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Todd expands campus diversity to-do list

By Troy Lyle
THE KENTUCKY KERNEL

UK will immediately implement a more holistic admissions review process and reallocate \$500,000 to diversity-related scholarships as part of a string of moves designed to improve campus diversity, President Lee Todd told state legislators yesterday.

UK has faced criticism recently for a 40 percent drop in black enrollment in this year's freshman class, after seeing gains in

that area the past two years. Todd met with state senators and community leaders in Frankfort to get their feedback and assure each of them that UK is serious about addressing diversity issues, said UK spokesman Jay Blanton.

"Certainly, the enrollment numbers prompted a pretty serious evaluation and were cause for concern," Blanton said. "Each of these initiatives is in the process of being implemented right now. The president wants to have these initiatives in place as quick-

ly as possible," Blanton said. Many administration members, including interim Provost Scott Smith and Registrar Don Witt are helping finalize these plans, he said.

Those initiatives also include installing a new chair for the President's Commission on Diversity within the next two weeks, hiring eight new recruiting and admissions workers and increasing the recruiting operating bud-

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The initiatives President Lee Todd announced yesterday, to be acted upon immediately, include:

- Creating a Diversity Enrollment Team
- Hiring a Diversity Enrollment Management Coordinator
- Adding four new recruiting positions
- Increasing the budget for recruiting operations
- Reallocating \$500,000 in funding for diversity-linked scholarships
- Implementing a new, holistic application review process
- Hiring three new admissions officers to implement the review process
- Filling the vacant chair position on the President's Commission on Diversity
- Forming a research committee to study the success of black students at UK

Valenti 'an icon to history'

Film industry titan, presidential assistant comes to campus

By Darluah Shafr
THE KENTUCKY KERNEL

The tombstone doesn't exist yet, but he already knows what it will say: "Here lies Jack Valenti. He did his damndest."

Valenti will be speaking at a dinner at the UK Sanders-Brown Center on Aging tonight about his life story. During the day, he'll speak to UK students in two classes.



Valenti

"You have to talk about something you know something about, and I hope they find that of some modest interest," Valenti said.

Valenti's experience stretches from being an American combat pilot in Europe to serving as the first special assistant to President Lyndon Johnson to creating the movie rating system that today's movies abide by. Today, he'll speak to a

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Free wheels keep campus traffic rolling

Student Center opens up bike rentals at no cost to university population

By Holly Wooten
THE KENTUCKY KERNEL

Albert Shumake rides on his bicycle to Fourth Street to visit a friend, and the best part is his ride was free.

And that deal is available to all UK students and staff.

The Student Center is now offering a program called Wildcat Wheels Bicycle Library in the Cats Den, where UK students and staff can rent bikes two days at a time at no cost. Bicycles may also be rented for an entire semester with special arrangements. All that is needed is a student or staff ID.

"I live on North Campus," Shumake, a musical education senior said. "So I decided to rent a bike because it was cheaper than the bus."

Enthusiastic about his new program, Shane Tedder describes bicycles as "a superior mode of transportation in a superior environment. They're cleaner, faster, healthier and cheaper than operating an automobile."

Tedder also said he hopes "this will alleviate some of the stress of parking, stress of gas prices and encourage a more active lifestyle benefiting health."

So where do these bikes come from? "The majority of the bicycles come from the UK surplus program," Tedder said. "They are bikes that have been abandoned or have never been reclaimed. We get them, strip 'em down, paint them and rebuild them."

By "we," Tedder means himself, an assistant and a group of volunteers. He describes this program as a "recycle-a-bike program."

"We give them life and get people to ride them again," Tedder said.

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Cats do kung fu

Free class teaches people how to defend themselves with martial arts

By Lindsay Curtin
THE KENTUCKY KERNEL

Ryan Hunter was surprised when another man suddenly attacked him inside the Buell Armory.

The attacker, however, was even more surprised when a swift kick from Hunter sent him to the floor.

"Shoulders down, don't reach, use your hips and don't forget to twist in your side kicks," said instructor David Griffith during his students' routine self-defense drills.

"Twisting your hips is where all the power in your punches and kicks comes from."

The attack was part of a sparring session with Griffith, Hunter's instructor in a kung fu class sponsored by the UK Karate Club. Griffith, who has a black belt in kung fu, teaches the class on Mondays and Fridays from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. in Buell Armory.

During the class, Griffith and his students sometimes have practice fights so the students can apply the various self-defense techniques they have learned.

To promote safety on campus, UK Police and Safecats have encouraged self-defense classes, but some prefer martial arts to simple self-defense classes.

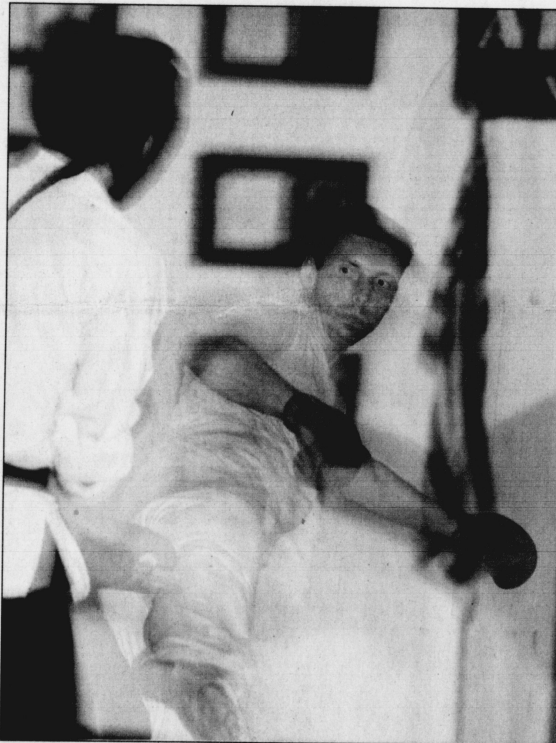
Griffith said he has always been inclined to martial arts, because many self-defense classes may teach too much information to grasp.

"Basic self-defense classes teach you 200 different techniques for 200 different situations, and the martial arts teach intricate techniques that require practice, but will prove to be more effective," Griffith said.

Considering the classes are free and easily accessible, Griffith sees no reason for students not to participate.

"I just don't really see why students, especially those aware of the campus assault

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David Griffith (left) and Chad Campbell, both instructors, spar during a kung fu class Monday night at Buell Armory. The classes are taught every Monday and Friday, and are sponsored by the UK Karate Club. The free sessions are open to all UK students, faculty and staff.

New Singletary head looks to market the arts

By Melissa Smith Mallery
THE KENTUCKY KERNEL

For Michael Grice, the new director of the Singletary Center for the Arts, life has come full circle.

The Kentucky native and Georgetown College graduate was looking to return to his home state, when he found a job opening at the Singletary Center for the top position.

Grice had worked in California in several different performance arts venues since 1989 before returning to Kentucky. As the new director of the Singletary Center, he said he feels lucky.

"To work in performing arts, you have to leave Kentucky, because there just aren't many professional venues," said Grice.

Grice is replacing Holly Salisbury, who was the director for the past twenty-five years. He is the second person to hold the position.

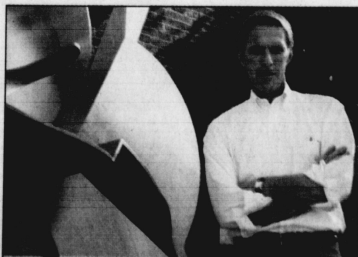
As he gets settled into his new office, Grice is looking toward the not-so-near future, at least in the eyes of students.

Since many art events are booked up to a year and a half in advance, most of next season is already locked in. But Grice will tell you there's more to being an executive director than simply booking acts.

One of Grice's main responsibilities as a director is to attract an audience, and this is a big concern, he said.

"We're looking for ways to reach out to new students, existing students and faculty, and a

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Michael Grice is the new director of the Singletary Center for the Arts. Grice, a Georgetown, Ky., native, replaced Holly Salisbury, who retired last year after directing the Singletary Center for 25 years.

