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## Boxer grabs the spotlight



UK boxer Chad Gilpin is among the favorites to win the national championship. Last week in New York City, Gilpin beat a 200-pound full fighter from the U.S. Military Academy. Gilpin weighed less than his opponent, but his height advantage led him to the victory.

Chris Johnson  
THE KENTUCKY KERNEL

Chad Gilpin has been to the national tournament each of the three years of his career, been an All-American twice and was national runner-up last year.

He is the favorite to win the National Collegiate Boxing Association national championship, and he was in New York City last week representing UK in the New York Athletic Club College Boxing Invitational, a one-match exhibition featuring some of the best boxers in the nation.

He can also tell you what it's like to be waylaid by a national champion boxer who outweighs you by 50 pounds.

And, he's an art studio major with a focus in photography.

Gilpin was the only boxer from UK's club team attending the invitational, which is a showcase of the top four boxers in the nation at each weight class.

Chad's experience and size advantage have his coach, George Ginter, thinking he will reach the next level this year and come home with a championship.

"I was a betting man, I'd say he has a 60 percent chance to win the national championship," Ginter said.

Gilpin headed to New York Nov. 20, where he, his father and former four-time UK All-American Jeremy Witten attended meetings about rules and did some sightseeing before the fights Nov. 22.

Witten, Gilpin's corner man and a national champion in the mid-1990s, is taking the place of Ginter, whose demands as a local anesthesiologist kept

him from attending both the invitational and the team national championships in April, so he decided to attend the team championships.

"It's tough not going," Ginter said. "I used to go every year, and the New York Athletic Club is my favorite place to stay."

"The Athletic Club was amazing," Gilpin said. "It was very swanky. The fight atmosphere was amazing. It was in this big gym they have there and the ring was in the middle with seats all around."

Gilpin made short work of his opponent, a 200-plus pound fighter from the U.S. Military Academy at West Point, N.Y., dispatching him with three eight-count knockdowns in the first round for a technical knockout.

"He outweighed me," said the 195-pound Gilpin. "But he was short so I had a lot of reach on him and I was quicker. I hit him with punches he didn't see coming."

Gilpin, who is 6-foot-4, has a tremendous reach advantage over most of his opponents. Early in his UK career, he fought as a super heavyweight, a class with no weight restrictions, and that was not where he needed to be.

"I can tee off on those big guys and they just keep coming," Gilpin said. "I get into the ring with a guy whose arms are as big around as my legs, they are so slow that I see their punches coming, but I can dodge, hit them, get away and they're still there."

"I decided to put Chad into the super heavyweight division his freshman year," Ginter said. "He was taller, so we thought that would give him an advantage, but he was getting into the ring with guys 40 pounds heavier than him. Fortunately, he made it to nationals and ended up fighting the guy who won it all, so it was a big learning experience for him."

Gilpin moved to the 195-pound weight class, where he fights guys that are six or more inches shorter than he is. This gives him a tremendous advantage over his opponents and lends itself to his style, which is to attack and keep moving around.

Gilpin and his opponents must weigh in at 195 on the morning of the fight. But, he said, that may not mean they weigh 195 when the bell rings.

"Once you get to training every day, it's incredibly easy to lose weight through sweat," Gilpin said. "You can sit in a bathroom with hot water running and shadow-box with the mirror for a while and lose 10 pounds in one night. Then you weigh in and drink juice all day to get it all back."

"It's not a very good idea," Ginter said. "Every-

body's going to skip a meal and get a little dehydrated before they weigh in, it's inevitable, and two to three pounds in one practice isn't a big deal. But Chad never has to worry about it, because he's walking around two pounds under weight all the time. He weighed in

**"I'd say he has a 60 percent chance of winning the national championship."**

George Ginter  
Chad Gilpin's boxing coach

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## EKU will not discipline former UK police chief

By Darriush Shafa  
THE KENTUCKY KERNEL

Former Police Chief Fred H. Otto III will not face disciplinary action from Eastern Kentucky University for having a UK employee help with his coursework, one of Otto's professors said yesterday.

Michael Schumann, an associate professor of loss prevention and safety, said the matter had been resolved satisfactorily from EKU's point of view.

"We have investigated the matter, we have met with (former) chief Otto and we are satisfied with his explanation in the matter," he said.

Schumann said the reasoning was based on Otto's written work and participation in class.

"I feel very strongly that his written work mirrored

the way he spoke and the arguments he made in class," he said. "It corresponded to his background. We're satisfied that this is his work."

The UK Police employee who helped Otto, Nathan Brown, declined to comment.

Maj. Joe Monroe, one of the police administrators who is running day-to-day operations since Otto's absence, said the police want to move on.

"We just want to bury it behind us and go on with the future of the department," Monroe said.

Ken Clevidence, director of public safety and vice president for auxiliary and campus services, has stepped in to fill the vacuum left by Otto's departure and said that he does not feel that the change in leadership will affect students' safety.

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OTTO

## UK's Amnesty group celebrates with march

By Shannon Mason  
THE KENTUCKY KERNEL

UK's Amnesty International chapter, along with other campus and local organizations, is hosting a Human Rights Day celebration tonight.

The event will begin at 6:30 p.m. at the Patterson Office Tower courtyard with a candle procession in remembrance of the ethnic cleansing in Darfur, Sudan.

"We want especially to draw attention to the situation in Darfur, Sudan, the violence of which has caused 1.6 million Sudanese to flee to neighboring Chad," said Jessi Vowels, the local Amnesty chapter's coordinator.

The procession will lead to the main event at 7 p.m. in room 339 of the Student Center.

"This event is important (because) it's a way to get the word out about what Amnesty does, as well as help people with similar interests — namely human rights — network in a comfortable meet and greet setting," said Evan Jones, an anthropology senior.

