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Staff, faculty trustees question late agenda posting

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UK administration made a mistake by not consulting Board of Trustees representatives before restricting access to meeting agendas, faculty and staff trustees said yesterday.

Top university administrators decided to post the board's full meeting agendas at 9 a.m. the day of its meeting — instead of four days in advance as it traditionally has.

The "heart of the problem" with the decision is that the administration failed to involve the entire board in its

decision-making, said faculty trustee Ernie Yanarella.

"The administration acted on behalf of what they perceived to be a board sentiment," Yanarella said. "But the issue was not brought before the board for recommendations or a vote."

The university informed the board's chairman, James Hardyman, of the decision, said UK spokesman Jay Blanton.

"The decision was made in response to the concerns articulated by the trustees," Blanton said. These concerns include news stories previewing meetings, which make it ap-

pear as though decisions have been made before the board votes on them, Blanton said earlier this week.

Blanton referred all other questions to Hardyman, who did not return a phone call to his home last night.

Staff trustee Russ Williams said it should have been up to the board to control its own agenda practices.

"This decision is impacting the board's credibility," he said. "Ultimately it's the board that is in charge of its own reputation. I think we are a credible group with a lot of integrity."

Williams said he does not support the decision and hopes for a change.

"I don't think it looks or feels open," Williams said.

Faculty trustee Jeff Dembo said he hoped both sides could take steps toward resolving the issue. He suggested a broad discussion between all the parties — including media and the public — to ensure the administrative decision is in everyone's best interest, Dembo said.

"There's a balance that must be achieved, and it's possible that the pendulum has swung too far in one direction," Dembo said.

In the meantime, Williams said he will continue holding open discussions the Friday before board meet-

ings to review the agenda with his staff trustee advisory committee and anyone else, including the media and public, who wants to attend. The meetings are at 12:30 p.m. in Room 220 of Scovell Hall.

UK's previous practice of providing full meeting agendas four days in advance was one of the most open practices among state universities.

Northern Kentucky University makes skeleton meeting agendas available to the media and public about a week before meetings, but it does not provide agenda supplements until after the meetings, said Kim

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SEC TOURNAMENT



Junior guard Ramel Bradley, center, celebrates with freshman guard Jodie Meeks after beating Alabama 79-67 in the first round of the Southeastern Conference Tournament in Atlanta.

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Doubts can't keep fans from flocking to Georgia Dome

By Jonathan Smith
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For the first time since the Southeastern Conference Tournament started, Charlie Combs had serious doubts about going.

Combs, a Nicholasville, Ky., resident who was at the tournament with his wife Lorraine, isn't too happy with this UK team.

"We're having a down year," said Combs, 65. Combs said he thinks there will be fewer UK fans here than usual, and he wasn't the only one, even with UK's 79-67 victory over Alabama in the first round.

Richard Appling, who lives in Scottsville, Ky., in the summer and Fort Myers, Fla., in the winter, said he believes there will be a decrease in the number of UK fans in attendance.

"I don't think Kentucky (fans) believe that they have a realistic chance of going all the way to the finals," said Appling, who has two children who graduated from UK. "I think you'll see some drop off. I think there will be a lot of Kentucky fans here. I've already seen a lot, but overall I think there will be a drop off from what we normally bring."

If there was a drop off, it didn't appear to be significant. UK blue dominated the stands and the exterior of the Georgia Dome yesterday. During the game, the Cats fans made their presence known, rising to standing ovations several times.

"Tonight, we thought one of the keys was the Kentucky fans," said head coach Tubby Smith. "We have some great fans and we'll see them tomorrow."

Smith has been under scrutiny for his team's recent performance. The Cats are 21-10 — their fifth 10-loss season under Smith — and just played on the first day of the SEC Tournament for the second year in a row.

Several fans said they support Smith and that he is the right coach for the job, but that he must make some changes — starting with his recruiting techniques and his assistants — for the program to get corrected.

Erik Spaw, an 18-year-old undeclared UK freshman

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ROUND ONE RESULTS

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Arkansas82
South Carolina52
Georgia80
Auburn65
LSU76 OT
Tennessee67

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Motivated Morris rallies Cats into second round

By Jonathan Smith
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ATLANTA — The last time UK and Alabama met, junior center Randolph Morris shocked reporters when he said his head wasn't in the game.

Yesterday, in a rematch with the Crimson Tide, it was clear Morris was completely focused.

So why did Morris have such a drastic head change in the two games?

"It must have been the Wheaties I ate this morning," Morris said.

Morris' multi-grain pre-game meal helped him to score 17 points and 11 rebounds in a 79-67 win over Alabama in the Georgia Dome. The win put UK into today's 1 p.m. quarterfinal against Mississippi State, a team they beat 64-60 on Jan. 13.

Morris made an impact very ear-

ly on in the game, and continued throughout, as he often drew the attention of two or more Alabama defenders.

This led to open 3-pointers — the Cats (21-10) shot 9-of-22 from behind the arc — and other scoring opportunities.

UK used three separate runs, two in the first half and one in the second, to knock out the Crimson Tide (20-11), a team that was ranked in the preseason top-10, but will likely be on the outside looking in on Selection Sunday.

The two runs in the first half, 13-0 and 11-0, helped UK come back from an early 21-11 deficit.

Getting down big early is something that the Cats have serially done this year. This time they seized control instead of battling back and falling short by taking a 35-27 halftime lead.

