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## OPENING DAY



Bill White, 86, greets guests at the south grandstand entrance to Keeneland on Friday. White has worked at Keeneland since it opened in 1936, when he was 14. **ANDREW HUGGINS | STAFF**

## Stories merge to create Keeneland legacy

**By Juliann Vachon**  
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Eighty-six-year-old Bill White remembers a time when betting on a horse consisted of a handshake and a simple phrase.

"There didn't used to be no bookies," said White, a longtime Keeneland greeter. "I bet my horse will beat your horse," that's what they'd say."

As soft white snow flurries fell against a backdrop of blooming trees Friday, White stood his post, greeting hundreds of shivering patrons making their way to Keeneland's south grandstand entrance.

Despite the unseasonably cold weather, White happily helped Keeneland usher in its 2007 spring meet in his navy blue sports jacket, corduroy khakis and light-colored cap.

He has worked at Keeneland since it opened in 1936, when he was 14 years old.

He would cut tobacco, cook for children, care for horses, serve food at the track and travel with horse owners, all while earning 50 cents a day.

But White didn't come to Keeneland for the horses or the money.

"We just wanted to eat, and they'd cook us food," he said.

Wealthy horse owners would take White and his fellow workers on racing trips around the

country, giving them rooms in the basements of the fancy hotels in return for work.

"We lived like millionaires and didn't have a quarter," White said. "It was good times."

Every year, White watches hundreds of thousands of people pass in and out of the grandstand entrance. Its dedicated employees, \$3 bet-placing college patrons and equestrian trainers might not have much in common outside the ivy-covered stone fences.

But every spring and fall, patrons gather and share in an experience that even the most diverse of crowds can enjoy — Keeneland's pastoral scenery and rich tradition.

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## Second research candidate visits today

**By Jill Laster**  
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Undergraduate research is exactly what UK needs, the second candidate to visit campus for the vice president of research position said Friday.

"Research changes the way we think about the world," said John Tracy. "Undergraduates should be as involved as possible."

Tracy, of the University of Wisconsin-Madison, is one of four candidates for the new vice president of research position. He will visit campus today and participate in a public forum from 4 to 5 p.m. on the 18th floor of the Patterson Office Tower.



**Tracy**

Today and tomorrow, Tracy will be meeting with various UK officials, including research advisory committees, deans for research and the faculty senate.

Aside from involving undergraduates, Tracy said he is reluctant to give specific changes he would make to UK should he be chosen for the job.

"Coming from the outside, as an outside candidate, I don't know what the issues are," Tracy said. "What I would change depends on what people in Kentucky say needs to be changed."

Tracy's attraction to UK is his potential to grow here, he said. He advanced as much as he can at UW-Madison, and the school's equivalent position to UK's vice president of research is filled.

"I would like to lead a research enterprise at a flagship institution," Tracy said.

Tracy is the associate dean for research and graduate training for the School of Veterinary Medicine at UW-Madison, as well as assistant director of the Wisconsin Agricultural Experiment Station. He said he was well prepared to take on UK's research efforts, and he comes from a school with a research budget of \$857 million last year, according to the university's Web site.

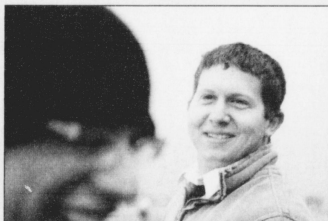
UK has a research budget of \$300 million, Provost Kumble Subbaswamy said in an e-mail to the Kernel. But, the Top 20 Business Plan calls for the research budget to increase to over \$700 million a year by 2020, according to the Top 20 Business Plan.

Although it's budget is considerably smaller than the UW-Madison, Tracy said UK is "on the fast track to expand the research enterprise."

The candidate also said the need for research isn't limited to scientific fields, although scientific research brings in more money.

"Research in the arts and humanities is just as important as research in the sciences," Tracy said.

"Research is the discovery of new knowledge," he said. "Research is university wide."



Pat Billig, right, a senior finance major, smiles as the horse he picked to win, Most Beautiful Storm, won the seventh race at Keeneland's College Day on Friday. **ELLIOTT HESS | STAFF**



Laura Mackay, left, an exercise rider for Roger Atfield Racing, chats with another trainer while her horse, Ourtimetodance, warms up before the last race of the day Friday. **ED MATTHEWS | STAFF**

## COACH GILLISPIE

### If Gillispie doesn't win, fan affection will turn sour

Not since the Jews insisted on the release of Barrabus have crowds chanted a name as enthusiastically as the fans at Good Friday's pep rally at Memorial Coliseum chanted "Billy." It seemed as though Easter came about 48 hours early this year in the Bluegrass.



**CHRIS DELOTELL**  
Kernel columnist

The way new head coach Billy Gillispie was received Friday, you would have thought he'd rolled the stone from in front of the tomb. He may not be the King of the Jews, but he will be the King of the Bluegrass — at least until he loses a game.

We don't know Billy Gillispie all that well, but it's likely that he isn't the Son of God, which means it is also likely that he'll lose a game or two in his career as head coach at UK. And when that happens, we'll find out more about the small-town high

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### Mills: Fans should be patient with expectations

**By Travis Waldron**  
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As former UK player Cameron Mills introduced new head coach Billy Gillispie to a crowd of nearly a thousand chanting fans, he worried about the mounting expectations.

"I think the criticism that was laid on Tubby Smith will be laid on Billy Gillispie if he doesn't deliver," Mills said. "As fans, we need to give this coach a fair chance, until he's got the program the way he wants it."

Like the fans, Mills was quick to jump on the Gillispie bandwagon. Mills was extremely enthusiastic on Friday when he hosted a pep rally in Memorial Coliseum to let fans and students welcome Gillispie to the Bluegrass.

"I was impressed," Mills said. "That's the kind of coach we want, someone who comes in



Former UK player Cameron Mills, left, shakes hands with new head coach Billy Gillispie after introducing him to fans at a pep rally Friday. **KEITH SMILEY | STAFF**

here and immediately gets what Kentucky basketball means to people across the state."

But UK student Josh Pelini disagreed with Mills about the expectations UK fans will have for Gillispie.

"Tubby inherited a team that came off of a runner-up finish and a national championship before that," Pelini said. "Gillispie inherits a team that lost on the first weekend of the NCAA Tournament the last two years and lost 25 games."

Pelini also said the way Gillispie has turned around the two schools that he's coached at will keep fans from being too tough on him early.

