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## Stepping Up

## New program head plans for expanded role of African-American studies

By Dariush Shafa  
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Nikky Finney doesn't teach English. "I teach creative writing. I'm a writer," said the English professor who has published three books of poetry and a book of short stories.

But by all rights, Finney shouldn't have been a writer at all.

Born in Conway, S.C., Finney is the daughter of Ernest and Francis Finney. Her father was the first black member of the South Carolina Supreme Court and later became its chief justice. Both of Finney's brothers are attorneys as well.

"I'm supposed to be the third lawyer in the family," Finney said. "That didn't go as expected."

But Finney doesn't mind being the odd one out of the family — her mother is a school teacher — as long as she commits completely to what she is doing.

"One of the laws that I live by is you never know what you will be asked to do in your life, so why not attempt to do all things well?" Finney said. "It gives you more options."

Now in her 13th year at UK, she's settling into her newest role, interim director of the African-American Studies and Research Program, and taking on a new task, temporarily filling the spot of Sonja Feist-Price.

"My job is to make sure that the sharing of African-American life and culture is present and included in the academic discourse," Finney said.

This is especially important because of how intertwined African-American culture is with all that happens in this country, she said.

"The African-American experience has been a part of the consciousness and the heartbeat of the development of this country," Finney said. "African-American ingenuity helped build this country. African Americans helped give this country a sense of style and uniqueness. African-American intellectual thought is a part of our everyday lives as Americans."

Though she didn't follow in the footsteps of her parents, that doesn't mean she didn't learn anything from them, she said.

"I hope what they taught me about curiosity and general inquisitiveness makes me a better leader and keeps me involved in all aspects of being a better person," she said, adding that it's a lesson she feels is worth passing on. "I try to teach that to my students as well."

During the heat of the Civil Rights Movement in the 1960s, Finney's parents were strong advocates for civil rights, something that stuck with Finney.

"I watched them participate, not just stand on the sidelines, in making the world a better place," Finney said. "These (were) ordinary folks doing extraordinary things. I saw that often in my childhood."

Finney now finds herself as the leader of a new effort.

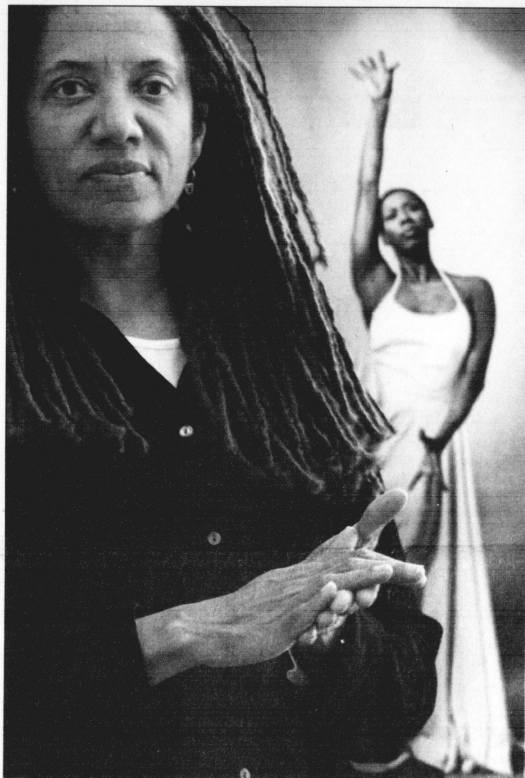
"We are right now developing the blueprint to take African-American Studies from a program to a department," Finney said.

The African-American Studies Department would place special attention on literature, anthropology, cultural geography, sociology, history and philosophy with respect to black culture.

William Turner, associate provost for multicultural affairs, said transitioning AASRP into its own department will give it more credibility.

"To become a department is the ultimate expression of legitimacy of a scholarly endeavor," Turner said.

Turner also said a department with an em-



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Nikky Finney keeps a poster in her office of Judith Jamison, a dancer with the Alvin Ailey Dance Company, that was given to her when she left California to come to Kentucky for a job at UK 13 years ago.

phasis on black studies is a common feature at many of UK's benchmark universities.

"It's key to our commitment to diversity of thought, and certainly a top-20 university, according to universities we benchmark ourselves against," Turner said. "Their African-American studies departments are very visible."

Finney said the plan calls for the transition within the next three to five years, and said she feels very strongly that it will happen.

"I'm absolutely convinced that we can do this," Finney said.

Doris Wilkinson, a professor of sociology who founded the AASRP in 1992 said Finney was an excellent choice for director.

"I think she is a perfect choice for acting director," Wilkinson said. "In addition to her

known artistic skills, she has a creative vision, she's goal oriented. Nikky is easy to work with; she's polite and responsive. She will work well with students, faculty and administrators."

When Wilkinson founded the program, it created a curriculum of courses with a focus on black culture in which students can minor.

Finney was involved with the AASRP's early activities, working closely with the Black Women's Conference and the Carter G. Woodson Lecture Series, where she was one of the first speakers.

"There was standing room only (at Finney's presentation)," Wilkinson said. "I view her as one of the co-founders of the Black Women Con-

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## City could be fined for drainage violations

By Sean Rose and Dariush Shafa  
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An ongoing investigation of Lexington's wastewater and storm water drainage systems by the Environmental Protection Agency could mean fines for the city, two urban county council members said.

The Lexington-Fayette County Department of Engineering has identified \$117 million in needed repairs and improvements to the storm water and wastewater systems throughout the urban county area, said council members Dick Decamp and Richard Moloney.

The drownings of two women Saturday in a swollen drainage ditch near Nicholasville Road and Alumni Drive has brought concerns over Lexington's drainage systems back to the forefront for some.

"This last weekend illustrates very well that some of our storm water systems are not working adequately," said Decamp, who represents the 3rd District.

Decamp's district encompasses the UK campus and surrounding areas, including the drainage ditch where UK pharmacy student Lauren Fannin and UK nursing graduate Lindsey Harp drowned after being swept into a storm drain during flooding caused by heavy weekend rains.

Local homeowners have been complaining about drainage problems in the area for some time and told the city that they will file a lawsuit if repairs do not begin within 60 days.

