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Celebrating 34 years of independence

Fletcher: Don't give up top-20 goal

By Crystal Little
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Fletcher

Despite recent double-digit tuition increases at UK, the cost of attending a state school in Kentucky is still fairly low by national standards, Gov. Ernie Fletcher said on campus yesterday.

"They've been

cut back so much, we really brought them back to where they were (before the cuts)," he said of the state's universities. "I'm not going to say we pushed them."

"Folks care about tuition," he added. "It's still tough."

While speaking to Professor Mike Farrell's JCU 499 class in the Grehan Journalism Building, Fletcher discussed the various options the government has for funding higher education, including tuition, general fund dollars and federal grants.

Fletcher said while his administration cut about \$40 million from the Council on Postsecondary Education when he took office to help balance the budget, they have since restored that money. But he also encouraged greater productivity from UK in growing its endowment and fostering valuable connections with the business world.

"The university has to step up, too," he said, adding that the state government can only do so much to fund higher education, considering other demanding expenses like

Medicare.

In its quest to pursue top-20 status among public institutions by the year 2020, mandated by the state legislature, UK needs to focus on attracting and retaining faculty members who can cultivate "intellectual property" within the university to promote growth and benefit the institution, Fletcher said. Another key is then effectively marketing what UK has to offer to commercial businesses, he said.

If you can keep and attract the best faculty they're the people

that'll make things happen," Fletcher said. "We should focus on getting the people and giving them the atmosphere to develop."

The top-20 goal is still realistic, if UK can establish more clearly defined goals, Fletcher said.

"Always dream big," he said. "We shouldn't give up on that."

"We've got to get more flexibility," he continued. "There's a lot of moving parts (in the pursuit of top-20 status)."

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UK looks to boost diversity

Board set plan to address admissions, hiring practices

By Troy Lyle
THE KENTUCKY KERNEL

UK fell short this year of meeting six of eight goals required by the state's Council for Higher Education, prompting the UK Board of Trustees to submit a plan of action to address goals that were not met.

Last Tuesday, the UK Board of Trustees applied for a waiver requesting permission from the state's council to continue to add new undergraduate and graduate programs.

UK failed to meet its goals in six-year graduation rates for degree-seeking Kentucky black residents, employment of blacks in executive, administrative and managerial positions, and employment of blacks in other professional positions such as accountants and budget directors.

Jay Blanton, UK executive director of public relations, said it's important to understand that there are a couple of different issues going on here.

"It does demonstrate that UK needs to do better," he said. "But at the same time, it's a narrow window in that it's just for one year."

"UK has made significant improvements in black graduation rates and in terms of the decreasing the gap between the numbers of whites and blacks graduating," he said of the past three years.

The last time UK submitted a waiver was in 2001.

UK made progress in five categories.

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Club reaches new high

UK's Snowcats boasts more than 300 members

By Justin McNeil
THE KENTUCKY KERNEL

Anthony Richie boarded a bus to Breckenridge, Colo., two years ago knowing only a few UK Snowcats members and even less about the world of skiing west of Patti Peaks.

He just started calling Kentucky his home again after being impressed enough with Colorado that he moved to Breckenridge for a year and a half.

While his experience sounds extreme, Richie, who is now the secretary of the club, feels that his story is indicative of most students' involvement with the Snowcats.

"No one realizes how much fun they will have," he said, remembering his own expectations of the first trip. He said one of the club's goals is "to get people to experience something they've never experienced."

Now celebrating its 10th year anniversary on UK's campus, the Snow-

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London calling

Winter Intercession programs offer chance to study abroad in England for students in communications, fine arts and business

By Farra Franklin
THE KENTUCKY KERNEL

UK's second Winter Intercession is giving students the opportunity to earn three credit hours in London this December through the Cooperative Center for Study Abroad and UK Distance Learning.

Students from the College of Communications and Information Studies, the College of Fine Arts and the Gatton Business College are traveling to Europe to study abroad in the disciplines of theatre, advertising and marketing. The eight-day course includes airfare to London, hotel accommodations, complimentary breakfasts and tickets for London theatrical productions and art exhibitions.

The course for the College of Communications focuses on the differences in advertising between the United States and Europe.

"The students will be looking at how advertising and public relations are practiced in London, and they will be comparing that to how those disciplines are practiced here in the U.S.," said Beth Barnes, director for Communications and Information Studies and creator of the course.

The students will visit various ad-

agencies in London such as Saatchi & Saatchi Advertising and Edelman Worldwide Public Relations.

Barnes designed the course for students to gain knowledge of advertising outside of the United States. She wants students to apply the knowledge they gain from other countries to jobs when they graduate.

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Bob Haven
UK theatre department

such as Shakespeare's birthplace, Stratford-upon-Avon.

"Over and above the academic content, it is a tremendous cultural experience that opens the door to a lot more exploration on the student's part, and I would encourage all my students to go back," said Bob Haven, associate professor of costume



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technology for UK's theatre department.

To prepare for the course, students must read several books in advertising for the communications course and several plays for the theatre department, including many Shakespearean plays.

