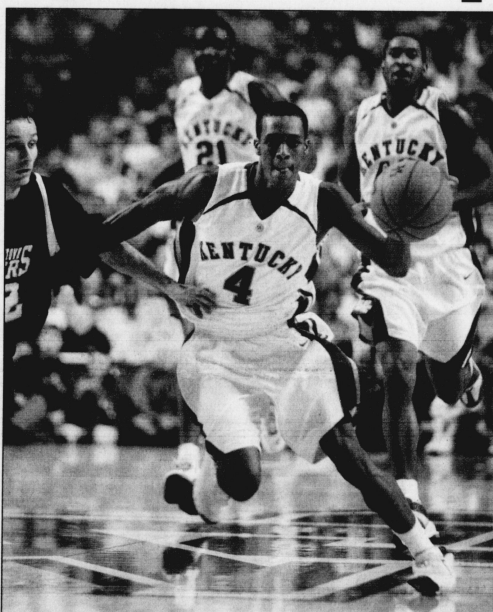
"I've been struggling in practice with the three, but I just came out and got wide open looks," Sims said.

The Tigers kept it close by playing tough defense, forcing the Cats into 24 turnovers while committing 19. They clawed back to within 10 points with 5:31 left in the game, but never got any closer.

UK finally had some success with its much-hyped up-tempo experiment, scoring 22 points off turnovers, though Smith expressed concern that

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UK 85, GEORGETOWN 63



Sophomore guard Rajon Rondo drives past a Georgetown defender during the second half of the exhibition last night. Rondo had six points and five assists in UK's win.

Sims' star shines even brighter with newfound trifecta touch

Rekalim Sims is making a bad habit of this. For the second straight game, the junior college transfer stole the show.

He'd stuff you, then take the ball from you.

He'd shoot the 'J'. Swish.

He'd grab the board. Clear out. Like Windex, he cleaned glass. (O.K., so I'm not Stuart Scott).

Last time, Sims just contributed. Now, he's taking over.

The forward was the everyman last night in UK's 85-63 win over Georgetown College.

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Black leader addresses campus diversity tonight

By James Davidson
THE KENTUCKY KERNEL

In the wake of a diversity issue that has been raised on campus this semester, a high-ranking official for the NAACP visits campus to speak on the subject tonight.

John Jackson, chief policy officer for the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, will give a speech entitled "Diversifying American Universities in the 21st Century: Economic, Political and Social

This time, Sims did more than take charges and grab a few rebounds.

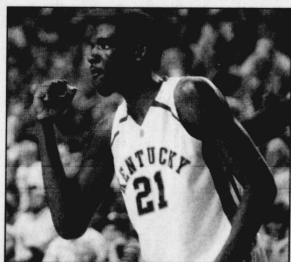
For once, a box score reflected just about everything a player did.

It was his first double-double in a UK uniform — even though it didn't count.

Sims was eight-for-10 shooting, including four out of five from beyond the 3-point line. He grabbed 11 rebounds, dished out three assists and also recorded two steals and two blocks.

"Rekalim had a great overall

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Junior center Shagari Alleyne cheers his team on from the bench during the second half. Alleyne finished with 12 points and three rebounds in UK's 85-63 win over Georgetown.

Dimensions" in the Student Center. His visit is co-sponsored by the UK School of Journalism and Telecommunications.

Brown said diversity is not just about the numbers of black or Latino-American students on campus, and societies outside of UK are not being adequately represented in the classroom.

This year's freshman class represents a 40 percent drop in black students, which has spurred heavy criticism that has

led President Lee Todd to propose a number of initiatives to try and improve campus diversity.

"I hope it is a positive contribution to the dialog of diversity," said Chester Grundy, director of multicultural student programs, of Jackson's speech. "It is a vitally important conversation."

Discussion on a topic such as this is monumental, Grundy said. Anyone concerned with the diversity issue should attend

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Speaker to discuss Asian politics

By Erin Schmitt
THE KENTUCKY KERNEL

It's called "the rooftop of the world," and tonight, politics will be seen through its eyes.

Elliot Sperling, an associate professor and chair of central Eurasian studies at Indiana University, will be the keynote speaker for UK's annual symposium hosted by the Asia Center. Sperling's speech is entitled "India-China Rivalries: As Viewed from Tibet."

Sperling is a renowned expert on Tibet, has authored several books and served on the U.S. Secretary of State's Advisory Committee on Religious Freedom Abroad from 1996 to 1999.

Sperling was chosen as a speaker because the Asia Center wanted to have a reading group format that discussed India-China relations, said Doug Slaymaker, co-director of the UK Asia Center and Russian and Eastern studies professor.

Every year the symposium chooses a different focus, he said. Design, architecture and film have been other previous topics.

"This year, we wanted to focus on this area of the world, which will be something of a central focus of the world for years to come," Slaymaker said.

"Over the years we have addressed different topics," said Beth Goldstein,

co-director of the Asia Center and professor of educational policy. "We were looking for a topic that had a wide audience and current significance."

Goldstein said there's been a lot of discussion in the media about U.S.-China and U.S.-India relations and China-India relations, but the global consequences are seldom addressed.

"Anyone who graduates will have to deal with these places," Slaymaker said. "Almost any business or policy-maker has to take into consideration those areas. The population and the number of languages alone mean we have to pay attention."

Organizers also wanted a structured format that could incorporate reading groups, not just a speaker. Members of the group also hope to incorporate what they have learned into the classroom.