Human Rights Day is an annual celebration of the signing of the United Nations' Universal Declaration

of Human Rights and is nationally acknowledged on Dec. 10.

Vowels said they chose to have the event on Thursday instead of Friday because they wanted to be sure that everyone could help defend human rights and see their families before finals.

"It's an opportunity to unite people who have common goals and who want to make positive footprints in the world," said Maggie Messerschmidt, an anthropology senior and co-president of Green Thumb Environmental Club, which is also involved with the event.

Other organizations involved include Leftist Student Union, Lambda, Laverder, Kentuckians for the Commonwealth, and the Kentucky Coalition for Peace and Justice.

"Celebrating the (declaration of human rights) is the heart of what Amnesty stands for," said Rachel Brokaw, an anthropology and linguistics junior and Amnesty treasurer.

"And there is no better way to celebrate it than by taking part in human rights activism."

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## Smith's halftime message motivates Cats to blowout win

By Ben Roberts  
THE KENTUCKY KERNEL

A real long walk. That's how UK point guard Patrick Sparks described last night's trip from the Rupp Arena floor to the halftime locker room.

Holding on to a six-point lead over the visiting Morehead State Eagles, Sparks and his teammates knew what Tubby Smith would say once they left the court.

"He was mad — that's the understatement of the year," junior forward Kelenia Azubuike said. "He got on us good and rightly so."

UK responded to Smith's halftime talk by scoring the first 20 points of the second half, and held the Eagles without a field goal for the first 8:53 of the period.

The Cats coasted the rest of the way to defeat Morehead State 71-40 last night at Rupp Arena.

"It was pretty intense," Sparks said of the halftime talk. "We didn't come out and play the way we wanted to and we knew what we were going to get. We went

in there and took it and came back out and responded. Coach got us to play there in the second half."

Morehead State head coach, and former Wildcat point guard, Kyle Macy said the Smith should have never had to get on his players.

"They've got to take care of business from start to end," Macy said. "Coach Smith shouldn't have to come in at halftime and chew them out the way he did. They have to buy in to what Coach Smith is trying to teach them."

"They have to buy in top to bottom and pound teams like us."

Held to two points in the first half, Azubuike added 19 points after halftime to lead four Cats who scored in double figures.

Sophomore center Shagari Alleyne had 11 points, and senior forward Chuck Hayes and Sparks tallied 10 points each. Hayes also added 10 rebounds for his fourth double-double of the season.

Azubuike scored nine of his points during UK's 20-0

run to start the second half, kicking off the streak with the Cats' first 3-pointer of the night.

"I think we got out and ran more," Azubuike said. "I just tried to take the ball to the basket. You've got to attack and make good decisions."

Alleyne, who also had eight rebounds and six blocked shots, said the run was a direct result of Smith's halftime talk.

"We were a lot more aggressive and played with more emotion," he said. "It's like a chain reaction, he gets on us and we get on them."

The Cats jumped out to a 24-8 lead midway through the first half, but turnovers and missed shots led to a 13-0 Morehead State run that kept the Eagles close for the remainder of the period.

UK scored five points in the final nine minutes of the first half and shot 33 percent from the field in the game's first twenty minutes, missing on all eight of its 3-point attempts.

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JONATHAN PALMER | STAFF

UK sophomore forward Bobby Perry (far right) congratulates sophomore Shagari Alleyne, as Alleyne returns to the bench near the end of UK's 71-40 win over the Morehead State Eagles. Alleyne scored 11 points on three-of-four shooting from the field. He added eight rebounds and six blocked shots in 17 minutes.

## Boxer

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(Nov. 20) at 193."

While this method of crash-weight loss is effective, according to Gilpin, it isn't easy.

"Your legs turn to jelly," Gilpin said. "That hurts me more than they usually because my style makes me use my legs more."

He prefers to keep the weight off through the week before his fight, because he won't have to crash diet before the bout. This preference, along with the nature of the sport itself, has helped in every facet of his life.

"It instills discipline," Gilpin said. "You can't lie to yourself like in school, going 'Aw, man, I studied for that test!' when you got a bad grade and you know you didn't study. In boxing, everyone in the arena will know that you didn't work as hard, and you'll know because you'll get beat up."

Getting beaten up and taking punches is something that deters many potential boxers from the sport. But

Gilpin can go into each fight knowing he's been hit the hardest he will ever be hit.

He has faced 300-pound boxers and 280-pound boxers, but the worst punch he ever took was against a 267-pound mountain of a man, the boxer that won the super-heavyweight national title Gilpin's freshman year of 2001-02.

"He hit me in the face and I fell," Gilpin said, staring off into space as he recalled the impact.

"You're supposed to get to one knee at the eight count, so the ref stops counting, then get up, but I stood straight up as soon as I could. I wasn't thinking or something... you wipe your gloves on the ref's shirt to show him you can still go on, and I stuck my hands out then just went down sideways."

He only remembers that part of the fight through watching the videotape, but he said the hit has, paradoxically, made him more aggressive in the ring.

"Now I know that someone that's 195 pounds can never hurt me as bad as that guy did," Gilpin said. "I know that's the worst I'll ever feel in a boxing match."

Being on the other side of those hits is much more enjoyable.

"Boxing is pure, one-on-one. When you knock a guy out, it feels good.

You know that you've trained harder, worked harder, and you're superior to him," Gilpin said.

"You're stronger and better in general. There is that animal feeling, like yeah, I did it to him, but just the feeling of physical superiority is the best thing."

**Chad Gilpin**

UK boxer Gilpin's opponent Nov. 22 was an injury replacement for Greg Watton, a Naval Academy fighter that is Gilpin's major rival in the 195-pound weight class. They have met four previous times and are tied, two wins apiece. Watton de-

feated Gilpin in the national championship last April, after Gilpin won in the regional tournament.