"I think we'll give him about two to three years," he said. "That's how long it took him at (Texas) A&M and UTEP. The way Tubby left this program, it's not in position for a quick fix, so I think fans will give him some more time."

Another student, freshman Andrew Depasquale, said that while Gillispie may be popular right now, it could go away once the novelty wears off.

"It will be refreshing to a lot

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## The tent is down... Let the Patio Party Begin



### Horoscopes

By Linda C. Black  
To get the advantage, check the day's rating. 10 is the easiest day, 0 the most challenging.

**Aries (March 21 - April 19)** Today is a 9 — Speak with conviction as well as with facts to the person who holds the purse strings. Get what you need so you can produce the required results.

**Taurus (April 20 - May 20)** Today is a 7 — Reviewing your holdings helps you stay involved in current financial events. You make the most money today, however, it's from an old trend and true method.

**Gemini (May 21 - June 21)** Today is a 7 — The best source of income for you now will be coming in later. A long-term investment associated with an older person, possibly a relative, will pay well.

**Cancer (June 22 - July 22)** Today is an 8 — Consult a person who has more experience than you have. You can do better than every before, especially with good coaching.

**Leo (July 23 - Aug. 22)** Today is an 8 — OK, get back to work. No more fooling around. People expect great things from you, and you will not disappoint them.

**Virgo (Aug. 23 - Sept. 22)** Today is a 6 — Get your adversary to talking and you won't have to say much of anything. Sit back and be entertained. And, of course, informed.

**Libra (Sept. 23 - Oct. 22)** Today is a 7 — Focus on the job at home, and get the help you need. This isn't making you any cash, but it sure is saving a lot.

**Scorpio (Oct. 23 - Nov. 21)** Today is an 8 — You're hungry for the goodies that you know you can acquire. Put in the extra effort and gather up the extra rewards.

**Sagittarius (Nov. 22 - Dec. 21)** Today is an 8 — When you're doing what you love, they say the money will follow. That looks like what's happening now. Congratulations.

**Capricorn (Dec. 22 - Jan. 19)** Today is a 5 — You're looking at the world with a new level of confidence. You've been even more successful lately than you realize.

**Aquarius (Jan. 20 - Feb. 18)** Today is a 7 — Lost household items will have a tendency to show up, soon. It's not cheating to call on St. Anthony to help, regardless of your beliefs. Give it a try.

**Libra (Feb. 19 - March 20)** Today is an 8 — You don't have to know everything, or do everything, either. All you have to do is know people who can do what you can't, or won't. But, you do have to do something well.

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# THE RECORD

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### Special Delivery

CSI: Miami's David Caruso, 51, and his girlfriend, Liza Marquez, are expecting a second child.

Wesley Snipes, 44, and his wife, Nakyung "Nikki" Park, welcomed a boy, Almayu Mosa-T, March 26 in L.A.

Ex-soccer star Mia Hamm, 35, and her husband, L.A. Dodgers' Nomar Garciaparra, 33, had twin girls in L.A. March 27.

Brothers & Sisters' Balhazar Getty, 32, and wife Rosetta are expecting a fourth child.

### Pretty Women

Hayden Panettiere, 17, was cast opposite Julia Roberts, 39, in the upcoming drama Fireflies in the Garden.

### Busted

Black Eyed Peas' Taboo (né Jaime Luis Gomez), 31, was arrested for DUI March 27 near L.A. He also was cited for possession of a small amount of marijuana and medication without a prescription. His attorney could not be reached for comment.

Brian Bonsall, 25, who played Andy Keaton on Family Ties, was arrested for assault and false imprisonment March 28 in Boulder, Colorado. He told police he acted in self-defense.

### Write Stuff

Andre Agassi, 36, announced he is writing his memoirs.

### Log On

Mariska Hargitay, 43, is writing a blog about her charity, the Joyful Heart Foundation, for the women's advocacy Web site iVillage. Cares at iVillage.com/ivillagecares.

### Bad Break

Two days after taking a spill on the ice while interviewing Will Ferrell, 39, in NYC, To-

day's Meredith Vieira, 53, woke up with two cracked front teeth March 29. She is not sure if the injury was the result of her fall.

Mandy Moore, 23, fractured her ankle jumping off a boat at a photo shoot in February.

### Backing Down

Anna Nicole Smith's partner Howard K. Stern, 38, withdrew his appeal to stop a DNA test to prove the paternity of Smith's 7-month-old daughter, Dan-nie-lynn, after it became apparent on April 2 that the Bahamian Court of Appeal was going to reject his challenge.

### For Sale

Ellen DeGeneres, 49, is selling her four-bedroom estate in Montecito, California, for \$24 million. She paid \$15.75 million for it last year. . . . Gwen Stefani, 37, put her six-bedroom bachelorette pad in L.A.'s Los Feliz area on the market for \$4.8 million. She bought it for \$1.4 million in 1998.

### Update

A hearing has been set for April 17 to determine if Paris Hilton, 26, violated her probation (from her 2006 DUI arrest) by driving with a suspended license in February. She faces up to 90 days in jail.

—Iari Drew

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# MAKER'S HELPS MARKEY CENTER

'Unforgettables' bottle raises money for research

By Paul Rohr  
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The "Unforgettables" of Kentucky basketball are raising money for cancer research with a little help from another state hallmark — bourbon.

Maker's Mark released its second annual "Most Beloved" commemorative UK basketball edition bottles of bourbon whiskey Friday.

This year's 18,000 special edition bottles are dedicated to the four seniors on Rick Pitino's 1992 team, dubbed the "Unforgettables" after reaching the Elite Eight the year the program came off NCAA probation. The team lost to Duke University after the now famous Grant Hill-to-Christian Laettner play with 2.1 seconds left in the game.

Along with the Markey Cancer Foundation, UK's Markey Cancer Center and Keeneland, Maker's Mark will donate an estimated \$200,000 from the sales to the Markey Cancer Foundation.

"It's an incredibly important relationship and partnership that's allowing us to use two very popular brands, namely UK athletics and Maker's Mark, to leverage funds into propelling ground breaking research," said UK spokesman Jay Blanton. "Cancer is insidious, some types affect Kentuckians more than any other."

Private fund-raising and money gathered from the cigarette excise tax for cancer research will bring in additional funds for a total of approximately \$1 million in donations for the foundation this year.

The "Most Beloved" pieces by Maker's Mark are part of a three-bottle series. The first of the bottles raised \$1 million last year and Alan Kirschenbaum, a Maker's Mark consultant, hopes to achieve the same million-dollar goal with the third bottle in 2008.

