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UK 48, VANDERBILT 43

'Dore-mats no longer

By Chris Johnson
THE KENTUCKY KERNEL

NASHVILLE, Tenn. — For almost three quarters Saturday UK looked like a superior team, with an explosive running game and an uncharacteristically aggressive defense.

Then, with a 41-17 lead going into the fourth quarter, Vanderbilt remembered it had a bowl bid on the line.

For three straight drives, including a 15-play, 66-yarder at the beginning of the quarter, quarterback Jay Cutler and the Commodores picked apart the UK defense that had stifled them on every drive but two all afternoon.

But Vanderbilt (4-6, 2-5 SEC) woke up too late. The Cats (3-6, 2-4) held on and snuck away from Nashville, Tenn., with a 48-43 victory in front of 29,506 at Vanderbilt Stadium.

The final period was enough to raise the hairs of newly retained head coach Rich Brooks, who recorded his first road win at UK with the victory.

"I'm tired," a relieved Brooks said after an epic, three-hour and 40-minute battle. "Just like our defense."

Throughout the first half, the two Southeastern Conference East Division cellar-dwellers reversed roles. UK played like the team that needed to win its remaining games to be bowl-eligible, while Vandy played like a team that had no post-season within reach.

Led by star tailback Rafael Little, the Cats dominated the half, beginning more than half their plays in Vandy territory and building a 34-10 lead by intermission.

"We had a short field a lot of times. I can't even remember how many times," Brooks said. "It was kind of fun having a short field for once."

The halftime advantage was a lead the team would need every point out of, as

Cutler, one of 20 Vanderbilt seniors playing their last game at Dudley Field, and freshman wide receiver Earl Bennett torched UK cornerback David Jones and the rest of the UK defense in the fourth quarter for a trio of touchdowns.

At one point, Cutler threw at Jones on five consecutive plays during the 'Dores' 15-play drive at the beginning of the fourth quarter.

"I told him, 'You're a freshman; they're going to throw at you and pick on you,'" said junior cornerback Bo Smith, who forced a fumble and had nine tackles.

Bennett, who verbally committed to UK last year before renegeing and signing with Vandy, had five catches in the fourth quarter and all three of the Vanderbilt touchdowns in that period. He finished with 13 receptions for 99 yards and a school-record five touchdowns.

Cutler also set school records on his Senior Day, etching himself into Commodore lore with marks for completions (38), attempts (66), and touchdowns (five), tying his own previous school record.

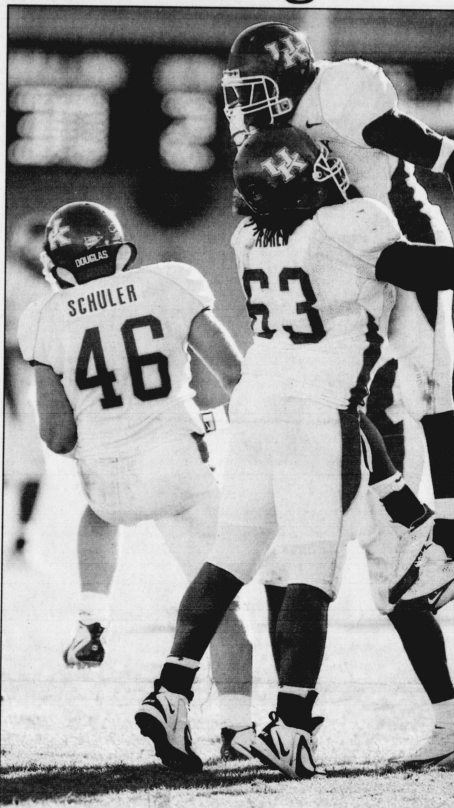
The furious comeback, in which Vanderbilt scored 19 unanswered points, made more than a few members of the Wildcat sideline nervous.

"Obviously, you start to get worried," said sophomore quarterback Andre' Woodson, who finished 12-of-20 passing for 155 yards and a rushing touchdown.

