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Volunteer creates Web site blasting student radio station

WRFL leaders question truth behind student's allegations

By Dariush Shafa
THE KENTUCKY KERNEL

A UK student has started a Web site that raises questions about the management, staff and equipment quality at UK's campus radio station, WRFL-FM — but the station's managers and advisers say the site is loaded with inaccuracies.

Mark Kidd, an English senior who until Saturday was an applicant to be WRFL's general manager next year, started the site www.freefl.net as a means to make public his concerns about the radio station.

Kidd withdrew himself from the pool of applicants but continues to raise

questions about the selection process for WRFL's general manager, among other things.

"I am building a Web site that centers on providing access to the documents and printed statements that has led me to my conclusion," Kidd said. "I would like to facilitate discussion over what the role of WRFL is supposed to be."

John Clark, WRFL's faculty adviser and a telecommunications professor, said information on the site is incorrect and that he and others have been misquoted.

Clark referenced a column he co-wrote last year in *The Kernel* about WRFL and said there are certain comments Kidd "seized upon and took out of

context and used for his own aims."

"His allegations of a culture of silence ... and allegations of a misuse of funds are flatly untrue," Clark said.

The general manager selection process was a contentious aspect of WRFL for Kidd.

"He (General Manager and political science senior John Edwards) was just chosen by one of his best friends to be GM," Kidd said. "I can't run for GM the way it's set up now because I'm not anybody's friend there ... As it is now, it's an application process designed to exclude me anyway."

Mark Kidd
English senior

Edwards explained that the selection

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WRFL delays GM selection

By Dariush Shafa
THE KENTUCKY KERNEL

UK's student-run radio station, WRFL-FM, is delaying the selection of its general manager for next year in the wake of some changes that have been made to the station's constitution.

The selection process is on hold until General Manager and political science senior John Edwards has a chance to discuss the changes at the weekly meeting of staff directors, held on Monday nights.

The decision was previously scheduled to be made tonight.

"The whole delay is to allow the staff to comment on the changes to the constitution," Edwards said. At tonight's meeting, the directors will set a new date to pick next year's general manager.

Edwards amended a section of the constitution that covers the process which will name Edwards' successor.

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UK 80, ALABAMA 60

Cats roll Tide, clinch tourney bye

By Chris DeLottel
THE KENTUCKY KERNEL

After watching her team play a lackadaisical first half in its regular season finale yesterday against Alabama, UK head coach Mickie DeMoss marched into the locker room at halftime and delivered a simple message.

"I just challenged them to play for 20 minutes," DeMoss said. "They had to find the energy and inspiration to earn it."

Jenny Pfeiffer provided the energy, notching a career-high in points and hitting five 3-pointers — including two long-range bombs. Sarah Elliott served as the inspiration, as she poured in 12 points in the second half to lead the Cats (20-7, 9-5 Southeastern Conference) to an 80-60 victory over Alabama (9-18, 3-11 SEC).

With the win, UK finished fourth in the Southeastern Conference standings and earned a first-round bye in the SEC Tournament, which begins Thursday in North Little Rock, Ark.

"It's huge," DeMoss said of the bye. "It's such a grueling tournament, and it's important to give yourself that extra day of rest."

The win completed a surprising regular season for the Cats.

The team was picked in the pre-season to finish ninth in the league. Instead, their 20 wins were the most since the 1988-89 season; UK's nine SEC wins are the most in school history. It is the first time the Cats have

earned a bye since the tournament expanded to its current 12-team format in 1991.

"We knew we had it within ourselves," Pfeiffer said. "Coming into this season, we knew we could finish at the top (of the league)."

It is unlikely, however, that the Cats would have gotten the bye without the outside shooting of Pfeiffer. She poured in a career-high 29 points, going six-for-12 on 3-pointers despite airballing her first two attempts.

"That's that shooter's mentality," DeMoss said. "When you're a shooter, you keep shooting. They can't go in if you don't shoot 'em."

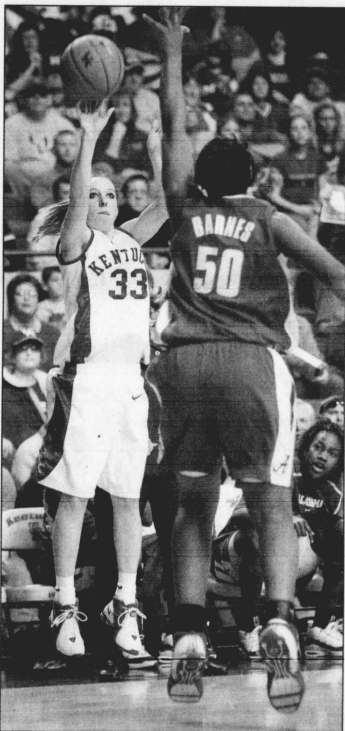
Those things don't faze Jenny Pfeiffer.

Even with her early struggles, Pfeiffer said her confidence never wavered.

"You can't think like that," she said. "Thankfully, I got back on track."

While shooting prowess certainly played a role in Pfeiffer's success, she also benefited from what was called "sheer luck."

After Alabama's Kate Mastin hit a 3-pointer with 11 minutes to play in the second half — bringing the Tide within four points of UK at 44-44 — Pfeiffer launched a three from about 24 feet away. It hit the front of the rim and bounced high up in



KEITH SHILEY | STAFF

See Cats on page 2 UK guard Jenny Pfeiffer shoots over Alabama's Harriet Barnes yesterday.

Grad students protest war

By Blair Thomas
THE KENTUCKY KERNEL

A group of graduate students led a protest against the Iraq War Friday in front of the Patterson Office Tower.

The students, who represent the Committee for Democracy and Social Change, voiced their opinions to students who passed the tower late in the morning.

Michael Marchman, Brandon Absher and Garrett Graddy each spoke out against the war and the administration of President George W. Bush during the protest, which lasted about 20 minutes.

"People live their lives and don't even think that something is happening," said Absher, a philosophy graduate student. "This cause is about creating an open dialogue, a nature to

constantly question and to be exposed to our world and its problems."

The Committee for Democracy and Social Change is an organization made up of graduate and undergraduate students on campus who serve as an anti-war voice. The group is networked to other anti-war campus groups as well as a part of a nationwide movement to end the war in Iraq, Absher said.

The protesters blamed Bush of "transfusing blood for fuel," and asked students who stopped to listen what they believed were the costs of war.

"War on terror" is an overused term," said Graddy, a geography graduate student. "It is a self-fulfilling prophecy that is creating violence."

Some who gathered to

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War protesters speak out in front of Patterson Office Tower on Friday.

A LITTLE LOUISIANA IN LEXINGTON



Dancers perform in the streets of downtown Lexington during the city's annual Mardi Gras parade Saturday.

The parade was sponsored by Mecca dance studio and the Lexington Actions Arts Collective.

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Police arrest community college student on child porn charges

By Megan Boehnke
THE KENTUCKY KERNEL

A Bluegrass Community and Technical College student was arrested Wednesday after sending child pornography files to an undercover FBI agent over the Internet.

Matthew King, 20, pleaded not guilty Thursday to seven counts of distribution of matter portraying sex performance by a minor, a class D felony punishable by one to five years in prison. King was also arrested on charges of one count of possession of marijuana and one count of possession of drug paraphernalia.

His preliminary court date

is set for March 9.

King was taken to the Lexington-Fayette County Detention Center and posted bond Thursday by putting up property in lieu of paying his \$10,200 bond in cash.

An FBI agent received video files transmitted by King and presented the evidence to the Lexington police, said Lt. John Gensheimer of the Lexington police.

The individuals on the video files ranged in age from toddlers to teenagers, Gensheimer said.

"Let's just say there is a variety of ages from very young to some that were questionable as to whether or not they were minors," he said. Gensheimer declined to

comment on the FBI communication between the two and the means by which the FBI agent came into contact with King.