"The events we are participating in are possibly more than we can see in eight days, and we want students to get prepped for the experience before they leave so they can get the most out of what they are seeing," Haven said.

Students wanting to register for the course must first apply to the UK Distance Learning Center, and the first money deposit for the trip is due by Oct. 3. When students are approved through the application they can register for the course when they register for the Winter Intercession courses on WebUK. The requirements for the course include a 2.0 or higher GPA, and student's enrolling with the Communications Department must be upper-level ISC, Communications or Journalism majors. The theatre department's course is open to all majors with a 2.0 GPA or higher.

"I always recommend that students study abroad because it is important to experience and immerse yourself in another culture," said Barnes.

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Rescue operations continue in Rita's wake

By Doug Struck
THE WASHINGTON POST

BEAUMONT Texas — Throughout the Gulf Coast near the Texas-Louisiana border Monday, the landscape lay littered with snapped utility poles and more than a half-million customers were without power. Floodwaters began to recede, but many homes and buildings remained submerged in the Louisiana bayou.

Officials continued rescue operations for residents cut off by Hurricane Rita's flooding, and military helicopters searched for as many as 30,000 stranded cattle.

Meanwhile, anger grew and tragedy arrived, as evacuated citizens clamored to be allowed back to their homes. Five persons — in-

cluding three children — died after inhaling carbon monoxide exhaust from a generator they ran in their apartment.

In several Texas communities, including the refinery town of Beaumont and nearby Port Arthur, officials trying to deter an influx of returnees blocked roads into the towns and pleaded with motorists not to come. But their roadblocks were besieged by irate residents who said they wanted to protect their property and help clean up.

Others who had resisted the massive evacuation before Rita struck Saturday emerged from their boarded-up homes, seeking food and water and also criticizing what they said was a slow effort to return basic services to their com-

munities.

"We thought we had evacuated everybody. Now people are starting to come out," said Michael Ferris, a federal official working at the base set up outside Beaumont to coordinate relief efforts.

The deaths occurred among a group of eight persons who managed to return to their apartment at 2:30 a.m. Monday according to Beaumont Police Officer Crystal Holmes. They apparently got into the two-story apartment and started a small generator with no vent to the outside, despite warnings throughout the day on local radio stations for people not to run generators indoors.

"They probably didn't want to put the generator outside for fear it

would be stolen," said Holmes, a police spokeswoman, who was on the scene. At 10:40 a.m., a relative knocked repeatedly on the door. A 12-year-old girl stumbled out, vomiting, Holmes said.

"The exhaust was so strong and so thick in the apartment, it overcame emergency workers who were trying to drag out the bodies," she said.

The dead included a boy 8; two girls, 7 and 12; their aunt, 25, and a man, 47, who was a friend of the family, police said. The man's 12-year-old daughter, who answered the door, survived. The 29-year-old mother of the dead children and an 8-year-old son were airlifted to Houston in critical condition, Holmes said.

Fletcher

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Fletcher said the primary responsibility of UK is still "taking care of and educat-

ing Kentuckians across the state." While research often attracts more money than undergraduate education, those objectives aren't conflicting, he said. "Don't think those two goals are mutually exclusive," Fletcher said. "You need to do research — it in-

terfaces the private market with the university. You can't be prepared if you're not up on what's going on. "It's always a question of, 'Where do you put a dollar? Research or undergraduate?'"

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Snowcats

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cats offer an array of activities that would excite even the most experienced thrill-seeker. From paintball to skydiving and white water rafting, the club provides what President Koller Kahlberg described as an "amazing experience for a feasible price."

The Snowcats have grown to rank as one of, if not the largest club, on UK's campus each year with more than 300 members. Of their members, Kahlberg estimates that at least half are at the beginning or intermediate level in ski-

ing or snowboarding. The club's annual January ski trip, this year to Telluride, Colo., was previously closed to college organizations and groups.

"It is the best of what Colorado has to offer," Kahlberg said. "Telluride will be hard to beat."

Snowcats made past trips to Copper Mountain and Aspen.

"I'm definitely going to try to get more involved this year," said Ryan Conley, a civil engineering sophomore who realized the Snowcats' trips provide a great opportunity at a low price.

"I especially would like to go on the big trip," he said, referring to Paoli Peaks last year.

According to Richie and Kahlberg, such adventures, combined with the casual nature of the club, have fostered friendships and prompted students to pursue skiing or snowboarding as a full-time profession.

"Joining anything will make your college career better," said Kahlberg.

Ritchie stressed the magnitude with which the UK Snowcats operate.

"It's a lifetime of experiences in a semester."

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Waiver

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gories, including Kentucky black resident student enrollment, retention of first-year Kentucky residents, retention of all Kentucky resident undergraduate students, Kentucky resident graduate student enrollment and employment of black faculty.

Sherron Jackson, assistant vice president of finance and equal employment opportunities for the council, said UK "typically meets the requirements" for black graduation rates.

Jackson said all universities seeking a waiver have to do an assessment of where they fell short and explain to their board what caused the shortfall.

