

SAB's fate remains unresolved after meeting

SG, SAB, legal counsel, administrators meet; trustees could decide issue later this month

By Tricia Mckenny
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Leaders of Student Government and Student Activities Board met with UK administrators Friday to discuss the ongoing debate over Referendum One, but the parties could not reach a solution.

The referendum asked student voters in April if they would "support popular elections for executive officers of student organizations that receive the student activities fee." The measure passed by a 1,614 to 571 vote.

On Sept. 29, SG unanimously approved a new "skeleton" constitution for SAB that requires popu-

lar election of SAB leaders. Currently, an internal board of directors selects SAB's president and vice president.

Friday's meeting — which featured SG President Rachel Watts, SG Sen. Braphus Kaulund and SAB President Lindsay Creely — was meant to be "a chance to have a discussion about the issue and hopefully come to an agreement," said Pat Terrell, vice president of Student Affairs. UK President Lee Todd asked Terrell to represent the administration's opinion about the issue.

Creely expressed some frustration that the groups didn't resolve the issue and move on.

"We have spent so much time on the referendum and haven't gotten anywhere," she said. "It is taking away from our purpose as SAB."

Barbara Jones, UK's general legal counsel, thought the meeting was worthwhile.

"It was a good opportunity for everyone involved to discuss the issue," Jones said. "That hadn't been done before."

Several other UK administrators, such as Dean of Students Victor Hazard, also attended the meeting.

The two sides "agreed to disagree," Hazard said.

"I don't think a matter like this can ever be resolved in a way that makes everyone happy," he said.

Kaulund said he doesn't foresee a quick resolution to the issue.

"In a way, it seems we are at an impasse," Kaulund said. "They

don't want elected officials and we do.

"Unfortunately, I don't think I am going to change to their side, and they won't change to mine," he said.

Kaulund expressed an interest in taking the issue to the Student Affairs committee of the Board of Trustees.

"The question facing the board isn't whether SG has the authority to decide" how SAB leaders are elected, Watts said. "The board is going to look at what they think SAB should do, whether they should have elections or not."

Russ Williams, a member of the Board of Trustees' Student Affairs committee, said he doesn't think the board should take up the issue.

"It's an administrative decision that Vice President Terrell really needs to take care of,"

Williams said. "Beyond that, it's the provost's or president's decision."

Williams said the board would take action on the issue if the administration asked it to, but he said the group "wouldn't unilaterally act on it."

If the Board of Trustees asked Terrell for a recommendation, Terrell said she would make the same recommendation that she made to SG in late September.

"The president of the university should appoint a committee to review internal structures and organizational effectiveness of SG, SAB, WRFL and any other organizations that receive money from student fees," Terrell said.

The next time the Board of Trustees will meet is Oct. 26.

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Winter intersession offers catch-up time

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In the 11 days of UK's new winter intersession, students can earn the same number of credits per class as they would in an entire semester.

The purpose of the winter intersession — which offers 16 classes — is for students to concentrate on a single area of study that interests them.

The intersession gives students the chance to explore other avenues, said Phil Greasley, dean of university extension.

These new classes are a part of UK's new programs committed to creating opportunities for a thorough and speedy graduation, Greasley said.

But the real benefit is the intense study involved in the winter intersession class, Greasley said.

"These classes can provide a very positive experience if you let them," Greasley said.

The program, copied from schools like Centre College in Danville, is "short but stout," Greasley said.

For questions about UK's winter intersession, go to www.uky.edu/UK/inter.

Students can sign up for the winter intersession at the same time as they register for spring semester classes. Registration begins Nov. 1 and ends Nov. 24.

Daniel Frank, a philosophy professor, will be leading a class called "Philosophy: Morality and Society." The course will consist of two hours of class in the morning followed by a lunch break, followed by two more hours of class.

"Teachers are also human," Frank said. "We'll take a break to freshen up."

Frank said the class is very student-oriented, with maximum interaction among the students and professor.

English professor Armando Pratts is teaching "Hollywood at War: From Troy to Black Hawk Down," which will study Hollywood's contribution to history by depicting wars in powerful ways.

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A DAY AT THE RACES



Melanie Duam (left) from Oxford, Ohio, and Lynn Kelley of Paris, Ky., cheer on their horse at Keeneland Race Course. The fall meet began Friday and continues through Oct. 30. Many fans opted to wear 1930s garb to celebrate "Founders Day" on Friday.

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Roll out the blow out

Alabama capitalizes on UK's second-half mistakes with four straight touchdowns

By Jeff Patterson
THE KENTUCKY KERNEL

Mike Archer roared UK's sideline telling his defense what to expect.

Alabama was going to run the ball at UK. Every play. It didn't matter.

Yet again, the Cats couldn't tackle.

Couldn't hold on to the football. And couldn't get their defense off the field.