The partnership between UK and Maker's Mark began with last year's commemorative bottle, which led to more than 120 clinical studies with 290 cancer patients statewide, Kirschenbaum said. "We wanted to take it to a new level and give something back to our customers," Kirschenbaum said.

The 2006 edition of the bottle featured Rupp's Runs — the 1966 basketball team that didn't have a starter taller than 6-foot 5-inches. It was Maker's Mark's fastest-selling commemorative edition bottle.

The bottles will be on sale at various liquor retailers throughout the state for about \$40-45. This Friday morning at 6:30, team members Richie Farmer, Sean Woods, Deron Feldhaus and John Pelphrey of the "Unforgettables" will be signing bottles at Keeneland.

Tickets guaranteeing two signed bottles per attendee will be handed out to the first 1,300 people who arrive, although they will not guarantee a particular spot in line.

# Artist uses trash to help environment

By Bill Brown  
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One man's trash can create another man's treasure.

Just ask George Blakely. He uses recycled trash to make his artworks, taking everything from junk mail to pull tabs from orange juice jugs as components for his art.

Blakely spoke in the White Hall Classroom Building Friday to an audience of students and professors. In his lecture titled, "What do you do with yours?" he showed slides of his artistic pieces and presented them as statements on environmental issues like recycling and conservation.

While being introduced by Dennis "Bones" Carpenter, associate professor of photography, Blakely rode his bike back and forth in front of the classroom turning a small trailer full of his artwork.

Blakely said. He began the speech showing his latest projects, which he called "Tall Clowns." The clowns are tall poles covered in items varying from writing utensils to used bathroom products.

Blakely said each pole had its own theme and the items on it related to them. "It is a little extreme and a little weird the way he used his materials," said Brianna Young, an art education freshman.

Blakely's use of trash and junk goes beyond artistic statements to his views on recycling and environmentally friendly living. "It's used in terms of social activism," Blakely said. "Everything he would normally throw away, he uses in his work. He described himself as a man who hates to waste anything."

"The hardest part about saving everything is putting it in the right place," Blakely said.

Another one of Blakely's recent projects involves placing various items, as well as a picture of him, into a mold and then filling it with concrete to encase the objects.

Blakely also visits special need pre-kindergarten children and allows them to make their own molds. He joked about coming home covered in plaster after every time he visits.

"It is worth it; it is a good cause," Blakely said. "Those teachers are heroic. They should get more appreciation."

Near the end of his speech, Blakely once again emphasized the importance of protecting the environment.

He advocated cleaning illegal dumpsites as well as adopting highways. "It was an interesting talk," said art education junior Jessica Frank.

"I liked his ideas on consumerism and what is left behind as well as his usage of items."

# Week's events provide major shakeup of '08 field

By Matt Stearns  
and Steven Thomas  
MCLATCHY NEWSPAPERS

WASHINGTON — Cancel the coronations: Sen. Hillary Rodham Clinton has a fight on her hands for the Democratic presidential nomination, while Sen. John McCain faces mounting obstacles in his quest for the Republican mantle.

A flurry of activity last week — from eye-popping fundraising totals to McCain's tragicomic trip to Iraq — shook up the 2008 presidential field, signaling that Americans are nowhere near ready to choose a leader from either major party in the most wide-open election since 1920.

For the Democrats, Clinton found her claim to her husband's political legacy enough to raise a record \$26 million in the first three months of the campaign — but not enough to pull away from the field or bend the party to her will.

Instead, the New York senator found that she'll face a surprisingly well-financed challenge from Sen. Barack Obama of Illinois, who raised \$25 million, plus a resurgent former Sen. John Edwards of North Carolina, who raised more than \$14 million. They and several other candidates raised enough to stay on her well-shod heels through early contests in Iowa, Nevada, New Hampshire and South Carolina, leading up to Feb. 5, a make-or-break day when a block of large states will hold primaries.

"We're seeing a situation where up to five or six Democratic candidates will have enough money to run serious races

through the first four contests," said Bill Carrick, a Democratic strategist who isn't affiliated with any campaign. "The momentum out of the first four will have a big impact on who's around to play on Feb. 5."

While polls show Clinton still leading, the robust fundraising of the non-Clintons, particularly Obama, suggests continued unsealing with her candidacy among many Democrats.

"Six months ago, when we didn't know whether Obama was running, if anybody had told you somebody who wasn't even in the race would tie Hillary Clinton, you wouldn't have believed them," said Larry Sabato, a political scientist at the University of Virginia. "The Clintons have been building this fundraising network for 30 years."

This phenomenon could benefit candidates other than Obama. Recent polls show Edwards running second, behind Clinton, in Iowa and New Hampshire. New Mexico Gov. Bill Richardson, who yields the broadest resume among Democratic contenders, raised an impressive \$6 million despite being more focused on his day job. Sen. Christopher Dodd of Connecticut raised \$4 million and Sen. Joseph Biden of Delaware \$3 million, respectable totals by previous standards.

On the Republican side, polls and first-quarter fundraising totals portend major problems for McCain, who now can be described fairly as the former front-runner.

The Arizona senator came in third in first-quarter fundraising with about \$12.5 million, an abysmal showing for someone

# What New Hampshire thinks

An early look at how N.H. voters rate the 2008 presidential candidates, if the election were held today; who would they vote for?

Republicans		Democrats	
G.O.P.		Dems.	
John McCain	29%	Hillary Clinton	27%
Rudy Giuliani	29%	John Edwards	21%
Mitt Romney	17%	Barack Obama	20%
Fred Thompson	3%	Al Gore	11%
Newt Gingrich	2%	Bill Richardson	4%
Tommy Thompson	2%	Joe Biden	2%
Mike Huckabee, Ron Paul, 1%		Dennis Kucinich,	1%
Tom Tancredo, Chuck Hagel, someone else		Christopher Dodd, someone else	
Don't know yet	14%	Don't know yet	12%

NOTE: Republican: Sam Brownback and Democrat: Wesley Clark, John Kerry and Tom Vilsack get less than one percent of the vote

SOURCE: Granite State Poll conducted by the University of New Hampshire Survey Center in cooperation with the Granite State Poll. Margin of error: ±3.3 percentage points for Republicans, ±3.6 for Democrats. 2,066 likely voters in the 2008 Republican primary, March 27-April 5, 2007. 2,007 likely voters in the 2008 Democratic primary, March 27-April 5, 2007. 5.5 percentage points

who's been running for president for nearly a decade. He trailed former Massachusetts Gov. Mitt Romney, who raised \$20 million, and former New York Mayor Rudy Giuliani, who raised \$15 million.