Jackson said in addition to an assessment, UK is required to outline the actions it plans to take to address these concerns.

In terms of meeting six-year black graduation rates,

UK proposed adding academic enhancement programs, creating a new UK 101 class designed to help students adjust to college life and the graduation contract.

To boost employment of blacks in executive, administrative, managerial and professional positions, UK plans to aggressively seek more resources and tools to assist in its hiring.

That includes using advertising services and online employment sites to expose UK to a wider and more diverse employment market, as well as offering more training of UK's hiring officials.

Jackson said upon receipt of the waiver, UK can continue to add new academic programs with the councils consent through the end of 2005.

Between now and the end of the year, the council will evaluate UK's waiver and plan of action. The outcome of that evaluation will determine UK's ability to add new programs in 2006, he said.

Terry Allen, associate vice president for employment equity, considers this waiver extremely important to UK, so much so that it's

part of UK's mission and strategic plan.

"The university values diversity and strives to provide equal opportunity for all students and employees," said Allen.

He continued adding that UK has made considerable progress in obtaining these goals in recent years, but pointed out that there's still room for improvement.

Phil Kraemer, associate provost for undergraduate education, agreed with Allen in that UK has made progress.

"It just wasn't enough based on what the council was looking for," he said. "We simply failed to meet those goals."

He said he hopes this year's shortfall is just a blip on the radar screen and cites new policies, such as the graduation contract, as reasons why UK should make progress in the future.

"Regardless of where we're at with the numbers," said Kraemer. "We've got to do more."

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Phi Beta Kappa is one of the most prestigious honorary societies for students educated in the liberal arts. Membership in Phi Beta Kappa is a recognition that will be valued throughout your professional life. We strongly urge that any eligible student apply for membership. The Membership Committee of Phi Beta Kappa is now receiving nominations for membership. The preliminary requirements which must be met in order for a student to be eligible for consideration are listed below.

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The membership committee will also conduct a vetting process to identify eligible students, but please do not hesitate to nominate yourself or another student. Faculty are also encouraged to nominate students they believe meet the criteria for membership.

Should you know of an individual who may meet these requirements, please urge that person to review the information at UK's Phi Beta Kappa website <http://www.as.uky.edu/pbk>.

In order to be considered, nominations must be submitted no later than Monday, October 10, 2005. The online nomination form can be found at <http://www.as.uky.edu/pbk>.

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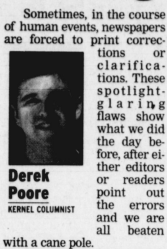
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Editing is so simple, a 7-year-old can do it



Derek Poore
KERNEL COLUMNIST

Sometimes, in the course of human events, newspapers are forced to print corrections or clarifications. These spotlighting flaws show what we did the day before, after either editors or readers point out the errors and we are all beaten with a cane pole.

Last week, I wrote about my niece recently getting a cell phone for her seventh birthday. It generated no response. At the time she hadn't called me with her new present and I had been anx-

iously waiting by my phone. Tuesday night, my phone rang. Well it played the Super Mario Brothers theme song, but nobody has an actual ring do they?
Anyway, I had made a grave mistake.
Hello?
On the other end I hear what sounds like a TV, someone crunching food, the occasional yelp and maybe a dog slurping a bowl.
Hello?
"I'm calling youuuu!"
I noticed.
"Mom told me to," my niece said. "My case for my phone is pink with red stripes."
OH. Red stripes. I had erred. Last week I said it was a pink case, which made sense to my reporter's instincts. My apologies. I re-

gretted the error.
The funny thing is, while only 7, my niece has the uncanny ability to be sarcastic. So I heard: ANYONE WHO'S COOL HAS A PINK CELL PHONE. CASE WITH RED STRIPES!
My niece doesn't live around here, but with the powers of the Internet, she knew I was talking about her. "She told me about the paper, she pulled it up on the computer," my sister told me.
Cell phones and the Internet — a 7-year-old's tools to the world. I'm afraid she will be driving by 10, in college by 14 and making more money than me by 18. Of course I think I'm just afraid she's already smarter than me.
She was really thrilled about her new phone. I'm sure her phone has six mil-

lion more features than mine, other than the pinkness. I mean it does have games on it.
"The games don't take up minutes!"
Well at least she's learning how to cut costs early in life. Start saving early. Financial education is completely amiss in this country, anyway. This may pay off when my niece's contemplative getting credit cards and a house.
My niece offered further evidence she was smarter than me when she said she would call me back on my sister's phone so she wouldn't waste any more of her minutes.
While my niece itemizes her expense reports, I run up a \$100 cell phone bill sending text messages. It proves I'm

insane, because while my last month's bill was \$100 because I went over on my text message quota, I made absolutely no attempt to either change my plan or stop sending text messages. And I was blown away and dumfounded when I received this month's bill.
My sister had informed me my nephew doesn't actually break things, which I wrote last week. Despite the fact I'd seen him break 800 toys, just as I did when I was his age. I didn't argue. So before I hung up with my niece, the brainiac did reaffirm one thing.
"Yes, he does break things," my niece said.
Well, I guess reporters are right sometimes.

