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Panel examines past, current spying

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Secret service officials sporting black suits and earpieces, as well as a C-SPAN camera crew witnessed Memorial Hall last night.

About 350 people came to hear commentary on the legality of American intelligence practices from members of the Church Committee — including former Vice President Walter Mondale — which was responsible for intelligence reforms. These reforms include outlawing assassination by the U.S. government.

The discussion, entitled "Who's Watching the Spies?: Intelligence Ac-

tivities and the Rights of Americans," also included former Kentucky Senator Walter Huddleston, and Frederick A.O. Schwarz, Jr., who served as the chief counsel to the Church Committee.

Mondale and Huddleston, were both senators who served on the committee. UK professor of history, Tracy Campbell, moderated the discussion.

From 1975 to 1976 the committee investigated abuses of power made by U.S. intelligence organizations. Its findings resulted in a two-foot thick report and were the cause for the Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Act (FISA), which made warrants necessary for the government to spy on

American citizens.

"[The committee] asked the right questions," said Schwarz. "Should America adopt the tactics of the enemy? Should the American people be allowed to know what the facts are?"

While Mondale stressed the need for a strong CIA and FBI, he cautioned that they also need to be accountable and not run operations based on what he called "hunches." The FISA court system, he said, allowed for intelligence operations to be effectively run and, at the same time, offered a level of accountability.

"The whole idea of getting a warrant was not about holding law enforcement officers back," he said.

"When we obey the law we can do everything we need to do, and we can do it with accountability."

The FISA court system requires approval of three judges approves domestic surveillance operations. These judges are available 24 hours a day so as not to delay investigations. Huddleston said a typical FISA court approval takes a half-hour, and that in its history there have only been two warrants denied by the court.

Campbell applied the committee's findings to modern issues such as the Bush administration's use of domestic wiretapping without warrants, which was uncovered by The New York Times. That program did not utilize the FISA court system.

Before these checks existed, Schwarz said, a number of operations were conducted that should not have been. It would usually begin with a narrow goal from the U.S. administration, which would then become a much more inclusive program.

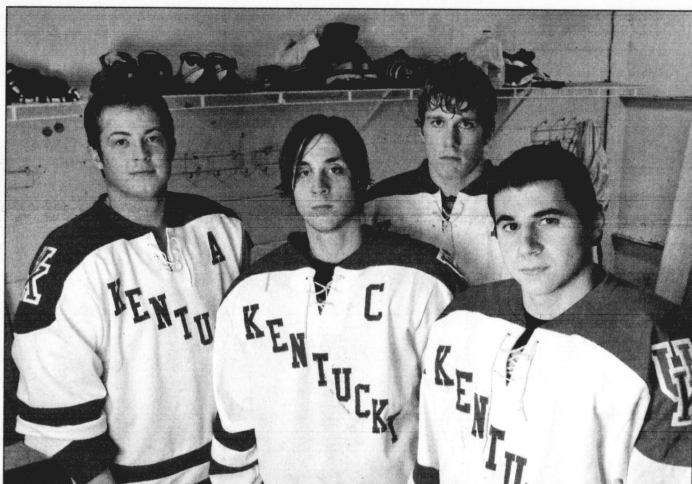
"Because they thought that everything they did would be secret ... it expanded from small to unacceptable," Huddleston said.

He specifically cited actions taken against Martin Luther King Jr. by the FBI, as well as a meeting between government officials and mafia members regarding possible assassination scenarios of Fidel Castro.

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COOL CATS SEASON OPENER

Heating up the Ice



(Right to left) Tony Valerino, Patrick McAdams, Mike Barnes and Chris Protencin stand in the UK Hockey locker room. This year, the ice Cats will be looking to build on last year's winning season.

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UK Hockey team looks to build on last season's progress

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For the past several years, the UK hockey team has announced its games on signs bearing the slogan "Fire and Ice." That rang true last season as a high-powered offense led the Cool Cats to a 19-12-2 season in which they scored over six goals a game.

This season the Cats have a different plan of attack.

"Offense will still be our strength," head coach Rob Docherty said, "but we've added some talented hockey players that have really improved the defense."

The Cool Cats return Mike Barnes, Tony Valerino and Tommy McCurrie, an experienced offensive front line that led an attack that scored 212 goals in 33 games last season. But

this year UK plans to balance its offensive power with an improved defense.

"We replaced our losses with (Andrew) Serres and (Zach) Roberts, two good freshmen that are going to really help our depth," sophomore defenseman Andrew Gibson said. "Last year Pat McAdams and I played almost the entire game on defense, but this year we have some depth that should improve the team."

The improvement started last season when Docherty took over at Christmas, leading the team to an 8-1 finish to the season after a slow start.

"We listen to him because he's played at this level and farther," Barnes said. "He keeps his mouth shut and doesn't rip guys when they mess up, he just sits us on the bench. We can tell by his actions what's going on, and we pay

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HOCKEY AT A GLANCE

- 19-12-2 during 2005-2006 season
- Head coach Rob Docherty took over for the Cats in January
- Cats went 1-3 against Division I opponents, 11-7-1 against Division II opponents and 7-2-1 against Division III opponents
- Scored 212 goals in 33 games and allowed only 91 goals

IF YOU GO:

First game is Saturday against Vennesas State. All home games are played at the Lexington Ice Center and start at midnight.

UK helps Lexington achieve brainy-city status

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A CNN study has named Lexington-Fayette County one of the "brainiest cities" in the United States.

Lexington ranks No. 10 on the list, just ahead of Denver and just behind San Diego.

The only Kentucky city to make the list, Lexington has a population in which 39.5 percent of adults over 25 hold at least a four-year degree.

