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## Union official: Staff must organize for better pay

By Dariush Shafa  
THE KENTUCKY KERNEL  
The salaries of many UK staffers fall short, whether it be in comparison to UK's benchmarks, national averages, federal poverty standards or local living wage levels, and many are saying this situation must be dealt with. "It's a question of being able to afford to live," said Staff Senate Representative Ann Livingstone, who is also

a co-chair of the Lexington Living Wage Campaign. Bryce McGowan, executive vice president of the local 3372 of the Communications Workers of America union, said the staff has to work together to influence the administration to make the needed changes. "It takes a community to get behind an issue," McGowan said. The uproar came up when UK President Lee Todd pro-

posed a salary pool increase of 3 percent for the staff and a 5.5 percent salary pool increase for the faculty, though that was just the catalyst, Livingstone said, and the staff are now speaking out about the inadequate pay situation. "It's not whether the faculty get a bigger raise than us. That's just the trigger point," Livingstone said. According to the 2004 UK Salary Review, 9 percent of UK staffers earned salaries

below the Federal Poverty Guideline. The U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, sets the 2006 poverty level at a yearly salary of \$20,000 supporting a family of four. Another 17 percent earned salaries below the Lexington living wage, \$21,677 per year. "It means they (staff members) are constantly worried about money and having to work second jobs," Livingstone said.

Livingstone also said this isn't a problem whose effects are limited to the staff in question, but it extends to taxpayers who pay to support the federal aid programs that help staff in need. "It matters to everyone," Livingstone said, adding that the cost of living continues to rise each year, and pay increases aren't keeping pace. "They're constantly losing ground," Livingstone said. McGowan also said the

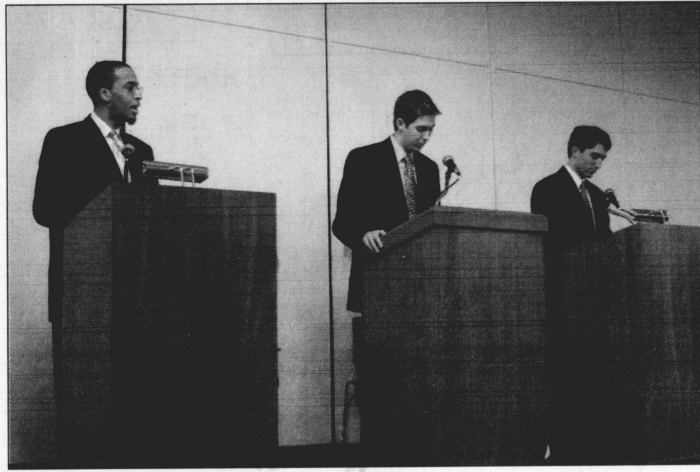
current pay situation doesn't give UK's staff what they are worth. "Over the years, I think the staff at UK have not been appreciated," McGowan said. "They are not being recognized as a viable part of the campus top-20 image." That's one of the reasons why McGowan thinks unionizing would be a possible solution for UK's staff. See Staff on page 2

## Ky. Senate budget a mixed blessing

Version adds to top-20 plan, cuts from some projects

By Dariush Shafa  
THE KENTUCKY KERNEL  
The Kentucky Senate unanimously passed a \$17.8 billion budget yesterday that gives UK a financial increase in some areas, particularly in the Top 20 Business Plan, but other areas are coming up short. Lexington Sen. Ernesto Scorsone said the budget will add to the business plan but some construction and improvement projects are not in the Senate's version of the budget. He said he hopes the Senate-House conference will restore the funds and help UK achieve its goals. "I think we hit a double," Scorsone said. "We haven't hit a home run, but I hope we'll get there." The Senate's budget allocates an additional \$4 million to enhance the House's proposed for the Top 20 Business Plan in 2008, the second year of the biennium, bringing that total to \$13 million. It doesn't add any additional funds to the first See Senate on page 2

## Greeks endorse Brown



(From left) Candidates for Student Government: president Jonah Brown, Preston Worley and Andy Bates debated last night for the Greek Political Action Committee in the Small Ballroom of the Student Center.



