

Senior Derek Fulson, sophomore Erin Blankenship, graduate student Venu Yenuga and professor Deborah Chung joined other campus representatives to talk about how to define diversity.

Special Report: Defining Diversity

MORE THAN NUMBERS

Many UK students and faculty say that interaction and unity — not percentages — are the keys to creating a truly diverse campus.

By Danielle Norris
THE KENTUCKY KERNEL

Celia Ammerman doesn't usually see students from different ethnic or racial groups interacting with one another at UK.

"It's hard enough to come to a school that's large and then to branch out — that's difficult," said the white junior from Cynthia, Ky, glancing out the window at Intermezzo Cafe in Patterson Office Tower.

A building away, some black students sit in the Student Center food court by KFC and Bonici Brothers pizza — "the black section," they call it. They laughed when they were asked if UK is diverse.

"I don't think there's many people who try to cross barriers," said Francis Cooper, an undecided sophomore who is black. "I don't really hang out with white people."

"Though there is a greater representation of racial minorities today than there was 10 years ago, students say that interaction between people of different backgrounds is important.

Diversity is more than having satisfactory percentages of racial and eth-

nic categories on campus and promoting cultural events, said participants in a recent Kentucky Kernel roundtable discussion on diversity at UK. The panel was made up of 15 students and faculty members of different racial and ethnic backgrounds.

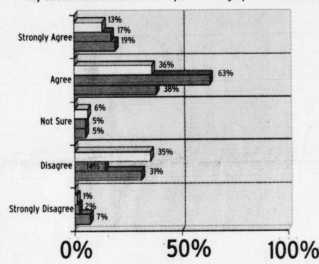
"You can't say I understand Chinese people because I visited the Great Wall of China once" or understand black fraternities after seeing a step show, said Stephen Voss, an associate political science professor, during the discussion. Diversity is when people from different backgrounds face challenges together, like being "stuck in the dorm and there's no air conditioning," Voss said. "That's when you understand each other."

Most universities do not typically take this kind of definition into account in setting goals for diversity.

And UK is no different. Goal No. 5 of UK's 2003-06 Strategic Plan states: "We must foster a creative, supportive environment that will nurture diversity of thought, culture, gender and ethnicity."

Yet administrators tend to look at statistics to measure this goal, rather than at how students of different

"My social interactions on campus are largely with students of my race/ethnicity"



The Office of Institutional Research conducted a Campus Climate Survey of 6,500 students in March of 2004 to explore student attitudes about diversity on campus.

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racial and ethnic groups interact with one another or whether all groups feel included on campus.

Many students say UK still has a long way to go in achieving the kind of racial and ethnic diversity that creates a more integrated environment.

Comfort zones

Students say part of the reason groups tend to be segregated is that many students at UK are from the state and already have their cliques intact.

John Hieronymus, a civil engineering junior who is white, said that

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Coming this week:

Wednesday: The president of the Latino-American Student Association seeks to educate.

Thursday: The former president of Lambda works for acceptance.

Friday: The president of the Black Student Union pushes for equality.



Fulson

"You can't operate on the notion that everyone looks like you, acts like you, thinks like you ... it's just a matter of crossing that barrier."



Blankenship

"I come from a small town where you heard racial slurs, even from teachers ... people thought there were these huge differences."



Yenuga

"It really does come down to the individual making that extra step."



Chung

"Just going to a cultural event or eating Chinese food or going to a Japanese movie is not enough to understand the other culture."

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Tens of thousands turn out to view pope's body

By Laura King
LOS ANGELES TIMES

VATICAN CITY — They murmured the quietest of prayers as they made their way up the aisle of the great basilica, the only other sound the soft shuffle of countless feet on polished marble floors.

In an extraordinary spectacle of devotion, tens of thousands of Roman Catholic faithful filed past the crimson-cushioned bier of Pope John Paul II late Monday, after waiting for hours in a hot sunshine that faded into the cool shadows of evening and finally the chill of night.

"What I wanted most was to see him before he died," said Kuttalam Iyappam, a pilgrim from Madras, India, who planned his trip before the pope's death Saturday.

"Since I could not, I felt something

pulling me like the tide, drawing me close to him to pray."

Almost from the moment Monday afternoon the Vatican announced that the pope's body would go on public view in St. Peter's Basilica after nightfall, a sea of waiting humanity filled the broad Via della Conciliazione leading from St. Peter's Square to the Tiber River.

Sandwiched between police barricades, the thick column snaked for more than a mile, with people standing shoulder to shoulder on the time-smoothed cobblestones.

There were scruffy-bearded students, stooped pensioners, nuns in gray habits and fleece warm-up jackets, African women in colorful tribal dress, parents pushing strollers.

To pass the hours, people prayed, chatted on cell phones and bonded with strangers, showing off baby pictures and gesticulating in animated

Vatican City

St. Peter's Basilica: Site where the pope will lie in state starting Monday, and where the funeral and other rites will be held.

Sistine Chapel: Eligible cardinals will meet here to vote on the new pope.

St. Peter's Square:

Apostolic Palace: Location of papal apartment. The pope's body was on display in the palace's Clementine Hall on Sunday.

SOURCE: Vatican

St. Martha's House:

The cardinals will stay in this newly built hostel.

Palace of government:



Vatican museums

New civilian program targets illegal border crossings

By Amy Argetsinger
THE WASHINGTON POST

BISBEE, Ariz. — Penny Magnotto and Gayle Nyberg stood at their post on a forbidding stretch of desert road, staring down the seven strands of barbed wire separating them from Mexico.

The Southern California women had risen at dawn in their makeshift quarters at a nearly defunct Bible college to join scores of other volunteers from around the country on the first official day of a highly symbolic crusade.

"They stood ready — binoculars, walkie-talkie, sunblock, water — and gazed at the motionless landscape of sand and brush.

"If we see any immigrants, we'll first radio someone, and then call Border Patrol," said Nyberg, 56, in a camouflage jacket. "We can ask them if they'll wait," explained Magnotto, 61, in a red, white and blue windbreaker, "but we can't touch them."

But had they seen anyone on this stretch of border, the illegal entry point for hundreds a year?

Well, no, they said. Not yet.

With the start of the Minuteman Project — a combination "civilian patrol" and immigration protest — officials with the U.S. Border Patrol were reporting a sharp drop in the number of illegal crossings apprehended along a stretch of border said to be the most porous in the nation.