"Reading groups are a way to have a deeper interaction within a group about these issues," Slaymaker said. Sperling will address how Tibet is seen through China-India relations.

"The Indian Republic has been concerned about Tibet," Sperling said. "They have offered refuge to a large Tibetan population."

Tibet lies between India and China, and it has been a major contention point between the two countries. China has laid claim to sovereignty over Tibet for many centuries and most of

China's reasoning for doing so dates back to its imperial history.

Tibet has had an independent government-in-exile under the Dalai Lama, but it is unrecognized by the U.S. government. The Dalai Lama and President Bush visited one another yesterday. The focus of the "Free Tibet" movement, popularized by bold bumper stickers, stresses human rights and cultural issues.

Sperling said though many people see it as more of a nuisance issue, that's not always the case.

"People sometimes see it as the realm of Buddhism, or they see it as a human rights issue, and something can be said of both," he said. "But Tibet is more of a multi-faced situation."

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What: "India-China Rivalries: As Viewed from Tibet"

Who: Elliot Sperling, Indiana University professor

When: Tonight at 7:30

Where: Center Theater in the Student Center

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the lecture, he said.

"The question is not necessarily about the people on the margin," Grundy said. "Diversity is synonymous with excellence; it has to be top priority, an issue with life-and-death urgency."

Jackson's speech will be insightful, but it won't provide an instant solution, Grundy said.

"The struggle is never over, and sometimes, we thinking so is our nativité," he said. "No single event will be the critical factor to see change."

"We cannot have any illusion that it will be different the day after Dr. Jackson leaves. Change takes commitment and vigilance."

Prior to his appointment as chief policy officer, Jackson served as the NAACP's national director of education for five years.

Jackson is also chairman of the National Equity Center Inc., a national non-profit, non-partisan organization es-

tablished in part to promote diversity by providing youth with the leadership, academic and advocacy skills to combat social justice disparities.

Beth Barnes, director of the School of Journalism and Telecommunications, said Jackson's lecture could not have come at a better time.

"Dr. Jackson's topic would be appropriate for our students at any time, but it's particularly timely given the recent campus discussions of UK's own diversity challenges," she said.

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What: "Diversifying American Universities in the 21st Century"

Who: John Jackson, chief policy officer for the NAACP

When: Tonight at 7

Where: Small Ballroom in the Student Center

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tors to those priorities.

"The reception has been very positive," he said. "I think there is an understanding of our needs and agreement with our priorities."

Yet Todd reiterated that there's still a lot of work to be done if UK is to meet the state's goals.

A \$188 million funding gap between UK and its 19 benchmarks — a dollar figure that illustrates just how far the university must go to reach the goals laid out in House Bill 1, Todd said. UK would need to hire 910 additional faculty members, increase federal research dollars by 260 percent and add \$690 million to its endowment to close that gap, he said.

Todd said changing the way state legislators view UK is of equal importance. He said he will be meeting with several state legislators between now and the beginning of the upcoming session of General Assembly, which begins Jan. 3, to ensure they fully understand the importance of UK's requests.

"We have a much different mission

than any other institution in the state," Todd said.

"I think that requires us to be funded differently to meet the unique and vitally important mission that the state requires of us and needs from us to move Kentucky forward."

Without this recognition and an accelerated effort from state legislators to give UK more funding, UK will not be able to reach its full potential, he said.

A top research institution is an engine for innovation, for economic development, for breakthroughs in health care and entrepreneurship," Todd said.

"It is a catalyst for moving a state forward."

The futures of UK and Kentucky have reached a critical juncture, he said. "We must dream big, or we will lose big as a state," he said.

"If we don't aspire to do great things, then we are condemning our state to continue to grapple with tremendous challenges — challenges with health care and debilitating disease, challenges with poverty and impoverishment and challenges with continuing to lose our best and brightest to places where opportunities are more plentiful."

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senior Senator Ben Carter. "This intertwines two branches in a way that's going to hurt (us) in the long run."

Some senators said the act was an attack on Robinson. The communications director said he didn't think it was but didn't agree with that portion of the act.

"If you want to give me the right to speak on the floor of the Senate, go for it," Robinson said during the meeting. "I just disagree with the principle of it."

"I try not to take things like that personally," Robinson said after the meeting.

The Senate also passed an act that made it easier for students to form petitions to the Elections Board. In the past students would have to sign their name along with their so-

cial security number. Now students must sign their name and date of birth. The act came as a result of representatives from UK Green Thumb speaking before the Senate two weeks ago. They complained that many students didn't want to sign a petition where they had to give out their social security number.

"People are going to be more willing to sign because they have to give less personal information," said history and political science sophomore Senator Andy Bates who sponsored the act with journalism junior Senator at-large Tegan Alexander.

The Senate also briefly addressed Student Affairs' proposed governing regulation changes. Senators were encouraged to share their concern over the proposals.


The changes would give Vice President of Student Affairs Pat Terrell complete oversight of SG. Terrell originally wanted to have the changes put

in place at the next Board of Trustees meeting in December but scheduling problems have prevented her and the unofficial committee that wrote the changes from rewriting the rough draft to send to the provost, who will then take more input from the public.

"We're developing a draft to send to the provost," Terrell said in an earlier interview. "It would be nice if we could send something to the provost by Christmas but I wouldn't guarantee it."

The Senate also formed a small committee to research the possibility of online voting in the spring elections and encouraged senators to give input on UK's new cheating regulations. The Senate will then make a report that will be given to the University Senate to represent the students concerns.

