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Most UK teams meet academic standard

NCAA rating system analyzes progress; only men's basketball trails D-I goal

All but one of UK's 22 athletic teams met or exceeded a new National Collegiate Athletic Association academic performance standard announced yesterday. According to the Academic Progress Rate system, the UK's men's basketball team has a value of 827, below the NCAA Division I average of 966. The goal is 925, a perfect score is a 1,000. Sandy Bell, UK's associate athletic director for com-

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pliance, said last year was a
"unique year" for the men's
basketball team and stressed
that all data are preliminary
"The message is, just
don't jump to any conclusions, because there are
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using this interval to top the 925-point goal.

Nine UK teams earned perfect scores.

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way higher than this year's," Bell said.

Last year's team featured four seniors who each pursued professional basketball opportunities without finishing their degrees, which counted against UK. And the seniors of the senior o

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CLOWNING AROUND





The Moscow Circus performed last night at the Lexington Opera House as part of UK's Cultural Diversity Festival.

The festival continues tonight with a performance by the Prague Symphony Orchestra at 7:30 p.m. at the Singletary Center for the Arts.

Above: Russian circus clowns Vladimir Plugatar (left) and Irina Pluhatar perform at last night's "A Russian Winter's Tale" at the Lexington Opera House.

Left: Gymnast Iolanta Stradomskayte of the Moscow Circus performs a silk aerial act.

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UHS director urges healthcare coverage

UK offers student insurance plans; one student tells of debt due to bills

Health insurance may be one of the last things on students' minds when they head to college, but a UK administrator said students are running a huge risk without it.

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rector of University Health Services.

Most private colleges and an increasing number of public schools are requiring students to have health insurance, he said.

UK has a \$86.75 mandatory health fee each semester that allows students unlimited visits at UHS, laboratory work, X-rays, mental health appointments and some medication costs.

Moore said the fee does not cover anything that happens at the hospital.

However, UK does offer its students health insurance coverage for about \$800 a year.

The student insurance

year.

The student insurance plan covers costs related to hospitalization, accident care and surgical procedures.

Moore said about 6,000 UK students, half of whom are undergraduates and half of whom are graduate stu-

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dents, are covered through the plan.

Phillip Rieger, a computer information and technology sophomore at LCC, spent a week at UK hospital after a lung collapsed Feb. 2.

Rieger said he wishes he would have gotten insurance prior to his hospitalization but never thought he would have gotten insurance with the collapse of the collapse

Strup said that even though nine carrer fairs take place during the school year, this is the first face-to-face and therership Expo in the Student Center Ballroom on Wednesday from 11 a.m. to 3 pm. More than 100 companies have registered. "Get out there and such as Pricewaterhouse Copers open new goth of the companies attending are from a companies attending are from a companies may not get of the companies attending are from a companies attending are said. Leah Craft, a Prench and etcress the trees the stress to you want to tress to you want to tress to you remployer. Send there are and though students may not get job offers, between the young the post of finance and a turbulant to the tree of finance and a turbulant to the companies attending are from all majors from all Career fair tomorrow offers job interviews

Suicide bomb in Iraq kills at least 115 people

By Jackie Spinner and Saad Sarhan THE WASHINGTON POST

BAGHDAD. Iraq — Early Monday morning. Younis Qasim had sent his 10-year-old son to buy vegetables at the market in central Hilla, a city south of the capital. Later, at home with his wife and family, Qasim heard an explosion, immediately thought of his son and ran out to find him. Little Always had been her with the sent the control of the son and ran out to find him. Little Always had been her with the control of the son and ran out to find him. Little Always had been her with the control of the

sion, immediately thought of his son and ran out to find him his his and ran out to find him his his apartment near a medical clinic. Alwan, 31, realized what had happened just before the windows of his apartment shattered in a spray of glass.

A car bomb targeting Iraqi civilians applying for government jobs had exploded outside the clinic, killing large at least 146. It was one of the deadliest attacks of the insurgency.

"We were shocked," Alwan said as he stepped around pools of blood and pieces of flesh. "If don't know what these cowards get from killing all those people."

The bomb blew up at 9:30 a.m. as people were liming up at the Popular Clinic of Hilla for medical tests required for positions in the health and

education ministries and the security forces, said Qais Hamza police chief of Babil province, which includes Hilla, a bustling city of nearly half a million people of miles south of Baghdad.

Fire and metal shards from the blast ripped through the crowd of job applicants as well as the nearby vegetable and fruit market, which was filled with women and children shopping for their daily produce.

