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SG elects key positions at first meeting

By Sean Rose
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The newly re-recognized Student Government is up and running after its first Senate meeting of the year last night in the Small Ballroom of the Student Center.

President Becky Ellingsworth said at the beginning of the meeting that the night was "like taking a deep breath and starting over."

The Senate elected economics and finance sophomore Nick Phelps the Senate president.

"The senators realized there needed to be new leadership to get things done," Phelps said.

The Senate also passed Ellingsworth's executive staff list and created cabinets for the school year. The Election Board for the freshman Senate elections was also formed, and freshman Senate election poll locations and times were decided.

The SG budget is now being examined as well. A draft of the budget was passed out to each Senate

member last night, and the Appropriations and Revenue Committee will examine the budget next week. Ellingsworth said she expects a vote to be taken on the budget at the next Senate meeting in two weeks.

The meeting took place in the wake of Ellingsworth's lawsuit against UK. Fayette Circuit Court Judge Gary Payne decided that Ellingsworth should be the president of SG two weeks ago, and his decision became final last Friday.

Presidential candidate Will Nash, who was present last night and watched from the back of the ballroom, won the general election by 171 votes but was disqualified by the Elections Board and SG Supreme Court after he was found guilty of campaign violations. The UK Appeals Board recommended reinstating him, but Becky Ellingsworth sued UK on the grounds that the SG Supreme Court should have the final say. Some members of the Senate

saw work ahead of them to repair SG's image.

"Basically, right now, we've lost a lot of respect, and I think you all know that," Phelps said during the meeting.

Ben Carter, a finance and economics senior, proposed the idea of discussing changes to the SG constitution for possible legislation in the future.

"I think that's one of the biggest things we can accomplish

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Distilling A LEGACY INTO bronze



Benjamin Bartlett, a fine arts graduate student, put the finishing touches on his sculpture of Booker Noe, a UK graduate and grandchild of Jim Beam.

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UK students' sculpture preserves memory of Jim Beam's grandson

By Jenisha Watts
THE KENTUCKY KERNEL



The sculpture will be placed outside the visitor's center at the Jim Beam distillery in Bardstown, Ky. Work began in October 2004 and concluded yesterday.

In February 2004, the last living grandchild of bourbon distiller Jim Beam died. But today, Booker Noe has been immortalized, thanks to UK art students who spent almost a year capturing the rich history of a seventh-generation bourbon distiller.

Last fall, the Jim Beam Distilling Co. commissioned UK to build a sculpture in memory of Noe. Ben Bartlett, a graduate student at UK, spent 10 to 15 hours a day sculpting a memorial to Noe, beginning in October of 2004 and ending yesterday. As the primary force behind the sculpture, Bartlett worked (and sometimes lived) in a two-room warehouse building that building inspectors have deemed uninhabitable, trying to keep pace with a tight deadline.

"The unexpectedness of the project is where a lot of stress came from," said Gary Bibbs, a UK art professor and head of the sculpture department.

Jim Beam Vice President Harry Groth wanted a commemorative sculpture of Noe in a rocking chair with a cane and his dog

Dot, something that would sit in the front lawn of the visitor center at the Jim Beam distillery in Bardstown, Ky., Bibbs said.

Out of all of Jim Beam's grandchildren, Noe — a UK alumnus — went on to learn recipes for bourbon, and even developed his own brand of bourbon, called "Bookers."

"He (Noe) was a very strong fan of UK," Bibbs said. "That's why Harry (Groth) wanted UK to be considered to do it."

Capturing the image of Noe proved to be a challenge for Bartlett.

"I couldn't really sculpt him until he was an actual image in my mind," Bartlett said. "I had no idea what his figure looked like in a rocking chair."

"He had to be a complete individual in my mind before I could sculpt him."

But very few pictures of Noe exist, which made an already difficult job harder, Bibbs said.

"We had to collect all the research — photographs, videos, all kinds to study his

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COMMENTARY

By Derek Poore

An eye on the little guy, and the bigger picture

The little guy wanted to be the best. Well, do you blame him?

When you're a UK football fan, and 11 years old, you'd do anything a 6-foot-3 wide receiver tells you — if he's wearing the blue and white.

Senior Scott Mitchell picked up a UK football poster and wrote, "Be the best."

KeyAaron Dishman loved it, because last week, days after his grandfather died, UK football was there for him.

"He was pretty excited. He's a shy kid. He's a good little dude," Mitchell said. "Anytime you can help somebody — the kids — I feel like you've got to do that."

KeyAaron's grandfather, William Russell Dishman Sr., 67, died Sept. 2. KeyAaron and his mom, Chantelle Dishman, made the drive from Tallahassee, Fla., to Kentucky for the funeral.

Through a family friend, Mitchell learned of the family's death and of an 11-year-old's Wildcat love.

"One reason he was excited was that he never had met anyone on the team," Chantelle Dishman said. "Other than visiting my brother, who played football at Kentucky State, he hadn't really met any players."

KeyAaron follows UK from Florida, where they've lived since his mom graduated from Florida State. KeyAaron keeps up with stats and games for UK football and basketball games.

His grandfather was a big UK fan, but his mom said she's the one who instilled a little blue blood into KeyAaron.

For every Terrell Owens or Jeff Kent, there are a hundred classy athletes. There's Scott Mitchell. Players who know they're looked up to and take the time to make a little boy's day.

Born in Harbor City, Calif., Mitchell excelled in basketball and football at Clear Creek High School in League City, Texas, just southeast of Houston. He played safety in addition to wideout, and he was also a forward for the hoops team.

KeyAaron plays football on the Country Club Panthers in Tallahassee, and he also plays basketball. But he doesn't just want to be like Mitchell.

He wants to be a quarterback. He wants to be a defensive back. Heck, throw all the positions in.

"He would pick out players and say, 'I want to play that position,'" Chantelle Dishman said. "He wants to play right up to the NFL."

Mitchell played junior college ball at Mt. San Antonio College in Walnut, Calif., and then transferred to UK before last season. He caught 30 passes for 383 yards and a touchdown last year.

His touchdown reception in the third quarter

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Robotics lecturer kicks off five-part UK series

By Ryan Evans
THE KENTUCKY KERNEL

In Takeo Kanade's world, robots can do more than just build cars or vacuum floors. They can film movies and deliver instant replays for the Super Bowl, too.

Takeo Kanade, a Carnegie Mellon University computer science professor, will discuss the past and future of vision-guided autonomous robots. He argues that these robots will see increasing use beyond their common factory environments and into more complex outdoor and daily environments.

This lecture, which will be

in the William T. Young Library auditorium this afternoon at 5:30, kicks off the computer science department's Distinguished Lecture Series.

"It might be interesting to everybody," said Dakshnamoorthy Manivannan, the UK, computer science professor who organized all the lectures. "Since his research was used in the Super Bowl, I think a number of students would be interested."

Kanade will also be discussing several systems that he helped develop, including a robot helicopter and a humanoid robot. Kanade is perhaps best known for Eye Vision, a system for using multiple cameras.



Kanade

The cameras film simultaneously and then each of the video streams from the cameras are combined by a computer. The Eye Vision technology has been used in both the film "The Matrix" and in television coverage of the Super Bowl.

Kanade has considerable experience in computer vision,

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sensors, multimedia and autonomous ground, air mobile and medical robots. He has written more than 300 technical papers and reports, holds more than 20 patents and has been the principal investigator on more than a dozen major vision and robotics projects at Carnegie Mellon University.

Manivannan also said this lecture might provide opportunities for future collaborations.

"This lecture came about after one of our own professors went to Carnegie Mellon, and he opened the line of communication," Manivannan said. "It may encourage future projects between the universities."