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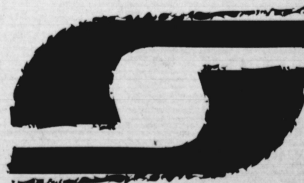
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Elf Power empowers indie

By Nathan Thatcher
KERNEL MUSIC CRITIC

A checklist for those attending tonight's Elf Power show: tension (to be melted away), socks (to be rocked off), five bucks (to be handed to the fellow at the door) and hallucinogens (self-explanatory). What else would you bring to a show of pure psychedelic enjoyment?

Elf Power, a group from the illustrious Elephant 6 collective of indie goodness, brings along Impossible Shapes and Los Pepiniyoz to treat us all to a night full of wonderfully trippy, imaginative jams at The Dame. Andrew Rieger (guitar, vocals), Laura Carter (guitar, keyboards), Eric Harris (guitar), Craig McQuiston (bass) and Aaron Wegelin (percussion) comprise Elf Power, and together, they create songs that soar, crunch, drift and bounce to and fro, all in the same set.

Elf Power has been making music for a solid decade, and has made songs that echo The Flaming Lips, The Beatles and Sonic Youth, though they've built upon these sounds and added synth, fuzz and poor recording equipment to make that trademark indie sound.

Their 1999 release, "A Dream in Sound," hallmarks the peak of their Lips-like sound, with strident vocals sung over warbling, crackling, vibrating ambient sounds. Dreamy, sunny tracks like "High Above the Silver Branches" and "Simon (The Bird With the Candy Bar Head)" sound a bit like the Lips' "Clouds Taste Metallic" but a little more mellow, with less saccharine.

In this album and the 1997 effort, "When the Red King Comes," Elf Power sculpted its image as a formidable and inventive psych/indie rock group. Listening to "Red King," you'll swear you're listening to Pavement covering "Magical Mystery Tour," though the Elves still maintain a distinct yummy flavor of drug-induced floatation.

The latest release, "Walking With the Beggar Boys," shows the Elves swerving away from the dusty path of indie rock onto the well-paved tread of pop, but not to a heretical de-



Indie rock sextet Elf Power will play at The Dame tonight at 9. Tickets are \$5 at the door.

gree. Songs like "Never Believe," "Invisible Men" and "Hole in My Shoe" are certainly more straightforward in their approach, and what's so terrible about that? They're not quite as challenging as their earlier material, but still catchy and easy to listen to for a greater number of listeners.

The album still maintains its roots with tracks like "The Cracks," "Don't Let It Be" and "Evil Eye," which sound much like their earlier work, with the synth alive and well in "The Cracks." "Don't Let It Be" is a cold shower in the midst of the droning, meandering tracks, with its choppy punk pace. It's a perfect way to stir up the surface before it congeals with pop.

The lyrics, though, have been consistently weird, artsy and thoughtful, though never terribly serious or cloudy throughout the Elves' prolific history. If the tone ever loses its brightness, it still maintains its warmth. Elf Power is music to make you think, or sleep, or dance in place, depending on what kind of condition your condition is in. It sounds good. Go watch them play I don't know how to make it any clearer.

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The Ultimate Dater's Guide: Part II

Do you smell it? Well, you should by now. Love is in the air. This being the final part of my dating survival guide, you should already have already registered part one's advice on developing confidence, intellectual appeal, and humor, all in relation to finding hope in dating. Reigniting (or, for the first time, instilling) those characteristics within yourself has expectantly set you up for a first date. At least, I'm crossing my fingers.

OK, so now what? You finally met someone you soberly hit it off with, and you want to not only see this person again, but also find out more about them. In other words, you are ready for a first date. For those of you who have never heard those words before, don't worry, I'll explain in more detail. My friends often ask, "Kenny, how did you become such a stud?" Although I cannot reveal all of my trade secrets, I will fill you in on a few pointers.

The first date is the most critical ingredient in a relationship. Let's face it: The principal goal of a first date is to get a second one out of it. It could either go extremely well, or lead to a slap in the face and never seeing the other person again. Whether it was because your fifth-grade

"wild-days" stories simply weren't that interesting, or you just accidentally knocked red wine all over her white dress (klutz, don't let your hopes down. Sometimes, things just don't work out. But hey, how many times did the Wright brothers fail to fly before they succeeded? It actually don't know, but I bet it was a lot).

Don't let me scare you off with thoughts of failure. I'm going to help you at least try to avoid a disastrous first date. There are key points that should always be considered for a first date. First off, the initial asking of a girl/boy to go out with you is entirely way more nerve-racking than it should be for most people. The general trend of "dating" is getting closer and closer to extinction unless we young leaders step up and do something about it. And, the whole concept of waiting an X number of days to call needs to be blocked from your head. If you feel it is right (subject to personal interpretation), make the call, and ask the person out; just be sure to ask a few days in advance.

Now that you got that out of the way, prepare for battle. Like most great war heroes, always have a back-up plan just in case your original plan needs last-minute rearranging. Weather, personal mood, traffic, and emergencies are almost impossible to prepare for. All of these may in some sort inhibit your ability to do what you had intended for the day or night. Also, while preparing, remember not to go "all out" for this first date. Incredible first dates are often tough to top. What you can do,

though, is be creative. It seems so cliché to treat someone to dinner and a movie. Sure, both of these set proper conversation moods and comfort zones, but try to break away from the norm. If you must do food, stay away from the popular franchises, and explore some eateries and less-often visited. Just do your research to assure the food quality and price range are good. The means here is to open up your date's eyes and have s/he see a side of the city they have never seen before. Other ways of doing this is having an activity (other than dining out) planned for the day or night. Go go-karting, mini-golfing, horseback-riding, base-jumping, I don't care. Just do whatever raises your blood pressure and adrenaline. But, be careful of sweat. Most dates would prefer not to roam around in sticky, clammy sweat, yet remain intrigued with excitement.