"He's the co-favorite to win if Watton comes back," Ginter said. "It's going to come down to him and [Watton]. They'll probably fight for the national title."

"I've won both regions and he's won the two times we fought at nationals," Gilpin said. "I can't wait to beat him this year."

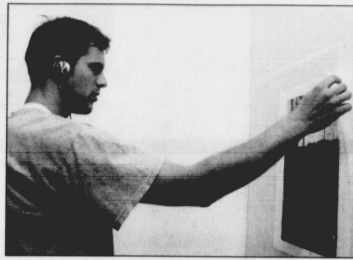
Gilpin said he and Watton have more than a professional respect for each other.

"We went out and hung around Xavier (University) together last year (after regionals)," Gilpin said. "He's just an incredibly nice, great guy. But I just don't want to get beat."

While some would see being an art studio major and an All-American boxer as a strange combination, Gilpin said there is no stereotypical boxer.

"It takes a different kind of person to not mind being hit," Gilpin said. "It's really random, the people who end up loving boxing."

The boxing team is made up of all different kinds of people, from John Paul Hart, a forestry major and "total outdoorsman," according to



JONATHAN PALMER | STAFF

Chad Gilpin prepares a print for his final critique in a photography class in the Reynolds Building. Gilpin, a UK boxer, is also an art studio major.

Gilpin, to Jeremiah Muwanga, a vocal performance sophomore.

"We're all really different people, but the love of the sport, the willpower and the tenacity to be good is what brings us all together," Muwanga said.

Chad was one of the first people Muwanga met in college, and the two became fast friends.

"I have a lot of good memories from just hanging out and being stupid with him," Muwanga said. "He's

just a cool guy. But he's taught me a lot about boxing, too. I'm definitely a better boxer because of him."

Muwanga said he was struck by Gilpin's attitude when they met.

"He's never been any different because of how good he is," Muwanga said. "And he could be, because he really is good. But he's always been humble."

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## FLY ON THE WALL

### Bean & Leaf, Bottle & Barrel: 'Casually elegant' experience



Bean & Leaf, Bottle & Barrel, located just off the corner of Tates Creek Road and Man O'War Boulevard in the Tates Creek Centre, offers a variety of gourmet coffees and wines, as well as an extensive and innovative menu. The coffeehouse also hosts a wine tasting every Tuesday at 6 p.m. Reservations are required for the tasting, and for the \$20 fee, customers may sample 10 wines with an appetizer, salad and dessert.

PHOTOS BY BLAKE DENNIS | STAFF

"Casual elegance" is the best way to describe the restaurant that calls itself "Lexington's original gourmet coffee/tea house and wine bar."



**Danielle Herring**  
KENTUCKY COLUMNIST

Bean & Leaf, Bottle & Barrel is a cross between a casual coffee house and an upscale restaurant just the kind of place you would expect to find in downtown Lexington.

However, you won't find it downtown. It's located next to Blockbuster Video in the Tates Creek Centre, which is at the corner of Tates Creek Road and Man O'War Boulevard. As a first-time patron, it was hard for me to determine whether this place was casual or dressy. At first, I thought I was underdressed in my jeans and T-shirt because every table was covered with linen tablecloths and had vases with fresh carnations. The server, dressed in a black button-down collared shirt with a bow tie, brought us linen placemats and gently laid linen napkins on our laps. The hostess wore a black evening dress and heels.

On the other hand, our server also wore blue jeans and tennis shoes with his B&L/B&B-embroidered shirt. I looked around and saw that the other patrons' dress also varied from jeans to suits — apparently anything goes in this unique establishment.

Adding to their non-traditional style is the many possibilities they offer to their customers. In addition to eating a gourmet meal, patrons can surf the Internet on their own laptops, taking advantage of the free wireless access in B&L/B&B, read magazines



and books from their library or purchase various items you might find at a coffee house or wine shop, including a variety of coffee beans (whole or ground) sold by the pound, coffee mugs, flavored syrups, French and Italian virgin olive oils, balsamic vinegar, books on wine and food and, oddly enough, bow ties.

While we waited for our food, we inhaled the flavorful aroma of coffee beans and listened to the jazzy instrumental Christmas music. The dining area is small and the tables are close together, but my dining experience felt intimate and cozy instead of cramped and uncomfortable. Though I ordered their BLT, what I received was no run-of-the-mill bacon, lettuce and tomato sandwich. Instead, I enjoyed a wonderful arrangement of bacon, tomato, spring greens and mayo layered between a delicious and generously sized multi-grain flat bread. Pieces of sun-dried tomato were sprinkled on top of the sandwich and the horseradish garnish. It was well worth the \$6.99 I paid, but I don't think I'll ever be satisfied with an ordinary BLT again.

My companion ordered the chicken Verona: Grilled chicken breast wrapped in two bacon slices, served over a bed of almond and raisin steamed rice with a side of sun-dried tomato balsamic vinaigrette.

The menu offers soups and stews, like the STBF (soon to be famous) white chili, for \$4.99 to \$7.99; sandwiches, such as the special grilled club, for \$6.99 to \$8.99; quesadillas, like the smoked salmon, cream cheese and capers, for \$5.99 to \$10.99; salads, such as the black bean and steak salad, for \$6.99 to \$15.99; and entrees, like the chicken cordon bleu, for \$7.99 to \$15.99.

Like any good coffee house, B&L/B&B offers a variety of coffees and desserts. I indulged in a mocha caramel

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cappuccino for \$2.79 and my companion had a bottomless cup of their house blend with caramel flavoring for \$1.59.