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FOLLOW THE CATS ON THE WEB OVER SPRING BREAK

Kentucky (79)

NAME	pts	reb	ast	stl	blk	pts	reb	ast	stl	blk
Perry	24	8	10	2	0	1	1	1	1	1
Morris	17	11	1	0	0	1	1	1	1	1
Bradley	17	5	12	3	4	1	1	1	1	1
Jasper	11	1	1	0	1	1	1	1	1	1
Crawford	10	1	1	0	0	1	1	1	1	1
McKee	24	4	6	2	2	1	1	1	1	1
Thompson	10	0	0	0	0	1	1	1	1	1
Thomas	20	1	2	0	1	1	1	1	1	1
TEAM	200	30-60	9-22	10-14	13	17	24	4	4	4

Alabama (67)

NAME	pts	reb	ast	stl	blk	pts	reb	ast	stl	blk
Hendrix	31	5	9	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Deaton	34	5	9	2	2	1	1	1	1	1
Riley	27	4	9	4	0	1	1	1	1	1
Hester	22	1	1	0	0	1	1	1	1	1
Tennant	16	0	1	0	0	1	1	1	1	1
Tubb	12	1	1	0	0	1	1	1	1	1
Shelton	12	1	1	0	0	1	1	1	1	1
Johnson	10	1	1	0	0	1	1	1	1	1
TEAM	200	23-50	6-10	15-23	12	11	26	6	7	7



Justin Blair taunts C.J. Slone, right, while playing NCAA March Madness 2007 on TV's set up at FedExForum at the Southeastern Conference Tournament in Atlanta on Thursday. Blair was playing as UK against Slone's Penn State in a tied game at Rupp Arena.

Study: Out-of-body experiences are biological

By Erica Mitchell
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For centuries, out-of-body experiences have widely been thought of as spiritual or mystical phenomena, but a new study through UK's Department of Neurology supports a biological explanation instead.

The study, lead by Dr. Kevin Nelson, a professor of neurology in the UK College of Medicine and physician at the Kentucky Neuroscience Institute, included interviews with 55 individuals who have had a near-death experience.

Near-death experiences occur as a response to a life-threatening situation and

are characterized by disassociation from the physical body, euphoria and transcendental or mystical elements. Out-of-body experiences, which typically involve a sensation of floating outside one's body and in some cases seeing one's body from a location outside of the physical body, usually occur during sleep transitions or near-death experiences.

To study out-of-body experiences during these times, the subjects were asked such questions as "just before falling asleep or just after awakening, have you had the sense that you are outside of your body and watching yourself?" Another question that participants were asked was if during their experience

they had "clearly left the body and existed outside it."

The idea of leaving the physical body might seem far-fetched to many people, but the study supports the idea that out-of-body experiences and near-death experiences are biological.

A previous study had indicated that an arousal system, which controls rapid eye movement (REM) sleep, wakefulness and attention during wakefulness, seemed to underlie near-death experience, Nelson said.

In Nelson's study, the team investigated whether an out-of-body experience could be regarded as an arousal phenomenon.

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New myUK computer system stumping students

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Some UK students are experiencing problems with the new myUK system since the recent switch to webUK.

UK made the move from webUK to myUK as part of the Integrated Resource Information Systems Project, also known as the IRIS Project, which aims to update and modernize UK's computer systems.

Zach Wright, a computer science freshman, said his problem with the new system started when he tried to log in.

"The site said I should change my password, even though I had just changed it, so I did," Wright said. "After changing my password and attempting to sign in again, it still didn't work."

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By Linda C. Black
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Aries (March 21-April 19) — Today is a 7 — You don't have enough money to waste, although you may wish you did. True friends don't need you to buy them expensive presents anyway.

Taurus (April 20-May 20) — Today is a 6 — Don't follow meekly behind a person who'll get you into trouble. Choose your friends wisely, and if you're in doubt, head the other way.

Gemini (May 21-June 21) — Today is an 8 — You're doing a good job. Don't think about the money. That's not important now, and such thoughts inhibit your Muse.

Cancer (June 22-July 22) — Today is a 7 — If you can agree on your long-term goals, it'll be easier to fig-

ure out what you should do now. Meanwhile, postpone the decisions and perhaps even the conversation. Tempers are short.

Leo (July 23-Aug. 22) — Today is a 5 — Continue to be cautious when spending the family money. What seems to you like a good idea might not be to your mate. You'd better have a good reason.

Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) — Today is a 7 — You're stalled, but only until you've learned how to run a new machine or program. Try not to get frustrated. Take your time and develop good habits.

Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) — Today is an 8 — The good news is that you have the check and it's good. That's wonderful. The bad news is that you'll have it spent in practically no time at all, even without gambling.

Scorpio (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) — Today is an 8 — A person you find quite attractive feels the same way back at you. You're still warned not to say much, though. Don't make promises

you won't keep.

Sagittarius (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) — Today is a 7 — Somebody's nagging at you, quite possibly your own conscience. Yes, it is time for you to get busy and finish up what you promised.

Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) — Today is a 7 — Pass up the opportunity to splurge with your trendy friends. An evening of reckless abandon would be more expensive than you can imagine.

Aquarius (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) — Today is an 8 — You could gain lot more than expected, or a lot less. The difference depends, in part, on your attitude. Assume you've earned the greater amount and don't be intimidated.

Pisces (Feb. 19-March 20) — Today is an 8 — Travel could get complicated. Pack carefully. Don't forget to take a few extra bucks along to replace anything you lose. And expect changes in the schedule.

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IT'S A BOY

Brad and Angelina bringing home a 4-year-old from Vietnam

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By Jessica Mehalic

On March 5, Brad Pitt and Angelina Jolie indulged in one of their favorite new pastimes: strolling through their neighborhood in New Orleans' historic French Quarter while pushing daughters Zahara and Shiloh in a \$400 Maclaren Twin Techno stroller. "They stopped and said hi to all the locals who greeted them," an eyewitness tells Us. "They were very neighborly." And although photographers surrounded the couple - who were similarly clad in white button-downs, jeans and aviator sunglasses - they didn't seem to mind. "They walked all around the neighborhood, almost in circles," says the onlooker. "Zahara and Shiloh just kept eating their snacks and looked like they were happy to be outside."

Perhaps an even bigger reason for the little girls' demeanors: the news that they have a new older brother on the way. On March 1, Vu Duc Long, head of the Ministry of Justice for Vietnam, confirmed to Us that his agency received from Jolie - who just returned from a trip to the African nation of Chad to galvanize support for Sudanese refugees (see box, page 59) - an application via an American adoption agency to adopt a 4-year-old boy from the Tam Binh orphanage in Ho Chi Minh City.