Don't forget first dates are almost like job interviews. Some of the underlying principles may be different between the two, but ultimately, both help one another get to know and understand the other or better. The final necessary tools for a successful first date is remaining relaxed and just plain being you. Don't try to be someone or something you are not.

The only other concern most daters will have has to do with the "goodbye" kiss. I'll let you handle that situation on your own. Good luck. Let me know how it goes.

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Stretch run forces Cats to learn how to finish

By Chris Delotell
THE KENTUCKY KERNEL

The UK volleyball team has a theme as it enters the final frame of Southeastern Conference play with road matches at Louisiana State and Arkansas this weekend.

"Get it done." Head coach Craig Skinner is attempting to motivate his team to end matches with a stronger finish after the Cats (16-8, 9-5 SEC) lost three close games to Tennessee on Sunday.

"We didn't get it done against Tennessee," he said. "It's important that we get it done this weekend."

That phrase has led to crisp workouts for the team this week.

"We had a very good practice (Tuesday)," Skinner said. "We've shortened practice, made it more intense. We are focusing more now on rhythm and execution than repetitions. It's been high-intensity."

The increased focus hasn't surprised the players.

"It's completely different than previous years," senior setter Leigh Marcum said.

"In the past, we were ready to just be done with the season at this point. But this year, we're not close to ready to be done yet. We want to do

well in the SEC Tournament and go to the NCAA Tournament."

The Cats face two quality opponents as they look to continue to improve their NCAA resume. LSU (19-6, 9-5) and Arkansas (19-8, 11-5) both harbor tournament hopes as well. The players are aware of the opportunity in front of them.

"This is huge for us," Marcum said. "The first time we played both of them, we played pretty well. We need to do that again."

UK defeated both teams 3-1 last month. With two wins, UK will be seeded No. 3 in the SEC Tournament, placing the Cats in the opposite bracket of conference powerhouse Florida. UK would then not have to face the Gators until the tournament championship.

"That would be big," Marcum said. "The past two times we have gone to the SEC Tournament, we've had to play Florida in the first game. If we can stay away from them until the championship, that would be great."

If UK expects to make a tournament run, Skinner knows they will need to win close matches and games. Despite UK's failure to pull out a win against Tennessee, he is confident the team's ability

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at Louisiana State (19-6, 9-5 SEC)
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to win crucial points.

"It's been half and half," he said. "We've had some really big plays all season; we just haven't been able to make big plays against Tennessee and Florida."

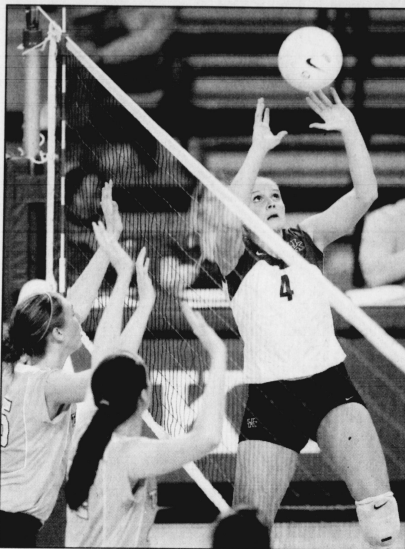
Marcum likes the theme for the week.

"I think 'get it done' is great," she said. "It means something different to everyone, but to me, it means we need to start quicker and finish stronger. As a program, we need to grow and be better at getting the big points at the end."

The team will likely need stronger contributions from its younger players at the end of games. Skinner doesn't feel the expectations are any different with his freshmen than his seniors.

"There are no freshmen and seniors now," he said. "Players are players. In crunch time, you've got to believe you can get it done."

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UK senior setter Leigh Marcum sends a set to the outside hitter against Tennessee Nov. 6. The Vols swept the Cats on Senior Day.

The Cats take on Louisiana State tomorrow night in Baton Rouge, La., as they look to bolster their NCAA Tournament chances.

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Doubles duo discovers perfect partnership

By Matt McAlpine
THE KENTUCKY KERNEL

Kim Coventry and Joelle Schwenk have found a perfect match — in each other.

The two juniors ended the fall season 8-2 and ranked ninth in the nation despite backgrounds oceans apart.

With one being from Down Under and the other from the Sunshine State, some might be surprised these two UK tennis players with different backgrounds would complement each other so well on the court.

"Joelle's strengths are my weaknesses, and my strengths are Joelle's weaknesses," Coventry said. "We fill the gaps for each other and play off of each other's games."

It was not until their sophomore year that former UK head coach Mark Guilbert decided to put them together.

Current head coach Carlos Drada, last year's assistant coach, credits their success to their complementary game styles.

"It's not about background; it's about game styles," Drada said. "Kim has a lot of speed and power, and Joelle has great doubles sense and consistency. They both are highly explosive with their footwork."

Their complementary styles led them to become a success by winning their first tournament.

"We were trying some different combinations in the fall of our sophomore year, and we seemed to click right away," Coventry said.

In that first fall season, they compiled a 12-2 record and claimed the Southeastern Conference individual doubles title.

The road to success, however, started long before they met.