The U.S. Census Bureau helped gather the

data, which showed Seattle as having the most citizens holding at least a bachelor's degree, at 52.7 percent.

UK spokesman Jay Blanton said Lexington's ranking is not surprising because of what it has in common with the other cities near the top of the list.

"All of the cities have major academic institutions in them," he said. "Having a flagship university is important."

Blanton said that in addition to demonstrating the importance of a college degree, these institutions help the economy and quality of life of

a community like Lexington.

"The per-capita income is higher (than in other communities)," Blanton said.

Many of the cities near the top of the list thrive not only because of the mere presence of a university, but also because of the great research centers many of those universities house, Blanton said.

Blanton said he is proud to see Lexington ranked as highly as other thriving places.

"It's good to see Lexington and UK in that company," he said.

Lexington looks toward green-friendly future

By Juliann Vachon
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Lexington citizens gathered to discuss the effects of global warming at the Kentucky Theatre yesterday evening.

The Green City Town Meeting was the first installment in the Town Hall Meeting Series sponsored by GreenLex, an organization aimed at educating Lexington on the effects of global warming and the opportunities available to citizens to create a greener community.

Founder Rick Gersony said he formed GreenLex in June to help make Lexington-Fayette Urban County a "model green city" through education, discussion and action.

The meeting served as a starting point for the organization to bring together interested citizens and leaders and promote the vision of a more environmentally friendly community.

According to Gersony, Kentucky ranks No. 7 in the country for greenhouse gas emissions, a leading cause of global warming.

"We have about 10 years until we reach a tipping point in climate change," said moderator Tom Martin, Editor-in-Chief of Business Lexington.

"We have 10 years to get it together."

The meeting's panel of 10 speakers included prominent city and state leaders concerned about environmental issues including Lexington Mayor Teresa Isaac, Kentucky State Treasurer Jonathan Miller along with a representative for congressman Ben Chandler.

"If we want something done, local governments have to take the lead because we cannot wait for the federal government," Isaac said.

Isaac described herself as a progressive leader promoting progressive politics. She signed the U.S. Mayor's Agreement on Climate Protection in 2005, which strives to reduce cities greenhouse gas emission levels to that of 1990.

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International night brings world cultures to campus

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Students can experience a little more culture than on a usual Saturday night tomorrow.

That's what International Night is all about.

The annual event, sponsored by the UK International Student Council, showcases cultural traditions through performances and informational booths. It will be held from 6 p.m. to 10 p.m. in the Engineering Courtyard. Admission is free and festivities will be held in the Grand Ballroom of the Student Center in case of rain.

Thirteen performances have already been confirmed for the showcase, an increase from previous years, ranging from musical performances to martial art demonstrations.

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Horoscopes

By Linda C. Black

To get the advantage, check the day's rating: 10 is the easiest day, 0 the most challenging.

- Aries (March 21-April 19)** - Today is a 7 - You're generally a loner, but that will have to change. You'll discover you can do a lot more when you work with somebody else.
- Taurus (April 20-May 20)** - Today is an 8 - You can't have too much set aside for a rainy day. They will come, as you well know. Might as well stay cozy and warm.
- Gemini (May 21-June 21)** - Today is a 6 - New paint on the walls makes a huge impact. If you can't get quite that far, put up a few new paintings. That's doable, and quite refreshing.
- Cancer (June 22-July 22)** - Today

is a 9 - You're good at business, at that gives you more time to be with your family. If you have a family business, so much the better. Appreciate them, and yourself, for what you've accomplished.

- Leo (July 23-Aug. 22)** - Today is a 7 - You always seem to be wealthy, whether you are or not. It's your attitude. But you don't have to get on that. Abundance can be yours.
- Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)** - Today is an 8 - You never assume you're the most important person in the group. That natural humility is one of the reasons you are.
- Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)** - Today is a 6 - Dreams are so wonderful, that sometimes you hesitate to make them come true. There's a lot more cleaning up to do in real life, but it's worth it.
- Scorpio (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)** - Today is a 9 - Be a good steward of your resources. It always makes you feel better to know there'll be enough

tomorrow. With help, you're making that happen.

- Sagittarius (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)** - Today is a 7 - You're gaining respect, but you may not be sure if you want to be in charge. Offer to tell the others what to do, if they don't make you stay in an office.
- Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)** - Today is an 8 - The more you get into the details, the more obvious it becomes that some options are a lot better than others. Don't rush into anything.
- Aquarius (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)** - Today is a 6 - There are several ways to accrue wealth. You can save it or create it out of thin air. Ideas have value, and you're full of them. Get busy.
- Pisces (Feb. 19-March 20)** - Today is an 8 - No need to make hasty decisions. The natural way is to let things evolve in their own time. If it's over, it's over. And if it isn't, no need to make a big fuss.



THE DISH

Who Attracts More Trouble?

Lohan breaks her wrist days after Hilton's DUI. TV's Judge Mathis decides whose life is messier.

LINDSAY'S TRAIL OF TEARS

Car Troubles

Too bad Lindsay Lohan isn't driving Herbie: She smacks her Mercedes into a van in West Hollywood in October 2005; no one's seriously injured.

Her Merc is struck by a photo — while she's making a U-turn to avoid him! — in L.A. in May 2005.

Lost Property

Asthma meds, almost \$1 million in bling and (gasp) her Birkin bag are stolen in London last month.

It wasn't me! A hacker sends obscene notes to Lohan's pals via her BlackBerry in July.

Her credit cards are swiped at a NYC bar in December 2004.

