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Trustees expected to rehire Todd

Board vote on new contract anticipated in meeting today

By Troy Lyle
THE KENTUCKY KERNEL

After evaluating the performance of UK President Lee Todd over the past four months, board of trustees members are expected to approve his new contract at today's meeting.

Todd's presidency began in 2001. His current five-year contract is set to end June 30, 2006.

The board began evaluating Todd this past June, at which time each of the 20 trustees compiled written comments about his presidency. In that input, the board outlined its future expectations to Todd.

Board chairman James Hardyman said in an earlier interview that the board's overall evaluation of Todd has been "very positive."

Hardyman declined last night to discuss the specifics of the board's evaluations or Todd's new contract, and said those issues will be discussed in today's meeting.

Trustee Phillip Patton said Todd's contract extension is "very likely."

"From my perception, there's general approval of the job he's doing," he said.

Patton said he thinks that other trustees feel the same about the contract.

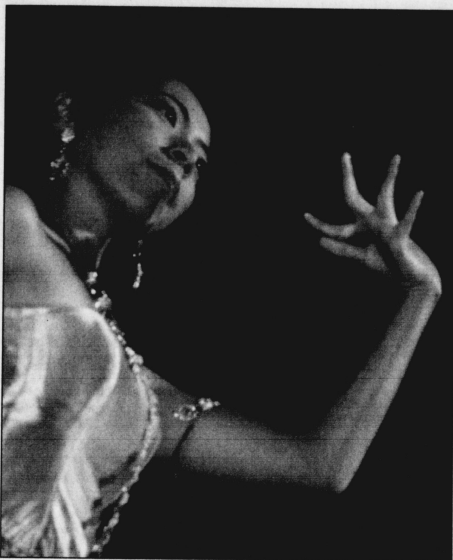
Trustee Russ Williams, staff representative to the board, said trustees are pleased with Todd's performance thus far.

"He's met our expectations — UK's in good shape, and he's shown good leadership," he said.

The board members declined to dis-

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Night of Nations



Above: Juthamard Suan-Udon performs a traditional Thai dance during Saturday night's International Night festivities. The event, sponsored by the International Student Council, is designed to showcase diversity on UK's campus.

Right: A traditional Indonesian religious statue was shown by Permas Kentucky, UK's chapter of an Indonesian student association.

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The International Student Council's annual International Night featured ethnic dance, song, art and food, with flags from each of the 22 countries represented circling the courtyard to show that "Diversity brings Unity."

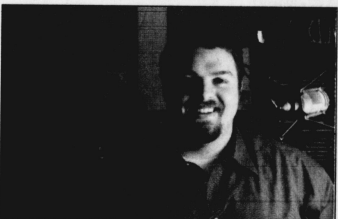
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From graveyard to top spot

WRFI-FM's new general manager strives to diversify station's programs and expand news coverage

By Elizabeth Collier
THE KENTUCKY KERNEL



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WRFI-FM, UK's alternative radio station located in the Student Center.

John Edwards, a political science senior, is the new general manager at WRFI-FM, UK's alternative radio station located in the Student Center.

The new manager of WRFI-FM finds time in a busy schedule to root for the Red Sox, play the guitar, enjoy Italian food and receive phone calls from naked people.

John Edwards, a political science senior, worked at WRFI for two years as sales and grants director and a regular disc jockey before being promoted to general manager last year. As a disc jockey, he worked a graveyard shift from 3-6 a.m.

"It's a fun shift because you get interesting calls," Edwards said. "One time I got a call from some-

one at 3 a.m. that told me they were totally naked."

Edwards' new job includes overseeing everything that goes on at the station, maintaining the budget, addressing complaints and being on call 24/7, 365 days a year.

In addition to his responsibilities at WRFI, Edwards is involved in numerous campus organizations such as Student Activity Board, Late Night Programming Committee, Rugby Team and Phi Sigma Alpha, the political science honors society. Edwards is also the president and founder of the Italian

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Voting advocacy group campaigns for higher student turnout at polls

By Sean Rose
THE KENTUCKY KERNEL

Representatives from Kentuckians for the Commonwealth are on campus this week urging UK students to register to vote so they can participate in a special county election on Nov. 8.

The group is a 24-year-old, non-profit organization that works with issues from mountain top removal to tax reform. The group encouraged voter registration at Central Kentucky colleges last year and will return to UK Thursday and Friday from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. and 9:30 a.m. to 2 p.m., respectively.

The group hopes to give "citizen empowerment" to students and encourage their participation and awareness in politics, said Dave Newton, the group's Central Kentucky organizer.

Newton said politicians can afford to ignore younger groups such as college students because they traditionally don't have voter turnout as high as other groups of the 18-and-older population. Sociology senior Erik Hungerbuhler, a

student committee member for the voter organization, thinks political parties don't target college campuses because of past low student voter turnout.

"We feel that students are neglected by (political) parties, more or less," Hungerbuhler said. "If students aren't voting, (politicians) have no reason to pay attention to them."