The story was all too familiar in the Cats' 45-17 loss to the Crimson Tide Saturday in front of 65,482 fans at Commonwealth Stadium.

Alabama (4-2, 2-2 Southeastern Conference) used four running backs extensively to pound UK (1-4, 0-2 SEC) and wear down the clock. The Crimson Tide rushed 63 times for 304 yards and controlled the ball for a whopping 41:05. Alabama attempted 11 passes.

"We knew that's what they were going to do," said Archer, UK's defensive coordinator.

Sophomore Kenneth Darby, who rushed for 99 yards and two touchdowns, and senior Ray Hudson, who



Andre Woodson, a red-shirt freshman, has the ball stripped away from him by Alabama freshman defensive end Wallace Gilberry. Woodson fumbled three times.

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rushed for 99 yards and one touchdown, led the Alabama attack. All day long, the Tide bounced off missed tackles.

The Tide jumped out 14-0 early in the second quarter after starting from inside their 1-yard line. Darby and Hudson punished UK for more than seven minutes on the drive.

"When you're out on the field as much as that, it's nobody's fault but yours," said UK senior defensive end Vincent "Sweet Pea" Burns. "You have to make tackles. You have to make plays to get yourself off the field."

"That's what has killed our defense all year."

But as always, UK found itself in

ALABAMA 45, UK 17

the game early in the second half.

With 'Bama swarming in, senior quarterback Shane Boyd threw a screen pass to senior tight end Jeremiah Drobney. Drobney had three blockers and went untouched for the 38-yard score.

"I was timing him," said UK head coach Rich Brooks. "It took him a long time for him to get there, but he took it into the end zone."

All of a sudden, UK was back in the game.

Trailing 17-14, the Cats forced Alabama to punt on its second drive.

Freshman Dicky Lyons Jr. returned it to the UK 40-yard line. But wait — there were flags down on the

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Defeatist frame of mind continues to plague Cats

Rich Brooks ripped off his headset. The UK head coach slumped forward and put his hands on his knees. He had seen enough.

He had just watched Alabama's punter, Bo Freeland, turn a botched play into a big play for the Tide.

Here we go again — the thought raced through the minds of every UK fan, player and coach.

Everyone was right.

"That was just the beginning of UK's second-half meltdown against the Crimson Tide, as fumbles, missed tackles and special-team blunders combined to embarrass the Cats and nearly empty Commonwealth Stadium by the midpoint of the fourth quarter.

Here we go again, the same sad end to another Saturday in the land of the Big Blue.

The 45-17 loss left Brooks shaking his head.

"I wouldn't say I'm discouraged; I'm just very irritated that we get chances in games to do something special," Brooks said. "We battle and we battle and then we do the breakdown things, we make the mistakes — this game has no business being as lopsided as it is."

Here we go again — it's the same story of UK's losses to Louisville, Florida and Ohio.

UK hangs around until making The Big Mistake, at which point things begin to get out of hand. Just its luck.

"As an example on Thursday, we practice an onside kick and our kickoff guy sprains his ankle, so that kind of tells you where our luck has been this year," said UK defensive coordinator Mike Archer. "You know, so what? You've got to deal with it. That's life."

If the Cats are to turn this (or any) season around, they have to stop thinking, "Here we go again."

"We were in the game 17-14," Archer said. "We've got a chance if we make a play, but we didn't, so it becomes very much a mental thing, and we have to overcome that."

UK has not made such a play in its last nine games, eight of which have been losses.

Here we go again.

Something has to change the Cats' mentality. Playing more of UK's talented freshman class may spark some changes; at least they have not been here long enough to expect the worst from every game.

Brooks cannot seem to make these Cats believe in anything, but judging from his slumped stance, he's having a hard time believing in much, too.

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Millennia later, 'The Trojan Women' still captivating

By Melissa Smith Mallory
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Universality is very hard to come across, but the ancient Greeks seem to have cornered the market. Euripides wrote *The Trojan Women* nearly 2,500 years ago, but the play is entirely applicable and important for today's society.

In the soft light of the dawn, the women of Troy awake to their ruined city and destroyed lives. Hecuba, played by Christine Young, laments their misfortune, for she was Troy's queen only the day before. As the other women arise from their beds upon

the rubble, they realize that the events of yesterday were not, in fact, nightmares.

If you go...

The Trojan Women by Euripides is being performed by UK's Theatre Department Oct. 14-16 at 8 p.m. and Oct. 17 at 2 p.m. in the Guignol Theatre.

Tickets are \$8 for faculty and staff and \$15 for the general public.

Although it is nice to include as many people as possible in an educational theater production, 10 women seems a bit excessive. None of the actresses is given the chance to make an impression on the audience, try as they might, due to the sheer volume of the chorus.