Polls showed that McCain's former leads in Iowa and New Hampshire evaporated to virtual ties with Giuliani, while national polls — notoriously unreliable this far from the primaries — found McCain trailing Giuliani by double digits.

The worst part of McCain's week may well have been his trip to Iraq, where he visited a Baghdad market to prove his contention that the city was more secure. He did so clad in a bullet-proof vest, protected by attack he-

licopters and more than 100 American soldiers. Video of his expedition shot 'round the Web, making him look less than Churchillian.

The next day's New York Times, on its front page, quoted Iraqi merchants at the market McCain had visited saying it was all a media stunt and the market usually wasn't secure.

The incident served only to highlight McCain's problematic support for an unpopular war. "Concerns about Iraq are creeping into the Republican campaign," said Dan Schrum, a Republican strategist in California and a veteran of McCain's 2000 presidential campaign. "A lot of loyal Republicans have increasing concerns about the war."

# Giuliani winning the war over McCain

By David Saltonstall  
NEW YORK DAILY NEWS

NEW YORK — It is one of the emerging mysteries of the 2008 race for the White House — voters punishing Sen. John McCain for his support of the Iraq war, while seeming to give a pass to the equally hawkish Rudy Giuliani.

Yes, McCain is viewed in some ways as an unofficial architect of President Bush's latest troop "surge" into Iraq, an idea the Arizona Republican has championed for years as a way to hasten progress in the war-torn nation.

But anyone who watched Giuliani stump through the nation last week saw a candidate who was all for the "surge" — and more. The former New York City mayor said repeatedly that, if elected, he would stay "on offense" wherever terrorism rears its head and, at various times he listed Afghanistan, Syria, Iran and even U.S. ally Pakistan as countries to watch.

In Iowa and South Carolina, Giuliani mocked Democratic talk of a scheduled pullout in Iraq as "dangerous" to troops and lacking in common sense, akin to printing out a timetable for retreat and handing it to the enemy. And in Florida, he voiced support for maintaining the Patriot Act and aggressively interrogating prisoners of war.

"Being on the offensive

means the Patriot Act," he told a Republican crowd in Tampa. "It means surveillance — legal and humane interrogation."

Little of this would seem to jibe with the public mood, especially among the moderate independents and conservative Democrats that Giuliani will likely need to win a general election.

The effect on McCain's candidacy has been drastic with his poll numbers sliding so badly he trails Giuliani by 20 points in some polls.

"Line by line, his positions may be similar to (McCain's)," said Lee Mirroring of the Marist College Institute for Public Opinion. "But he is not seen as being in a leadership position."

"He also probably doesn't want to be swimming against the president right now among Republicans, since he's already swimming so hard on the social issues," said Mirroring, referring to Giuliani's pro-choice, pro-gun rights, pro-market control views.

The war also serves another purpose for Giuliani — as a rhetorical jumping off point to Sept. 11, the day that established him as a national figure.

His speech last week in a West Des Moines, Iowa, gymnasium, before some 300 voters out to catch their first glimpse of Giuliani, was typical.

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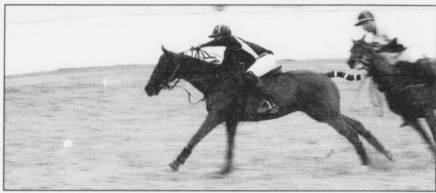
POLO CHAMPIONSHIP



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Texas A&M's Mason Wroe is congratulated after defeating Westmont to win the National Intercollegiate Polo Championship at the Kentucky Horse Park on Saturday.

Texas A&M's Parker Flannery makes a break away to score a goal in a match against Westmont on Saturday.



MILLS

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of fans just to see someone new holding the clipboard over on the bench," Depasquale said. "After that, I don't know what will happen. But I hope they give him time to turn it around because he's a good coach."

As excited as many fans seem, Mills said there are some who aren't thrilled with the hire because they wanted someone with a link to UK.

Florida head coach Billy Donovan, a former UK assistant, was widely believed to be the school's first choice and the popular pick among fans. After he decided to stay at Florida, many UK fans tagged former Cat John Pelphrey (head coach at South Alabama) and Travis Ford (head coach at UMass) as their top choices for the job.

But Mills doesn't agree with that logic because Gillispie has accomplished more in his coaching career.

"Gillispie is not Travis Ford, and he's not John Pelphrey," Mills said. "That's what a lot of fans wanted, was for Travis Ford or John Pelphrey to get a chance. One day, maybe both of those guys will get a chance to be UK's basketball coach, but they're not ready yet and I think they'd tell you they're not ready yet."

Whether fans like him or not, Mills said it's too soon to come to any conclusions about Gillispie.

"He hasn't even coached one game yet, and there are already some people who aren't happy with his hire," Mills said. "But he'll win them over. He's a regular guy; he's very humble and very confident."  
"He's exactly what we needed here."

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school coach-turned college coaching superstar, as well as more about the fans who have anxiously embraced him.

You see, it's easy to put on a good face when crazed pom-pom-waving class-skippers are chanting your name at a pep rally. It becomes far more difficult when the games start and you lose a few. If Gillispie has any questions about how quickly tides can turn, there's a national championship ring-wearing man in Minnesota who'd probably be willing to tell him all about it.

So the advice for Billy Gillispie is this: Win. A lot. Because if you don't, it won't matter that you love horse racing, or that you're a good ole' country boy from a tiny town in Texas, or that your text messaging bill outweighs that of an entire sorority. And it would sure help. Coach, if you find a way to do it quickly (like Tubby Smith did) and sustain it (like Rick Pitino did). And, oh yeah, don't cheat (like Eddie Sutton did).

By all accounts, Gillispie seems like a solid choice. He's been successful as a head coach, he's a proven recruiter and he says he's prepared for the pres-



ANDREW HUGGINS | STAFF

Hands On Originals on South Broadway welcomes new UK head coach Billy Gillispie to Lexington with a message on its sign.

sure of the job. But even if all of that proves true, and even if Gillispie's a master in-game strategist, he might be tempted to pull a Pontius Pilate and wash his hands of next year's team.

There's little reason to believe the 2007-08 version of the Cats will be any better than the past two groups. Unless Gillispie's able to pull a few Easter miracles out of his hat while recruiting over the next few weeks, the Cats will have more holes than Augusta National next season. If and when the team struggles, it'll be inter-

esting to see how much leash Gillispie is given by those who so faithfully chanted his name on Friday — and how Gillispie handles it if the leash isn't very long.