"That's what SG can bring to the table. We can offer the manpower; we can offer the money." Jonah Brown  
SG presidential candidate on his budget vision



"The main thing we want to do for the Greek community is advocacy." Preston Worley  
SG presidential candidate on SG-Greek relations



"We need to foster and develop relationships with our elected lawmakers in Frankfort." Andy Bates  
SG presidential candidate on lobbying for students

## Candidate endorsed has won 16 of last 17 elections

By Sean Rose  
THE KENTUCKY KERNEL  
Student Government presidential candidate Jonah Brown won the endorsement from the Greek Political Action Committee in their annual debate last night to cheers from many of the close to 200 people in attendance. G-PAC endorsed candidates have gone on to win the election the last 16 out of 17 times. Brown said that at next Wednesday and Thursday's election "it's going to be 17 out of 18." "I've been confident all along we were going to win this," Brown said. "I'm very pleased to have this. The Greek community is just one piece of a larger puzzle."

The endorsement was chosen with a majority vote from two representatives from every fraternity and sorority on campus. Fuller said he was happy their ticket ended up being able to be part of the event. "I think more than anything it gave everyone the opportunity to hear everyone's side," Fuller said. Bates was the only presidential candidate who was not a member of a Greek organization. Brown belongs to Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity and Worley is part of Lambda Chi Alpha. See G-PAC on page 2

There was a miscommunication where representatives from G-PAC thought the Bettes campaign had been notified of the debate but were only told late Monday night. Bates and his running mate Will Fuller said they were able to rearrange previously scheduled meetings to speak at G-PAC. Fuller said he was happy their ticket ended up being able to be part of the event. "I think more than anything it gave everyone the opportunity to hear everyone's side," Fuller said. Bates was the only presidential candidate who was not a member of a Greek organization. Brown belongs to Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity and Worley is part of Lambda Chi Alpha. See G-PAC on page 2

## Bush: U.S. may stay in Iraq past 2008

By Jim Vandehei  
THE WASHINGTON POST  
WASHINGTON — President Bush acknowledged yesterday that the Iraq war is dominating nearly every aspect of his presidency and served notice for the first time that he expects the decision of when all U.S. troops come home from Iraq to fall on his successors. In an hour-long news conference, Bush said the "trauma" of war has left the public and even some lawmakers in his own party understandably shaken and skeptical of his vow that the United States will prevail. "Nobody likes war," Bush said. "It creates a sense of uncertainty in the country." Bush said he would call home the 130,000 U.S. troops in Iraq if he was not confident about his victory plan. U.S. commanders in Iraq will determine when troop levels can be lowered, he said, suggesting that some will remain beyond January 2008. Asked if a day will come when there are no U.S. troops there, Bush said "that will be decided by future presidents and future governments of Iraq." The news conference, Bush's second this year, comes as a string of polls have shown that less than 40 percent of Americans approve of the Bush presidency and that a growing number no longer trust him. "I understand people being disheartened when they turn on their TV screen," Bush said. "Nobody likes headbeings" and other grim images. Bush rejected the notion that his Iraq policy is based on wishful thinking. "I say that I am talking realistically to people," he said.

## Students spring to hurricane relief over break

By Chris Miles  
THE KENTUCKY KERNEL  
As hordes of college students headed south to white beaches for spring break festivities last week, a group of UK students headed south for a different reason. About 150 students from various organizations around campus traveled to the Gulf Coast region devastated by hurricanes in 2005 in an effort to help residents of the area rebuild their lives. "Normally we just take time on the beach, something more traditional," said Rob Wheeler, the director of the UK chapter of Campus Crusade for Christ, one of the groups that went to help in the region, describing what his group typically does. "But the students were really petitioning for a Gulf Coast trip, to help."

A handful of campus groups were a part of the contingent that headed south to help with reconstruction efforts, including the UK chapter of Campus Crusade, the Wesley Foundation, Alpha Phi Alpha and the UK Black Student Union. "Mainly we helped people gut out their houses," Wheeler said. "We had a desire to help and serve the people." The Wesley Foundation, which sent a 24 people, was one of the first groups to make it to the Gulf Coast. "We spent half a week in New Orleans," Jeremiah Mullins, an economics junior with the Wesley Foundation said. "Then we went to the next county over." Mullins explained the living conditions that the group had to