Food drive urges community to open cupboards

By Elle Fairbanks
THE KENTUCKY KERNEL

Being a college student usually means buying generic-brand groceries, the cheapest (and typically thinnest) toilet paper and treating "Coupon Mint" as a bible — anything to save a buck.

But some Lexington residents must choose between eating and paying rent, eating and paying a phone bill, or eating and getting needed medicine.

UK's nutrition and food science graduate students enrolled in a community development class are holding the first "Treat Your Neighbor Right" campus food drive Monday through

Friday next week. The class is working with God's Pantry Food Bank, a private, non-profit organization that collects and provides food and meals for people in 49 counties across Kentucky.

Kathy Goss, programs director at God's Pantry, said she's appreciative of the UK students who are helping out.

"Any of us can be just a step away from needing assistance, and these students realize it," Goss said. "The people that we help are just like you and me."

"God's Pantry picks up where other programs fall short," she said.

In a report released by God's Pantry, a poverty-ridden single mother said, "What do you do when your kid comes to you in the middle of the night and tells you he's hungry and you have no food? You sit and you cry."

Seventy-one percent of the families who use God's Pantry have incomes of less than \$10,000 per year, Goss said. The median income of Kentucky families is about \$38,000 per year, according to U.S. Census Bureau statistics from 2000.

Janet Tietjen, an associate professor in the Col-

lege of Agriculture and instructor of the community program development class, said this is an opportunity for her class to do something good.

"This class is about helping people who need it," Tietjen said. "It's just so much more meaningful at a local level when you can actually see your help going to work."

Nicole Biederman, a graduate student in the class, knows exactly how much good an event like this can do.

"I grew up in a single family house without a lot of money, and my mother always refused to accept aid like this," Biederman said.

"Now, I completely understand that people are just trying to help. I want to pay back the community that was always so good to me, even in hard times."

Carolyn Hofe, a graduate student helping with the food drive, encouraged UK students to donate. She said she knows it's hard for college students to come up with items to give away, but she said every little bit counts.

"So many people want to help and just don't know how," she said. "This is a way to help others and make an impact. That one jar of peanut butter makes all of the difference."

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Food drive next week

Donations will be accepted all over campus from Oct. 10 through Oct. 14. Look for the Big Blue Barrels at various campus locations, including:

- Student Center (near Starbucks)
- White Hall Classroom Building
- The lobby at Ag North
- William T. Young Library
- K-Lair

The most needed items include canned meats, fruits, vegetables, dried beans, pasta, peanut butter and soup.

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film class and a political science class about his 84 years of experiences.

Flying colors

As a young American soldier in World War II, Valenti was a combat pilot in Italy where he flew a B-25 attack bomber. At the end of the war, Valenti had flown 51 missions and been awarded medals and other honors at least nine times.

Valenti remembers something more than the medals, though. "I remember there were a lot of people trying to kill me," Valenti said, laughing at the first thing he remembered from the war. "The second thing you remember is that you survived."

Valenti walked away from the war with a much more serious and valuable lesson.

"(I learned) you can do your job and do your duty even though you're frightened out of your skull," he said.

Valenti went back to work after he returned from Europe, and in 1952, he co-founded Weekly and Valenti, an advertising and political consulting agency in Washington, D.C., which led to him being in charge of the media in Dallas for a presidential visit on Nov. 22, 1963.

An assassination and a presidential appointment

It was supposed to be a standard drive through the city. "I was six cars back and suddenly the car in front of us was eight miles per hour to 80," Valenti remembered.

When the cars ahead suddenly accelerated, Valenti thought President John F. Kennedy was merely running late, and he told the driver to leave the motorcade and head to the convention center, which was their destination. Upon arriving, Valenti was informed Kennedy had been shot.

There was no time to handle that shock, because another quickly followed.

"A secret service man said the president (Lyndon B.

"I had no idea what being a special assistant meant, for God's sakes. I'd never even visited the White House as a tourist."

Jack Valenti
former special assistant to
President Lyndon Johnson

Johnson) wanted me on Air Force One, and he told me the president wanted me on his staff," Valenti said.

Johnson, who had met Valenti in 1955 and gotten to know him because of Valenti's political consulting work, brought Valenti on board — literally. In mid-air on Air Force One, Johnson took the oath of office, and he then appointed Valenti first special assistant to the president.

"I had no idea what being a special assistant meant, for God's sakes," Valenti said. "I'd never even visited the White House as a tourist."

His tour came soon enough. "My tour guide of the

White House was the president," Valenti said. "He was a pretty good guide."

Valenti spent the next three years as special assistant in the White House, during the Vietnam War and the civil rights movement, and recalls it as a fulfilling job.

"I found those three years in the White House to be the summer of my life," he said. "I was doing something I thought counted."

Behind the scenes

Valenti resigned from his White House position in 1966 to take his next job as president of the Motion Picture Association of America.

In that role, Valenti changed the industry.

"I also invented the movie rating system 30 years ago, so I had an integral role in Hollywood," he said frankly.

Prior to 1968, the MPA's rating system had only four ratings — G, M, R and X. Valenti's work changed that.

Valenti also was outspoken in his fight against the Sony Betamax videocassette recorder, which he felt threatened the life of the movie industry with the possibilities of piracy. He even spoke before Congress on the

subject in 1982.

"I say to you that the VCR is to the American film producer and the American public as the Boston stranger is to the woman home alone," Valenti told Congress.

After 38 years of work with the motion picture association, first as president and then as CEO, he retired.

The spoken word

"Retirement" has been busy for Valenti.

"If people remember a couple sentences you said, you've hit the jackpot," Valenti said about the work he does now.

Valenti travels the country doing speaking engagements, with a special interest in speaking at universities. He has lectured at Harvard, Stanford, Yale and Duke, among other colleges.

When he comes to UK today, he will speak to a political science class and a film class.

"The board chose Mr. Valenti as a speaker because of his interesting past," said Lindsey Ein, director of the Sanders-Brown Center on Aging. "He brings a very rich and varied background..."

"He represents an icon in

history."

Valenti will speak in English lecturer Thomas Marksbury's History of Film and Media class.

"He's had an incredible record of reliable service in the motion picture industry and the political world," Marksbury said. "He's the perfect speaker for my class."

Looking back on his life, Valenti said he's just tried to do his best.

"I saw a tombstone out in west Texas. It said, 'Here lies John Travis. He did his damndest,'" Valenti said. "I want mine headstone to say 'Here lies Jack Valenti. He did his damndest.'"

For tonight, Valenti will be speaking to a group about a life he said he's enjoyed.

"I've led an interesting life," he said. "I never have any regrets about my life. I've loved every minute of it."

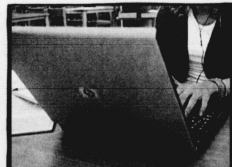
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Officials: Beware the snare of Web scams

By Allison Burter
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Hi-tech crime is on the rise, and UK students are being warned by law enforcement officials to beware online scammers.

Kentucky has the seventh-lowest total of identity theft victims among the 50 states, with 1,332 victims. Internet scammers swindled an average of more than \$2,000 from each victim in scams such as "phishing" and "pharming," according to Federal Trade Commission statistics from 2003.

Internet fraud has become a frequently noted crime in America, totaling more than half a million cases of phishing in one year — 42 percent resulting in identity theft, according to the FTC.

"The best way to not get caught in these scams is to not start," said Paul Sims, resident agent-in-charge of the Secret Service in Lexington.

Phishing is a type of fraud where scammers create an e-mail claiming to be authoritative sources such as banks, Internet service providers, airline corporations or even eBay. These e-mails ask recipients to verify personal information like credit card account information, Social Security numbers and mailing addresses, using a clever excuse to deceive.

The newest type of fraud, similar to phishing, is called pharming. After the victim gives credit card and other personal information to purchase goods or services, the business disappears, phone lines are cut off and names are changed, Sims said.

Although there is no typical victim, the assumption is that "people with the least exposure to the world of the Web and have learned to respond to their trustworthy bank" are the ones who find themselves scammed, said Doyle Friskney, associate vice president of information systems at UK.