Talthybius the messenger (Chris McIntyre) arrives to inform the women that they are being separated to each serve a different master. Their separation and



Queen Hecuba, played by Christine Young (left), and Talthybius, played by Chris McIntyre, lay Astyanax, played by Will Farish down on his father's shield in preparation to be buried in *The Trojan Women*.
KETH SMILEY/STAFF

subsequent servitude only add to the mounting adversity these women are forced to endure.

Although numerous, the women did present a believable sense of family cohesion, making the difficulty of separation easier to understand. Hecuba is sent to

Odysseus, who is the most reviled of Troy's conquerors.

Her daughter Cassandra, played by Lauran Osborne, is betrothed to Agamemnon. Osborne presents a wonderful interpretation of the priestess and prophet of Apollo. Upon her entrance, See *Trojan* on page 3



Homecoming 2004

Undeclared sophomore Curtis Lowe puts the finishing touches on the painting on Jersey Mike's window on Limestone Street. His fraternity, Kappa Alpha, and others painted several area businesses as part of the "Paint the Town Blue" competition, kicking off homecoming week. Upcoming homecoming activities include:

- Today: Judging for "Paint the Town Blue" 9 a.m.
- Tomorrow: Movie night at South Campus Commons Area and North Campus Courtyard, 8 p.m. to midnight.
- Wednesday: Concert in Student Center Grand Ballroom, 8 p.m.
- Thursday: Patio parties at Patterson Office Tower plaza and Mining and Mineral Resources Building, 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.
- Friday: Parade beginning at Commonwealth Stadium, 7:30 p.m. Pep rally following parade at Stoll Field. Free concert at the end of pep rally at Stoll Field.
- Saturday: Homecoming game against the South Carolina Gamecocks, 7 p.m.

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Bama

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field against the Tide.

"Make them kick it again, Brooks said.

"Our thought process was that we thought we could make a big play," Brooks said.

Well, they came close.

Senior Bo Freeland stood ready to punt inside the 20-yard line. Then UK junior Andrew Hopewell made his move to block it.

But Freeland didn't kick it. He took off with it for 23 yards and the first down.

Had anyone made the tackle, UK would have been in prime position to take the lead, or at least tie it up.

The Cats' defense would force a punt eight plays later.

"Then we do the breakdown things," Brooks said. "Once it started, it was like a landslide."

The Cats' laundry list of meltdowns all happened within five minutes.

First, Boyd fumbled after being sacked by freshman end Wallace

Gilberry. The Tide rolled into the end zone two plays later.

Next possession, 'Bama blocked UK senior Sevin Scurrovic's punt and recovered it at the 12-yard line. Two plays later, Darby strolled in for the score.

Alabama 31, UK 14. "Those mistakes" turned a competitive game into a rout," Brooks said.

"Bama sophomore Tyrone Prothro added a 100-yard kick return touchdown. And on UK's next possession, redshirt freshman quarterback Andre Woodson fumbled the ball to set up another quick score by the Tide.

"We don't have a margin of error," Brooks said.

Four of 'Bama's touchdowns came on possessions of two plays or less.

"We fell apart," said UK senior end Ellery Moore. "That's what it is."

Still, some players are optimistic that the pieces can come together.

"We just need to put every trust in each other," Boyd said. "We can't tuck tails and run."

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Winter

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For students expecting to watch movies all Christmas break, Prats warned, "the course will be as demanding as any other film criticism course I have taught at the 300 level."

Some classes will be offering first-hand learning, such as the Arts Study Tour, which will travel to New York City. The daily four-hour classes begin Dec. 20 and final will be held Jan. 11.

Students will get a Christmas vacation from Dec. 24 to Jan. 2.

As for tuition expenses, all students will pay resident tuition regardless of whether they are out-of-state.

Students are divided about whether to utilize these new classes.

"Christmas is a time for relaxation," said Jeffrey Kellow, an electrical engineering sophomore. "Santa doesn't bring classes. He brings presents."

Others think the classes will be useful.

"If I ever needed to get ahead in my classes, it would be a great idea," said Ryan Lilly, a mechanical engineering freshman.