Hungerbuhler and Newton also emphasized the importance of UK students registering to vote in Fayette County, as well as their home away from college. Their group encourages students to embrace issues in Lexington no matter where their hometown may be.

"If you're going to vote, you might as well vote where you live," Hungerbuhler said of UK students.

Fayette County is the only county in Kentucky that will be voting on one issue in November. It deals with local ownership of Lexington's water supply.

In 2002, Mayor Teresa Isaac proposed local ownership.

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Students complete voter registration forms at a Kentuckians for the Commonwealth table last Thursday near the Grehan Building.



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Tropical storm threat halts planned return to New Orleans

By Cecil Connolly
THE WASHINGTON POST

NEW ORLEANS — With Tropical Storm Rita bearing down on the Gulf of Mexico and growing political pressure from federal leaders, Mayor C. Ray Nagin said Monday New Orleans residents could not return home after all and that any people already in the city should evacuate.

Nagin had been allowing business owners to return over the weekend and on Monday residents of one dry neighborhood were to return to their homes. But Nagin reversed himself and ordered another mandatory evacuation, to begin Wednesday, just hours after President Bush questioned whether the city was safe enough for people to return.

"We are suspending all re-entry into

the city of New Orleans as of this moment," Nagin said. The mayor said he was backed away from his earlier decision to let residents return because of fresh fears about Rita, which forecasters said could become a hurricane by Tuesday.

"If we are off, I'd rather err on the side of conservatism to make sure we have everyone out," Nagin said.

The city's levees, overwhelmed by Hurricane Katrina, "are still in very weak condition" and many of the pumps used to push the mucky floodwaters back into Lake Pontchartrain are not yet operating, Nagin said. If Rita were to dump nine inches of rain on New Orleans, the result would be "3 to 4 feet of flooding in most parts of the city," he said.

Asked if anything could be done to

buttress the levee system before Rita might strike, Nagin replied: "Just tell people to run."

Current weather projections indicate that Rita, which was threatening Key West, Fla., Monday night, could roar across the Gulf and strike the lower portions of Louisiana by the weekend. If, as some suggest, New Orleans sits on the "eastern side of the storm, we take the brunt of it," Nagin said.

As New Orleans residents faced the grim prospect of an even slower recovery, state officials put the still-rising Katrina death toll at 736 in Louisiana and the overall death toll at 973.

Bush administration officials and Nagin have sparred publicly and in private in recent days over the mayor's

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Verizon settles with firm selling customers' phone records

By Jonathan Krim
THE WASHINGTON POST

WASHINGTON — A Tennessee company will stop selling personal cell phone records of individuals over the Internet and will provide information on how it acquired such data under an agreement reached last week with Verizon Wireless.

The firm, Source Resources Inc. of Cookeville, Tenn., was among dozens of companies advertising that for fees starting under \$100,

spouses trying to locate their victims.

Last month, Electronic Privacy Information Center, a leading privacy rights group, urged the Federal Communications Commission to crack down on carriers for having inadequate security.

Verizon Wireless sued Source Resources in July after a Verizon Wireless customer complained his records had been obtained from Source Resources without his permission.

Williams, who's served as a trustee since 1988, said the board has the constant responsibility to make sure the governing regulations are as useful and up to date as possible.

He continued adding that budgetary concerns will continue to play a large role in board matters. "The state budget has a large impact on what the university is able to do," he said.

Another upcoming issue is the Coldstream Research facility and its many construction products.

Trustees

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cuss any of the specific content of the new contract, Williams said in all likelihood it would be for a shorter period of time.

"Extended contracts by definition are shorter," he said.

Williams added that "it's a solid contract," reiterating the board's positive overall view of Todd.

Todd's current contract sets his salary at \$275,330 annually. This amount reflects the 4 percent salary pool in-

crease given to faculty and staff this school year.

In addition to his salary, Todd is given a car and house provided by the state, and retirement benefits totaling 15 percent of his annual salary.

His total compensation for 2005, including a \$100,000 bonus and \$41,300 in retirement benefits, is \$416,630.

Several trustees said once Todd's contract has been sorted out, the board will then focus its attention to other issues.

Patton said the proposed renovation of the Boone Center has been on hold since this time last year and that he'd like to see the board resolve the issue.

"We need to do something

about this building," he said.

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Club.

"I love Italian food," Edwards said. His favorite restaurants are Bella Notte on Nicholasville Road and Portofino's on Main Street.

"Portofino's is a little expensive, so you have to go there when the parents come to visit," he said.

Edwards is a member of the University Leadership Summit, a group of outstanding student organization leaders that participate in retreats each month to promote communication among student leaders at

UK.

WRFL has been on the air since 1988 and the station plays a wide variety of music, from techno to Korean Pop. The station strays from mainstream, top-40 music, Edwards said.

"I like so many different types of music, so much that I honestly cannot pick out just one as my favorite type," Edwards said.