Victims are usually not computer literate, said UK police officer Wesley Tyler. Additionally, the e-mails appear to come from legitimate sources, but contain hidden code that reroutes the user to a real-looking but phony site which is used to steal information. Officials have made attempts to trace e-mails back to the origin, Sims said.

"People have been caught; the problem is that some sites are not domestic."

Some students didn't think it was an issue. "I never knew it was that serious," said Ashley Burford, a biology sophomore.

"To know what you're dealing with is important," she said. "It's (probably) the only way you can avoid being next."

Others have developed a system to go around the scammers. "Usually I do not go to the given hyperlink; I go to the Web page itself," said Matthew Weekley, a junior civil engineer major.

Sims said caution is the wisest path. "If the e-mail does not look or sound right, do not respond," Sims said. "When an e-mail looks as though it could be genuine, contact the customer service line."

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Grice

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large part of this will be with marketing," said Grice.

The Singletary Center houses about 400 events per year; many of which students rarely hear about, Grice said. A relatively small marketing budget forces the careful selection of which shows and events to heavily market.

For example, files for the Oct. 16 Nickel Creek concert are posted all around campus, but fewer people are aware of the UK Symphony Orchestra concert on Nov. 4, which is being sponsored by Keeneland. The orchestra is performing "Music of the Horse" and Berlioz's "Sym-

phonie Fantastique."

"It has to be more than just the music," said Grice, who wants to attract the average student to a classical music concert and bring this genre to a younger audience.

"When I was in college, I hated classical music. Then, a girl got me to go to a concert and because I wanted to be there, the night flew by."

To attract this new, younger audience, Grice hopes to bring in contemporary artists to collaborate with the symphony orchestra, or to perform individually.

One of these artists is Savion Glover, creator of the hit Broadway show "Bring in 'da Noise, Bring in 'da Funk." Glover's type of performance art is what Grice hopes will start to bring in a different crowd.

Another example of variation on the same old theme is to bring in "Love, Janis," a musical that uses the music of Janis Joplin. Grice said this is the incorporation of music, theatre and dance, which he wants to make part of the Singletary Center's profile.

Grice said he wants the center to "get to the point that the public will assume that a show is good and worth their time, no matter if they've heard of who's playing that night."

Reaching that goal will involve bold and major changes in marketing and public relations strategies, he said.

The Center's competition is not other arts organizations, but personal entertainment devices that distract

students, such as iPods and DVDs, Grice said. An orchestra is static, moving as a whole, and the attention span of the average student is lost quickly, Grice said.

"It's not about the money, but rather about the fact that students see three hours in a concert hall as a waste of time," he said.

Grice also listed goals of alleviating pressures such as parking troubles and high ticket prices, too. But the overall goal, he said, is promoting the Singletary Center's strengths — which, since returning to Kentucky, he's come to recognize.

"We have to get people to understand that they're missing out," he said.

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Wheels

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Power Bike Shop in downtown Lexington has also donated six bikes. The bikes are those brought in by customers to be serviced and are never picked up.

Currently there are 16 bikes available for rental, and there will be 15 more added within the next few days.

Even though the only advertisement the program has received has been by word-of-mouth, there have been over 70 checkouts since rentals began Sept. 13 of this year.

"The last two weeks, I've seen a lot of people come in a check out bikes," said Sherrill Watson, an integrated strategic communication sophomore who works in the Cats Den. "We had a class come by and they all wanted to rent."

Jesse Moyers, a staff member at



Vasvedevan Malhalingam, a computer science graduate student, rents a bike from Wildcat Wheels outside the Cat's Den Tuesday afternoon.

ANDREW HUGHES | STAFF

UK decided to rent a bike for the entire semester after hearing about the program during an orientation.

"With increasing cost of gas, a bike is more economical, especially for me," said Moyers, who lives two miles from campus. "This way I get exercise."

For Moyers, his rented bike is not only a means to get to and from work, but he has also driven it downtown and

to church.

"I think it's a wonderful program," he said. "It's an ingenious idea, and I hope it catches on."

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Eardrum aims to hear victims

By Megan Stanley
THE KENTUCKY KERNEL

They are here to "hear your voice."

The victims of violence on UK's campus can now be heard by a new student organization, The Eardrum.

The idea for this group came after a 2004 campus-wide study revealed that 30.5 percent of 1,010 undergraduate and graduate students surveyed had been beaten, raped or stalked on UK's campus.

"We are a student organization here to stop the violence, and we will," said Somerville Harris, vice president and programming chair for The Eardrum.

The Eardrum is looking to do several events this fall to promote awareness of violence on campus. In November they will be doing a Remembrance Week in

which they will be handing out green dot pins that represent that students drive to stop violence. They will be having a moment of silence to remember the women who have been victims of violence on campus.

"There needs to be a student voice," said Ellen Sawyer, president of The Eardrum. "We want to keep going until the violence stops."

The group is also selling bracelets that represent taking a stand against violence on campus. The bracelets also symbolize the goal to help victims know there is someone they can talk to and help direct them to the right place to get help.

Only 2 percent of rapes on campus are reported, Harris said.

"It's more than an issue — it's a crisis, not only on campus, but in the world,"

said Lindsey Cooper, a Spanish and integrated strategic communication junior who attended last night's meeting.

The group is working to get a strong base of students to help stop the violence on UK's campus.

Though the attendance for this first event was only 10 or so, the goal is to bring in many more and get people to pay attention.

"We are getting the entire student body to take notice," Sawyer said.

The group meets every other Wednesday in Student Center Room 205 at 8:00 p.m. The next meeting will be on Oct. 19.

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Defense

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rates wouldn't want to take the time to gain this knowledge," he said.

Among the numerous techniques taught, the "side kick" seemed most popular because of the power it delivers. The "front snatch" was another popular technique because of its ability to disarm the enemy. The students practiced these and other techniques after a lengthy warm-up period consisting of various stretching exercises.

"Even though our class only meets twice a week, my confidence and coordination has increased," said Hunter, a computer science senior. "It's also great exercise."

Although the majority of the students have only been in this class since the start of the semester, many of them have noticed small but definite changes in their bodies. Increased flexibility, better balance, greater strength and improved hand-eye coordination were some of the changes Hunter mentioned.

"The way we are constantly practicing our hand-eye coordination skills through the intricate blocks, punches and kicks is what really improves our physical technique," said Martin Holmes, a physics freshman. "That's why the moves we learn in class would be so effective in fights."

Other male students talked about situations where there has been tension in a group of guys that could have led to a fight, and how after taking this class they felt more confi-



BRAD LUTTRELL | STAFF
Virginia Tyler (front), a 2003 UK alumna, practices kung fu moves during a class at Buell Armory Monday night.

dent in those situations. "This confidence can be a factor in avoiding assaults."

"One thing I emphasize is to always be aware of your surroundings and try your best to become a smaller target," said Maj. Joe Monroe of the UK Police Department and coordinator of UK's self-defense class for women, the Self-Defense Techniques and Risk Reduction program. "Attackers

look for those who appear weak or timid."

The students who have taken Griffith's class feel better prepared to defend themselves if necessary.

"I feel a great deal of confidence in my students' abilities to protect themselves," Griffith said. "Even if they've taken just one class."

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"I just don't really see why students, especially those aware of the campus assault rates, wouldn't want to take the time to gain this knowledge."

— David Griffith,
instructor, UK kung fu self-defense classes.

Todd

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get. The President's Commission on Diversity helped develop several of the initiatives outlined in Todd's plan. It hasn't had a leader since the beginning of the summer, when chairwoman Deane Jones left to become a dean at Longwood College in Farmville, Va.

In a campus-wide e-mail sent last Friday, Todd said he wanted to take a more "aggressive" approach to recruitment.

According to Todd's list of initiatives, the recruitment and review process will expand considerations beyond the standard factors of ACT scores and GPA. The "new, holistic application review process" includes consideration of additional factors such as leadership, special talents and contributions to community diversity.

Blanton said Todd has yet to determine where the money will come from for the \$300,000 reallocation for diversity-linked scholarships, the increase in recruiting operating funds or to hire eight new staffers.