put up with weren't exactly ideal. The group stayed in a New Orleans, packed itself into the warehouse with 2,000 other people, slept in camping cots that filled every available space and shared a handful of portable toilets and makeshift showers outside. "It was kind of like a refugee camp," said Laura Grabau, a Spanish and linguistics freshman who was also a part of the Wesley Foundation group. "I waited in line once for two and a half hours just for a shower. And the food was terrible." After leaving New Orleans and moving to the next parish — Louisiana's term for counties — the group met similar conditions as they set up shop in a church, putting out cots to sleep in at night and removing them again during the day so people could use the church. "That parish had just opened up and gotten electricity," Grabau said. "It had been flooded with 30 feet of water. None of us could even comprehend what 30 feet of water was." Despite the atypical spring break, the group made do with what they had been given. The Campus Crusade group also faced similar conditions, having to fit around 200 people in a circus-style tent and leaving no more than a square foot of space for personal items. But despite the surroundings, there was an optimistic attitude. "Everyone had a great time despite the conditions," Wheeler said. "No one complained. When See Service on page 2

## Service

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we went to Daytona (last year) people complained about having five to a room." Wheeler also explained that it was worth it.

"When you think about it from a spring break perspective it's like 'Man, you're sacrificing your spring break.' It's not really a sacrifice when you see what these people have been through and what we did."

Campus Crusade gutted seven or eight houses, donating in labor what is equivalent to between \$20,000-\$30,000.

"I didn't feel like I missed out on anything," Grabau said on her version of spring break 2006. "It was dirty work, I was so sore. But these people needed our help."

Despite the tough conditions, the students who went to the Gulf Coast to help said overwhelmingly that they would do it again.

"We wondered if we really made a difference," Grabau said, recalling their experience with a tearfully appreciative net-weaver named Ike, whom they helped by sorting through his home and salvaging the good nets. "We know we did for at least one person."

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## UNIVERSITY OF KENTUCKY CRIME REPORT

Selected UK Police reports from March 10 to March 18

March 10: Arrest made at Keeneland Hall at 12:08 a.m. after report of the smell of marijuana.

March 13: Man in snowsuit with backpack who has been at the bus stop for four hours reported at the Kentucky Clinic at 10:06 a.m.

March 13: Wallet reported stolen at 505 Rose St. at 12:15 p.m.

March 16: Theft reported at Raymond Civil Engineering Building at 8:20 a.m.

March 16: Theft of iPod reported at 320 Huguélet Ave. at 10:25 a.m.

March 16: Theft of purse reported at UK Chandler Medical Center at 1:24 p.m.

March 16: Theft of car reported at VA Hospital at 9:43 p.m.

March 16: Theft of iPod from desk drawer reported at 320 Huguélet Ave. at 9:55 p.m.

March 17: Theft of camera reported at 744 Rose St. 10:23 a.m.

March 17: Dark sedan reported driving around K-Lot looking into other vehicles at 10:28 p.m.

March 18: \$200 reported stolen from a purse at 3414 Ironworks Pike.

Compiled from reports at [www.uky.edu/police](http://www.uky.edu/police) and the crime log by Asst. News Editor Megan Boehnke.  
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## Staff

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"Whether it's one union or 20 unions, those people need to go out and stand up," he said. "You are organizing into a body that has enough clout to sit across the table and bargain."

Livingstone said she is not sure what effect unionizing will have at UK, but several of UK's benchmarks have suc-

cessfully implemented campaigns that ensure staffers are paid a living wage, and a number of them were accomplished with the help of unions.

But McGowan said a union isn't a catch-all solution and will only do what its members want it to do.

"Unions are only as good as the individuals who comprise them," he said. "When people come to me and say 'What's a union going to do for me?' in all integrity I have to say, 'It's not going to do any-

thing for you.'

"A union is a tool. I say, 'What do you want to do for yourself?'"

In the meantime, whether or not UK's staff unionizes, McGowan sees a long road ahead for the staff to bring about the pay increases they need.

"They've got a heck of a long way to go where they need to be," he said. "They need to get at it."

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## G-PAC

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In response to a question Brown said that the biggest problem facing UK undergraduate students was that there was no clear representation of their interests in SG on issues such as dining services and campus safety.

Bates responded with campus safety in general saying "SG has the opportunity to take the issue to the next level," in forming solutions for the one third of women who are assaulted on UK's campus.

Worley cited a lack of

campus community and blamed the meal plan as one of the factors.

Worley also said he would represent the Greek community as president.

"The main thing we want to do for the Greek community is advocacy," he said.