Qastim, 34, had raced to the market to look for his sone with the country of the market to look for his sone will had not located him. "It am afraid," Qassim said. "Tis place should have been well protected. How could the police or army not recognize that? Don't they know this country is full of terrorism."

Witnessess said the blast came from a white Mitsubish is eadan parked on the street.

"It was terrible," said

subishi sedan parked on the street.
"It was terrible," said Aqeel Muslim, 40, who operates a small tea stand near the clinic. "People were screaming and running, covered with blood. Some of the shrapnel and pieces of flesh fell near in stand." In all inhining the stand of the standard power of the standard power of the shrapnel and pieces of flesh fell near in stand." In all inhining the standard power of the stand

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asked. "Yes.
"But those (numbers) are indicative of circumstances beyond our control."

The point system works like this Each student-athlete on a roster can earn up to four points a year for his or her team — one point per semester for remaining academically eligible, and one point per semester for remaining at the same university baskethall earn, the 18 scholarship players can accumulate a possible group total of 52 points.

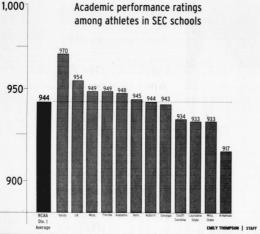
A team must get 92.5 percent of those possible points to remain in good academic standing with the NCAA — a high number, Bell said.
"Nine hundred twenty-five was much higher than anything previously indicated to us," Bell said "That was somewhat of a surprise. The second of the properties by limiting a team's allotment of scholarships if that squad is still not achieving the 925-point mark or higher.

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Basketball	827	906
Cross Country	964	944
Football	935	921
Golf	978	961
Soccer*	910	934
Swimming	1,000	970
Tennis	1,000	954
Track (Indoor)	941	912
Track (Outdoor)	944	941
WOMEN'S		E3 (CES) 95 75 75 75 E6
Basketball	1,000	953
Cross Country	1,000	961
Golf	979	975
Gymnastics	942	977
Soccer	990	969
Softball	971	. 970
Swimming	973	975
Tennis	1,000	974
Track (Indoor)	1,000	953
Track (Outdoor)	1,000	958
Volleyball	1,000	965
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Rifle	1,000	951



Iraq

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holes from the blast; pools of blood collected on the side-walks and in the street. After the dead and wounded were carried away, men collected the stray shoes, scraps of

clothes and bags of the vic-tims and tossed them in a pile And in an all-too-familiar scene following a bomb attack in Iraq, volunteers grinly picked up body parts and placed them on blankets. Muhammed Dhia, the di-rector of Hilli Hospital, said 146 people were injured in the attack. Dozens of people attack. Dozens of people are autaccounted for and the num-

he said.
Iraqi police barred journalists from speaking with the wounded at the hospital and beat several cameramen who were trying to get inside. A Washington Post special correspondent who was able to enter the emergency room saw patients whose faces were covered in blood.

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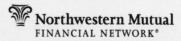
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It's time for a Quiet Conversation."

UK FOOTBALL NOTEBOOK

Cats work to keep playing

By Jeff Patterson
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Illinois quarterback who was allocated by the Atlanta Falcons.

A solid performance in Europe could lead to a return trip to the Colts for Bernard.

"It could give me leverage with the Colts," he said. "If the Colts want to cut me, other teams will be right there?"

Local popular Sunday in Tampa Bay, Fia.

Bernard will recognize a familiar face in a foreign land. Former UK defensive lineman Jeremy Caudill was selected in the free-agent draft by the Admirals.

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year, but was cut June 15.

As a free agent, Caudill
plans on using NFL Europe as
an open audition to get a shot
with an NFL team. The Baltimore Ravens, Green Bay
Packers and Tennessee Titans
are interested in him, Caudill



through its champeness, season.

He spent most of the fall recovering from having his left knee scoped in August, but now "everything is healed up," Caudill said.

The Admirals will open their season April 2 against the Rhein Fire.

Burns goes to NFL Combine

Former UK defensive end Vincent "Sweet Pea" Burns has worked out at the NFL Scouting Combine this past week in Indianapolis.

week in Indianapolis.
Burns was hampered by
injuries throughout his senior season. A knee scope
sidelined him early in the season, and a severely sprained
ankle limited him after the
Auburn game Oct. 23. But
Burns said he was back to
form by the time he played in
the Gridfron Classic sentior
game Jan. 15 in Orlando, Fla.