Decamp also said the amount budgeted for drainage repairs and improvements is about \$1 million or slightly more.

"I'm certainly aware that it's woefully underfunded," Decamp said.

Moloney, council member for Lexington's 11th district, said that the drainage problems have led to an investigation of Lexington's drainage systems by the EPA, which has been going on for about a year. Moloney said he believes it is likely Lexington's deficiencies will mean fines.

"It's a serious problem. The EPA is investigating us now. They're getting ready to fine us," Moloney said, adding that the cost of fines "is going to be pretty dang high."

Decamp agreed that fines from the EPA are a possibility but said the city won't know until the EPA completes and releases the report within the next several months.

"We don't know yet (if Lexington will be fined)," Decamp said. "That's certainly a possibility."

Leo McMillan, director of Division of Streets and Roads and Forestry for Lexington said Lexington does not have jurisdiction

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**RICHARD MALONEY**  
11th District  
council member

## UK research to move to provost model

By Blair Thomas  
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While UK moved up two spots in the rankings used to measure research, President Lee Todd is making major organizational changes that he hopes will ensure the university continues moving forward.

Todd announced Monday his plans to restructure the organization of the research side of the university to the provost model.

The research organization, now ranked No. 34 among public universities, is currently under the direction of Executive Vice Presi-

dent Wendy Baldwin, but when Baldwin leaves UK early next month, "we will take one more step toward being a fully integrated provost system," Todd said.

"Moving research under the provost creates clearer and more defined reporting lines throughout the organization," Todd said. "The provost will be clearly directing both the academic enterprise and the research enterprise, both of which are, and should be, inextricably linked."

Dr. Chuck Staben, associate vice president of research, will temporarily head up the research

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## Candidates oppose student council member

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As the Lexington mayoral election on Nov. 7 approaches, candidates met last night for a debate targeting the 30 percent of the Lexington voting population who attend UK.

Both incumbent mayor Teresa Isaac and challenger, Jim Newberry said they do not support creating a position for a student city council member. The movement had been a goal of past student governments.

"I have given this a lot of thought since it was first brought up to me," Isaac said. "And what you have to understand is that if UK was granted a spot on the City Council, every other college in town would demand the same. This is something we are just not

equipped to deal with."

Newberry agreed that there wasn't enough goom for elected student representatives in city government, but both candidates said they would meet with

student representatives on decisions concerning campus.

Student Government kicked off their Voter Education Week with the debate last night in the Center Theater of the Student Center.

"I feel this event is important to draw students who may not be aware of these issues to the candidates," said SG President Jonah Brown. "This is a great forum for students to hear the candidates' views and be educated voters."

Few students attended the debate.

"I'm afraid the candidates will be addressing a minimal audience tonight," said moderator Stephen Voss, the Political Science director of Undergraduate Studies. "But we can't be pessimistic about a turnout that all of us ex-

pected. Because of this town and gown divide, it is hard to draw a campus audience to an event about the city."

Incumbent Mayor Teresa Isaac and challenger Jim Newberry answered five questions selected by SG from submissions from students, faculty and staff.

All of the questions surrounded on-campus issues including improving campus safety, the overall safety of Lexington, the relationship between UK students and Lexington police, the "suite nature" of the campus and efforts

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# Rachael's new talk show

The bubbly cook stirs things up on her self-titled chatfest

Move over, Martha Stewart! Perpetually perky Food Network superstar Rachael Ray, 38, is hotter than ever thanks to the Sept. 18 debut of Rachael Ray (syndicated, check local listings). What to expect in Ray's kitchen? Everything from a meal whipped up by Dr. Phil, 56, to party-planning segments. And the bloopers are plentiful. "I set bread on fire constantly," says the native New Yorker (who is married to lawyer-musician John Cusimano, 39). She dishes to Us.

ca Ferrera (The Sisterhood of the Traveling Pants, Real Women Have Curves) dons braces, unruly brows and bad duds to play a frumpy magazine assistant in Ugly Betty (ABC, Sept. 28, 8 p.m.). The L.A. native, 22 (who is the youngest of six kids by Honduran parents), gives Us the scoop.

beat someone up," she says.

**Name game:** Though her unusual moniker has Indian roots, "I'm completely white," Shallow, 24, tells Us. "People think I'm cool and exotic, but my parents were just hippies."

### Ozzy Lusth

This chilled-out L.A. surfer who waits tables has a strategy: "My plan is to step back and be underestimated," he says.

**Secret lover:** Lusth, 25, on the Hispanic team, has a "beautiful" girlfriend — but may not divulge that fact. "I might hook up to get ahead," he tells Us. "I'll play it by ear."

### Rebecca Borman

The spunky, single New Yorker is a makeup artist on The View ... but she won't dish. "I like all the girls," she says. Even Star? "She got me the job!"

**Trick of the trade:** Thanks to her job, "I know how to deal with divas," Borman, 34, tells Us. "So this is a walk in the park."

— Mara Reinstein

**On being low on the totem pole:** "If you've ever been an assistant, you know what it's like to feel invisible!"

**On real-life boss Salma Hayek:** "She's producing the show and may direct an episode — it's ridiculous how smart Salma is!"

— Aimee Agresti

### Survivor's Standouts

#### Yul Kwon

The single California consultant has brains (he's a Stanford grad) and brawn (he trained to be a Marine).

**On a mission:** Kwon, 31, who's of Korean descent, went on the show to dispel stereotypes. "Asian men on TV are usually kung fu masters or geeks. I want to represent us well," he tells Us.

#### Parvati Shallow

The single Georgia native is full of sunny charm. She's also a pro boxer. "It's a release for me to

**Q: Oprah Winfrey helped develop this show. What's the most surprising thing about her?**

How relaxed she is. She has such a busy life, yet she's very down-to-earth and a ton of fun. She's a good friend — and a great cook!

**Q: You're constantly around food. How do you stay toned?**

I do a few situps and pushups at the end of the day, and I buy everything with stretch in it.

— Rachel Paula Abrahamson

### Ugly Betty's Pretty Star

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## 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 6 — Continue to plan and verify. Don't go rushing off quite yet; you're not quite ready. Go through your checklists one more time.  
Taurus (April 20-May 20) — Today is a 6 — You're running a tight operation, and you're attracting admiration. Others like to play with a winner who has a good plan. That's you.  
Gemini (May 21-June 21) — Today is an 8 — Others may have thought you were somebody they could boss around. They've got a better idea now of how tough you really are.