"Our offense never got a series going. We put up a ton of points, but went dry in the fourth quarter."

"They were making big plays on fourth down," Smith said. "It was close."

The Commodores converted three consecutive fourth downs on their mammoth fourth-quarter drive, including a fourth-and-goal from the UK 5-yard line for the touch-



Sophomore linebacker Wesley Woodyard, right, celebrates with sophomore defensive tackle Ricky Abren and sophomore linebacker Joe Schuler after Woodyard recovered a fumble against Vanderbilt.

Memorial Hall chiming once again

By Brandon Cannada
THE KENTUCKY KERNEL

After an eight-month hiatus and an update, the bells of Memorial Hall are ringing across campus again.

"The music is coordinated for the events of the campus community," said Richard McClure, a manager with UK's Physical Plant Division.

"I think people really like that, especially around the holidays."

Even though the Memorial Hall bells have only recently become a topic of conversation, they're actually in their 58th year of existence. The carillon bells — bells that sound when struck by a mallet — are dedicated in the memory of 1st Lt. Alexander Bonnyman Jr., who died during World War II on Nov. 22, 1943. Bonnyman received a posthumous Congressional Medal of Honor for his heroic efforts in the Gilbert Islands near Japan in the Central Pacific, where he led a charge of besieged American troops against the enemy, dying in battle.

The plaque commemorating the bells' dedication, located in Memorial Hall's

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Bonnyman

UK 71, SOUTH DAKOTA STATE 54 Cats dine on Jackrabbits

By Josh Sullivan
THE KENTUCKY KERNEL

It was obvious that all the kinks hadn't been worked out, but UK found enough cohesion to overwhelm South Dakota State for a 71-54 victory last night.

In the season-opening game in front of 20,144 fans in Rupp Arena, sophomore All-Southeastern Conference point guard Rajon Rondo turned in a stellar performance, leading UK with 17 points on 7-of-13 shooting and posting his first career double-double.

But it took a shot in the arm from the bench to ignite the No. 10 Wildcats after a lethargic start.

UK didn't score until almost four minutes into the game, on a layup from guard Joe Crawford.

To solve the problem, head coach Tubby Smith pulled all of his starters. The Cats then reeled off a 12-3 run.

UK's defense was the story of the first half, as the visiting Jackrabbits hit just one of their first 17 shots. But two huggabos from last year's squad — rebounding and free throw shooting — reared their ugly heads.

The Cats went into intermission tied with the smaller Jackrabbits with 23 rebounds, though they eventually won the battle of the boards 45-40.

"We out-rebounded them tonight, but we've got to do a better job on the boards," Smith said. "When you look down, we're playing a lot of guys and we need to get a

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After leading by a lot, Cats win by a Little

NASHVILLE, Tenn. — Call it "Raf-fense." His teammates do.

Wildcat tailback Rafael Little apparently knows how to do one thing perfectly — gain yards. Lots and lots of yards.

The sophomore's 372 all-purpose yards on Saturday came in a game where UK was a 12-point underdog on the road. But Little figured out yet another way to carry UK on his back.

"I just try to do everything to make the team win," Little said. "I don't ever want to come out."

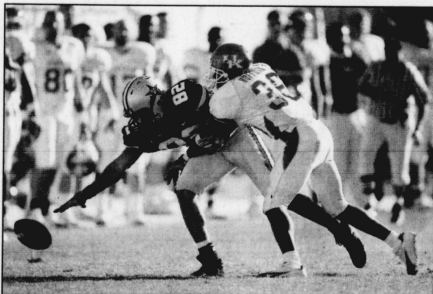
He wants to be in on every snap — and he just about is.

"If he's tired, he's going to come out of the game," Joker Phillips said. "But if he's in there, we have to figure out a way to get him

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Derek Poore
SPORTS EDITOR



Vanderbilt junior wide receiver Marion White stretches to catch the ball as UK senior cornerback Antoine Huffman tackles him during the second quarter of Saturday's game against the Commodores, which UK won, 48-43.