Organizers of the effort — decried by President Bush as "vigilante" activity and by Mexican President Vicente Fox as an "immigrant hunter" — claimed an early victory.

"We've completely locked down the border," said Larry Morgan, a volunteer from Long Beach, Calif. Sightings of 24 potential crossings were reported to authorities, Minutemen organizers said.

But border officials and others said the decrease probably had less to do with Minuteman vigilance than a military patrolling effort on the Mexican side of the border — not to mention the boisterous protesters, counter-protesters and satellite-equipped TV trucks gathered on the usually desolate dirt road between Douglas and Naco, Ariz.

"Migrants aren't crossing here; that's the effect," said Scott Kerr, 29, a worker with

Christian Peacemaker Teams, a relief group that leaves water and food for immigrants trying to cross the treacherous, dry terrain. "Some days we'll encounter hundreds. Today we didn't see any."

The full impact of the Minuteman Project remained elusive Monday.

Organizers said more than 400 people had arrived over the weekend for orientation sessions and rallies, the first wave of the 1,300 volunteers they expect to participate in some part of the month-long desert vigil.

Thus far, there were no immediate signs of the white supremacist gangs or other troubling groups that local officials feared would be drawn by the event, and no reports of clashes or violations.

But the event also seemed much smaller than advertised.

Organizers had promised to place teams of monitors at quarter-mile or half-mile intervals along a 23-mile length of border.

But by mid-morning Monday, all of the visible activity was clustered around a two-mile stretch, where a dozen or so teams were stationed.

Organizers said others were as far as

three miles back from the border or stationed in canyons, away from the dirt road.

Even as they gazed out at the border with binoculars, many of the Minutemen acknowledged that making a point was their true purpose.

"I'm a right-wing conservative Bush supporter, and I think Bush is wrong on immigration," Morgan said, citing the president's support of a guest-worker program that would allow more Mexicans to work legally in the United States on a temporary basis.

Morgan, 60, a general contractor, stood on a hillside with two other men, monitoring the barbed-wire fence and sharing grievances about border crossers.

They complained about provisions in some states to issue driver's licenses or in-state tuition rates to illegal immigrants.

Darrel Wood, 44, a fiber-optics engineer, said eight of the 10 most-wanted criminals in his home state of Utah are illegal immigrants; Morgan blamed them for prison overcrowding and California's fiscal crisis.

"It's affecting my children at school," Wood said. "They're suffering, trying to get these immigrant kids up to speed."

Pope

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conversation before the crush grew too tight and forced people to keep their arms pinned by their sides.

They offered each other bottles of water distributed by emergency personnel watching over the crowd.

A few people fainted and were helped away from the crush; others who grew weak leaned on the shoulders of newfound friends for support.

"This is nothing at all to suffer for a chance to see a pope who taught us so much

about suffering and how to bear it bravely," said 64-year-old Roman schoolteacher Gilda Pasolunghi, whose bad knee began paining her as the wait passed its fifth hour.

Once inside the basilica, some dissolved in silent tears at the sight of the pope's reclining body dressed in red vestments, a white bishop's mitre on his head.

Under the gaze of two Swiss Guards in their striped uniforms and plumed helmets, mourners passed close enough to glimpse John Paul's pale, drawn face, the staff tucked in the crook of his arm, the stolid brown shoes on his feet.

Council

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gram. Greasley said schedule changes may be implemented next year along with better Internet assistance for students online.

He thinks that more money will be needed to provide additional courses next winter.

"We tried to keep this as clean as possible," he said. "Every student who enrolled paid lower-division resident tuition. There is not doubt in my mind that the money that comes into

it is much higher."

Cibul requested an amendment to the proposal to endorse the program by requiring an organized evaluation process and consideration of a set pay for faculty members.

Nietzel said that stipends of \$2,700 are contributed to the college and that most instructors received a higher salary for teaching the intercession.

Most professors received more for teaching the winter session than the summer session.

"We wanted to see the economics of this," said Nietzel. "It is a completely voluntary thing for a faculty member to do."

The winter intercession allowed about 371 students to take a three-hour course during a 4-week period.

More than 50 percent of students rated the value of the courses as "excellent."

In other action, the University Senate Council decided to table another issue concerning a new academic offense policy until June.

The Senate has reviewed a new policy to implement the use of "XE" to signify an academic offense on a student's transcript.

Members of the Senate await a Board of Trustees decision concerning the new Student Code of Conduct before deciding on a resolution to the offense pol-

icy, organized by Bob Groomman.

The Board of Trustees' next meeting is scheduled for May.

"I was supportive of a review of the academic offenses policy," said Ernie Yanarella, a political science professor and chairman of the council.

"I am hopeful that once we have our signals clear from Board of Trustees, we, the Senate council and the larger body, will have the opportunity to consider very carefully those recommendations that would strengthen the University of Kentucky."

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Bush honors soldier killed in Iraq

By Elise Castelli
LOS ANGELES TIMES

WASHINGTON — Two years to the day after Army Sgt. 1st Class Paul Ray Smith was killed defending his unit from an enemy attack near the Baghdad airport, President Bush on Monday presented his family the first Medal of Honor awarded in more than a decade.

In a tear-filled White House ceremony, Bush handed Smith's 11-year-old son, David, the nation's highest award for valor in combat.

"Scripture tells us... that a man has no greater love than to lay down his life for his friends. And that is exactly the responsibility Paul Smith believed the sergeant's stripes on his sleeve had given him," Bush told an audience that included Air Force Gen. Richard B. Myers, chairman of the Joint Chiefs

of Staff, and U.S. Defense Secretary Donald H. Rumsfeld.

"In a letter he wrote to his parents but never mailed, he said that he was prepared to give all that I am to ensure that all my boys make it home."

On April 4, 2003, as his unit of the 11th Engineer Battalion of the 3rd Infantry Division advanced, it was attacked by more than 100 members of Saddam Hussein's Republican Guard.

Outnumbered and out in the open, Smith climbed aboard an armored personnel carrier and began shooting a 50-caliber machine gun, firing more than 300 rounds of ammunition.

He held off the attack, killing nearly 50 Republican Guard soldiers and protecting his own men before being mortally wounded by Iraqi fire.

"Sgt. Smith's leadership saved the men in the courtyard, and he presented an enemy attack on the aid station just up the road," Bush said. "We thank his family for the father, the husband and son and brother who can never be replaced."