"One of the biggest things I've learned at the station is that popular music doesn't have to have words. There are some really good artists whose music doesn't have lyrics and is still very interesting and intricate," Edwards said.

Edwards said he applied for the management position because he wanted to continue raising awareness

about the station. The station's mission is to provide UK's campus and the community with alternatives to mainstream radio, he said.

"I do not want to change what's going on, I just want to let people know what has been going on," he said.

He has several goals for the station, including a desire to diversify the program even more to educate listeners.

"Our job as a station is to educate," Edwards said.

He also wants to expand the news department, and do more events on campus.

"I would like to take the challenge to work together instead of separately with other student organizations," he said.

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Hurricane relief donations pouring in

By Eden Lakin
NEWSPY

Donations for the Hurricane Katrina relief effort are flowing into charities at an unprecedented rate, paying for everything from food and new homes to job retraining and reuniting pets with their owners.

As of Friday, Americans had contributed about \$823 million to charities, according to the agencies. Two weeks after the hurricane, the response had already reached \$887.3 million, dwarfing the outpouring for past disasters: In the two weeks after the terrorist attacks of Sept. 11, 2001, donations totaled \$538 million, while Americans donated \$400 million for victims of last year's Asian tsunami over the same period of time, according to a tally by the Chronicle of Philanthropy a publication

in Washington, D.C., that covers charities.

Far ahead of the pack in the Katrina disaster is the American Red Cross, which has already raised more than \$670 million, including \$12 million collected by its Greater New York chapter. The Salvation Army has raised \$94.4 million, while the Humane Society of the United States has taken in \$16 million to rescue animals.

"We've only counted online and phone donations," said Eric Lewis of the UJA Federation of New York, which so far has collected more than \$1.7 million. "We haven't counted checks yet. And donations are still coming in."

"We haven't really done a push for funds," said Clifford Marshall, of the Greater New York Division of the Salvation Army, which has collected \$3

million. "It's just been a spontaneous outpouring by New Yorkers who want to help."

Many charities, however, have held telethons, including the "Shelter From the Storm" benefit concert on Sept. 9, and sent mass e-mail messages to regular donors to raise money. The Red Cross disaster fund phone number has been plastered on television screens during baseball games. Celebrities have contributed millions of dollars toward relief efforts. Plus, large corporations have donated items including diapers and bottled water.

The Bush-Clinton Katrina Fund, headed by former Presidents George Bush and Bill Clinton, has collected between \$80 million and \$100 million, including \$23 million from Wal-Mart, according to Clinton aide Will Edgar.

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push to demonstrate New Orleans will be back in business soon. Last Thursday, he laid out a plan to permit up to 182,000 people to return over the course of 10 days.

Vice Adm. Thad Allen, the Coast Guard chief of staff tapped by Bush to lead the federal response here, said that move was "extremely problematic." Allen said it was dangerous to invite tens of thousands of people into a city with little clean water, a severely compromised sewer system, a manual 911 emergency call system and few hospitals or traffic lights.

Nagin, interviewed over the weekend in Dallas by Fox News, questioned Allen's credentials: "Since I have been away a day or two maybe he's the new crowned federal mayor of New Orleans."

That prompted Bush to reiterate Allen's message,

telling reporters he was taking the unusual step of commenting publicly to be certain the mayor got the message.

"We have made our position loud and clear," the president said Monday.

Although he defended his initial plan to reopen New Orleans, Nagin said the new decision to evacuate was based solely on long-range projections that show Rita has the potential to bring high winds and heavy downpours to a city ill-equipped to handle another natural disaster.

"This is not a diversion," he said from his new command center in a downtown hotel. "This is a real threat."

Initially criticized for failing to move many of the city's impoverished black residents out on the weekend prior to Katrina, Nagin promised a more aggressive approach to the evacuations set to begin Wednesday.

"I don't play around with hurricanes," Nagin said. "I've seen Katrina."

Although Nagin said he would turn to active-duty soldiers and the National Guard

to help the city's depleted police department enforce the new evacuation order, a Pentagon official said that is not the role of the military.

"They have not asked us to help them take anyone out of the city at this time," said Brig. Gen. Mark A. Graham, deputy commanding general of Fifth U.S. Army, which oversees the 82nd Airborne Division and other active-duty Army forces in the region. "We don't forcibly evacuate anyone. That's a law enforcement job."

Alexandria, Va., Police Capt. John Henderson, who is helping run the city's command center, said aides were drawing up evacuation plans that would enable out-of-town relief workers to move to high ground if necessary later in the week.

Throughout the day, there were pockets of activity in Algiers, the neighborhood across the Mississippi River where residents were officially permitted to return. Even before Nagin's announcement, most residents said they had no intention of staying.

Voters

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ship of Kentucky-American, a company currently owned by German conglomerate RWE. The council voted in January to end the condemnation of the water company, but Isaac vetoed the decision the following week.