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Patriots, young and old



Brennen Embrey, 5, sat on a curb downtown and watched soldiers walk by during the Veterans Salute Parade on Saturday.

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Kohl's raising money for UK Children's Hospital

By April Watkins
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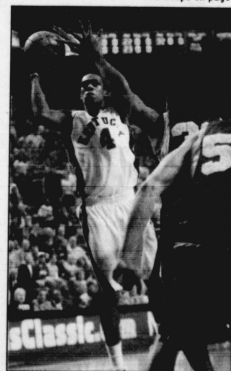
A comic strip dog and a retail chain are coming to the rescue of UK Children's Hospital.

Kohl's department stores across the country are selling exclusive Peanut's comic strip books and plush characters and UK Children's Hospital was selected as one of the centers to receive the grant and funds. Through the grant, all proceeds of selected items purchased at Kohl's locations in Hamburg Shopping Center, Georgetown and Nicholasville will go to the UK Children's Hospital.

Kohl's chose the hospital in advance, and the hospital now has to work in conjunction with the store to develop a plan that encourages education, health, and safety, said Loralyn Cecil, the community relations manager for UK Children's Hospital.

Kohl's District Manager Peter Riley said this isn't the only time Kohl's has donated to the UK community. Last year, UK Children's Hospital received \$149,000 from Kohl's through a similar promotion and Kohl's has raised a total \$490,885 for UK over the last five years.

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Sophomore guard Rajon Rondo attempts a shot during last night's win over South Dakota State.

Bells

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lobby, was presented by the soldier's father, a UK alumna, on Feb. 22, 1947. Memorial Hall itself was built in 1929 to honor those who died in the first World War and received a state historical marker in 2002.

Eight months ago, the Physical Plant Division's electronic shop began an upgrading process that would give the old, unused system digital capabilities. Instead of an outdated and broken tape system, a computer hard-drive now controls the chime system, playing the music through four amplifiers at the top of the tower.

"It was inexpensive," McClure said of the upgrade. "It was just a matter of finding the right technology."

The song lists that the

bells feature co-insides with upcoming holiday or campus events. From Nov. 4 through Nov. 12, the chimes played tributes for Veterans Day which was Friday, "Stars and Stripes Forever," "You're a Grand Old Flag" and the "Armed Forces on Parade" medley were some of the patriotic hymns that played.

Yesterday, one of several tapes with classical music took the place of the Veterans Day mix. The current tape features such classical favorites as Beethoven's Ninth Symphony Thursday, the chimes will switch again to their Thanksgiving tape, which will play six songs, including "Rejoice Ye Pure in Heart" and "Come Ye Thankful People, Come."

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"Last year, we used the money to buy a pediatric emergency transport system, and this year, we are looking to buy a new ambulance for that team," she said. The ambulance will cost about \$300,000, she said.

Cecil also said Kohl's volunteers come to the hospital and read to the children throughout the year.

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said Jann Burks, a 15-year UK employee who's an extension associate with the UK College of Agriculture's Cooperative Extension Service.

Although the opinions about the bells differ it seems to be a mostly positive reaction.

"The bells are very pleasant; they add a sense of relaxation to my day," said Melissa Scott, an agriculture communications student.

Other students don't like the bells. Erin Troland, a foreign language and international economics French sophomore, said in a Kernel letter to the editor last week that the music has "subjected me to the same cliched patriotic and religious songs."

Jonathan Fackler, a history and political science junior, said the tunes need to be jazzed up a bit.

"The bells are great; they're just used to get some drums behind them," Fackler said.

"That would make walking to class real tight."

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"Several times a year, Kohl's puts out some exclusive collector's edition item, a plush animal or CD to help the community," Riley said. "We give 100 percent of the profits back to the community to help support children's educational and health opportunities."