Health Issues

Fractures her arm in two places after slipping at a NYC party on September 15 — and promptly threatens to sue.

Needs 10 stitches in her shin after falling on a teacup at rocker Bryan Adams' home in London in January 2006 (that's got to be worth a serenade).

Patient of the year! Has been hospitalized at least five times since October 2004 for high fevers, dehydration, asthma attacks and more.

Romance Scandals

Screams at Brett Ratner after

finding him in bed with his girlfriend, model Alina Puscau, in April.

Writes a mean message about Scarlett Johansson, then-boyfriend Jared Leto's ex, on a bar bathroom wall in January.

Fights with Kristin Cavallari, in bed of then-flame Talian Tarrero.

Career Woes

Georgia Rule costar Jane Fonda tells Access Hollywood Lohan "parties all the time."

Bobby costar William H. Macy calls her on-set tardiness "disrespectful."

Rule studio head threatens her with legal action in July for lateness and absenteeism. Can't one of her "people" wake her up?

PARIS'S STRING OF SCANDALS

Car Troubles

Arrested for DUI in Hollywood September 7; Paris Hilton says she was "hungry and just wanted an In-N-Out burger."

After leaving an L.A. club in November 2005 with then-beau Stavros Niarchos, he accidentally slams her Bentley into a truck (oh, and almost hits a bystander).

Lost Property

Thieves adore Dior: \$10,000

in Christian Dior gifts get snatched from the Hilton home in May.

Sidekick is hacked in February 2005. Celeb numbers (and racy pictures of her) are posted online.

Her Chihuahua, Tinkerbell, disappears in August 2004; the dog was later found — though the teeny-tiny clown suit is still missing.

Health Issues

Clearly not a love monkey: Hilton has to get a tetanus shot after her pet kinkajou, Baby Luv, bites her arm August 8.

Sports bruises on her arm and a swollen lip, allegedly the work of ex Nick Carter, after their August 2004 breakup (he denies it; she never presses charges).

Romance Scandals

Dances away with Shanna Mosakler's ex, Travis Barker, last month.

Steals Niarchos from Mary-Kate Olsen in October 2005. (She loves Greek tycoons.)

Engaged to shipping heir Paris Latsis in May 2005; split in September — there's room for only one Paris in a couple.

Career Woes

Her Bottoms Up costar Si-mona Fusco disses her to the New York Post, claiming she "was always late to set" and "never memorized her lines." Fusco adds, "I don't think there's any talent there." Ouch!

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— PAC-10 Commissioner Tom Hansen on in-
stant replay official Gorden Riese, who failed to
overturn a bad call in last weekend's Oregon
win over Oklahoma.

Out of LEFT-CENTER THIS WEEK'S TOPIC: Why UK will go to a bowl game

It may be hard to believe, but it is a very realistic thought that the typically football unlucky Cats will pull off a bowl game this season. Why? Here's some food for thought:

1. Four More Are Possible.

UK already has two under its belt. Four more shouldn't be a hard task, especially when UK is up against the likes of Central Michigan (who?), the University of Louisiana-Monroe (where?), a Mississippi State team that is 0-3 and has recently lost to the likes of lowly Tulane, and the 0-3 Commodores of Vanderbilt.

Barring any "upsets", things are looking favorable for the Cats as they go into each of these four games. It was a good idea for the UK to comb the country for teams that wouldn't stack up against them, and a better idea still to pick not one or two to play during the season, but three.

2. We Know How To Score.

Andre Woodson isn't a bad quarterback. He's completed over half of his passes (44 for 71). He averages 240 yards a game. UK can thank him for nine touchdowns in three games.

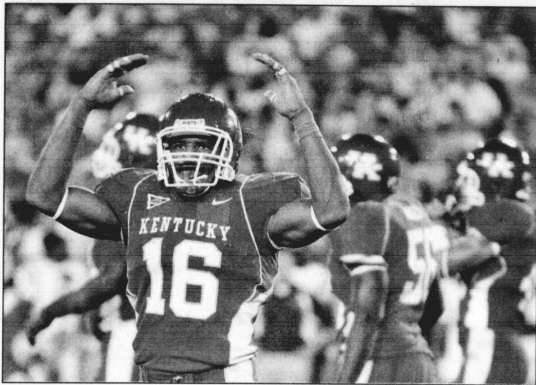
And UK can also be thankful for sophomore Dicky Lyons Jr., who has come out of nowhere this season to score six touchdowns for the Cats. Lyons has been able to take some pressure off of Keenan Burton, who is an equally key receiver with an average of 150 all-purpose yards. And let's not forget Raphael Little and Tony Dixon who combine for an average of 80 yards a game and hold three TDs in their partnership. There's some definite quality in the UK offense and, more so, some definite confidence. UK has the offensive potential to stay in big games, if not win them. It will be this productive offense that will win more games for the Cats and add four more to UK's two victories.

3. It's one or done for Brooks this season.

Before beating Ole Miss last Saturday, UK head Coach Rich Brooks had beaten just two other SEC schools: Vanderbilt and Mississippi State. Last season, only in his second year, people were already calling for his abdication. But Athletic Director Mitch Barnhart chose to keep him.

Now the pressure is on. The two wins that he has already accomplished won't mean a thing if he can't win more, and not just against the easy schools like Central Michigan and Louisiana-Monroe. Fans expect more victories than just the easy ones, especially a UK upset. A bowl game is Brooks' best bet in the way of job security.

'Hoping' for a second first



Junior linebacker Wesley Woodyard pumps up the crowd during last weekend's win over Ole Miss. The Cats won't have the crowd on their side as they face off against Florida at The Swamp tomorrow, but will still be looking for an elusive win.