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CD REVIEW | Marjorie Fair 'Self-Help Serenade'

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Haven't you had your fill of music that's in no particular rush? Aren't you tired of always being calmed down by your music? Haven't you heard enough peaceful, melodic, ethereal rock-pop-folk jams? Me neither!

Enter "Self-Help Serenade," the debut album from L.A.-based band Marjorie Fair. This is an album that will sound familiar to most listeners, but still includes unique, slumberous songs of pure enjoyment.

Evan Slamka (vocals, guitar), Dain Luscombe (keyboards), Scott Lord (bass) and Mike Delisa (drums) comprise Marjorie Fair, and together they craft weightless, meandering tracks with

the same tone and pacing as Pink Floyd or the Flaming Lips at their most mellow.

Slamka has a perfect voice for this tone of music — airy, contemplative and melancholy. His lyrics are intentionally universal, relating stories of junkies, lost love, confusion and self-loathing. The messages behind "Halfway House," "Please Don't" and "Empty Rooms" are easily digested and applicable to any listener, open to any number of colorful interpretations. And the cozy, reassuring melodies cradle the listener within these dream-like tracks.

Speaking of dream-like, it's quite easy to mistake tracks "Silver Gun" and "Halfway House" for Floyd's "Comfortably Numb." The transitions between the



tracks are often cushioned with soft, looming synth effects, and as such that it's hard to notice when one song ends and another begins, making for a very pleasing and unobtrusive flow. It may be a bit too unobtrusive, though; if you're having a conversation with someone with "Serenade" in the background, it's easy to ignore Slamka's quiet croon.

"Waves" and "Stare" feature a slightly more lively

rhythm and a little more umph behind Delisa's percussion, but they still fit perfectly within the song progression. "Waves" is the standout track on the album with its congenial bass lines and lilting strings and vocal harmonies.

The whole album is lilting to some degree, but it's less bitter and more sweet with this track. The more noisy, rockish side of the guitar peeks in and out only briefly throughout "Serenade." It's rather poppish, but in an inviting, up-beat way.

The album that seems most reminiscent of "Self-Help Serenade" is Beck's "Sea Change." "My Sun Is Setting Over Her Magic," "Don't Believe" and "Hold On To You" have the same

sort of lovely country/folk-inspired arrangements combined with Luscombe's warm and soulful organ play. These songs churn up images of languid, sunny days in the countryside, making one forget that sky scrapers and cubicles and bad drivers ever existed.

That seems to be a pervading theme throughout the album: letting go of the spurious and recognizing the vital. The songs encourage contemplation and self-inspection, and the emotions conveyed by "Self-Help Serenade" are rich and profound.

It's a great listen that requires a bit of patience, and if you meet Marjorie Fair halfway, they will reward you with a contented mind.

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As tastes change, brewers go to extremes to keep pace

By John Balzar
LOS ANGELES TIMES

Beer lovers, don't despair. So what if a recent Gallup Poll delivered the ominous news that wine has finally caught up, and may now surpass, beer as America's favorite alcoholic beverage? That doesn't tell the whole story.

Beer has a friendly challenger to: beer itself. That is, the more flavorful and adventurous drink we call craft beer is gaining ground on common beer faster than anything else, wine included.

In 2004, the quickest-growing segment of the alcoholic beverage industry in the U.S. was craft beer, not wine. Earlier this year it was reported that craft beer sales grew 7 percent. That turns out to be more than twice the 2.7 percent increase in wine or the 3.1 percent growth in spirits, according to the Colorado-based Brewers Association.

The explanation? Craft beer is getting better all the time, not to mention sometimes more deliciously wild than ever imagined. This summer, for instance, one brewer

was so proud of his new 50-proof beer that he cracked the \$100-a-bottle price barrier — and that's without a single bubble of carbonation or a trace of the familiar foamy head. Think Cognac, not Coors.

The "revolution" in American craft brewing is now a generation old. But rather than growing cautious with success, brewers seem ever more adventurous; they're pushing their beers into realms never imagined.

At the same time, beer drinkers are becoming more appreciative and similarly daring.

Something else has been occurring too. As if in anticipation of the Gallup numbers, those who love beer are out to challenge wine on its home turf: the dinner table. Pairing beer with food has long been part of the brew-pub culture, but increasingly it is an idea being tried out on white tablecloths.

"For the last 18 months or so, we've been trying to really spread the word," says Ray Danils, director of marketing for the Brewers Association.

"What we're seeing is that it's finally broken through — food and beer pairings are no longer just something within the industry. Chefs have taken on the idea, and so have culinary schools."

But don't get too carried away just yet.

Although home cooks have better choices because supermarkets have expanded their selections of more flavorful beers, it's likely to be a while before diners can expect their favorite restaurants to greet them with competing sommeliers one for beer and one for wine. But the idea isn't laughable anymore.