This holiday season, Kohl's is selling collector's edition Peanuts books including, "A Charlie Brown Christmas," "Snoopy: Flying Ace to the Rescue" and "I Want a Dog for Christmas Charlie Brown."

They are also offering plush Charlie Brown, Snoopy and Woodstock characters. In addition they Kohl's will also sell co-

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charity. We all feel really good about it. It becomes a pretty big deal."

Riley said the promotion so far has been successful. Parents have been buying many of the items, Riley said, because the Peanuts merchandise is geared toward children.

"Snoopy, Charlie Brown and Woodstock have been a home run," he said.

"It's tugged on the heart strings of a lot of moms and dads."

Cecil is excited about the charity and hopes people buy the items when they shop at Kohl's this holiday season.

"To think, the money goes to help children's programs, it's a great thing," she said.

"It all goes to a great cause."

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the ball." But Little isn't tired at all. His rushing total was two yards shy of 200, and he found the end zone three times. He even led all Wildcat receivers with five catches for 86 yards.

Coming together

So this is what Rich Brooks was talking about. This is what the UK head coach wants the Wildcat football program to look like. Forcing fumbles. Blocking kicks and returning them for touchdowns. Piling on 34 points in a half.

"We came out and played together," sophomore wide receiver Keenan Burton said. "It gives you the belief that you can do it."

Given the past few years of unlucky Wildcat football, I never thought I'd see UK forcing so much bad luck on another team.

The Commodores fumbled four times, losing three, and UK capitalized.

The biggest turnover was a blocked field goal that UK junior corner Bo Smith scooped up and ran 72 yards to put UK up 21-3. It would be 34-3 — with UK scoring on six straight possessions — before Vandy would find the scoreboard again.

But I never thought a 41-10 Wildcat blitz wasn't enough to hold down Vanderbilt.

By a nose

Despite Vanderbilt quarterback Jay Cutler's career day (385 yards and five touchdowns), it wasn't enough. Turns out, a 31-point lead was within UK's margin of error.

Brooks admittedly got a little anxious before sealing his first Southeastern Conference road win at UK.

"I suppose when they scored their last one (I was), Brooks said. "Last week, they kicked and recovered an on-side kick."

But Vandy didn't snag another on-side kick like it did taking Florida to overtime, and the Wildcats were the ones running out the clock.

UK's celebration was so loud it was bleeding through the concrete walls in the visiting media room.

"I hope you don't mind them," Brooks said with a smile. "They're having fun — isn't that nice?"

Yes, it is. And the Wildcats had plenty to kid about after beating Vandy.

"I was joking the other day," sophomore tight end Jacob Tammie said. "Raff for Heisman, Raff for Heisman."

Texas' Vince Young and Southern California's Reggie Bush may argue with that. But Little is definitely an All-American candidate now.

There's perhaps no team in the SEC that has an MVP of this caliber.

"He's definitely our MVP," Phillips said.

After running all over the fourth-ranked Auburn defense last weekend, Little sank the Commodores on Saturday.

The new Wildcat "Raffense" isn't slowing down any time soon.

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Cats

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down. Vandy scored twice more, but couldn't convert an on-side kick after getting within five points of UK's lead. Little then carried the Cats to the win with one final first down that allowed UK to run out the clock.

Little extended his SEC lead in all-purpose yards per game, tallying 372, including 186 yards on 28 carries.

His biggest run, however, was in the third quarter. After a Vandy score, Jones returned the kickoff to the UK 35-yard line.

Little took the first handoff and dashed through a hole on the left side of the line before juking two defenders and getting a clean downfield block from Jones to cruise into the end zone and restore UK's 31-point advantage.

The 65-yard touchdown scamper, one of Little's hat trick of rushing touchdowns, set a career long for him in yards on one play.

"He's a stud," said offensive coordinator Joker Phillips of Little. "I'm not sure he doesn't have an 'S' on his chest."