For a treat, we shared a slice of their signature dessert: Flourless chocolate torte garnished with caramel and chocolate syrups and whipped cream. The torte is made with Jamieson's chocolate and comes in five flavors — chocolate, peanut butter, Four Roses Kentucky bourbon, Quady Forte and espresso. Customers can enjoy a slice for \$3.99 or an entire cake for \$34.99.

As we prepared to leave, our server, who happened to also be the general manager, prepared several tables with red linens, oil lamps and wine glasses. This was for the restaurant's weekly wine tasting.

For \$20 and a reservation on Tuesdays at 6 p.m., tasters can sample 10 different wines and dine on an appetizer, salad and dessert. A special entree is also available to participants at a discounted price.

They also have "Wacky Women Wander in for Wine in- and out-of-wedlock Wednesdays" (i.e., Ladies' Night) when women can receive \$1 discount on all glasses of wine and \$3 on bottles. I could write a novel about all the items and events offered by B&L/B&B. However, for the sake of brevity, I suggest a visit to their Web site to find what it means to be casually elegant.

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### Rapper DMX fined, must forfeit SUV

By Herbert Lowe  
NEWDAY

NEW YORK — Rapper DMX must forfeit his sport utility vehicle after pleading guilty to misdemeanor offenses yesterday in connection with what prosecutors called reckless behavior at Kennedy Airport. DMX, whose given name is Earl Simmons, pleaded guilty in Queens Criminal Court to reckless endangerment and driving while under the influ-

ence of alcohol or drugs. Judge Dorothy Chin-Brandt sentenced Simmons, 33, to a conditional discharge in which he would avoid serving up to 12 months in jail if he stays out of trouble for a year. Chin-Brandt also imposed a \$1,000 fine and ordered Simmons to forfeit his 1998 Ford Expedition, valued at \$13,200. The SUV sports a police-style, emergency-response flashing light and siren package that prosecutors said cost \$2,500.

Outside the courthouse, Simmons and his wife, Tashera, were disappointed at having to give up the truck. "I got 33 cars — but that was my first truck," said Simmons, who has recorded three triple-platinum CDs and starred in "Romeo Must Die" and "Crash 2 the Grave." Port Authority Police arrested Simmons and Jackie Hudgins, 41, on June 24 at Kennedy after they posed as federal agents in the SUV.

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## Cats

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"We just couldn't make a shot (at the end of the first half)," he said. "It's hard to get momentum when you get it inside and somebody turns it over or takes a contested shot. That's as big a momentum breaker as anything."

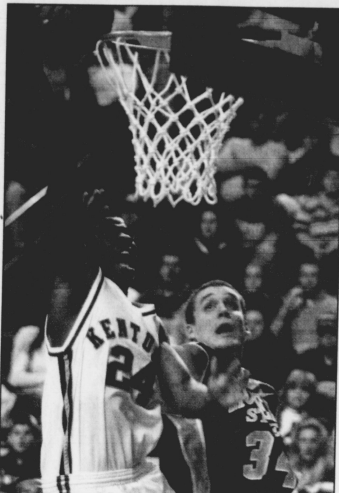
Aided by the early run, the Cats turned it around in the second half by shooting 46 percent from the field and forcing 13 Morehead State turnovers.

The Eagles were also held to six field goals and 17 second-half points, most of which came toward the end of the game.

Smith said after the game he was not concerned with his team's spurts.

"That's the way it is," he said. "Some days you're up, some days you're a feather duster, some days you're a peacock. That's the way it goes."

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UK junior forward Kelenna Azubuike dunks over Morehead State freshman center Kevin McDonald. Azubuike led all scorers with 21 points last night.

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### Morehead State (40)

NAME	mi	fg	3-pt	ft	rb	tp
McKnight	26	1-3	0-0	0-1	8	2
True	21	0-4	0-0	0-0	3	0
Stevens	21	2-11	1-4	0-0	8	5
Reed	24	3-7	1-3	3-3	1	10
Smith	37	4-15	1-9	0-0	2	9
Hankins	13	1-5	1-3	0-0	2	3
Kelley	24	1-5	0-0	2-2	1	4
McDonald	15	1-1	0-0	0-0	2	2
Burns	19	2-4	1-2	0-0	5	5
Team	200	15-55	5-21	5-6	36	40

### Kentucky (71)

NAME	mi	fg	3-pt	ft	rb	tp
Azubuike	21	8-13	1-3	4-6	5	21
Hayes	28	4-12	0-0	2-2	10	10
Morris	20	4-7	0-0	1-2	4	9
Rondo	22	1-3	0-0	0-0	4	2
Sparks	23	3-7	2-4	2-2	4	10
Stockton	8	0-1	0-1	0-0	0	0
Perry	9	0-2	0-0	2-2	2	2
Alleyne	17	3-4	0-0	1-1	8	11
Moss	8	1-4	0-1	0-1	8	11
Bradley	14	0-4	0-3	0-0	2	0
Crawford	14	1-6	0-4	0-0	2	4
Carrier	6	0-2	0-2	0-0	0	0
Obizzo	7	1-1	0-0	0-0	0	2
LeMaster	3	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0
Team	200	26-66	3-18	16-24	47	71

Morehead State	23	17-40
Kentucky	29	42-71

## SPORTS BRIEFS

### Football assistant hired

Former UK assistant football coach Ron McBride has been named head football coach at Weber State, the school announced yesterday.

McBride coached inside linebackers at UK from 2003-04 under head coach Rich Brooks.

He replaces Jerry Graybeal, whom Weber State fired Nov. 16 after a 1-10 season.

"This is a dream come true for me," McBride said. "I love the state of Utah and have missed being here. This is the job I want, and Weber State is an ideal situation for me."

Before coming to UK, McBride was the head coach at Utah from 1990-2002. In that time, the Utes were 88-63 and played in six bowl games.

In 2002, he was fired by Utah, as the Utes went 5-6.