Cancer (June 22-July 22) — Today is a 7 — You're very creative, but that doesn't give you an excuse to slack off. Keep up with the reading and you'll find many new sources of inspiration.  
Leo (July 23-Aug. 22) — Today is a 6 — Don't fret if, due to a slight miscalculation, you find yourself lacking in funds. You can always come up with more. Use your imagination.  
Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) — Today is a 6 — Keep a low profile; it's best not to draw attention to yourself. Changes are going on. Wait to see where the dust settles.  
Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) — Today is a 7 — Just because you're doing well doesn't mean you can relax. Keep up with the reading so you can stay ahead of the competition.  
Scorpio (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) — Today is a 7 — Completion is a feeling you savor. It brings you new energy.

Keep doing it, and you'll find it gets easier to keep doing it.  
Sagittarius (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) — Today is a 6 — Clear out your workspace quickly; there isn't much time left. There'll be a new assignment, with new challenges, appearing soon.  
Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) — Today is a 6 — You have promises to keep that take priority. You don't have to do everything personally, however. Delegate.  
Aquarius (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) — Today is a 7 — Your victory is not an accident, you worked hard for it. You were doing things you like to do and are good at, but it's still a big win.  
Pisces (Feb. 19-March 20) — Today is a 7 — You're not out there all by yourself. You have important friends. Lean on one of them to help you get past a really tough place.

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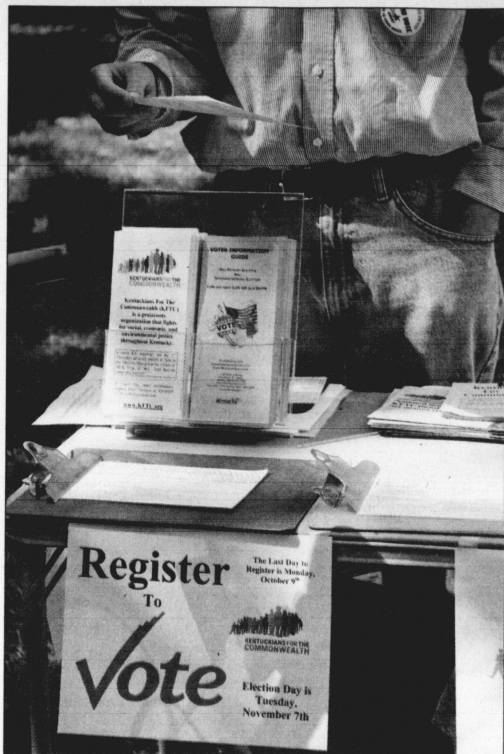
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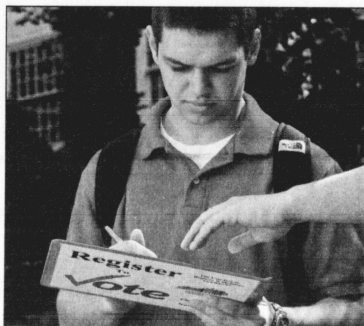




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## ready to VOTE

**Above:** Jeff Allen stands before the makeshift voter registration desk Tuesday afternoon. Kentuckians for Commonwealth is planning a 60-hour voter registration campaign dubbed "Operation Voter Madness!" scheduled for Oct. 6.



**Right:** Gaston Crockett, a mechanical engineering freshman, registered to vote Tuesday afternoon next to the Grehan Journalism Building.

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## FINNEY

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ference ... Even though she's new at this, she has a background in the AASRP." Finney looks at her new job as an opportunity to keep working for change. "We have to think wider than our-

selves," Finney said. "We have to be multicultural, multidimensional and multifaceted in our thinking."

"We will not change stereotypes, we will not destroy narrow thinking until more people are at the table having difficult but important conversations about race, class and many more divisions that exist in our society."

Finney also keeps a little piece of inspiration handy in her office, a picture giv-

ing her by a friend when she took her first teaching position at UK. It is a photograph of renowned dancer Judith Jamison, who was once the premier dancer with the prestigious Alvin Ailey Dance Company. "She was always a portrait of grace, determination, artistry and beauty. I like to look at the picture because it reminds me of all the things I adore about black culture," Finney said. "It's symbolic of always moving forward. She's a symbol for me."

## EPA

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tion over Nicholasville Road and drainage in the immediate area because it is a state highway. McMillan also said flooding in that area is not a new problem.

"It's always a concern because it always floods," McMillan said.

David Thacker, the Kentucky Department of Highways public information officer for Lexington said that flooding to the extent of last weekend is rare. Lexington received nearly seven inches of rain over Friday and Saturday, according to the National Weather Service.

Thacker said the system at Nicholasville Road and Alumni Drive is sufficient for normal rain conditions.

"The drainage system just

wasn't equipped to handle that much rain," Thacker said, referring to the nearly seven inches of rain the Lexington area got Friday night and Saturday morning.

"Right now that structure is designed to more than adequately handle average rainfall for a year."

Thacker said if a problem is identified, it will be addressed, but for now no such problem has been singled out.

"If there is a recorded problem we'll look at it and then it's a matter of the funding to (fix it)," Thacker said.

"It's recorded that there was water over the road, but that doesn't necessarily equate that there's a problem with the

drainage structure."

Charlie Martin, acting commissioner of public works for the Lexington Fayette Urban County Government said he wasn't able to talk about the possible lawsuit filed by local residents.

"I haven't seen the actual documentation, I really can't comment on it," Martin said about the lawsuit.

For now, Moloney said he hasn't seen much action to address the issues raised by the flooding and concurrent fatalities.

"I've called and left messages with the administration and have not heard back from them on which direction they want to go. I'm a little disappointed," Moloney said. "We

had a council meeting today ... They didn't give us any guidance."

Martin did agree that there has been concern with Lexington's drainage issues and the city has been working on addressing problems.

"We've been working on ongoing rehabilitation of the sanitary system as long as I started working here seven years ago. I don't think you would find that we are being wholly negligent of our duties," Martin said.