The beginning

Coventry, born in Melbourne, Australia, began her tennis career as soon as she started walking. She said she began playing tennis when she could hold a racket.

She came to America to advance her academic and tennis careers.

"It's the only place in the world



Coventry



Schwenk

where I can continue to play tennis at a high level and get a college degree at the same time," Coventry said. "The chance to do both on a scholarship seemed too good to be true."

UK sparked her interest with the team's high-level work ethic and the strength of the coaching staff. She also said she wanted a chance to compete in the SEC.

Schwenk's path was almost the same as Coventry's. The Coconut Creek, Fla., native began her career when she was 8. She saw the same thing her future partner saw in the UK tennis program: strength and depth.

Schwenk came to UK because of

"the intensity and the dedication of the coaches and team," she said. "I knew this was a place where I could improve my tennis."

At UK, Schwenk and Coventry also found a friendship.

"We never realized until now, but we have parallel lives on opposite sides of the world, so we are very similar," Schwenk said.

The dream

As their talents developed, so did their desire to achieve success.

"I always wanted to be a professional tennis player like Steffi Graf and dreamed of winning Wimbledon," Coventry said.

"I always wanted to be a tennis player, just like Monica Seles," Schwenk said. "We would like to play professional tennis after college. Maybe some doubles!"

Last season this dream became more of a reality when UK won the SEC regular season title.

"We have now experienced the highest level and know what it takes to be successful against strong opponents," Schwenk said.

"We are working on the areas we need to develop to be able to implement the strategies necessary to compete at this level."

The future

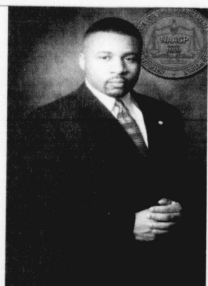
"This fall has been a building block for their training. (Coventry and Schwenk) have worked on technique and overall strengthening," Drada said. "They need to take more chances, and they need to improve their movement at the net."

With their high ranking, the expectations for the spring are starting to build. Ending a successful fall, Coventry and Schwenk are now turning their focus on the challenges ahead.

"I think the competition will be stronger," Coventry said. "And I expect that our experiences last spring will serve us well and give us the drive to do as well and better than our previous performances."

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Controversial reporter resigns

By Johanna Neuman
LOS ANGELES TIMES

WASHINGTON — The New York Times announced yesterday that correspondent Judith Miller, who went to jail for 85 days rather than divulge a source in the CIA leak investigation, had resigned, effective immediately. Miller had become a contentious figure in journalism, both for her actions in the leak case and for her reporting on Iraqi weapons programs in the months before the U.S. invasion of Iraq. While New York Times editors had hailed her for going to jail to protect a source, the paper's highest-ranking editor had also challenged some of her actions in the leak case, and the paper had publicly criticized her pre-war reporting.

In a letter published in today's New York Times, Miller wrote that "I have chosen to resign because over the last few months, I have become the news, something a New York Times reporter never wants to be." A portion of the letter appeared on the paper's Web site yesterday.

Miller served more jail time than any other American reporter but was eventually freed after agreeing to testify to a federal grand jury in the leak case, saying that her source, I. Lewis "Scott-

er" Libby, had given her an unambiguous waiver to do so.

Libby was later indicted on charges of obstruction of justice, perjury and making false statements to investigators looking into who leaked the identity of undercover CIA officer Valerie Plame to journalists. The indictment forced Libby to resign as Vice President Dick Cheney's chief of staff.

As part of a severance agreement with the Times, the newspaper published Miller's letter today. In the letter, headlined "Judith Miller's Farewell," Miller says that she is leaving the paper in part because colleagues disagreed with her decision to testify in the leak case, but "mainly" because she had become a figure in the news.

Miller was often in the news throughout a 28-year career at the paper. She joined the New York Times in 1977. Miller specialized in foreign reporting, cultivating a circle of high-profile contacts in the Middle East. In 1983, the Times made her the first woman to head one of its foreign bureaus when it named her bureau chief in Cairo, Egypt.

Miller was part of a team that won a Pulitzer Prize in 2002 for examining the threats posed by global ter-

rorism.

In the run-up to the war in Iraq, she and colleague Michael R. Gordon quoted unnamed Bush administration officials as saying that Iraq had recently "stepped up its quest for nuclear weapons and has embarked on a worldwide hunt for materials to make an atomic bomb." Later, while embedded with U.S. troops in Iraq, she wrote that Iraqi scientists were briefing American officials on Saddam Hussein's weapons stash.

A year later, after U.S. troops failed to find weapons of mass destruction in Iraq, the Times acknowledged lapses in some of its pre-war Iraq coverage, a mea culpa widely read as an affront to Miller.

A Times columnist, Maureen Dowd, wrote in the newspaper last month that Miller's jail time "was in part a career rehabilitation project" designed to erase from readers' minds her reporting on weapons of mass destruction in Iraq.

Miller was also criticized in a memorandum to the staff last month from Times Executive Editor Bill Keller, who said that the reporter "seems to have misled" the paper's Washington bureau chief about whether she had been told by the administration about Plame and her

CIA affiliation. Keller also referred to Miller's relationship with Libby as an "entanglement."

Miller was upset by his earlier memo. Keller explained that he had not intended to suggest that Miller and Libby had "an improper relationship" but only that her interviews of Libby had landed the paper in a major legal battle.

Keller also said that while he continues to be troubled about what Miller told her bureau chief about the Plame story, the bureau chief himself does not say that she misled him.