Let's hope he handles it well, because he's the best coach UK could get in this search. If anyone better was available. Athletic Director Mitch Barnhart wouldn't have hired Gillispie. That means Gillispie better win quickly.

Or the Big Blue Nation might start chanting for Barrabus.

More students use anxiety counseling

By Ruth Padawer  
THE RECORD (HACKENSACK N.J.)

HACKENSACK, N.J. — More students at the nation's top colleges are using mental health services than three years ago, according to a study released Wednesday by a national organization of anxiety-disorder specialists.

At a time when most college applicants will soon learn whether they have been admitted to their school of choice, the Anxiety Disorders Association of America survey of leading universities and liberal arts colleges aims to raise awareness of the pressing need for schools to provide adequate counseling services.

The upcoming freshman class will be the largest in U.S. history, and that's especially relevant given that mental health problems often manifest themselves during the college years.

"With such a large number of kids having mental health problems," said the association's president, Jerilyn Ross, "it's prudent for a parent to get the information about mental health services available on campuses beforehand."

Here's what the survey found:

■ Liberal arts colleges reported a higher proportion of students using mental health services

(average of 23 percent of students) than at national universities (13 percent). One reason may be that liberal arts colleges are twice as likely as national universities to offer an unlimited number of free counseling sessions to students; two in five did so, compared to one in five among national universities.

■ A growing number of students now come to schools with a history of diagnosed mental illness. Over one-fifth of schools reported an increase in students seeking treatment at collegiate counseling centers who are already taking psychiatric medications.

■ Almost three in 10 national universities and two in 10 liberal arts colleges reported an increase in the severity of mental health problems among their student patients.

■ Liberal arts colleges have proportionally more counselors on staff than national universities do, but because liberal arts students use counseling services so much more often, the actual "availability of counselors is disproportionately lower than at national universities." They're not adequately staffed," Ross said. "There's still a huge gap between the number of people who need service and those able to get them and get them immediately."

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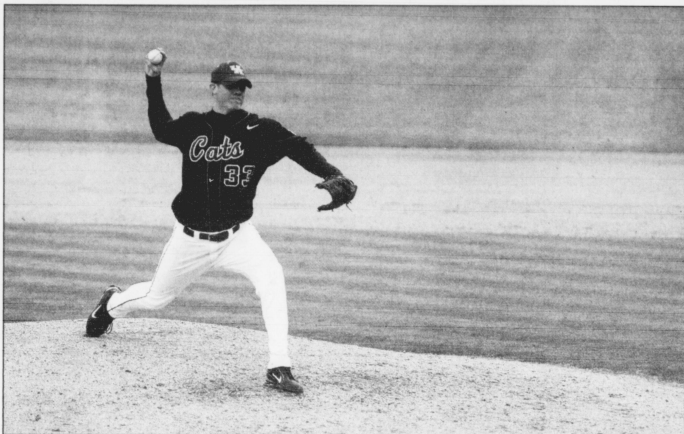
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UK junior pitcher Aaron Lovett was one of four pitchers that helped UK to a 3-1 win over Tennessee yesterday at Cliff Hagan Stadium. The quartet held the Volunteers scoreless in the final seven innings.

## Players-only meeting helps UK top Vols

By Eric Lindsey  
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After losing four of their last five games, the UK baseball players knew something had to change.

So they called a players-only meeting to discuss a way they could end the funk, which included a Saturday double-header sweep from Tennessee.

The message must have gotten through as the No. 11 ranked Cats (25-6-1, 5-6-1 Southeastern Conference) cruised to a 3-1 win over the Volunteers (20-13, 6-6 SEC) yesterday on a frigid afternoon at Cliff Hagan Stadium.

"We just all wanted to get back on the same page," Dombrowski said. "We've been struggling here lately a little bit. We talked about a bunch of different stuff to try to build each other up, to build some confidence up and just turn things around."

Dombrowski was a big reason the Cats avoided being swept for the first time this season, said senior catcher Sean Coughlin. Dombrowski picked up his fourth win of the season, allowing only one run in 5.2

innings. "He was outstanding," senior catcher Sean Coughlin said. "It was one of the better performances Greg has had all year. He found his sinker again, which was the one thing he has been struggling with lately."

Although the Cats picked up the win, the defense struggled at times. Junior infielder Brian Spear committed two errors on the day, but neither miscue cost the Cats on the scoreboard.

Spear was part of a strange defensive strategy implemented by head coach John Cohen. When a left-handed batter was at the plate, senior Mike Brown played third base and Spear played second, and vice-versa when a right-hander was batting. "Dombrowski is going to give up a lot of big-ground round balls from the pull-side," Cohen said. "We feel like Spear has more arm strength and more ability to defend the third base side better than Brown, and he also has a little bit more range at second base."

Coughlin led the offense for the Cats, going 3-for-4 at the plate with a home run,

his sixth of the season. His solo shot over the wall in right field tied the game at 1-1 in the second inning.

The Cats added another run in the inning when senior first baseman Matt McKinney scored from third base on a groundout by freshman left fielder Jason Kipnis.

An inning later, the Cats tacked on another run after a Tennessee throwing error, extending the lead to the final outcome.

"We came together today and did a pretty good job of playing together as a team," Coughlin said. "It was a big win for us because we never want anybody to take three (games) from us."

Three relievers combined for 3.1 innings of scoreless relief to close the game for the Cats. Sophomore pitcher Scott Green, who hasn't pitched since March 17th because of back problems, tossed a perfect ninth inning for his first save of the year.

"It's always good to have a win and get back on track," Coughlin said. "We might have lost four out of five but we played like a different team today."

## SPORTS BRIEFS

### Reserves shine during first spring scrimmage

Reserve running back Alfonso Smith scored two touchdowns, and the two quarterbacks competing for the backup position outperformed Andre Woodson Saturday in the UK football team's first scrimmage of the spring at the Nutter training facility.

Mike Hartline finished 8-for-12 for 64 yards, and Fidler was 4-for-72 yards with a touchdown. Woodson went 4-12 for 36 yards. Each quarterback played with the first, second and third units.

The defense dominated early, keeping the offense out of the end zone on the first seven possessions.

Hartline got the offense rolling as he led a 65-yard touchdown drive that was capped by a 21-yard touchdown by Smith. Hartline hooked up with wide receiver Steve Johnson three times on the drive.

On the next series, Fidler equaled Hartline with his own 65-yard scoring drive. The big play was a 34-yard completion to Johnson. The drive ended with a 30-yard touchdown catch from Smith.

