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## Arrest made in robberies near campus

By Dariush Shafa  
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Lexington Police arrested a man in connection with two robberies only hours after they took place and victims identified the man arrested as the man who robbed them at gunpoint in a neighborhood just off campus.

Bryan Richard Hamm, 21, of Lexington, was arrested at 10:15 p.m., about two hours after two separate robberies were reported, one on Aylesford Place between Maxwell

Street and Euclid Avenue and the other on Maxwell Street between Rose Street and Aylesford Place.

Lt. James Lombardi, duty commander with Lexington Police last night, said this type of crime is generally random.

"I wouldn't classify it as normal," Lombardi said. "It

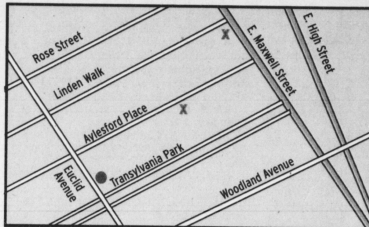


Hamm

was a crime of opportunity. It could have happened anywhere in the city. Coincidentally, it was by (UK's) campus.

According to a police report, victims reported being robbed by a man carrying a handgun and wearing a ski mask, blue jeans and a jacket. Police located Hamm at Transylvania Park, wearing a short-sleeve shirt, but police located clothing nearby, in the area where a purse belonging to one of the victims

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Lexington police first responded to two robberies in the same neighborhood on Tuesday night. About two hours later, police made an arrest nearby and the victims positively identified the suspect arrested as the robber.

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### Where's the beef?



ROBIN BAKER | STAFF

A crowd gathers at Ovid's for lunch Tuesday afternoon while Adam Kiser makes spicy beef wraps on the grill. Kiser, an employee at the restaurant for about a year, makes the wraps four days a week and has been known to make up to six wraps at the same time.

## That's a wrap

Spicy Beef Wraps at Ovid's draw daily crowds, now most popular entrée offered by Dining Services

Lindsay Curtin  
THE KENTUCKY KERNEL

The line is out the door at Ovid's Café on South Campus and no one wants to budge an inch.

Spicy Beef Wraps are on the menu and everyone, from library workers to student-athletes, is willing to wait patiently.

"I look forward to getting my Spicy Beef Wrap, and knowing that lunchtime is soon, I can make it through the boring classes easier," said Aaron Lubbers, a communications freshman and twice-a-day Spicy Beef Wrap buyer.

The Spicy Beef Wrap has a more intense effect on Jared Mills, an undeclared sophomore.

"I remember being so hungry during my long string of classes, in particular chemistry class, that I caught myself salivating at the thought of getting a beef wrap for lunch," Mills said.

What's in the Spicy Beef Wrap that would make a busy,



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Adam Kiser's Spicy Beef Wraps are made of marinated beef, green peppers, cheese and a special spicy sauce. On an average day, he makes about 200 of the wraps.

hungry student stand in line, sometimes as long as 25 to 30 minutes?

"A mélange of sautéed onions, green peppers, Italian beef, salsa mayonnaise and pepperjack cheese wrapped in a sun-dried tortilla, served hot off the grill" as the sign at Ovid's reads, and it comes along with sides of potato salad and a pick-

le, for a total of \$5.60.

Spicy Beef Wraps have been served at Ovid's for the past six years, and have grown in popularity.

"They have become our best-selling entrée, and are now served every day until 4 p.m. because of the increased demand," said Roger Sidney, assistant director of Dining Ser-

vices.

And students can have the wraps made the way they want.

"I make sure to make the cheese and mayo last, so that I can savor each cheesy bite, up to the very last one," said Lauren Bassett, a marketing sophomore.

Some students still need their spicy beef fix, even after they've graduated.

"My boyfriend, who graduated from here last year, still asks me to buy beef wraps for him whenever we get together for dinner," said Kelly Burke, an undeclared freshman.

Many students can't help but notice the immense popularity of the Spicy Beef Wrap. At 12:30 Tuesday afternoon, (in a single counting) 39 of 46 customers in the grill line walked away with a Spicy Beef Wrap on their plate.

But the wraps aren't the only thing getting noticed.

Adam Kiser, 25, makes the Spicy Beef Wraps four days a

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## Pazzini's gets makeover for April re-opening

By Erin Lauther  
THE KENTUCKY KERNEL

Students can't get a caffeine fix at Pazzini's anymore, but in April, they can get turkey on wheat with a favorite cocktail.

Pazzini's, located behind Kennedy's The Art Part, closed at the end of last semester after only three months of business as a coffee shop.

"It wasn't doing the business we thought it would," said

Tom Behr, owner of Pazzini's and Pazzo's. "We just thought there was something more we could do with the space."

Issues stemming from shipping problems with the store's gelato inventory and lack of a market for the Italian version of ice cream also led to the closing of Pazzini's as a coffee and gelato café.