In his remarks, the president recalled a young man who, after graduating from high school in Tampa, Fla., joined the Army in 1989 and received "extra duty — scrubbing floors" for misbehavior with friends.

But that soldier became, the president said, a "devoted family man who played T-ball with his son and taught his daughter how to change the oil in his Jeep Cherokee."

Smith's wife, Birgit, whom he met in 1990 while stationed in Germany, clutched the left hand of her 18-year-old daughter, Jessica, and wept as the president

handed the framed medal, with its signature blue ribbon with 13 stars, to her son.

"Every one of our soldiers deserves the title of a hero," Birgit Smith, who lives in Holiday, Fla., said after the ceremony. "To truly honor Paul, we must honor all the soldiers and the work and sacrifice they do on a daily basis in Iraq, Afghanistan and around the world."

The last combat action in which Medals of Honor were awarded was Somalia. Two were given to Army sergeants killed in the October 1983 "Black Hawk Down" incident in Mogadishu.

Recommendations for the Medal of Honor take at least 18 months to investigate. Including the award to Smith, 3,460 Medals of Honor have been presented since the award was established in 1861.

Congress returns, still debates Schiavo

By Charles Babington
THE WASHINGTON POST

WASHINGTON — Republican members of Congress now face a political landscape that's considerably more problematic than the one they left two weeks ago, when the House and Senate adjourned for Easter recess.

The highly emotional Terri Schiavo case divided Republican-leaning voters and drew Congress into an extraordinary Palm Sunday intervention, which is now fueling claims that party leaders are out of step with mainstream America.

House Majority Leader Tom DeLay, R-Texas, already battling ethics charges, added to his combative reputation by bitterly attacking state and federal judges who rejected multiple pleas to keep the brain-damaged Florida woman alive.

Meanwhile, his allies were rattled by criticisms from several conservative publications, including a Wall Street Journal editorial that accused DeLay of abuses that "sooner or later will sweep him out of office."

President Bush's top priority, restructuring Social Security, made little if any progress despite his all-out campaigning during the recess, key lawmakers said.

And the Senate seems closer than ever to a major collision over judicial nominations, a topic made even more emotional by the role of federal judges in the Schiavo case.

Aides to Senate Majority Leader Bill Frist, R-Tenn., said Monday that he soon will offer Democrats a compromise on the long-standing impasse, even though a growing number of conservative activists are pressing him to force a showdown now.

Democrats predict the offer will be too flimsy to entice

them to stop filibustering several appellate court nominees, but the mere fact that Frist is talking of negotiations, they say, convinces them he lacks the 51 votes he needs to change the filibuster rules in a chamber with 55 GOP members.

The mixture of issues and events, some top Republicans say, puts the party at a precarious juncture, where it needs reassured voters that its leaders are ethical and focused on heart-and-home issues such as jobs, affordable gasoline and secure retirements.

Sen. Lindsey O. Graham, R-S.C., says Democrats suffered major setbacks in the 1990s when an ethics-challenged leader — House Speaker Jim Wright, D-Texas, who resigned in 1989 — became a larger symbol of his party than its platform issues.

"That's a cocktail for disaster," Graham said. If a political leader is coupled with "some policy decisions that are disconnected to the public, then you've got an opening for trouble, he said. "If we don't watch it, it could happen to us."

Graham is wary of some Republicans' calls for further Schiavo-inspired legislation, such as a federal definition of "persistent vegetative state." The states, he said, "are capable of defining end-of-life terms."

Republican pollster Tony Fabrizio said several national surveys found that 60 to 80 percent of Americans opposed Congress's March 20 intervention in the Schiavo case.

Federal courts promptly rejected the lawmakers' directive to review a series of

Florida court decisions allowing Schiavo's feeding tube to be removed. One appellate judge chastised Congress and Bush for their actions.

Fabrizio said voters "are probably wondering why we can't get deficit reduction or tax reform or Social Security reform as quickly as we got the Schiavo bill" from the Republican-controlled Congress.

Because conservative Christian activists were seen as pushing the legislation, he said, "that's a symbol of what your (party's) priorities are, and you'd better show them another symbol."

Also during the recess, former GOP Sen. John C. Danforth of Missouri, an ordained Episcopal minister, wrote a New York Times op-ed article criticizing the energy bill.

Kingston dismissed suggestions that DeLay's proposal could hurt the party. He said he has held more than a dozen town hall meetings in his district recently and added, "I have had not one single question, even from political followers, about him."

With the Schiavo case dominating national news during the two-week break, Bush made modest progress in his 60-day campaign to build support for adding personal accounts to Social Security key players said.

"I believe it's about where we left off two weeks ago," Sen. Charles E. Grassley, R-Iowa, said at the end of the recess. He is the chairman of the Finance Committee, which is responsible for Social Security legislation.

But that Social Security faces long-term solvency problems. Grassley told Republican committee staff members Monday that he will press forward with Social Security legislation this year.

At a meeting attended by staff members and Sen. Orrin G. Hatch, R-Utah, Grassley said he will call a Social Security hearing before the end of the month and plans to put a bill before the committee in July, according to GOP aides who attended the meeting.

Only last week, Grassley told reporters he did not believe Social Security legislation could be passed this year. But underscoring the difficulty road said the president's Social Security plan would swell the national debt tremendously if the move is not accompanied by significant cuts to promised benefits.

Under Bush's proposal for private accounts, the national debt would more than triple, from about 40 percent of the economy, or gross domestic product, to 150 percent of GDP by 2072.

"That does not sound like something the Democrats would sign on to," the aide said Hatch remarked.

Like Bush, Grassley is focusing mainly on the proposal to allow private accounts, which would divert a portion of workers' payroll taxes into stock and bond portfolios that would follow them into retirement.

To some, the darkest cloud above Congress is the Senate's looming clash over judicial nominations. Democrats have used the filibuster — which can be stopped only by 60 votes in the 100-member chamber — to thwart several of Bush's most conservative appellate court appointees.

Republican leaders have threatened to change Senate rules to bar such filibusters.

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— Sen. Charles E. Grassley, R-Iowa, on where the Senate stands on Social Security reform. He is the chairman of the Finance Committee, which is responsible for Social Security legislation.

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SEEKING A DIVERSE CAMPUS



Ashley Smith
Journalism Freshman

“You have to fight these every day... For white people it's hard to realize, because you don't have these stereotypes. People don't see you and ask if you're good at basketball.”