"If they're (UK) not going to let us throw certain parties then we need to have transportation to get to the bars."

All the candidates said a stronger voice from SG was needed in the administration to limit the costs of the top-20 push have on students.

"I would love to have the faculty and the staff paid as much as possible," Worley said in response to a question on the difference in faculty and staff raises. "But what I

don't want is for the students to bear that burden."

Bates emphasized lobbying state legislators on behalf of students.

"We need to foster and develop relationships with our elected lawmakers in Frankfort to secure top-20 funding," Bates said.

Brown and Bates also said they would use next year's SG budget to strengthen organizations already in existence at UK.

"That's what SG can bring to the table," Brown said. "We can offer the manpower, we can offer the money."

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## Senate

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year though, and Scorsone said that needs to change.

"It's inadequate," Scorsone said. "We need a lot more for that first year. We have our work cut out for us."

The plan also cuts proposed funding for improvements to two of UK's dorms and an animal diagnostic lab, \$10 million and \$18 million respectively, but Scorsone said he hopes to bring those pro-

jects back into the budget in the conference session.

"Now that we're going to conference, we have to restore funding for the cafeteria and heating and cooling for the two residence halls and for the animal diagnostic lab."

Scorsone said the tuition hike should help the funding gap, but he hopes to bring more funding in.

"The 12 percent tuition increase will help for the first year but we're still short four or five million and we're going to try and get that for the first year."

Still, Scorsone said this is

a positive indicator that legislators are trying to help.

"I think it's a good sign. It shows the Senate was willing to do a little more for the university," he said. "I think that by putting in the additional monies, the Senate has acknowledged the business plan."

He also doesn't foresee anything being pulled from the Senate's budget in the House-Senate conference.

"I don't think the budget will be anything less than what the Senate voted and we hope it will be more," he said.

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## FRAME X FRAME | In theaters and on shelves this week



Hugo Weaving brings the proverbial rock as V in "V for Vendetta," now showing in theaters.

**Editor's Note:** While you were all soaking up the sun and sucking down the booze over spring break, one really great film and a plethora of cinematic travesties arrived to entertain and to give your kind Assistant Features Editor an aneurism. Enjoy.

### IN THEATERS

#### V FOR VENDETTA

This is, hands down, the best movie of 2006 thus far. And, contrary to most uninformed and incredulous reviewers, "V for Vendetta" doesn't promote or condone terrorism; it rather works to demonstrate that true patriotic dissent is often labeled as such. In true Wachowski brother form, however, the film really becomes unnecessarily pretentious, bloated and philosophical at times, but Hugo Weaving brings the rock as V and Natalie Portman is still going to marry me one day. **Now showing at Regal, Reel Deal and Woodhill.**

#### LARRY THE CABLE GUY: HEALTH

### INSPECTOR

Along with tickets they should be passing out complimentary hemlock and cyanide for this one. Larry The Cable Guy ran out of material about 10 years ago, indeed before his career even began. Larry needs to "get r' done" and retire. Immediately. If you actually enjoy imbibing Keystone Light and scarfing Totino's Pizzas while watching the latest NASCAR race, this might entertain you. Maybe. **Opens Friday at Regal and Woodhill.**

### THE SHAGGY DOG

Wow. Just wow. I thought I was suffering through some sort of violent, evil hallucination when I accidentally saw the trailer for this. What fresh hell has dawned upon the earth but a film in which Tim Allen stars as a dog that has undergone an anthropomorphic transformation? Robert Downey Jr. copilots. He was sober when he took the job. I swear. **Now showing at Regal, Lexington Green and Woodhill.**

### ON DVD

#### CAPOTE

Following Truman Capote's struggle in writing his masterpiece, "In Cold Blood," "Capote" earned Philip Seymour Hoffman an Oscar. The biopic portrays Capote as a hard drinking and painfully neurotic journalist. I always thought it was a cheap and uninspired way to remember the guy, though, because that's pretty much the modus operandi for every journalist I've ever met.

#### CHICKEN LITTLE

A young chicken is convinced that the sky is quite literally falling after an acorn falls to the ground. Of course, when the sky actually starts falling, no one pays the little dude any mind. Starring American Idol's Kevin Covais. Just kidding.