The Lexington-Fayette Urban County Council voted 9-6 to approve documents that described conditions for legal settlement with Kentucky-American.

A petition that collected more than 23,000 verified signatures put the ownership issue on the Nov. 8 ballot for the public to decide.

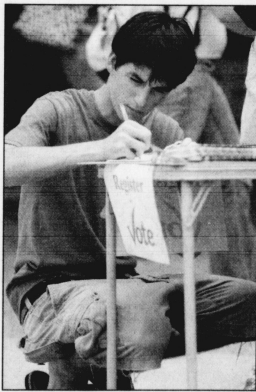
Kentuckians for the Commonwealth supports local ownership of water. Hungerbuhler said the water issue is important because the cost of water could affect UK housing costs and local water bills. He also said more ideological reasons are behind this ballot.

"Everyone needs water; it exists locally and it should be owned locally," Hungerbuhler said.

Hungerbuhler said registering and voting are small, but important, steps toward becoming an empowered citizen.

"Either you vote and have your say, or they're not going to pay any attention to you," Hungerbuhler said.

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GO CATS!

International Night celebrates diversity at UK

By Steve Lopez
THE KENTUCKY KERNEL

This weekend, UK went around the world in four hours.

This unrealistic feat was accomplished Saturday at UK's annual International Student Council's International Night, held in the Ralph G. Anderson Engineering Building Courtyard.

Flags from the 22 represented countries lined the courtyard in a circle, in the spirit of the council's new motto, "Diversity brings unity."

Many of those in attendance, as well as those hosting the event, dressed in traditional clothing from various international countries. "This is a night of fun and awareness," said Prasanth Bathae Kumaresh, Sports Director of International Student Council.

The ISC, along with the Office of International Affairs and several other international student-based organizations have been planning this event since early summer. The event received support from a variety of organizations and volunteers, Student Government, Student Activities Board, Student Affairs and various local businesses also helped out by

sponsoring International Night.

International Night showcased the diversity on UK's campus, with 22 information booths set up around the courtyard that represented each international organization on campus.

The evening was filled with a variety of events ranging from speeches, live music, dance, fashion shows and raffles. International finger foods were provided by UK Catering.

Preparation for this year's event took about 20 volunteers working from 9 that morning until right before the night's festivities started. "It makes the event that much more special, when we have so much help from volunteers," said Todd Martin, Program Coordinator of UK's BSU International.

BSU International, a branch of the Baptist Student Union, was created to foster hospitality between local and international students, help with English classes and investigations of American culture and Christianity.

"It is a night that brings students together from around the world. We try to make it as diverse as possible," said Anca Golea, a UK international student. Golea, a



Theresa Brown (left), an elementary education graduate student, had henna drawn on her hand by Smita Banche, a computer science graduate student from India, during Saturday's annual International Night. The event featured 22 booths, representing different countries and student organizations.

HSIN-TING YU | STAFF

UK graduate student in French and BSU International member was also one of four masters of ceremonies at the event. "We hope to bridge together as many cultures as possible," she said.

After months of planning and hours of hard work, International Night brought hundreds together for an evening of diversity, education and fun.

"To have the chance of knowing what is not American through contact with many people from other countries, you get a broader sense of the world," said Kumaresh. "And you can do it all without ever leaving campus."

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ETCETERA | The Poore Philosophy Of cell phones and seven-year-olds

As we speak, my 7-year-old niece is somewhere with a cell phone.

Yes, my sister has decided, for reasons known only to the CIA, to buy my niece a cell phone for her recent birthday. Now, whom would she be calling? Me? My mom? I'm expecting her to get into prank calling very very soon.

I was told the reasoning behind this birthday present stemmed from the fact that my niece asked for walkie-talkies for her birthday.

First of all, I assumed they were pink ones. Because she only asks for things that

are pink, I'm convinced if I gave her a box of hot-pink sticky notes I would be the greatest Uncle Derek that ever lived.

My nephew, on the other hand, only asks for toys that he can either break in one sitting or destroy with something else.

Before attempting to comprehend the news I'd just heard, I phoned my sister at work.

"How did you get this number?"
"I'm a reporter."
"So you know all the facts?"

"I'm trying to get the facts and you never answer your cell phone."

"It's a long story, I'll tell you about it later."

So I hung up. I was left with trying to reason what a 7-year-old needed a cell phone for. I guess when she takes the bus uptown to the mall she'll be able to call a

cab.

I called her back later but closed my phone, because I thought I didn't have a signal. My phone rang two seconds later.

"Did you just call and hang up?"

After quizzing my sister, I slowly came to the realization that she's crazy.

"She was wanting this thing called 'Chat Now,'" my sister said. "But she doesn't even know anybody within two miles."

Apparently it was around \$70, so my sister told my niece she could get a real cell phone for that much. My niece couldn't believe it, because anytime a grown-up tells a kid anything, they immediately "can't believe it" and they squeal. The sort of high-pitched seething tone that attracts dogs. This often happens in the cereal aisle. Actually this happens at any store on Earth.