ROUND TWO

This is the second stage of a Vietnamese adoption. Jolie, as first reported by Us, filed the first set of paperwork to the U.S. Citi-

zenship and Immigration Services during a January 18-19 trip to Vietnam, according to an insider close to the adoption. "The kid is normal, healthy and very good-looking," says the Vietnamese source, adding that Jolie - who submitted the requisite paperwork as a single parent because Vietnamese law mandates that an unmarried couple can't adopt a child together - and Pitt, 43, have asked that the name of the boy be kept confidential. (He is about one year younger than Maddox, 5, who was born in neighboring Cambodia.)

BRINGING HOME BABY

As for how long until the newest member of the Brangelina posse can move into the couple's \$3.5 million New Orleans mansion, the adoption procedure takes no more than four months, says Nguyen Cong Khanh, the deputy head of the country's International Adoption Department. And the A-list actress won't be given any preferential treatment. " [Jolie] will have to follow procedure like any other American," Long tells Us. "No priority will be given to them. They will be treated equally as any other people."

Still, it's not out of the ordinary to speed up the adoption process when celebs are involved. ? La Madonna's scandal with baby David Banda in October (for which Jolie later criticized her in an interview with a French magazine, saying, "Personally I prefer to stay on the right side of the law. I would never take a child away from a place

where adoption is illegal"). And there may be an added incentive to rush things along. "She promised to give \$2 million to the Tam Binh orphanage on the very day she receives the child," the Vietnamese insider tells Us. Of note: The actual adoption fee is only about \$125. (Jolie's rep didn't respond to a request for comment; Pitt's rep had no comment.)

LOVE AT FIRST SIGHT

Jolie publicly hinted at an impending adoption in December, telling Diane Sawyer that the biggest challenge was determining what country to adopt from. "You know, now the questions are more when you have a mixed-race family, do you balance the races so there's another African person in the house for Z?" she said, referring to Ethiopia-born Zahara, 2. "So there's another Asian person in the house for Madd? Shiloh has Brad and me that she can look at."

ONE BIG, HAPPY FAMILY

Jolie and Pitt aren't the only ones excited to expand their family. Pitt's parents - father Bill, a trucking company manager, and mother Jane, a high school counselor - are already lining up to babysit. "They're more proud of their grandchildren than they are their own children," Bob Bilyeu, a family friend of the Pitts, tells Us. "I always ask how the grandkids are, and they say, 'We just got another one!' or 'They're doing great!'"

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“If it were intentional then his hand would have been closed and he would have met him head-on.”

— Duke head coach Mike Krzyewski defending his forward Gerald Henderson who was ejected from a game last weekend for his flagrant foul on North Carolina's Tyler Hansbrough.

SEC TOURNAMENT

Determined Cats deliver when they need it most

Conference tournament play usually comes down to a clash of 'D.' Not defense (although that's a fairly important part of the game), but determination won.



CHRIS DELOTT
Kernel columnist

On this day, determination won. A UK team determined to erase the blah memories of the regular season and get on a magical March run proved too strong for an Alabama team desperate to save a season that began with national title hopes.

It was the kind of clash that makes tournament basketball fun, because there is no guarantee of more games for the loser. Alabama had to win — and it didn't. UK wanted to win — and it did. That imbalance in motivation makes the Cats' performance all the more impressive.

UK's best win of the season was the start of what the players hope will be a special month.

"I think we showed all year that we can play with anybody," Joe Crawford said. "March is the time when we get to show that we can beat anybody."

Which is what the Cats did yesterday. Playing an Alabama team in desperation mode — Crimson Tide coach Mark Gottfried conceded after the game that it would take a "miracle decision" for his team to make the NCAA Tournament — the Cats put together their best performance of the season. Five UK players scored in double figures, and the Cats shot an effective 50 percent from the field and 40 percent from the 3-point line. The Cats are a different team when multiple players make shots. It may sound obvious, but it's obviously true.

"When you make shots, you can cover up for a multitude of sins," UK head coach Tubby Smith said. "If we can make shots, we're usually pretty tough."

One of the players making shots was Randolph Morris. And that's something he's been doing a lot of lately. Playing in his hometown, Morris scored a team-high 17 points on eight-of-10 shooting. In UK's past three games, Morris has scored a combined 47 points, and over that stretch he's only missed five total shots.

Morris couldn't explain the quality of his play on Thursday. "Must've been the Wheaties I ate this morning," he said. "Must've given me some energy."

Whatever the cause, Morris' play gave the Cats some energy, and propelled them to a quality win.

But the determination the Cats showed in overcoming Alabama's desperation wasn't quenched by Thursday's victory. The confidence level in the locker room was sky-high. For a reason.

"Once everyone gets clicking, the sky's the limit for us," Crawford said.

So today the Cats will do it all over again. Determined to leave the regular season behind, they'll take on a Mississippi State team desperate for an NCAA Tournament berth. The Bulldogs have to win to have a chance at getting in. The Cats want to provide a reason for the thousands of Nation members infesting Atlanta to stick around.

Desperation and determination tip it off at I again today. Desperation better be ready.

Three football players suspended, three off team

By Chris Miles
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UK football freshman reserve linebacker Micah Johnson, starting sophomore offensive tackle Gary Williams and starting offensive sophomore guard Christian Johnson have all been suspended from the team indefinitely for academic reasons, UK head football coach Rich Brooks announced yesterday.

Each of the players may return to the team after their responsibilities have been fulfilled to Brooks' satisfaction.

Micah Johnson, a Ft. Campbell, native and one of the nation's top prospects in high school, played in all 13 games for the Cats this season. He scored one

touchdown, had 29 total tackles and averaged 5 yards a game.

Brooks also announced that reserve cornerback Jarrell Williams, who has seen limited playing time this season, has been dismissed from the team for violating unspecified team rules.