#### DREAMER

Hey, they filmed some of "Dreamer" in Lexington, so it's newsworthy. Of course, that isn't to suggest it's a good film. It's basically "Sea Biscuit" minus a mangled Toby McGuire, replaced by the frighteningly adorable Dakota Fanning. In any event, Kurt Russell still rules.

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by David L. Hoyt

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# 'Four' a fierce, fiery energy booze

By Ian Conley  
THE KENTUCKY KERNEL

Renowned for its hallucinogenic effects, absinthe, known posthumously as the Green Fairy, was the king of the booze scene in 19<sup>th</sup> century Europe and had a rapaciously insatiable following in the United States. Following prohibition, however, the ban on the active ingredient in absinthe, wormwood, was never lifted. For some time, a European excursion or a dastardly and shady overseas shipping scheme was the United States' only real access to wormwood. That is, until now, with the explosive release of Four.

Unlike a lot of reviewers of the drink, however, I have first hand absinthe experience to compare. I first touched the substance during a savage night on the streets of Reykjavik, Iceland. Four is no substitute, but it gets along in its own right.

The drink contains the usual trio found in the ever-growing sea of energy drinks on the market: caf-

feine, taurine and guarana. Blended with a 6 percent alcohol per volume malt drink, the result is a catastrophically embarrassing night waiting to happen. The aforementioned wormwood is its real testament to being a unique product. Some people say it made Van Gogh insane and inspired Edgar Allan Poe's best writing. Me? It just got me kinda drunk.

I'm a consummate professional when it comes to drinking heavily, though, and Four was certainly a new experience.

The press release for the beverage claims that it will generate a sense of "clarity" and an "aphrodisiac effect."

I don't remember a sense of clarity. In fact, I don't remember much of anything after imbibing this devilish drink, and that's no overstatement. On the note of its claimed aphrodisiac effect, however, I will say only this: Four turns one into a walking erogeous zone.

I tried the drink in steps, the first being just a



single 16 oz. can and nothing else. In three words: good, not great.

The taste is somewhere between acrid and disgusting. Then again, so is that of most other hip, highly caffeinated energy drinks. In sum, don't expect the sweet taste of ambrosia with this one, kids.

I tend to stay away from anything labeled "caffeinated malt beverage," but Four was a semi-surprise. It still tastes not so great and the gimmick of having wormwood wears off really quick, but beyond that it's an all right beverage. The fact that I wrote this review while inebriated on Four would suggest to some that it's not only a catalyst for debauchery, but also an inspiration for genius. Or maybe not.

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**Zero 1 Zero w/ Soul Casket,**  
American Hardcore, Six Sigma and Dandelion Death  
9 p.m. Southgate House, Newport. Tickets cost \$6 to \$7.

**Sexual Disaster Quartet**  
11:15 p.m. The Fishtank. Ticket price TBA.

**SUNDAY**  
I Love You But I've Chosen Darkness w/ The Bound Stems  
9 p.m. Southgate House, Newport. Tickets cost \$7 to \$9.

**The Talibons**  
8:30 p.m. High Life Lounge. Tickets cost \$4.

**TUESDAY**  
The Open Hands w/ Lowbrow Nobility  
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## IN OUR OPINION

### Police renovations must be a top priority

This is an important time for the UK police department. McDonald Vick has taken over as the force's new permanent police chief, and the department should enjoy a little more elbowroom once Parking and Transportation Services moves out of the station this summer. It's a new start for the department, but many of the same obstacles it has faced for years still remain.

As with most of UK issues, the refrain remains the same as well — not enough money to go around. Still, UK must consider making its police force a higher priority and move to make the department a key part of its long-range planning.

In a three-part series in early March, The Kernel explored some of the issues facing UK police, especially the department's undersized staff and its cramped quarters. Currently, UK has 46 sworn officers — about one for every 500 students. That's less than the ideal size of 60 officers, according to UK's former acting police chief, Kevin Franklin.

According to the Kernel report, UK officers are often spread thin, due to working during UK basketball or football games.

"It takes every single officer we have to work those ball games," Franklin said. "We have people who — this is normal — work 22 to 24 straight hours sometimes."

Of UK's five benchmark universities with enrollment numbers close to UK's, this police department has the second-lowest number of officers for each student. UK is just behind the University of Washington, which has one officer for every 600 students.

And in terms of facilities, UK leaves much to be desired.