A win against Florida would keep alive a season streak of firsts for the Cats

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History isn't on UK's side this weekend. Then again, history wasn't wearing blue in Commonwealth Stadium last Saturday against Ole Miss. After snapping a 19-game slide in Southeastern Conference openers with a 31-14 win over the Rebels, the Cats are facing the exact same number of consecutive losses to No. 5 Florida.

It's just another chance for the Cats to make history, or be history.

"We hope we can have another first in a long time for Kentucky," said head coach Rich Brooks.

First place in the Southeastern Conference's eastern division is on the line this weekend. The last time UK (2-1, 1-0 SEC) started out 2-0 in conference was 1977.

Don't think the players are unaware of what's at stake.

"All week we've been talking about if we win this game it will make history at the university," said sophomore running back Tony Dixon. "There's been talk ever since the Ole Miss game was over."

Against Ole Miss, the Cats struggled to get rolling on the ground, only gaining 90 yards. It won't get any easier against a Florida (3-0, 1-0) ground defense that suffocated Tennessee's rushing game last weekend, turning back the Vols for minus 11 rushing yards in a bruising 21-20 win.

"When you consider a team like Tennessee, who rushed in their opening game for over 300 yards against Cal, a top 25 team, Florida held them to mi-

nus yards rushing."

Brooks said. "I mean, wow. That's just unbelievable."

On top of that, the Cats could enter Saturday's contest short-handed in the backfield.

Leading rusher Rafael Little and center Matt McCutchan are questionable for the game. Little has been hobbled with turf toe and a knee injury, while McCutchan is nursing a high ankle sprain. Both will make the trip, Brooks said.

Not only is first place in the SEC East on the line, but the national lead in touchdowns and touchdown reception could also be at stake.

Florida quarterback Chris Leak is the current leader after three games with 10 touchdown passes, edging Andre Woodson by one score. UK wide receiver Dicky Lyons Jr. is pacing the country with six touchdowns, two more than Gator receiver Dallas Baker.

Lyons has become Woodson's go to target in the end zone this season. So far, Lyons has caught two touchdowns in each of the Cats first three games.

History has been on the Cats side for three games. The team has made history last weekend. And even some of the players, like Lyons, have made their own history.

But if the Cats win Saturday, the history books might have to be burned and rewritten.

"That's all Coach Brooks has been talking about has been making history," Lyons said. "When we beat Ole Miss that was the first time we were 1-0. Now, beating a ranked team if we beat Florida, we just want to keep making history."

INSIDE THE NUMBERS

UK		Fla.
33.3	Scoring per game	32.3
26.7	Points allowed per game	9
335	Total offense per game	449.3
412	Total yards allowed per game	22.7
95.7	Rushing yards per game	156
207.7	Rushing yards allowed per game	43
259.3	Passing yards per game	293.3
204.3	Passing yards allowed per game	179.7
37.8	Third down conversion percentage	62.1
+1.33	Turnover margin per game	-0.33

KEYS TO THE GAME

For Kentucky: Hitting on the big plays downfield. With starting tailback Rafael Little likely not at full strength for game time, and a Florida rush defense that held Tennessee to minus 11 yards rushing last week, the offense is going to have to muster deep threats downfield in the passing game.

Wide receivers Keenan Burton and Dicky Lyons Jr. both have receptions of over 70 yards this year. UK also could ill-afford to get down big early. Over 90,000 people at The Swamp knowing that first place in the SEC east is on the line would be tough to overcome.

For Florida: Throw off UK's balance. The Cats have had success keeping defenses guessing by juggling long and short passing plays with the run game. In the Louisville game, the Cards were able to neutralize the running game, and didn't allow UK to score until they were up 31-0. If Florida can take one of UK's weapons out of the game, it could be tough for the Cats to score with one less offensive option.

WHO TO WATCH

When Kentucky has the ball: Quarterback/wide receiver Curtis Puley. The backup quarterback doubles as a play-making wide receiver now after he caught his first career touchdown last week. With Little possibly shelved with an injury, don't be surprised if offensive coordinator Joker Phillips shifts Puley in some sort of trick play as a throwing receiver.

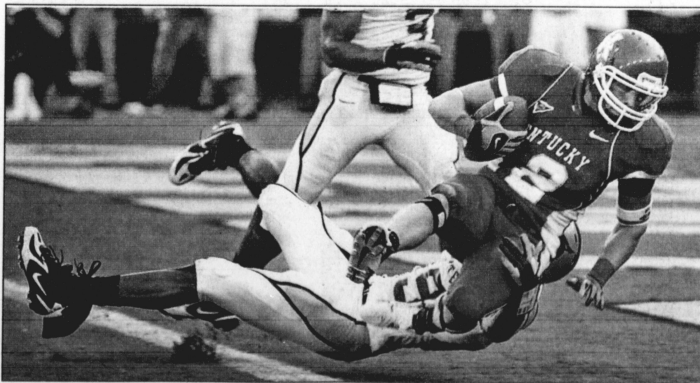
When Florida has the ball: Tailback DeShawn Wynn. Wynn was long criticized by Florida head coach Urban Meyer for not being tough enough. Now, after a 104-yard performance in last week's game against Tennessee, Wynn appears to be ready to be a dependable back.

BEST MATCHUP

Kentucky quarterback Andre Woodson versus Florida quarterback Chris Leak. This matchup of signal callers plus the two quarterbacks that lead the nation in touchdown passes: Leak's 10, out-tosses Woodson's nine, through three games.