Reserve offensive lineman Micah Jones, who came to UK in 2004 and saw significant playing time as a true freshman but has dealt with injuries — particularly in his back — for the past two seasons has decided to give up football.

Reserve linebacker Ben McGrath, a two-year letter



Johnson

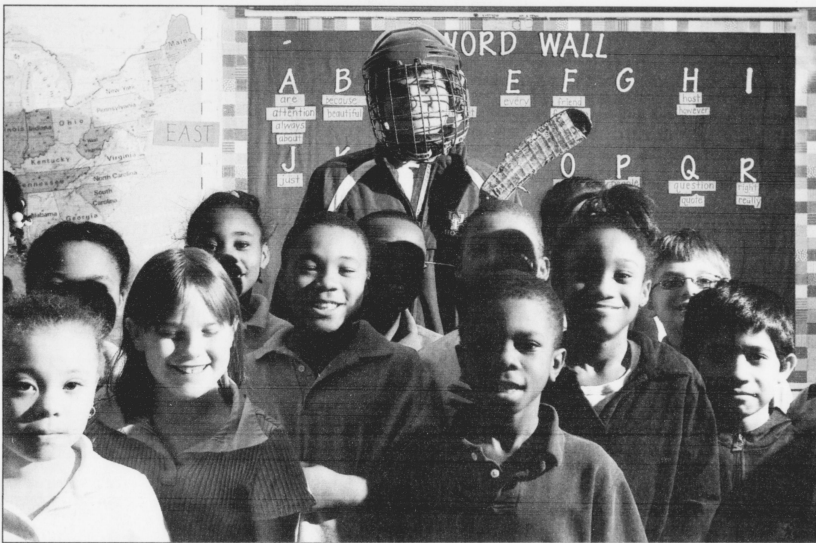


Jones

winner who left the team in December with personal problems, has also decided to quit football. McGrath had originally planned to return for spring practice, but decided against it. He will still stay at UK to pursue his degree.

"I am extremely disappointed for Micah (Jones), but I think this is a long-term decision that is best for his health," Brooks said in his statement. "We will keep him on scholarship so that he can stay in school and get his degree. I hope that things will get back to normal for him and that he will make a full recovery."

FROM BLACK EYES TO BLACK BOARDS



ED MATTHEWS | STAFF

UK hockey forward Tony Valerino, back center, is the Cool Cats' leading scorer. After college, and his hockey career, he hopes to teach in an elementary school.

Star hockey player aspires to teach after leaving the rough ice

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Tony Valerino leads UK's offense during the last home game of the season against Tennessee on Feb. 10.

TONY VALERINO UK Forward

Hometown: Pittsburgh

Height: 5-foot-10

Weight: 175 lbs.

Major: Elementary education

Class: Sophomore

Position: Forward

On UK: Speed player with no significant penalty minutes. Helps lead the offense.

2006-2007: Scored 46 goals for the Cats, the fifth best in the American Collegiate Hockey Association's Division II.

2005-2006: Scored 33 goals in 33 games as a freshman.



hockey to help at camps, letting his son demonstrate drills.

"Basically, it let him interact with the younger kids," the elder Valerino said. Through that, Tony Valerino learned that many of the kids weren't much different than he was at a similar age.

"Well I think that kids like me and others who are looked at as troublemakers just need to be pointed in the right direction," Valerino said. "Being a very good listener and knowing where they are coming from — as I used to be the kid the teachers all never knew what to do with to calm down and pay attention — I think I'd be good at channeling kids' energy toward productive activities."

Many of the children Valerino worked with at camps were from broken homes and government housing projects, atmospheres far less privileged than his had been.

Because of them, Valerino has a different approach to teaching.

It's not a "save the world" approach, he insisted, but it is different from the approach the normal teacher takes.

"I don't want any kids to be left out," he said. "I want to make sure kids who are slightly different or learn in different ways are given the same opportunities as everyone else."

Growing up in Pittsburgh, Valerino was a product of a close-knit Italian family. The middle of three children, he learned how to interact with children of all ages through his family, his mother said.

Hockey took away much of his time with family, but when he did attend their weekend gatherings, he made sure to pay close attention to his younger cousins.

Valerino also worked youth camps with his older sister during the past two summers. There, he worked with elementary-aged children that were just learning English.

"He loved it, and they loved him," Linda Valerino said.

That experience helped him discover that he wanted to teach elementary school.

"I think I want to teach third or fourth grade," Valerino said. "That's always been the age group I've enjoyed working with the most."

But teaching isn't the only option Valerino

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TONY VALERINO
UK hockey forward

Valerino, whose mother, Linda, had a brief career as an elementary school teacher, thought that becoming a teacher was a way he could help kids in similar situations.

"I think a lot of teachers look at kids like me and other kids who act differently as cancers in the classroom," Valerino said. "I think that kids like me, and others who are looked at as trouble makers, just need to be pointed in the right direction."

His experience as "the kid teachers never knew what to do with" could help him channel the children's energy towards production instead of distraction, he added.

Valerino began working with children in eighth grade, when he helped his father, a youth hockey coach in Pittsburgh, run hockey and baseball camps.

"My dad's been coaching hockey for over 25 years, and I've always really looked up to him," Valerino said. "When I got old enough I'd always try to help out at any youth hockey camp I could, and from there I learned that I loved teaching."

His father, Ron, used Valerino's love for

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VALERINO

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hopes to pursue. The life-long hockey player and coach's son completed his Level Two coaching certification this summer by attending coaching clinics.

Level Two hockey coaches can coach children up to age 12.

"I've always known since I was young

that I wanted to coach this game," Valerino said. "Hockey has been a huge part of my life ever since I started playing it. I think I understand the game very well and I love the strategies involved in the game. Coaching is something I really look forward to in the future."

Unlike in teaching, Valerino hopes to coach teenagers, following in his father's footsteps.

"I love the strategies in the game, and when kids are younger, it's mainly just about

the fundamentals," he said. "If I could some day be at the same level as my father and considered half as good of a coach as him I would be satisfied with my coaching career."