Currently the department shares just less than 8,000 square feet with Parking and Transportation Services at the corner of Rose Street and Euclid Avenue. The police moved into the building in the 1970s when it was a house divided into apartments. The parking offices will move out this summer and thus give the police about 40 percent more space, but officers will still occupy a facility that was never intended to house police.

For instance, officers work in the windowless basement with exposed plumbing and wiring hanging above their heads.

"It's very embarrassing for us to bring someone down here with any sort of report. It's not a comfortable place," Officer Mike Bandy said. "Sometimes we have victims of violent crimes and this is the only place we have to bring them."

President Lee Todd told The Kernel he recognizes the department's needs, and he wishes he could do more, but funding is tight. Unfortunately, the police department is just not that high of a priority for the school — and that should change.

New chief Vick must work to help make the department part of UK's long-range planning, so the goal of a new facility and additional officers can become reality sooner rather than later.

### Bioterrorism lab would benefit the commonwealth

Kentucky could see an influx of high-paying jobs and help in the effort to defend the country from terrorist attacks if U.S. Rep. Hal Rogers succeeds in bringing a bioterrorism lab to Pulaski County in Eastern Kentucky. There's just one problem — Pulaski residents seem not to want it.

The Herald-Leader reported last week that a petition opposing the placement of the lab in Pulaski has gotten more than 2,800 signatures from county residents concerned about the dangers of a leak and the influx of traffic to a quiet area.

Of course, we don't think the lab should be put in a place where residents don't want it, and we hope the Department of Homeland Security's decision about the lab respects Pulaski residents' wishes. But we think the people of Pulaski should reconsider their apparent opposition to the construction of the lab.

The lab would bring more than 400 jobs into Kentucky. Not only would that improve the state's economy and tax revenues; it would also help keep around some of the people who get advanced science and engineering from Kentucky universities but who all too often leave for better jobs in other states.

Concerns about potential leaks from the lab are understandable, but it's hard to imagine that safety won't be a top priority no matter where the lab is built. And to say that the lab would use a Pulaski resident as a "guinea pig," as petition circulator David Taylor told the Herald-Leader, is a gross misrepresentation. Testing activity will be done within the lab facilities, not on locals' personal property.

Bringing a lab like this into Kentucky is a great opportunity, and we should not be so shortsighted as to pass it up.



BRAD STURGEON, THE KENTUCKY KERNEL

### Give thanks for — and use — your intellect

Throughout life, we're sure to run into some characters that make us question the direction of humanity.



Wes Blevins  
KERNEL COLUMNIST

people who make you want to give your mom a big hug for making you do your homework. I'm talking, of course, about stupid people.

Stupid people are everywhere, and not all stupid people are actually stupid. Some simply lack the common sense or the social skills that it takes to navigate through normal daily life. They can be annoying, frustrating, awe-inspiring and sometimes amusing.

Lately I've been trying to take note of stupid people who I encounter for the purposes of this column. To the credit of Lexingtonians, I haven't encountered a whole lot in the past few weeks.

Here are a few examples of the stupid people whom I have come into contact with over the past two or three weeks: Apparently, "Tony Blair Smith" had a MySpace account (now deleted), in which he expressed frustration with his own recruiting in a profanity-laced manner. It should have been obvious to anyone who saw the page that it was fake, yet several people had

left messages such as (I'm paraphrasing here, since the account is no longer active) "Good luck in the tournament, Tubby" and "I believe in you, coach."

Nice sentiments, yes. But Tubby will never read them, since he didn't create the account.

A couple weeks ago, I stopped at Speedway on my way home to pick up a few things. When I got to the register, I had a gallon of milk, three bottled drinks, a bag of beef jerky and two packages of plastic cups. Needless to say, my arms were full, and I was glad to finally be able to set my stuff down when I got to the register.

So the Speedway guy proceeds to check me out. I pay, and he just stands there looking at me. I look down at the pile of items I'd just purchased and looked back up, and said, "Can I get a bag please?"

Is it so inconceivable that I would want a bag to carry my stuff home? Just because I got it all to the register in my arms doesn't mean that I want to take it home like that.

My final example of stupidity is more of an example of ignorance. On a college campus, it's not uncommon to see people wearing regalia featuring the likeness of Che Guevara, the Argentine revolutionary who helped Fidel Castro in the first years of Cuba's social revolution, or whatever.