Jonathan Pitts
History Sophomore

“Now, it's almost like (prejudice on campus) is this undercurrent. It's there, but it's not talked about, which makes it almost that much worse.”



Samieah Shahish
Journalism Senior

“On a base level, different minorities don't understand each other.”



Rachel Watts
ISC Senior

“It takes someone being the odd man out to really understand... a lot of students don't ever get that same experience.”

Diversity

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most of his friends are white. “That's probably because that's who I grew up with,” he said, explaining that many of his white high school friends from Georgetown, Ky., also came to UK.

“I definitely don't have anything against somebody; that's just how it happened,” he said.

Similarly, Samiha Nasser, a philosophy senior, said people of the same background at UK tend to associate within their group. Nasser's parents are from Africa, but she is also of an Indian background. “You tend to make friends with people of your own color — it's convenient,” she said.

This attitude is indicative of what some surveys have found. In 2003, UK participated in the National Survey of Student Engagement, an annual survey that began in 1999 and is funded by participating universities. The survey found that first-year UK students and seniors scored well below their counterparts at other similar universities on several diversity-related survey items.

Compared with student responses from other schools, UK freshmen reported that the university placed less emphasis on encouraging contact among students from different economic, social and racial or ethnic backgrounds. Also, both first-year students and seniors reported that they were less likely to have serious conversations with students of a different race or ethnicity.

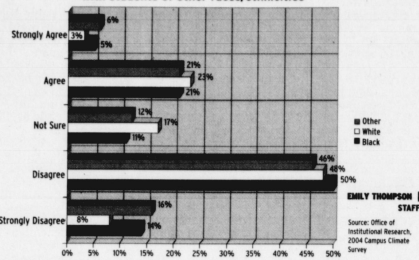
In March 2004, the President's Commission on Women, in collaboration with the Office of Institutional Research, conducted a Campus Climate Survey of about 6,500 undergraduate, graduate and first-year professional students to, in part, determine the attitudes toward UK of students who are white, black and of other races.

The study found that students, regardless of race, largely agreed that “different racial and ethnic groups in my college get along well.” But it also found that four out of five white students (80 percent) and roughly half of students of color (57 percent black students; 49 percent students of other races) agreed or strongly agreed with the statement: “My social interactions are largely with students of my race and ethnicity.”

Michael Lewis, a physical therapy sophomore who is black, said from a black-white perspective, the difficulty in finding common ground because of varied socioeconomic backgrounds.

“I think it's people who come from two different places — two different worlds, really,” he said.

“It has been difficult to meet and make friends with students of other races/ethnicities”



The Office for Institutional Research hopes to do a follow-up Campus Climate Survey in 2007 to measure UK's progress. The office concluded that UK should strive to promote greater openness to diversity and a more cohesive campus community.

A continuing challenge

The issue of diversity is nothing new at UK. Several departments have strived for years to make UK more racially and ethnically diverse.

William Turner, associate provost for multicultural affairs, said that his office strives to move UK into a Top 20 Institution by achieving Goal No. 5 of the strategic plan.

Turner said it's important to take action. “It's one thing to talk about valuing diversity as a general social good, but it's another to do specific things so that the place will be diverse,” he said.

Turner remembers when he was a freshman at UK in 1964, and how at that time all the black people on campus could have fit into one room.

“I would be the first to note there has been a tremendous amount of progress over four decades,” he said.

Yet Rob Jackson, a business management sophomore who is black, said that there still aren't that many black students at UK. “All the black people know everybody,” he said.

But that doesn't mean there is no interaction, said Elvia Roidy, an education freshman and UK Basketball player who is black. “Being a basketball player, you have to deal with people of different races,” she explained.

“I'm cool with black people, and I'm cool with white people.”

Denese Jones, chair of the President's Commission on Diversity, an advisory group to President Lee Todd that was established in 2002, said part of the challenge with diversity efforts is that they are not unified.

“We do a lot of good things, but it's scattered across the campus, and there's no one umbrella that pulls all

this together,” she said. “We are not really being very deliberate in the climate and culture at UK as it deals with diversity.”

To create a more unified front, the president recently developed a university-wide Diversity Plan Task Force made up of about 40 deans, department heads, and other unit head representatives to create a comprehensive diversity plan to improve the climate for diversity. The hope is for each unit to develop realistic strategies for diversity based on performance indicators established by the Task Force under Strategic Goal 5 — indicators that will go beyond numbers, Jones said.

Jones said the task force is important because it will go beyond the idea of measuring diversity just by the percentages of minorities on campus.

“We spend a lot of time looking at numbers, and we don't look at the environment where we get those numbers, and so the institution becomes a revolving door,” she said.

The comprehensive diversity plan is set to be completed by early April.

Uncertain future

Looking at UK's 2003-06 Strategic Plan, the only key indicator directly related to student diversity is one that deals with the number of in-state black students enrolled, retained and graduated from the university.

That plan, called the Kentucky Plan for Equal Opportunity in Postsecondary Education, was established in 1997 and is being updated this year.

Terry Allen, associate vice-president for employment equity, oversees the office that monitors the university's progress with the Kentucky Plan. He said he does not know yet whether the new plan being developed will include other minority groups.

Black students have been the focus thus far, he said, because blacks have historically been the largest minority in Kentucky.

While Allen's office deals largely with numbers, he acknowledges that high numbers of minorities on campus do not necessarily mean that different students are interacting and benefiting from the diversity.

“There is an element of measurement in numbers but that in itself is not a complete indicator of how you're performing,” he said. Allen said that in the past five years, there has been more talk about campus climate rather than just statistics.

“It's an indicator that's difficult to measure, but it's a must,” he said.

Ammerman, the Cynthia's junior, said attitudes that hold people back from moving outside their groups prevent a more multicultural environment and rob students in the end.

“I think it's a shame we don't learn more about other cultures,” she said. “You miss out on so much.”

Lewis, the physical therapy sophomore, looked around the partially segregated student center cafeteria and shrugged.

“I think people are scared to talk to each other.”

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Greek barriers reflect history

By Danielle Kornis
THE KENTUCKY KERNEL

Sorority and fraternity culture, a big part of life for some students at UK, illustrates a racial division among students on campus.

Although some students join Greek organizations that have a different racial background from themselves, it's uncommon, said Tamara Brown, an assistant psychology professor.