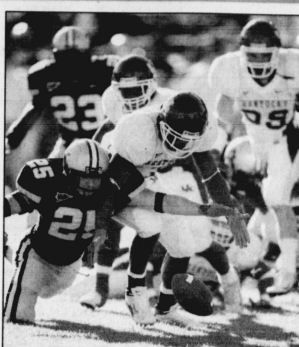
Little's teammates also sang his praises, but on a slightly lower level than super hero.

"I've been saying, 'Raff' for Heisman," sophomore tight end Jacob Tammie said. "Heisman candidates" Vince Young, Reggie Bush and Matt Leinart, if they have a bad game, we need to get him up there."

Little grinned when told of the comparison to three of college football's elite players.

"I ain't on that level yet," the sophomore said. "Maybe next year."

The biggest play of the first half came courtesy of UK's special teams. Linebacker Raymond Fontaine rose up and blocked a Bryan Hahnfeldt field goal attempt into the air above the UK secondary. Smith caught the ball and ran across the field, around the pile and into open space.



UK freshman cornerback David Jones and Vanderbilt junior safety Ben Rogers chase a loose ball during Saturday's game.

After a devastating block from cornerback Antoine Huffman leveled one Commodore, Smith waited patiently while sophomore strong safety Roger Williams engaged Cutler, who was playing as the holder. Smith eventually stutter-stepped around the pair and slipped into the end zone to give the Cats 21 first-quarter points for the first time since Nov. 21, 2002 — a game UK played against Vanderbilt.

With the victory, UK handed Vanderbilt its sixth straight loss, after the Commodores opened the season with four consecutive wins. The six losses guarantees that the 'Dores won't be going to the post-season for the 23rd consecutive year.

"We got our bowl hopes busted," sophomore cornerback Wesley Woodyard said, referring to UK's sixth loss of the season last week to Auburn. "So we decided to go out and bust somebody else's."

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lot more people on the boards. We need to get a lot more rebounds out of our big people."

Rondo was the unlikely hero on the glass for the Cats, snagging a career-high 12 rebounds, five on the offensive end.

"My mentality was to help the big men in rebounding," Rondo said.

He also dished out six assists and swiped six steals. Smith was impressed with Rondo's effort on all fronts.

"I thought Rajon's all-around play tonight was outstanding. He knocked down some threes, he was all over the court defensively," Smith said.

"We needed him on the court with the way he was playing, and we expected that from him," he said.

South Dakota State seemed to solve UK's press in the second half, converting several layups after breaking the Cats' full court pressure.

"Our press was nonexistent, which is troublesome," said Smith.

Forward Ben Beran scored the Jackrabbits' first 11 points after the break, on his way to a game high 25.

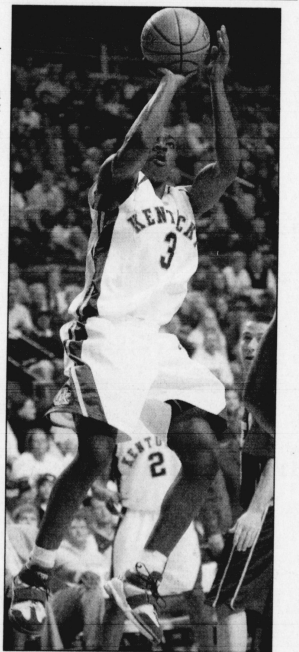
Center Shagari Alleyne came up big for the Cats in the post, rejecting four shots and pulling down three rebounds in 15 minutes off the bench.

Reserves accounted for 30 of UK's points, led by junior forward Rekalin Sims' 11. Sims added seven boards. Crawford was the only other Wildcat to score in double figures, nothing 10 points in his first start as a Wildcat.

Despite the win, Smith wasn't altogether pleased with the Cats' performance.

"I'm never satisfied," he said. "Until we play a perfect game, I won't be satisfied... Maybe we'll play a lot better tomorrow night."

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UK guard Ramel Bradley shoots against South Dakota State.