"Regardless, Todd is committed to expending these resources," Blanton said.

Blanton said work has started on several recruiting initiatives already, so that recruitment of next year's class, which is currently underway, can include these new principles.

He added that many of these initiatives, such as appointing a new chair for the diversity commission, were already being considered beforehand and others were included in the diversity recommendations that commission released last year.

State Sen. Ernesto Scorsone, of Lexington, said he thought there was a genuine exchange between himself, Todd and the others who attended yesterday's meeting.

"It was a very productive meeting," Scorsone said. "We

impressed on Todd how important these issues are to the future of UK and let him know that we wanted to see results, not hopes."

Scorsone said he, Todd and the other members present at today's meeting are planning on meeting again in three to four months to return to this issue and make sure progress is being made. He added that all the legislative and community leaders present pledged their support to the cause and let Todd know that if they could help out in any way, they would do so.

"The important thing is to understand that this isn't just an issue that affects blacks — it affects everyone," Scorsone said. "Diversity is important if we are going to be a top-20 institution."

"We are Kentucky's flagship university, and we should be setting the example in this area."

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Lecture explores life on Mars

Visiting professor suggests Mars had the right ingredients for life

By Sean Patterson
THE KENTUCKY KERNEL

Could Mars once have supported life? A University of Houston professor believes so.

Dr. Janok Bhattacharya lectured in the Mining and Mineral Resources Building last night on the possibility that Mars once had rivers and lakes, and possibly life.

"Mars probably had water, and Mars certainly had large volcanoes," Bhattacharya said.

Bhattacharya said besides Earth, Mars has the greatest likelihood of other planets in the solar system of life having evolved on it.

Bhattacharya's evidence included pictures of geological sediments in Mars' Holden Crater. He said the formation was made by water, which is necessary for life to emerge as we know it.

About 40 people, both faculty and students, attended the lecture.

"I've been reading some

articles about what scientists think about Mars," said Stephen Turack, a Bluegrass Community and Technical College computer science major. Turack said he believes there was "probably" life on Mars.

Not everyone agrees, though.

"I don't think there ever was," said UK geology senior Steve Lutz, citing the Bible as evidence.

Others focused on some of the more technical parts.

Geology grad student Brent Wilhelm enjoyed the geological aspect of the lecture, which allowed him to compare Earth to Mars. The presentation also included a slideshow of pictures and visuals from Mars. Most of the pictures used in Bhattacharya's research were taken by the Mars Global Surveyor Spacecraft, which celebrated its eighth year in orbit around Mars last month.

"Being able to see it here and see it on another planet

was really interesting," said Wilhelm.

The lecture was co-sponsored by the UK Department of Geological Sciences, the American Association of Petroleum Geologists and the Kentucky Geological Survey, a research institute connected to UK.

When asked why they sponsored the lecture, Kentucky Geological Survey staffer Mike Lynch said because this matters to people.

"There are people in the geology field who specialize in planetary geology," he said. "In the university setting, these kinds of lectures allow students to see cutting-edge science... and adds to their overall education."

President Bush announced in January 2004 that NASA would send manned missions to the moon by 2020, and after that, Mars. Manned missions to Mars were also discussed at the lecture.

Bhattacharya said he would love to see somebody on Mars as much as anyone else, but it would be too expensive.

"Everyone gets excited by humans on Mars," he said.

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Suicide bomber kills 85 in Iraq mosque attack

By Louise Roug
LOS ANGELES TIMES

BAGHDAD, Iraq — A suicide bomber attacked a Shiite Muslim mosque packed with worshippers marking the first day of Ramadan on Wednesday evening, killing at least 85 people and wounding 78, Iraqi hospital officials said.

The Ibu Nama Hilli mosque in Hillah, south of Baghdad, was full of mourners who had gathered to remember a local restaurant owner slain three days ago by insurgents. There were conflicting reports about whether the bomber was in a car or on foot, but several witnesses said a man walked into the mosque carrying explosives around his chest and in a bag.

The detonation shot fire through the mosque walls and sent bodies and limbs flying into the street where flags had been hung to celebrate Ramadan, Islam's holiest month during which observant believers fast from dawn to dusk. The wail of ambulances rang in the streets for more than an hour as medics tried to evacuate the wounded.

Ahmed Tahir, a 30-year-old neighbor of the slain restaurant owner, said he attended the ceremony, finished his prayers and walked out into the street where he met a friend. As they stood chatting, the mosque exploded.

"This is how the terrorists inaugurated this holy month of Ramadan," said Tahir. "But God will not keep silent after this. God's revenge will be severe."

The bloodbath came on a day when Iraqi politicians moved to quell sectarian tensions by reversing a controversial decision that would have made it harder for Iraq's draft constitution to be defeated in a national referendum Oct. 15.

Wrangling over the constitution has divided Iraq's Sunni Arabs, many of whom oppose the charter, and Shiites and Kurds, who had the largest role in writing the text and who are campaigning for its approval. On Sunday, Shiites and Kurds pushed the election rule change through the National Assembly, angering Sunnis and drawing fire from U.N. and U.S. officials.

At U.N. headquarters Wednesday, Secretary-General Kofi Annan praised the assembly's decision to rescind the rules change. "It is very important that the Iraqi parliament reversed itself, because that decision was patently inappropriate and we made that clear to them," he said.

At the crux of the conflict was how many "no" votes would be needed to defeat the constitution. The country's interim charter

stated that the document would take effect if more than half the voters in Iraq approved it and if two-thirds of voters in three or more provinces did not reject it.

But lawmakers decided Sunday that for the draft to be defeated, two-thirds of registered voters — rather than two-thirds of those who cast ballots — in three provinces must vote against it.

Saleh Mutlak, chairman of the Iraqi Dialogue Committee and a leading Sunni member of the constitutional committee, complained that the change "gave a bad signal to the Iraqis, saying that this National Assembly is ready to forge and impose the constitution by force." Several assembly members said Sunnis had threatened to boycott the referendum unless the vote was reversed.

Shiites and Kurds, though, have feared that violence in advance of the referendum could keep voters away from the polls, skewing the vote in favor of a "no" that they say would not represent the will of Iraq's majority.

Saad Jawad, an assembly member affiliated with the Supreme Council for Islamic Revolution in Iraq, a Shiite political party, said the reversal "makes it possible for 1,000 people to defeat the constitution against the will of 10 million." But because his party is "keen that the U.N. takes part," he said, it decided to endorse the reversal at Wednesday's sparsely attended National Assembly session.

Laith Kubba, a spokesman for Prime Minister Ibrahim al-Jaafari, said the move would lend credibility to the political process, even if it meant the constitution might fail. "It's more important that it has the reputation of being transparent," he said.

Mahmoud Othman, a Kurdish leader, said the U.N. pressure allowed legislators to change course without appearing as if they were bowing to American or Sunni demands. "They have a good excuse — to say that the U.N. doesn't accept this and thinks it's a violation," he said.

U.S., U.N. and Iraqi officials have hoped the constitution would heal the nation's political and sectarian rifts.

But the skirmish over voting rules was yet another controversy that could further alienate Sunni Arabs from the political process. Their participation is seen as vital in bringing down the Sunni-led insurgency and restoring stability.

arrangements would pull the Iraqis together," he said. "It has not worked as we had hoped, but we still urge the parties to work together, and I believe the reversal by the parliament of the decision . . . would help the process."

This week, the United Nations began distributing ballots, voting boxes and more than 5 million copies of the constitution around the country. U.S. commanders are warning that the coming days could be even more violent than usual, especially in the capital, which currently averages about 28 attacks a day.

"The insurgents do not want the referendum to pass, do not want the Iraqi people to adopt a new constitution," Maj. Gen. William Webster, commander of U.S.-led troops in Baghdad, said in the capital's heavily fortified Green Zone on Wednesday. "We think they will try to take advantage of this referendum by intimidating voters not to vote, through threats and actual violence."

Wednesday's mosque bombing occurred in Hillah, a predominantly Shiite town about 60 miles south of the capital. In Najaf, a bomb killed a child and injured four people shortly after midnight. Last Thursday, Balad, another Shiite town 50 miles north of Baghdad, suffered a string of bombings that left at least 95 people dead.