For more than a decade, Jim Koch of the Boston Brewing Co. has been in the vanguard of redefining our very concept of what beer can be. Beginning in 1983 with Samuel Adams Triple Bock, he has been ratcheting up the alcohol and flavor concentrations in small batches of limited-edition brews that have come to be known in the industry as "extreme beers."

This summer he did it again. His brewers unveiled the 2005 edition of the brandy-

colored, sharply aromatic and seriously alcoholic Sam Adams Utopias. A blind tasting was held in Santa Monica, Calif., as part of a nine-city series for the media and distributors.

This was not your ordinary tasting.

Here was an uncarbonated after-dinner beer put up against two of the best "digestifs" the wine world has produced: Taylor Fladgate 1994 Vintage Porto from Portugal and Martell X.O. Supreme Cognac from France.

It was a moment to spin a beer drinker's head.

For one thing, most hopheads lack the vocabulary to discuss beer — beer, mind you — in the wine-and-spirits vernacular necessary to convey a sense of Utopias' "warm, burnished, caramelized apples, tarte Tatin, oloroso Sherry . . . silkier than Madeira but less velvety than tawny Port . . . odors of Sherry and fortified wine, some residual sugar sweetness . . . a fine, slightly malty, lingering finish . . . quite surprising."

Let's face it, except for the

last remark, beer drinkers don't tend to talk that way. For another thing, are we ready to drink our beer at room temperature in petite brandy glasses, a tiny sip at a time to finish off a five-course dinner? Clean our plates and then have a beer? Really.

Gallup was no doubt correct in charting changes in our drinking habits, and heaven knows that wine aficionados have had a giddy time trying to wring portent from the finding. But as with all surveys, the results were no better than the questions posed.

Gallup didn't ask how many American beer drinkers are drinking better beer. Nor how many Americans are getting better at drinking beer, for that matter.

The fact is, many of us are consuming less and wanting to make more of it. To ignore beer in that mix is to risk being left behind. The light, sudsy thirst quencher of summer afternoons now wears white tie and tails when the occasion calls for it.

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IN OUR OPINION

Don't let diversity fade to white

A recent survey by a law professor at the University of Dayton rated UK's law school one of the nation's "ten whitest." This label hits UK at a time when the university's black freshman enrollment dropped from 256 students last fall to 151 this semester.

In the study conducted by Professor Vernellia Randall, the 10 schools listed all had white populations of more than 90 percent. Some of the schools were in states with a low minority population, such as the University of Montana and the University of Maine, the first- and second-ranked schools on the list. But Southern schools in states with a much larger minority population made the list as well. Samford University in Alaba-

ma, the University of South Carolina and the University of Richmond in Virginia were listed. UK was No. 8.

Randall argues that admission shouldn't be so heavily weighted toward entrance exams. She said considering an applicant's entire profile would allow more opportunities for minorities to get into law school.

Allan Vestal, dean of the college of law, said UK uses a "full-file review" when weighing new applicants. He said Randall's study is inaccurate because it does not take into account law-school programs nor strides he said the university has made compared to its benchmarks.

Whatever Randall's controls and variables, and no

matter the methods of the law school's admissions process, enrollment numbers are hard to argue with.

Though the law school is only one of dozens in UK's charge, a study like this leaves nothing less than additional bad press about levels of minority enrollment at a university, no matter the process used to accept new students.

While minority enrollment overall is steady this year compared to last, black enrollment for whatever reason has dropped. On top of the law-school revelations, this only adds to the problem of attracting black students to UK.

Bad publicity is sometimes more memorable and

more influential than good publicity UK needs to avoid this type of labeling by reviewing how it both attracts and accepts minorities.

Simply maintaining a steady level of minority enrollment shouldn't be the goal for UK; obviously a drop in black enrollment shouldn't be either.

For the better of university diversity — and more importantly, for the better of giving minority students a better chance to attend college — UK needs to show that its admissions process is more open than one professor's study says.

Otherwise, it's one's word versus another's — initiative versus study — and the numbers aren't rising.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Todd's contract renewal too short

I am pleased that the Board of Trustees has chosen to renew President Lee Todd's contract; he's done a great job at improving UK. But at the same time, I am dismayed that the board renewed it for only three years. Frequent changes of leadership are not going to help UK attain top-20 status by 2020. Changes in leadership will only serve to put us further behind on the track to top-20 status. President Todd has been very passionate about UK's goal of becoming a top-20 school, and it would be difficult to find another president with the kind of enthusiasm he has.

What dismayed me the most was one of the reasons behind renewing the contract for only three years: because it is similar to how other benchmark schools renew their presidents' contracts. Following the example of other benchmark schools is not always a bad idea, but I think in the case of renewing President Todd's contract it was. We need to stop comparing ourselves to other schools and start setting our own standards and making our own decisions. After all, if we are to be a top-20 school, we need to be leaders, not followers.

ASHLEY STEVENS
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U.S.-bashing is misguided

This is in response to "U.S. far from reaching its founding principles" by Doug Scott in the Sept. 23 Kernel.