"It was not an ideal day for practice, but I'm pleased with a lot of the things that happened," head coach Rich Brooks said. "There was some sloppy stuff we need to clean up."

"Alfonso did some good things today and I'm looking forward to continued competition (at tailback). Both young quarterbacks did some good things and did some young quarterback things that need to be cleaned up. Nerves, I'm sure, were there for them in the first scrimmage."

### Wide receiver kicked off team

Wide receiver John Logan has been dismissed from the team following a violation of team rules.

Logan, a Lexington native, played in 13 games during his UK career, catching one pass. He also returned six kickoffs for 93 yards.

### Men's tennis gets weekend split

The UK men's tennis team defeated South Carolina 4-2 Friday, but lost to Florida 7-0 yesterday to earn a weekend split.

Against USC, UK took the first three singles points. Freshman Shane Collins' win at No. 6 singles sealed the match for the Cats.

The Cats did not win a set against the Gators in singles play, and their only victory was an 8-2 win in No. 2 doubles.



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UK sophomore Jessica Giuggioli returns a shot in UK's 4-3 loss to Florida yesterday. Giuggioli lost her match 6-4, 6-3 to Csilla Borsanyi.

UK travels to South Bend, Ind. on Wednesday to take on No. 5 Notre Dame.

### Women's tennis drops two

The UK women's tennis team narrowly lost both of its matches to South Carolina and Florida this weekend.

The Gamecocks beat the Cats 4-3 in a match that was decided in No. 4 singles. USC's Megan McGavock beat UK's Jessica Giuggioli 6-7 (7-5), 6-0, 6-4.

Florida also downed the Cats 4-3. The two teams split the singles matches, but the Gators swept the doubles matches to capture the decisive point.

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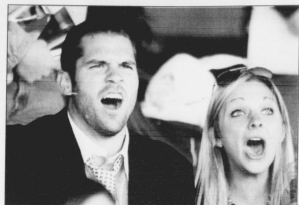
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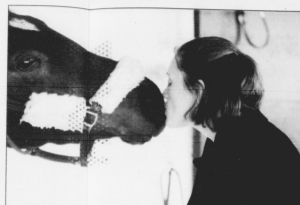
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#### A nice place to visit

Exercise rider Laura Mackay leaned outside Barn 21, waiting for assistant trainer Rachel Halden to arrive at Ourlimondence's stall.

Mackay has visited Kentucky, but never Keeneland. On Friday, the Roger Attfield Racing employee was excited to finally be at the track for "one of the best meets in the country."

"The people, the horses, the scenery, I love Kentucky," she said. "I hope my boss brings me here every year."

It was Halden's sixth or seventh spring meet at Keeneland, and the atmosphere continues to make it one of her favorite destinations every year.

"A good prize money, good racing and good horses," Halden said. "You can't ask for much more."

Less than an hour before the tenth and final race of the day, groomers adjusted Ourlimondence's blanket — navy blue with red trim and the initials RLA embroidered in the corner. They began walking the horse around the long barn to keep his legs loose in the cold weather.

Halden talked on her cell phone as she paced just outside the barn, while Mackay waited patiently by the stall door.

A crowd gathered in anticipation. It was almost time for the journey from the barn to the paddock, where trainers would saddle Ourlimondence, and then to the track.

Mackay and Halden are part of Attfield's internationally respected training team based in Toronto.

They have worked with Ourlimondence since Attfield bought the thoroughbred as a yearling two years ago.

Growing up in Canada, Mackay said she has worked with horses since she was a young child. Now she rides racehorses every morning as part of their training.

"Working with horses is a lifestyle," she said. "I get really attached to some of the horses I work with."

Mackay and Halden turned their passion for horses into careers. While their work may not be apparent in the winner's circle, their expert training and knowledge of the equine industry often leads to something every betting spectator desires — a nice payoff.

#### Running in the family

UK eventer finalist Roger Pat Billing grew up hearing countless stories of profitable Keeneland trips from his father, Mark Billing.

The 31-year-old said he couldn't resist visiting the track his freshman year.

"I came to UK because of my dad, and I came to Keeneland for the first time because that's what he did when he went to school here," Billing said. "My dad always told us how he paid his way through UK by betting on horses here."

Keeneland's atmosphere was noticeably less hospitable than the cold weather that the typical atmosphere of crowds and gamblers at Keeneland is impossible to stay away every fall and spring, Billing said.

Billing prepared himself for the seventh race of the day. He saw it as another chance to win back the \$30 he lost in earlier races.

In a matter of seconds, excitement washed over him. His focus shifted from the cold to the prize.

He stood at the railing with his right fist pumping in the air and his eyes fixed on the thoroughbreds rounding the final turn.

"Come on, number six!" he yelled.

His cheering continued as Most Beautiful Storm won the race, earning Billing \$51.

He ended the day with \$35 more than he started.

#### Part of the legacy

White has shared in the Keeneland experience with countless visitors like Mackay, Halden and Billing through the years.

His long history with the track has given him the opportunity to experience Keeneland's growth from a small horse-racing track in the heart of Kentucky's Bluegrass region to an internationally renowned center of thoroughbred racing and bloodstock sales.

"This really is one of the finest places," White said. "But if you could just have a picture of how this place used to be, you'd be amazed at how it's changed."

Keeneland was not always the "millionaire playground" it is today, White said.

"This wasn't neither, but a big field with a pond right over there," he said pointing to the parking lot outside the grandstand entrance where he greeted the incoming crowd.

"They'd put a big pile put out there and put everything in it — fish, deer, rabbit, any kind of wild meat they could hunt," White said. "They called it burger. I never helped make it, but I ate it, and it was good."

He walked with a slight smile as he directed a black Jeep Commander around a black stretch limousine dropping off a group of sharply-dressed women and men.

Keeneland has always attracted the rich and famous, but now more so than ever, White said.

"I've known every rich person around here," he said, mentioning names of prominent horse owners like C.V. Whitney and Anita Madden. "I know 'em all."

"They'd come by and maybe put \$100 in my pocket," White said. "But see, \$100 was like \$1,000 back then."

White doesn't have to work anymore, he said, but he can't leave the place he has loved for the last 71 years.

"The best I can let me quit," White said with a laugh. "But I wouldn't leave anyway. It's too good of a place here."



Above: Horses jump out of the starting gate in the 10th race at Keeneland on Friday during "Horse Week."

Top, left to right: George "Bucky" Salter plays the call to the post in the show before the 10th race.