In the meantime, Moloney said he's prepared to try and help constituents.

"We'll continue to take complaints," Moloney said, adding that he believes the city needs to take immediate action. "I hope the administration comes up with a plan. Hopefully in the next couple of days they'll come up with some recommendations."

## DEBATE

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to keep Lexington graduates in the city.

Isaac gave several suggestions to improve campus safety and work toward mending the "hostile" relationship between UK students and Lexington police.

"I think campus safety is an important issue that we are constantly working to address," Isaac said. "I attended the National Town and Gown Committee meeting that gave me great motivation to tighten the relationship between campus police and city police. When these departments work together, students will benefit."

Isaac also encouraged students to get involved in neighborhood associations.

"When students respect their neighbors and the neighborhoods they live in they develop a better relationship with the city in which they live," Isaac said.

Newberry said he plans to work with SG and other organizations on campus to gather suggestions from students.

"I think student input is important," Newberry said. "To improve the way that police officers in this town handle students I plan on working with officers with the UK police department as well as the Lexington police department in a collaborated effort."

Newberry also stressed his desire for Lexington to improve its economic system so that graduates of Lexington colleges will be motivated to stay in the city.

"I plan to focus my administration on building this community around the horse industry,

the healthcare industry and the high tech industry," Newberry said. "I think each of these will positively contribute to the economic state of Lexington."

The candidates accepted questions from the audience about the city's ability to deal with natural disasters, the plans for developing downtown and surrounding campus areas and the 2010 World Equestrian Games.

Brent Burchett, SG senate president, asked the candidates to put themselves in UK President Lee Todd's shoes.

"I want to ask you all to pretend that you were the president of UK for a semester," Burchett said. "How would you make UK better?"

Newberry declared himself a strong supporter of the Top 20 plan.

"I think I'd stay the course," Newberry said. "I'd keep the focus on the Top 20 objective

mainly because selfishly, I see that it is great for improving the economy of Lexington."

Isaac would focus mainly on teaching.

"I think our first obligation is to the students," Isaac said. "So I would make my top priority teaching, and making sure that the student are getting the best education available."

Both candidates encouraged students to come out to the polls in November and to encourage their friends to do the same.

"I feel the event was a success even with the low turn out," Brown said. "This week is all about getting students to register to vote, and I think becoming active in the community is key to making them understand how important it is to vote."

The next event of Voter Education Week is a city council reception at 8 p.m. tonight in room 249 in the Student Center.

## UNIVERSITY OF KENTUCKY

# CRIME REPORT

UK Police reports from Sept. 19 to Sept. 25.

- Sept. 19. Criminal mischief at 120 Patterson Drive at 10:36 a.m.
- Sept. 19. Theft from a building at 470 Cooper Drive at 6:30 p.m.
- Sept. 19. Theft of a wallet at the Johnson Center at 8:52 a.m.
- Sept. 20. Theft from building at 842 Rose Street at 12:23 p.m.
- Sept. 20. Harassment at 305 Euclid Avenue at 7:42 p.m.
- Sept. 21. Theft of wallet at 800 Rose Street at 8:55 a.m.
- Sept. 21. Theft from a building at 800 Rose Street at 9:27 a.m.
- Sept. 21. Theft from a building at 320 Hugulett Drive at 11:02 a.m.
- Sept. 21. Theft from a building at 305 Euclid Avenue at 3:07 p.m.
- Sept. 21. Theft from a building at 305 Euclid Avenue at 5:21 p.m.
- Sept. 21. Theft from a building at 330 Hilltop Avenue at 11:00 p.m.
- Sept. 22. Assault at 763 Woodland Avenue at 7:31 a.m.
- Sept. 22. Theft of a backpack at the Student Center at 2:14 p.m.
- Sept. 22. Theft at UK Stores at 2:16 p.m.
- Sept. 22. Theft from a building at 305 Euclid Avenue at 11:50 p.m.
- Sept. 23. Sexual assault at 769 Woodland Avenue at 2:42 a.m.
- Sept. 23. Criminal mischief at 343 Martin Luther King Boulevard at 2:30 p.m.
- Sept. 23. Alcohol intoxication at Sports Center Drive at 3:35 a.m.
- Sept. 24. Assault at 800 Rose Street at 8:46 a.m.
- Sept. 25. Criminal mischief at 769 Woodland Avenue at 12:04 a.m.
- Sept. 25. Marijuana use at 300 Alumni Drive at 12:07 a.m.
- Sept. 25. Theft of a hot dog stand at 120 Patterson Drive at 11:08 a.m.
- Sept. 25. Theft at 721 Press Avenue at 11:09 a.m.
- Sept. 25. Marijuana use at Complex Mall Area at 8:39 p.m.
- Sept. 25. Alcohol possession in Holmes Hall at 10:45 p.m.
- Sept. 25. Theft of a wallet at 769 Woodland Drive at 10:55 p.m.

Compiled from reports at UK Police Department.

Compiled by staff writer Sean Rose.

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## College Democrats vs. College Republicans in

# SG VOTER REGISTRATION WEEK

Regardless of political affiliations, it is important for all students to show through action that UK students care and, more importantly, that UK students **VOTE.**

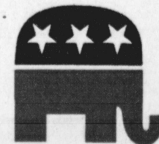
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**When:** Monday—Thursday this week, 10 am— 2 pm

**Where:** POT (Patterson Office Tower) Plaza

**Who:** The College Republicans and College Democrats will be competing head-to-head all week long to see who can register the most UK students as voters, regardless of political affiliation.

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## RESEARCH

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operations and report directly to Provost Kumble Subbaswamy until the position is permanently filled.

"To find someone with the national qualifications and stature that we are looking for will, in all likelihood, take at least several months," Todd said.

The structure of most operations within the research departments, including the structures of centers and institutions, will remain nearly the same, Todd said.

Even with minimal changes, moving to the provost system is important "to create a more integrated, seamless approach," Todd said.

The departments of economic development, the Advanced Science and Technolo-

gy Commercialization Center and intellectual property department will be refocused into a new work group that Todd will more clearly define in the next week.

Staben says he is ready to take on his new responsibilities, which include research administration, internal research support, supervision of research centers and institutes and grant proposals.