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EDITORIAL NOTEBOOK

■ In the early morning hours of Nov. 7, two tornadoes swept through Western Kentucky. The first, categorized as an F3 with winds of more than 150 mph, touched down in Henderson, Ky., and then cut a path across the Ohio River to Evansville, Ind. The second, categorized as an F2 with more winds as high as 150 mph, struck downtown Munfordville, Ky., a few hours later.

In Indiana, the tornado killed 22 and injured more than 200, and at Henderson's Ellis Park racetrack, the grandstand was damaged and several horses were killed, CNN.com said. As so often is the case, much of the damage and injuries came to people in mobile home parks.

Since these parks are found in more rural areas, sirens and shelters are often unavailable. Kentucky should push — if not mandate — these parks to have adequate warning systems and available shelter.

This week, Gov. Ernie Fletcher said his visits to the damaged areas in Munfordville led to him think Kentucky should review the tornado warning system.

"The report I got in Hart County was that the siren went off after the tornado hit. So — not a lot of warning," he told the Lexington Herald-Leader.

The state should review the warning system and do more to protect those most at risk from these storms — the families living in mobile homes.

■ As The Kernel reported last week, MA 109 scores at UK have been dismal. Low in this semester, prompting students to blame instructors and instructors to blame students. However, there is plenty of blame to go around.

The average grade on the class' second exam this semester was 56 percent, which is dismally low. Clearly, something is wrong — and we suspect that students and instructors share the blame.

Thanks in part to Kentucky's less-than-stellar math programs in its public schools, students are generally not well-prepared for college-level math courses. At the same time, it's difficult to find an instructor who effectively devotes adequate time to a 100-level class with hundreds of students. Math department and College of Arts and Sciences administrators need to look into the situation and ensure that the homework students do accurately reflects what they'll see on the test and that placement tests are putting students into the right classes. In addition, they should make sure class sizes are small enough that instructors can teach effectively and answer student questions.

■ On Nov. 19, UK will play Tennessee on Senior Day at Commonwealth Stadium. The week leading up to that will be another, much more important contest known as the Big Blue Crush.

The Crush is the annual race between the Bluegrass and Volunteer States to see who can donate the most blood, and everyone in both states should participate. Not for school or state pride, but because giving blood is a good idea.

There are thousands of people on Kentucky's organ donation lists. Every day, thousands of people in the community and state get in traffic accidents, are injured or somehow hurt themselves and must go to the hospital. All of these people need blood, which is chiefly accessible through healthy people whose bodies can replenish it in a short amount of time and are not in dire need of every pint they have at every second, as accident victims are. One pint of healthy blood can save three lives.

Everyone should give blood. With just one visit, you could save three lives and be a hero to three families — all for 30 minutes of your time.

■ Last week, the Kansas Board of Education decided by a 6-4 vote to change the state science standards to require the teaching of intelligent design, billed as an alternative theory to evolution, in classrooms. Intelligent design advocates think that the complexity of life cannot be explained by Darwinian evolution and that life must therefore have been designed by a higher power.

Students should certainly be exposed to different points of view and ways of thinking about such fundamental issues, as long as they're allowed to reach their own conclusions. A science classroom, however, may not be the best place for such a dialogue — evolution is the cornerstone of contemporary biology, and intelligent design has little standing among the majority of professional biologists.

Perhaps students could be introduced to differences in the debate over the origin of life (and other such issues) in a comparative-religions or philosophy class, either of which would be an undoubtedly appropriate forum to discuss such fundamental matters. But until intelligent design — or any other alternative theory to evolution — gains significant standing among professional scientists and has extensively well-documented backing, public-school science classrooms probably aren't the right place to hash out the debate.

■ Considering that UK is still embroiled in a controversy over a lack of diversity on campus — one attributed primarily to a 40 percent drop in black freshman enrollment this year — Friday's visit from the chief policy officer of a national black organization couldn't have come at a better time.