Lexington police searched King's home on Otter Creek Drive after they arrested him at that location, where he lives with his parents, Gensheimer said. There, officers took King's computer and other materials that could mean more trouble for King, he said.

"We received a lot of computer equipment that we are going through right now and it may or may not lead to additional charges," Gensheimer said.

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process does not work that way and he has since changed WRFL's constitution to make it fairer. Before, a board consisting of the general manager, three outgoing (graduating) staff directors, one general staff member and one outside student organization member would vote. The university adviser, Chris Thuringer, would also be present as a non-voting member.

He seems to have a real misunderstanding of the way things work at WRFL," Clark said of Kidd.

Edwards' changes remove him from the voting and add himself and Clark to the non-voting advisory panel.

Edwards said he, other WRFL staff and university officials have tried to work extensively with Kidd, but Edwards said he still isn't sure what Kidd is after.

"We've spent well over 20 hours in the past couple weeks and nothing's good enough," Edwards said. "A lot of the time we have spent with him ... we have to tell him 'No, we are doing things correctly,' and he's been very

adversarial and combative and we have to give him proof that we are doing things the correct way."

Edwards said he also doesn't appreciate that instead of going to him first, Kidd approached other student organizations and media outlets with his concerns.

"I truly wish he would voice his unhappiness to me first so that I could accommodate him," Edwards said.

Clark also said that no one else has ever come forward with allegations like these and since the station was created in 1988, no one has ever filed a complaint with the Federal Communications Commission and WRFL has never failed in the process to renew its license.

"He's a minority of one," Clark said, adding that he believes Kidd withdrew after support from other WRFL staffers for his bid at general manager failed to materialize. "I cannot understand his motivation in this at all."

"I think he's more interested in himself than in the interests of the station," Clark said.

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The changes remove Edwards as a voting member of the committee and add him and journalism professor and faculty adviser John Clark to the non-voting panel that advises the committee.

The changes came in the wake of allegations of unfairness in the process that

chooses the general manager, which were made by WRFL student volunteer and English senior Mark Kidd, who was an applicant for the position until he formally withdrew from the process Saturday.

"(It's) just like any other meeting," Edwards said.

"At each meeting there's topics and we'll give each one equal and fair consideration."

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CORRECTION

In the Feb. 23 article "Fund gives UK fighting chance," The Kernel incorrectly identified UK's interim provost. UK's interim provost is Scott Smith.

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Cats

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the air before dropping through the net. That shot started a 20-9 UK run that effectively finished off Alabama.

"Anytime she can hit a three, we really feed off that," DeMoss said. "It was really big."

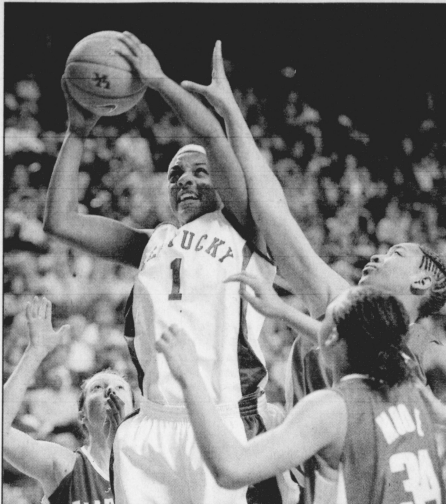
At one point in the decisive run, Elliott scored seven consecutive UK points. She finished with a season-high 20.

"She had a great second half," Alabama head coach Stephanie Smith said. "She has become so much more mobile, and with that ability to knock down that 15-foot shoot, she's just going to keep getting better and better."

Prior to the game, senior walk-on forward Stephanie Stumbo was honored for her contributions to the program. DeMoss started Stumbo in place of Elliott, and placed her back into the game with a few minutes to play as fans chanted Stumbo's name.

"She's just meant so much to the program," DeMoss said. "She is the epitome of a team player. So selfless."

The Cats will begin play in the conference tournament on Friday at 7:30 p.m. They will face the winner of Thursday's game between fifth-seeded Florida and 12th-seed Mississippi State.



Sophomore center Eleia Roddy grabs a rebound during UK's 80-60 win over Alabama yesterday in Rupp Arena. The victory - UK's Senior Day - gave UK a bye in the conference tournament.

Protest

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watch applauded in agreement and others yelled out objections.

Architecture senior JAY Quillen said he liked the fact that these students used an opportunity to voice their opinion.

"They are trying to talk to other students and raise their awareness about the issue," Jay Quillen, architecture senior said. "It's good to see that people are stopping to hear what they have to say

and really consider not only the war, but other things going on in our society."

The committee plans to protest every Friday morning at 11:45 for the rest of the semester in order to help students "achieve political consciousness and to take a stand," Absher said.

"There is a strong presence on this campus against hyper-militarization," Graddy said. "and we will show our peers that war can not become our normal existence."

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Documentary looks at Hamas

By Tony Perry LOS ANGELES TIMES

HOLLYWOOD — Much of "Hamas: Behind the Mask," showing tonight on the Discovery Times Channel, deals with young men: angry, determined young Palestinians who gladly join a shadowy, violent organization whose goal is the destruction of Israel.

But it may be the faces of the mothers that are the most memorable aspect of this top-notch, emotionally powerful documentary.

An Israeli mother tells of her daughter who was killed by a Hamas rocket in an unprovoked attack. A Palestinian mother tells of her five children who were killed by an Israeli tank.

One mother says she goes into the desert and cries "until I have no more

tears."

The documentary, by Canadian filmmaker Shelley Saywell, tries to explain how Hamas has skillfully combined religious fervor, charitable works and violence to position itself as the voice for Palestinians. Saywell began work on the documentary months before Hamas won political power in the recent elections.

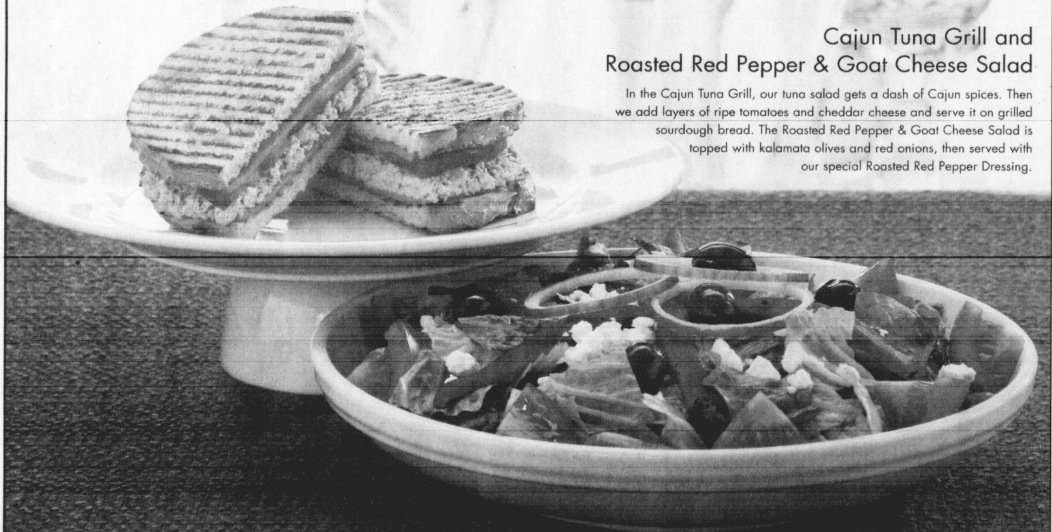
The Hamas victory may have caught the Bush administration by surprise, but Saywell anticipated that the group's ascendance was virtually assured by the corruption and incompetence of the Palestinian Authority. Hamas leaders look straight into the camera and talk of future violence.

"Israel cannot occupy us and feel secure: That is the message of Hamas," one says.



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GRE gets a new look for 2007

By Walter Smith
THE KENTUCKY KERNEL

Most students typically don't find the Graduate Record Exam that enjoyable. But by next fall, that test won't look like it used to.