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Senior Wildcat wide receiver Scott Mitchell (1) tackled after a catch against Idaho State last Saturday.

Campus safety initiative praised for \$1.25 million focus on women

By Darlusch Shafa
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UK President Lee Todd signed on the dotted line yesterday, putting into effect an initiative that will make women's safety a campus focus and will hopefully bolster UK's push to be a Top-20 school.

"I think it can only help," Todd said. "As we look at becoming a Top-20 institution, we need to have Top-20 students, faculty and staff, and that can't happen if they don't feel safe."

According to Todd, 14 different campus institutions are putting together funds, resources and manpower to put an emphasis on women's safety. At a press conference yesterday, Todd outlined how UK was going to use \$1.25 million slated for improving women's safety.

"It's a broad-based move to improve," he said.

Carol Jordan, director of the Center for Research on Violence Against Women, was glad to see

Todd's support for this initiative and said the support doesn't stop there.

"When you're taking on a problem of this complexity, it's important you have everybody involved, and I think we have that," she said.

The initiative will also put money into research on women's violence, bringing in new counselors, staff training to deal with violence issues, a new research assistant at the Center for Research on Violence Against Women and a new victim assistant coordinator at Women's Place.

"This whole initiative is one of education," said Ken Clevidence, UK's director of public safety.

Improvements will also be made around campus to increase lighting in dim areas and trim away trees and other natural obstructions. A main pathway across campus that will be known as the "Cat's Path" will also be specially designed and given special attention. The path will stretch across campus, be well-lit and also be patrolled more frequently by UK po-

lice. Projects to improve lighting and visibility on campus are already underway.

"I think the main effect will be to give students a greater sense of security at night," said Bob Wiseman, vice president for facilities.

Dorothy Edwards, director of Women's Place located in Frazier Hall, said this is a start but she said it's nowhere near over yet.

Edwards also said it was "intolerable" that one in three women will be a victim in her lifetime, according to national crime statistics cited in UK's recent study on women's safety on campus.

"There's no way that anyone would say, 'I'm okay with one-in-three odds for a woman I love.'"

While Edwards said this is getting things off to a start, she said she's not satisfied just yet.

"I have to remain loud until my voice is drowned out," she said. "I do believe it's not enough."

Students involved in this work are still pleased that UK administrators are taking notice and tak-



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President Lee Todd and Ken Clevidence, director of public safety, stand behind Dorothy Edwards, director of UK's Women's Place, as she speaks at a press conference yesterday announcing UK's new initiative for campus safety.

ing action.

"The most important thing is that the students know they have the support of the administration and the administration know they have the support of the students," said English and women's studies junior Ashley Rouser, who was a member of the council that was

commissioned to put together these findings. "I'm just so excited they've taken into account what the students are concerned with."

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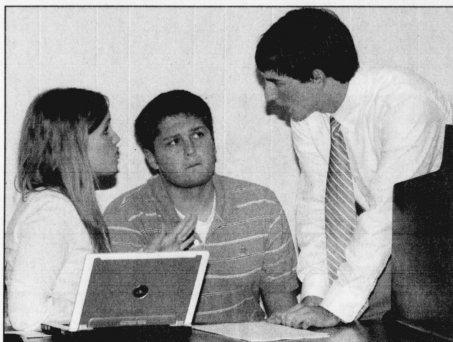
for the student body," Carter said.

The Appropriations and Revenue Committee, which examines bills for SG that contain any money or funding issues, chose public service and leadership junior Brent Burchett as its chairman. The committee also examines SG bills for their constitutionality.

Five cabinets were also created at the meeting this year, including Campus Life, College-Town Initiative, University Relations, Campus Outreach and Greek Affairs.

Overall, Ellingsworth had a positive outlook after the elections.

"I'm optimistic, because I think we've got some good people in SG," she said.



KATIE DUNCAN | STAFF

Student Government President Becky Ellingsworth, vice president Kyle Burns and Nick Phelps talk during the recess of the Student Government meeting last night. At the meeting, Phelps was elected president of the SG Senate.

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against Louisville kept UK's late rally attempt alive.

With UK's top two receivers Keenan Burton and Tommy Cook out for a month or more, Mitchell is trusted to help carry the load.

"In the football world he has to 'step up.'"

He's already stepped up for KeyAaron.

"He loved football," Mitchell said. "I took him in there to the Cat's Den and had some of the guys sign a shirt for him."

Mitchell said he wanted KeyAaron to know the UK football family was behind him.

His advice to KeyAaron

was simple. "Be the best."

But what else did Mitchell and KeyAaron talk about?

"We talked about football," KeyAaron said.

Of course. And who does he think will win Saturday when UK faces Indiana?

KeyAaron doesn't hesitate. "Kentucky."

Of course, but by how much?

"I don't know, but I know they're gonna win."

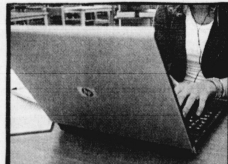
KeyAaron trusts UK will be victorious Saturday, but Mitchell is already winning at something more important than sports.

Derek Poore can be heard on the "Big Blue Review" today at 4 p.m. on WRFL 88.1 FM and Sunday nights from 8 to 10. E-mail dpoore@kykernel.com

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Delta, Northwest both file for bankruptcy protection

By Sara Kehaulani Goo
THE WASHINGTON POST

WASHINGTON — Delta Air Lines and Northwest, the nation's third- and fourth-largest carriers, filed for bankruptcy protection Wednesday as skyrocketing fuel costs accelerated the carriers' financial decline.

With the filings, an unprecedented four of the nation's seven largest carriers will be operating under bankruptcy protection, marking a low point for an industry that many analysts said had shown signs of turning a corner this year — if not for the run-up in jet fuel prices.

Analysts expect Dulles-based Independence Air's parent, Flyi Inc., to soon join the pack of bankrupt carriers. Two carriers in bankruptcy protection, UAL Corp.'s United and US Airways Group Inc., have indicated plans to emerge in the coming months. AMR Corp.'s American Airlines, Continental Airlines Inc. and Southwest Airlines Inc., the other three major carriers, posted a profit last quarter.

Despite the wave of bankruptcy filings, airline travelers should see little change. Frequent-flyer miles are expected to be preserved because airlines cannot afford to anger their most loyal customers. Fares are likely to remain low because of intense competition from low-fare carriers. Federal officials have stepped up airline inspections, and safety does not appear to have been compromised by the industry's woes.

Airline workers, already suffering from aggressive cuts in wages and benefits, will likely face further hardship. The airlines are likely to further trim their workforces to become smaller, more efficient businesses. Older carriers, such as Delta Air Lines Inc. and Northwest Airlines Corp., are saddled with hefty obligations to pension funds that could be turned over to the federal government under bankruptcy protection, diminishing workers' retirement benefits. The airlines beat next

month's launch of a new bankruptcy law, which makes it more difficult for executives to collect retention pay. The new law also requires carriers to emerge from bankruptcy within 18 months.

Some industry observers think the bankruptcies could prompt a move toward consolidation. US Airways, whose creditors approved its bankruptcy-reorganization plan Wednesday, is merging with America West Holdings Corp. in an effort to become a leaner, low-cost carrier.

"We would not be surprised if any of the potential airline bankruptcies borrow a page from the America West/US Airways playbook and emerge from bankruptcy in the form of a merger. That would be one way of achieving airline consolidation—an objective that has eluded the industry for years," said Michael Linenberg of Merrill Lynch & Co.