I returned to my original question: Who the heck was she going to call?

"Nobody. Just Mom."

So what exactly is she doing with it? If my nephew got hold of it, he'd immediately break it, then try to use it. Actually, he's 10 years old and since a cell phone has nothing to do with a PlayStation, he wouldn't notice.

"She uses it. She loves it," my sister said. "It has bowling on it. She bought a pink cover for it." Well ... there it is.

Considering my disdain for any event that doesn't make me the center of attention, I asked the obvious. "She's going to call you. She's already asked me for your number," my sister said.

My phone still hasn't rung.

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Assistant Provost, Julian Samora Chair in Latino Studies & Director of the Institute for Latino Studies

Where: Main Building, Room 209 Lexmark Public Room
When: Tuesday, September 20, 2005
Time: 4:00 P.M.

Gilberto Cárdenas has worked in the area of immigration for thirty years and has gained international recognition as a scholar in Mexican immigration. Three times named by *Hispanic Business Magazine* as one of the 100 most influential Latinos in the United States, Dr. Cárdenas has authored or edited numerous books, articles, monographs, and reports on topics covering several fields of specialization, including international migration, economy and society, and race and ethnic relations.



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Enthusiasm lacking one year to the next

Two years ago, Rich Brooks was a different man.
In September 2003, the Cats were preparing to host the Florida Gators in the UK head coach's first Southeastern Conference game. Brooks recognized the uphill battle the Cats faced, but he had hope UK could start to change its trend against the Gators.
"I don't like the history of this series, and we need to do something about it," Brooks said at the time. "(At Oregon) it didn't happen overnight, but it did happen. I don't think any one game reverses a trend. You have to do it more than once."
By the end of his pre-Florida news conference that year, he had raised his volume and his intensity.
"Let's get fired up for Florida then, damn it," he cried to reporters gathered at Commonwealth Stadium's Wildcat Den. "Let's go!"
The room erupted, and Brooks smiled after pulling a Howard Dean moment long before Dean even considered one.
Fast forward to yesterday. It was a different scene altogether.
Brooks came to the podium and began by reminding reporters and fans just how bad UK has been over the years.
"I've been accused of not doing my research, so I am going to read something," Brooks began. (Drum roll, please.) "The Cats' last win in an SEC home opener was 1987 versus Ole Miss. "That doesn't bode well, does it?"
Pause. After harsh reality Brooks offered only sharp sarcasm.
"We're going to have fun now, guys," he said with a smirk.
Things have changed.
Seventeen losses have piled up since Brooks screamed and shouted in 2003, and in at least three of them — at Vanderbilt in 2003, against Ohio in 2004 and at Indiana this weekend — the Cats have shown up as enthused as Brooks was yesterday.
"All I can do now is get my team ready for the weekend," he said when asked what he would tell fans after the 38-14 loss to the Hoosiers.
I hope his pre-game speech does not draw from the same motivational material he offered yesterday to the media. I hope he can get them to listen. I hope he's more like the guy who laughed and screamed (maybe sarcastically) two years ago, than the one who seemed to be preparing UK fans and players for a long weekend (and season).
Sure, I would probably rip Brooks if he swung to the other extreme and saw UK's sorry state with blue-colored lenses. But when most UK fans are looking for some small hope to hang on to, he's got nothing.
"We're struggling to show we've improved," Brooks said, alluding to injuries and other hurdles UK faces. "A lot of people just don't care."
Most fans do care, but they need to see something, anything, to keep them on board.
"The glass is half full," UK safety Antoine Huffman said. "That's how you've got to live your life, right?"
Two years ago, Rich Brooks and the rest of the Big Blue Nation might have agreed. Now, it's hard to imagine anyone screaming about getting fired up for Florida. Damn it.
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FOOTBALL NOTEBOOK

Wildcats remain optimistic

By Chris Johnson
THE KENTUCKY KERNEL

Despite a 24-point loss to Indiana over the weekend, UK players said the team would be competitive against No. 5 Florida this Saturday.
"We are ready to take on this Florida team," sophomore linebacker Wesley Woodyard said. "If we do our jobs on offense, defense and special teams, it'll be tough for anyone to beat us."
The company line was across the board.
"Any given Saturday, there's a chance for anybody. Florida, Kentucky, Georgia; especially in the (Southeastern Conference)," senior cornerback Antoine Huffman said.
When asked if "any given Saturday" was becoming the team's mantra, Huffman said, "Ohio beat Pittsburgh, what do you call that?"
The team also maintained that what they've displayed on the field so far this season isn't indicative of their capabilities.
"We're mad," senior tailback Arliss Beach said. "We know we can play better than we did Saturday."
Handing the line
Brooks said the team had its work cut out for it on controlling the line of scrimmage, both from the offensive and defensive sides of the ball.
"I thought our run defense would be better," Brooks said. "The last two games, some teams that aren't great running teams have run the ball well on us."
The Gator 'D'
Brooks noted the Gators' defense as one of the stingiest in the nation. Florida provided an example of that last weekend by holding then-No. 6 Tennessee to six points.
"They get in your face," Brooks said. "It was very difficult for Tennessee to gain any yards. They took several shots down the field and weren't able to connect on any of them."
State of the Union
When asked what he wanted to say to UK fans who have perhaps become disenfranchised with the