“They would be the exception rather than the rule,” said Brown, author of *African American Fraternities and Sororities: The Legacy and the Vision*. “I don't think there will ever be a point where there is total overlap, nor do I necessarily think that would be a good thing.”

Black and white Greek organizations are an example of how UK students often stay within groups of their own ethnicity and race.

Both types of fraternities and sororities have a history of exclusivity. Each group came into existence for different reasons and at different time periods, Brown said.

“Students didn't have any flexibility any opportunity for fun,” Brown said of white students in college during the 1800s before the Civil War. Thus, white students formed fraternities and sororities for social reasons, she said.

When black students were allowed to attend college, they were not allowed to join white organizations and began to form their own Greek organizations as a place of support and refuge, she said.

“Their agenda has always been one of racial uplift,” Brown said.

There are many differences between the Greek organizations at UK, said Rosalind Welch, a political science and secondary education junior and member of Delta Sigma Theta, a historically black sorority.

“We don't understand each other,” Welch said. Recruitment policies, emphasis on service and social events all differ between the two, she said. “There hasn't been an outcry to be unified.”

Will English, president of Sigma Nu fraternity, a historically white fraternity, said that the traditions are just different. “It's not like we don't like each other or anything like that,” he said. “We just don't have a tradition of doing anything together.”

Krista Williams, an integrated strategic communication senior and president of Delta Sigma Theta sorority, said that black Greeks do not have houses on campus as most historically white Greek groups do.

“There is a historical explanation for the housing difference, Brown said. University housing became practically empty during the Civil War because students left to fight in the war, Brown said.

“It made it difficult for universities to keep their doors open,” she said. So the schools gave white Greeks money to build houses that they would keep up on their own as a way to solve the housing problem.

“Wealth has accumulated over the years of support,” she said. “It puts the organizations on different rungs of the ladder.”

Despite the groups' historical and traditional differences, Brown said that more collaboration is desirable.

“There are social aims that we share,” she said. “More collaboration is better in that regard.”

The Inter-Greek Programming Assembly tries to provide a place for historically black and white Greeks to meet and find out about one another's events. However, only 15 representatives attend the weekly meetings.

Despite the challenges, Greeks from some of the organizations say that more interaction has happened lately, and that they would like to see more.

Members of Alpha Phi Alpha, a historically black fraternity, participated in Greek Sing, a traditionally white Greek event, for the first time two years ago. Alpha Phi Alpha's Stomp-A-Palooza event also involves white and black Greek organizations.

Derek Fulson, a member of Alpha Phi Alpha, said he has seen the situation change in his time at UK.

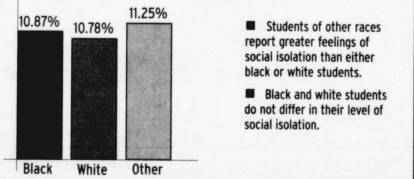
“Both sides are starting to reach out to each other more so than when I first started to become a member,” he said.

It will be difficult to ever completely join the groups, Welch said. She said that at a school as big as UK, students are often looking for somewhere where they feel a sense of belonging.

“When you go somewhere, you want to find a niche — where you fit in,” Welch said. “You can't fault someone for finding somewhere they fit in.”

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Feelings of social isolation



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Source: Office of Institutional Research, 2004 Campus Climate Survey

Jewell diversifies campus life

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Shellee Miles, has lived with students from all over the world during her time at UK.

The nursing senior has called Jewell Hall, the North Campus residence hall that houses international and domestic students, home for the past five years.

“It's a smaller community and you get to know more people,” said Miles, a Louisville native.

Jewell Hall fills a niche that many students have said they wanted filled — more interaction between people of different backgrounds. A 2003 National Survey of Student Engagement found that, relative to a comparison group, freshmen reported that UK placed less emphasis on encouraging contact among students from different economic, social and racial or ethnic backgrounds.

The 108 residents of Jewell Hall, the smallest dorm on campus, not only live with students from all over but also participate in cross-

cultural activities and events.

With more dorms being built, UK hopes to be able to offer more students this kind of living option.

Next year, Jewell Hall will no longer be the international and domestic dorm.

One of the new residence halls on South Campus will house the Global Village Community, which is designed to build cross-cultural friendship and understanding.

First-year students in the residence hall will enroll in a Discovery Seminar that has an international focus.

Richard Greissman, assistant provost for programming support, said the new cross-cultural dorm was created because they were outgoing Jewell Hall.

They also wanted one of the new dorms to be a 12-month dorm. “It's an attempt to build on the success of the Jewell Hall experience but bring an even fuller curriculum,” he said.

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Sara Ghivden (left), a journalism junior, talked outside with Jewell Hall resident Alfonso Kelly (center), a pre-accounting freshman. Amanda Troutman (right), a foreign languages and international economics and Japanese senior, also a resident of Jewell Hall, did homework outside. “I chose this dorm because I wanted to meet people from different countries,” Kelly said.

Comic held in high regard

Wednesday night was one of those modest but classic nights at the Comedy Caravan in the Cats Den. I had a nice set. Tucker made a good guest appearance, and Josh Sneed absolutely rocked the crowd.



Ross Dunciff
GUEST COLUMNIST

Everyone was in a great mood, but after I closed the show and walked back to Josh his face had dropped.

While on stage, Josh had missed eight different phone calls from eight different comedians all calling to report the same bad news: Mitch Hedberg, his friend, was dead. I never met him, but I had high hopes of opening for him in October as part of UK's homecoming events. Simply put, I thought he was a genius. His two CDs are packed with material I wish I had thought of.

There are many other people whose lives he touched, and therefore lots of people who are more qualified than I am to write on this matter.

But I do know that every decade or so there comes along a prodigious force

that flares intensely for a short time, and just like that, is gone. John Belushi, Chris Farley, Sam Kinison, Bill Hicks, Mitch Hedberg. All of them carried the torch lit by Lenny Bruce when he was brought up on obscenity charges in the 1960s.

It is a flame fueled by passion for their craft and love of making people happy if only for a short time. As Dick Schapp put it best after Bruce died: "Lenny Bruce: dead at 40. Now that's obscene."

I had a chance to see Mitch Hedberg last month at the Funny Bone in Newport, Ky, but as usual, I put something off until the last minute and was too busy and broke to make the trip.

I did the same thing in the summer of '99 in New York when this girl I was crazy about invited me to the top of the World Trade Center for a few drinks. I had to finish my film project and regretfully declined. Two days later I was back in Kentucky and I never saw her again.