Unlike the days when airlines filed for bankruptcy protection and were then liquidated, creditors are less likely to demand their assets — namely, aircraft — for fear that a huge number of planes on the market will drive down prices. Instead, bankruptcy protection leaves more room for airlines to negotiate with creditors. In many cases, the carriers are looking to reconfigure their fleets for greater efficiency—a change that some consultants say is more difficult to do outside of bankruptcy reorganization.

"It's more difficult than ever to liquidate an airline," said Darryl Jenkins, visiting professor at Embury-Riddle Aeronautical University. "You have so many lenders of last resort who want to keep aircraft prices high."

Northwest said its decision to file for Chapter 11 bankruptcy protection was unrelated to its striking mechanics, who walked off the job several weeks ago to protest the company's effort to cut pay and reduce their ranks. The company blamed its fuel costs, which have risen to \$5.3 billion annually, for preventing it from reduc-

ing its expenses enough outside of bankruptcy protection.

"We had developed a plan to restructure Northwest outside of Chapter 11 and have been implementing that plan," Northwest chief executive Douglas Steenland said. "Unfortunately, in addition to an uncompetitive cost structure, our efforts have been overtaken by skyrocketing fuel costs. ... By filing for Chapter 11 now, we ensure that we have the means to complete the transformation of Northwest quickly and effectively."

The carrier expects to become 5 to 6 percent smaller by the fourth quarter, with layoffs expected, Steenland said.

Delta's filing was a "necessary and responsible step to preserve Delta's value," chief executive Gerald Grinstein said in a statement. The company said it had secured \$1.7 billion in debtor-in-possession financing to continue normal operations under bankruptcy protection.

Delta said Wednesday that it would continue to pay workers' wages, health care coverage, vacation and sick leave for its 52,000 employees but that further reductions in jobs, pay and benefits are likely.

Delta also said that it does not plan to make contributions to its pension plans that are due soon. "Missing contributions does not mean that our qualified plans stop paying monthly retirement benefits or that we have initiated the process to terminate the plans," Grinstein said, who added that he would push for pension reform legislation. A statement from the company said "there can be no guarantees—even with pension reform—about the future of Delta's qualified defined benefit pension plans."

Delta does not have as many unionized workers as other carriers, but it is \$21.5 billion in debt and posted a \$1.5 billion loss for the first six months of the year. The airline operates a wide range of aircraft, which analysts say could be narrowed to provide more efficiency.

Judge deems pledge in schools unconstitutional

By Maura Dolan
LOS ANGELES TIMES

A federal judge in Sacramento, Calif., ruled Wednesday that it is unconstitutional to require public school children to recite the words "under God" in the Pledge of Allegiance, reviving a contentious legal fight that inflamed the cultural wars over religion's place in government.

U.S. District Court Judge Lawrence K. Karlon said he was bound by the 9th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals, which in 2002 ruled that the words "under God," added by Congress in 1954 during the McCarthy era, rendered the Pledge unconstitutional.

Michael A. Newdow, the atheist who won the 9th Circuit ruling, ultimately lost his case last year before the U.S. Supreme Court. Without deciding the constitutional question of separation of church and state, the Supreme Court ruled that Newdow did not have legal standing to sue on behalf of his grade-school daughter because he did not have primary custody.

Newdow still lacks standing, but his new lawsuit may go forward because he has added plaintiffs who are parents with full custody of their children, Karlon decided.

The ruling affects the Elk Grove Unified School District, the Elverta Joint School District and the Rio Linda Union School District in Sacramento County.

Religious conservatives, joined by Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger, immediately denounced Karlon's decision in a replay of the uproar that ensued when the 9th Circuit first ruled in favor of Newdow. They said Karlon's ruling would become a weapon in their battle to ensure the U.S. Senate confirms President Bush's conservative nominees to the Supreme Court. The Supreme Court has the final say on the Pledge's constitutionality.

The nomination of John G. Roberts Jr., a conservative jurist whom Bush has selected to replace the late Chief Justice William H. Rehnquist, is currently before the U.S. Senate. Bush has yet to nominate a successor to Justice Sandra Day O'Connor, who has said she will retire when her successor is in place.

"Here we go again," said Jay Sekulow, chief counsel of the American Center for Law and Justice, a religious liberties group that litigates constitutional questions. Wednesday's ruling "emphasizes in a very significant way what is really at stake" with the confirmation hearings, Sekulow

said.

"Today's ruling illustrated why we need judges who are umpires applying settled law rather than activists intent on imposing their own ideology," said Matthew D. Staver, head of Liberty Council, another religious liberties group. Roberts has told the Senate he believes judges should be umpires, not policy makers.

"When the Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals delivered the craziest ruling in American history by striking down the Pledge of Allegiance three years ago, the U.S. Supreme Court stepped in and stopped the insanity," said Randy Thomasson, president of Campaign for Children and Families, a religious liberties group. "The lower courts striking down the Pledge again is like a dog returning to its vomit."

Gov. Schwarzenegger issued a statement urging the school districts to appeal the ruling.

Judge Karlon said he would be obligated to issue an order blocking the school districts from having children recite the Pledge once an appropriate motion was made. Michael Pott, a lawyer for the school districts, said they would ask Karlon to put such an order on hold pending an appeal to the 9th Circuit.

Sculpture

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posture," Bibbs said. Bartlett began the project by drawing preliminary sketches, which had to be approved by the Jim Beam company and Noe's wife and family. Bartlett then made a one-foot clay model of Noe seated in a rocking chair. Next, a full-size model was made, which also had to be approved by the Jim Beam distillery and Noe's

family. Once the clay version of the sculpture was approved, a series of rubber, wax and ceramic molds were made. Bibbs also brought in Tamina Karem, an independent contractor from Louisville, to help with pouring bronze and applying the finish to the sculpture.

"I came in when the clay was finished, to oversee the casting process," said Karem, who made ceramic shells of the sculpture.

Bronze is later poured into three ceramic shells,

each of which are a piece of the final sculpture. Once the bronze cools, the molds are removed and the bronze casts are welded together.

"It's like a three-dimensional puzzle," Bibbs said. The end result, scheduled to ship to the company today, is a 900-pound bronze sculpture, with an estimated cost in the tens of thousands of dollars.

"(A) finished project is tremendous," Bibbs said. "It's like a woman giving birth."

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Insurgent attacks in Iraq target scores of poor Shiites

By Borzou Daragahi
LOS ANGELES TIMES

BAGHDAD, Iraq — At their uncle Hamid Ghatti Fares' behest, the Rashid brothers left the desperation and unemployment of Nasiriya down south to look for construction jobs in the Iraqi capital.

And under their uncle's care, the two brothers, Hussein, 33, and Tahseen, 27, were returned to their home in the south Wednesday, their mangled bodies laid side by side in simple wooden coffins strapped atop a Korean-made minibus.

"What can I say? How can I describe this feeling?" said Fares, a 57-year-old Baghdad cigarette vendor, whimpering as he boarded the vehicle and prepared to deliver his nephews' remains to their father — his brother — in Nasiriya. "It will be a long ride."

The brothers were killed when a massive car bomb exploded in a crowd of day laborers in the largely Shiite Muslim district of Kadimiya on Wednesday, one of the deadliest days of insurgent attacks in the capital since the March 2003 U.S.-led invasion.

By nightfall, at least 141 Iraqis had been killed and 228 injured in the bombings and ambushes in Baghdad, most of the victims members of Iraq's Shiite majority. Between 6:50 a.m. and 2:10 p.m. local time, 10 car bombs were set off in the capital.

Another 17 people were

shot execution-style in a massacre in a Shiite enclave near Taji, north of the capital.

The barrage of explosions plunged the capital once again into fear and despair. Gunfire and sirens rang out as black smoke rose into the sky. Police and soldiers choked traffic with checkpoints. In eastern Baghdad, automatic weapons fire continued into the night.