Webster said that U.S. commanders are particularly worried about attacks in Baghdad, which he noted is home to about a quarter of Iraq's 26 million people.

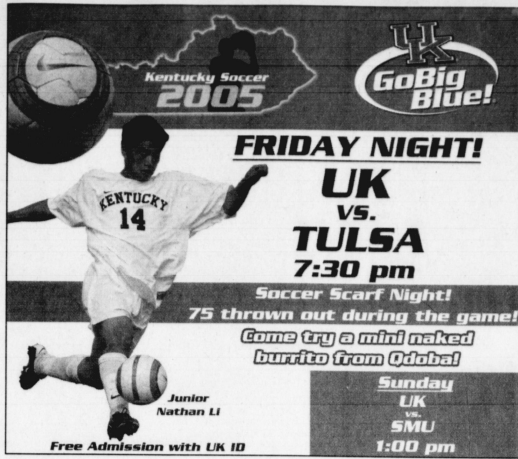
"We believe that the insurgents will try to make a surge in their attacks inside Baghdad because of its value in trying to convince the people that this government cannot protect them, and also in terms of trying to make the results of the election illegitimate," he said.

West of the capital, U.S. and Iraqi forces have launched a large offensive in the Euphrates River valley, seeking to control the unruly area near the Syrian border.

Sunni Arabs and others charge that continuing military operations in Al Anbar province, a stronghold of insurgents, will hurt voter turnout in that area.

While Ramadan, which began Tuesday for Sunnis in Iraq and Wednesday for Shiites, is typically a month of fasting and spiritual introspection, the insurgent group al-Qaida in Iraq called on followers this week to step up attacks during the period.

Calling for resistance against foreign occupiers, the group urged people to make Ramadan a "month of victory for Muslims and a month of defeat for the hypocrites and polytheists."

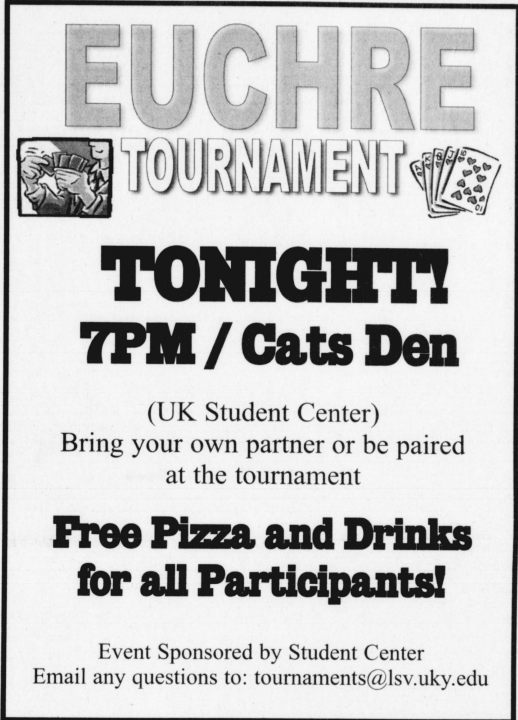


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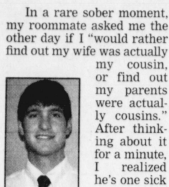
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Hypotheticals worth the hype



Kenny Moyer
KERNEL COLUMNIST

known hobby than asking questions like that.

I'll admit the "Would You Rather?" game is one of my personal favorites. Not only does it give you the opportunity to visualize being in someone else's shoes or being placed in a particular situation, it really gives you a chance to get to know the people you are playing it with.

Although the scenarios become much more politically incorrect (or amusing) when everyone involved is drinking, let me clear-headedly present you with a few "would you rather" choices for you to discuss amongst others around you. It's always a tough decision deciding which side you would take, because most of the time, no one wants to be on either side. But for this time, take a look at these scenarios and try your hardest to pick the best, knowing you had to choose one.

We'll start simple to give you time to get warmed up.

Would you rather spend your money on food or on drinks once inside Keeneland? If you answered neither, then congratulations, you are correct. Keeneland's fall meet begins at 1 p.m. next Friday and lasts until Saturday, Oct. 29. Most new students are unaware of how business is

conducted on these racing weeks, so let me help out for a second. For you beginners, tailgating before the races is a vital activity.

From pre-game boozing to massive feasting, everything you do beforehand is essential for your day's success. You need to eat both a healthy breakfast and lunch before entering. By doing so, you will absorb a plentiful amount of glucose and nutrients that become crucial to your day's needed energy level, and most importantly, you will save money.

The whole money issue relates to pre-game beverage consumption as well. Everything inside the track is inflated to a price that would cost the average Joe an arm and a leg. So if you take care of business ahead of time, consider yourself petroleum.

Now, you are probably thinking your buzz will wear off once inside the track, or even parched to a point where you need a thirst quencher. Being surrounded by a lot of people in the heat and losing race after race, I can see how one might presume this. Have no fear, why do you think the world invented flasks, or even airplane shots for that matter? Catch my drift?

You did well with the first game, so let's move on to another.

Would you rather spend four years in jail for something you never did, or spend ten years in jail for something you did do? Both of these choices present an often-acknowledged factor in decision-making — your conscience.

Imagine spending time for a crime you never committed. That's four years of eating worm-infested rice, living with your new roommate Babba and an eternity of everyone thinking you're a criminal.

On the other hand, imagine getting off lightly for a

crime you know you committed. No matter what the crime was, all you had to serve was ten years. Could you live with knowing that you basically got away with it? That's either the result of a good attorney, or a scenario only arising out of this game.

The bright side of the argument is nowadays, our prisons basically serve as educational institutions. Not only do they allow non-criminals to potentially leave with a doctorate in criminology, but they also give every true-prisoner a chance to receive a not-half-bad type of education, possibly even a degree in whatever. Which is worse?

Here's one that will really make you think: Would you rather be trapped in a room and the only way out was to eat your way through a ten-foot thick wall of chili cheese fries from K-Lair, or all you could eat for the rest of your life were spicy turkey wraps from Ovid's? As much as I love late-night grubbing at K-Lair, I don't think I could handle eating through those chili cheese fries to save myself. The spicy turkey wraps wouldn't be that bad as long as they brought back the Baked Lays potato chips they used to serve on the side.

The last and final scenario was given to me by business junior Beau Bautstien. Would you rather have box seats for a UK home football game versus, let's say Idaho State, or have nose-bleed seats, between the two loudest and most obnoxious fans we have, for a home basketball game against Duke? Man, I'm stumped on this one. Thanks Beau.

What would you rather do?

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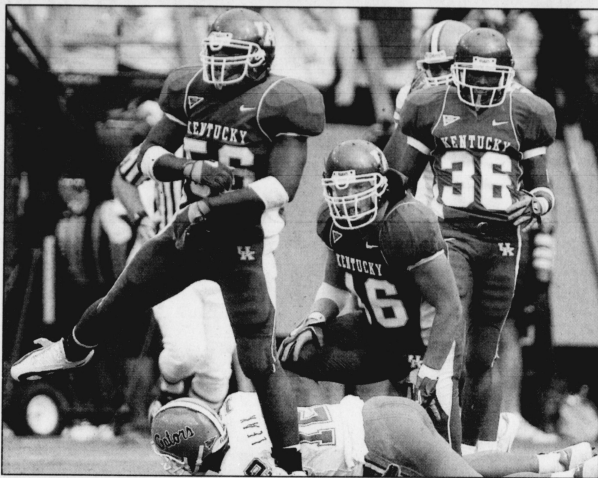
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Freshman line-backer Braxton Kelley (left) celebrates after a hit on Florida junior quarterback Chris Leak Sept. 24. Kelley and fellow LaGrange (Ga.) High School alum Blake Mitchell, South Carolina's starting sophomore quarterback, will meet Saturday when UK travels to Columbia, S.C. Game time is 1 p.m.

"He's a tall guy who can throw," Kelley said of Mitchell. "We've got to force him out of the pocket ... he's not as accurate when you put pressure on him."