Dartmouth University seniors Zach Dostal, left, a pre-med major, and Sami Hahn, a communications management major, watch as their horse gains on the pack during a race Friday. The two students skipped their classes to come watch the races on Keeneland's opening day.

Cherie DeWax, an assistant trainer for Charles Simon, kisses her favorite horse, Monica, in the Keeneland stables on Friday. Monica ran in the fourth race of the day but didn't finish in the top three.

Mark Guidry rides Ourlimondence in the paddock area at Keeneland before the 10th race.



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Above: Guest Services worker Bill Matthews, of Frankfort, laughs at a joke told by co-worker Kenneth Salter, of Versailles, left, while Doug Willoughby, of Lexington, runs a program between races at Keeneland on Opening Day last Friday.

Left: Rick Parker, left, a meeting junior, and Brian Kuban, an accounting junior, celebrate after the horse they bid on won the sixth race at Keeneland Friday.

# OPINIONS

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## Coach resolution wasted SG's time (and napkins)

At their full meeting last week, Student Government senators managed to pass a resolution that wasn't even worth the napkin it was written on.

The resolution, sponsored by Sen. Jason Robinson and passed unanimously by the Senate, called on UK Athletics Director Mitch Barnhart to "offer Mr. (Billy) Donovan a contract that he would have no choice but to accept," the Kernel reported last week. The legislation was written on a Mellow Mushroom napkin.

At least SG isn't wasting real paper on this kind of tripe.

The events following the passage of the resolution demonstrate why SG senators have no reason to pretend UK administrators take these kinds of symbolic measures seriously — and why the Senate should spend its time on more productive activities.

Whatever offer Barnhart may have presented Donovan with, it was apparently not enough to make him unable to refuse. On April 5, the day after the SG resolution passed, Donovan announced that he would remain the head coach at the University of Florida. The next day, UK announced its hiring of Texas A&M's Billy Gillispie as the new head coach of the men's basketball team.

We're going to go out on a limb and suggest that the SG resolution didn't influence Barnhart's decision process. Business deals that result in multimillion-dollar contracts generally take a bit more thought than

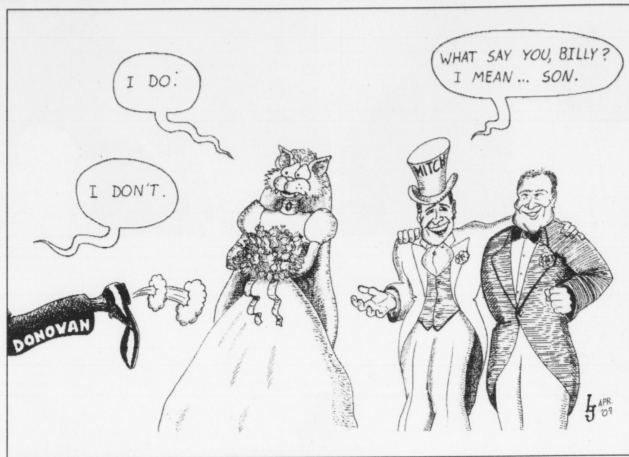
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can fit on a restaurant napkin. The SG Senate knowingly wasted its own time by taking up and passing this resolution — Robinson and the other senators cannot have sincerely thought the measure would affect the coach-selection process.

Yet SG is capable of doing much more than making childish, ineffectual proclamations about whom UK should hire to coach the men's basketball team. During the same meeting, the Senate unanimously approved \$2,497 in funding for UK's chapter of the Timmy Foundation, which is helping about 40 UK students and faculty hold a free clinic in Ecuador.

That's what SG needs to spend its time on — providing resources to student organizations and helping students serve the greater good. Pontificating about basketball coaches doesn't fall into either category.

The use of a napkin for the Donovan resolution warrants mention as well. If SG wants the respect of the student body, its officials need to conduct themselves professionally, as elected officials in all levels of government do. If pointless resolutions that were apparently drafted at dinner minutes before the meeting are the best that SG senators can provide, students are right to question how well SG is serving the university community.



BRIAN GOODLEY, Kernel cartoonist

## When the U.S. is at war, there's no excuse for silence

I have betrayed my country. A colorful spring outfit that I would wear to work was honestly my first thought as I

sprung from my bed Thursday morning. Coffee and two breakfasts quickly followed, along with anticipation of the workday to come. Bouncing all the way to work while I listened to mindless pop radio, I thought only of

my new coral-colored, pencil-heel shoes and how everyday one would notice my fabulous new purse. I think I made it all the way to lunch without a serious thought, and home again for work before it hit me.

The day was nothing special. Nothing so distracting was planned for that Thursday, but somehow for the first time in years, I had forgotten. When the thought that usually wakes me every night finally arrived at 7 p.m., I was startled by it, as though it had never before crossed my mind. Looking back at what had dominated my time, I am still ashamed that I could be so careless with something so significant.

I had forgotten that we are at war. I had forgotten Iraq and Afghanistan and thousands dead. I woke up and had forgotten that my brother is fighting every day to do the right thing by his country, and to come home to his family and girlfriend. And to forget that — his sacrifice — is to forget I have a brother at all. To avoid the disconcerting thought

of war for my own petty bliss, even for a moment, makes me the American stereotype that the rest of the world sees.

I cried for hours, partly in shame and partly as punishment. And questions without answers once again fueled my sadness and despair. The more I comforted myself with excuses, the thinner the line became between me and those Americans who voted for this war.

What is the difference between supporting the war and averting your eyes from it? What is the difference between someone who supports violence to end terror and someone who never speaks out against either? There isn't a difference. I may as well kill them all myself, for all I am doing to stop it. And though it brings me no solace to say this, it's not just me. We, as students and the educated youth of this society, have a huge voice that we've squandered on talks of basketball coaches and Anna Nicole Smith. Those are our brothers, sisters, parents and friends who are fighting, dying or coming home without limbs. It seems that, like my brother, they've been forgotten.

Why haven't we been talking more about the war? Something should be written every day in every paper about what is happening in Iraq. Our own ROTC students will go to war, and some will die. And before they are pulled from their families and friends and shipped off to fight for the rest of us, will we mention even one incident of the war? Or as they're packing their bags, will the headlines be another ode to the pop stars and sports teams?

Whether you support the war or not, the memory of the sacrifices already made and the foreshadowing of the ones to come should be honored with discussion, debate and maximal news coverage. We should send a message to our soldiers — our fellow students — that we have not forgotten them.