By the fall of 2007, graduate school applicants will face a longer and more expensive entrance exam. The GRE will be undergoing major changes that intend to better predict grad students' success. The GRE is a common factor that many graduate schools use in their admissions processes.

The changes were scheduled to take effect this October, but were pushed back for another year by Educational Testing Service, the company that makes the exam.

The test will be have a

new format for both the math and verbal sections, and now, admissions officials will be able to see applicants' essays as well.

"They hope this new test will be a better predictor of graduate school skills, like critical thinking and complex reasoning," said Matt Fidler, GRE program manager for Kaplan Test Prep and Admissions.

Currently, the GRE is a two-and-a-half hour test given almost every day, but it will be lengthened to four hours and will be administered about 30 times a year. The cost to take the exam will increase from its current level of \$115, although the test maker has not yet announced the new price.

Previously, students had to answer random questions

from a large pool of possible inquiries. Now, each test session will be completely unique, which test makers hope will reduce cheating.

The new verbal sections will eliminate analogies and antonyms and will now be based on critical reading. The math sections will also change, relying less on geometry problems and will gauge student's ability to solve math word problems.

"The test isn't purposely more difficult, it just relies on a question type that is more like a word problem," Fidler said.

Fidler encouraged students who have adequate time to prepare to take the current exam before it changes.

"We're seeing a lots of people trying to register to

take the test before it changes," he said.

Fidler said scoring well on the exam can be a critical factor in gaining entry into graduate school.

"Doing well on the GRE is one of the things applicants can do to put themselves ahead of the pack," Fidler said.

The goal of all the changes is to give graduate school officials a more complete picture of a student's ability by making the test more rigorous.

"The whole point of the exam is to measure students' ability to succeed in graduate school," Fidler said.

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States' rights on tap for Supreme Court

WASHINGTON — The Supreme Court will take up states' rights — of both the blue- and red-state variety — in a pair of election-law cases to be heard this week that could have major effects on the future of American politics.

Tiny Vermont, a true blue state, hopes to restore small-town democracy by greatly limiting the role of money in politics. If its new spending cap wins before the high court, they could change how campaigns are conducted across the nation.

Meanwhile, Texas, the biggest of the red states, is defending its right to redraw its electoral districts to give its GOP majority more seats in Congress. If its extraordinary mid-decade shift wins in the high court, other states have signaled they will do the same.

The pair of cases will also give strong clues about the court's newest members, Chief Justice John G. Roberts and Justice Samuel A. Alito.

In the Vermont case, Republicans say the free-speech principle in the First Amendment is fundamental to American politics, and that any government-enforced limit on campaign spending is unconstitutional.

Three years ago, the Supreme Court narrowly upheld the McCain-Feingold Act, which barred big contributions to political parties. Justice Sandra Day O'Connor cast a deciding fifth vote to reject the legal challenge by Republi-

Iran, Russia reach nuclear agreement

MOSCOW — The head of Iran's Atomic Energy Organization said Sunday that his country had agreed in principle to set up a joint uranium enrichment project with Russia, a potential breakthrough in efforts to prevent an international confrontation over Iran's nuclear ambitions.

Among the outstanding issues is whether Iran will continue the small-scale uranium enrichment it began earlier this month, a source of growing international concern.

If Iran does agree to shift enrichment to Russia, Iran would cede control of a key element in the nuclear fuel cycle and ease suspicions that it could secretly produce uranium suitable for nuclear weapons.

A deal would also head off punitive action by the U.N. Security Council after a meeting of the International Atomic Energy Agency in Vienna next Monday.

Thousands demand Thai prime minister resign

BANGKOK, Thailand — Tens of thousands of protesters waving Thai flags and holding signs that read, "Give back our country," rallied Sunday to demand the resignation of Prime Minister Thaksin Shinawatra, who has been accused of corruption and abuse of power.

The protesters, who included busloads of Buddhist monks and nuns, turned out despite Thaksin's surprise move Friday to dissolve parliament and call snap elections for April 2. Analysts had expected his move would help defuse the opposition's campaign to oust him.

"Thaksin is the nation's problem!" hollered Sondhi Limthongkul, a media magnate and prominent Thaksin critic, addressing the crowd from a giant stage. His television talk show was forced off the air in September, and he mounted several anti-Thaksin rallies in January and February.

Sondhi shouted Thaksin's name repeatedly as he stood beneath a giant banner depicting the prime minister as a cartoon monster with six arms, eating the Thai flag.

"Get out!" the crowd roared in response each time, with the golden spires of Bangkok's Grand Palace complex forming the background.

The peaceful rally was the latest in a series of protests drawing tens of thousands of participants, mostly from the urban elite. Just over a year ago, Thaksin capped a four-year term in office with a landslide re-election victory, largely on the strength of shrewd populist policies and adroit handling of the aftermath of the December 2004 tsunami. But the protests have shown he is not invincible, analysts said.

States fight over 'morning-after pill'

More than 60 bills have been filed to regulate emergency contraceptive

By Marc Kaufman
THE WASHINGTON POST

WASHINGTON — Filling a void left by the Food and Drug Administration's inability to decide whether to make the "morning-after pill" available without a prescription, virtually every state is now wrestling with legislation that would either expand or restrict access to the drug.

More than 60 bills have been filed in state legislatures already this year, and that follows an already busy 2005 session on emergency contraception. The resulting tug-of-war is creating a "morning-after pill" availability map that looks increasingly similar to the Red State/Blue State map of the past two presidential elections — with increased access in the blue states and greater restrictions in the red ones.

Many of the state bills intended to expand access give specially trained pharmacists in states including Maryland, New York, Kentucky and Illinois the right to dispense emergency contraception without a prescription. Other bills require pharmacies to stock and distribute the drug, and to ensure that the pill is made available to women who come into emergency rooms after a sexual assault.

But some bills would make it more difficult for many women to get emergency contraception, which is effective for only the 72 hours after a woman experiences a contraceptive failure or unprotected sex. Legislation in New Hampshire, for instance, would require parental notification before the drug is dispensed, and more than 20 other states will consider bills that give pharmacies the right to not stock the drug and pharmacists the right to not dispense it, even

to women with valid prescriptions.

The FDA made this a major issue for state legislators, said Sharon Camp, president of the Guttmacher Institute, a women's health research organization. "For the first seven years Plan B was on the market, this largely didn't happen."

"Basically, every state now has an effort going to either make Plan B more easily available or to slow it down or make sure that pharmacists don't have to dispense it if they oppose it," said Edward Martin, an attorney and lobbyist with Americans United for Life, who has helped with some proposed "conscience" clauses.

The makers of the morning-after pill, known commercially as Plan B, asked the FDA for the right to sell the drug over the counter in April 2003, four years after it was approved for use. The agency's staff and an advisory panel strongly favored the application, saying unprotected sex often occurs when it's difficult to get a doctor's prescription. They said easier and faster access to the drug would reduce the number of abortions.

But the FDA leadership first rejected and then deferred decision on the proposal. The agency has raised scientific and regulatory objections, but critics have pointed to the strong opposition from some social conservatives and anti-abortion groups, who have lobbied the White House and Congress to make their position known. Plan B is officially listed as a contraceptive, and the medical community generally agrees that it stops a pregnancy from occurring rather than ending one. But many in the right-to-life movement say it amounts to a very early abortion.

The FDA's inaction on Plan B has been sharply criti-

cized by most major medical societies and many in Congress, and led to a lawsuit by the Center for Reproductive Rights in New York. The federal magistrate judge hearing the case on Friday concluded that the center had established a "strong preliminary showing of 'bad faith or misbehavior'" on the part of FDA officials, and so ordered the case to go forward and ruled that top current and past FDA leaders should be interviewed under oath.