What's ironic is those people wearing Guevara T-shirts, but

etc. are very likely the same people who would call George W. Bush a war criminal and a terrorist.

Che (as he is affectionately known by communists everywhere) was responsible for an untold number of executions in Cuba. One defector claims Guevara signed 500 death warrants. Cuban journalist Luis Ortega wrote that Guevara sent 1,897 men to the firing squad. Daniel James, a Guevara biographer claims that Che himself admitted to ordering "several thousand" executions during Cuba's revolution.

So, the number of gagged and blindfolded men Che sent to their deaths is unclear. But I suppose killing thousands of people is OK if it's in the name of the right cause, at least for fans of Che Guevara. In fact, he's quoted as saying, "To send men to the firing squad, judicial proof is unnecessary. These procedures are an archaic bourgeois detail. This is a revolution! And a revolutionary must become a cold killing machine motivated by pure hate."

Everyone knows encumbers with stupid or ignorant people are inevitable. It's these encounters that should make us thankful for things like college education and common sense. Unfortunately, not everyone is blessed with these things we sometimes take for granted.

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### Security should trump ideals in U.S. foreign policy

It has been nearly 89 years since President Woodrow Wilson introduced the altruistic and utopian concept of nation-building.

Urging Congress to pass the War Resolution that ushered the United States into World War I, Wilson famously declared, "The world must be made safe for democracy."

"Its peace must be planted upon the tested foundations of political liberty," he went on to say.

Three years ago, in his speech to the nation after the first bombs fell on Iraq, President Bush co-opted Wilson's philosophy — or Wilsonianism. To be sure, the president's primary emphasis was on U.S. national security.

Free nations have a duty to defend our people by uniting against the violence," he said.

But he also mentioned a truism that is a core component of Wilsonianism.

"The power and appeal of human liberty is felt in every life and every land," Bush asserted.

It's been interesting to watch these ideas bear the test of experience in the Middle East for these last three years: Iraq teeters on the edge of a sectarian civil war, Palestinian elections have ushered the deplorable Hamas faction into power, and pro-Western citizens of Iran still cover while its tyrannical government continues its pursuit of nuclear weapons.

All of these developments beg a litany of questions. For instance, can the West effectively export democracy to any country it chooses? And does not the appeal of liberty vary from nation to nation?

Never mind the liberal critics for now. We've heard quite enough from them on the matter. What's interesting is that some very prominent conservatives have begun to cast serious doubt on the merits of Wilsonianism in the case of Iraq. Since last October, National Review founder William F. Buckley has not only outlined faults in President Bush's modern-day Wilsonianism — he's written that it's time to throw in the towel.

Although he believes in the universality of say, liberty, to some extent, such a value doesn't necessarily extend across all cultures. Now can the West merely rely on a firm belief that the superiority of

its own values will prevail when attempting to export democracy.

"I think (British Prime Minister Tony) Blair correctly says that our values are superior to those who seem to deny human rights," Buckley said in an interview with George Will last October. "That is an academic demonstration, and a historical demonstration, but not one that carries with it any assurances of sociologic success."

So what about our successes rebuilding Japan and Germany after World War II?

The circumstantial differences are great. Germany and Japan had developed various institutions that could be used to facilitate democracy. The German democratic tradition was one of the world's most celebrated during the 19th century, and the Japanese developed a modern government, legal system and military in the Meiji period from 1868 to 1912.

Iraq is struggling to develop such institutions. Its government is straining to mediate conflict between Shiite and Sunni Muslims, train Iraqi forces capable of providing security for the country and begin the transition toward true independence.

It's become clear that the United States and coalition forces cannot force success in the case of

Iraq, if not only because of the failure to do so thus far, then also because the West is simply unwilling to commit further resources to that end.

After all, there are bigger national security problems — North Korea, Iran, al-Qaeda — to worry about.

It is customary for supporters of the administration to admonish its conservative critics as fallen creatures deviating from the path of righteousness. But there's nothing conservative about what the president is doing. Not since it's become clear that the primary objective is exporting democracy instead of controlling the proliferation and distribution of weapons of mass destruction.

"It's anything but conservative," Buckley said last October. "It's not conservative at all, inasmuch as conservatism doesn't invite unnecessary challenges... It's impossible to draw up a template that gives us an orderly sense of 'send democracy there,' but let this go for awhile. One recognizes that you can't export democracy everywhere simultaneously."