She soon moved back to South America and since married.

Then, in July of 2001, I was back in New York and again had the opportunity to go to the top of the towers and admire the skyline.

Again, I put it off, knowing I would be back in late September to visit another

friend. The rest is history. If there is anything I've learned and relearned over the past few years, it is that opportunity is never there forever.

You can work your whole life to create it, but then in an instant it can vanish. Hopefully, I will not have to learn that lesson again.

Although preliminary autopsy reports link Hedberg's death to a heart condition, his drug habit was not a secret, and it made its way into his routine.

Regardless of whether his death was related to his habit, I hope other comics will take a note from his death and the death of those other comedy legends: No high, whether it comes from a standing ovation, or the one you get by other means, is worth your life.

But as long as Mitch's CDs are played and his name is repeated in conversations, he will never really be gone. He has made his stamp on the comedy world that will undoubtedly stand the test of time.

So as the spotlight dims, and the curtain draws for the final time, we offer our thanks for the moods he created and for the pain in our lives he helped us forget. A somber good night, but never goodbye, to Mitch Hedberg.

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Spyware an incurable cancer

Everyone uses a computer these days, and the amount of spyware out there is vast.



Roger Chui
TECH COLUMNIST

To put things in perspective, out of the perhaps 10 computer repair requests I have had this month, nine of those were spyware related.

Advertising and gathering information aren't always harmful, but what spyware often ends up doing is. Spyware often goes hand in hand with trojans — virus-like programs that allow hackers to remotely control your computer.

Spyware will also slow down computers significantly, especially once you have several pieces of spyware floating around on your system.

•In a lot of ways, spyware/adware/malware companies — for the sake of saving paper, I'll just say spyware from now on — and big tobacco are alike.

Big tobacco doesn't kill people — it's the cigarettes that do.

So why do cigarette manufacturers have to pay smokers and lung cancer sufferers out the nose, while spyware companies get off the hook?

First off, nobody really cares about spyware that much.

If you've said, "I've got some free time, I wonder if I have spyware on my comput-

er?" in the past week, you're not getting the psychological help. Go seek counseling. (Note to self: make appointment with counselor.)

Also, spyware doesn't harm enough to be considered. People are annoyed by pop-ups, but I haven't known anyone to throw a computer out a window or anything else drastic because of spyware.

But the truth is, spyware is a much more widespread problem than smoking. According to Dell technical support, 12 percent of their support calls involve spyware. Imagine if 12 percent of the American population were dying from lung cancer. That's more than 33 million people. Tobacco companies would not just be paying fines, they would be obliterated.

So what can anyone do to stop spyware? For now, the answer is, "Not much." Unfortunately, the only thing most people can do is to get adequate protection against spyware — which, of course, is as effective a method for shutting down spyware companies as having a public smoking ban in Lexington is for lowering the number of people who smoke.

Legislators can't do too much either. Many spyware companies operate offshore, outside of the jurisdiction of U.S. law.

Spyware vendors also make their plays legally kosher by slipping crafty legalese into the End-User License Agreement — the big long legal blurb that everyone agrees to without even reading it — which allows them to harvest personal information from your

computer. Besides, there really aren't any laws forbidding electronic trespassing and ensuring electronic privacy.

Instead of focusing on making sure Eminem and Britney Spears don't have their profits undercut by peer-to-peer file exchangers, maybe Congress should pass some tough laws ensuring the safety of U.S. citizens online.

The Spy Act, currently moving through Congress, promises to outlaw spyware, but judging from the success of CAN-SPAM, the law that supposedly made sending unsolicited e-mails illegal, the Spy Act probably won't do anything besides add a few more lines in the license agreements.

If you are so inclined, you can view an ever-growing list of vendors and software that use spyware at www.spyware-guide.com.

And as always, please use proper protection against spyware. Ad-aware (www.lavasoftusa.com), Spybot S&D (www.safer-networking.org), and now Microsoft (www.microsoft.com), click on or search for Microsoft AntiSpyWare Beta) have excellent tools that neutralize spyware.

There are also several tools on Spyware-Guide that make getting spyware much harder.

The bottom line is that spyware is a big problem with no immediate solution. This will probably not be the last thing I have to say about it, but for now, just say, "No."

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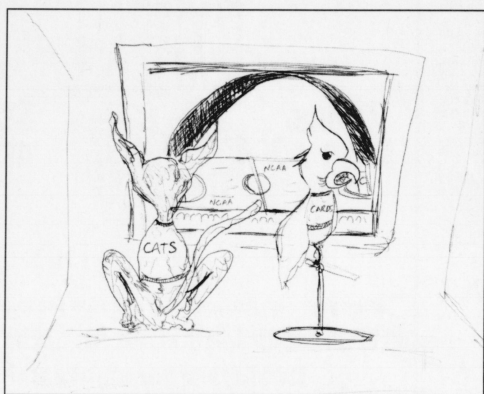
President Lee Todd can explain UK's finances simply: "We are investing in people, people and people," he said. That investment is an expensive one, especially as UK strives for top-20 status. Angie Martin, UK vice president of planning, budget and policy, said Todd's statement summarizes the focus of the budget — putting the school's goals into action. "The budget is a reflection of UK's strategic plan," she said. "The budget reflects the university's priorities next year. "We're investing in faculty and staff benefits, faculty and staff salaries, and scholarships." To reach top-20 status, UK has pointed to several key areas such as those, as well as promoting faculty scholarship and enhanc-

ing the medical center. Recent cuts in state funding have complicated those efforts. Over the last three years, Kentucky has cut \$72 million in funding from UK. This means \$2,322 has been cut for each student in the last three years — while tuition has increased \$1,431 per student. This coming year, tuition will increase by 12.45 percent. Kentucky's spending on statewide higher education went up \$50 million this year, but Martin said the past cuts made things difficult. "It has delayed us making achievement and made it more difficult to recruit and retain faculty," she said.