Keller wrote to the staff yesterday that Miller, in her 28 years at the paper, "displayed fierce determination and personal courage both in pursuit of the news and in resisting assaults on the freedom of news organizations to report."

For Bush, the results from Tuesday and a succession of new polls showing him at the lowest point of his presidency mean further tensions with congressional Republicans. "It creates an environment where individual members start looking out for themselves rather than the whole team," Republican pollster Bill McInturf said. Bush put his personal prestige on the line with an election-eve visit to Virginia and now must live with the reality that some Republicans may be reluctant to have the president campaign for them next year. Rep. J.D. Hayworth, R-Ariz., told radio show host Don Imus Wednesday that he does not want the president's help. "No, not at this time."

Election results give Republicans cause for pause

By Dan Balz
THE WASHINGTON POST

WASHINGTON — In a season of discontent for the White House, yesterday's election results intensified Republican anxiety that next year's midterm contests could bring serious losses unless George W. Bush finds a way to turn around his presidency and shore up support among disaffected, moderate swing voters.

Off-year gubernatorial contests in Virginia and New Jersey have proven to be unreliable predictors of future elections, as Republican officials were quick to point out yesterday. But as short-term indicators, Tuesday's results confirmed that nothing happened to alter a political climate that now tilts against the Republicans and that the president remains in the midst of a losing streak.

But Democrats may also have to learn some of the lessons from Tuesday if they hope to capitalize on Bush's weakness and make themselves competitive in red states as well as blue states. In Virginia, victorious candidate Timothy Kaine ran a campaign at odds with the strategy of many traditional Democrats, one that focused on religion and values and that appealed as much to swing voters as to the party's base.

Democrats captured the two governorships on the ballot Tuesday, in Virginia and New Jersey, where Sen. Jon Corzine ran away with the race after a nasty campaign. Democrats also buried four ballot initiatives in Califor-

nia championed by Republican Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger and ousted the mayor of St. Paul, Minn., Democrat Randy Kelly, who had betrayed his party by endorsing Bush in last year's presidential election. Democrats failed in their effort to pass a package of political reform measures in Ohio.

Republicans hopes for a quick morale boost had centered on conservative Virginia. Instead, the gubernatorial results there raised concerns among some Republicans that Bush's favored political strategy of mobilizing conservative voters by dividing the electorate on cultural and social issues may have prompted a backlash among inner and outer suburban voters who were vital to Bush's re-election in 2004.

"It's not just that they lost these elections," said Democratic pollster Geoffrey Garin, "but that none of their old tricks worked that they've relied on to give them the edge in close contests."

Kaine's campaign highlighted tensions within the Democratic Party over whether to pursue a strategy designed largely to energize its left-leaning, antiwar grass-roots base or move to the center, emphasize cultural issues to neutralize the GOP's advantage there — Kaine opposes abortion — and talk bread and butter issues such as education and economic growth.

Republican National Committee Chairman Ken Mehlman said that Kaine adopted a strategy sharply at

odds with the approach of leading national Democrats, including the one that was enunciated by Democratic National Committee Chairman Howard Dean during his unsuccessful campaign for the party's 2004 presidential nomination.

"He (Kaine) did not say, 'I represent the Democratic wing of the Democratic Party,'" Mehlman said, referring to language Dean used in his own campaign. "He said, 'I represent the Mark Warner wing of the Democratic Party.' Quite the opposite. ... The Potomac River divides a Democratic Party catering to the MoveOn wing versus a Democratic Party centered in the Mark Warner wing. Indeed, Kaine's success owed less to dissatisfaction with Bush and more to satisfaction with Warner's tenure as governor."

Iowa Gov. Tom Vilsack, D, said there is an important lesson for Democrats in the Virginia results, arguing that Kaine turned the campaign in his direction by persuasively linking his opposition to the death penalty to his religious faith.

"If you have the luxury of running in New York or California," he said, "but if you run in most of the swing states, for every progressive voter there are probably two swing voters. You've got to appeal to the moderate voters. Swing voters do not respond well to partisanship and to negative campaigning. What they're really looking for are people with integrity and people

trying to solve their problems."

Sen. Rick Santorum, R-Pa., facing a tough re-election race next year, will not appear at a Bush event in Pennsylvania on Friday, but said he welcomes Bush in the state in the future.

Three years ago, when Republicans defied history by picking up seats in the 2002 midterm elections, Bush played a crucial role in motivating GOP voters and was widely seen as a major asset in both that and the 2004 campaigns. But Mehlman said yesterday that if Republican candidates do not think Bush will help, the president will stay away. "Where people want him to be helpful he will be helpful," Mehlman told reporters in a conference call.

Democrats question high court nominee's 'conflict of interest'

By Maury Reynolds
LOS ANGELES TIMES

WASHINGTON — Democrats directed new attention yesterday to the question of Supreme Court nominee Samuel A. Alito Jr.'s possible conflicts of interest, sending a letter to his supervising judge in New Jersey requesting documents related to his failure to recuse himself from a 2002 case involving Vanguard Group, the mutual fund company.

After a three-judge panel including Alito ruled in favor of Vanguard, the investor who sued the company objected that Alito should not

have heard the case. He holds nearly \$400,000 in Vanguard-managed mutual funds, according to his latest financial reports.

Anthony Scirica, chief judge of the 3rd Circuit, removed Alito from the case and assigned it to a new panel of judges, which subsequently reached the same judgment.

In their letter to Scirica, Democrats on the Senate Judiciary committee asked for any documents connected to Alito's failure to recuse himself from the case, as well as descriptions of the court's rules and procedures for

avoiding conflicts of interest.