It's especially peculiar to note that Wilson was a Democrat, and his party held on to the tenets of Wilsonianism virtually up to and through the Clinton administration.

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## Cats reflect on 'great season'

**By Chris DeLotell**  
**THE KENTUCKY KERNEL**  
**ROSEMONT, Ill.** — By all counts this season was the record-setting one for the UK women's basketball team. The Cats won 22 games, the program's most since 1989-90, and made the NCAA Tournament for the first time since the 1996-99 season. UK was a few points away from winning two NCAA Tournament games in the same year for the first time in history.

All of this from a team that was picked to finish ninth in the preseason poll of Southeastern Conference coaches.

Amid the disappointment of Monday night's 67-63 loss to Michigan State in the second round of the tournament, UK players were able to take stock of the team's ac-

complishments this season. "Coach (Mickie) DeMoss talked all year about respect being earned, and I think we did that," said junior guard Jenny Pfeiffer. "Especially making it to the second round of the tournament. This is a tough loss to take ... Next year will be different."

The team said it will remember the feeling from Monday's loss.

"I think this does the same thing that happened last year with the run in the (National Invitation Tournament)," sophomore guard Sam Mahoney said. Pfeiffer agreed.

"We wanted to go to the Sweet 16, but we came up short," she said. "That gives us our direction for next season — to make the Sweet 16."

DeMoss said she recognized during the year that the team was going through

a special season.

"Everyone tells you to enjoy the process, so I tried to step back and reflect on the things that we've been able to accomplish," she said. "Especially with all of this happening so quickly, I'm pleased with the direction of the program."

Despite the frustration that came with scoring only one basket in the final five and a half minutes of the game, DeMoss told her players not to be disappointed.

"I told them they had a great season," she said. "They've represented Kentucky well all year and I'm very proud of them."

### One-way whistles

While DeMoss was hesitant to verbally criticize the officials after the game, it was clear that she was disgruntled with the way the

game was called. The disparity in free throws seemed to draw the ire of the UK bench during the game, as Michigan State ended up shooting 19 foul shots in the game, while UK got to the line a season-low four times.

One controversial no-call at the end of the game could have cost the Cats a chance to tie.

With UK trailing 62-60, Mahoney pulled up for a 12 foot jumper and appeared to be hit on the arm in her shooting motion. The officials ruled it to be a blocked shot, and MSU grabbed the rebound.

"I went up for the shot and the officials said it was blocked," Mahoney said. "I thought I was fouled, but there's not much I can do about that."

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UK junior guard Nafassia Alcuis passes the ball after stealing it from Michigan State freshman forward Aisha Jefferson during the first half of Monday's NCAA Tournament game in Rosemont, Ill.

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## SPORTS BRIEFS

### Baseball set to host X-Men

The No. 26 Cats (17-4, 2-1 Southeastern Conference) take on Xavier (7-13, 0-0 Atlantic 10) today at 4 p.m. at Cliff Hagan Stadium.

UK is ranked for the first time since April 2000 by Baseball America this week after finishing up a spring break that saw them go 8-1, including series sweeps over Cleveland State and North Dakota State.

The Cats came one strike away from a series sweep of No. 8 Louisiana State.

The Cats lead the SEC in eight of its 14 offensive statistical categories.

First baseman Ryan Strieby is in the individual top-five of the conference in batting average, slugging percentage, on-base percentage, hits, runs, doubles, RBIs and total bases. Strieby is the reigning SEC Player of the Week.

### Tennis prepares for weekend

The UK men's tennis team (11-3, 4-0 SEC) is currently on a seven-match winning streak and is ranked No. 20 in the nation. The Cats have three ranked singles players entering this weekend's action. Senior Alex Hume is UK's highest ranked player at No. 46. Hume has a 13-match unbeaten streak and leads the team with 25 wins this season. Freshman

Bruno Agostinelli is ranked No. 54 while senior Nate Emge is No. 87.

Four Cats have already reached the top-10 mark this season. In addition to Hume, Agostinelli has notched 23, sophomore Marcus Sundh has captured 22 and senior Carey Rubin has 20.

UK will host No. 65 Mississippi State on Friday at 5 p.m., and No. 13 Ole Miss on Saturday at 1 p.m.

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