He was replaced by Urban Meyer, who led the Utes to a Bowl Championship Series berth this season.

"Ron is one of the all-time great coaches, and we will miss him very much," Brooks said in a press release. "I'm happy for him that he will get a chance to resurrect the Weber State program like he did at Utah."

McBride is the second assistant Brooks must replace this off-season, as of

ensive coordinator Ron Hudson resigned the week before UK's season-ending loss at Tennessee Nov. 27. Brooks has since named receivers coach Joker Phillips as the Cats' new offensive coordinator.

### Abdullah makes All-SEC team

UK safety Muhammad Abdullah has been named to the Associated Press All-Southeastern Conference second team.

Abdullah, a junior from Folkston, Ga., started at free safety during the first eight games of the season before moving to strong safety following the dismissal of safety Mike Williams.

Abdullah ranked third in the SEC in turnovers created with five, including three interceptions and two fumble recoveries.

He was named second-team All-SEC by the coaches in 2003 and 2004. He was named the team's Most Valuable Player by his teammates.

### Abren, Miller make All-Freshman team

Nose tackle Ricky Abren and offensive tackle Aaron Miller were chosen to the SEC All-Freshman Team by The Sporting News.

Abren, a redshirt freshman from Hopkinsville, Ky., played in all 11 games, starting seven. He had 26 tackles, five quarterback hurries and two forced fumbles. He scored a touchdown against Tennessee when he caught a deflected pass and ran into the endzone.

Miller, a freshman from Grayson,

Ky., started the final 10 games of the season.

### Sucrovic wins award

Senior punter Devin Sucrovic has been chosen as the recipient of the second-annual Wyndham New Orleans Bowl Inspirational Award.

He will receive the award at the bowl luncheon on Dec. 13.

The award goes to a football player who has demonstrated superior perseverance.

Last year's winner was Neil Parry of San Jose State, who overcame a leg amputation to return to college football.

Sucrovic grew up in the rural area of Tuzla, Bosnia. He was 9 when war broke out.

Sucrovic's family moved to another village while his father fought in the war. To walk to school, Sucrovic made a 10-mile roundtrip on foot each day.

In 1998, the Sucrovics moved to the United States. They carried \$2,000 after selling off their possessions.

The family moved to Lexington, where Sucrovic went to Henry Clay High School. There, the football coach discovered his talent and turned him into a kicker. Walking home from practice, he was hit by a jeep and suffered two broken bones in his neck. He recovered and eventually became UK's starting punter.

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# Iraqis mull election date extension

By Karl Vick  
THE WASHINGTON POST

BAGHDAD, Iraq — Fighting flared Wednesday in the Sunni heartland cities of Samarra and Ramadi, while Iraqi officials mulled a suggestion to extend national voting for two or more weeks beyond the established date of Jan. 30.

Insurgents in Samarra, about 65 miles north of the capital, attacked the home of the city's police chief, detonated a car bomb outside a U.S. base and fired rocket-propelled grenades at American troops. A U.S. patrol at an intersection in the city also was attacked, according to a spokesman for the 1st Infantry Division, Capt. Bill Coppennoll.

The incidents were all reported to have taken place within 40 minutes in Samarra, where insurgents remain active more than two months after U.S. and Iraqi forces swept in to reclaim the city from domestic and foreign rebels.

No U.S. casualties resulted, but the car bomb killed one Iraqi civilian, and soldiers fatally shot two Iraqi drivers who the military said accelerated toward them as the troops checked cars after the attack at the intersection. Both drivers failed to acknowledge warning shots, Coppennoll said.

Fighting also erupted in Ramadi, a provincial capital 30 miles west of Fallujah and another rebel stronghold. Insurgents detonated a bomb in a white sedan near an armored convoy close to a police station north of the city, apparently damaging a Bradley Fighting Vehicle, witnesses said.

Witnesses also said mortar shells were fired toward a U.S. base west of the city. After the attack, a pickup truck roared with a loudspeaker announcing that the barrage was retaliation for the arrest an hour earlier of Raghada Salim Fahdawi, 22, Fahdawi is the sister of Kasar Salim Fahdawi, a commander of the group led by Jordanian

militant Abu Musab Zarqawi.

First Lt. Lyle Gilbert, a Marine spokesman, said he had no information on the attack. Gilbert also said he had no record of a subsequent firefight in the city, which witnesses said went on for 90 minutes and resulted in the death of nine insurgents.

Afterward, U.S. forces blocked entrances to the city, ordered shops closed and announced a curfew, the witnesses said. U.S. snipers were visible atop tall buildings in the city center, while insurgents roamed openly on the city's west side.

A local police officer said half of the city's force had failed to report for duty because of threats to officers and their families.

Meanwhile, as fears continued that violence could disrupt next month's national elections, interim Prime Minister Ayad Allawi this week suggested that voting in some areas be extended well beyond Jan. 30.

"One can imagine elec-

tions spread out over 15 or 20 days, with the dates differing according to the provinces," Allawi said in an interview published Tuesday in a Dutch newspaper.

Such a strategy would permit Iraqi officials to move military forces from one trouble spot to another, rather than thinning them nationwide on a single day, Iraqi officials have repeatedly ruled out stationing U.S. or other allied forces near polling places.

The Iraqi Interior Ministry on Wednesday endorsed the idea of an extended vote, but the independent Electoral Commission of Iraq was circumspect.

The country's transitional law, which is considered the law of the land until Iraqis write a constitution, calls for a parliament to be elected in nationwide balloting before the end of January. That assembly will select a prime minister and write the constitution.

# Dick Clark may miss New Year's Eve show due to stroke

Verne Gay  
NEWSDAY

Perennial teenager Dick Clark may miss his New Year's Eve ABC extravaganza for the first time in his 33 years.