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<p>MEETINGS</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Wesley Foundation's Bible Study and FREE Dinner, 5:00pm, Wesley Foundation: 508 Columbia Ave., Lexington • UK Swing Dance Club, Dance Lessons, 6:30pm, Alumni Gym, 825 entire semester • Christian Student Fellowship presents "SHH" for Freshman, 7:00pm, CSF Building on the corner of Woodland and Columbia • Lutheran-Episcopal Campus Ministry's Worship and Dinner, 7:00pm, St. Augustine's Chapel on Rose St. • UK American Civil Liberties Union Meeting, 7:30pm, Student Center, Room 231 • Campus Ministries International Meeting, 8:00pm, Student Center, Room 111 <p>SPECIAL EVENTS</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • UK Food Science Club seminar on "Careers in Food Science," 5:00pm, E.S. Goodson Bldg. (across from Commonwealth Stadium) <p>ARTS/MOVIES</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • "Women's Studies Fall 2004 Film Series presents "Battle of Algiers", 7:00pm, Gaines Center, Slingerland Davis House <p>MEETINGS</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Psi-Dental Society Meeting, 7:00pm, Dental School • Baptist Student Union's English Conversation Class, 8:00pm, 429 Columbia Avenue • Baptist Student Union TNT, 7:30pm, 429 Columbia Ave. • UK Students for Life Meeting, 8:00pm, Student Center, Room 115 <p>SPORTS</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Shaolin-Do Club Meeting, 5:00-6:30pm, Alumni Gym Loft, \$60 per semester fee • UK Fencing Club, 8:00pm-10:00pm, Buell Armory on Administration Dr. • UK Water Ski Club, 8:00pm OFF CAMPUS, Call (859)985-4123 for more info. <p>SPECIAL EVENTS</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Homecoming Movie Night, 8:00pm-12:00am, South Campus Commons Area, and North Campus Courtyard • Comedy Caravan presents Roni Shook, 8:00pm, Student Center, Cats Den <p>ARTS/MOVIES</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • "Open the Gates of Conscience: Art Nouveau Glass and Pottery," Noon-5pm, UK Arts Museum, \$8.00 Admission • "Double Ten Celebration" by The Double Ten Art Performance Group, 7:30pm-9:30pm, Memorial Hall, 520 Limestone St., Tickets \$5 and \$7, for more info call 224-4834 • UK Ukrainian National Dance Company, 7:30 pm, Slingerland Center for the Arts. Tickets are \$27 for UK Staff/Faculty/Senior Citizens, and \$15 for Students, call 257-4929 for tickets • Tracy Farmer Center for the Environment presents a Documentary: "Kilowatt-Dura," 7:30pm, William T. Young Library, Auditorium 	<p>Mon 11</p>
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Taiwanese festivities come to Lexington

By Emily Dickerson
THE KENTUCKY KERNEL

Brilliant tangerine and fuchsia costumes, folk plays, dancing, singing and blessings from the Eight Gods and the Goddess Celestials are traditions and customs in celebrating Double Ten.

UK students and faculty, along with the Lexington community will feel the energy from the traditional costume performances to the modern dancing as they share in the celebration of the National Day of the Republic of China, Double Ten, tomorrow from 7:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. in Memorial Hall.

Taiwan ROC Overseas Chinese Affairs Commission, the Taiwanese American Association of Central Kentucky and the UK Taiwanese Student Association are sponsoring the Double Ten Art Performing Group's first Lexington appearance.

"The evening promises to be a cultural feast of Taiwanese music and dance," said TSA and TAA Secretary Fred Li, a chemical engineering graduate student. "This is a very special opportunity for our community and we hope that many people choose to attend and experience the beauty and culture of Taiwan."

The history of Double Ten, the dedication of the performers and the ambition of the sponsors reflect the customs of Taiwan.

Double Ten celebrates the birth of the Republic of China, which ended 500 years of monarchy, and commemorates the establishment of the

first democratic country in Asia.

"October tenth is the National Day of the Republic of China as the Fourth of July is the States," said Li.

According to history after 10 tries, Dr. Sun Yat Sen led a successful uprising against the Monarch Ching Dynasty on Oct. 10, 1911. Because of this liberation, October is now called Glorious October in Taiwan.

Now, Double Ten is celebrated with fireworks, concerts and parades, Li said. National groups from Taiwan perform in the United States, Canada and other countries with strong Taiwanese communities to celebrate the event.

"The TAA has been around since 1986, helping to make the Taiwan community in central Kentucky even stronger, with events like the Double Ten celebration" said TAA President Ing-Shing Pan, TAA president.

The Double Ten Art Performance Group travels worldwide to promote Taiwanese cultural understanding and to celebrate this National Day. The 24-member touring group will showcase traditional Taiwanese folk dance and music as well as contemporary numbers.

"The group is presenting a limited and exclusive 16-city tour in the eastern U.S. The previous stop was in Memphis and will be going to Dallas after Lexington," said Li. "To be honest, this invitation is a much larger event that we (TSA) have done before."

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passed since entertainers similar to the Double Ten Art Performance Group performed in Lexington. Pan said the sponsors understand this rare cultural and educational opportunity and have been working since May to bring this celebration performance to Lexington.

"For the past 10 years, performances were annually held in Cincinnati, which you can imagine is not convenient for us Taiwan students to attend," Li said. "The TSA expressed, asked, applied and invited the performance group to come to UK. With the help of the TAA we finally heard good news."

"TSA feels honored making the invitation and views it as a great opportunity for UK folks and Lexington," said Li. "This performance is a goodwill mission from Taiwan to celebrate the holiday and we welcome everyone to come."

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Trojan

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the dozen others on stage were overshadowed by her captivating presence.