Tony Valerino isn't out to change the world through teaching or coaching. It's much simpler than that, he said.

All he wants is to be an effective teacher, to have a little fun learning with kids and to get "a sense of knowing (he's) kind of making a difference" in the lives of some children.

SEC TOURNAMENT

Cats face 'tough matchup' in Miss. St.

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UK head coach Tubby Smith knows exactly what to expect tomorrow when the Cats have to defend Mississippi State's Jamont Gordon.

"He's probably the toughest match-up for us," said head coach Tubby Smith. "He's strong, he's a left. You don't see many lefties. So when you have to play a guy like him, who can make the jump shot with range, can put it on the floor, it makes everybody better."

That's what the Cats will be up against today at 1 p.m. when they play the Mississippi State Bulldogs. MSU finished first in the Southeastern Conference's Western Division to earn a bye into the second round.

In the first matchup, Gordon scored 13 points, grabbed eight rebounds and passed out five assists in UK's 64-60 win.

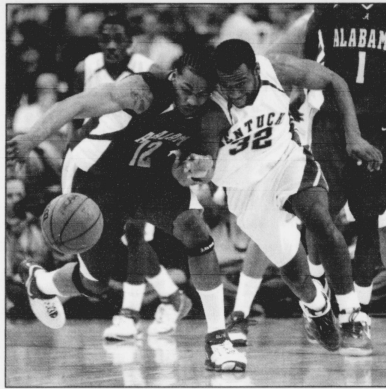
For the season, Gordon is averaging 15.8 points per game, 7.2 rebounds and 5 assists.

UK entered the game on a 10-game winning streak, and kept it alive when junior center Randolph Morris hit a layup with a minute remaining. On the other end, he blocked a Gordon shot with 10 seconds left to seal the win for UK.

The Cats had one of their poorest shooting performances of the season against the Bulldogs, as they hit 36 percent of their shots from the field, and 31 percent from 3-point range.

The winner will advance to play the winner of the Vanderbilt/Arkansas game tomorrow at 1 p.m.

The Cats were swept by the Commodores during the regular season, and beat the Razorbacks in their only match-up.



KEITH SMILEY | STAFF

Alabama sophomore forward Alonzo Gee and UK junior guard Joe Crawford chase down a loose ball during the second half of UK's 79-67 win in the first round of the SEC Tournament.

FIRST-ROUND RECAP

ARKANSAS 82, S. CAROLINA 52

Gary Ervin and Darrian Townes each scored 16 points as the Razorbacks, the No. 3 seed from the West Division, easily knocked off the Gamecocks, who finished last in the East. Four Arkansas players scored in double figures and the Razorbacks used a 51-point second half to pull away from South Carolina, which was led by a 16-point, 15-rebound performance from center Brandon Wallace. South Carolina star guard Tre Kelley was held to 11 points on four-for-11 shooting.

The victory improves Arkansas' hopes for an at-large bid to the NCAA Tournament. The Razorbacks (19-12) are on the bubble and could use a win today over East No. 2 Vanderbilt to solidify their postseason resume. Arkansas beat Vandy 82-67 on Saturday in Nashville.

The winner of today's Arkansas-Vanderbilt game and the winner of the UK-Mississippi State game will play tomorrow at 1 p.m.

GEORGIA 80, AUBURN 65

Levi Stokes scored 22 points and Takais Brown finished with 19 points and 13 rebounds as East No. 5 seed Georgia eliminated Auburn from the SEC Tournament 80-65. The Bulldogs (18-12) used a 10-2 run to begin the second half to open a 51-33 lead. Auburn never threatened, as the Tigers were unable to work their deficit into single digits in the second half. Georgia, which is on the bubble for the NCAA Tournament, likely needs to beat top seed Florida tomorrow to have a chance to make the Big Dance.

Josh Dollard led Auburn with 13 points and 14 rebounds. The Tigers had four players score in double figures, but were hampered by 21 turnovers.

LSU 76, TENNESSEE 67 OT

The SEC Tournament saved its best first round game for last yesterday as Louisiana State came out on top of No. 22 Tennessee 76-67 in overtime.

Garret Temple scored with 21 seconds to go in regulation to put LSU up 64-61. But Tennessee's Ramar Smith missed the second of a one-and-one and Lofton tipped in a rebound to tie the game with 12 seconds left. Temple was called for a charge on the other end of the court as he scored, nullifying the basket and sending the game into overtime after Tennessee missed a 3-pointer at the other end.

LSU outscored the Vols 13-4 in OT to win the game.

FANS

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from Erlanger, said if there is a decrease in UK fans, it's because of Smith.

Spaw said he was 'torn' over Smith, but added that the UK fans should remain loyal to the team no matter how they feel over the coach.

No one said the distance to Atlanta, which is farther from Kentucky than Nashville, the site of last season's SEC Tournament, will be a fac-

tor if the UK turnout is less than in years past.

Russell Johnston, 35, from Louisville, was at the tournament for the 13th time. He thinks there will be the same number of UK fans as in previous tournaments.

"The true fans will be here," Johnston said.

Unlike Combs, he said he didn't entertain any thoughts of skipping out on the tournament, even with the perceived sub-par results.

"I'll be here until, health-wise, I can't make it anymore," Johnston said.

MORRIS

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In the second half, Alabama couldn't get any closer than four points, and for the majority of the time trailed by double digits. Freshman guard Jodie Meeks broke the game open with a steal and dunk to end a 13-2 run to put the Cats up 65-49 with 8:46 to go.

As good as Morris was, he had a lot of help. Junior guard Ramel Bradley had 17 points, and junior guard Joe Crawford was right behind him with 16. Meeks chipped in 12 and senior forward Bobby Perry had 10 as the Cats shot 50 percent for the game.

"We had good balance all the way around," said head coach Tubby Smith. "We were able to share the ball and get people open."

Most of the players felt that the Cats had played their best game of the season. Part of it was because of the balance. Part of it was because of Morris. Part of it was making a comeback, and sustaining it.