Todd said UK has saved \$35 million through cost-cutting measures over the past three years. Todd's experience in business may be one of UK's greatest assets in negotiating a tight budget and rising costs. Despite the hurdles created by cuts, UK has tried to invest in its top-20 measures. The preliminary budget for next year includes a 4 percent salary increase for faculty and staff, Martin said. Along with increased salaries, the budget reflects UK's effort to promote research, such as the \$40 million for a new biomedical building. Increasing salaries will help UK achieve

a more competitive standing with its benchmarks. Martin said UK has a goal of elevating salaries to 90 percent of the median of its benchmarks. Currently, the benchmark level is \$73,542, with UK at \$71,026. In the past three years, UK has fallen behind its benchmarks in salary level. At UK, salaries have increased by an average of 1.3 percent over the past three years. Salaries at benchmarks, however, have seen increases of 3.8 percent. Between 2000 and 2003, the standing of UK faculty dropped as well. In that time, the university's ranking for faculty awards fell from No. 30 to No. 36. Its ranking for national academy members dropped from No. 56 to No. 64. UK must continue to make faculty a priority, or those numbers will not change anytime soon.

UK needs to hold to its commitment to making faculty and staff the No. 1 budget priority to reach its top-20 goal.



JONATHAN PALMER, THE KENTUCKY KERNEL

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Lexington citizens have right to vote on water condemnation

It is never over until it is over, and it just is not over and won't be over until the foul, green, greasy slime of RWE/Kentucky American Water Co. can no longer be pumped into our local campaigns. The only way to get rid of this kind of corruption is to assert our right of eminent domain, and to me it is the single best reason. To say that the people have spoken — loudly — is absurd. What spoke loudly was the green grease used to lubricate and purchase a council that represents not the people of Lexington, nor the students of UK, but only and exclusively RWE/Kentucky American Water Co. The current council members could have easily moved on to other pressing issues had they opted to allow the eminent domain process to continue, instead of making it their priority to stop it. This council decided the priority of issues in its very first session by ignoring the will of the people and siding with those few that paid their way to job security.

There was a government takeover: ours. Responsible citizens will recognize that their citizenship takes precedence over a global corporation that is not a citizen of this or any other country, just a profit machine for its shareholders and its executive board, and will understand the term corporate citizen as a means to an end of recreating the people as second-class under corporate elitism. I for one will not abdicate my rights or citizenship to corporations that have neither and should not ever. Ask the people of Sudan how they feel about corporate citizens, if you can find any not killed or displaced from their own lands by "corporate citizens."

If we want to continue our democracy, it must be forever vigilantly be a government for the people and by the people, not for the corporation by the corporation, or for the religion by the religion, or for the party by the party, or for the government by the government. Institutions cannot be given the same or equal rights as individuals or the individuals will inevitably lose all their rights and become slaves to the institutions. The party of Lincoln is up-ended, backwards and contrary to him now. If Lincoln had a glimpse of the future of his party, there would reside in his solemn gaze new meaning and a deeper sadness even than the Civil War and the death of his son prevailed upon him.

To think and believe that the people of Lexington spoke in the last election is strictly naive. Obviously The Kernel's Editorial Board has never attended a council session where this topic of discussion is the eminent domain of the water company, or they would realize easily that the large number of voters that come to those meetings always outnumber the same old drawn-out corporate cronies by nearly four to one. If they want to hear how loud the voters are about this topic, they need to come to a council session once in awhile. The ballot box was sullied with green grease; the people were not.

The people of Lexington want to own their water, and there will be a vote. And the Borg-like "resistance is futile" mantra RWE/Kentucky American Water seems to be trying to drone into our conscience will not succeed, except in making us more angry and resolved.

I hope they continue trying to tell this united city how divided it is. The more lies they spread, the more disingenuous they reveal themselves to be; the more the

reason to get them out of our city — and the ilk that would keep them here out of our government.

If The Kernel staff likes Vice Mayor Mike Scanlon, they are out of touch and far in the minority in Lexington. The city council might be able to be bought, Editorial Board, but not the human spirit of persons that genuinely care about their home, Lexington.

If The Kernel believes it has played out, then why is it trying to convince people to no longer participate in the democratic process by voting for themselves on this issue? Why fear to Let Us Vote?

I urge all Lexington registered voters to sign the petition as it comes to them if they have not already, and to become circulators of the petition.

ROBERT MORELAND
UK alumni and staff member

Kernel cartoon disrespectful to troops fighting for freedom

The cartoon featured in The Kernel on March 28 was distasteful, offensive, and disrespectful to our men and women in uniform. There have been too many heroes to risk their lives, and die, to be called murderers. Murder is what the Palestinians commit when they send a 5 year old into a restaurant with a bomb strapped to his back, or what Scott Peterson did to his wife and child, not what is done by the brave men and women in our armed forces. Their orders are to hold fire until fired upon. Isn't that a clear case of self-defense?

Despite your politics, our troops need to have our full support. You may not agree with their mission, but they have provided protection and granted freedom to so many people all over the world, and they are most importantly protecting the freedoms that we, as a nation, hold dear. Freedom is most definitely not free.

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New kind of twist would send us back to the '50s

The Terri Schiavo case has ended, but the extremist Christian right already has a new pet cause: so-called "pharmacists' rights."

These "rights" would allow pharmacists to cite moral objections as a reason to deny birth control or the morning-after pill to women who have a prescription for them.

The testing grounds for the cause have been in Illinois, where a pharmacist refused to fill prescriptions for the morning-after pill on "moral grounds." Luckily, the governor ordered that the prescriptions be filled regardless, but we can be sure to see an outbreak of pharmacists nationwide who decide not to do their job because of so-called morals.

The basic argument in favor of "pharmacists' rights" is that in a free market, businesses should be allowed to deny service to whomever they please — why not let businesses work against their own financial interests?

But pharmaceuticals aren't in the same sort of market as cars or children's toys — it's certainly not "free." If it were, anyone who had enough money would be allowed to buy Oxycontin or Valium. So the laissez-faire argument doesn't really apply.

Besides, a passion for free markets isn't what's driving the extremists who are pushing for "pharmacists' rights." Rather, they're disingenuously invoking laissez-faire economics to justify their reactionary goals — to revert the United States to a time before the sexual revolution and women's rights. The Christian Right isn't pro-market; it's anti-birth control and anti-women.

Few people in contemporary America share these views. But a small cadre of extremists hold them deeply, and they're gaining power, as illustrated by the Schiavo case. Even though multiple polls showed that a majority of Americans opposed congressional intervention to reinstate Schiavo's feeding tube, Rep. Tom DeLay, R-Texas, and President Bush made an enormous issue out of her to appease the aforementioned extremists.

These ultra-conservatives don't represent a majority of Americans, or even of Christian conservatives, but they're at the head of significant elements of the movement — notably Right to Life, which recently declined the invitation of women's groups to work with them to promote birth control as a way of preventing unwanted pregnancy, and thus abortion.