As Talhybius's messages become increasingly horrible, Andromache (Jenny Fitzpatrick) is forced to hand

over her young son Astyanax. The Spartans are wary of the only son left in Troy and of what he may grow up to do. The separation of mother and son is a heart-wrenching scene into which Fitzpatrick pours her entire being.

While Talhybius acts as the bearer of about the worst news possible, he stands behind the idea of "don't shoot the messenger." McIntyre

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IN OUR OPINION

Chandler should embrace debate

In a time when political activism seems to be at a peak, some political candidates are shirking their public duty hiding in the shadows from voters who want to know where they stand.

Case in point: Democratic Rep. Ben Chandler, incumbent in the 6th district Congressional race, declines to answer voters' calls to debate.

After numerous phone calls to Chandler's press secretary and campaign manager, the Kernel has received no word that he would be attending the Kernel/WRFL-FM 6th District Congressional Debate this Wednesday.

While the other three candidates have responded — state Sen. Tom Buford, Constitution Party candidate Stacy Abner and Libertarian candidate Mark Gailey — Chandler seems to have better things to do than answer voters' questions.

The Kernel/WRFL debate wouldn't be his first no-show.

Chandler was conspicuously absent

from the debate hosted by the League of Women Voters Oct. 2 at the Central Library downtown.

Lexington residents deserve better. Students deserve better.

This act by Chandler follows a long line of other state candidate absences at debates.

Democratic 3rd Congressional district candidate Tony Miller was missing at a Louisville Rotary Club debate against Republican incumbent Anne Northrup last month.

U.S. Sen. Jim Bunning, who turned down Kentucky Educational Television's debate invitation, finally came out of hiding and debated Dan Mongiardo Oct. 11. But this was only after Mongiardo agreed to Bunning's terms — no studio audience and no use of debate footage in campaign advertisements, among others.

It's times like these that really show voters where candidates' hearts and wishes really lie.

These absences separate the brave and eager candidates from the cowards.

Sure, debates are stressful and open a candidate up to possible ridicule and refutability, but that's the point. We're electing these officials to a position where they must take stances, confront conflicts of opinion and, most importantly, answer to their constituents.

As President Bush said in the first presidential debate, "It's hard work." Where else are we going to see how these candidates stack up before we choose them? A sound bite? An attack ad? A Web site?

But in all honesty, we've seen how they stack up. Silence is not a lack of a stance; silence often speaks the loudest. If the candidates won't come to the call of voters in a debate, how will we know they will come to our call if they are elected?

This repeated arrogance and weakness is a message to voters. We just hope voters won't forget this on Nov. 2.

Americans are robbing themselves by settling for biased media outlets

My fellow Americans, the end times are nigh. And it's all our fault.

Although it's too early to invest in Cold War-era fallout shelters or procure Y2K-worthy caches of bottled water, toilet paper and 12-gauge rounds (we haven't invaded North Korea yet) once again, you may want to consider purchasing some common sense with regard to the news media.

Unfortunately most of us do not possess this once integral American trait, and so FOX News, CNN and other networks have claimed dominion over our households as outlets of fair and balanced news.

These news outlets, however, are far from "fair and balanced"; instead of facts we are bombarded with biases going this way and that, dividing those faithful viewers into a binary culture of two extremes.

By eliminating that tricky "gray area" that plagues the simple-minded in matters of politics, these networks leave undecided Americans with only the easily digestible black and the user-friendly white to represent their mental landscapes.

Once we allow our decisions to arrive pre-packaged — cable directly into the comfort of our own home — we sacrifice choice for convenience. Pundits and spinners have already carried out the hard work of thought for us, and we are more than eager to drink from the Fountain O'Reilly whenever our brains run dry.

Today, the press, as Horace Greeley once wrote, is neither the "chosen guardian of freedom" nor a "strong sword-arm of justice." It has become just another business, whose focus is not freedom or justice but dollars and cents.

For this we can thank those great usurpers — advertisers. They have warped the core of journalism so completely that newspaper articles are laid out after the ads and that CNN utilizes flashy graphics and headlines that echo summer blockbuster movies.

"Operation Awesome: America Strikes Back" Or take, for example, the Sept. 30 mockery of a debate between President Bush and Sen. Kerry: The men were allowed only mere minutes for each response and could not ask each other questions (other than rhetorical ones), while the audience was to remain completely static for the length of the debate.

What the hell is this, dinner theatre? The "debate" was not a debate in the true sense; it was fencing without the swords, a sham, sanitized in the name of advertisers whose dollars shape the attention span of its consuming public.

And it was all over before The Tonight Show aired later that evening. God forbid we sacrifice an entertaining monologue for a boring one.

So ask yourself: Do I really need to be this entertained?

We are the primary vendors in the selling of our democracy to a Brave New McWorld, one in which we are too distracted, too lazy and too bored to notice that we are pulling the rug from underneath ourselves.