Clark, reported to be 75, suffered a minor stroke Monday and was hospitalized at an undisclosed location in Los Angeles, but he said in a prepared statement, "The doctors tell me I should be back in the swing of things before too long, so I'm hopeful to be able to make it to Times Square to help lead the country in bringing in the New Year once again."

However, neither Clark nor his longtime publicist, Paul Shefrin, was able to define exactly what "before too long" meant.

Clark, who revealed last spring that he had adult onset diabetes, maintains a crushing television production schedule. His New Year's special, "Primitime New Year's Rockin' Eve 2005," as scheduled, is to be a marvel of endurance. The show begins at 10 p.m. on New Year's Eve and ends at 2:05 a.m. Jan. 1; Clark will juggle musical acts and even reportage.

The syndicated TV show "Access Hollywood," which broke the news of Clark's stroke Wednesday, reportedly has a source who said the stroke may have been serious enough to sideline him. However, Shefrin said Wednesday, "It's real simple — he's hopeful he can be there. It's exactly what he says."

Of possible contingency plans, he

said, "There's nothing in place at this point."

"All of us at ABC look forward to Dick's fast and full recovery," said Andrea Wong, ABC's head of specials.

Clark's company will also produce "The 62nd Annual Golden Globe Awards," which will air Jan. 16. He has traditionally had a more limited on-air role during the awards, confined to red-carpet interviews.

Clark is a TV icon who hosted one of the most influential musical shows in history — "Bandstand" (later renamed "American Bandstand"), which aired on ABC in some form or another over four decades. He also remains a hugely active TV producer, with numerous specials and series to his credit.

# Laptops could pose male fertility threat

Jamie Talan  
NEWSDAY

First, it was tight pants. Then, it was saunas. Now, when it comes to fertility, men have something else to worry about: laptop computers.

Scientists at Stony Brook University Hospital on Long Island have discovered that the male testes heat up after only an hour of laptop use, and the 4.9-degree Fahrenheit increase may be enough to impair fertility.

"The body needs to maintain a proper testicular temperature for normal sperm production and development," said Dr. Yefim Sheynkin, director of male infertility and microsurgery and lead author of the study, which will be published

Thursday in the journal Human Reproduction. "Until we know more about the risks, boys and men may consider putting the portable computer on a desk, and avoid the lap."

Further tests are necessary to determine just how much heat would be detrimental to sperm, he said, and the next step is to measure sperm count before and after laptop use. Nevertheless, he said, he will add a new question to his medical evaluation when he sees patients dealing with infertility.

It's been long known that heat can damage sperm concentration and morphology or shape. When couples arrive at a doctor's office with infertility problems, they fill out forms including such questions as whether the

man takes hot baths or uses a sauna or has suffered a recent high fever. Occupational exposure to heat is also a concern, and bakers, pizza makers and truck drivers who spend time in hot cabs seem to be at greater risk, Sheynkin said.

The Stony Brook scientists recruited 29 healthy men who then spent an hour using a laptop on two separate occasions. Readings from a thermal device attached to each man's scrotum rose by 5.7 degrees Fahrenheit on the right side and 4.9 degrees on the left.

Previous studies by other scientists have shown that a 2-degree Fahrenheit change can disrupt sperm production.

Computers give off a lot of heat, Sheynkin said that

the laptop computer went from 87.6 degrees Fahrenheit at the start of a session to 103.8 degrees an hour later.

Dr. Daniel Kenigsberg, an infertility expert and director of Long Island IVF in Port Jefferson, agreed that it is important to understand all factors that could contribute to infertility. He said about 15 percent of couples have problems conceiving, which is linked to sperm quality about half the time.

Heat can be a major issue, he said. "It is one of the reasons that the testes resides outside of the body," Kenigsberg said. For instance, the core temperature in the heart is 2 to 4 degrees higher than the core temperature of the scrotum. "That is a crucial difference," he said.

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## IN OUR OPINION

### WRFL needed extra time slots

Campus activities should ultimately be about the students. That's why we support WRFL-FM's decision to make way for more student involvement. Student fees each semester make up 98 percent of the operating costs of the radio station. But, WRFL General Manager Michael Powell told the Kernel this week that only about one-third of disc jockeys are students. That has been a point of contention between WRFL and Student Government, especially given SG's moves to bring more accountability to WRFL and the Student Activities Board. Reducing the length of time slots at the station will put WRFL in a position to do what all campus organi-

zations should do — benefit students. A few personalities at WRFL weren't pleased with the decision to reduce each program from three hours down to two hours. "Responses for the most part are, 'Kids are the ones who suck,'" said Bill Widener, a UK alumnus, public library employee and WRFL host. "I'm on the pajama party. You are killing the audience." That attitude couldn't be more antithetical to WRFL's purpose. It's understandable that certain personalities would be upset. But students fund WRFL and are thus entitled to creatively expressing themselves on its airwaves. WRFL has always prided itself on being Lexington's only real alternative to mainstream corporate radio.

The addition of new students to the staff can only continue that tradition of taking the marketplace of ideas to the broadcast airwaves. And, it appears, filling those newly created slots won't be terribly difficult. "We would not be doing this if students weren't interested," Powell said. "We're looking for more blues programs, more jazz — more specialized genres of music." Students are best served by their college experience when they take the opportunity to expand their worldviews. Whether it's by becoming involved with WRFL or simply enjoying the increased variety on the station, this move will benefit the UK community.

### Winter brings frustration, time of change

Ssshhh. Do you hear it? That's the sound of winter, creeping up on us. I remember during the summer how all of us whined, moaned and complained that it was too hot and too humid. Between swipes of a sweaty forehead, we dreamed of cool, refreshing snowflakes falling on our faces. Back to the cruel, harsh, bar-of-soap-in-a-sock-to-the-face that is reality. Two days ago, the temperature was in the 60s and it was sunny. Then it started raining a cold, nasty, disgusting rain that collected on your head and in your hair (if you have hair) and soaked an equally nasty mood all the way to your shoes.