White House spokesman Steve Schmidt defended Alito's actions, saying "the allegation that there's any impropriety is absurd."

"Judge Alito looks forward to answering questions on this issue from the committee," Schmidt said.

Alito's nomination has been gaining ground with both Democratic and Republican senators as he has met with them privately. Alito has blamed a computer system glitch for failing to flag the Vanguard case as presenting a possible conflict of interest. Democrats have said they

doubt that a computer system can be blamed. They point to a 2003 letter Alito wrote to Scirica, following the objection by the investor, in which Alito said he did not believe his ownership of Vanguard shares required his recusal. In the letter, Alito asked to be removed from the case anyway in order to avoid "any possible question."

But Democrats note that Alito had explicitly pledged to recuse himself from any case involving Vanguard when he was under consideration for appointment to the 3rd Circuit Court of Appeals in 1990.

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IN OUR OPINION

Chronic cheaters should pay

For almost a year, the University Senate has doggedly pursued improvements to UK's policies regarding the unethical actions of cheating and plagiarism.

As that process nears its end next month, the group should be both commended for its efforts and encouraged to toughen up penalties on repeat offenders — something a newly proposed "XE" grade would help accomplish.

Currently, a student caught cheating is supposed to get an automatic "E" and then be dealt with by the dean of the respective college. The sad truth, however, is that it doesn't always happen.

Many professors are bending the rules to compromise and meet students halfway, said Bob Grossman, a chemistry professor and chairman of the Senate's academic offenses subcommittee. "Students are also being blackmailed into forgoing the appeal process in many situations because a professor offers a lesser punishment than what is defined under the current guidelines," he told The

Kernel last week. This basically blackmails students into guilt.

And professors who believe the first-offense punishment of an "E" is overly harsh will often handle the situation "under the table" to get a just result.

Under the Senate's proposal, which is still being debated and hammered out, first-time offenders could be punished by less than an "E" grade. The second offense would land the student with an "E" or an "XE" or "XF" grade, meaning the student failed due to cheating.

An "XE" grade would prevent the student from taking the course again. The "XE" or "XF" mark isn't a permanent scar letter, however; the Senate is debating whether to change the length of time an

academic offense remains on a transcript. Finally, a third offense would result in suspension from UK.

A slightly more relaxed and flexible approach toward first-offense cheaters is probably a good idea. Accidentally leaving out a source on a paper is far different than copying during your final exam, and those two occurrences should be treated as such. And this change would provide professors the flexibility they need to effectively and fairly handle these situations, with final approval coming from the college dean, of course.

But nothing should seriously stop UK from throwing the book at multiple offenders, or particularly egregious first-time offenders. That could mean going straight to

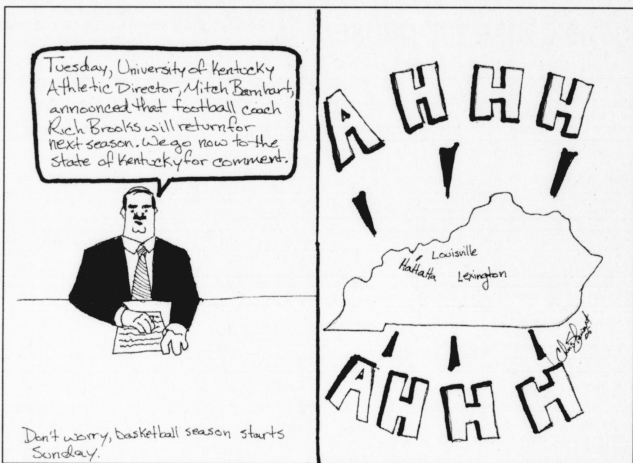
an "XE" or "XF" grade for a first or second offense. That marking, which would remain on their transcript for several years, would not only reveal a lack of academic excellence but a severe character deficiency.

After years and years of primary and secondary education where the evils and wrongs of cheating and plagiarism are drilled into our heads, the fact that students would still do it often — a total slap in the face to any professor — is ridiculous. Students who are caught cheating or plagiarizing multiple times have no right to any sort of lenient policies, and UK shouldn't change its policies to do so.

The University Senate should approve the "XE" and "XF" aspects of the proposal as a way to get any UK student contemplating cheating to think twice before resorting to such unethical behavior.

We're in college, and we should be mature enough and responsible enough to do our own work by now.

The Senate's proposed cheating policy would give professors discretion and latitude to justly deal with cheaters.



CHRIS STEWART, THE KENTUCKY KERNEL

Let's buy the water company, not forcibly take it

When the Kentucky Supreme Court voted Oct. 13 to stop what would have been Tuesday's vote on whether Lexington should continue the water condemnation process, I was glad — not because I wanted to see the issue die, but because I still had no idea how I should vote.

The clear option was to trust my anti-corporate leftist instincts and vote for the referendum. In principle, I favor public ownership, and that would be the result if the referendum were approved. Lexington-Fayette County citizens could rest assured that their water bills were going toward the city, not corporate profit margins.

But one question haunted me: Do the ends justify the means? My opposition to private ownership of utilities wasn't enough to overcome the feeling that condemning Kentucky-American would be an abuse of the city's eminent-domain powers.

That's not to say I think the city shouldn't buy the water company, but I'm uncomfortable with the notion of the city forcing the sale through condemnation. If the city tries to make a purchase deal with RWE, the multinational conglomerate that owns Kentucky-American,

and is turned down, it would seem that two options remain: make a better deal or accept the status quo.