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"The main thing is, every-body wants to see me run."
Burns said. "(The scouts) said idi better than they thought I would with the injury at the end of the season."
Burns has been running the 40-yard dash in about 4.7 seconds.

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"I don't know if The Colts will be interested in me and to firth colts." Caudill said.

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Former UK defensive lineman Ellery Moore (left) and Vincent "Sweet Pea" Burns (middle) are hoining to play football professionally, Burns worked out at the NFL Combine in front of pro scouts this past week in Indianapolis.

Horsemen of the National Indoor Football League midway through its championship in the control of the Combine Indianarily used in his cluding lockland, San Diego last two seasons at UK. He has and Seattle interested in seasons.

fense. "I'm better suited for a 43 defense with my abilities," Burns said. "I don't knock it.— some of my better stats were in the 3-4."

Burns will return to Lexington for Pro Day March 9 at Nutter Field House.

A few Cats hoping for a shot

A few Cats hoping for a shot Quarterback Shane Boyd, cornerback Earven Flowers and defensive tackle Ellery Moore have worked out at High Intense Training off East Reynolds Road for the past several months. Flowers needs to lower his 40-yard dash time from 4.52 to about 4.4, he said. The Bills, Cardinals and Jaguars have shown interest, but they may want to try him out at safety — a position he played in his freshman year at UK. "That's another positive,"

freshman year at UK.

"That's another positive,"
Flowers said. "I'll do whatever. I just want a shot."
Moore's biggest asset may
be his speed. He's been running the 40-yard dash in the
range of 4.8 to 4.9 seconds.
Most nose tackles don't run
below a 5.0.
"I'll definitely open some
eyes," Moore said.
Moore's agent, Johnny
McNeil of St. Louis, has

woore (left) and Vincent "Sweet Pear" surns (mouse) are nowns to were in diamapolis. Saide Net In Manapolis. Saide Net In Mana

Williams wants lower 40 time

Safety Mike Williams has been training in Jacksonville, Fla., for the past month. Right now, the biggest knock on Williams has been his speed. His time in the 40 has ranged from 4.6 to 4.7 sec-onds — he's trying to get that down to a 4.4.

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If he can lower his 40 time, his options can include playing cornerback.

"I'm getting ready for anything they want," Williams eaid.

thing they want," Williams said.

Williams talked to UK defensive backs coach Steve
Brown last week, and Brown
told him to finish school.

"I said I'd come back,"
Williams sis about two full
semesters away from completing
I didn't get that redshirt
year," he said, "That pushed
me off a bit."

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SPORTS BRIEFS

Sparks earns SEC honor

date has been scheduled.

A final decision will be made today on whether to-morrow's scheduled game with the Bucs will be played.

The Cats (6-1) are coming off a three-game sweep of the Buffalo Bulls over the weekend.

p.m. Friday at Cliff Hagan Stadium. The Rockets will be in town for a three-game se-ries.

Sparks earns SEC honor
UK junior guard Patrick
Sparks has been named the
Southeastern Conference
Player of the Week after his
Sepoint performance on the
road at Alabama.
Sparks nailed a careerhigh seven 3-pointers, the
third most in school history,
to help UK secure a 167-7
comeback victory and clinical

its 43rd SEC regular-season title.

The Central City, Ky, native totaled 20 of his season-high points in the second half.

This is the second time this season that Sparks has been named the Player of the Week

Week.

He earned the distinction
Dec. 20 after scoring 25 points
in UK's 60-58 comeback win
over Louisville Sparks is the
first UK player to earn the
honor twice in one season
since Tayshaun Prince in
2002.

The No. 7 UK women's tennis team defeated No. 65

Department of the state by a 6-1 count Sunday at the Stickney Tennis Center in Columbus, Ohio.

The Cats (11-3) followed an easy sweep of doubles play with a dominant singles effort.

Senior All-American Aiblia Kalsarieva, sophomore Kim Coventry, junior Danielle Petrisko and sophomore Lin Sober all won their singles matches.