When vacancies on the U.S. Supreme Court arise, Bush is expected to nominate vehement opponents of abortion, meaning that it's quite possible *Roe v. Wade* will be overturned in the coming years. Once that happens, what will become of the cries to overturn it, which have mobilized the Christian Right for decades?

The new push for "pharmacists' rights" gives us an answer: The new rallying cry will be "Overturn *Griswold v. Connecticut*" — the 1965 case that legalized birth control and established the right to privacy.

Eliminating birth control would bring the country back to an era idealized by many ultra-conservatives: the 1950s, when women had to stay in the home in order not to threaten male control of the workforce. Birth control has allowed women to avoid constant pregnancy and thus de-domesticate themselves, and the result of eliminating it — whether motivated by sheer misogyny or supposed moral beliefs — would be to strip women of social and economic power once again.

"Pharmacists' rights" and the accompanying push to end birth control are symptoms of a far greater problem. We must pay attention to the extremists who currently have the ear of the leaders of the national GOP in their struggle to make reactionary social and legal changes that are out of touch with the values of a vast majority of Americans.

If we don't, they'll succeed in turning the clocks back 50 years, to a shameful era of legally enforced misogyny. And future generations will remember us only for our apathy — and the suffering it will cause them.

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FOOTBALL NOTEBOOK

No shoes, no service for cornerbacks

By Jeff Patterson
THE KENTUCKY KERNEL

Wherever the football goes, Muhammad Abdullah will usually find it.

The senior safety has had a nose for the ball ever since coming to UK three years ago. Don't look for it to change now.

Last season, while garnering second-team All-Southeastern Conference honors, Abdullah intercepted three passes and made 58 tackles.

He wasn't the focal point of the defense; that distinction belonged to defensive lineman Vincent "Sweet Pea" Burns.

Now that Burns and several other defensive leaders have exhausted their eligibility, many are looking to Abdullah to be the Cats' leader on defense. He's ready for it.

"The reason we are better is experience," Abdullah said. "I've got four years of it, so I'll be a better leader."

Abdullah isn't cocky or highly vocal off the field. It's what he does on it that makes him valuable.

"We want guys to be leaders by example," said defensive backs coach Steve Brown. "He is a leader by example."

If he's selected as the defensive captain, he'd be the first safety since Marlon McCree in 2000 to be a captain.

"I haven't thought about it," Abdullah said.

Tamme's a catch at tight end

Sophomore tight end Jacob Tamme has already made several sensational catches in the first four practices of spring.

Tamme, who converted from receiver in the Tennessee game last year — catching two touchdowns —

can be expected to be a go-to target this fall.

"Jacob Tamme is going to be a force at tight end," said offensive coordinator Joker Phillips. "He creates matchup problems for teams."

Derek Smith was the last tight end to lead UK in receiving when, in 2000, he caught 50 passes for 716 yards.

In 1998, James Whalen caught 90 passes for 1,019 yards en route to numerous All-American honors as a tight end.

Schuler steps up

Sophomore linebacker Joe Schuler has been one of the Cats' biggest impact players so far this spring.

The intense 6-foot-3, 240-pounder started two games and recorded 33 tackles last season.

Schuler has been playing with the first-team defense this spring, and the Cats will need him to continue.

ue his solid play to fill the void caused from the loss of junior Dustin Williams.

"Joe is a good player," said UK head coach Rich Brooks. "He proved that last year."

Brooks likes SEC replay

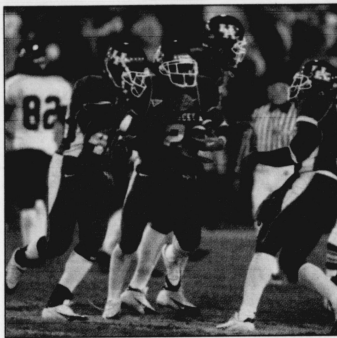
Last year the Big Ten experimented with instant replay, and conference officials loved it.

This fall, the Southeastern Conference will do the same thing for conference games.

"Very positive," Brooks said. "Any time you can ensure (against) an obvious miscall, it just improves the game. It makes it a fair deal."

The ol' switcheroo

Senior receiver Scott Mitchell and sophomore safety Marcus McClinton no longer share the same number. Last season, the two both wore the No. 2 jersey. McClin-



JONATHAN PALMER | STAFF

ton kept the number, and now Mitchell wears a No. 1 jersey.

Although they play on different sides of the ball, many public address announcers mixed up the two last fall, as Mitchell was credited for several of McClinton's fake punts.

There are 30 players sharing 15 different numbers on this spring's roster.

Shoe trouble

During Monday's practice in a one-on-one drill between receivers and defensive backs, redshirt freshman cornerback Eric Powell fell on his face. He had lost his shoe.

"You lost your shoe!" Brown yelled at Powell half a field away. "That's unacceptable."

Powell had to do 30 pushups.

Meet coach Benedict Arnold

In last week's notebook Gerard Parker was incorrectly

identified as the graduate assistant coach for receivers. He is actually a "traitor," as senior receiver Tommy Cook puts it.

Parker, who was a UK receiver from 2001-04, now helps coach the defensive backs.

"I still have a great relationship with the guys on offense," Parker said.

Receivers Keenan Burton and Glenn Holt have kidded him about the switch, but Parker doesn't mind.

"I'm excited about being on defense," Parker said. "Everything I learn is new."

Jeff Patterson covers UK football for *The Kentucky Kernel*. This article contains his observations and opinions. He can be heard Sundays at 9 p.m. on "The Big Blue Review" on WRFL, 88.1 FM.

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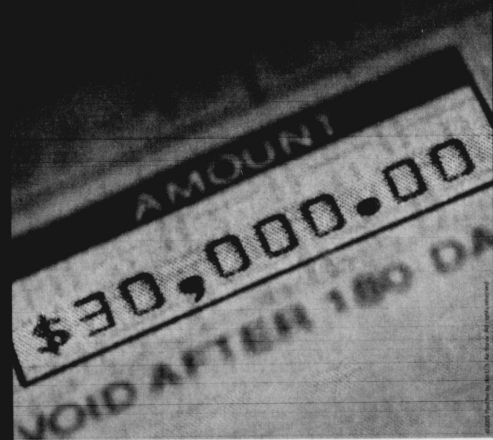
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