John Jackson, a leader of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, came to UK to speak on the issue of diversity and universities in the 21st century. Jackson offered a few pointers for UK — such as bringing more high school and even middle school students on campus early and developing advanced placement courses to encourage recruitment — but his message should also motivate President Lee Todd and his administration, too.

Jackson was right when he said that there must be a climate at UK's campus that "makes individuals outside want to come in." It's easy to understand why some black students don't see themselves in the university, considering the enrollment data and a general lack of black professors around campus. UK must continue to question itself introspectively and push itself to change the university to reflect a more diverse, multicultural background.

"The question is, University of Kentucky, will you be bold enough and smart enough to address and challenge each other?" Jackson asked about the issue of diversity. UK's response must be, emphatically and immediately, "Yes, we will."

— Kernel Editorial Board

IN OUR OPINION

Brooks deserves another year

On Tuesday, UK Athletic Director Mitch Barnhart gave head football coach Rich Brooks the equivalent of an incomplete grade — a one-year reprieve.

Brooks and his football team began trying to change that grade to a passing one Saturday.

With a 49-43 win at Vanderbilt, the double-digit underdog Cats picked up their first Southeastern Conference road victory under Brooks and gave their coach their own vote of confidence.

Even before this weekend's win, Barnhart's decision was a fair one. After two years of probation and then this season's plague of injuries, Barnhart acted appropriately by bringing Brooks back for the fourth year of his five-year contract.

"I do believe that the worst of times are behind us and that Rich Brooks has taken the right steps for this program," Barn-

hart said Tuesday. "It's become agonizing for the players. If I know the decision in my heart, then let's go ahead (and announce it)."

In three seasons at UK, Brooks has a record of 9-23. He has just four SEC wins.

The Cats have lost to Ohio University at home, been blown out by Indiana and suffered a lack-luster loss to the bottom-dwelling Bulldogs of Mississippi State.

With that kind of transcript, Brooks could not have a passing grade. In fact, it looks more deserving of a failing one. But given the circumstances at UK, Barnhart and President Lee Todd had to give Brooks the benefit of the doubt.

"We asked Coach Brooks to take a program in ruins and rebuild it," Todd said in the statement. "To that end, I am convinced that Coach Brooks and his staff are building a solid foundation for the future. Making this decision now will give

our recruits the assurances they need and deserve, as well as our current players, who have expressed strong support for this staff."

The players Brooks and his staff have recruited may have wielded the greatest influence.

UK's rising star Rafael Little had told The Kernel earlier this year he may transfer if Brooks didn't return as coach. Against Vandy, the sophomore run-

ning back totaled 372 yards of offense. He is the Cats' best player, and he may be turning into the SEC's most complete running back.

That Brooks and his staff could bring in that type of talent is encouraging. Add freshman line-backer Braxton Kelley (who was featured in Sports Illustrated this season), sophomore line-backer Wesley Woodyard and sophomore wide receiver Keenan Burton, and there may be hope for the future.

But Brooks has no time for potential now. He has to deliver — with wins. His incomplete grade won't stay that way for long. He can't get extra credit or excuses from probation and injuries anymore. Either he produces the rest of this season and all of next year, or he fails.

For the sake of fairness, Brooks deserved one more year — and he will deserve whatever grade his record next season dictates.

UK's head football coach should get one more season to show whether he can revive the team



BRAD STURGEON, THE KENTUCKY KERNEL

Mere sound bites aren't arguments

My freshman year at UK, I loved to watch CNN, Fox News and other news channels for the 10-second sound bites



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I could look at and feel some emotion toward. I would quote these sound bites as fact. I would argue using these same brief bits of information and manage to persuade people that I was correct. I woke up one day and decided it was time to stop being intellectually dishonest.

Rather than rejecting or accepting arguments based upon popular sound bites or common knowledge, I've taken the time to carefully study issues such as philosophy, religion, politics, and science (particularly evolution), and I now have a stronger pool of knowledge to raise and refute arguments with.