"Overseeing the research organization and working with our faculty and administrators are privileges for me," Staben said. "I've enjoyed my work as a faculty member, a department chair and now as a research administrator to move UK toward our goals, which I think are very important to the university and to the Commonwealth."

Todd made it a goal to implement the provost model in every college when he came to UK five years ago.

"This new structure is a design established at many of

our benchmark institutions, and I firmly believe it will facilitate the alignment of research priorities across the entire academic enterprise and help us move our research endeavors to the next level," Todd said.

Todd urges UK employees to stay flexible while the changes are taking place.

Staben agrees that this organizational pattern has been successful in other areas of the university and is confident it will help the research department continue to move up in the rankings.

"Universities organize research and other functions in many different ways, so I do not think that one particular organization is a key to success," Staben said. "However, I have a good deal of confidence in Dr. Todd and in Dr. Subbaswamy that this organization will best meet UK's needs at this time."

## While some disagree, study favors being disagreeable

By Joe Burris  
THE BALTIMORE SUN

Are you a forty-something grouch who's first to shout in-vectives in a slow-moving checkout lane? A youngster who mocks your dad's counsel? A graduate student known for driving your professor crazy with sardonic verbiage?

Take hope: Today, you might be dismissed as a smart-aleck. In your old age, you might be viewed as smarter than average.

Or at least that's what Jacqueline Bichsel suggests.

Bichsel, a psychology professor at Morgan State in Baltimore, recently co-authored a study that invites the conclusion that upon reaching 60, disagreeable people maintain a higher level of intelligence than more easy-going seniors.

"These individuals have a higher vocabulary," she said. "They have a better use of words, a better knowledge of facts."

It also suggests that those dismissed as grumpy old men and feisty old ladies are often smarter in some ways than the young. The study's findings fly in the face of notions that intellect and memory fade with age — and that has made it a hot topic in the psychology world.

Bichsel, 40, says publication of her study has produced an unanticipated 15 minutes of research fame; her work has drawn attention around the world.

"People are just intrigued by the fact that disagreeableness can be a good thing, particularly in old age," said Bichsel, who began the research as an assistant professor at the Harrisburg campus of Penn State.

Bichsel and Thomas J. Bak-

er, a graduate student in psychology at York University in Toronto, tested 239 females and 142 males age 19-89. Education ranged from some high school to graduate degrees.

Study participants were administered two tests: One was a personality assessment designed to measure openness to experience, continuousness, extroversion, agreeableness and neuroticism. The other measures general intellectual ability and specific cognitive abilities. It covers such areas as phonetic awareness, long-term memory retrieval and general intellectual ability.

The results: Those aged 19-60 did not outperform those over 60 in any cognitive ability measure. Their results were comparable with those of some participants over 60.

Yet a third group of those over 60 posted results that were superior to their counterparts in age as well as to the younger group.

Moreover, Bichsel wrote, "These results suggest that superior, crystallized ability is relatively strongly associated with low agreeableness scores, meaning that older individuals who have a tendency toward being unfriendly and uncooperative maintain higher levels of breadth and depth of general knowledge."

Yet that doesn't mean that if you're 60 or younger and prone to be pushed around, standing up for yourself more often now will ensure you'll hold on to your smarts.

"What research has shown is that personality doesn't change a lot during the lifespan," Bichsel said. "And no single experience is going to change a person's personality."

Not everyone is comfortable with the findings.

"The unfortunate interpretation of Bichsel's study is that it's good for older people to be cranky, and I feel that it reinforces those ageist stereotypes," said Susan K. Whitbourne, a University of Massachusetts psychology professor.

She added that the study examined two correlated factors, personality and intelligence, "and it is impossible to know what causes what, or if both factors are related to some third, unmeasured factor, such as amount of education."

"Secondly," she said, "we don't know if the relationship between personality and IQ are different for the different age groups because they always were that way or because there was some function of getting older that made being less agreeable related to higher intelligence."

Dr. Philip Ackerman, a Georgia Tech psychology professor, argued that while there are relationships between personality, hunger for knowledge and memory retention, they are not large in scope.

"Domains such as critical thinking, at least in terms of abstract problem-solving, are not much affected by personality traits," he said, "but what knowledge one acquires throughout the adult years is more related to personality."

Still, Bichsel stands by her findings. In response to Whitbourne's ageist stereotypes assertion, she said, "I would have to disagree. I feel it's just the opposite. The fact that disagreeableness can be viewed as a good thing negates the stereotypes."



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## Soccer team looks for national respect in game against rival

By Chris Miles  
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The UK men's soccer team will be facing off against the nation's most legendary program tonight as battle seven-time national champion Indiana University.

In terms of earning national respect, it might be the biggest game the Cats play all season.

"It's the one game I really look forward to playing during the season," said senior forward/defender Nathan Li. "It's always very hard-fought. Whenever we play them it feels that we have something to prove."

Although No. 14 Indiana's achievements significantly overshadow the Cats' (7-1-1), Collins said that the rivalry between the schools has been strong. Four of the past five contests — all Hoosier wins — were decided by one goal, and two of those games went to double overtime. The other game ended in a tie.

"The first few years that they played us they really handed it to us," Collins said.

But he said his team slowly began to hold their own and build momentum against the perennial powerhouse.

Collins said the tide of the rivalry began to turn in 1999 when the Cats lost to Indiana in the NCAA tournament by one goal. Indiana went on to win the national championship that year.

"That game really signaled that UK was on the national scene," Collins said.

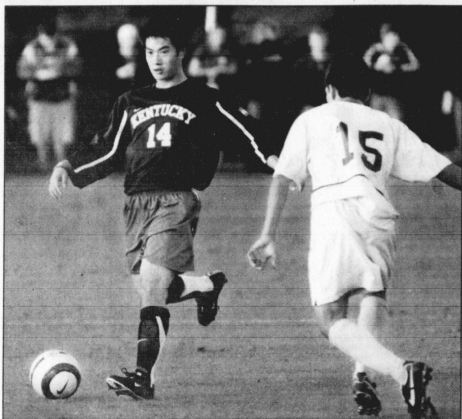
Li is one of four seniors on the team that has faced the Hoosiers three times, including the scoreless tie in 2004.