The violence appeared to be retaliation for a recent joint U.S.-Iraqi offensive against rebels in the northern city of Tall Afar that Iraqi officials said killed at least 150 insurgents. The attacks also seemed designed to stoke tension between the country's Shiite majority and Sunni minority, which along with Sunni Arab fighters from abroad is spearheading the insurgency.

The group of Jordanian-born Abu Musab al-Zarqawi, an insurgent leader, claimed responsibility for the day's assaults in an Internet posting.

"Al-Qaida Organization in Iraq ... has declared war against Shiites in all of Iraq," the audio recording said. "As for the government, servants of the crusaders headed by (Prime Minister) Ibrahim Jafari, they have declared a war on Sunnis in Tall Afar. You have begun and started the attacks, and you won't see mercy from us."

A senior U.S. military official, speaking on condition

of anonymity, said the attacks were evidence of insurgents' weakness against Iraq's nascent security forces. "(The insurgents) failed to stand up to the assault up north, so they slink away and kill civilians in Baghdad," he said. "It is astonishing that they can try to claim some victory from pure murder."

Five of Wednesday's car bombs targeted U.S. patrols, injuring at least two Americans. In one foiled attack, a man of Syrian origin rammed a car bomb into an American tank, but it failed to explode and he was captured, a U.S. military officer said. Three bombs targeted Iraqi security officials, killing three soldiers and police officers.

But ordinary Iraqi civilians, along with all Shiites, bore the brunt of the attacks. One car bomb in the mostly Shiite Shuala district targeted a group of people waiting for a bus. At least four were killed, according to the Interior Ministry.

In Taji, according to one witness, a group of at least 50 men in Iraqi army uniforms pulled 17 members of the mostly Shiite Tamimi tribe out of their homes, lined them up against a wall and executed them before firing off flares and escaping into the dense palm groves along the Tigris River.

"The people who were killed have nothing to do with the Americans, the government or security forces,"

Mohammad Baqer Tamimi, a Taji produce wholesaler, said in a telephone interview. "Some sold vegetables, some sold ice and some were taxi drivers."

The car bomb in Kadimiya, though, was the day's deadliest incident, killing 112 people, the Interior Ministry said.

Hours after the explosion, women walking by the scene covered their eyes and gasped, overwhelmed by the smell of burnt flesh. Slick pools of blood covered the pavement. Farm tractors hauled away piles of charred debris.

Many of the victims said they were unemployed bricklayers, painters and construction workers from Iraq's south. The young men told similar stories of paying \$7 or so for a taxi ride up to Baghdad and staying in \$1-a-night flophouses for the chance to earn up to \$10 a day working on building projects in the capital.

"What is the reason for killing these innocent people? They work to eat. If they don't work they will not eat for the day," said Hashim Najl, a 23-year-old employee of a shoe factory, recovering from wounds he sustained in the Kadimiya attack. "They are not officials. They don't represent a threat to anyone."

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For one police officer, a terrible choice to make

By Doug Struck
THE WASHINGTON POST

NEW ORLEANS—Tony Jerome Mitchell said he was forced to make a choice: his grandmother or his honor as a police officer.

Mitchell, a nine-year veteran of the New Orleans Police Department, is listed as one of nearly 400 police missing from their posts after Hurricane Katrina. That absence record, from a force of 1,750, has wounded the pride of a department already struggling with a storm that nearly snuffed out the city.

Police Superintendent P. Edwin Compass III said he does not know why so many police officers remain missing. Some may have died or still cannot reach their stations, he suggested Monday. Other cops are less generous; cowards, they say.

The words sting Mitchell, 35. He spent six days trying

to patrol the hellhole of the Louisiana Superdome evacuation center after the storm, he said, while he was worried sick about his family.

After the evacuees left the Superdome and he heard his mother, 76, and grandmother, 103, were in a hospital, he hurried to retrieve them and move them to a relative's home.

While he was doing that, his supervisor called his cell phone. "He told me it was very noble and honorable to take care of my grandmother, but if I was not at roll call in 10 minutes, I was fired."

Mitchell said he struggled to get back to the police station, but when he arrived, "he told me to go home. He said, 'We don't need your service.' He said as far as he was concerned, I was fired."

Until charges are formally brought, he is back on the force but relegated to handing out used clothes to fellow

officers still working round the clock.

Departmental charges against Mitchell and any other absent police officers will be taken up after the department regroup, said Capt. Marlon DeFillo, a spokesman for the New Orleans Police Department. "I don't want to speculate what will happen to him. There won't be a broad-brush approach," DeFillo said. "Once this whole crisis is over, we will have an opportunity to evaluate each one on a case-by-case basis."

Mitchell said even if he is not dismissed, the blot on his record will likely affect his career. He said he has no regrets.

"I love being a policeman. But my grandmother and my mother are the only family I've got. And I'm the only family they've got," he said, talking to a reporter in the hot sun of the donated cloth-

ing center.

"They raised me, made sure I stayed out of trouble and had clean clothes on my back," he said of his grandmother and mother. "I owe my life to them. I owe them."

Mitchell is hurt and angry that his superiors do not recognize the personal conflicts for officers whose families are hurricane victims. It is that conflict, his story suggests, that may explain why some of the police are missing.

"I love being on the street. But my family comes first. I'm trying to do whatever I can to make my grandmother's last days comfortable. I couldn't live with myself if I didn't do everything I could."

"But I never thought I'd have to choose between my grandmother and my job," he said.

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Electronic activism on gas prices accomplishes little, experts say

By Sara Kehaulani Goo
THE WASHINGTON POST

The messages speak to frustrated motorists who have seen prices at the pump creep upward but are powerless to do anything about it.

The protests come in anonymously written e-mail chain letters circulating the country. Some urge motorists not to buy gas from the largest oil companies or companies that import oil from the Middle East. Many urge recipients to forward the message to 10 people, with the goal of mobilizing millions of people who will force oil companies to respond to consumer demands for lower prices.

"Isn't it funny how the prices sky-rocketed as the storm approached the mainland, even though the gas in the tanks at local stations had been bought and paid for long before that," says one e-mail. "Nobody begrudges fair profits for any company, but taking advantage like this is crues. It is nevertheless a picture of a conservative different in important respects from the two members of the Supreme Court whom Bush has said he most admires, Justices Antonin Scalia and Clarence Thomas.

One e-mail suggests such a collective effort could get the world's largest oil companies to "choke on their stockpiles." Another suggests

it would "hit the entire industry with a net loss of over \$4.6 billion."

High ambitions, to be sure. But despite the enthusiasm of the participants, such electronic activism has never succeeded in hurting gas companies or lowering prices. According to many consumer groups and oil companies, such e-mails are often based on false premises and take advantage of consumers' ignorance about the oil industry and why prices go up.

David Mikkelsen, co-founder of Snopes.com, a Web site devoted to debunking urban myths, said that such e-mails circulate any time gas prices rise but that they generally have little, if any, impact. "People seem to really be taken in by symbolic protests," he said. "They want to change things, but they don't want to actually put out anything in time or effort. It just means instead of buying gas today, you buy it tomorrow."

One Internet-led effort in the spring of 1999 tried to hold a "gas out" to protest prices that had risen to an average of \$1.64 a gallon in California, but it failed miserably

as gas companies reported seeing no difference in sales that day and as newspapers reported that consumers continued to fill up their sport-utility vehicles. The American Petroleum Institute, the oil industry's trade group, said one-day boycotts end up hurting only gas station owners, many of whom operate as franchisees and have little power in pricing gasoline.