First, I'd like to present a definition of a very important word Scott seems either to not know or to have completely ignored: hindsight — "perception of the significance and nature of events after they have occurred," according to the American Heritage Dictionary. It is easy to say that we were wrong about going to Iraq, in hindsight. Imagine that the information given to President George W. Bush had been correct and that Saddam Hussein, who had claimed possession of weapons of mass destruction, actually had them 2 1/2 years ago. Now, let's imagine he used them, as he expressed a willingness to do. The result would (I'd like to think) cause more anger among the American people for not having done something about it, than having done something about it and been wrong.

Second, I fail to see where our record on slavery, women's suffrage and Japanese internment camps comes into play in this issue. Compared to other countries, America has a bright, shining standard of morality. Our internment camps, for instance, never instituted the practice of human slaughter. Giving women the right to vote at all is a quantum leap, when compared to many nations that don't even allow women to work outside of the house, as in Bangladesh. And the eradication of slavery in 1865 is not such a horrible thing when one looks at other countries. The English Parliament passed the Abolition of Slavery Act in 1833, a mere 32 years before us, under much more amicable circumstances. The mere suggestion of its abolition in America at that time meant the reformation of the entire Southern economy and was a clear call for civil war — yes, I know it happened, in hindsight.

So what's my point? Stop bashing America. For one thing, it's a horribly overdone and overblown practice. We have set lofty goals for morality and may not have reached them all, but to say that we're far from them is indicative of ignorance of the rest of the world. Oh, and as far as the startlingly original "no war for oil" battle cry goes, I have a quote for you: "\$2.39 for gas? That's so cheap!"

ERIC CHASE
undeclared freshman

Give SG fees back to students

I believe it's time for Student Government to stop the facade of pretending to represent the average student. When only one in 10 students participate in the Greek popularity contest known as the SG elections, how can anyone tell me SG understands my concerns? As tuition steadily increases to fund Lee Todd's top-20 pipe dream, students need a representative voice on the Board of Trustees. We need representatives who aren't solely concerned with their resume building but who passionately care about their fellow students. We need an SG president who isn't a card-carrying member of the Greek Country Club. We need someone who truly gives a damn.

With a budget made up of our tuition money, what return have we seen from SG? I have witnessed empty buses travel to Frankfurt so our SG leaders can participate in a cheap meet-and-greet with other pathetic student governments from across the commonwealth. I attended the 2004 Ballot Bash, costing approximately \$25,000, where I saw less than 1 percent of the student body. Anyone see a pattern? SG doesn't know how to address student concerns, get students involved or even relate to the student body.

SG has forgotten what it means to be a UK student. It gathers every other week to discuss last weekend's party, to plan next weekend's party and to discover a fool-proof method to disguise its true motives. These motives entail wasting student money for personal gains, using old-school patronage to fill positions for years to come and fattening one's resume for a chance at law school.

I have an idea for the use of SG's roughly \$90,000 in discretion: spending for this school year. Give every student an UK \$3 back so we can do something useful with it. I'll have a double cheeseburger, fries, and a Coke.

CHRIS SULLIVAN
history junior



CHRIS STEWART, THE KENTUCKY KERNEL

When media won't listen, protests force the issue

An estimated 150,000 people converged on Washington, D.C., this weekend to participate in the largest march protesting Iraq's occupation since the beginning of the Iraq War. A "carnival of ideology" might be the correct phrase to describe it, as the sloganeering, the attention-grabbing antics of the crowd and speakers, the chanting and songs, and the massive size and close proximity of the disparate yet unified rallies created an attitude that ranged from solemn funeral procession to jubilant organic dance party in front of the White House.

Some of the signs endorsed impeaching Bush and trying him and his administration for war crimes at the International Criminal Court in The Hague. Other signs displayed obscenities toward the administration or witty cartoons. One side of the march was flanked by a rope that started at the beginning of the walk and stretched nearly to the end. Tied to the rope were the pictures and names of all 1,911 military men and women who have died in Iraq.

This rally encompassed all ages, ethnicities, sexualities and religions. Groups included Baptists and Quakers, families of Sept. 11 victims, the Socialist Worker's Party, Grandmas for Peace and the farcial Billionaires for Bush. Christians, Muslims, Buddhists, atheists, blacks, whites, Hispanics, children, the elderly, immigrants and the affluent all crowded together in a display of solidarity that enveloped 10 city blocks in order to communicate their common goal: to end the war in Iraq and bring the troops home.

It would, however, be naive to believe that a chanting mass of bodies outside the White House with clever signs is actually going to cause the Bush administration to change its poli-

cies, which have benefits for the government and many of the government's attendant corporations. The heads of the administration (along with a number of other politicians) evacuated Washington as the protesters swarmed the city in chartered buses and carpools, and on public transportation. Even during the protests of Vietnam, those in charge didn't simply pull out the troops because a bunch of protesters said to do so — they evacuated Vietnam when they decided that the war had become a quagmire, years after the protests began. And protesters know this.