The Cats also squared off against Indiana in the 2003 season, when they again met in the NCAA tournament.

After a 1-1 draw at the end of regulation, the Hoosiers scored a golden goal on a controversial free kick in double overtime. Once again, IU went on to win the national championship.

The game was evidence to Collins that his team had arrived.

"They're a storied program," Collins said. "Can we compete? Absolutely. We've proved we can compete. Now we need to go on and beat them."



ANDREW HUGGINS | STAFF

Senior forward/defender Nathan Li sets up to pass in the Sept. 13 game against Michigan. The Cats take on seven-time national champion Indiana University today, a game Li said he has been waiting for since the schedule came out. "It's the one game I look forward to playing during the season."

Collins said that being competitive with a team like Indiana isn't good enough and that a win would help UK make an even bigger impact in the rivalry.

Li agreed.

"We haven't played a team of (Indiana's) strength yet," Li said. "We're excited to see what we can do. I know the team is looking at this as a great opportunity."

Though the Hoosiers are a non-factor in the Cats' quest for a Conference USA tournament bid, Li said that a win would help them against other powers on their schedule, like conference rival, No. 1 Southern

Methodist University.

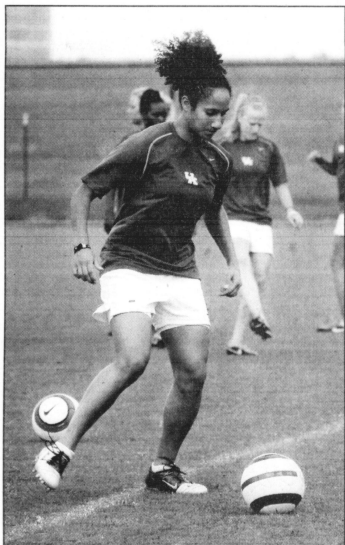
Collins also said the team needs this game after last Saturday's match against Akron was cancelled due to rain.

"I don't think it's good to be off," Collins said. "Guys need to keep playing to keep their edge. We won't have an advantage not having played on Saturday."

Even though the Cats were rained out, Li is confident that the Cats are ready to challenge the Hoosiers.

"I know we have a talented squad," Li said. "It won't be a rout of any sort."

## Late loss leaves Cats ready to rebound



ED MATTHEWS | STAFF

Forward Giuleana Lopez dribbles during practice earlier this year. The freshman leads the team in scoring with five goals.

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After losing their Southeastern Conference opener against LSU in the last three seconds of regulation on Sunday, the UK women's soccer team is now playing with the proverbial chip on their shoulder.

"We have to toughen ourselves up both mentally and physically," said head coach Warren Lipka. "It's not going to be an easy ride the rest of the way and we have to make a point to play all 90 minutes."

Forward Giuleana Lopez had her second multi-goal game of the season for the Cats (5-4-1, 0-1 SEC) in the 3-2 loss.

Still, Lopez wasn't satisfied because she was more concerned with the last moments of the match.

"We let down in the last few seconds and it was a big time mistake," Lopez said. "Any little mistake is costly, but that mistake cost us the game."

"After that we felt like crap," junior midfielder Sarah Gaunt said. "Everyone just stood there and couldn't believe what happened."

"It just sucks. Playing that hard and traveling (to Baton Rouge) just to have the game turn out like that."

With the two goals, Lopez now leads the team with five on the season.

Still the freshman from Beach Park, Ill., said she is more focused on what the team needs

to do to win, rather than what she has accomplished so far this season.

"As a team we just need to keep working harder," Lopez said. "We need to finish through the games."

Even a momentary lack of focus can mean the difference between a win and a loss, Lipka said.

"In any sport it only takes a second to make a mistake and it can cost you and it did," Lipka said. "It's a learning experience."

"We still have 10 SEC matches to play. We've got a long way to go."


Not taking any chances, Lipka has worked his team extra hard at practice this week hoping to prepare them up for an unrelenting conference schedule.

"He's pushing us," Lopez said. "I think he's doing it to piss us off. I think he's just trying to make us believe what he already believes."

The Cats open home conference play Friday against Auburn (6-3-0, 0-2-0) followed by a Sunday matchup against Alabama (4-6-0, 0-2-0).

The Auburn game will mark the first home game for UK since Sept. 10 and Lipka couldn't be happier.

"It feels good to be home," Lipka said. "By the time we play Friday it will have been almost 20 days since we played in Lexington."

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## 'Black Diamonds' explores land destruction in Appalachia

By Allison Burtner  
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Polluted streams, blast zones and leveled forests are scattered throughout the Appalachian Mountain Range because of mountaintop removal, a common coalmining practice in the Eastern U.S.

Without much warning, the lands of this region can be drastically altered. Many Appalachian areas are becoming unrecognizable because of mountaintop removal, in which the top of a mountain is destroyed to gain easier access to coal mines within the mountain, filmmaker Catherine Pancake said.

Pancake explores mountaintop coal mining and the destruction it causes in her film, "Black Diamonds: Mountaintop Removal and the Fight for Coalfield Justice." The film, which is sponsored by UK's Appalachian Studies Program, will be presented tonight in the Taylor Education Building Auditorium. Pancake will discuss the film following its screening.

"Black Diamonds" specifically focuses on mountaintop removal in the mountains of West Virginia. Kate Black, a faculty member of the Appalachian Studies Program, believes the film's message is also important to Kentuckians.

"Although the film focuses on West Virginia, mountaintop removal is an issue in Eastern Kentucky too," Black said.

Kentucky's Appalachia region has more coalmines than any other region in the U.S., according to the Energy Information Administration.

"Eastern Kentucky is a vital part of our state, and a lot of our students come from Eastern Kentucky, so this is an issue to all of us, environmentally and otherwise," Black said. "It is an undeniably important topic."

Kentucky and West Virginia are not the only two states affected by this mining technique - Virginia and Tennessee have mountaintop removal problems, which are also explored in "Black Diamonds."

In her film, Pancake shows the citizens of Appalachia fighting to save their region's landscape, which has polluted thousands of miles of rivers and streams, destroyed thousands of acres of forests and leveled hundreds of Appalachian Mountains. Black said.