Dariush Shafa  
KERNEL COLUMNIST

This morning when I walked outside, I immediately recoiled in shock and horror. Then, in utter disbelief and frustration, I went to my car, cranked the heat all the way up and popped the defrost. Completing my annoyance with the climatic madness that is Kentucky was my refusal to scrape the ice off my windshield. I was perfectly content to sit and simmer while my windshield wipers and a half-gallon of wiper fluid did the job in twice the time. However, this nowhere near matches the dedication of one of my co-workers at the Kernel who, in a manic fit of desperation each morning, scrapes the ice off her Rav4 with a shoe. Of course, with the wonderful Kentucky weather comes the wonderful Kentucky driving. It seems that chicken has more to do with Kentucky than just Kentucky Fried Chicken, because whenever something falls from the sky everyone goes on a monumental freak-out and nobody, including myself, can drive in this town. It can be rain, it can be snow, it can be an anvil falling. Wile E. Coyote style, but all common sense will suddenly disappear and madness will prevail in the minds of everyone behind the wheel within the entire Fayette County area. I've said it before, and I'll say it again: people in Lexington drive like Kentuckians who've gone to Los Angeles with a nice touch of Detroit militarism. I would say Los Angeles militarism but we all know that nobody in L.A. is violent anymore. Good for anyone that goes to Los Angeles. Bad for

anyone who goes to Detroit or the insane and delusional Ron Artest. Good thing that God is kind to children, drunks, people who drive too slow in the fast lane and NBA players with more testosterone than good judgment. Fortunately, many of us are heading to somewhere with a warmer feeling in the air, and maybe in more senses than one. Home is where the heart is. Now I know that out there is someone who is going to get mad at me. I'll be the first to note that my family puts the "fun" in dysfunctional. We may not all be in the same place, but we still have love for each other, and as sappy as it sounds, no distance is enough to prevent that. It used to be that the "nuclear family" — not a glowing in the dark family, but the type of mom-and-pop family that you see in Norman Rockwell paintings — was the norm, but not anymore. The best thing to do is make the best out of the situation. When life hands you lemons, make lemonade. When life rains on you, make a smash movie that features a bunch of people wearing psychedelic raincoats and jumping in puddles to the sounds of some wicked-awesome showtunes. But my column is not about that. My column is about change. In about a week, the vast majority of us will be walking off the UK campus. Some of us will not return, whether because of graduation or some other reason. What will we take with us? Many of us are going to come back in three weeks and find that things are different. We'll be in different courses, with different people, on a different part of the road to what should eventually lead us to the life that comes after college. The whole college process is about change, molding us into the person that will eventually wander out into the world as timid as a newborn puppy. We may not be graduating next spring, but we're that much closer to the end of college. Am I the only person who is scared? Maybe. Maybe not. But all the same, winter is coming. That means that spring is coming and soon the flowers will be blooming. Then summer is coming and the heat and humidity will be back. After that autumn and falling leaves and another winter with its rain and snow. Life is coming. We'd best be ready. Dariush Shafa is a journalism junior. E-mail dshafa@kykernel.com.

### LETTERSTO THE EDITOR Columnist doesn't understand true multicultural outlook

Dariush Shafa's Nov. 23 column proves the contrary of his statements "My family decided from the get-go that knowing where I came from was essential, and learning about and accepting other people's cultures was one of the most important things I could have ever learned" and "because of what they did, I am not your average college student." The "melting pot" designation wasn't meant to include those people from lands of non-European origin, but to be a blend of the groups from Europe to form what has come to be known as white people. In fact, the very things he describes as his family's pastimes are indeed part of white culture. Rather than seeking to learn why one of his classmates felt left out, Shafa instead goes on a ridiculous rant straight from the pages of the Eurocentric narrative. He could have written from an investigative journalist perspective, but instead chose to ignore the problems of "the others." Yep, he's headed for a long career in journalism in America...because the overwhelming majority of white journalists do not comprehend the dynamics of exclusion, forced segregation, the illusion of inclusion and the "melting pot" blend of European ethnic groups. He's certainly learned that it is OK for whites to be ignorant of the problems of people of color, which is indeed a norm in American society and within journalism as an occupation. As long as his writing continues to be reflective of ignorance of "the others," he'll be the darling of the powers that be. His column is saturated with stereotypes. Hence, if anything, Shafa's piece is a disservice to the true principles of multiculturalism.

JOHN LINDSAY  
social work graduate student

### Cartoon unfairly depicts Christianity as intolerant and hypocritical

In response to Friday's cartoon of the man holding a sign saying "God Hates Queers": I've often heard people say that Christians are exhibiting their self-righteousness by condemning "people who live the way that God made them." The problem with this statement is not that God wouldn't make people who have homosexual desires; we could even concede the claim that homosexuality is genetic. The thing is that Christians are not created any different. Granted, some "Christians" are ripe in their own pride, but true Christianity revolves around a realization that we are all dead in our sins and that we must accept the redemption of the cross and actively pursue a life like Christ's. God doesn't hate homosexuals. He hates the lifestyle of sin it entails, as much as He hates the lifestyle of sin practiced by any drunkard or thief or prideful hypocrite. All sin is equal in the eyes of God, and all sin is evil. Becoming a Christian doesn't automatically make a person perfect; it doesn't preclude them from sin. I sin everyday, but what separates Christians from homosexuals and all other sinners is that they have turned from their sinful ways and actively seek to be like Christ. We are all born with specific temptations and desires that separate us from God. And it is God's will for all of us — gay or straight — to realize our own depravity and live a life that brings glory to Him.