We have the gift of democracy, even as students, and we can and should use it to change the world, or stop asking our peers to die for it. I am ashamed of my lack of involvement as a journalism major in this issue to speak out about the war or to promote news coverage of it on a college level. But I am more ashamed that my laissez faire attitude seems to be acceptable. It seems to be a media standard, and worse, a public standard to sit back and enjoy the ride on the backs of others, without a thank you or even acknowledgment.

This is a call to action at UK, for journalism students especially. Do what I failed to do. Write stories about our ROTC students who will go to war and their dedication to our way of life. Support the war or don't, but speak out about it. Cover the stories of sacrifices made by people our age, who will go to school, even UK, when they come back — or those who would have if they had made it home.

I have betrayed my country and my brother by staying silent when I had the means to speak the loudest. A journalist is the voice for those without one, so use it wisely, for the cost of silence is so high.

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## LETTER TO THE EDITOR

### Support America and help workers' rights by buying union-made products

Having been raised in a household that supports American labor unions, I felt the need to offer my support of Robert Kalne's April 3 column ("Support workers, human rights by buying American-made goods") concerning American labor unions and the injustice we, as Americans, are serving to the men and women of our country who fight unwaveringly everyday in hopes of bettering the working conditions, compensation and rights of workers.

As a fourth-generation union member's daughter, I've seen the effects firsthand of the lack in support towards unions. My father, the organizer of Union Local 392 in Cincinnati, works strenuously every day finding jobs for union members, recruiting men and women to be pro-union, and wedding out the companies that will knowingly discriminate against union members seeking employment with their company.

These companies, which claim to be equal employment companies, will decline hiring well-trained, highly qualified persons on the basis that they are union members. Instead, they hire individuals who aren't seeking better wages or better working conditions. In most cases, these people aren't nearly as qualified for the jobs they do as union members would have been, resulting in unsatisfactory work and injuries from neglecting to provide proper safety standards in the workplaces.

In America, everyone is supposed to have the right to life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness. What liberty is it for Republicans to support the institution of foreign trading where foreign companies use sweatshops in the production of goods that are then bought and sold in America?

Supporting American-made products and services isn't as hard as most people think it is. I've done it for 19 years of my life; my family has done it for over 50 years. The only thing I feel that I may have missed out on is foreign-made cars — and I'm still very disappointed that I can't cruise around in a new Mitsubishi, Hyundai or Volkswagen. I'm perfectly happy with my American-made Pontiac, and I can sleep well at night knowing that I don't support the sweatshops in foreign countries where rights and safety and wages aren't even considered on behalf of the workers. And, believe me, that's a great feeling.

Abby Froehle  
Journalism and theater freshman

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quick glance at him. He looked only 4 or 5 years old, with chestnut hair and a cute red nose. I asked myself how I could be angry at such a young child.

As we kept walking to the entrance, I could not get the little boy's voice out of my mind. I couldn't help but wonder where he learned such an offensive remark. Perhaps he heard it from TV, overheard his family members use it or learned it from his playmates at kindergarten. I am almost certain he didn't mean to be offensive, and he probably wasn't aware of the word's negativity.

Nevertheless, I felt colder inside that day than the weather. This little incident is a sad reminder that, despite many people's beliefs, racism still per-

meates our society.

Another example of the continued presence of racism in America is a police shooting that occurred in New York City last year. In November 2006, according to reports in the New York Times, New York police officers fired 50 rounds into a car of three black men leaving a bachelor party at a strip club, killing the groom two hours before his wedding. The groom, who was in the driver seat, was shot at least 11 times before the firing ceased.

The groom and his fiancée had two children, ages 3 years and 5 months. The shooting left the remaining members of an about-to-be family heartbroken and the rest of the country pondering over the cause of the tragedy.

The officers said they thought the men were armed and that they ran into NYPD minivans twice trying to get away. Yet later no weapon was found in the car, and evidence suggested that the car was stationary during much of the shooting, according to the Times.

Last month, two officers from the incident were charged with manslaughter; a third officer was charged with reckless endangerment. Is this incident another case of police racism? What I have read makes me think so. More importantly, this story isn't the only one of its kind. We hear them in the news so often that

we have become numb to them. A story like this should raise an outrage in the whole country, yet it received relatively little attention outside New York.

Once a friend of mine told me that he did not like the movie "Crash." When I asked why, he replied that the movie was centered on racism in current society, an issue that he said was essentially nonexistent and over-covered by the media. I couldn't disagree with him more.

This friend of mine is open regarding race, but at the same time, he is uncomfortable with a movie that explores the remnants of racism in today's society. To me, his treatment of the issue reflects that of the majority of the American public. Many people are accepting of difference races, yet they are reluctant to admit that there is still a small fraction in the society that remains racially prejudiced.

I do not wish to suggest that police brutality motivated by racism is commonplace today, nor do I think that racism is still rampant in the present society. However, as the above two incidents reveal, acts of racial injustice do happen, and they won't stop until Americans act together to eliminate these remains of barbarity and provincial ignorance.

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## Beaux Arts: Dancing, debauchery and glitzy get-ups

**Below:** A fashion show participant dances on stage at the Beaux Arts Ball.



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**Above:** Kristy Stroud, center, dances on stage following a fashion show at the Beaux Arts Ball Saturday at the Beaux Arts Ball Saturday in May 2006 with a B.S. from the College of Agriculture.

**Far left:** Mecca dancers are silhouetted against a screen behind the stage as they perform their dance routine at the Beaux Arts Ball.



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Deacon The Villain, from the group CumminLinguists, listens to the crowd as the group performs at the Beaux Arts Ball Saturday night in the Old Tarr Bourbon Distillery.



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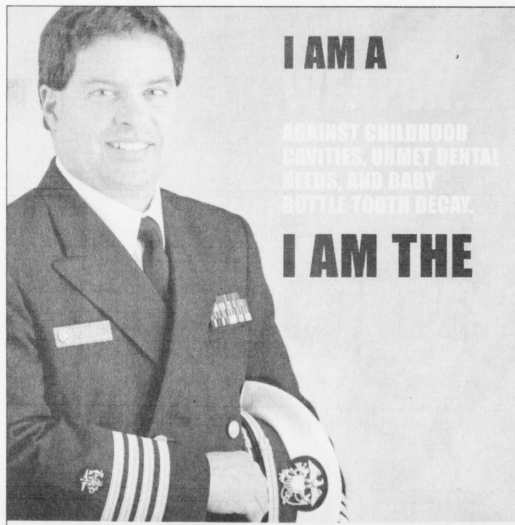
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