I'm calling for some responsibility on the part of the media (who should know better but don't care) and on the part of the American people (who don't care to know better).

If journalists continue to forsake truth for sensationalism, it is because we have let them.

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WEEK IN REVIEW

• UK football faced another demoralizing defeat Saturday at the hands of the Alabama Crimson Tide, 45-17. The game was close until the third quarter, when UK special teams allowed a botched punt attempt to turn into a first-down conversion. It was downhill from there. UK's offense only moved the ball 177 yards the whole game, with Shane Boyd as the team's leading rusher and passer. One must wonder if offensive coordinator Ron Hudson pull his playbook from the NES version of Tecmo Bowl.

• University Health Services announced that most students will not receive vaccinations for the flu this year due to a nationwide shortage. Apparently, British vaccine manufacturer Chiron Corporation has had its license revoked for three months by the British government because 50 million vaccines in Liverpool were contaminated. U.S. health officials are encouraging people in low-risk groups to forego the shots since there will be a shortage. Although health officials can attempt to persuade citizens not to receive the vaccine, they cannot deny any demands. Many low-risk individuals have said they plan to get vaccinated anyway. It will be interesting to see how many senior citizens and infants get hosed this winter.

• The Memorial Coliseum sidewalk was transformed into a shantytown this weekend as dozens of UK students and Wildcat basketball fans camped out in order to be first in line for tickets to Big Blue Madness, which is the official opener of the UK basketball season. Several campers have taken extended periods of time away from their normal lives to see a short scrimmage and a slam dunk contest. Next year, UK Athletics should send psychiatrists to talk with long-term campers about whether they believe there's anything else to live for.

• UK Parking and Transportation recently purchased three 2004 Toyota Highlanders to add to their parking patrol fleet. The three vehicles cost the department more than \$73,000, a majority of which undoubtedly came from student permit fees and fines. Parking officials defended the purchase by saying the four-wheel drive vehicles would be useful in inclement weather. For those of you who believe a snowstorm would prevent you from getting a parking ticket, rest assured that UK Parking will be on the case.

Compiled by Opinions editor Andrew Martin and Asst. Opinions editor Ben Roberts.

ONLINE POLL RESULTS

Should Student Government have the authority to tell the Student Activities Board and other autonomous student organizations how they should govern themselves?

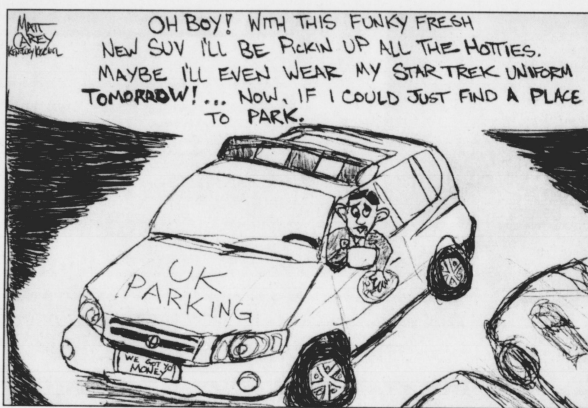
Yes- SG is obligated to take action on behalf of the students even if it involves an independent student organization.

64%; 725 votes

No- Other registered student organizations should be free to act uninhibited by the restraints of SG.

36%; 411 votes

Editor's note: Poll results are not scientific. The polls are for entertainment and discussion purposes only.



MATT CAREY, THE KENTUCKY KERNEL

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Columnists have incorrect views of SG and its officers

Though it seems to have become a pastime, the Kentucky Kernel has recently taken its complete irreverence for the UK Student Government to new heights.

In the Oct. 6 edition of the Kernel, Andrew Martin and Josh Sullivan suggested that all SG officers be fired and cited a few unfortunate instances from the past that they believe to be relevant issues of the day.

The gentlemen used such adjectives as "useless" and "corrupt" in their colorful depiction of SG and called their own representatives (the people for whom the entire student body has the opportunity to vote) "pseudo-legislators."

During my first year at UK I was selected to be on the Freshmen Representative Council, a position vacated in order to serve on the Elections Board of Supervision — the body I chaired for the recent Freshmen Senate Elections (a successful undertaking that was never mentioned in the Kernel).

I am convinced that President Rachel Watts, along with everyone else I've worked with in Student Government, has nothing but students' best interests at heart.

During the Freshmen Senate Elections, I was constantly briefed in regards to specific constitutional stipulations under which the candidates and the Board of Supervision itself must operate.

I consider this a testament to SG's commitment to ensure a problem-free election, and I commend President Watts and others for their genuine concern.

Martin and Sullivan also referred to "election fraud, abuse of authority, cronyism and half-baked endeavors" on the part of SG.

These are other areas in which Watts has taken great strides to rid UK's official student body authority of any past shortcomings.