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- Porn Nation, 7-30 PM, Alementa - UK Berean Bible Study, 8:00 PM, Student Center, Room 113 - UK Green Thumb Meeting, 7:00 PM, Student Center, Room 106 - UK Anime Club Meeting, 0:00 - UK Anime Club Meeting, 0:00 - NABA General Meeting, 7:15 PM, 8 a E building RM, 215 - French Film Series, 7:00 PM, WT - Voung Library Auditorium - Baptist Student Unions presents - 17817, 7:20 PM, 295 Columber - 17817, 7:20 PM, 295 Columber

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The Well, 7:00 PM, Student Center, Room 211
UK Fencing Club Meeting, 8:00
PM, Buell Armory/Barker Hall
Build Back Lexington, Volunteer Meeting, 7:00 PM, SVC Office, 106 C Student Center

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Chair/Committee
Applications Due, 4:30 PM,
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Service Excursions—Build Back Lexington, 8:00 AM
 UK Softball Kentucky Invitational Tournament, 12:00 PM, UK Softball and Soccer Complex

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10:00 AM, UK Softball and Soccor Complex * Calico Winds, Chamber Music Society, 3:00 PM, Singletary Center for the Arts * The Vagina Monologues, 8:00 PM, Worsham Theater

Entire Lebanese government resigns

BEIRUT. Lebanon — Under intense public pressure over its allegiance to Syria. the Lebanese government abruptly resigned Monday even though it appeared like you have not become a parliament to demand that the government step down after the assassination of Lebanese have blamest made that the government abruptly resigned by the properties of the properti

vast intelligence apparatus in Lebanon until an agreement is reached for the Lebanese army to take over security. But opposition leaders insist that Syria must withdraw immediately.

"We want an honorable withdrawal of Syrian forces from Lebanon. We are not looking to humiliate the Syria tooking to humiliate the Syrian strong allies." said Walid Jumblatt. Jeader of Lebanon's Druze community and a key opposition figure. "But the Syrians must leave now."

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The U.S.-Syrian standoff
has changed with the killing
of Hariri, a billionaire businessman who led Lebanon
for 10 years and oversaw the
rebuilding of Bernam
who was preparing to lead an opposition
slate in parliamentary elections, was seen a formidable
rival to Syrian-backed candidates because of his wealth
and popularity.
Hariri's assassination
rekindled fears of sectarian
conflict in Lebanon that led
to the 1973-96 civil war, which
pitted Christian millitias and
the Lebanese army against
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and other regional powers
provided arms and money to
different millitias throughout
the war, which killed nearly
150,000 people.

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Missile launcher out of place in suburb

people talking, but the U.S. Navy is keeping mum about its specific capabilities. "People have to under-stand there are a lot of mov-ing parts to our national de-fense, and not everyone is going to know about all of them," said Lt Cmdr. Ed Zei-gler, public effairs officer for historical District of Wash-inger of the Company of th 5 Mary ôtto

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A large, drab green missilauncher — aimed vigilantly skyward — has become one of the more distinctive landmarks in the
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Larry Hubbard is among those in the upscale community who have barely given the launcher a second thought But others, such as Lenore Schneiderman, wonder about it. like the idea of that thing over there," she said, quickly adding." "At least it's not facing my house."

To Pat Elder, a peace activist, the launcher in its neighborhood has become a monument to what he sees as America's troubling posture toward the world.

"It's really a sad statement on the Bush administration's foreign policy." he said.

His neighbor and fellow activist, Jame Coe, a member of the Bethesda Friends She wonders whether a

rigil might be in order. "We night need to plan some-hing," she said. Mike Rychlik, who owns stile installation business.

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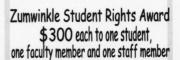
I wish they'd cover it. I wish it were a little better landscaped."

- Miriam Burton, on the appearance of a missile launcher in her neighborhood.

"Contest"

idin't have friends and family helping me out." he said. Although health insurance may be seem expensive, Moore said some may find UK's plan cheaper than those of tit." he said. "There's nothing I can do but pay the bill or pray they knock off a portion of it." he said. "Because it's through UK, if I default on the bill. I wort be able to go to school here." Rieger said he is working with a financial representative at UK hospital to set up a payment plan. Rieger hasn't been able to go back to his restaurant job because of his health condition, and his income has decreased significantly. His only source of income now is a part-time job that allows him to work from home. "I don't know what I would do if I and the prices for both men and women 17 to 29 didn't have friends and family helping me out." he said. Although health insurance marge that lasts six months to a year so they are covered while still searching or a job after graduation or when they are coming off their parents plan, said the shill health insurance through their paye covered while still searching or a job after graduation or when they are coming off their parents plan, said the prices for females are higher because they tend to go to the doctor more often. Depending on their parents' policy utdents are usually covered until they are 23, Darsie said. Sate Farm finsurance offer students a student Select Plan. For both men and women 17 to 29 BEST

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While the Zen Touch 20 GB
While the Zen Touch retails for around \$250, only
about \$\$50 less than the iPod
of the same capacity, you can
find it in some online stores
for as low as \$220.
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touchpad for controlling what
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to, although it
lacks the iPod's
signature wheel.
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that of the iPod, though—the Zen Touch plays for 24 hours without stopping. It also one-ups the iPod by integrating an FM tunes oy ou can tune in to WRFL-FM or whatever your favorite station might be.