Maureen Reynolds, who works for a Democratic state legislator in Maryland, said she was forwarded an e-mail about not buying gas on Sept. 10 and thought it made sense, even though she knew it would hurt only the retailers. She said she has not bought gas from Exxon Mobil Corp. since the Exxon Valdez spill in 1989 out of protest. "I still do think it's worthwhile," Reynolds said. "If one station suffers, it's a minor thing. ... When it's a national thing, it starts to hit home."

Other e-mails have tried to address consumer frustration by arguing that the United States relies too much on the Middle East for its oil supplies. One e-mail urges consumers to protest U.S. reliance on

oil from the Middle East and urges consumers to buy gas from companies that do not import oil from that region. "The Saudis are boycotting American goods," the e-mail says. "We should return the favor: An interesting thought is to boycott their GAS. Every time you fill up the car, you can avoid putting more money into the coffers of Saudi Arabia."

The e-mail cites U.S. Department of Energy statistics, listing Citgo Petroleum Corp., Sunoco Inc., Sinclair Oil Corp. and BP PLC among the companies that do not import oil from the Middle East and lists the hundreds of millions of oil barrels bought by Shell Oil Co., Chevron Corp. and Exxon from the region. According to the Energy Department, the e-mail is misleading. One-third of the nation's oil imports come from Canada and Mexico, and nearly a quarter of imported oil comes from the Persian Gulf. Although not every oil company obtains its supplies from the Middle East, it is nearly impossible to know where the gasoline at any particular station comes from. Oil

companies such as Shell, Exxon Mobil and BP produce and buy their oil from various sources and then sell it to refineries. Some oil companies refine their own oil and sell it to other refineries. Gasoline moves from refineries through major pipelines to gas terminals before being distributed to gas stations.

"At the retail level, you can't really tell where the gas came from—forget which country," said Jonathan Cogan, spokesman for the Energy Information Administration. "Your Brand X gas station and Brand Y across the street may well be getting gas from the same bulk terminal. You can't even tell where the gas is being refined from."

John Ratliff, editor of a Web site called BreakTheChain.org, which is devoted to debunking popular chain-letter e-mails, said that when consumers are "outraged, they want to do something, but there's only so much they can do. It boils down to simple economics: If you want to spend less money on fuel, then use less fuel. That is... maybe the only solution to the problem."

Under questioning, picture of Judge Roberts begins to form

By Charles Lane
THE WASHINGTON POST

WASHINGTON—After two days of often intense questioning of John Roberts Jr. by the Senate Judiciary Committee, a new image of President Bush's nominee for chief justice of the United States is coming into focus.

Still blurry at the edges, thanks to Roberts' refusal to declare how he would rule on abortion rights and other specific issues, it is nevertheless a picture of a conservative different in important respects from the two members of the Supreme Court whom Bush has said he most admires, Justices Antonin Scalia and Clarence Thomas.

Scalia has said that courts should avoid basing their interpretations of laws on the history behind them. Roberts said there is a role for legislative history. Thomas has embraced an approach to constitutional interpretation that relies heavily on his view of the original intent of the framers; Roberts

said that is not always possible.

Concretely, Roberts said he believes that the Constitution creates a right to privacy—a right recognized by the Supreme Court in modern cases protecting the use of contraception, abortion and consensual homosexual conduct, but which Scalia and Thomas have sharply criticized.

Asked by Sen. Charles Schumer, D-N.Y., if he considered himself "in the mold" of Scalia and Thomas, Roberts replied, "I will be my own man on the Supreme Court."

While the differences may seem like nuances, they are likely to play an important role at the court, especially since Roberts has been named to fill the chief justice's chair.

As an eclectic legal thinker who can easily play at the same intellectual level as Scalia and Thomas, yet without employing the sharp rhetoric that Scalia especially is known to aim at colleagues, Roberts could exert a strong pull on the other justices—particularly Anthony

Kennedy, who, after Sandra Day O'Connor retires, will likely be left as the court's sole center-right swing voter.

Randy Barnett, a law professor at Boston University and a leading thinker in conservative academic circles, likened Roberts to justices such as Felix Frankfurter and Robert Jackson, moderate conservatives appointed by President Franklin D. Roosevelt who "deferred to Congress, the executive and to legal precedent—in some unspecified mix."

Roberts was perhaps most unlike Scalia and Thomas in his acknowledgment that the Constitution creates a right to privacy even if such a right is not specifically spelled out.

There is, however, a limit to the daylight between Scalia and Thomas, on the one hand, and Roberts on the other.

Roberts stopped well short of endorsing Roe—or calling for its overturning—in the hearings. Social conservatives who support

his nomination said they were generally comfortable with his testimony, which some said privately was what he had to say to help get confirmed. At the same time, it is also possible that Roberts will change his views once he is on the court.

As Schumer pointed out Wednesday, Thomas gave a similar answer to Roberts' on the right to privacy at his 1991 confirmation hearing, only to repudiate it in *Lawrence*.

Still, there was other evidence that Roberts, while he might or might not reach the same results as Scalia and Thomas, would approach cases in a different way.

Sen. Charles Grassley, R-Iowa, asked Roberts, "(T)o what extent do you share Justice Scalia's view on unreliability of legislative history?"

Roberts replied that, though the interpretation of a law or the Constitution has to begin with the text, "I have quoted and looked to legislative history in the past to help determine the meaning of ambiguous

terms, and I would expect to follow that same approach on the Supreme Court."

Whereas Scalia and Thomas often look to strict rules of statutory or Constitutional interpretation to keep judges from taking over the legislative or executive function, Roberts repeatedly emphasized the restraining influence of what he called "the judicial process."

Harkening back to concepts he first learned at Harvard Law School, he depicted judges deliberating within a kind of insulated environment in which the only materials they take into account are existing law, legal briefs, the case record and the views of other judges.

"It's basically an emphasis on legal craftsmanship," Barnett said. "You take a smidgen of history, a dollop of text, a spoonful of precedent and ladle it all over a very sensitive treatment of the facts and that yields a very high quality product."



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Gil Bellos stars as David Dailey in "Keep Your Distance," the second film written and directed by Louisville native Stu Pollard. The film will make its Lexington Premier at the Kentucky Theatre Friday night.

Ky. director spotlights hometown

By Steve Lopez
THE KENTUCKY KERNEL

Actors, directors and film crews don't exactly scream "Kentucky," but for one independent filmmaker they do.

Stu Pollard, a native of Louisville, has released his second film "Keep Your Distance," filmed entirely in Louisville, as was his first film, "Nice Guys Sleep Alone."

"Keep Your Distance," which is scheduled to make its Lexington premier tomorrow night at the Kentucky Theatre, was written and directed by Pollard.

"The film can't be confined to just one genre; it starts

light, moves to dramatic and has a suspenseful ending," said Pollard.

The cast includes Gil Bellos ("Ally McBeal"), Jennifer Steinfeldt ("Kissing Jessica Stein"), Kim Raver ("24"), Christian Kane ("Just Married") and Stacy Keach ("Mike Hammer").

"It took two and a half months and dealing with several talent agencies, but thanks to our casting director, Monika Mikkelsen, we got our cast," said Pollard.

The film, which takes a glimpse into the lives of people who appear happy on the outside but aren't underneath

it all, took Pollard four and a half years to complete from the time he began writing the script to the point when the last scene was shot.

"There were obstacles around every turn. You could write a book on the experience," said Pollard. "It's all worth it, though; it's a very rewarding feeling to make the audience laugh or cry."

"It's a great feeling for me when someone originally from Kentucky tells me I made them homesick after watching one of my movies," said Pollard.

Pollard supports Louisville just as it supports

him; the soundtrack for this movie is comprised of entirely local Louisville artists.