Not only does mountaintop removal destroy river streams, contaminating local water supplies and irrevocably changing water runoff routes on mountainsides, but it also leaves debris covering land and filling nearby valleys, Pancake said.

Pancake is a writer, director, producer and experienced filmmaker, whose work has been shown at

The Baltimore Museum of Art, the Philadelphia International Film Festival and New York City's Millennium Theatre.

In 2001, Pancake was awarded a Maryland State Arts Council Individual Artist Award for her work on "Black Dia-

monds." Pancake's film, which is narrated by Lauren Graham from TV's "The Gilmore Girls," is showing tonight at 7 p.m. in the auditorium of the Taylor Education Building.

### If you go

**What:** "Black Diamonds" screening

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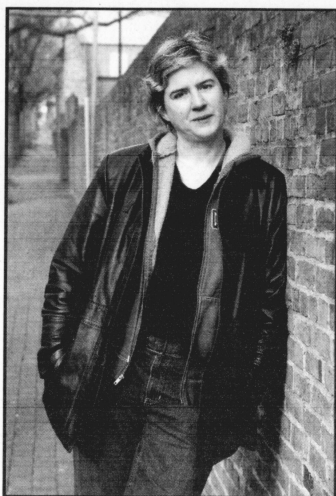


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Filmmaker Catherine Pancake will speak tonight after the screening of her film, "Black Diamonds." The film focuses on the problem of mountaintop removal in the Appalachian region.



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Mountaintop removal leads to the pollution of lakes and streams and the destruction of forests across Appalachia. In West Virginia, the top of this mountain was removed with explosives to access coal mines.

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## UK should provide resource center for gay students

Pink triangles have been appearing on the University of Louisville's campus over the last 18 months, creating a "safe zone" for homosexuals on campus, according to an article in The (Louisville) Courier-Journal on Sunday.

Stickers and posters featuring pink triangles identify locations where homosexual students can meet with faculty and staff who have been trained on issues that specifically affect those students.

U of L isn't alone in offering such a program; nearly 200 other schools nationwide have similar services available. UK, however, has elected to not follow Louisville's lead by creating resources for gay, lesbian, bisexual, transgender and questioning students.

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Granted, the program at U of L has its drawbacks, most notably that faculty and staff who choose to not take the training and display a pink triangle on their office door could be unfairly perceived as anti-gay.

Furthermore, training hundreds of faculty and staff — 212 at U of L so far — instead of hiring a few expert counselors may not provide enough support for students; it represents a quantity-over-quality approach to services for homosexual students.

UK needs to start providing support for all of its students — regardless of their sexuality — to ensure that everyone can learn in a com-

fortable, safe environment.

"There's no easy way to come together and find support with people with similar experiences — and that's part of the challenge for people who are in the process of coming out," said Mary Bolin-Reece, director of UK's Counseling and Testing Center and faculty sponsor for LAMBDA, in a Kernel article in April.

"It's not easy to be a GLBT(Q) person," she said. "So much of our culture gives the idea that there's only one 'OK' way to be."

A small group of students have been pushing for the creation of an on-campus resource center for all students — gay, lesbian, bisexual, transgender, questioning or straight — for nearly a year. So far, though, they have not

garnered enough support from either UK officials or students.

While the support center has not been flat-out rejected, it has not been received with open arms either. Last year's Student Government Senate heard a presentation from students proposing a resource center, but no senators chose to draft a resolution in support of it.

Such inaction can only hurt UK. Rejecting plans for a resource center, or even just refusing to make a decision, can severely damage UK's reputation among potential students, faculty and staff, regardless of their sexuality. UK should strive to offer an open, welcoming environment — not a close-minded and homophobic one.

## Violence research funding a step forward for women's safety

UK is taking another important step toward ensuring the safety of its female students.

In Tuesday's edition of The Kernel, it was reported that two donations totaling \$772,989 were approved for the creation of two endowed chairs for research about intimate-partner violence. The gift was approved at the Sept. 12 UK Board of Trustees meeting.

That, coupled with the Kentucky Endowment Match Program, will up the sum to \$1.5 million.

The donations will create two of a planned five chairs: the Women's Circle Endowment for Research on Violence and the Cralle-Day Children at Risk Foundation.

This most recent effort by UK is one in a long line to make campus safer.

Officials have spoken to freshman

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about the threats that lurk on campus, hired another police officer and improved their police.

They have also built the CATS path, which provides students that must travel campus at night with a well-lit path. Bushes were also trimmed to give predators less of an opportunity to hide.

So far, these attempts to make UK a safer place seem to have worked.

The latest project is a very lucrative investment and has good intentions if used properly. UK has obviously made the safety of its students on campus a top priority, and if effective research is completed to increase the safety for women on campus, the plan is well worth the \$1.5 million investment.



BRIAN GOODLEY, Kernel cartoonist

## Don't get soaked: demand a forecast that's accurate

I'm sure by now the University of Kentucky Bookstore has sold this year's quota in umbrellas. This past week, the rain



MEGAN VAZMINA  
Kernel columnist

just kept coming and coming as storms ripped their way across Kentucky. There were even several deaths due to the weather.

The "Global Warming Scare" is beginning to become more mainstream (not to be confused with the Gulf Stream). Hurricanes that inflict horrendous damage are being blamed on Americans, the overseas oil and, of course, global warming. Then, Al Gore released a documentary about the issue.

This past Monday, scientists reported that global temperatures are approaching the highest ever estimated in the past 1 million years. Many will say this only further proves that global warming exists and that the United States is the main culprit, with the nation using obscene amounts of gas and being wasteful with its trash.

But this weekend, while I sat inside, away from the wind and rain, all I could think of was why I hadn't decided to become a meteorologist.

It was a dream of mine when I was young; after the movie Twister came out, all I wanted to do was sit inside a comfortable weather laboratory and look at radars and tell people when the tornadoes were coming. No one told me that math and science are required to do something like that.

You may have heard that those who predict and analyze the weather are the only people in the world with a job in which they can continually mess up and never get fired. Well that is the truth — or what I have experienced to be the truth.

Take Saturday night for example: I was supposed to be traveling to Cincinnati to see a baseball game. The weather report all day Friday and all Saturday morning showed that Cincinnati would be underwater. Around noon, I gave up hope of going to that game when weather.com refused to change the

forecast.