Whatever the reason was, the players thought it was the right time to put all the pieces together.

"I think we showed all year that we can play with anybody," Craw-

ford said. "March is the time we've got to show that we can beat anybody. If we continue with that effort it's possible."

Morris will be a key to beating anybody, whether he has a good game like yesterday, or an absent-minded day like he admitted to having in the first matchup with Alabama.

He did a good job of controlling Alabama senior forward Jermareo Davidson. Davidson, who tweaked his back in the Crimson Tide's regular season finale against Mississippi State, shot just 5-of-13 for 12 points. He also helped the Cats win the rebounding battle 34-26.

"Randolph is, I think, the best big guy in the country," Bradley said. "Whenever he's playing good, he raises our level."

As for the Wheaties, Morris said specifically that he was eating from the new UK basketball boxes that the cereal company is marketing in the state.

Luckily for the Cats, he said he has enough of the Breakfast of Champions to maybe make the Cats SEC Tournament Champions come Sunday.

"I've got a closet full," Morris said. "The rest should last me four days."

TOP-25 CONFERENCE TOURNAMENTS SCORES

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LITTLE BIG TOWN



ABOVE: Karen Fairchild, right, and Kimberly Roads, of the band Little Big Town, perform last night at the Singletary Center. Little Big Town is touring in the United States until May.

LEFT: Kimberly Roads of Little Big Town performs last night at the Singletary Center.

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MYUK

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Ashley Mullins, psychology freshman, had similar difficulties.

"When trying to sign in to my account, myUK said my password had expired, but I had just used it to sign in to my U-Connect," Mullins said.

Michelle Nordin, team leader of the Campus Management department of the IRIS Project, said password problems should be directed to the Customer Service Center in McVey Hall.

English academic adviser Christine Luft said she has had only one difficulty with the new myUK setup.

"It seems to be more of an annoyance than anything," Luft said. "I had a student looking for the availability of a course and it seems that you now have to scan through all of the courses (in that subject area) and course levels to find the availability of one course."

In webUK, students could determine the availability of one course quickly and easily, she said.

Nordin said she was not aware of any student or advisers who are experiencing any specific problems with the new system.

"It is a new system, so naturally there are going to be things that have to be tweaked," Nordin said.

David Hardison, who serves as functional lead of the IRIS Project, said students should make sure they are signed up for the proper accounts before attempting to access myUK. "If someone is having problems, they do not have an active directory account," Hardison said.

"Any time a system is changed, there are always these kinds of situations," he said. "We have been very pleased with the low volumes of calls to the command center, but we will also be pleased to answer any questions from students and advisers."

OUT-OF-BODY

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non occurring during sleep transition or corresponding to REM intrusion.

REM intrusion is a condition including sensations of being awake, yet being unable to control the limbs and having visual or auditory hallucinations.

Although they share similar sensations, out-of-body experiences and REM intrusion are not the same thing. However, both are typical of near-death experience.

During structured interviews of 100 subjects, the research team found that 100 percent reported REM intrusion and 76 percent

reported out-of-body experiences.

"Out-of-body experiences seem to be much more common than most people recognize," Nelson said.

Nelson concluded from the study that individuals with near-death experience appear to have an arousal system in the brain predisposed to out-of-body experience and REM intrusion, meaning these experiences are due to biological reasons.

Other study team members were Frederick Schmitt, professor of neurology, and Michelle Mattingly, assistant professor of neurology, both at UK College of Medicine.

Nelson and the research team published their case report, "Out-of-body experience and arousal" in the March 6 issue of the Journal of Neurology.

NEWS BRIEFS

Black Women's Conference kicks off after Spring Break

UK's African American Studies and Research Program will host the 13th annual Black Women's Conference on March 19, 21, and 22.

"The focus is on the lives of black women, but the stories that will unfold are for every beating heart," said Nikky Finney, UK English professor and acting director for the conference. "Just because the name reads 'Black Women's Conference' does not mean it's for black women only."

"Let us not be narrow in our thinking," Angela Davis, a professor at the University of California Santa Cruz who was acquitted after famous murder trial in the early 1970s, will be the featured speaker at the Mary McLeod Bethune Luncheon at noon on March 22.

During the conference, Davis and other prominent scholars from around the country will be discussing such topics as the current status and progress of black women, violence against women, the prison system and black women involved in science and technology.

The theme for this year is, "The Camouflage: Black Women on America's Front Lines." The conference kicks off with a potluck dinner March 19 at the Bingham Davis House on E. Maxwell Street at 6 p.m.

-Jenisha Watts

Students required to get new WildCard IDs

All students who register for classes in the fall 2007 semester are required to get new student IDs.

Students with a current ID can get a new one — the WildCard v2.0 — at no charge before Aug. 24. After that date, students must pay \$20.

Low prices and short lines should be enough motivation for students to act quickly, said Karen Doyle, UKID office manager.

"Now is the time," Doyle said. "During the week, the longest students have to wait to get the new ID ranges from 5 to 15 minutes."

Students who have lost their current WildCard will be charged a \$20 replacement fee. Cash, check, Plus Account, Visa and Mastercard are accepted at the ID office located in Room 107 on the first floor of the Student Center.

-Adam Rafferty

Clinton Proposes New GI Bill

WASHINGTON — Hillary Rodham Clinton launched a wide-ranging attack on the Bush administration's treatment of wounded Iraq and Afghanistan soldiers Thursday, saying the White House was so inept it couldn't run a "two-car parade."

Clinton, joining a chorus of politicians in all parties decrying conditions at the army's Walter Reed Army Medical Center, called for a new GI bill of rights modeled on the broad array of benefits offered to World War II veterans.

Her proposal, which comes with no cost estimate, is aimed at improving health facilities, increasing physical and mental health screenings for soldiers, speeding up payments to the families of the dead and clarifying guardianship rules for orphaned children.