Sophomore linebacker Wesley Woodyard celebrates a fourth quarter interception Sept. 10 against Idaho State. It was Woodyard's first career pick in UK's 41-29 victory.

team's effort and level of competition against Indiana, Brooks said. "All I can do is get my team ready every week. We're trying to get it right, for the guys busting their fannies on the field first and for Big Blue Nation."
Positive reinforcement
Brooks spoke of motivating his players with video highlights of what they can do, specifically using clips from the second half of the Louisville game.
"You go back and show them what they're capable of," Brooks said. "You have to show them that humiliation is not the answer."
Injury update
Junior cornerback Bo Smith's bad shoulder has gotten worse this

week, and his status for this weekend is to be determined.
Sophomore strong safety Dallas Greer is having the same surgery that cost running back Tony Dixon his season. The surgery will repair ligament damage in Greer's tibia and fibula.
"It's a freak injury deal this year," Brooks said. "It's gotten to epic proportions. We were thin a lot of my years at Oregon... I feel badly for the team and fans because we can't keep the nucleus we had at the beginning of the year intact."

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SPORTS BRIEFS

Golf tees off

UK's men's and women's golf teams kicked off their fall schedule yesterday in tournaments in Toledo, Ohio, and Simpsonville, Ky.
Behind freshman Andy Winnings' two-round score of 146, UK is in ninth place entering the second and final day of the Inverness Intercollegiate Invitational in Toledo, Ohio.
Winnings trails leader Joshua Wooding of Southern California by five strokes, and UK sophomore Brad Doster is tied for 16th with a 148. Freshman Jordan Blann is in 44th place after shooting a 153, and freshman Dan Woltman finished day one with a 154. Junior Tyler

USC leads the 15-field

invitational, with Texas in second.
Leading the women's team, senior Erin Faulkner shot a 3-under-par 69 in the second round of the Napa River Grill Cardinal Cup Monday in Simpsonville, Ky., leaving UK in second place overall.
Faulkner birdied 10 of her first 36 holes and is in first place in the individual standings.
Sophomore Elizabeth Dotson shot a 154 and tied for 11th place.

Senior Ali Kicklighter finished day one in 19th place, having shot a 12-over-par 156.
UK is one spot ahead of host team Louisville, finishing the first two rounds yesterday with a score of 611.
Georgia State leads the Napa field with a 19-over-par 595.
The UK women's team finishes the tournament today with the final 18 holes.
The men wrap up their tourney with the final round starting at 8 a.m. today.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Other species aren't inferior

Regarding the Sept. 12 Editorial Notebook entry on People for the Ethical Treatment of Animals:

PETA created the Animal Liberation Project to help dispel all "isms." The exhibit reminds observers that not long ago, it wasn't just other animals who were persecuted because they were deemed inferior.

We believe that our display can change hearts and minds because it is based on the proposition that injustice, oppression and prejudice are wrong, regardless of the victims' race, gender or species.

Right now, animals are subjected to horrors on factory farms that would carry felony charges if they were dogs or cats. Animals are being skinned alive for their fur, poisoned and tortured in outdated and unnecessary cosmetics and medical tests, and beaten and forced to perform for our "entertainment."

These acts are being excused just as slavery, the systematic genocide of Native Americans, child labor, the subjugation of women and other horrible acts were once excused, but they are wrong. It is a biological fact that we are all animals, and it is only human supremacy, which is as unacceptable as racism and sexism, that makes us afraid of being more inclusive.

DAWN CARR
director of special projects, PETA

SG doesn't represent non-Greeks

In my three years at UK, I have yet to see the benefit Student Government delivers to the average student. The only event I can remember is the Gator Roast, and that was a huge disappointment. All I received from my presence at that event was inferior music, the omnipresent smell of alcohol and vomit, and a massive headache.

I have seen SG waste its time complaining about the keg ordinance and the diligence of UK police in cracking down on noise violations and underage drinking. I tip my hat to UK police for continuing to enforce the law, but I am ashamed by SG's complaints. Underage drinking is still illegal, and although some people disagree, that does not mean that SG should waste its time whining.

What exactly does Student Government do for students? I have made an effort to look for information and even ask members to provide a solid answer, but can only receive a vague idea of "supporting the students."

It is irrelevant to most of the students on campus (as evidenced by the number of students who voted in the past fiasco) who is president of SG. In fact, ask your typical UK student what SG does, and he or she will be at a loss to respond.