So if we all knew that the anti-war rally wouldn't be the catalyst for withdrawal in Iraq, why did protesters go? The transport of all these people was a waste of precious oil, one reason that Iraq-war dissenters often cite for the entrance into the country in the first place.

First, the presence of dissent against the Iraq war sends a powerful message to the world. It informs the rest of the world that the policies of the U.S. government do not represent the people of the United States. In fact, 67 percent of Americans now believe that the war was wrongly handled or waged. Yet the anti-war movement has not been represented in the media (until the emergence of Cindy Sheehan) or has been deliberately misrepresented as a fringe movement. Neither the presence nor the ideology and arguments of anti-war Americans have been acknowledged in the public forum of ideas that are largely managed by the media.

A 2003 Fairness and Accuracy in Reporting study on news coverage of Iraq during the weeks leading up to and immediately after the war found that of 396 interviews on the news stations PBS, CBS, NBC and ABC, only three were interviews with peace activists, and only 17 percent were "skeptical" of U.S. policy.

Ironically we as Americans have freedom of speech, but not the freedom to be heard. Claiming a public stance in spite of the media's reluctance to allow

dissenters to do so allows them to disavow their complicity in the Iraq War. These arguments must be heard. In addition to demanding government accountability and transparency, Americans must make lifestyle changes that reduce U.S. dependency on oil and other resources. As if serving as a model to this, most protesters carpooled or used buses and other public transportation to descend upon D.C., and litter was minimal. Though one cannot completely eliminate his or her oil dependency, one can cut corners in as many places as possible and readjust priorities to minimize the usage of resources.

The fact that the march on Washington made the front page of The Washington Post, BBC News, Al Jazeera News, and The New York Times Web sites — among many, many others nationally and worldwide — shows the world that we as Americans are concerned and angry with the policies of our government. Whether the rally is a local gathering of 250-plus, as UK exhibited last month (and will exhibit again), or the rally of more than 100,000 in Washington, the message is given to the community and, by proxy, the politicians that represent us.

This message is that dissent is mainstream, that we as Americans demand that those who waged a war intentionally built on fallacies and misrepresentations of facts be held accountable, that our country has no more right to enter and aggressively mandate change in another country any more than that country has the right to do so in ours, and that Americans can peacefully converge in a show of solidarity such as this weekend's protest. Since dissenting voices have yet to be invited into the living rooms of Americans and the drawing rooms of corporations, not to mention into government offices, ordinary people must sometimes resort to a mass of signs and shouts in order to be seen at all.

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FOOTBALL NOTEBOOK

Young Wildcats bitten early by Gators' chomp

By Chris Johnson
THE KENTUCKY KERNEL

Too young, too soon, was the consensus from UK football coaches about the Wildcats' poor second quarter performance against Florida Saturday.

UK head coach Rich Brooks and defensive coordinator Mike Archer both said young players forced into action due to the injuries weren't following their assignments.

"When things start to get hairy, guys start to free-lance," Archer said after the game.

Archer said the cure is to be helpful, not critical.

"You have to be very positive," Archer said, echoing statements earlier in the season where negative reinforcement isn't the best solution with a thin, mostly younger team. "We don't want them to get down on themselves ... they are trying to do it, they just have to do it better."

Injury update

Senior safety Muhammad Abdullah's elbow was to be X-rayed after the Florida game, Brooks said. Abdullah had to leave the game after injuring the elbow during the second half.

Sophomore quarterback Andre Woodson spent the fourth quarter Saturday with his chest wrapped in ice after either aggravating his rib cage or pulling an oblique muscle in his chest. With an off weekend coming up, Woodson said he would use that time to avoid missing any playing time.

Freshman wide receiver DeMoreo Ford suffered a knee injury against the Gators and Brooks categorized his status for the Oct. 8 game at South Carolina as "doubtful at best."

Junior offensive tackle Fatu Turituri also suffered a knee injury Saturday. His status is questionable.

Diehards appreciated

Sophomore running back Rafael Little said the fans that stayed after halftime gave the team more drive.

"The fans that stay motivate us a little bit more," Little said. "We know they want us to win ... we knew they

were behind us."

But Little also said the fans that left didn't help the situation any.

"When we start doing good, we need some noise," he said.

Sophomore tight end Jacob Tamme said the spectator exodus wasn't as bad as it seemed.

"I've seen worse in my couple of years here," Tamme said of the empty seats in the second half. "The people (remaining) cheered us on in the second half."

Freshman cornerback David Jones said his special teams play — multiple tackles on kickoffs as well as a recovered onside kick — is from simply wanting to be on the field.

"Special teams, to me, is just like defense," Jones said. "Last week (against Indiana) I was just getting used to game speed. I want to get on the field."

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UK freshman quarterback Curtis Pulley is tackled after a fourth-quarter run during the Florida game Saturday. Subbing for the banged-up sophomore quarterback Andre Woodson, Pulley rushed seven times for 39 yards and ran in two touchdowns against the Gators. UK is off this weekend and plays South Carolina at 1 p.m., Oct. 8.