Archos GMini X5200

About the smallest 20-giaghte mp3 player out there, the GMini has a tiny graphical LCD and a tiny joystick style control.

The hard drive is actually smaller than the one in the IPod, but the GMini comes out cheaper than the IPod at around \$210 (8229 suggested refail), mostly because you're not paying for the Archos GMini X200

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to, although its lacks the iPod's signature wheel.

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Book explores transgender culture

Probability is infinitely flexible that the English language is not, and Deborah Rudacille felt its limits when writing her new book, "The Riddle of Gender." The Baltimore author had to use words that assign gender regardless of chromosomal or psychological subdeties, the shopworn he" and "she" — except when one transpeonal expension of chromosomal or psychological subdeties, the shopworn he" and "she" — except when one transpoonal nissted on being called a "sie."

And except, of course whenever a more common genderless term cropped up. The pronoun "I" is perhapte most important because it skirts grammatical technicalities." I'is the vector for the human voice, the subject of the anguished personal stories that, more than clinical effinitions and social theories, are the heart of Rudacille's book about those who feel compelled to change genders.

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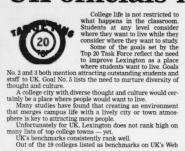
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any lists of top college towns — yet. UK's benchmarks consistently rank well. Out of the 19 colleges listed as benchmarks on UK's Web

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site, 11 are pointed to as examples of good places to live by ePodunk, a private company that provides information about communities all over the country EPodunk's College frown Index has separate rankings for the ten best college towns according to community size (big cites, medium-sized cities, small cities and towns). Lexington, for example, would fall in the medium-sized city category. (For benchmark rankings, see chart).

The ePodunk ranking uses numbers from 2000 and 15 different variables to assess the college towns. The online site (wwwepodunk.com/top10/colleges/index.html) says the good was to list college towns that "have a spark that comes not only from young blood, but from jazz clubs, literary events, book stores and cafes. They are intellectual, cultural and economic hubs, balancing tradition with new business growth. Often, they mix urban amenities and small-town charm." It's not simply a rating of bars and night life.

This seems to define what Lexington hopes to become. Since the late 1990s, conversations about how the campus and the city should work together have been a focus point, said David Stevens, a councilman at-large on the Lexington's Town-Gown Commission. The Town-Gown Commission's goal is cupport communication between the university and the surrounding community to improve the area for everyone.

"Interaction between the community members and students directly is what we want to achieve." Stevens said while they would like to see more students take an interest in attending the meetings, a lot of good has come out of the collaboration and other related projects so far.

The Downtown Development Authority and UK have worked with architects to come up with long-term plans for

size	College	City	Rank
140	Minnesota	Minneapolis, Minnesota	2nd
	Ohio State	Columbus, Ohio	4th
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Ü	Georgia	Athens, Georgia	7th
S	Virginia	Charlottesville, Virginia	1st
M	lowa	Iowa City, Iowa	9th
+ 1	North Carolina	Chapel Hill, North Carolina	10th

turning this area into a more vibrant college town. Some projects already underway include developments that combine housing and business. One area under construction is on Upper Street and another is on Broadway.

These kinds of "mix-use" projects could go a long way in moving Lexington toward becoming a better college town. But there are a lot of plans — the whole list won't be finished until 2050, according to UK's college town. Web site — and the final results will come a long way down the road.

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But the plans and communication between campus and city are positive indications. UK and Lexington may not top the lists of best college towns now, but progress with the col-lege town plans and continued communication between stu-dents and the community may change that in the future.

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AARON SMITH, THE KENTUCKY KERNEL

Press payoffs illustrate Bush's policy problems

The phenomenon of "fake news" as received much attention because of e popularity of "The Daily Show with John Stewart" and the Web site The Onion Web site The Onion Web site The Onion But the piggest purveyor of fake news is probably the Bush administration. Previous presidents have been unabshed about their disdain for the news media: they and their press offices would spin the facts and dustright lie to try to decrease.

Iraq — do it too, although in those cases we call it "propaganda."