—Jonathan Smith

Lyons, Cats looking for respect against top-five foe



Dicky Lyons Jr. was a clown. The laid-back, goofy personality of the talented wide receiver frustrated coaches so much in his first two seasons here that they left him out of an important team activity.

Every year, UK offensive coordinator Joker Phillips assigns upperclassmen to mentor younger players in a big brother/little brother program. Last season, however, Phillips omitted Lyons from the program.

Lyons was uncommitted, lacked preparation and didn't practice hard.

"I didn't want him to influence anyone," Phillips said.

Lyons was hurt when Phillips didn't give him a teammate to mentor.

"I thought, 'alright, they still think I'm the young guy,'" Lyons said. "So that was something I strove to get this year."

And he got it.

Before fall practice, Lyons approached Phillips and asked the coordinator to assign him a little brother. Phillips decided to give it a shot.

"I thought maybe it might help his ass," he said. Lyons was serious about the responsibility.

"I wanted a brother," he said. "I felt like I could take young (Michael) Strickland under my wing."

And he has.

"That's the thing that's helped him," Phillips said of the current



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Black encyclopedia a worthy investment

KERNEL EDITORIAL

The states rich black history will be easier to access, thanks to the first-ever Kentucky African-American Encyclopedia, which is set to be published in 2011.

Gerald Smith, a general editor of the encyclopedia and an associate professor of African-American studies at UK, said, "There have been encyclopedias on blacks, but none have been for a particular state."

"There are a number of different people, places, events, organizations, communities and institutions that have never been discussed in print. And we want to share information about them."

UK is leading the way in the project, along with Western Kentucky University and some other colleges and organizations.

For its part, UK has provided more than \$100,000 in office space and other assistance. UK also supplied more than \$75,000 to launch the encyclopedia's Web site, and is committed to maintaining the site for the next five years.

President Lee Todd said the university has decided to invest in the encyclopedia because it will provide students and the state with an understanding of how black Kentuckians have contributed to the Commonwealth's history.

"As the state's flagship land-grant university, we not only value the creation of new knowledge but also the dissemination of that knowledge to

students and residents across the state," Todd said.

Smith said UK's support of the encyclopedia has been instrumental in getting the project off the ground.

"The University of Kentucky is clearly at the forefront in supporting this work," he said.

The Kentucky African-American Encyclopedia appears to be a worthwhile project that is worthy of the university's funding and efforts.

In years past, UK led efforts to establish a comprehensive Kentucky Encyclopedia, which was published in 1992.

We applaud UK's efforts in the initiative by extending the narrative of the Commonwealth's past to include African-Americans' contributions to the state. Students are also being recruited to contribute to the project.

Two graduate students — one from UK and one from WKU — were hired to check facts, conduct research and write for the encyclopedia.

WKU associate professor of history John Hardin said he expects more students to participate as the project advances.

For students looking for a worthy extracurricular activity, this could be an excellent opportunity to contribute to future generations' knowledge of Kentucky history.

For more information on the Kentucky African-American Encyclopedia, visit the project's Web site at <http://www.uky.edu/KAEE>.

Buying local food good for farmers, students

KERNEL EDITORIAL

Since last month, UK students, faculty and staff have been enjoying a welcome change in campus restaurants — fresher produce.

A three-month trial period of a pilot program aimed at having local food options available at UK is well underway, and has the potential to impact a large number of local and regional farmers.

Herb Strobel, an associate professor of anaerobic microbiology in UK's College of Agriculture, said, "There was a common interest to get locally produced food in the UK dining system."

He added that produce usually travels an average of 1,500 miles from the farm to the consumer. "Certainly one advantage is it's providing food that is fresher and more nutritious," he said.

The program was kept on a small scale for the trial period and will test the feasibility of providing local food to all 20 campus dining locations. A joint committee including members of Dining Services staff and the College of Agriculture will evaluate the program at the end of the trial.

Aside from affecting consumers at UK dining facilities, the program also has potential to contribute to the local economy, Strobel said.

"Purchasing and consuming locally is simply more sustainable from an

economic standpoint, and environmentally speaking," he said.

The project was developed in accordance with Kentucky House Bill 669, which was passed during the General Assembly's 2006 session.

The law requires state agencies, including UK, to buy agricultural products grown in Kentucky.

The state's farming industry could potentially receive a boom from such projects.

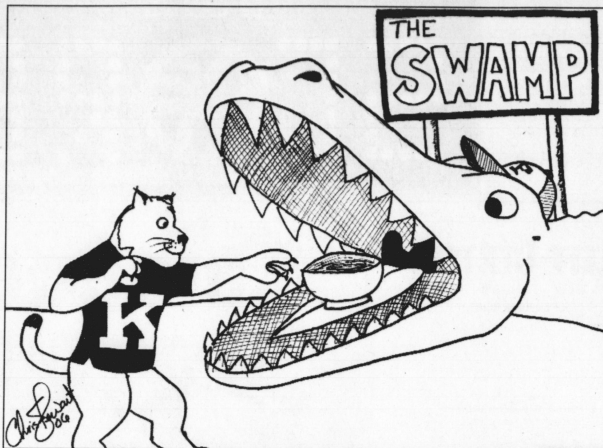
Mark Williams, an assistant professor of horticulture, said "For the farmers to have a market even before they sow their fields — that can change the entire landscape of fruit or vegetable farming."

"With the buying power (the university) has, it can create an excellent marketing option for local growers, and influence other institutions to develop similar programs in-state."

The program could end up saving UK money by cutting transportation costs for produce, Strobel said.

We applaud the university for exploring the possibility of buying produce from local farmers. By doing so, consumers of UK's Dining Services have fresher and more nutritious options to choose from, and local farms will gain an additional market for their fruits and vegetables.