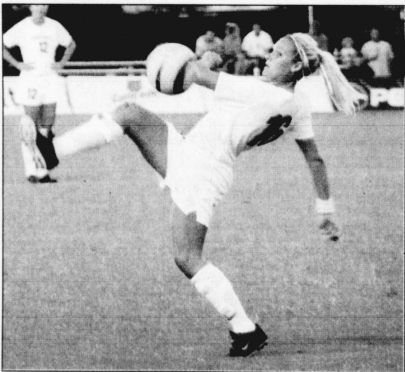
SPORTSBRIEFS

McCrudden Player of the Week

After scoring her first career game-winning goal this weekend against Arkansas, senior UK soccer forward Courtney McCrudden was named the Southeastern Conference Co-Offensive Player of the Week, UK announced yesterday.

McCrudden also scored a goal Friday night against Louisiana State in the Cats' SEC opener.

The Vorhees, N.J., native has a team-high four goals this year.



ROBIN BAKER | STAFF
Senior forward Courtney McCrudden (shown here against Belarmino Sept. 5), was named the SEC's Co-Offensive Player of the Week for her two-goal weekend against Louisiana State and Arkansas.

The Wildcats (5-0-5, 1-0-1 SEC) remain undefeated and return to the pitches of Alabama and Auburn this Friday night and Sunday afternoon, respectively.

Kickoff set at South Carolina

After an off-weekend, the UK football team will kick off at 1 p.m., Saturday, Oct. 8, as of yesterday, the game had not been selected for live TV.

The UK junior varsity squad

will host Hargrave Military Academy Friday at 1 p.m. in Commonwealth Stadium.

Admission is free and fans can enter through gates 10 and 11. Free parking will be available in the green and blue lots. Concessions will be on sale on the stadium's south side.

Men's golf results

The UK men's golf team was in third place and trailed defending national champion Georgia by seven strokes yesterday after the first round of the NCAA Preview at Sunriver Resort's Crosswater Course in Sunriver, Ore.

The Cats were led by freshman Andy Winings who leads all players after shooting a 69. He birdied four holes on the front nine and added another on the back nine to finish 3-under-par for the first round. Winings is tied with Nevada-Las Vegas' Seung-su Han and the Bulldog's Brian Harman.

Wildcat freshman Dan Woltman is tied for 16th after shooting 1-under-par for the first round. Woltman had three birdies to finish at 73.

Senior Matt Kohn shot a 74, tying for 27th overall, followed by Tyler Wilson at 75. Brad Doster shot a 5-over-par 77.

Georgia shot a 4-under-par 284. UK finished in its third place going into the second round with a 3-over-par 291, while UNLV was second (290), Arizona State fourth (292) and Georgia Tech fifth (294).

The Cats will tee off in round two action at 11 a.m. today. The Sunriver tournament concludes tomorrow.

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'The Great One' adapts to new coaching role

By Helene Elliott
LOS ANGELES TIMES

LOS ANGELES — Wayne Gretzky doesn't pretend to know all the answers. He didn't sit at Scotty Bowman's knee and divine what makes a coach successful or how to compel players to adopt a game plan with their hearts as well as their minds.

"The basic fundamentals of the game, to actually sit down and teach," Gretzky said, "my dad could teach them much better and with a lot more simplicity than I can."

He didn't add the coaching duties to his title of managing director of the Phoenix Coyotes because he wanted an ego boost. Nor was he attempting a stunt to sell tickets for a franchise that emerges from the lockout with questionable prospects financially and competitively.

"You dream. If only he could do it, that would be amazing." But at the same time, you also realize that he doesn't need to, "Coyote captain Shane Doan said. "That's almost more encouraging as a player, because you realize he's doing this out of just a pure love of the game and a desire to win and a desire to be in there with you."

Although he'd been an executive with the Canadian Olympic and World Cup teams, it took Gretzky six years of retirement to realize he felt incomplete without being closely involved in the game he played like none before him. He returned to Staples Center on Sunday not wearing his familiar No.

99, which was retired by the Los Angeles Kings three years ago, but wearing a gray sports jacket and an air of determination to teach not what he did, but what he learned about diligence and dedication.

"I don't expect a guy who's not a goal scorer to score 50 goals. But I expect that guy, every time there's a guy in the way, to knock him over," he said. "We've got to become a hard team to play against. None of this easy team to play against, 40 shots a game. That's just not going to work. And that's the reputation this team has, and that's what we're going to eliminate."

On a visceral level he missed the locker-room chatter, the quick surges of emotion, the chance to test himself. On an intellectual level, he missed his ritual of analyzing players and teams, which contributed more to his singular career than most people know. Marty McSorley, his teammate in Edmonton and with the Kings, recalled they'd often break down plays from their game or discuss players they'd seen on TV.

"I don't think you'll find a bigger fan of the game than Gretzky," McSorley said.

Or a more passionate one. "People say to me all the time, 'What do you enjoy doing?' It's pretty simple," Gretzky said. "Other than my family, my only real enjoyment in life is being around hockey. It's what I love to do. By no means could I say I'm a real estate guru, or I have stock deals. My life is hockey."

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