The people that comprise the SG office staff, in addition to the members of the legislature and judiciary, are some of UK's finest, most efficient public servants.

Watts has surrounded herself with people capable of making UK a better place to live and learn; you can call it "cronyism," but I call it good business.

Sens. Braphus Kaalund and John Weis made an effort to hold other organizations as accountable as the Kernel holds SG. And UK students, albeit a small percentage, responded to that effort.

SG hopes Gator Roast and Hoosier Daddy will engage members of the UK student body, not alienate and belittle the Student Activities Board.

All of these examples are reasons why students should be grateful to Watts and the entire SG. Without the influences of good people, SG may very well become an "elite country-club" organization instead of the legitimate representative and defender of UK students for which Watts and others are responsible.

I am not Greek. I am not a crony. I hold no SG office. What I am, however, is a UK student — one who'd be among the first to stand up and point out SG or any other body that was misappropriating my fees.

The reason SG should be praised and not persecuted is because (with the exception of that whole anti-USA PATRIOT Act business) this is an organization

whose sole mission is to represent students — a job it's getting better at as the years progress.

Its leaders shouldn't be fired; they should be thanked. Besides, if it would take the entire administration and board of Trustees to oversee elections, student representation and other duties performed by SG, then maybe it is not such a "micro-organization" after all.

COODY D. BELCHER
communications sophomore

SG hunger for power a danger to student organizations

It never ceases to amaze me how power-hungry and manipulative Student Government is determined to be. I cannot understand why it keeps trying to take over one of the best student organizations on campus.

Student Activities Board is one of the most diverse organizations at UK that manages to provide a wide variety of activities that the entire student population can benefit from.

SG does not have the authority to dictate how independent student organizations run; the only people who have that authority are the administration, Student Affairs and the real student population.

SG is supposed to fight on the behalf of students concerning matters like tuition increases, parking shortages and ridiculous meal plans — issues that actually fall under its jurisdiction.

I found it ironic that on Friday, Becky Ellingsworth mentioned SAB's budget deficit over the past several years. Has she forgotten SG's own deficit? There was also the \$5,000 budget proposal for the SG Web site last year.

If SG is unable to manage its own finances and operations, then it has no business attempting to over-run another student organization.

Another thing that should nullify Referendum One is inadequate and unrepresentative support. Last year's poll results fail to reflect the views of the student body sufficiently. Only 2,000-3,000 students voted in the election, and the majority of the students that did vote are members of UK's Greek community.

SG cannot possibly say that the numbers are representative of the student body when 25,000 students attend UK and most of them are not Greek.

It is for these reasons that we cannot allow Referendum One to take effect, allowing SG control of SAB and other student organizations.

SAB is one of the first two organizations to come under attack by SG's ridiculous Referendum One (the other being WRFL-FM) and I highly doubt that they will be the last.

Who's next? It may be the Student Volunteer Center, Green Thumb or even the Black Student Union. It is time for the real student body to step forward and demand that SG drop Referendum One before any irreversible damage can be done.

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Mistakes undermine UK's upset bid

By Laura Neilligan
THE KENTUCKY KERNEL

Simple errors by the UK volleyball team snowballed yesterday, keeping the Cats from snapping Florida's impressive winning streaks. With a 3-0 win, the Gators (13-2, 6-0 Southeastern Conference) extended their NCAA-record streak to 136 consecutive SEC regular-season victories.

UK (10-7, 1-5 SEC) started off in the first game on Florida's level, staying within five points for the first half of the game. However, mistakes started to add up, and the result was a 30-21 loss to the Gators.

Game two started off the same with the Cats in the lead, only letting the Gators ahead by one point twice. Once the score hit 11-11, the amazing show by the Cats started to slip. The team's errors culmi-

nated in a 30-18 game loss and 30-21 in game three. "Once we got into rotation, we started to question our ability," said UK head coach Jona Braden. "(Simple errors) caused us to splinter away from our basic principle. Once we got there, it put us too far to reach."

Junior outside hitter Danielle Wallace, who had 10 kills throughout the game, also credits the loss to multiple errors.

"We lost the game ourselves and made bad decisions," Wallace said. "We were going neck and neck, then we would suddenly sink."

Florida went into this game with a 29-game winning streak against UK. The last time the Cats defeated the Gators was in 1990. Although yesterday's loss put that streak at 30, Braden and the players felt that they learned some-

thing from this game.

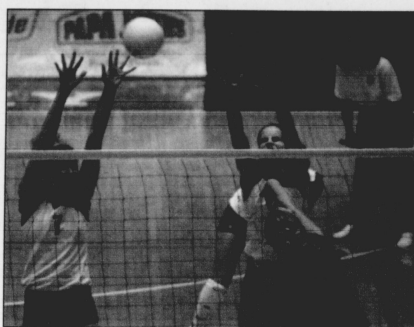
"We need to realize that when it shifts, you can get it back," said Braden.