It is a further shame that a candidate who lost the election by a significant amount of votes (171) is claiming that her presidency is for the students. I obtain no benefit from Killingsworth serving as SG president, nor do the majority of non-Greek students. In fact, it appears that this whole process is merely a means of serving as a Greek popularity contest and as a means of giving the victors a nice addition to their future resumes.

With or without an acting president, Student Government accomplishes the same thing that has been accomplished in the past — nothing.

SG should make an effort to be more visible to the average, non-Greek student. It should push for smaller, more relevant issues (not its continued support of alcoholism) and be governed in a consistent fashion for elections.

No wonder there is apathy on our campus.

TOMMY JUANSO
political science and history junior

Debate necessary for democracy

I have read several opinion articles and letters to the editor in recent issues of The Kernel about the war. People have taken many stances on this issue from both sides of the political forum. Several of these pieces have attacked our government, our politicians, other governments and even other Kernel writers. These people are missing the point.

Since before the foundation of American democracy, the debate between pacifism and aggression in war has been boiling over. An episode of the animated TV series "South Park" tackles this issue in a comical yet very relevant manner.

In the episode "I'm a Little Bit Country," the townspeople of South Park are debating the very issue of war that we are debating today. One of the main characters, Eric Cartman, is sent back into the time of our forefathers. Cartman is then shown that our country, our democracy and our way of life are subject to the internal need for both sides of this issue to exist as they always have, even during revolutionary times.

As the episode draws to a close, Cartman returns to the present and relays his newfound understanding of this dilemma to people on both sides of the issue. Everyone, including the audience, realizes that there is an inherent balance, a coexistence of ideals that must take place.

If there had been no founders of America willing to go to war against oppression and tyranny, then America as we know it would not exist. Yet at the same time, if there were no one to protest against these issues and question them, our freedoms would be worthless. One cannot exist without the other in a democratic state.

Patriotism is not warmongering, and protesting is not unpatriotic. Both are expressing what we should all be thankful to have, and that is the freedom to express it in the first place. Either way you look at it, thousands of good people have died so that you have those freedoms. Try to be thankful.

JEREMIAH OSBORNE-BAKER
forestry junior

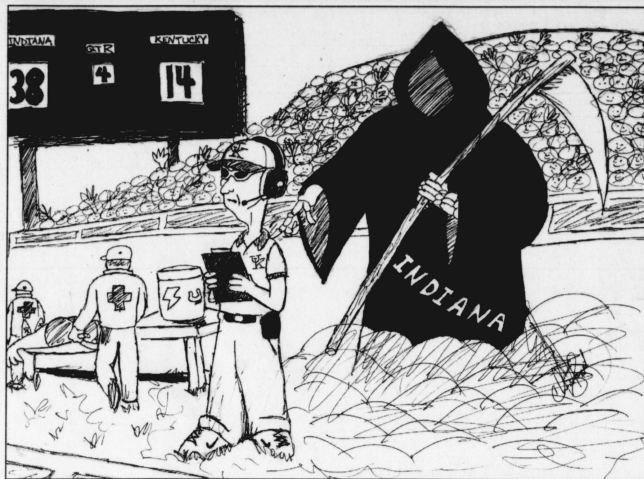
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CHRIS STEWART, THE KENTUCKY KERNEL

IN OUR OPINION

Trustees should keep Todd

This afternoon, UK's Board of Trustees will meet to discuss the contract of President Lee Todd and likely will vote on whether to extend that contract into the future.

For us, the answer is a simple one — UK needs Todd.

Since taking office in July 2001, Todd has been a powerful force for change at UK. He inherited the 1997 challenge issued by the Kentucky Legislature to make UK a top-20 public research university by 2020, and he has run with it.

In his inaugural address, Todd said he felt "many people on and off this campus did not take the challenge seriously" — a sentiment he has worked to change.

Under Todd, the UK administration defined the guidelines for reaching that lofty goal, and progress is being made.

In the last few years, UK has added 64 endowed chairs and 158 endowed professorships, seen the faculty and

staff generate over \$200 million in new grants and contracts each year for the last three years, and seen more than \$800 million raised in a \$1 billion capital campaign. Four new residence halls were opened this year — the first on campus since 1979. And already, UK has 13 departments ranked in the top 20.

In Todd's tenure, UK's enrollment has reached record levels, surpassing 26,000 students in fall 2004. At the same time, the quality of students has grown, too, as Todd has pushed for more academic scholarships.

More than anything, Todd has brought vision and passion to the position. He was given a huge task, and

he has embraced it with almost unbounded optimism. His leadership has helped the school take important steps toward top-20 status. And he deserves the chance to keep it up.

If the board extends Todd's contract, he should continue the progress he has made toward top-20 status, but he must return some of his focus back to the undergraduate community. The experience of undergrads must be a priority on the same level as improved research and graduate program. Faculty and staff deserve competitive salaries, so that students are guaranteed the best in classroom instruction.