Now, when I see bathroom graffiti or hear the political comments people make in class, at parties or in public, I laugh at them, realizing I was just like them in my haste to judge issues. I

have the same feeling toward most of the letters to the editors printed in The Kernel regarding the majority of issues.

The particular issues I want to address are the misconceptions of campus preachers in the free speech zone and of Christianity in general that pervade the letters, speeches and general comments made by UK students.

Common misconceptions of the campus preachers are that they are illogical, irrational and somehow less intelligent than the onlookers. Contrary to this, I have found that they are often the only voices of reason at our university — particularly the only voices of rational, consistent and logical thought, which comes out when students can suppress their innate apathy and debate the speakers.

Relating this misconception back to my previous experience, it makes sense to me that students do this, if they are following that aforementioned pattern.

On Friday Jed Smock came to speak at our university. He is referred to as "the dean of campus preachers." Many students walked by and spent perhaps one to five minutes listening to what he had to say. Those that disagreed with the message raised red herrings or insignificant questions, or they heckled in some fashion. Others stayed for a few more minutes, but the

result was the same. They did not receive the entire message, nor were they intellectually honest. I stayed for 3 1/2 hours, the total time, to listen. The entire message was that people without Christ are sinners.

This same trend occurs every Wednesday from noon to 2 p.m. at the Student Center. Normally, people walk by apathetically or raise a sound-bite argument, all the while remaining intellectually dishonest. If the arguments postulated by the Christian speakers are illogical and false, then surely you "enlightened scholars" can refute them.

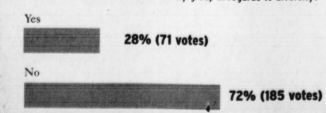
I am issuing a personal challenge to all of the people who have written sarcastic points in The Kernel or who raise complaints in public and envision themselves to have a valid worldview to come on any Wednesday from noon to 2 p.m. and speak with us in the free speech zone in front of the Student Center.

Rather than continually spout false claims about Christianity like "judging is wrong," "God loves everyone, so I can do anything I want" and "Christianity is merely a fairy tale," work up some intellectual courage and read the Bible. Know what your opponents have to say, rather than the 10-second pseudo-information.

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Online Poll Results

Do you think UK President Lee Todd should implement the suggestions of the Concerned African-American Faculty group in regards to diversity?



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During the Veterans Salute Parade on Saturday in downtown Lexington, a group of men re-enacted the Iwo Jima Memorial from World War II. **HILLY SCHIFFER | STAFF**

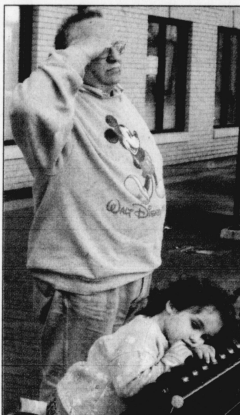
Honoring national heroes

Lexington recognized and remembered its living and dead military veterans with a parade down Main Street Saturday afternoon, one day after Veterans Day.

Veterans Day — originally called Armistice Day — is celebrated on the anniversary of the end of World War I. The war ended on the 11th hour of the 11th day of the 11th month of 1918.

That day became a national holiday in 1938, and in 1954, President Dwight Eisenhower designated Nov. 11 as Veterans Day.

In 1968, however, the Uniform Holiday Bill shuffled some holidays, including Veterans Day, to a Monday. But President Gerald Ford signed a law permanently establishing Nov. 11 as Veterans Day in 1975, which is the date it remains today.



David Silver salutes soldiers as they march in Saturday's Veterans Salute Parade. Silver's father, uncle, and son have all served in the U.S. military. **WHITNEY WATERS | STAFF**



A group of Shriners greets a fellow member after cruising around in his mini semi-truck during the Veterans Salute Parade. The parade ran down Main Street in downtown Lexington on Saturday.

The parade helps maintain a national tradition of honoring the service of America's military veterans on Nov. 11 — Armistice Day for World War I.

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