KEITH SMILEY | STAFF

LaGrange (Ga.) High School product Kelley looks to get his hands on USC quarterback Mitchell

By Chris Johnson
THE KENTUCKY KERNEL

It'll be a homecoming of sorts for UK line-backer Braxton Kelley and South Carolina quarterback Blake Mitchell when the two square off Saturday.

Though Kelley and the Cats will be heading to Columbia, S.C., to face the Gamecocks, Mitchell and the UK freshman will be playing for the pride of LaGrange (Ga.) High School.

Kelley, who graduated from LaGrange in 2005, said Mitchell, an '03 alum, looked on tape to be as tough to bring down as he was in practice under the simmering Georgia summer sun.

"He's a tall guy who can throw," Kelley said. "We've got to force him out of the pocket ... he's not as accurate when you put pressure on him."

The two were friends in

high school, and Kelley said the two spoke this summer. Mitchell even went so far as to help the young Wildcat.

"He worked with me a little this summer, showed me some coverages," Kelley said. "He showed me what to do in some cases."

Mitchell, a redshirt sophomore, was the Gamecocks' starting quarterback for much of the season until he suffered a high left ankle sprain that kept him out of last week's 49-7 shelling at the hands of Auburn. He is expected to start Saturday.

UK senior strong safety Muhammad Abdullah said no matter who starts, the Cats would try to contain the Carolina quarterback.

"It doesn't matter who the QB is," Abdullah said. "We'll just try to stop who's back there."

The players seemed convinced that first-year Carolina coach Steve Spurrier

would try the trick plays that were part of his infamous reputation at Florida, but, they didn't sound worried.

"We've been working on a lot of play action," Kelley said.

"Coach Spurrier will have a few tricks," junior free-safety Karl Booker said. "He'll have the wrinkles. But come game time, we'll know what's going on."

Spurrier built an impressive record at Florida, becoming only the fifth coach in major college history to win 100 games with one team in a decade, when he went 102-22-1 in the 1990s. He also took the Gators to back-to-back NCAA title games, winning the 1996 National Championship.

Booker and Kelley agreed that although Spurrier likes to throw the ball around and he has the weapons to do so, the Game-

cocks would probably try to establish the run against the nation's No. 107 rush defense.

"They're going to try and get the run game going," Booker said.

"(Mitchell's) got some go-to guys," Kelley said. "And Spurrier likes to throw a lot, maybe 10 times in a row. If the run doesn't work, the first thing he'll do is throw the ball."

Kelley said he didn't share any scouting tips about his high school quarterback with his current team because he said Mitchell has changed so much since leaving LaGrange.

"I can't do all that," Kelley said with a smile. "... But he does throw the ball to everybody, not one guy."

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Krystal Ball

Staff picks for the weekend of Oct. 8, 2005



Megan Boehnke (27-8)

Last Week: 5-2

South Carolina 28 UK 7
Georgia 27 Tennessee 24
UCLA 24 California 21
Texas 38 Oklahoma 24
Boston College 21 Virginia 14
Ohio St. 30 Penn St. 24
Nebraska 24 Texas Tech 17

Chris Johnson (26-9)

Last week: 5-2

Nevada 31 Idaho 28
Tennessee 24 Georgia 21
California 34 UCLA 21
Texas 37 Oklahoma 17
Boston College 23 Virginia 3

Ohio State 37 Penn St. 13
Texas Tech 31 Nebraska 16

Andrew Martin (26-9)

Last week: 4-3

South Carolina 42 UK 3
Tennessee 20 Georgia 17
UCLA 19 California 17
Texas 21 Oklahoma 0
Boston College 27 Virginia 17
Ohio St. 24 Penn St. 16
Texas Tech 20 Nebraska 17

Derek Poore (26-9)

Last week: 5-2

South Carolina 27 UK 13
Georgia 16 Tennessee 13
UCLA 24 California 23

Texas 33 Oklahoma 17
Boston College 21 Virginia 10
Ohio State 20 Penn State 17
Texas Tech 31 Nebraska 24

Doug Scott (26-9)

Last week: 4-3

South Carolina 49 UK 14
Tennessee 28 Georgia 24
California 17 UCLA 13
Texas 35 Oklahoma 3
Boston College 28 Virginia 7
Ohio St. 35 Penn St. 12
Texas Tech 21 Nebraska 6

Adam Sichko (26-9)

Last week: 6-1

South Carolina 24 UK 13
Tennessee 24 Georgia 21
California 41 UCLA 35
Texas 49 Oklahoma 24
Ohio St. 17 Penn St. 7
Boston College 21 Virginia 20
Nebraska 21 Texas Tech 17

Josh Sullivan (25-10)

Last week: 3-4

South Carolina 28 UK 10
Tennessee 35 Georgia 24
UCLA 17 California 14
Texas 30 Oklahoma 3
Virginia 19 Boston College 17
Ohio St. 24 Penn St. 7
Texas Tech 42 Nebraska 30

Hilly Schiffer (23-12)

Last week: 3-4

South Carolina 20 UK 16
Tennessee 21 Georgia 17
UCLA 17 California 14
Texas 24 Oklahoma 10
Virginia 30 Boston College 24
Nebraska 20 Texas Tech 10

Tim Wiseman (23-12)

Last week: 4-3

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IN OUR OPINION: STUDENT RIGHTS AND RESPONSIBILITIES, PART II: TIME, PLACE AND MANNER OF MEETINGS

Rules governing protests fair to students

While the revision of the student code of conduct, adopted by university officials in July, did not extend to the other four parts of student rights and responsibilities, we think a working understanding of all its aspects is paramount — especially in regard to the regulations governing demonstrations on campus.

The parameters set out by UK seem to offer a fair compromise between the right to free expression and common sense.

The code designates the Student Center patio and the area outside the Student Center as unrestricted free speech areas.

UK will even provide sound amplification equipment to demonstrators in these areas during the center's normal hours of operation.

Several other areas of campus are available for reservation to students and

student organizations wishing to demonstrate peacefully, including indoor facilities, intramural fields, stadiums and amphitheaters, parking lots, residence halls and the Main Building lawn.

It makes sense that a reservation is required to stage events in these areas, because recreational and educational events are often scheduled for these sites, and classes are conducted near the Main Building.

Tony Blanton, associate dean of students, said UK would tolerate spontaneous peaceful demonstration in some of these areas.

"If a group of students or a student organization wants to protest out there and be peaceful about it, we have no problem with it," he said.

The rationale behind restricting them is to keep disruption as far away from classrooms as possible, Blanton added. Some areas of campus are off-limits, and with good reason.

Demonstrations aren't allowed at the Chandler Medical Center.

Nor are they allowed at Maxwell Place, which is home to UK President Lee Todd, and is located just off

Rose Street.

Spaces in the middle of campus streets and parking lots are ineligible as well, for obvious reasons.

The reasons behind those restrictions should be self-evident.

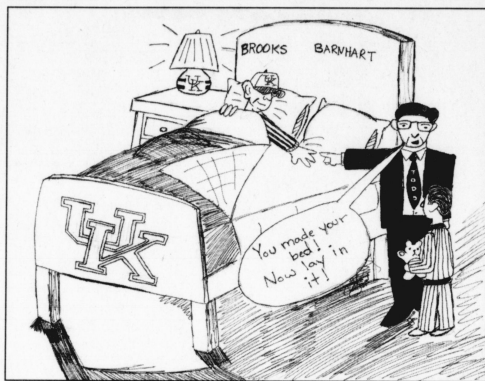
Hospital patients shouldn't be needlessly disrupted.

President Todd's home is a private residence and therefore should be treated with the respect it merits of course.

And a protest in the middle of a busy street or a parking lot puts demonstrators and motorists at risk for injury.

UK has done an admirable job of accommodating both free speech and an environment conducive to learning. It's up to students to prove we're worthy of such consideration when we organize or take part in demonstrations.

UK's student code provides a balance of student rights and common sense that enhances the campus environment.