"This administration is frankly unable to run a two-car parade," the Democratic front-runner said during a speech at the Center for American Progress, a think tank founded by former Clinton White House officials.

Republican National Committee spokeswoman Tracey Schmitt dismissed Clinton's reform package as the "politically convenient calculation that Americans have come to expect from the senator," adding, "someone should remind Hillary Clinton that President Bush isn't on the ballot in 2008."

Clinton's speech, heralded as a major address by her staff, came on a day when she backed Senate Democrats' plan to mandate a phased withdrawal of U.S. troops from Iraq within six months. The binding resolution is aimed at ending major operations there by March 2008.

-Newsday Wire

AGENDA

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Luse, secretary to the board.

Western Kentucky University also makes basic meeting agendas available about a week in advance, but doesn't provide full agendas until the morning of the meeting. Media Relations Director Bob Skipper said.

University of Louisville Director of Media Relations Denise Fitzpatrick said public

universities have a responsibility to make sure the public and media have access to open meeting agendas as soon as possible.

U of L always distributes agendas at least one business day in advance, if not sooner, she said. U of L's online agenda provides links to additional information on some of the meeting items.

University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, one of UK's 19 benchmark schools, uploads skeleton agendas to the Internet about a week and a half before

a meeting. Board of Trustees secretary Heather Galvan said.

UNC media relations has access to full agendas a week and a half in advance and has control over dispensing the information to the media, Galvan said.

"The fact that we're a public university requires a certain amount of transparency," Board of Trustees Chair Nelson Schwab said. "But the most important thing is having open meetings because that is where the discussion happens."

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State must choose worthy BCTC leader, UK must keep ties

Earlier this month, Jim Kerley, President of Bluegrass Community and Technical College, announced he was leaving the community college that was once partnered with UK, and heading south to become president of Gulf Coast Community College of Panama City, Fla.

As Kerley heads out he leaves behind a school he helped through hard times. It is now the state's responsibility to find a new president for BCTC, one who can maintain its status as a quality institution.

In 2004, the UK Board of Trustees almost unanimously voted to sever ties between itself and BCTC, which was then Lexington Community College. BCTC, which sits in the shadow of UK's football stadium, had been a starting point for students before going on to the larger and more competitive UK. The decision to sever ties between UK and LCC was part of the UK top-20 vision and it was determined LCC would move off the UK campus and UK would take control of their building complex.

After the split, LCC became a part of KCTCS, the Kentucky Community and Technical College System. Kerley was instrumental in overseeing this transition as he guided LCC into becoming BCTC, a transition that could have easily been disastrous especially after funds from UK stopped and faculty debated on staying at the school.

Kerley was selected to head LCC in 1998 because of his vision on how the community college should perform. He promoted a quality, affordable education where students could leave BCTC and continue their education at a four-year university, most likely in-state, an important aspect as Kentucky graduates tend to leave the state.

"Dr. Kerley has been a vigorous

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and articulate advocate for higher education in Kentucky, particularly the need to increase the number of young Kentuckians pursuing a postsecondary education," said UK President Lodey Todd.

His vision not only effected the community college, but also UK as more students from BCTC to UK to continue their studies.

UK gets many of its transfer students from BCTC. When the two schools split, this was taken into account and UK set up an office in BCTC to help with smooth and steady transfers to UK. Kerley's helped maintain this flow of transfer students during his tenure.

Kerley's success during the transition is unquestionable, and thus he leaves behind big shoes to fill. It is now the state's responsibility to find a new president for BCTC, one who can maintain its status as a quality institution. The vacuum of leadership left behind must be filled with someone with the vision to chart a future course and maintain its steady progress.

This president will also have to maintain ties with BCTC's former parent and UK will also have to make this a priority of its own. The benefit UK gets from BCTC's transfers is vital, as is the educational benefit to students who transfer to UK. As tuition for UK rises, cutting costs by spending going to BCTC can make the difference to perspective students trying to afford an education. If ties between the two sour, both sides lose. Thus, UK and BCTC must understand that maintaining a healthy, two-way relationship is in both of their interests, and this issue should be a top priority for both schools.

Computer system switch could have waited until summer

Technology isn't an evil thing on its own, but when it is foisted on a large group of people at an inopportune time and it is riddled with problems, the recipe for disaster is complete.

Improving the campus computer system is, of course, a priority, and students will no doubt benefit as a result of the shift to the new myUK portal, which will allow students to pay bills, check their grade, look at their transcript and more.

However, UK's choice of timing in making the shift from the old webUK portal to myUK is regrettable.

Learning a new computer system like myUK is stressful even for the most technologically savvy of the campus population, which represents only a small portion of the campus. What makes it even worse

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is that the system doesn't seem to have all the bugs worked out. Password issues, access problems and system issues are cropping up and making it difficult for students to access the system, check their grades or drop their classes, the latter of which is especially bad since today is the last day to drop a class this semester, forcing many students to seek alternate ways to keep their GPA from being affected.

Progress is always a good thing, but in the rush to make progress, UK seems to have jumped the gun. Making the shift to myUK isn't a bad thing, but it seems that it would have been a far wiser decision to wait for the move until summer, when a far smaller number of people could be adversely affected.

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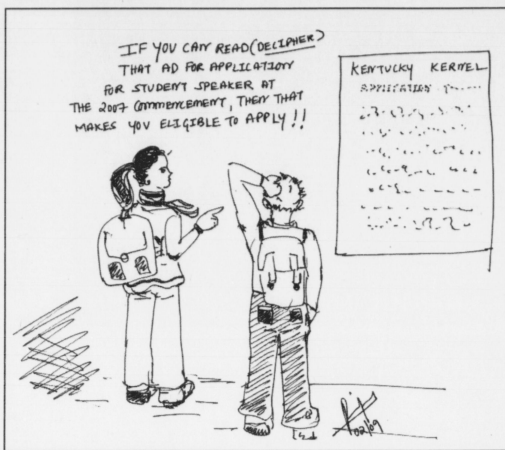
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PREETU JOSHI, Kernel cartoonist

NCAA should make an example out of Duke's Gerald Henderson

Since when did former Temple coach John Chaney give pep talks to the Duke Blue Devils during late game timeouts?