"It's a win-win situation. I get a soundtrack that is representative of the city I'm filming in and these local artist get national recognition," said Pollard.

Pollard is not done in Kentucky. He plans to return to the Commonwealth.

"I'd love to come back to Louisville, but I'd also like to work in Lexington or even Bowling Green," said Pollard.

"Yeah, absolutely. I'm coming back."

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'Is my exam today...or yesterday?'

So, you're about three weeks into school now. You've already been dumped by your girlfriend, arrested for public intoxication, and, as if your self-esteem can't get any lower, you have your first college assignment/test (what big kids call "exams") to prepare for.

It may be difficult enough as it is trying to adapt to the social scene on campus, but now you have to actually figure out how to open a book and study. Who would've guessed?

Like I say every week, I've seen it all before. You're in your first college-level course, the professor is from a country off the coast of Somalia or a word, and you have no idea what in the hell he or she is talking about. You thought you were signed up for an introductory course to earth's physical environment where you'd learn about the types of forests, but next thing you know you see "eulophication" or "coriolis force" written up on the board and you're trying to convince yourself that they were left there from the class before. A better example: You open your

history exam booklet and notice you have to identify a few historical characters you swear you never discussed in class. You can't even remember what Stephen Foster's significant role in history was, but know you'd "ace" the exam if it was about the Stephen from "Laguna Beach."

Don't worry, you're not alone. My famous drunken roommate, a red-shirt graduate student, advises, "My freshman year, I thought the 'R' on my class schedule stood for 'Relax' and take the day off. But, it's amazing how much you get the hang of college. In my seven years as an undergrad, I finally learned what teachers expect and basically how to pass without even crav'ing a book."

I'll agree with this guy on getting the hang of college, but I don't suggest trying to go without reading.

Let me share with you some insight on how to score big (I'm referring to school).

First off, attending class is vital. I understand when you are a freshman you don't have much choice on class times or days. I remember getting stuck with 9 a.m. classes everyday my first semester and hating it. But no matter, attending class is almost a guaranteed "B" grade. Just look attentive and let your

professor know you're there.

Next, it doesn't hurt to follow the class through the course book. Some of the books may seem pointless and like a waste of money, but realize that everything that comes out of a teacher's mouth is essentially coming from the text. This advice also goes along the same lines as coming to class prepared. If you are caught up with a certain subject before it is even discussed in class, consider yourself gold. Whether it is reviewing the PowerPoint slides beforehand or even reading a chapter ahead, keeping up will help you understand the material, thus helping your exam performance.

I'm sure you have been told about visiting your teachers during their office hours. One of my core values is relationships. Developing a relationship with your professor (not in the Mary Kay LeTourneau sense) will show them you care. Take the time to annoy your professor and get a little brown on your nose.

Moving on — you know that giant building around South Campus, the one that looks like it's sinking? That's the (William T. Young) library. Although I am not a big fan of studying in large crowds, the library can be a helpful resource when it comes to crunching. Chances are,

someone else in your class is also just as lost as you are. Try to meet up with them and compare notes. Hey, even be a couple of geeks and quiz each other. If anything, the library is a great place to pick up or check out the opposite sex.

It's important not to procrastinate when studying for exams. I'm sure you remember this from high school or applying for parking on campus. The longer you wait, the harder it is to "get." I'd start reviewing your notes and text about a week in advance. This should give you ample time to focus on what is expected on the exam and also to ask any questions you may have.

Not that all these ideas will earn you a top seat in the House, but from my experience, they have proven alright. By the time you get to my age, you may have come up with an even better plan to attacking exams and other assignments. It's not an easy thing to swallow when you get that first grade back and you think the teacher messed up your grade when you she put a "D" on the top. It's a lonely feeling. Come senior year, you will have been there and done that. College is all about finding your niche. Figure out how to dominate the academic scene and everything else will come along with it.

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UK hockey has a deep class of newcomers, including a Pennsylvania player of the year, Tony Valerino. "Once we get them (here) and they see the atmosphere, they're like, 'Wow,'" head coach Mike Sosnowski said.

Welcome, freshmen

Without varsity status, UK's hockey team still makes recruiting waves

By Chris DeLottel
THE KENTUCKY KERNEL

For many Kentucky athletes, especially those in major sports like basketball and football, the recruitment process is a long courtship.

There are dozens of interest letters, in-home visits by coaches, campus trips and sometimes, press conferences.

It often takes at least two years of recruitment for the top players to commit, and can take as long as three or four years of contact with coaches.

That surely isn't the case with the newcomers on the UK hockey team.

Hockey is a club sport at UK, so the rules and process for attracting new players are much different.

While UK is unable to compete with schools from the North that offer scholarships, the Cool Cats solicit players from the next tier, said third-year head coach Mike Sosnowski.

"We look for kids who have played junior hockey, and the time commitment has become enormous," Sosnowski said. "They know they aren't going to go pro, but they want to go to school and want to play hockey, but not put as much time in."

Sosnowski said UK attempts to bring in the most talented players who are not planning to play for school hockey teams. He said this year's class is more talented than previous seasons.

Tony Valerino, a freshman from Pittsburgh who was named a Pennsylvania player of the year by the Pittsburgh Post-Gazette, headlines the class. Valerino had never considered UK until his visit.

"I didn't think about UK at first," he said. "But then I visited school and went to a game. It was awesome."

Sosnowski said he was elated to get a player of Valerino's caliber.

"For us to get a player of the year is like Tubby

(Smith) getting a McDonald's All-American," Sosnowski said. "It just doesn't happen that often."

Valerino said he chose to attend UK despite interest from schools with scholarship hockey teams, including Ohio and Penn State.

He also said the highlight video UK sends to recruits added to the attraction. The video shows team highlights as well as the notoriously rowdy crowd.

Sosnowski said the atmosphere at hockey games is a huge recruiting tool.

"It's simple, once we get them here," he said. "We have the best fan base in the country. No one is as rowdy (as the fans here)."

The coach said he typically has players come to Lexington on Thursdays to tour the campus and practice with the team. The player stays the night and attends the hockey game on Friday night.

"Once we get them to that point and they see the atmosphere, they're like, 'Wow,'" he said.

John North, a sophomore from Atlanta who transferred to UK, was one of the recruits impressed by the fan support.

"I went to a game and saw right away that this was where I was supposed to be," North said. The fans are the one reason why he chose Kentucky, he said.

"I wouldn't be here if they weren't," North said.

Sosnowski said North would help UK right away.

"John is the fastest player on the team," Sosnowski said. "He has exceptional hands and will put a body on anybody."

With the recruitment process finished and pre-season practices well underway, the newcomers are excited to drop the puck for the first time.

"I can't sleep at night," North said.

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NKU replaces Cards in opener

Unable to field a team, Louisville canceled its planned visit to the Lexington Ice Center Saturday night.

Instead, UK will open its season against Northern Kentucky Friday at 11:59 p.m., general manager Ian Ward said.

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Junior goalie Drew Matichak

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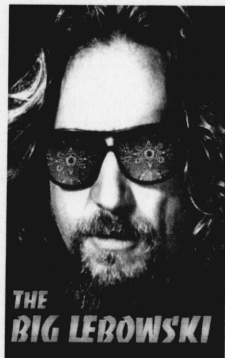
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IN OUR OPINION

UK students should know their rights

Over the summer, UK's Board of Trustees adopted a new student code, which was drafted in previous months by the Student Code Committee, which consisted of students, faculty and staff appointed by UK President Lee Todd last fall.

"Over the years, the code has been changed in a piecemeal fashion, often as a response to a situation or incident that simply "didn't fit" the process or parameters outlined within the code," said a statement on the UK Dean of Students Web site. "The committee...concluded that the current Code had served the University well over the past 30-plus years, but needed improvements."