TODD BURUS  
mathematics and linguistics senior

### Response to Stephen Burnett's "Twas a Fortnight Before Christmas"

'Twas the Tuesday of dead week and here at UK, I read a Kernel op-ed and have something to say. In response to the article by Stephen Burnett, I realize there's something many people don't get. He writes that this season is about "love, peace and Christ." But this claim that he makes is one great big lie. This season is about things like family and friends. And for some it's about Christ, but that's not where it ends. This season is about more than just one sole religion. Next time you write, Stephen, do it with more precision. This community is home to many Muslims and Jews and to even more religions with extremely different views. You celebrate Christmas and call what others do "crap." For this ignorant comment, you should receive more than flack. And it seems quite preposterous to hear a white, Christian, male talk about being persecuted on such a harsh scale. You see, here in the Kernel, it pains me to say I've ready very little about Hanukkah in my years at UK. And now on the day before the candles are lit Burnett's column shows up which is total bull(you fill in the blank). So, overall, what you must understand is the season means something different to those all over this land. Be respectful of others, their faiths and their views. If you expect others to act the same toward you

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# Troops question Rumsfeld

By Thomas E. Ricks  
THE WASHINGTON POST

WASHINGTON — Defense Secretary Donald Rumsfeld, speaking in Kuwait Wednesday to troops deploying into Iraq, got an earful of complaints about poor combat equipment, personnel policies that keep soldiers in the Army beyond their terms of enlistment, and other issues that reflect the strains the war in the Middle East is placing on the U.S. military.

In one of the exchanges during the "town hall" meeting, Spc. Thomas Wilson complained that he and his comrades were rooting through junk yards to find improvised armor for their military vehicles to protect against bomb blasts and small-arms attacks.

"A lot of us are getting ready to move north relatively soon," said Wilson, an air-plane mechanic with the Tennessee Army National Guard. "Our vehicles are not armored. We're digging pieces of rusted scrap metal and compromised ballistic glass that's already been shot up ... picking the best out of this scrap to put on our vehicles to take into combat. We do not have proper ... vehicles to carry with us north."

Rumsfeld replied: "As you know, you go to war with the armor you have. They're not the Army you might want or wish to have at a later time."

He added: "If you think about it, you can have all the armor in the world on a tank and a tank can be blown up."

Another soldier, from a logistical support unit based at Fort Bragg, N.C., complained that she was being kept in the Army against her wishes by a Pentagon "stop-loss" order.

"It is something you prefer not to have to use, obviously, in a perfect world," Rumsfeld responded. "It's been used as little as possible."

When a third soldier, from the Idaho Army National Guard, complained that Guard units were being is-

sued "antiquated" equipment inferior to those given to regular Army units, Rumsfeld said that the Army is trying to be equitable, but that somebody has to receive the older gear.

The one question that seemed to give Rumsfeld pause came from a lieutenant colonel who said that many of the soldiers in his unit are having trouble receiving all the pay due them, causing problems for their families back home who are being pestered by bill collection agencies.

"Can someone here get the details of the unit he's talking about?" Rumsfeld asked. "That's just not right."

As a whole, Rumsfeld's responses provoked a wave of criticism from congressional Democrats. Rep. Ted Strickland, D-Ohio, called Rumsfeld's remarks "callous." Sen. Frank Lautenberg, D-N.J., termed them "contemptuous." Sen. Christopher Dodd, D-Conn., labeled them "stunning."

"When I visit Iraq, I ride around in an armored vehicle, and I am sure the secretary does, as well," Rep. Gene Taylor, D-Miss., said in a statement. "If it is good enough for every American soldier,"

Some military experts agreed with the criticism. "Any problem mentioned, he's in denial," said retired Army Gen. Barry McCaffrey.

"Troop frustration is growing," especially as some soldiers head back to Iraq for their second occupation tour as the security situation there deteriorates, said another retired four-star general, who spoke on condition of anonymity. Officers and senior sergeants are worried, he noted, because, in his view, "We are breaking a small, great professional force."

The series of pointed questions shot at Rumsfeld reflect a consequence of the Pentagon's increasing reliance on Guard and Reserve units to carry out the U.S. mission in Iraq. Almost 45

percent of the 130,000 Army troops there now are drawn from the part-time components. Unlike active-duty troops, Guard and Reserve troops tend to be older, more "civilianized" in their behavior and less deferential to ward authority.

Some Guard units preparing to deploy to Iraq have been vocal about their morale problems, and an Army Reserve unit already there made headlines in October when it refused to carry out a convoy mission it considered too dangerous. Earlier this week, eight U.S. soldiers serving in Iraq and Kuwait filed a lawsuit challenging the "stop-loss" policy, which forces them to serve beyond the end of their term of enlistment.

Rumsfeld's spokesman, Lawrence Di Rita, said the meeting was hardly unusual. "The range of questions was quite typical," he said. "I thought it was a very standard event."

He also said that the question posed by Wilson, the Tennessee Guardsman, was misleading, in that it made it appear that soldiers are being sent into a combat zone in unarmored vehicles. Any Humvees — the military's jeep-like light trucks — that lack armor are carried into Iraq atop flatbed trucks and, once there, are used only inside the relative safety of U.S. bases, he said.

The Army is moving to produce as many armored Humvees as it can, he added. In the fall of 2003, there were only 15 made each month, he said, but after the need for more became clear, the rate was boosted to 450 a month.

Some military experts agreed with Di Rita in finding the meeting unexceptional. "This is what leaders are supposed to do, meet with troops and get their honest feedback," said retired Army Lt. Col. James Jay Carafano, now an analyst at the Heritage Foundation. "No one should be surprised when our troops say what they mean; that's what makes the American soldier great."

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