As a large part of the central Kentucky community, UK should look into expanding this project and others aimed at helping the local economy.

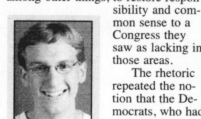


CHRIS STEWART, Kernel cartoonist

This time around, the elephant in the room is vulnerable

DEBATE

In 1994, Newt Gingrich led the Republican Party to power under a "Contract with America" pledging, among other things, to restore responsibility and common sense to a Congress they saw as lacking in those areas.



RICHARD BECKER
Kernel columnist

The rhetoric repeated the notion that the Democrats, who had controlled Congress for decades, had created and wanted to sustain a bloated, sluggish bureaucracy, as if the federal government were some bottomless pit, devouring the tax dollars of hard-working middle-class America and spewing them out on wasteful, useless social programs. Americans, blinded by hatred for a Congress that they saw as out of touch and corrupt, responded to this radical Republican message and cast the Democrats from power.

Now, upon seeing the behemoth that Republicans have turned the people's government into since taking power over a decade ago, voters seem to be having a terrible case of buyer's remorse. This is evident in any non-partisan political journal published in this country.

The consensus among American political scholars is that Americans' general mood in the fall of 2006 is much the same as it was in the fall of 1994, except that this time the Republicans may be on the losing side of the crushing tide of public outrage.

Stuart Rothenberg, publisher of the non-partisan Rothenberg Political Report, recently caught a stir by adjusting his U.S. House outlook from an 8 to 12 seat gain for the Democrats to a 15 to 20 seat pickup and thus, a Democratic majority, saying that "the national mood remains bleak for Repub-



licans. President George W. Bush's job performance ratings are terrible, and the public still gives Congress low marks. A majority of Americans continue to tell pollsters that the country is headed in the wrong direction."

The key lesson here for the Republicans is that you should never promise American voters something you're not going to be able to deliver. The Gingrich Neo-Cons pledged to reduce spending, cut taxes and shrink the federal government if put in power. Yet under this Congress and this president, we have seen the largest increase in federal spending and the most growth in the federal government in our nation's history.

Republicans will charge that I am "living in a pre-9/11 world" or that I am insensitive to the difficult struggle we are facing in waging our Orwellian "War on Terror." The fact of the matter is that we are spending upwards of \$1 billion per week of taxpayers' dollars on this "tough slog" in Iraq, and with no end in sight. Combine this with the renewal of tax cuts for the richest 1 percent of our society, and you have a recipe for financial disaster.

But I'll be honest; this is not a sexy issue. People don't like to talk about fiscal responsibility as much as abortion or gay marriage or gun control, but the fact of the matter is that this is an issue that is connected to all others and, it's an issue that hits each and every American where it hurts the most — in the pocketbook.

Americans have grown dismayed with what they see as a grossly incompetent, elitist and arrogant horde of radicals controlling their government. Americans consistently reject the idea of a one-party government. Americans want division in their government and they have not seen that in quite some time, with Republicans effectively controlling all three branches of the federal government.

Republicans are trying to cut and run from the president's agenda now that they see it isn't flying with voters any longer. Americans want responsibility and confidence in government again. They want a change; Democrats will deliver that change.

There's a big elephant in the middle of the room, and no one seems to want to vote for it.

Between now and the November election, I will be laying out specific policy proposals on a number of issues that Democrats plan on working on if we take back one or both houses of Congress this fall.

I invite anyone and everyone to either comment on the online edition of this column, write a letter to the editor of The Kernel or better yet, write me a personal e-mail at richard.becker@uky.edu with suggestions of what issues I should write about, or specific questions about the Democratic stance on an issue.

I also would like to urge anyone with questions or concerns about what I say in this column or what they hear Democrats say in their day-to-day life to come out to College Democrats and join us in our discussions. We meet every other Monday in room 211 of the Student Center at 7:30 p.m. Our next meeting will be on Sept. 25.

I look forward to receiving e-mails and seeing new faces at our meetings this year so that we can go forward as a community, as a Commonwealth and as a country.

Richard Becker is a political science sophomore and chairman of UK College Democrats. E-mail

Kudos to democrats' presidential defense

Normally I am outraged at the statements made by far left-wing Democrats like Nancy Pelosi, but today we all owe Pelosi and fellow Democrat Charles Rangel of New York a great deal of respect. On the heels of Venezuelan President Hugo Chavez's outrageous comments to the United Nations regarding President Bush, Pelosi and Rangel stood up for their political foe, denouncing Chavez as a nuisance and "an everyday thug." In case you've been living under a rock, Chavez spoke to the UN in New York, referred to Bush as the devil and went on to say that the smell of sulfur was still present — as he crossed himself. He spoke for several minutes denouncing Bush as a dictator, alcoholic and terrorist. The day after, Pelosi and Rangel were outraged. Rep. Rangel was quoted as saying "You don't come into my country, you don't come into my congressional district and you don't condemn my president." I believe that no matter what your political views are, we all owe respect to our leaders, and to have a foreign leader come into OUR homeland and insult our leader is unacceptable.

My thanks go out to Reps. Pelosi and Rangel, not only for denouncing a madman, but for standing up for America. Whether you like our leader(s) or not, you better show respect when you set foot in our country.

Jason Nehmer
biotechnology/political science senior
Kernel crossed line in 'Tore Down'

Shame on you, Kernel, for not only printing, but exalting the Sept. 14 story "Tore Down." Not only were the photographs grossly oversized, but the story itself painted a derogatory picture of UK's students, including those who have lost their lives over the past three years, while putting the author and UK's police force on a pedestal.