They had said there was a 90 percent chance of thunderstorms that night. To my amazement, at 7 p.m. that night there was not a drop of rain at that stadium. Of course, that was only what I saw on TV.

My story does have a point, even if it is not a very profound one. How many times have you left your umbrella at home or in your car because the sun is shining and the weatherman — oops ... weatherperson — has said that there will be nothing but sunshine and warmth? And how many of those times have you had to wait in line at the college bookstore to buy an umbrella so that you can make it to class only 75 percent soaked instead of 100 percent?

Global warming may be an issue for some people and others may believe it is a hoax. I abandoned hardcore math and science when I decided to pursue journalism and political science so I can't give you any scientific data for either side without spending hours researching. But the GIANT concept of global warming can be hard to grasp — how does one begin to save the entire planet? Will the weather ever be predictable?

So instead of trying to rant and rave about the absurdity of the idea of global warming or denounce Al Gore for trying to spread bad information, I'm going to stick with the information that I do know — "weather people" make me angry.

I want sunshine when they say it will be sunny, and I will take rain as long as they tell me it's going to rain so that I don't leave my umbrella in the car. Is that too much to ask? Meteorologists on T.V. have special commercials for high-tech doppler radars and special gadgets to give the city the most up-to-date forecasts, but why do I have to find out that it is going to rain as I trip and fall into a puddle the size of Lake Michigan?

I'm asking for people of all political affiliations to come together to make the weather forecast accurate! Hold meteorologists accountable! Then maybe you won't have to spend another \$15 on a UK umbrella when you have four already sitting at home.

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## Minority of Muslim extremists are setting a double standard

Irony has a way of eluding the world of Islamic fundamentalism.

Within the last year, we have witnessed two incidents that have tested the limits of Muslim ire worldwide.

When the Danish newspaper Jyllands-Posten published 12 caricatures of Muhammad last September — one of which depicted the prophet with a bomb in his turban — European

embassies were set ablaze and extremists issued death threats and boonies against the cartoonists.

And in the first major controversy of his papacy, Pope Benedict XVI ignited Muslim fury when he compared early Islamic teachings on religious freedom to recent teachings on jihad. In protest, two churches in the West Bank were firebombed and some radicals called for the pope's execution.

Two instances of non-Muslims criticizing Muslims (in a roundabout way) for using violence to spread Islam.

Two instances of Muslims protesting labels of violence with ... you guessed it, violence.

In the days following 9/11, Islam was seemingly in damage-control mode. We were inundated with messages professing the peace-loving nature of Islam. In a speech in front of a joint session of Congress on Sept. 20, 2001, even President Bush said Islamic fundamentalism is "a fringe movement that perverts the peaceful teachings of Islam."

"The terrorists are traitors to their

own faith," the president said, "trying, in effect, to hijack Islam itself."

I have little doubt that there are peaceful Muslims living in the world. Millions are living among us in the United States today. Tens of millions of others currently reside in European nations where they work and live among Belgians, Dutch, British and French, just to name a few.

Unfortunately, the silent majority of peaceful Muslims is being drowned out by the raucous extremists who pervert the religion.

Last week, two American soldiers were captured and executed by terrorists in Iraq over the rape and murder of an 14-year-old Iraqi girl.

The U.S. military is investigating the incident, and will try and punish those responsible for the crime.

But the soldiers murdered last week had nothing to do with the rape and murder. Their crime apparently was belonging to the same unit as those responsible.

When video footage of the two soldiers' bodies being dragged through the streets was posted on the Internet, a caption under the video read, "The two soldiers belong to the same brigade of the soldier(s) who raped our sister in Mahmoudiya."

The irony here is not that the soldiers were killed. Soldiers are being murdered everyday in Iraq. In this situation, however, terrorists apparently used an atrocity against an Iraqi girl as a motivation for killing the troops.

We all know how much Muslim fundamentalists love to promote women's rights and the interests of women in the Middle East, where women have been murdered for casting their votes in elections.

Under Afghanistan's fundamentalist Taliban government, women were forbidden to work in the public

sphere, and very few were enrolled in schools. In various parts of the Muslim world, in accordance with Islamic teaching, women are required to wear full-body burqas while outside their homes.

In actuality, the terrorists who murdered the two American soldiers were probably glad that other soldiers had committed the crime, so they could exploit the young girl as an excuse to do more killing.

Islam's image has been perverted worldwide not only because of terrorist fanatics, but also because of mainstream Islam's lack of reaction to terrorism.

When American soldiers allegedly abused detainees at Abu Ghraib, the streets of Middle Eastern cities filled with protesters denouncing the acts.

When Danish artists drew innocuous caricatures of Muhammad for a Danish newspaper, the Islamic world was up-in-arms about what to do about this "atrocity."

But when civilian contractors are captured and beheaded by terrorists, where are the protests?

When journalists are kidnapped and murdered, the streets of Damascus, Beirut and the West Bank lie empty.

For Islam to be taken seriously as a peaceful religion, it will take Islamic leaders and Islamic masses to stand up and root out the rotten segments of their faith.

There is little reason for optimism, however. Even if some radical leader rises up to fundamentally alter Islam, he — or perhaps she? — will probably be assassinated by the extremists who have hijacked the faith.

Would you like some fries to go with that irony?

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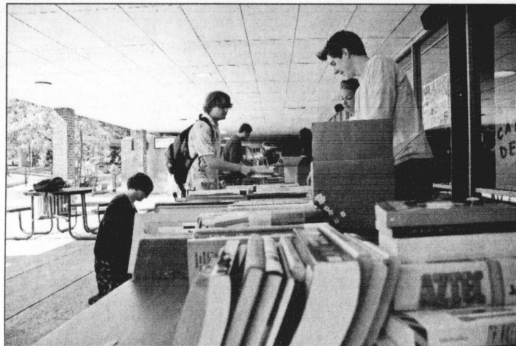


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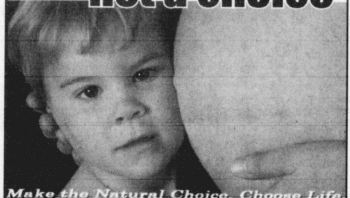
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