With the application in regulatory limbo, a growing number of states have passed bills that allow pharmacists working in conjunction with doctors to dispense Plan B to women who don't have a prescription — with Maine, New Hampshire, Massachusetts, New Mexico and California acting most recently. The Massachusetts bill was passed last year over Republican Gov. Mitt Romney's veto.

"I think it's a tide that can't be stopped," said Vivion Maisenbacher, who directs 15 lobbyists for Barr Laboratories, the company that makes the drug. "I think we'll see a state or two each year joining the ranks, and will soon have a majority of women having access through pharmacies."

The company has found that extensive publicity about the drug has increased sales dramatically — up more than 200 percent since the FDA first turned down the application for over-the-counter status in early 2004.

The effort to expand use of emergency contraception began well before Barr Labs made its applications to the FDA. As early as 1998, pharmacist conducting a study in Washington state began giving double doses of traditional contraceptives to women who had just engaged in unprotected sex and were worried about becoming pregnant.

Study leader Donald E. Downing, a University of Washington pharmacy professor, said the drugists found a "huge unmet need." Downing helped establish a protocol in his state that gives women emergency contraception, in the same way that pharmacists in some states can distribute emergency drugs for bee stings.

"What we've consistently

found is that there's enormous interest among pharmacists in doing this, and there are thousands and thousands of women who need this service," he said. The FDA has not interfered in the practice because while it alone can decide which drugs need a prescription, states have the right to determine what constitutes a valid prescription.

Other Plan B advocates have pushed to require hospital emergency rooms to stock and dispense emergency contraceptives to sexual assault victims — a proposal opposed by Catholic hospitals and by religious pharmacies that carry traditional contraceptives to carry emergency contraceptives as well.

While proponents are achieving some success in the more Democratic "blue states," their efforts have not been as well received in Republican "red states" — and Barr's lobbyist said the company spends little time pushing legislation in those more conservative states. The director of the Kentucky Right to Life Association said a Plan B pharmacy access bill introduced this year is not expected to succeed.

"We're confident that our legislators will not approve the bill because we are strongly pro-life here," said Margie Montgomery. "Doctors tell us that Plan B can cause a very early abortion, and we oppose that."

The primary opposition to Plan B has come from groups that contend that it caused the last year's election — though experts say it acts in the same way as regular contraceptives. Efforts by anti-abortion groups led to the passage last year of a Texas bill that eliminated the drug from a demonstration family planning program, and to an Arkansas bill that kept emergency contraception off a list of protected contraceptives.

Jackie Payne of Planned Parenthood accused Plan B opponents in the states of mounting "an active attempt to blur the line and confuse people about emergency contraception saying it's abortion, when it's not. Our job is to explain how emergency contraception avoids later abortions, and is in fact a win-win for everyone."

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Actor Don Knotts dead at 81

Don Knotts, the 81-year-old actor who played high-strung characters, won five Emmys for Best Supporting Actor in the 1960s as the swaggering but hapless Fife Knotts developed the idea of the deputy sheriff when he heard that Andy Griffith, with whom he had worked in the play "No Time for Sergeants," was putting together a TV pilot set in the fictional North Carolina town of Mayberry.

The series was a huge success when it aired, from 1960 to 1968, consistently ranking in the top 10 of the Nielsen ratings.

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Reznor and Nails thrill Rupp crowd

By Brad Luttrell
KERNEL MUSIC CRITIC

Trent Reznor will not evade the element of surprise.

Friday night at Rupp Arena, Reznor had more than a few tricks up his sleeve to please a crowd of first-timers and veterans alike.

Nine Inch Nails entertained the masses without a glossed-over show full of hit singles and cliché spotlights from the very beginning when they opened up with "Pinion" as an intro to "Mr. Self Destruct." Reznor brought an extraordinary ambience to the stage that not only bonded an arena of ecstatic college students, but also personalized the show for each follower.

Reznor didn't acknowledge the crowd until nearly three-fourths of the way through the show, which even then was significant to Lexington, as Reznor often does entire shows with little or no dialogue. His words were more open and frank than knowledgeable fans may have expected.

Trent Reznor blew minds when he indirectly referred to his four-year battle with heroin.

After performing "Every Day Is Exactly the Same" from Nine Inch Nails' latest album, "With Teeth," the band silenced, the crowd somewhat calmed, and he spoke.

"I stopped trying to kill myself a year and a half ago, and realized that music is what it's all about," Reznor said. "You f---ing people are what makes it worth it."

Lead guitarist Aaron North also surprised the front row of the mosh pit when he

tossed his guitar into the mob, and again later when he leaped over the five-and-a-half foot gap between the stage and into the pit.

But even after an amazingly elaborate and musically simultaneous light show, a three-song pro-peace video was so united with the music that it was easy to overlook the fact that the super group was still playing behind the scrim, and an implausible display of destruction of the set after the final songs, "The Hand That Feeds and Head Like a Hole," something was still absent.

The big comedown to all fans, new and old, was Nine Inch Nails didn't play their hit single "Hurt," which was covered by Johnny Cash in 2000, but that may have been due to more than just a new set-list arrangement.

According to many fans on an unofficial Nine Inch Nails forum on the Web site echoingthesound.org, during a show in Grand Rapids, Mich., Reznor was hit in the face with a lighter while playing "Hurt" and ended the show there by flipping over his keyboard and walking off stage.

Regardless, Nine Inch Nails still put on what is already being said on the unofficial forums to have been one of the best performances this leg of the tour.

Hopefully, weak ticket sales don't keep Nine Inch Nails away from Lexington for good, but maybe Reznor's comfort with the crowd can be taken as a symbol of hope, not hurt.

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COUNTDOWN TO MARDI GRAS



Above: A performer puts on a show with fire during the Mardi Gras parade on Saturday in downtown Lexington.



Left: Parade-goers look at Mardi Gras artwork Saturday night at ArtsPlace at the Mardi Gras after-party.

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Two-thirds of Katrina donations exhausted

By Jacqueline L. Salmon and Leaf Smith
THE WASHINGTON POST

WASHINGTON — Six months after Hurricane Katrina laid waste to the Gulf Coast, charities have disbursed more than \$2 billion of the record sums they raised for the storm's victims, leaving less than \$1 billion for the monumental task of helping hundreds of thousands of storm victims rebuild their lives, according to a survey by The Washington Post.

Two-thirds of the \$2.7 billion raised by private nonprofit organizations and tracked by The Post went to help evacuees and other Katrina victims with immediate needs — cash, food and temporary shelter, medical care, tarps for damaged homes and school supplies for displaced children.

What's left, say charities and federal officials, will be stretched over years to rebuild lives and reconstruct the social fabric of the Gulf Coast — from job training to mental health counseling to rebuilding the homes of the poor to re-establishing arts organizations and paying clergy as they wait for their congregations to return.

The Post survey, the first detailed examination of the largest outpouring of charity in the nation's history, also found the following:

- The Red Cross, which was criticized for slow distribution of donations after the Sept. 11, 2001, terrorist attacks, has given out 84 percent of its Katrina and Rita donations.

- 50 cents of each donated dollar went out in cash to victims.

- 6 percent of contributions came in the form of supplies — building materials, food, water, clothing, heavy equipment — contributed mostly by corporations.

- 56 percent of remaining donations are controlled by faith-based organizations. They include such well-known institutions as Catholic Charities USA and the Salvation Army but also lower-profile groups like the United Methodist Committee on Relief and United Jewish Communities.

What remains to be done goes well beyond even the staggering costs of rebuilding infrastructure — projects estimated to require nearly \$200 billion in government aid over the long term.

"There are many, many needs that the federal government cannot cover," said Don Powell, a former Federal Deposit Insurance Corp. chairman who was named coordinator of the Gulf's long-term recovery by President Bush in November. Many are "the crucial part of life that we all depend on," he said. "It's not public works. It's not water, sewage or utilities. It's the soul of our life."

No one has put a price tag on restoring the "soul" of a region after such devastation, but the current charitable resources of about \$960 million, as calculated by The Post, will not be sufficient, said Powell.