"We didn't give ourselves a chance to play like we're playing a No. 8 team," said senior outside hitter Sarah Spinner. "We learned that no matter who we're playing, what day it is, we need to play the same consistent volleyball."

The strong starts, however, gave the Cats confidence for future games.

"I learned that we can really hang with anyone in the SEC," said Wallace.

On Friday, the Cats lost to Georgia, 3-1. Although UK had more kills and more digs than Georgia, the Bulldogs won the match by out-blocking the Cats.



UK freshman middle blocker Kristen Cunningham (left) goes up for the block alongside senior outside hitter Sarah Spinner in the Cats' 3-1 loss to Georgia on Friday. Small mistakes added up to another loss yesterday, as UK fell to Florida, 3-0.

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Lone goal snaps MAC streak

By Chris Fisher
THE KENTUCKY KERNEL

The UK men's soccer team looks to be suffering from a case of mistaken identity.

The Cats (7-4-2) in no way resembled the team that battled the defending national champion No. 2 Indiana to a tie in double overtime as they lost 1-0 to a much-improved Northern Illinois team (8-4-0) Sunday at the UK Soccer Complex.

The Huskies controlled the action early and scored the game's lone goal in the 9th minute when Fraser Gibson won the ball in the box and scored unassisted from 12 yards out.

The loss snapped UK's nine-game Mid-American Conference winning streak.

UK coach Ian Collins was not pleased with his team's performance.

"That may be the worst game on this field I've seen in five years ... We were flat the whole game."

"I don't know what our problem was. I thought we

were ready to play."

NIU finished last season with just three wins but has made tremendous strides this season under second-year coach Steve Simmons.

"Their coaches have done a great job," Collins said. "They battled, they were hungry, and they wanted to win."

The Cats played much of the first half without forwards Jamal Shteiwi and Anthony Peters. Collins benched Shteiwi midway through the first half, and Peters was forced off with an injury.

The Cats managed to turn the tables in the second half and were on the attack most of the period. UK had numerous opportunities to score in the box but failed to capitalize on any of their seven second-half shots.

"We've got to be hungrier," Collins said. "The second half was a different game. We played better, but people have

got to be hungrier."

The Huskies had a chance to extend the lead midway through the second half, but junior goalkeeper Andy Graenbaum charged the ball at the edge of the box and got a hand on an NIU shot to keep the score at 1-0.

The Cats thought they had finally broken through in the 74th minute, but freshman Michael D'Agostino's goal scored on a header was negated when he was called offside.

"We didn't play well at all," D'Agostino said. "I'm really disappointed in the way we played. We were prepared; we just didn't play. We weren't working hard, and things weren't going to go our way. We didn't deserve it."

"We gave away a soft goal. This is a bad loss. It's very, very disappointing. It's going to be an interesting week here."

The Cats return to action Friday night when they host Bowling Green at 7:30 p.m.

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Shut out lifts Cats over Gamecocks

By Leslie Wilhite
THE KENTUCKY KERNEL

After being shut out in its past two games, the UK women's soccer team earned its own shutout against South Carolina with a 1-0 victory Sunday afternoon at the UK Soccer Complex.

The game was a defensive struggle for both teams. Although the Cats (6-6-1, 3-2-1 Southeastern Conference) dominated the game in the first half, the Gamecocks (6-7-2, 0-4-2 SEC) took control in the second, with nine shots and six corner kicks.

Despite the Gamecocks' efforts, though, they couldn't get past the tough UK defense. "We gave away too many corner kicks," said UK head coach Warren Lipka. "We knew South Carolina would be dangerous with their corner kicks, but we played well in the air and inside our 18, and they didn't score any goals."

UK got on the board in the 26th minute when UK senior midfielder Alli Haeussler sneaked the lone goal past Gamecock goalkeeper Monica Sanchez.

"Courtney (McCrudden) made another great cross like she has done all

year," Haeussler said. "Then the ball bounced to me off a touch from Kristin (Moyer), and I hit it in on the first touch I got."

Lipka was glad to see Haeussler take advantage of the corner kick.

"Moyer flipped it to Haeussler, and she finished the opportunity," he said. "That's what you've got to do."

The Gamecocks threatened in the final minute of the first half, but a penalty inside the box nullified Sarah Lentz's header into the goal, giving the Cats a 1-0 lead at halftime.

In the second half, the Cats' defense stepped up to protect the lead. Although the Gamecocks had several opportunities to tie the game, UK goalkeeper Liz Butler's seven saves and the team's tight defense inside the 18-yard line prevented the Gamecocks from scoring.

"Every game is a battle," Lipka said. "Our defense was very organized for this game. Now we just have to keep it organized for every game."

The Cats will try to improve their SEC record as they travel to Georgia and No. 13 Tennessee this weekend.

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TUESDAY
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WEDNESDAY
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