As if the situation wasn't bad enough for the (rashly coined) "tore down" student who drank so much he had to be hospitalized, now he has to deal with the humiliation of having a half-page picture of himself sitting above a puddle of his own vomit printed in a local campus newspaper. The officer who took him to the hospital did a good deed. Leave it at that.

Furthermore, grouping Brian Muth, Thomas Byers and Tevis Shaw with the ignorant party scene, as portrayed in this article, utterly lacks integrity and is insensitive to the deceased, their friends and their families. Whether these boys were drinking, drunk or stone sober has absolutely no impact on the depth of their tragedies. The deaths are unrelated and should by no means be lumped together for the sake of sensationalizing a back-to-school story for the Kernel.

UK's police officers can claim they truly strive to educate college students about drinking, and perhaps there are some who really do, but all of the encounters I have ever personally witnessed with cops breaking up college parties have been overshadowed by the pretentious, overly authoritative attitudes of the officers and usually result in a forced evacuation of scores of students who've been drinking, with absolutely no regard of how they will get home.

Maybe if Lexington's cops spent more time on tangible education and prevention efforts, or actually tried to befriend students instead of trying to act like "bad boys," there would be a mutual respect and the relationship between cops and college kids would improve.

The Kernel should strive to support UK's students, first and foremost, and not degrade them.

Educating students about alcohol abuse is a noble cause. The Kernel has failed.

Saraya Brewer
Georgetown College
and LCC alumna

Hazing Control Begins at the Top

In his letter, "Hazing Speech a Failure," Erik Garland failed to recognize that it was not the job of the speaker at the hazing forum to "change" anything. His job was merely to give a speech about the dangers of hazing and the most severe repercussions that can occur due to it and to try to scare fraternities AND sororities out of abusing their associate members (pledges).

The responsibility for the control of hazing starts at the top and works its way down. Dean Falcozini needs to stop playing "deaf and dumb" and start cracking down on fraternity hazing. It seems impossible that he has never heard of any of the more infamous hazing activities of the major fraternities, but if that is the case, here's a few: the freshman fifth, the freshman hunt and HELL week in most every fraternity. These, dean, are not part of the "ritual" of

becoming Greek and are not productive in any way except for the entertainment of older members.

Second, responsibility needs to fall on the elected officers of each fraternity. When you take office for your chapter know that you bear the responsibility for anything any member of your chapter does to a pledge. If the head representatives of the fraternities allow hazing to go on, it will, hence, maybe a sense of responsibility might stop chapter executives from allowing the abuse of its younger members to continue.

Finally, responsibility falls on the shoulders of the pledges themselves to know when enough is enough. It's important to buy into the idea of brotherhood (sisterhood) when you join a Greek fraternity or sorority, but know when you're being exploited! No one who asks you to drink a liter of vodka or to come clean his/her house in the middle of the night when you have a test the next morning is your brother/sister! There's no valuable lesson in that! So if you find yourself being hazed don't think you don't have the right to say no, and quit if it comes to that. Just because you sign a bid card doesn't mean you are required to be loyal to an organization no matter what they do to you.

In closing, what Garland failed to recognize is that there is a hazing meeting every single year, and nothing EVER changes because those who truly bear responsibility aren't taking steps toward prevention.

Ricardo Fables
English senior

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

GREEN

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The Lexington-Fayette Urban City Government joined with the University of Kentucky and Fayette County Public Schools in the Bluegrass Partnership for a Green Community, which focuses on creating a regional commitment to environmental issues, according to Isaac.

Other initiatives included the Lexington Bluegrass Mobility Office Carpool/Vanpool Program, the use of 27 hybrid electric vehicles by the LFUCG and the use of LED lights in Fayette county's 10,088 traffic signals, which use less energy and emit less greenhouse gas.

GreenLex hopes to expand the current bike-lane system before the World Equestrian Games come to Lexington in 2010 to provide environmentally friendly transportation to the event.

UK was not represented on the panel of speakers. "I think President Todd should have come tonight because he is a strong voice in this community," said forestry junior Drew Combs. "UK is an essential part of the Lexington community. That it was not represented in something as important as this is unfair to the student body and the community."

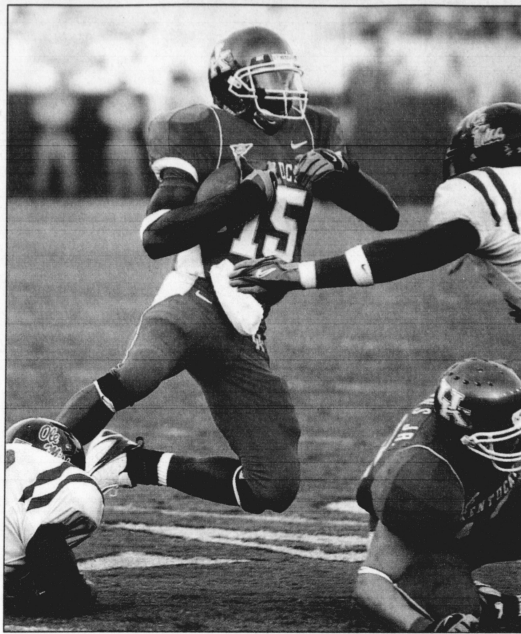
Two representatives from the Interfaith Alliance of the Bluegrass discussed the link between faith and the environment.

Mark Kline, vice president of the Alliance and panel member, said citizens must speak on behalf of nature because it cannot speak for itself. "We can't pretend to believe the world will take care of us when we are at war with the world," Kline said.

Natural Resource Conservation and Management senior Jan Steffe said the meeting was very encouraging.