The line between what the government pays for and what charities will cover is blurred. Even though many Gulf Coast residents are eligible for federal assistance for some housing costs, plenty of other residents will not qualify, say charities, who predict they'll have to pick up the slack. Also, the law that governs federal spending after a disaster strictly limits how much can go to private entities — places of worship and arts groups, mental health

services, youth programs and child-care centers. The desolate fiscal situations in Mississippi and Louisiana leave those states in no position to cover what the feds cannot. Charity officials say their organizations will try to step into that breach.

For weeks after the storm, Americans and their employers poured hundreds of millions of dollars into charities, churches, synagogues and other religious organizations. Thousands of truckloads of supplies were sent to the Gulf Coast.

The speed of the charitable inflow after Katrina topped the torrid pace of donations after the Sept. 11 attacks, when donations hit the \$1 billion mark in six weeks and ultimately rose to \$2.8 billion, according to Indiana University's Center on Philanthropy.

Donations to Katrina, in contrast, hit \$1 billion in three weeks.

Even so, Katrina presents far broader challenges — simply because the money must be spread over so many more victims.

"Even if we doubled, tripled or quadrupled what we have, we still wouldn't be able to meet the need," said Gary Lundstrom, director of projects for Samaritan's Purse, which is rebuilding homes along the Mississippi coast and in Louisiana's ravaged St. Bernard Parish with much of its \$34 million.

Despite the charitable outpouring, some victims feel shortchanged. And there is often a disconnect between the realities of how much has been contributed and the vastness of the need.

Johnnie and Hurley Smith clung to their bedroom skylight to survive Katrina after eight feet of water inundated their home in Biloxi, Miss. They got \$1,000 from the Red Cross to use for daily expenses such as lodging and food, and \$100 and a new mattress from the Salvation Army. They ate Salvation Army and Red Cross meals, and their wrecked home was gutted by a church group.

Nevertheless, Johnnie Smith, 57, says she wishes a little more of the billions in donations had come her way. "I should have been given more assistance," said Smith, a real estate agent who is still unable to work and needs therapy to deal with the trauma of Katrina. (Her husband, Hurley, is retired.) "There was a lot of money donated, and there is still a lot of money being donated."

Some small groups along the coast complain that the big charities are ignoring them.

Saving Our Selves Coalition, a grass-roots recovery group, relies on funds from smaller organizations and individuals.

"I would hope that the (big charities) won't move like our federal government is moving," said the group's founder, LaTosha Brown. "We're six months out, and people are still up in the air. The resources are not getting to the communities."

Charities are braced for hard decisions as they spend what is left. In December, 1,000 Gulf Coast ministers jammed into a New Orleans hotel ballroom for an agonizing debate over whether \$20 million donated to faith organizations by the Bush-Clinton Katrina Fund should be divided among many organizations or focused on a few.

Their decision: rather than funding a "full dinner" for a limited number of

groups, many organizations should receive a "sandwich," said the Rev. William Gray III, co-chairman of the fund's ministerial advisory committee.

Disillusioned by the sluggish government response to the storm, some nonprofit organizations are choosing to spend private dollars on projects that might otherwise be publicly funded.

The Baton Rouge Area Foundation has hired planners and other consultants at a cost of \$15 million to devise a blueprint for development in southern Louisiana, a task normally taken on by the Federal Emergency Management Agency. It is spending \$1.2 million on consultants to map out a regional health care system. The foundation has yet to raise all the needed cash, having exhausted the millions in relief funds it raised earlier.

"We can do it, and we can do it much better" than the federal government, said John Davies, chief executive of the community foundation.

Many homeowners and renters are turning to nonprofit groups after failing to qualify for government aid. "We've been swarmed" with inquiries, said Ken Meinert, senior vice president for Habitat for Humanity's Operation Home Delivery project, which is rebuilding 1,000 houses along the coast with the \$80 million it has raised. It hopes to raise additional money to build another 1,000 residences.

Catholic Charities USA hopes to build 5,000 housing units for the poor in New Orleans, some of it on church-owned land, leveraging its money with loans and grants, said Catholic Charities' chief executive, the Rev. Larry Snyder.

Catholic Charities has so far disbursed \$58 million of the \$142 million it collected to 76 Catholic Charity agencies and other organizations in 29 states for counseling, job placement and housing.

New Orleans resident Tyler Jones, 45, who lost everything in the storm, said Catholic Charities provided his family with medical care, money for clothes, counseling and other support to get their lives back on track. "They restored my faith and my hope by helping me," said Jones, a New Orleans sheriff's deputy.

In his survey, The Post identified 15 charities that collected the most money, based on a database from the Center on Philanthropy of 141 charities raising money for hurricanes Katrina, Rita and Wilma.

It asked for the amounts collected and how much has been disbursed. It obtained breakdowns of how much had gone for short-term relief and amounts remaining for long-term recovery.

Some of that money is causing tension in the Gulf Coast.

Doctors struggling to rebuild practices are clashing with emergency clinics set up after the hurricane. The physicians say the free medical care is diverting paying patients from their practices.

For much the same reason, International Aid, a Michigan aid group that raised \$50 million in cash and supplies, has stopped distributing food now that many grocery stores have reopened.

There comes a point, said the Rev. Myles Fish, the group's chief executive, when "you don't want to harm the local economy, so you've got to discontinue the free stuff."

ny's sale of its U.S. operations to a company owned by an Arab government.

The Bush administration has said that the proposed sale was thoroughly vetted and that no further review was needed. But administration officials on Sunday expressed support for the new review in the hopes that it would calm the political storm and provide the reassurance needed to allow the transaction to proceed.

"Anything that permits there to be additional time so that more people can learn the facts as we learned them is to the better," White House domestic security adviser Frances Townsend told "Fox News Sunday."

Dubai Ports World calls for more review

By Richard Simon
LOS ANGELES TIMES

WASHINGTON — A state-owned Arab company seeking to take over operations of port facilities in six U.S. cities asked the U.S. government yesterday to conduct a new security review of the transaction, sparing President Bush — at least for the time being — a politically uncomfortable showdown with Congress and members of his own party.

Dubai Ports World, owned by one of the sheikdoms that comprise the United Arab Emirates, announced that it was requesting the 45-day review as lawmakers prepared to block the

sale until its effect on national security could be more thoroughly studied.

The U.S. Treasury Department said late yesterday afternoon that the review would begin as soon as the request was formally received. Key lawmakers said they expected that the new review would be more rigorous than the initial examination of the deal.

"There has to be a real investigation," said Rep. Peter King, R-N.Y., chairman of the House Committee on Homeland Security, who is among a large bipartisan contingent in Congress skeptical of the administration's contention that there is no security risk in a private British compa-

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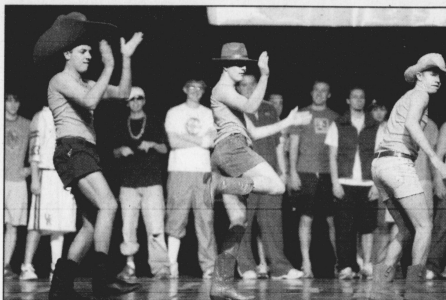
GREEK SING



KEITH SMILEY | STAFF
Delta Gamma sorority sisters perform their piece called "Outer Limits" on the stage in Memorial Coliseum at Saturday's Greek Sing event. Proceeds from the event benefitted the Make-A-Wish Foundation.

UK's Greek community banded together Saturday for some charitable — and entertaining — singing and dancing at its annual Greek Sing.

UK professor Alan DeSantis served as master of ceremonies at the event, which benefits the Make-A-Wish Foundation and is cosponsored by the Chi Omega sorority and Sigma Alpha Epsilon fraternity.



KEITH SMILEY | STAFF
Students in the Kappa Sigma fraternity stomp and clap on stage during their performance of "Crossing the Line" Saturday at UK's annual Greek Sing event.