The incoming freshman classes have grown in size and acclaim, but they have shrunk in diversity. This year, the number of black students entering UK as freshmen was 151, down from 256 in last year's class. One of goals of UK's three-year strategic plan is to nurture diversity of thought, culture, gender and ethnicity. Obviously, more work needs to be done to make the student body reflect this.

For much of Todd's time at UK, he relied on former Provost Mike Nietzel to help run the academic side of the university. Nietzel left to become president at Missouri State, and so Todd is looking for a permanent replacement. Filling this vacancy with a qualified candidate must be a priority for Todd in the coming months, so he can focus on long-term projects and goals.

In four years, Todd has amassed an impressive record as UK's 11th president, and he should be back for more.

Todd's optimism about the top-20 goal and his aggressive fund raising have benefited UK, but he must not lose sight of undergraduates or diversity.

TimeLine

July 5, 2001	July 15, 2002	Dec. 11, 2003	Oct. 25, 2004
Lee Todd's presidency at a glance	UK Board of Trustees approves Todd's reorganization plan, which called for elimination of several administrative positions and the implementation of a provost system.	Todd announces the hiring of Mitch Barnhart as UK's athletic director.	Todd announces the beginning of a year-long NCAA self-study.
Lee Todd officially becomes the 11th president of UK.	Todd delivers his inaugural address, "A New Way to Dream," outlining his goal of making UK a top-20 public research university.	UK Board of Trustees officially approves the administration's strategic plan for 2003-06.	At the administration's urging, the Board of Trustees approves a recommendation for Lexington Community College to become part of the KCTCS system.
July 1, 2001	Feb. 15, 2002	June 24, 2003	Feb. 10, 2004
			UK opens four new residence halls, the first to open since 1979.
			Aug. 18, 2005

High-school insecurities just won't dissipate

I won't lie: I'm smart. I hate to be — I'm also fat. I'm not fishing for pity, and I'm certainly not trying to be arrogant.

It's just that we fat girls have to get that proverbial leg up on our competition somehow, and if it's not by simply being gorgeous, it's by being brainy. I came to terms with this a long time ago.

But I wonder if other girls like me — those who don't fit into Abercrombie's size-two, low-waist flares but can argue the finer points of Lynne Truss' "Eats, Shoots and Leaves"

or blast the Bush administration better than the blithering Maureen Dowd could ever hope to while dissecting the merits of Lollapalooza versus Lillith Fair — have come to the same eventual conclusion.

Of course, the situation begs the laughable eighth-grade drama of not being the pretty one, and being the girl who boys come to when they need answers for last night's math worksheet instead.

Except it's not so laughable, because though I thought once I reached my twenties, I would magically morph into a sassy, self-assured version of my usual sarcastic self, it hasn't happened yet. I foolishly believed the agony of assessing my physical appearance would be relegated somewhere below having a root canal on my list of priorities.

That would be too easy, I guess.

After all, though society all but screams otherwise, that it's what's on the inside that counts, that beauty is only skin deep and, incidentally, in the eye of the beholder, and every other tired, trite cliché you'd like to insert here — appearance is what really matters, and that insight isn't a sole product of my jaded nature.

The unfortunate reality is that, when we actually get down to it, I think we're all carrying around the same insecurities we had at 13. They may be packaged neatly away in a shiny Pandora's box, but they're there.

Or maybe that's just me and my stunted emotional development speaking; I don't know.

The point is, my mind is my last defense between me and a total lack of self-esteem. And I actually enjoy knowing stuff about things, from the meaning of the word "ignominious" to all the lyrics to Johnny Cash's "I've Been Everywhere." Oh, and the Greek and Roman names of the gods and goddesses.

I kind of like my quirky knowledge, and it's probably the same for a lot of us fat girls who use intellect as a defense mechanism.

So thank God for said intellect — without it, I'd be lost. Or at least working out at the Johnson Center instead of writing these semi-cathartic words.

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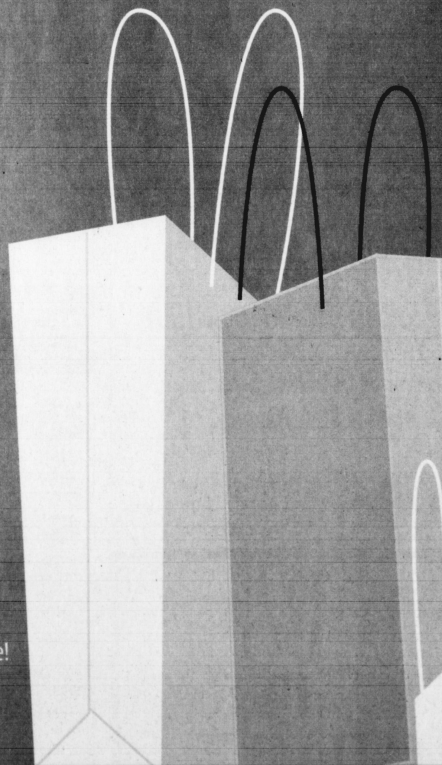
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