The Student Rights and Responsibilities section lays out the protections for UK students and enumerates UK's power to discipline students and take action in

cases where conflict arises.

Students should appreciate the efforts of the code drafters, for it is a streamlined and less arcane version of the old student code.

But it's a safe surmise that most students have never read this document and remain unaware of their rights. That's an unfortunate fact, and this editorial board hopes to rectify the problem by relaying the information to students on a piecemeal basis.

The code consists of five parts — the code of student conduct; rules of the University Senate; time, place and manner of meetings; alcohol policy

and student records.

Over the next few weeks, we'll take a detailed look at some or all of these sections.

Part of the editorial board's focus will be centered on the code's significant changes.

The new code gives UK more authority to deal with situations of interest on property adjacent to UK property. It eliminates a 28-member judicial board and replaces it with three disciplinary officers — picked by the president — from among students, faculty and retirees — to hear cases regarding violations of the student code of conduct.

The new code rescinds the UK legal counsel's role from administering student discipline. And it sets up a special disciplinary process for students involved in protests, sit-ins or other potential campus disruptions.

We'll be looking into the effects of these changes, as well as comparing UK's new code to its benchmarks.

Our overall goal is to ensure that students are aware of their rights, as well as the powers sanctioned to UK.

The last code was adopted in the 1970s, at a time of campus unrest previously unrivaled in U.S. and UK history, and was in effect for 30 years.

This code could be around just as long, so it's time everyone got to know it. Anyone interested in reading the code may access it at:

www.uky.edu/StudentAffairs/Code/

The new student code will probably be around for a long time to come, and students need to be acquainted with it.

Instead of prestige, UK should focus on service

UK's goal to become a top-20 public research university is often a subject of ridicule around campus — and for good reason. Barring a dramatic change in the economy, resources and culture of Kentucky, it's hard to imagine UK joining the likes of the University of Michigan or the University of California-Berkeley on the prestigious U.S. News and World Report list in the next 15 years.

I don't think UK should completely abandon the top-20 goal; it can't, in fact, since House Bill 1 of the Kentucky General Assembly in 1997 mandated that UK join the top 20 by 2020. But the university would do well in a number of ways by trying to hit the top of a different list.

Washington Monthly, a moderately liberal magazine, has started putting out its own college guide, with a strikingly different methodology than that of U.S. News. "We ask what colleges are doing for the country" instead of just for themselves, wrote the magazine's editors in the introduction to the college guide.

On the Washington Monthly list, UK ranks No. 77 overall — beating out Boston College as well as UK benchmarks North Carolina State University and University of Georgia — and No. 39 among public universities. That's a huge step up from UK's U.S. News ranking: No. 59 among public schools.

The reason for the disparity is that the new list values commitment to service, not sheer prestige. A third of each university's score is based on the percentage of its students enrolled in the Reserve Officer Training Corps or the Peace Corps, as well as the percentage of its federal work-study grants it spent on community service this year. Another third is based on research: how much a school spent on it, and the number of doctorate degrees awarded in science and engineering in the past year.

The final third looks at how well schools serve disadvantaged students. It's based on the percentage of a school's students who receive federal Pell Grants, as well as how a school's graduation rate compares to a rate predicted by how many students receive aid — because, unfortunately, poor students are less likely to graduate.

The U.S. News rankings, by contrast, include "peer assessment" (i.e., whether bigwigs at other schools think yours is prestigious) as 25 percent of the ranking, "student selectivity" (i.e., whether your school has high test scores and a low admission rate) as 15 percent, and "alumni giving rate" (i.e., whether rich people went to your school) as 5 percent.

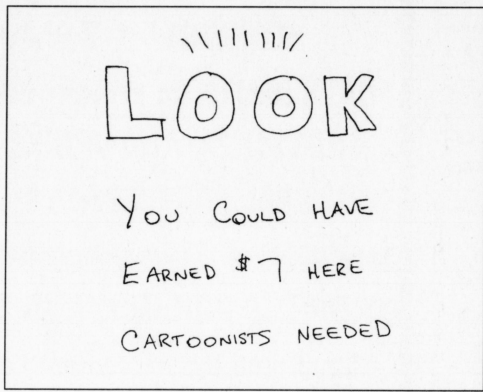
Continuing to focus on these factors won't get UK very far. Test scores are inching upward, but they won't be at the level of the University of California-Los Angeles or even University of North Carolina until the state starts putting a lot more money and effort into its elementary, middle and high schools.

But we can work on better serving Kentucky and the country, as judged by the Washington Monthly rankings. Granted, they're not perfect — for example, they only take into account science and engineering doctorate degrees, yet social science and even humanities research also serves the greater good. But I think they set a better (and more realistic) goal for UK.

Imagine if UK took the energy it's using on having slightly higher ACT scores among incoming freshmen and instead put it toward taking on needy students and giving them the resources they need to graduate. It's not the prestigious choice for UK, but it could help countless people vastly raise their economic prospects. Or what if UK admonished students to join the Peace Corps as doggedly as it seeks alumni donations? Maybe the school would have a bit less in its coffers, but students would be having once-in-a-lifetime experiences doing service around the globe.

Is it worth joining the top 20 of a less prestigious list in order to better serve the state and country? For UK, at this point, the answer should be yes.

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STEVE IVEY, THE KENTUCKY KERNEL

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Protests don't induce discussion

It was by sheer coincidence that I happen to read The Kernel on Monday. Not having classes on said day generally leads to this being a rare occurrence. However, upon reading the bullet praising the war protest saying "protests" help spark campus dialogue, I nearly laughed out loud. I witnessed the aforementioned protest and it, as well as gatherings like it, damage the political minds of our college students rather than promoting some sort of idealized dialogue.

This war protest was simply a gathering of students, all of whom share similar interests, and instead of talking about the issues at hand and presenting both sides of a story bolster the already cemented opinions of the group.

While there may have been passersby who disagreed with the war, bashing that was occurring in the setting was not amiable to voicing contradicting views. If I had like many others got up on the proverbial soapbox, and praised the war, I would've been lucky to get to speak more than a few seconds.

As the largest voice on campus, perhaps our own Kernel should start sponsoring mediated group discussion to get us off our "collectively apathetic asses," because simply forming protests in the middle of a college campus is just preaching to the choir.

DANIEL THOMAS
mechanical engineering senior

Kernel's protest coverage 'awful'

We read with interest the article in Friday's Kernel about the recent anti-war rally on campus sponsored by the Committee for Democracy and Social Change, the Leftist Student Union and the Catalyst.

We don't know whether to be more disturbed by the outrageous statement by UK Dean of Students Victor Hazard that "At the appropriate time, the appropriate place and appropriate manner, students have the right to express themselves," or by The Kernel's awful coverage of the rally.

We commend The Kernel for covering the event on its front page. Unfortunately, the article was a major disappointment. Coverage of the rally, which attracted 200-300 people, failed to explain even a single point

made by any of the speakers.

It did, however, give four paragraphs to the opinions of one UK student whose sophisticated analysis of the situation is "they (UK students? Americans?) need to get out of our country if they don't support the war."

In the future, perhaps The Kernel, when covering campus discussions on topics of national importance, could actually try to capture the substance of those discussions. For example, rally speakers cited mounting evidence that the Bush administration's claims that the Iraq war is (or ever was) about weapons of mass destruction or terrorism or democracy are disingenuous.

In fact, top members of the administration have been planning, since at least 1997, to oust Saddam Hussein and establish permanent military bases in Iraq in order to "secure US interests in the region (e.g., oil)."