FEATURES BRIEFS

Kid Rock takes 'fist of rage' to porn industry through court

In an effort to save his good name and wholesome public image, Kid Rock has sued the Red Light District company over their plans to distribute a sex tape starring Rock and former Creed front-man Scott Stapp.

Rock, a modern urban troubadour whose repertoire includes such hits as "I Am the Bulldog," "Only God Knows Why" and "Black Chick, White Guy" won a short-term victory in U.S. District Court Wednesday when Judge John Feikens issued a temporary order that prohibits Red

Light president David Joseph from posting a 40-second preview clip of a 1999 sex tape on the internet.

Red Light District is well-known for contributing to the current career success of sex-tape bombshell Paris Hilton.

In an interview with the Detroit Free Press, Kid Rock's lawyer, William Horton, said that Rock and his legal team "don't deny the authenticity of the tape. But they're using this without his permission to drive the sales of their other products."

"Even rock stars are entitled to privacy," said Michael Novak, Kid Rock's co-counsel.

The court order, which takes effect until Friday, only applies to the preview that was posted on the internet, which the company removed last week when they received a cease-and-desist order from Stapp's lawyers.

Red Light legal counsel Ray Tamaddon, despite having not seen the actual lawsuit, said he was confident that the company would be triumphant in their campaign to distribute the sex-tape.

According to Joseph, he received the sex-tape, which was shot in a motor home near Miami, from a third party. The tape shows both Rock and Stapp engaging in sexual acts with

women from a strip club, but not with each other.

China bans anthropomorphism and actor interactions on television

China said "That's all folks!" to any and all new television shows that featured cartoon characters and real-life actors interacting onscreen last week.

The State Administration of Radio, Film and Television issued a notice on February 15 stating that it "would no longer allow hybrid programs and ordered designated animation channels to rid themselves of programs that incorporate live-action performances," according to

Reuters.

The agency also said that the hybrid shows would "jeopardize the broadcasting order of home-made animation and mislead their development," which may indicate that this policy will benefit domestic animation.

One such casualty of this type of policy was the beloved film "Babe," which was banned prior to the new law on the grounds that animals don't talk.

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Violence continues in Iraq, but with signs of slowing

By Borzou Daragahi
LOS ANGELES TIMES

BAGHDAD, Iraq — At least 10 people were killed and 47 injured yesterday when mortar shells rained down on a largely Shiite area in southern Baghdad. But, after days of widespread violence, the country appeared to draw back from the brink of sectarian conflict.

Throughout the country, passions aroused by the Feb. 22 bombing of an important Shiite Muslim shrine in Samarra and reprisals against Sunni clerics and houses of worship appeared to have subsided considerably. Curfews and a ban on vehicle traffic were lifted in several mixed Sunni-Shiite provinces, but the restrictions continued in the capital, where children took empty streets to play impromptu soccer games.

Authorities have arrested 10 people in connection with the bombing of the Golden Tomb shrine, Iraq's national security adviser, Mowaffak Rubayie, said in an interview with CNN. Rubayie, who accused followers of Jordanian militant Abu Musab al-Zarqawi of carrying out the attack, said four of the suspects were guards at the shrine. Six were outsiders who recently moved into rented flats in Samarra.

U.S. officials expressed optimism that the worst of the unrest had passed and that religious and political leaders had managed to gain control of the situation.

"They've stared into the abyss a bit," national security adviser Stephen Hadley said in an interview with CBS. "I think they've all concluded that further violence, further tension between the communities, is not in their interest."

In the southern city of Basra, firebrand Shiite cleric Muqtada al-Sadr, whose rest-

less militiamen have been accused of fomenting sectarian violence, called for peace before a large crowd of followers, he condemned the United States.

Iraq is experiencing a big crisis between two brothers," al-Sadr said of the conflict that erupted between the country's Shiite majority and Sunni minority. "Burning and destroying mosques is that a victory for Satan or the righteous? Do you want to make the unrighteous victorious?"

Muqtada al-Sadr
Shiite cleric on the recent violent unrest in Iraq

Despite the security measures, a roadside bomb killed two U.S. soldiers early yesterday on the capital's largely Sunni west side. U.S. soldiers have kept a relatively low profile since the bloodshed flared up. U.S. lawmakers said the U.S. military should refrain from getting too heavily involved in the ongoing conflict.

"There's in place today. I think, sufficient military under the control of the Iraqis with certain limited support from us," Sen. John Warner, R-Va., chairman of the Senate Armed Services Committee, said yesterday in an interview with NBC. "But I do not think we should get involved in the civil war, other than to give support to the Iraqi forces as they begin to put it down."

Scattered attacks persisted. In Hilla, a Shiite provincial capital 30 miles south of Baghdad, an explosives-packed minibus killed two civilians when it detonated. Three Sunni mosques were attacked overnight in western Baghdad, police said, while a mortar round struck a Shiite religious school in the Jamila neighborhood, Shiite-controlled Furat TV reported.

At the capital's Yarmouk Hospital, women screamed as bloodied mortar victims

were brought in. At least 12 mortar rounds struck Shiite sections of the mixed Dora district of southern Baghdad, one barrage hit as evening prayers ended shortly before 6 p.m. and another two hours later.

Political leaders continued talks aimed at calming the situation, but they needed each other about the blame for the violence.

"Those who want to participate in the political process must denounce terrorism in theory and practice," said Jawad Maliki, a leader of the Dawa Party, a Shiite political party. "They cannot be with us during the day and with the terrorists at night."

Shiites have long accused Sunni politicians of being apologists for the insurgency. But over the last week, Shiites were on the defensive, accused by Sunnis of allowing militias to attack Sunni mosques and neighborhoods.

Al-Sadr's black-clad Mahdi army, which fought U.S. forces in eastern Baghdad and southern Iraq in 2004, has become the focus of Sunni criticism. But al-Sadr himself has been praised by Sunni leaders.

"We express our thanks to Muqtada al-Sadr, who quickly rejected the violence from the first moment," Sheikh Ibrahim Hassan, a Sunni cleric in Basra, said during a joint Sunni-Shiite prayer session at the city's Great Mosque.

Al-Sadr, returning from a tour of Middle East capitals including Tehran and Damascus, blamed the violence on other countries. Speaking to a crowd of about 800 followers in a speech broadcast live on state-owned Iraqiya TV, he condemned the United States as a "snake."

"Cut the snake's head and all evil will be removed," said al-Sadr, scion of a famous clerical family. "We got rid of Saddam (Hussein), and now we have another dictatorship of Britain, America and Israel."

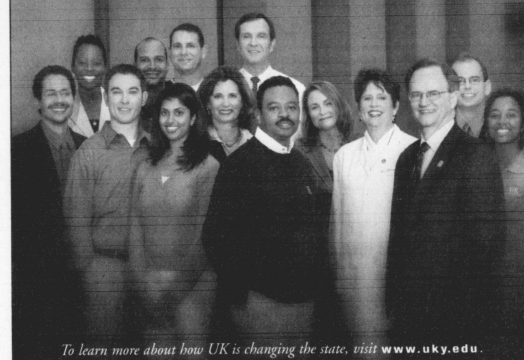
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High schools must teach basic skills

Living in Kentucky, we've all heard the woeful tales of the Commonwealth's subpar education system.

According to the Lexington Herald-Leader, 54 percent of students entering college in Kentucky in 2002 "arrived unprepared" in one or more of three key fields: reading, math and English.

Of those students, 61 percent required remedial work in math, 52 percent in English and 46 percent in reading.

As a result, public institutions are forced to spend \$25 million per year on non-credit remedial coursework - \$14 million in state funds and \$11 million in student tuition.

College students are not the only ones affected by poor results in English and math. High school graduates entering technical fields such as carpentry and electric require math skills to succeed in their careers.

Kentucky Senate Majority Leader Dan Kelly has introduced a bill which would require all 11th grade students in Kentucky to take the ACT to determine which students are deficient, and which areas they should focus on improving.