CHRIS STEWART, THE KENTUCKY KERNEL

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Campus views on abortion

Some facts about abortion

Tommy Juanso's letter to the editor in yesterday's Kernel claiming that the pro-choice cartoon printed the day before was a product of "blind ignorance" and demanding a back up of the facts from the cartoonist shows some ignorance on the part of the author. Cartoonists do not have captions to qualify and prove their assertions. They're ironic.

Since he asked, however, here are some facts about abortion. Eighty percent of women who have abortions are low income or impoverished, and unmarried.

These are the kind of women who can't afford to take off work for prenatal checkups and post-delivery recovery — or even pay for these things in the first place. More than half of women who have abortions are already mothers and cannot take care of another child.

The institutionalized sexism that is referenced in the cartoon is the system that places the responsibility — economic and care-giving — for a child squarely on a woman. There is no guaranteed health care for a pregnant woman or her child, no guarantee of affordable child care so that a single mother can go to work, provided that she even has a job to return to after the time she has to take off to have a child.

be purely religious. Fortunately, in this country we all are not required to follow one religious standard. It is ridiculous for an individual to impose his personal interpretation of one religious doctrine upon us all, taking for granted that everyone is of the same religious mind as he. In his narrow-minded argument, Juanso fails to take into account sociological and economic conditions. Not everyone is from a middle-class background with only the Bible to weigh on their shoulders. Sex education and widespread availability of contraceptives are the keys to reducing the necessity for abortion. When abortion is illegal, a need is still felt amongst many women to have one and thus, they turn to illegal abortion. Away from the protection of government health standards, the health and lives of women seeking an abortion become endangered. So, to Juanso I ask, "Why should an innocent being have to die because of the poor choices made by some people?"

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What about people lost in war?

This is in response to Tommy Juanso's letter to the editor:

Juanso claimed the estimates on civilian casualties during the Iraq war ranged from 25,000 to 30,000. These numbers represent only the civilian death toll. Juanso would do well to remember that the term casualties refer to injuries as well as deaths incurred during a war. A very conservative total on civilian casualties would be close to 70,000 (cnn.com), which does not include military casualties.

Juanso then asserted that abortion is necessitated in "99 percent" of abortion cases by the "bad choices on the part of males and females in having sex outside of marriage." This "statistic" is simply incorrect. Married women account for 22 percent of all abortions (policymanac.org).

Juanso's reasoning for opposing abortion seemed to

Rally on behalf of all innocent life

The Reproductive Choice campaign is making a good move by displaying pictures of aborted babies on trucks around Lexington. It is about time to bring a little reality into political dialogue. For far too long, pundits have been allowed to debate ideas while ignoring the human consequences. Ideas and concepts are great, but they become distorted when they are used as excuses to kill people.

I am sure that this campaign is not tied to the Republican Party in such a way that its intellectual honesty is compromised. And I am just as sure that its message about the sanctity of human life is consistent. So here is a proposal: devote one side of the trucks to pictures of the carnage we have caused in Iraq, and the rest to aborted children. Americans as a whole are at least as responsible for the innocent deaths in Iraq as they are for abortions, because a great deal of our tax money is being used to fund the Iraq war.

Show the horrifically deformed little bodies of the children who were stillborn as a result of the depleted uranium we use in our weapons. Iraq is littered with American-supplied depleted uranium, and the body count from that alone is rising.

Show the photograph of the screaming children speckled in their own parents' blood in Tal Afar. The orphaned children's parents were shot by American troops at a checkpoint despite the fact they were no danger to anyone.

Show the pictures from Fallujah, when the whole town was essentially declared a free fire zone and non-combatants were shot, even while helping others into hospitals.

The innocent people of Iraq are being murdered just as unjustifiably as aborted babies are. I am confident that were the Reproductive Choice campaign to consider such a proposal, it would not hesitate to set aside partisan differences and voice its support for all innocent life.

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Liberals have their own reasons to oppose Miers

When President George W. Bush announced Harriet Miers' nomination to the Supreme Court on Monday, I expected to hear cries of rancor from fellow leftists:

"The crony in charge of FEMA left New Orleans for dead, and now he's hiring a crony for an even more important job!"

"Did he decide to pick the most unqualified woman possible just to spite those who suggested he maintain the semblance of diversity on the high court?"

"Roberts wouldn't answer any questions, so we had to resort to the paper trail — but Miers barely has one! How are we going to know anything about her?"

But, to my surprise, there was little to no anger from the left. Democratic Majority Leader Harry Reid, who voted against the confirmation of John Roberts as chief justice, said, "I am impressed by what I know about Harriet Miers."

"My early sense is that this is already a victory — both politically and judicially — for Democrats," wrote Markos Moulitsas, who runs the popular liberal blog Daily Kos (www.dailykos.com). Meanwhile, People for the American Way, the liberal group that loudly opposed Roberts' nomination, has been tellingly quiet.

Indeed, Democrats can feel reassured that Miers isn't another Antonin Scalia: if she's confirmed to the court, it's doubtful we'll see her write the sort of biting opinions he is known for. What makes Scalia dangerous, however, is not that he's a fiery writer, but that he consistently votes to revert social and economic progress — and Miers is likely to do the same.

Conservatives fear that Miers will be another David Souter — that she'll turn left once on the high court, even though a right-wing president nominated her. They had hoped Bush would nominate someone like Michael McConnell or J. Michael Luttig (read: a white man), who both have clearly defined judicial philosophies and are less likely to be seduced by that forbidden siren song, the liberalism of John Paul Stevens.

But if Miers lacks an overarching judicial philosophy, why would she fall into Stevens' camp — especially if, as conservatives argue, Scalia has the upper hand? Miers vetted Bush's nominees and has worked with him since he was governor of Texas, so she knows what he wants; someone who will vote with Scalia and Thomas. And after years of uncoerced yet undying loyalty to a wholly mediocre man, is she likely to run to the other side once she has her cushy lifetime appointment?

Unless she's had a lifelong plot to get appointed to the Supreme Court and rapidly steer it leftward — which is unlikely, considering her scant credentials — I see no reason why she wouldn't do what her boss has told her and vote with the reactionaries.

Moreover, Miers' loyalty to Bush virtually ensures one element of her philosophy, current or future: eagerness to expand executive power. This helps answer the question conservatives have been asking, of why Bush went from nominating Roberts to Miers: both strongly give off the impression of deference to the executive branch.

That's why, in the upcoming confirmation hearings, instead of again futilely focusing on abortion (or its essential synonyms, the right to privacy and "stare decisis"), Democrats need to uncover Miers' view of the extent of executive power. For better or worse, the American public tends to think the Supreme Court should stay out of social issues, and so revealing Miers as a staunch social conservative will do more to placate the Republican base than it will to mobilize opposition to her.

Uncovering that she's a monarchist in the guise of a crony, however, just might do the trick.

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Young volleyball Cats shine

Southeastern Conference Freshman of the Week Fisher, starter Nzenwa anchoring UK's youth

By Chris DeLottel
THE KENTUCKY KERNEL

The children are growing up. Quality play from the UK volleyball team's freshmen guided the squad to its first sweep of Georgia in nine years last weekend.

The team followed that with a loss at No. 5 Florida.

Outside hitter Ashlee Fisher was named Southeastern Conference Freshman of the Week after recording 11 kills against Georgia and 12 more at Florida, as well as compiling a .316 hitting percentage in the two matches.

"The way I'm playing and the award makes me feel like I'm important on our team and I'm making an impact," Fisher said. "I was really excited to win it. It was unexpected."

Head coach Craig Skinner praised Fisher's skill as well as her level of play over the weekend.

"Ashlee is very dynamic," he said. "She's an explosive

player. She has continued to get better each week. She was very good in both matches last weekend."

In the win over the Bulldogs, redshirt freshman Queen Nzenwa recorded eight kills. Nzenwa, the 6-foot-2 middle blocker has proven to be an imposing presence on the Wildcat front line. She leads UK (9-5, 2-2 SEC) in blocks with 61, an average of 1.27 blocks per game.

"I did not really expect to contribute this much," said Nzenwa, who has only been playing volleyball for three years. "Coming in, I knew it was going to take a lot of work and coaching, so I've just been observing what the coaches tell me. They make it a lot easier for me."