CHRIS MCGRATH
Kernel columnist

After missing a free throw, North Carolina sophomore Tyler Hansbrough got his own rebound and attempted a put-back. Meeting him in mid-air was, however, was Henderson in an effort to block the shot. But instead of hitting the ball, Henderson's elbow collided with Hansbrough's face, breaking the center's nose. Hansbrough quickly fell to the ground and covered his bloody nose as fans, disgusted with Henderson, showered the floor with boos.

At the scorer's table, the referees looked at video replay to see what exactly happened on the play. Minutes later, Henderson's scuffle with Hans-

brough was not only deemed a flagrant foul, but a fight as well, prompting his ejection from the contest.

By NCAA rule, Henderson will be forced to miss Duke's next game against North Carolina State in the ACC Tournament quarterfinal. But after watching the replay, the suspension should, without a doubt, be extended further into the tournament.

CBS in-game analyst Billy Packer sided with Henderson during the telecast, saying that he was just going for the ball. In reality, Henderson knew exactly what he was doing and going for the ball was definitely not part of his agenda. When watching the replay, the ball was out of Hansbrough's hands well before Henderson cocked back his arm to deliver the heavy blow.

And since when does a player block a shot with a flexed arm?

Apparently Gerald Henderson does — if, in fact, he was going for the ball (which he wasn't). Henderson did not graze Hansbrough's face accidentally as some have argued. The replay clearly shows Henderson's bicep flexed as he drove his elbow into Hansbrough's nose. Moreover, Henderson safely landed on his feet while Hansbrough crashed to the floor, causing blood to splatter on the Dean Dome's hardwood.

If Henderson was going for the ball, not only would his arm have been extended, as opposed to flexed, but he would have also lunged after the ball that escaped Hansbrough's hands. This, in turn, would have caused him to fall to the floor, similar to Hansbrough, rather than landing soundly on his feet.

Concerns have also been voiced regarding the fact that Roy Williams still had his All-American center in the

game while ahead by 12 points with under a minute remaining. That still doesn't validate Henderson's actions nor does it make it acceptable to pummel a player into the ground, no matter the bitter rivalry between the two schools.

ESPN analyst Stacy Dales tried to make an argument for Henderson, attempting to paint the picture of being a freshman in a hostile environment. But freshmen are put through those circumstances all the time, and they don't throw elbows at the opposing team. It is frustrating to lose to your rival, but did you see any Tennessee players attack those in the blue and white when Kentucky routed them at Rupp Arena? No.

Seeing that the NBA has looked more and more like a boxing match with the constant fights that have arisen over the past few years, the NCAA needs to send a clear message to its athletes in order to ensure that college basketball doesn't turn into meleé.

A one-game suspension is merely a slap on the wrist when you consider the bloodied nose suffered by Hansbrough. A harsher punishment should be placed on Henderson so that players understand that fighting during games is unacceptable.

As Roy Williams pointed out in a post-game interview, it wasn't his fault that Hansbrough got the offensive rebound. Maybe if Duke had played clean college basketball game and boxed-out Hansbrough, rather than relying on referees to bestow a favorable outcome, none of the chaos would have transpired Sunday afternoon.

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College is the time of your life so sit back and enjoy the ride

Growing old is inevitable. Growing up is optional.

My father, a man with a very juvenile sense of humor, has always lived by these words and somewhere along the line, I adopted the motto as my own.

About this time in the spring of 2002, I was thrilled at the fact that UK — the only university I'd applied to — had accepted me. I was going to become a veterinarian and spend the rest of my life spaying and neutering dogs and cats. And then life happened.

Or more accurately chemistry happened. No, I didn't meet some beautiful woman who was destined to change my life (then leave me single and broken-hearted, as my hopeless-romantic columns might suggest). No, Chemistry 106 happened, and the aftermath was enough to make me decide that something else as a career might be a good idea.

After deciding to be a writer and enlisting the subsequent I had my father declared on me, I got down to it. I devoted myself to my work at

the Kernel and my schoolwork. Sometimes, the ratio of priority wasn't exactly right, and I made mistakes. But in the end, all has worked out. In the fall of 2007, five years and two degrees later, I will be a college graduate.

For you freshmen, sophomores, juniors and even you seniors who plan on being here another few (or many) years, I want to pass a little something on to you, a secret truth I stumbled on after five years here: The greatest lessons you will learn on this campus are the ones least likely to be on a lesson plan.

You know how old people are always saying youth is wasted on the young? Well, experience is wasted on the old. We young adults are the ones who need it most.

College is the turning point of life, the stage where we transform from our freakish and awkward teenage years into the strange and wonderful adulthood that awaits us. The process is slow, painful, arduous and lots more big words that basically mean it feels like it takes forever.

Looking back on it though, it seems like a moment or two. Five years is nothing, just a few breaths of life.

Some of you have more time left in this place than others, but for all of you, I urge you to make the most of what you have. You will never again have the opportunity to reach

out and connect to people like you, and more importantly to reach out and learn about yourself.

In May, I'll put on a cap and gown and take a walk. They'll hand me a certificate, and that will be that.

And then what? And then the real world ramps up to full speed. A jobs, more taxes, family, etc.

I don't know if I've been blessed or cursed with this bit of foresight, but I already know that I'm going to miss this place and look back fondly on everything I did here, everything I learned here, everyone I met here.

To the ones leaving along with me at the end of this semester, we have to hold our heads high and be strong. The world is waiting for us, and we have our work cut out for us. We should never forget the good times, but remembering is not the same as dwelling.

For those of you I leave behind, I wish you all the best. I hope you make the most of this time you've got, because it won't come again. Most of all, I'm thankful that I've had the opportunity to be here, to grow along with you and to have shared the time that's passed.

I hope you all learn as much, grow as much and have as much fun as I have. It's been great.

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