Kelly's bill would also require testing in 8th and 10th grades to judge students' readiness for high school and college, respectively.

The bill was passed in the Senate 37-0 last Wednesday and will move on to the House of Representatives for final passage. Legislators should be praised

for recognizing this problem and prescribing solutions to remedy it.

That 54 percent of new college students in Kentucky require remedial work is a staggering indictment of the state's education system.

Under Kelly's bill, the burden of remedial coursework would be shifted from colleges and universities back to secondary institutions. It's important for lawmakers to realize the link between high school and college education.

Basic reading, writing and math skills should be taught before a student reaches college. It should not be the responsibility of Kentucky's colleges and universities to teach skills which should have been learned long before high school graduation.

Taking the burden off of post-secondary institutions is an important step in solving this problem.

More important is the fact that going into their senior year, students will know which areas they need to focus on the most.

With these steps in place, we hope high school students will be prepared for college, and for life after graduation.

The Kentucky General Assembly has set a goal of doubling the current number of college graduates in the state by 2020.

In order to achieve this number, high schools must be responsible for ensuring students graduate with the basic skills they will need in order to succeed in college.

President's commissions are vital for UK diversity

Last week, two critically important campus commissions received a new line-up — and we hope these fresh faces are dedicated to their cause.

UK President Lee Todd formed the President's Commission on Diversity and the President's Commission on Women shortly after he began his tenure at UK in July 2001.

Members of these committees are leading advocates on campus for their issues and often make policy recommendations to Todd on ways to effect positive changes in these areas that are central to campus life.

Both commissions have impacted campus, and have generally been at the fore of doing so. Two of the new members told the Kernel they have seen positive changes at UK in recent years.

The commissions also haven't been without their share of controversy.

In October 2005, The Kernel reported that the diversity commission, which is essential in

finding ways to advance UK's campus diversity in the wake of the controversy surrounding a 40 percent drop in black freshman enrollment for this school year, hadn't met since the beginning of last summer.

Its chairwoman left UK for another job and Todd hadn't appointed a new leader.

The commission went for months without making any progress, which is ridiculous and dangerous for a group so important to affecting change within UK, one that's a key communicator with UK's administration.

With UK striving to achieve Top 20 status, it is essential that these commissions work to their full abilities to ensure UK remains diverse and receptive to minorities and women.

We congratulate the new members of these instrumental commissions, and hope they remain dedicated and vigilant in pursuing ways to improve campus, and that UK does everything possible to facilitate their work.



AARON SMITH, THE KENTUCKY KERNEL

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Cheney shooting was accidental; Burr wasn't

It is easy for one person to ridicule another using satire; however, it is much more difficult to address important issues using well-reasoned arguments.

For those who are not intimately acquainted with the duel between Alexander Hamilton and Aaron Burr, it was prompted by their hatred for each other. Aaron Burr intentionally shot Alexander Hamilton.

I don't think anyone would argue that Vice President Cheney shot Mr. Whittington on purpose. Indeed, I think everyone acknowledges that it was an accident. Thus, it was certainly improper for Jonathan Meador to draw a similarity between Vice President Cheney's accident and the duel between Burr and Hamilton.

If Mr. Meador wishes to attack the political stances of the vice president that is his own prerogative; however, launching a personal attack on a man who has dedicated most of his life to public service should not be the appropriate method for Mr. Meador to make his political points, especially when that personal attack centers upon an event as tragic as an unintentional injury.

ROBERT GOFF
UK College of Law

Disgruntled fans should let Tubby coach

The UK men's basketball team has new coaches this season, coming from all across the Commonwealth. The problem is that UK has hired zero of these coaches and none has experience with the team.

There is a common opinion that the team's struggles are the fault of its coach, Tubby Smith. The blame is being thrown at him like water on a fire. At the last home game at Rupp Arena, one fan wielded a "Drain the Tub" sign with an X over Smith's face; this could not be more wrong.

UK would not have hired Smith had he not been the best candidate for the job. Smith has won an SEC title every year that he has been at UK, whether it be the regular season or tournament title, and there are several years in which UK has captured both. Smith coached the Cats to their first undefeated SEC season and tournament since Rupp was sporting his brown suit on the bench. Smith is not the problem, so the Big Blue Nation should stop screaming for his head.

Chris Lofton wearing Volunteer Orange is another hot topic in UK camps. There was no room for Lofton at UK, with the roster already full of talented guards. Patrick Sparks had already transferred from Western Kentucky, with Rondo, Bradley, and Crawford coming to Lexington. Smith did not have enough room for Lofton to join the Big Blue. One fan suggested that UK should not recruit the top national players, just the top Kentucky players. That idea would ruin Kentucky faster than an outbreak of the bird flu.

The moral of the story is unless UK is paying you for your opinions, keep them around the water-cooler. UK fans should leave the coaching and the recruiting to the coaches, while the fans' main concern should be staying to the final buzzer.

ADAM CAIN
journalism sophomore

Help UK invest in renewable energy

Recently Student Government voted unanimously to allow a referendum supported by Green Thumb Environmental Club to be placed on the ballot for the March 29th SG election. The referendum asks if students support that \$6 of their student fees per semester be used for renewable energy initiatives on UK's campus.

If students vote yes this spring, UK will join several other institutions across the nation that have also decided to invest in renewable energy resources. It should be clear that the money would be allocated by the appropriate administrative authorities at UK and would never be used or seen by Green Thumb. The referendum statement simply mandates how student fees will be used. Several ways in which it could be invested include, but are not limited to, solar panels on campus buildings, energy-saving measures, solar hot-water heaters, and renewable energy certificates.

Green Thumb believes that to be responsible global citizens of the future, we can never be completely dependent on any one resource and should explore alternatives. We believe now is the time to begin investing in renewable forms of energy that are readily available with current technology and that enhance the quality of our environment. Join us in this effort and vote in this spring's student government election.

TIFFANY THOMPSON
geography senior

Dinosaurs and Disasters won't help in my political career

In the weeks to come, Congress will begin debating the cause of the Cretaceous-Tertiary extinction.



Megan Vazmina
Kernel Columnist

Knowing my cacophony of intellect of both dinosaurs and disasters I feel certain that my presence will be requested.

As many may be wondering, my vast geological knowledge comes from several mandatory science classes, including Astronomy 191 and 192, Physical Geography and, of course, Geology 130 — Dinosaurs and Disasters.

Thanks to the always-con-

cerned university, I am able to take these four fantastic classes in order to fulfill University Studies requirements.

These classes should be enormous help as I proceed into a life of government and politics. And I'm sure that my fellow students must all feel the same way!

A close friend of mine is a chemistry major who plans to enter medical school, and I'm sure her heart is bursting with the joy at the prospect of taking Introduction to Literature or Greek and Roman Mythology. What else could be so enlightening?

For all those who are waiting for me to get to the point, here goes:

As a college student, there is one force that continues to cast a dark shadow over the years. This shadow is known as the University Studies Program.

The University of Kentucky has decided that we need to broaden our horizons with a set of

mandatory classes.

I will concede that incoming freshman are given the opportunity to take a variety of classes in order to find a major or subject area that suits them. But for those of us who have decided our life's

USP requirements might "broaden our horizons," but they're of little use in the real world.

path and are pursuing it sedulously, the University Studies Program is a mere hindrance.

Colleges in the past were places that provided classical education. Students thrived on absorbing all types of knowledge

from biology to Latin to literature.

These colleges were primarily for wealthy, upper-class males. And these men were not all striving for careers in Greek Literature.

If you fast-forward to the present, you may already be aware of the fact that college is career training. No matter how many people tell you that this form of higher education will make you a more enlightened person, the fact is that no person studying engineering will pursue a career in literature.

Maybe this is why when people say their major is English or Philosophy the question that inevitably follows is: "What are you going to do with it?"