Skinner said Nzenwa has continued to improve her consistency, and he's pleased with her effort and intensity.

"She's working hard in practice to get better," he said. "As we get into conference play, she is going to play more and more attention to her.

She's going to have to hit with two blockers (against her)."

Nzenwa said she continues to pick up more details about volleyball as she attempts to play catch-up after only beginning to play the sport in high school.

"I still need to improve in understanding the game and recognizing what happens," she said. "I'm still learning the game."

Nzenwa's impact to the team stretches beyond statistics. Her teammates said Nzenwa's intensity and energy on the floor, as well as her powerful blocks and kills, serve as a motivator for the fans and her teammates.

"She definitely pumps us up," Fisher said. "When she hits, it gets the whole team excited to play harder."

Nzenwa declined to take credit for firing up her team.

"Everyone does that for each other," she said. "My setter knows the perfect spot for me, and I just do something that is natural for me."

Skinner said he needs his young players to contribute.

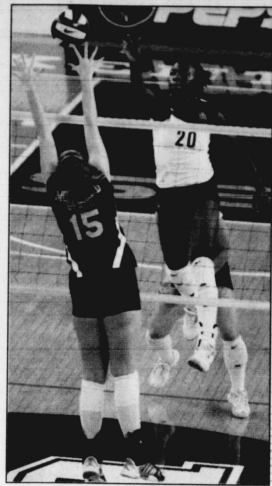
"With as balanced as the SEC is this year, it's critical that our freshmen, and everyone else, play their roles to help this team," Skinner said.

Skinner is looking for that starting this weekend, as the Wildcats host conference foes Arkansas and Louisiana State. The Razorbacks (10-5, 3-1) have won or shared the SEC West title in 10 of the last 11 years and enter tomorrow's 7 p.m. match on a three-match conference winning streak.

"They are a perennial NCAA tournament team," Skinner said. "They're very balanced. We're going to have to play consistently and well for the entire match."

The Wildcats host LSU (13-2, 3-1) Sunday at 1:30 p.m. The Razorbacks and Tigers are tied for the Western Division lead.

Both matches will be held at Memorial Coliseum.



Freshman middle blocker Queen Nzenwa spikes on Morehead State last month. She is the only freshman to have played in every game of every match this season.

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Men's soccer look to snap five-game winless streak

By Chris Miles
THE KENTUCKY KERNEL

Playing back-to-back home games this weekend, the UK men's soccer team will be clawing desperately for a win.

The only problem is, they'll be facing two of the toughest teams in the nation.

Friday night the Wildcats will host No. 25 Tulsa and face off against Southern Methodist University on Sunday.

"Both games are going to be hard," UK head coach Ian Collins said. "Both teams are quality and will be two of the hardest we'll face."

The Wildcats are mired in a five-game winless streak, having not captured a victory since their Sept. 14 4-0 thrashing of Georgetown College.

Since then, the offense has been stagnant.

"We'll be on the attack come Friday," Collins said, to counter that fact. "We're glad to be playing at home. We don't have to worry about bus trips or plane trips, and we'll have fan support. We're ready for 'em. It should be our best game."

Both Tulsa and SMU beat UK in their two opening games last year.

"We'll be looking for a little revenge," senior defender Thomas Senecal said.

Home advantage will be one of the strengths the Cats will have against their opponents going into this week-

end's games. The Wildcats haven't seen a loss on UK turf in seven games, and don't foresee one in the future.

"Both teams will be a challenge," junior forward Riley O'Neill said. "(Tulsa and SMU) are good. We need to get things together."

UK has struggled offensively all throughout the season, not being able to close out and finish teams even when the Cats had the upper hand.

"We need a true goal-scorer (this weekend)," Collins said. "We create chances, lots of good ones. But we let them

hang in there. We need more confidence. Our inexperience has started to show."

In Sunday's loss to Central Florida, UK played six freshmen, a group that coach Collins described as "wild-eyed."

"We just need to come together," Senecal said. "We've been talking a lot about finding our team's personality, finding our chemistry."

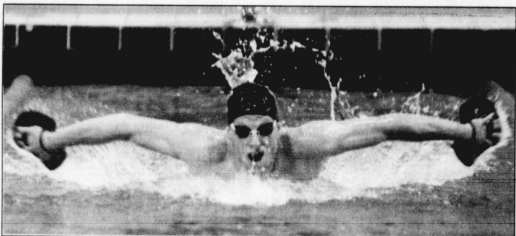
Winning over the weekend would end UK's winless woes and inspire confidence as the Cats continue their campaign in Conference USA.

O'Neill knows all about the pit the Cats need to claw out of.

"We need the wins," he said.

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At the UK Soccer Complex
UK vs. No. 25 Tulsa
7:30 p.m. • Friday
UK vs. Southern Methodist
1 p.m. • Sunday



SPORTS BRIEFS

Swimming and diving Blue-White Scrimmage today

The UK swimming and diving teams will open their 2005 schedules with the annual Blue-White exhibition at 3 p.m. today at Lancaster Aquatic Center.

Seniors Daniel Farnham

and Brennan Moore will serve as captains for the blue team against senior Steven Manley's and junior Nikia Deveaux's white team.

"We are coming off two great tournament finishes and three of our last six rounds have been our lowest

in quite some time," UK head coach Stephanie Barker said. "If we keep doing the things that we have been practicing and executing in our last two events, we will perform well."

The 45-member swimming and diving team will be

split into two teams for the purposes of the scrimmage, with men and women swimming for both teams.

UK boasts three returning All-Americans and two Southeastern Conference champions.

The meet will feature three events not typically introduced into college swimming: the 150-yard butterfly, the 75-yard individual medley and the 575-yard freestyle T-shirt relay.

Women's Golf to Lady Tar Heel Invite

The UK women's golf team will travel to Chapel Hill, N.C., this weekend to play in the Lady Tar Heel Invite.

The 54-hole event features the 2004 women's national champion Duke Devils along with Auburn, LSU, South Carolina, Tennessee and Vanderbilt, among others.

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WOMEN'S SOCCER

Mum isn't the word for success

By Ryan Wood
THE KENTUCKY KERNEL

Try to imagine going an entire day without saying a word. A day on mute would make almost anything more complicated.

Now imagine trying to play an entire soccer game without saying a word to teammates or coaches. Much like everyday life, playing in a game requires a certain amount of verbal discourse.

"Communication will only improve our game," head coach Warren Lipka said. "For us to be successful ... we have to talk to one another."

Lipka didn't blame last weekend's tie at Alabama and loss at Auburn on a lack of communication, but it was a point of emphasis during yesterday's practice.

"We had chances to win (last) weekend," he said. "We're not finishing our early opportunities, and we have to come together on communication."

UK (5-14, 1-3 Southeastern Conference) will need to be on the same page tomorrow when it heads into Gainesville, Fla., to take on No. 17 Florida (7-3-1, 2-1-1), who beat Georgia 2-0 last weekend in Athens, Ga.

"We have to play every single second with the same intensity," assistant coach Jerrod Roh said. "If you let up at any given moment, it can burn you."

With their school-record unbeaten streak (11 games) now broken, the Cats hope not to let up over the weekend. After tomorrow's showdown with the Gators, they will travel to South Carolina (5-6, 1-3 SEC) Sunday — the Cats' fourth road SEC game in two weeks.

Although they were winless during last weekend's road trip, the Cats still feel they did some things well.

"I think our movement off the ball was good," senior defender Kristin Moyer said. "If we can keep that up, we'll be fine."

Sophomore forward/midfielder Kate Rowlands agreed.

"We need to make sure we're playing fast, and (we) have to keep the ball moving," she said.

If movement was good during yesterday's practice, it was poor: Lipka said.

"You must protect your lead," Lipka said. "We must improve game management to win games."

When asked to point out one thing that stands out about the Gators, Lipka mentioned their athleticism.

"They're very good at attacking," he said. "We have to withstand their pressure to succeed."

The Cats hope to communicate more on the field this weekend — and leave Florida and South Carolina speechless.

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