Using eminent domain to force the company to take an offer it doesn't want, even for the sake of public ownership, just doesn't seem right. I don't think corporations should have all the rights private citizens enjoy, but if they have any, I would assume not being forcibly taken over is one of them.

As the election approached, the need to resolve support for public ownership and opposition to achieving it through condemnation grew more urgent, but no less difficult. Then, the Oct. 13 court decision erased (or at least postponed) the pressing need to decide, but it didn't offer any resolution. And, of course, it had no effect on RWE's willingness to cut a deal with the city, so the prospects of public ownership (by whatever means) were just as dim.

But another recent development has brought hope to advocates of purchasing the water company, regardless of their stance on condemnation — last week, RWE announced that it's getting out of the water business in the United States and will therefore be selling the water companies it owns here, Kentucky-American among them.

Now is the time for the city to unite behind the goal of making a deal with the company that will be agreeable to both Lexington and RWE. There's al-

ready some hope of this happening: On Saturday, the Lexington Herald-Leader reported that councilmen Ed Lane and Kevin Stinnett, both of whom oppose condemnation, wouldn't necessarily be against Mayor Teresa Isaac trying to make a purchase deal.

My (extremely) amateur assessment is that, since it plans to sell all 83 of its U.S. water holdings, making a separate deal with Lexington would bring in more money for RWE.

If the process of selling a huge bundle of water companies is anything like what we witness at the grocery store daily — where the more you buy at once, the cheaper each one is — I would imagine that the amount of Lexington's single purchase would outweigh the difference between selling 83 and 82 companies to a single buyer. (Of course, it's possible that my analogy is completely wrong, and I invite a correction from anyone with relevant knowledge.)

And the deal would be worth it to Lexington citizens as well — we would own our water company, without having to use eminent domain.

The new situation compels the city to have a new discussion about the water issue, in terms of public versus private ownership instead of condemnation versus property rights. And this time around, you can consider my stance unambiguous.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Stop the infernal bell-ringing

For more than a week, an incessant, electronic clanging has resonated across campus, interrupting the 10 minutes of mindless internal monologue I cherish between classes. Mysteriously, the bell tower of Memorial Hall has been emitting a bright, cheery tune between each class period, repeatedly subjecting me to the same clichéd patriotic and religious songs.

As of late, it seems that some dark force is trying to take these precious minutes away from me. I can no longer relax my mind between classes. This force prevents me from quietly considering whether Kevin and Britney can hold it together or why the game cornhole is somehow cooler than a state fair bean-toss.

Memorial Hall hasn't been the only source of nonstop robotic repetition. That's right; my satisfying between-class minutes of tranquility are being further compromised.

I cannot walk by the White Hall Classroom Building without being accosted by a demonstrator whose goal is merely to explain over and over again what I should and should not believe.

In Tuesday's Kernel, Erin Kessler complained that students merely pass by these demonstrators without attempting to engage them in debate. For me, the 10 minutes of peace are more important. I want my 10 minutes; I want to be left alone.

Does it make me "ignorant and selfish" to want 10 minutes of tranquility before having to focus on yet another lecture in my next class?

People handing out leaflets aren't really trying to engage in debate. Perhaps I would be more open to discussion if I felt that any enlightenment would be achieved by asking thoughtful questions of the various demonstrators. But I know better. They will respond just like the bell tower in Memorial Hall, singing the same clichéd song over and over again.

ERIN TROLAND
FLIE French sophomore

Math 109 problems are ridiculous

Being one of the many Math 109 refugees who fled the class after the midterm, I strongly agreed with the frustrations expressed by several current students.

However, when I read Professor Avinash Sathaye's perplexed and dumbfounded reaction, I too was left scratching my head; scratching my head how a director of undergraduate studies in the math department couldn't solve such a simple problem.

Sathaye said students weren't utilizing Mathskellar, which leads me to believe Sathaye has never actually been to Mathskellar.

I tried to go to Mathskellar several times, at different times of the day on different days of the week, and every time I went it was simply flooded with other confused students. With less than a handful — I only saw three — of tutors helping well over a math class full of students, I would stay more than 45 minutes and only occasionally did I get any aid.

It wasn't like I wasn't well prepared for collegiate math; I scored a 560 in math on the SAT and took AP calculus in high school. I thought I was well-equipped to tackle math, but that wasn't the case. Somehow, I managed to fail a class that taught the same material as my high school algebra class.

Sathaye and the math department also need to look into who is teaching the class. How people such as this can be allowed to teach students is beyond me.

I'm going to do what many other students are doing and go to a much more established math department, preferably at a community college.

RYAN CURTIS
undergraduate studies freshman

Math students not the problem

I saw the Math 109 article in yesterday's Kernel, and found that both instructor Julie Miker and tutor Thomas Merrick were quick to make accusations that students don't "pay attention in class" or "don't go to Mathskellar."

I go to Mathskellar at least one or two hours every other day, and have only missed one class. I really try and cannot get the concept (mainly due to the language barriers).

We learn something in class, expect to see it on the exam, and it is not there. The reviews are still very different from the exams. I guess it could be my fault, since I can't read the exam, or better yet, read Dr. Avinash Sathaye's mind (or whoever makes the exam).

I think UK needs to provide students with the right education by providing English-speaking professors. We have such high DEW rates (the number of students receiving D, E or withdrawing from the class) but no one will address the issue. It is about time for UK to stop the money-making on this class and help find a solution.

CHRIS VAUGHT
political science freshman

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