So why are we forced to take courses so irrelevant to the futures that we are trying so hard to shape? What does Dinosaurs and Disasters have to do with political science?

Why am I forced to spend hun-

dreds and hundreds of dollars to take classes like "The Solar System" when none of the planets will help me when I'm managing the campaign of a future president?

The truth is, they don't help. So as you await the imminent tuition increase, think about how much college would cost if you only had to take classes that related to your major and field of study to graduate, instead of excessive requirements for the USP. And if you are in the College of Arts and Science, you are simply doomed.

As I watch the Congressional debates diligently, I know that even if Congress decides to blame the Cretaceous-Tertiary extinction on weapons of mass destruction, I know that it was an extraterrestrial impact!

Take that Congress! Megan Vazmina is a political science and journalism sophomore. E-mail opinions@kykernel.com

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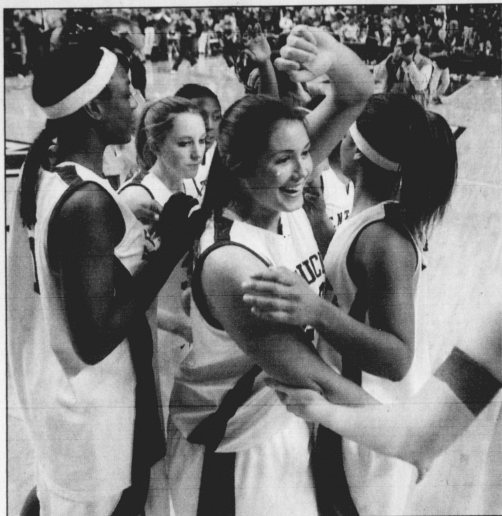
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STUMBO'S SENDOFF



Senior forward Stephanie Stumbo celebrates with her teammates after UK defeated Alabama 80-60 on Senior Day yesterday at Rupp Arena. Stumbo is the only graduating senior on this year's team.

SPORTS BRIEFS

Track takes two SEC titles

The women's distance medley relay team and thrower Gavin Ball won SEC titles yesterday in the last day of the SEC Track and Field Championships in Gainesville, Fla.

The DMR team of sophomore Lavera Morris, freshmen Ashley Trimble and Andrea Brown, and junior Georganne Way bested Florida at the finish to take the title. After Morris' leg, the Cats were third. Trimble ran a swift 400 meters to put the Cats in front, a lead Brown kept. Way made it interesting, allowing Florida's Lindsay Sundell to pass her at the half-mile mark, but caught up and eventually passed Sundell with 100 meters remaining to take the crown. Ball, a junior, threw a 61-2.25 to take the title in the shot put. The throw was a season best. UK finished ninth (of 12) in the women's standings as a team. The men pulled together 21 points. They finished last.

Tennis sweeps Sunshine State

No. 30 UK (7-5) completed a two-match swing in Florida this weekend by slipping past No. 44 South Florida 4-3. The Cats clinched the doubles point with a three-match sweep and Carolina Escamilla came back from two match points with the match tied to defeat the Bulls' Ictri Mai in three sets. Escamilla, a junior, dropped the opening set and was down 5-3 in the second before winning four of the last five games to take the set 7-6. In the third set, Escamilla trounced Iri 6-2 to take the match and give the Cats the win. Junior Kim Coventry, freshman Jessica Giuggio and Escamilla won singles matches.

Softball goes 1-for-5 in San Diego

Brooke Marnitz hit for the cycle and broke the Wildcat record for walks in a game with four this weekend as the Cats (7-6) sandwiched a win over Indiana State with losses to San Diego State and Loyola Marymount at the Aztec Invitational, after dropping their opening day games to Long Beach State and Colorado State. Marnitz, a senior, received four free passes against LMU, but it wasn't enough as the Cats lost 7-1 Saturday.

Barely 15 hours before, Marnitz ripped up Sycamore pitching for a single, double, triple and home run. She scored three times and had four RBIs in the Cats' 11-3 win. Against the host Aztecs Friday, freshman Jessica Trueblood took the loss as San Diego State scored three runs with two outs in the third inning to take a 5-2 lead. Amy Kendall relieved Trueblood in the fourth and allowed one base runner for the rest of the game, but UK couldn't close the gap any more than the final 5-3 score.

Gymnastics loses despite second-highest score

Despite the second-highest total score in school history, UK dropped its fourth Southeastern Conference match of the season, 196.350-196.250 to No. 19 Arkansas. The No. 18 Cats (7-4, 1-4 SEC) didn't post a score lower than 48.850 for any one event, and notched scores of better than 49 for three events, but couldn't stop the red-hot Razorbacks. Arkansas (5-9, 1-4) posted their season-high as well, topping their previous best of 194.375. Junior Krystle Cook finished first in the all-around after posting the fifth-highest score in the na-

tion for 2006, a 39.525. The Cats tied a school record in the vault, with a 49.350, but it wasn't enough to top the Razorbacks.

Baseball improves to 5-1

Collin Cowgill had a career day at the plate yesterday to lead the Cats to a 9-2 victory over Michigan State in Beaumont, Texas. Cowgill, from Lexington's Henry Clay High School, went 4-for-5 with a home run and a double and brought home four RBIs in the win, which improved the Cats to 5-1 for the second consecutive season. Cowgill's homer was his second of the season, which matches his total from all of last season.

Saturday in Beaumont, Craig Snipp pitched his first career complete game to lead the Cats to a 6-1 victory over Lamar. Snipp, who tossed six innings of near-perfect relief last week to pick up his first victory of the season, got his second win after allowing six hits, striking out eight and walking four.

Baylor drops men's tennis

UK got wins at the No. 1 and No. 2 singles spots, but couldn't fanagle any more victories and was beaten, 5-2, by No. 9 Baylor Saturday in Waco, Texas. Baylor took two of the three doubles matches to claim the point, but UK senior Alex Hume and freshman Bruno Agostinelli came up with two upset victories to claim the first two singles matches.

No. 100 Hume beat the Bears' fourth-ranked Lars Poerschke in straight sets. Agostinelli, the No. 83 player in the nation, beat No. 56 Matija Zgaga of Baylor (7-6, 5-7, 7-5) to claim the victory.

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LSU 71, UK 67

'Big Baby' bottles Big Blue

STAFF REPORT

Louisiana State center Glen "Big Baby" Davis scored a career-high 28 points and nabbed 15 rebounds as the No. 24 Tigers (20-7, 12-2 Southeastern Conference) beat UK 71-67 Saturday in Baton Rouge, La.

Davis, who played almost the entire second half with three fouls, grabbed his final rebound inside the final two seconds of the contest after UK junior forward Shery Thomas airballed a short jump hook on UK's final offensive play.

Thomas finished with nine points. Randolph Morris led UK (18-10, 8-6) with 17 points and four rebounds.

Patrick Sparks, who nailed two consecutive 3-pointers in the game's final two minutes to tie the score after the Cats had trailed by as much as eight, was the only other Cat in double figures as he finished with 13.

Sparks, who was visibly open on the final play, didn't get the ball.

The Cats were out-rebounded by the SEC-leading Tigers 38-26. LSU boasts the two leading rebounders in the conference, in Davis and forward Tyrus Thomas, who average 10 and 9.3 rebounds per game respectively.

UK travels to Knoxville, Tenn., Wednesday to face No. 10 Tennessee (20-5, 11-3), who beat UK 75-67 in Lexington Feb. 7.

The Vols are led by sophomore guard Chris Lofton, a Maysville, Ky., native who is fourth in the SEC with 17.5 points per game and leads the conference in 3-point field goals made and 3-point percentage.

The game is scheduled to begin at 8 p.m.

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SEC Standings

Through yesterday's games

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Tennessee 11-3 20-5

Florida 8-6 22-6

UK 8-4 18-10

Vanderbilt 6-8 15-10

Georgia 5-9 15-12

South Carolina 5-9 14-13

WEST

LSU 12-2 20-7

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