Rally speakers also spoke on the growing insurgency, the very real possibility of civil war in Iraq, the increase in terrorist attacks since the war began, the war's spiraling costs, its detrimental effects on students, and its diversion of resources from pressing domestic needs, such as those arising from Hurricane Katrina.

And let us not forget the nearly 2,000 American soldiers killed (40,000 wounded) and the enormous Iraqi civilian death toll — likely over 100,000. The UK community understands that the war is an issue of tremendous national importance worthy of discussion and debate. It's a shame that The Kernel decided not to treat it as such.

MICHAEL MARCHMAN
and 15 other geography graduate students

UK needs better crosswalks

It is interesting to see that UK is cracking down on jaywalkers. I agree that this needs to be done. There have been at least three serious pedestrian accidents in the past year, including UK spokeswoman Margaret Colliver. One is too many.

But UK needs to have its own house in order, too. There are many pedestrian crosswalks around campus that are so worn out you can't even see them. Why can't maintenance people and UK administration see this problem; it is so obvious to anyone who walks around campus. Maybe if UK would maintain the

crosswalks better, students and staff would respect the pedestrian laws better, and we would all be safer.

RICHARD CARR
Lexington resident

Katrina reminds us of priorities

It's strange, but I can't help feeling a little more relaxed than I did two weeks ago.

Don't get me wrong; it's not that the devastation of Katrina hasn't caused me confusion, questioning and uncertainty.

But I do feel more relaxed than usual.

I guess it's the sobering reality of life and its fragility.

Seriously, one moment everything is normal, routine, and the next moment, a catastrophe can occur.

Now, rather than allowing such events to raise extreme fear and anxiety, we can take from it lessons and refocus on what's important in life.

I am suggesting that we, especially being college students, should allow ourselves time to just relax, be alone and be our true selves.

Yes, there's enough stress from attending classes, doing homework, working and possibly from personal life, to make your head spin 100 mph.

But if we experienced devastation in our lives, do those things really matter that much? I bet most of you would only think about your family, friends, significant others and the ones in your community.

I know our lives are occupied with the things that we are passionate about, the things that give us meaning and purpose in life.

But don't be so busy that your parents haven't heard from you in two weeks.

Take a moment in each day, at least 20 minutes or more, to just do something that you enjoy and that keeps you centered on whom you really are.

It's times like these when we can refocus on our lives and really put it into perspective what really matters to us. It's all about the right amount of balance between it all.

I don't mean to sound like a Hall-mark card, but we must slow down a little every day.

You don't have to wait for a major disaster to occur before you stop, slow down and take care of yourself.

DONNA RAYAN
English senior

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UK blanks Georgetown

By Chris Miles
THE KENTUCKY KERNEL

The men's soccer team thrashed visiting Georgetown College Tigers last night, winning 4-0 in front of 1,412 supporters from both schools.

The first half was tight, as no team scored until a massive Kentucky team substitution in the 33rd minute gave true freshman midfielder Masumi Turnbull a chance to score on an indirect kick.

Turnbull had been out with injury for three months, but in the first two minutes of his Wildcat career he kicked a curving shot over a wall of defenders and into the back of the net.

"I'd been frustrated about not playing the first few games," Turnbull said. "I felt I needed to make the most of my time in this one."

Turnbull's goal in the 36th minute gave way to a dominating Wildcat rout that saw three more in the second half.

"We came out flat in the beginning," senior goalkeeper Andy Gruenebaum said. "In the second half we clicked on and turned it up. We needed to come out stronger. If we would've, the score would be 10-0."

Senior defender Thomas Senecal, who scored the second UK (3-1-1) goal on a penalty kick in the 57th minute, agreed.

"Our second half should have been our first," he said.

UK scored again on a goal by sophomore forward Michael Strong in the 59th minute. The Cats capped their scoring with a goal in the 86th minute by freshman midfielder Bingy Lara.

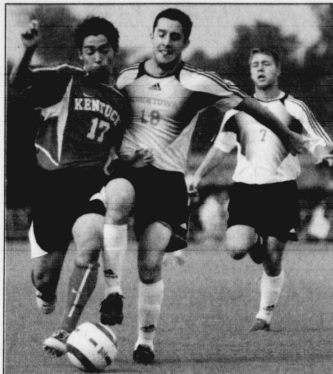
A dominating Kentucky defense allowed the Tigers (2-1) two shots the entire game.

"They worked hard," UK head coach Ian Collins said of Georgetown. "They were keeping up until we found our rhythm."

"You have to give Georgetown credit for the way they played. They came ready to go and kept us out of rhythm in the first half."

This was the Wildcats' first win since their last home game tournament against Louisville and Alabama A&M a week and a half ago, having lost on the road in Oregon to Gonzaga 3-1 and tying Oregon State 2-2 last weekend.

"Our trip (to Oregon) tired us," Collins said. "We



Blake Dennis | Staff
Sophomore forward Michael Strong battles with Georgetown College's midfielder sophomore Taylor Rains at the UK Soccer Complex last night.

weren't at full strength, but we pulled off a good game.

"We created a lot of quality chances in the second half," he said. "We turned the corner a number of times and probably should have increased our margin, but I'm pleased with the way we played."

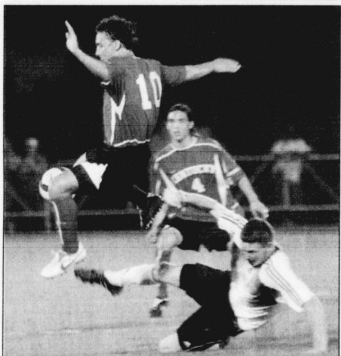
The Wildcats play at Michigan on Sunday and return home to play Western Michigan next Friday.

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56:35 - UK, Thomas Senecal (penalty)
59:55 - UK, Michael Strong (D'Neill, Lara)
66:30 - UK, Bingy Lara (D'Neill, N. Marks)
Shots: UK 24, Georgetown 2; Shots on Goal: UK 13, Georgetown 2; Fouls: UK 18, Georgetown 12; Offsides: UK 2, UofT 1; Corner kicks: UK 3, UofT 3; Goalkeepers: UK, Andy Gruenebaum; UofT: Matt Brown

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Blake Dennis | Staff
Sophomore midfielder Michael D'Agostino tackles a ball against Georgetown College last night. UK outshot Georgetown 24-2 and won 4-0.

SPORTS BRIEFS

Memorial construction cuts gym capacity

Growing pains. That's how the UK Athletics Department is viewing construction for its new basketball practice facility, UK Athletic Director Mitch Barnhart said yesterday at the UK Athletics Association Board of Directors Meeting.

Construction on the nearly \$30 million facility began Aug. 15 and Barnhart said the move-in date is slated for January 2007.

While work is ongoing, the capacity for Memorial Coliseum has been reduced from 8,700 to 5,500.

Barnhart said the reduced capacity hasn't propelled any plans to permanently move the women's basketball home games to

Rupp Arena. "I think it will provide for an intimate feeling," Barnhart said. Home women's basketball attendance at Memorial Coliseum, which also home to UK gymnastics and volleyball, has averaged between 4,500 and 5,000 since head coach Miekie DeMoss' tenure began two seasons ago. "It will be very Cat friendly," Barnhart said.

UK second in NCAA academic rating

The NCAA's new Academic Progress Rate (APR) ranks UK second to Vanderbilt in the Southeastern Conference, the Athletics Association Board of Directors announced yesterday.

The new rating quantifies the progress schools are making toward graduating and retaining student-athletes.

Locker rooms a welcome surprise

Some UK football players waltzed into Commonwealth Stadium during preseason to find newly renovated locker rooms. Until this season, the defense and offense had to meet and dress in separate rooms.

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