Sometimes, however, it's not enough for the government to make up its own news. It has to pay off opinion makers that people already listen to. Earlier this year. legitimate journalists revealed that agencies in the executive branch paid columnists — with taxpayer dollars — to take certain stances on issues.

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House press corps — James Guckert, who acted under the alias Jeff Gannon. Guckert has appeared in the press corps, asking blatantly pro-GOP questions of press secretary Scott McCleilan since February 2003. To receive credentials for the corps, one must undergo a lengthy background check that often takes months. But Guckert asked a lengthy background check that often takes months. But Guckert asked as Preischer on the press secretary Arthers of the press of the press of the press secretary Arthers's "news" of an 2006, before Guckert's "news" of an 2007, before Guckert's "news" of an 2007, before Guckert's new sisted Guckert — whose only employment as a journalist was for a Web site of partition and the partition of the southeast of the White Substantial of the Guckert, an otherwise unknown journalist, has some sort of connection to senior Bush administration officials.

These recent revelations would have been more surprising if the Bush administration had not already made clear its scorn for journalist integrity. The result of all of the "fake news" coming out of the White House has coming out of the White House has coming out of the White House has deministration can't do much to summer of the ministration can't do much to summer of the

opinions.

But one fact is clear: The Bush administration can't do much to support its own policies except make stuff up.

LETTERSTOTHEEDITOR

Defacing Barker Hall was improper demonstration of free expression

I would like to address those few people who feel that it hurts those of us in uniform by defacing UK property. On Feb. 21, the cadre of the Army and Air Force ROTC programs (not to mention the Dance Studio and UK Rifle Team) were greeted by some very "unpatriotic" statements spray-painted on the transformer and side of the building at Barker Hall.

er Hall.

Although it was specifically directed at the ROTC programs, I feel that it is a slap in the face to the university as a whole. Barker Hall and Buell Armory have been a part of the UK campus since 1901 and have ties to the university from even earlier, as evidenced by the Kentucky State College (KSC) decorative lamp hanger (circa 1878) on the front of Buell Armory.

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I am very much a champion for free speech and the rights that we as Americans are afforded. I have seen first-hand what the lack of freedom of the press and speech means to people. I was deployed as part of Operation Iraq I Freedom in the unit that liberated northern Baghdad from the oppressive regime of Saddam Hussein. I have seen tears of joy in people's eyes because they knew that they could finally worship as they pleased and could finally enjoy speaking out against the government without the fear of retribution.

I applaud the fact that UK has a free-speech area at the Student Center that allows us to enjoy that right as Americans. Please don't infringe on those rights by defacing property and committing criminal acts. Protest all you want, and let your voice be heard, because I will be here to protect you. But the next time you look at a soldier, please remember

this:
"It is the soldier, not the reporter, who has given us the freedom of the press. It is the soldier, not the poet, who has given us the freedom of speech.
"It is the soldier, not the campus organizer, who gives us the freedom to demonstrate. It is the soldier who salutes the flag, who serves beneath the flag, and whose coffin is draped by the flag, who allows the protester to burn the flag."

Burnett's column didn't acknowledge Iraq war's policy shortcomings

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This is in response to Stephen Burnett's Feb. 23 column.
First, Burnett says that critics were incorrect to assume that we would suffer heavy casualties in the invasion. The Department of Defense reported our casualty count in Operation Iraqi Freedom at 1.485 as of yesterday. That is a lot of people, and the count also shows no sign of slowing down.

The reason invading troops did not have to deal with chemical weapons was that Saddam did not have any — remember Bush's big reason, how Saddam is a threat to freedom because of his weapons of mass destruction.

Burnett was right in some cases, about how critics said we would never find Saddam, and we did. On the other hand, he forgot to mention Osam bin Laden, whom it seems the administration and the American public conveniently forgot about.

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The whole point of Burnett's article is, really. "The ends justify the means." He says whatever our reasoning for going into Iraq was, it's OK, because things turned out for the best.

One more thing: Epic is defined as "Heroic and impressive in quality." Bush's missile defense system is neither of these. Don't try to slide it in between the moon landings and the fall of communism to make it look important. It failed the two most recent tests and would have allowed a "transcontinental spear of death" to land pretty much wherever it wanted, including New Jersey.

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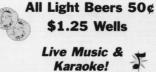
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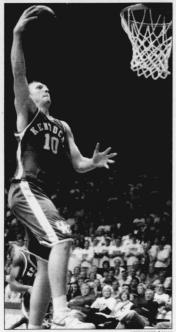
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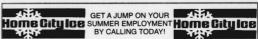
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