"It was nice to hear what Lexington has already accomplished and see its willingness to keep going," Steffe said. Steffe said she hopes UK will begin to make improvements in areas such as bike lanes on campus along with the diminishing use of coal.

"We need to find a way to bring all the different colleges and departments in discussing sustainability," Steffe said.



Sophomore backup quarterback Curtis Pulley makes a dash in last Saturday's game against Ole Miss. BRAD LUTTRELL | STAFF

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national leader in touchdown receptions. "He's taken it personal. I hope he continues to grow."

Lyons' willingness to take on the big brother role serves as a microcosm of the strides he has made this season as a football player.

The coaches knew Lyons had the ability to be a great receiver when they recruited him out of New Orleans. It took two years, however, for the athletic receiver to understand that his natural talent was not enough to be successful in college.

"It was all mental with him," Phillips said. "Now he's getting the mental part."

The first sign of Lyons' increased commitment to preparation came in team meetings. "You noticed Dicky start to take notes and do all of the things that great receivers do," Phillips said. "He started growing up a little more."

That development was nothing short of stupefying for the coaches.

"Dicky taking notes?" head coach Rich Brooks said. "That was a shock."

Lyons just decided it was time to grow up. And that growth has been no more evident than in the end zone.

He has caught two touchdowns in each of UK's three games this season. He's the

first player in school history to accomplish that feat. He is even leading the Southeastern Conference in scoring at 12 points per game.

"It's amazing what kind of turnaround he's had," Phillips said. "It's exciting to watch him grow up right before our eyes."

Brooks this week called Lyons "one of the best stories in college football."

And he is. Lyons' personality, though, hasn't changed completely.

"He still wants to be a clown, and he is," Brooks said. "But it used to be that mostly people were laughing at him. Now they're laughing with him."

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HOCKEY

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While the Cool Cats are focusing on defense, the offense is not expecting a drop off.

"We returned the entire front line on offense," said Barnes, the team's captain. "Me, McCarrie and Valerino are still going to score some goals, and now we have Chris Protentic back to back us up."

Protentic did not join last year's team until the middle of the semester because of a shoulder injury but still scored nine goals in only four games.

Barnes led the team in points with 26 goals and 41 assists, while Valerino led the team in goals with 33.

The team feels it has the ability to make a postseason run.

"We're a very strong, deep team," Docherty said. "I see

good things and I think we've got the team to get to regionals and make a real run at nationals."

Standing in the way of the Cool Cats will be one a much tougher schedule than last year's, according to Valerino. The season begins at midnight Friday against Kennesaw State at the Lexington Ice Center.

"Indiana, Miami (OH) and Davenport are big games if we want to improve our record," Valerino said. "And Kennesaw State is a quality team. We are a better team this year but we have a tougher schedule too."

Docherty is feels his team is prepared for the difficult schedule.

"We're a hungry hockey team. We're focused and we have great leaders in Barnes, McAdams and Protentic. They have worked all summer to get guys on campus and get better. ... We have all the positives of a good team. If the fans come out, everyone is in for a treat."

SPYING

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"If we didn't like somebody, we would send a visitor to see him," Mondale said.

The panel answered questions from audience members at the end of the discussion.

"It was the worst mistake the United States of America has ever made," Huddleston said of the Iraq war. "Not only that, but nearly every decision we've made since then has been a mistake."

While the event could have been improved, it was a step in the right direction for UK, said Richard Becker, a political science and history sophomore.

"I feel the format wasn't exactly conducive to a worthy debate, as I feel the subject deserves," he said. "But,

I think we had some real statesmen at UK tonight, and that can only be good."

The School of Communications and the First Amendment Center sponsored the event. Beth Barnes, the Director of the School of Communications, helped organize the event.

"I had very high expectations for the panel, but it completely went over my expectations," Barnes said. "Just to have people who have such an incredible background, to have their comments not just on the committee, but also on what's happening today."

The panelists are reconvening this morning at 8:30 a.m. in the Gallery of the William T. Young Library. That session, entitled "Traitor or Watchdog," will focus on the role and responsibilities of journalists in reporting on intelligence operations.

SHOWCASE

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Rohan Kalathia, a chemical engineering junior and president of ISC hopes the participation means a large draw from the student body.

"We're hopeful that the fact that we have more performances confirmed for this year is a sign of an increased interest from students," Kalathia said.

The attendance in past years has been about 500 people and this year should have the same or more, said Jesline Chandrakumar, a psychology junior and ISC's vice president.

One of the main purposes of International Night is to bring students, both local and international, together and allow them to experience the many cultures featured at UK. It showcases the diverse student population and what it offers to the university.

"UK's a place with a lot of different people and traditions," Kalathia said. "We want to reflect that and allow all of the students to enjoy it."

International Night has amassed a following from returning students.

"I went to International Night my first semester, and it's probably one of the biggest things I'll remember about UK," said Karen Collette, a history sophomore.

The event has already attracted the attention of some new UK students as well.

"It seems like a pretty fun time," said Ethan Combs, an undeclared freshman. "I've heard a lot of good things about it from other people, so I'll probably stop by."

with the event and has always seen value in it.

"I've been coming to International Night since my senior year of high school and have always thought of it as a fun event for anyone," Kalathia said. "It's a great way for students to get to know each other, how we're different, how we're alike and most importantly, what's out there in the world."

International Night marks the first large event hosted by ISC this year. The organization also puts on a sports tournament in November, International Talent Night in February and several smaller events, including movie nights, throughout the year.

ROHAN KALATHIA
chemical engineering junior

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Sophomore
Mansur Turnbull

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