Now, Behr is teaming up with Stanley J's, a locally owned deli, to give Pazzini's its

new look. Pazzini's is scheduled to reopen in April - under the same name - as a New York-style deli during the day and a pub at night.

The two owners said they're both enthusiastic about the joint venture.

"This is an opportunity I've always looked for with getting into the bar business," said Josh Tarnofsky, owner of Stanley J's. "I like the atmosphere. It's a less-demanding business

and a lot more fun."

Behr is a family friend of Tarnofsky and both were customers of each other's business before they decided to start working together.

"It's really a dream come true to go into business with such a reputable entrepreneur in the area," Tarnofsky said. Tom Behr and his wife Carol also own Kennedy's and UK

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## System to ease computer access

Active Directory to synchronize accounts for all campus users

By John Morgan  
THE KENTUCKY KERNEL

UK is looking to implement a new computer system that will help students avoid a virtual dilemma.

The Active Directory system has been put in place with one eventual goal in mind: for every campus user in the system to have access to all their university accounts with one synchronized username and password.

Active Directory already allows access to important financial and academic resources available online through the university, such as tuition payment and Blackboard.

Registering for classes, paying tuition, checking grades and class assignments, accessing the wireless network around campus and even the Medical Center accounts for UK medical students are now online through Active Directory.

"Directories will be the front door that provides access to resources and information to support the above-mentioned applications," said Doyle Friskney, associate vice president and chief technical officer for the Office of Information Technology and Human Services.

"Active Directory will support Microsoft-centric applications, such as Blackboard and the upcoming Campus Management system... that will replace webUK."

The university has been investing in Active Directory for the past three years, and by now, virtually every student and faculty member at UK should have an Active Directory account.

But making Active Directory a normal part of life is a process, Friskney said.

"It has to be naturally absorbed by the students," Friskney said. "Technology has different uses for everyone and it is up to the student (or faculty member) to discover how that technology can benefit them."

The initial construction of the Active Directory account was driven by two motivating factors, security and simplicity, Friskney said.

By eliminating the need for multiple passwords and login screens to access other systems on the same network, students and faculty will hopefully be navigating online resources much quicker than before, Friskney said.

"You don't have to go somewhere to go somewhere else," he said. "We want (everyone) to be able to log onto each system individually or log on to a portal site that will allow (them) to go to all the systems from one location."

Along with making access easier, Active Directory seeks to make student and faculty access and use of university resources, such as Blackboard and U-connect, more private and more secure.

Over the next three years, the IT staff hopes to have every student and faculty member capable of accessing any one of the UK systems by way of one username and password, Friskney said.

"We're putting pieces in the vision," said John Tibe, director of Enterprise Computing and Communications Systems.

For more information about Active Directory, visit <http://www.uky.edu/Blackboard/AD.html>

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## Beef

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week and has earned nicknames such as "Ninja of the Grill" and "King of Spicy Beef."

Most just know him as "the spicy beef man."

After working at Ovid's for more than a year, Kiser has been noticed by students for his personality and fast, efficient grilling techniques.

"Someone asked me if I had ever worked at a Hibachi grill in a Japanese restaurant," Kiser said, talking about the famed Japanese chefs known for their speedy and theatrical method of cooking.

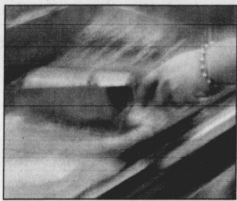
After grilling, folding, flipping and chopping an estimated 200 Spicy Beef Wraps a day, he has developed a systematic way of regulating the hectic lunch rush.

"I have seen him preparing six beef wraps at once, and I was impressed. He is very adept at his job, and is always friendly," said Derek McCree, an undeclared sophomore.

Kiser does it because he understands the plight of the students.

"I see students when they are just getting out of class. Sometimes they are trying to squeeze in a quick lunch before they head off to finish their day, and I know they don't have all the time in the world to wait in line," Kiser said. "So I found a way to get them their food and back into the routine of their day in a kind of quick way."

Even when he's not at work, Kiser still gets recognized for his work. Kiser suffered from a bout of severe asthma last week and was not seen chopping away be-



**ROBIN BAKER | STAFF**  
Adam Kiser makes a Spicy Beef Wrap by loading a tortilla with beef, onions and peppers. Kiser works continually from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. or until they run out of ingredients for the wraps.

hind the grill at Ovid's. "When I checked into the hospital, one of the nurse practitioners recognized me, and when I told her I worked at Ovid's, she immediately responded with 'You're the guy who makes the Spicy Beef Wraps!' And I was shocked," he said.

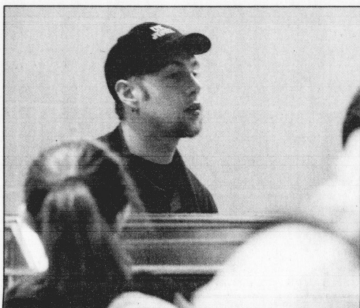
Kiser said that it is by no means a one-man show, however.

"If it weren't for my co-workers backing me up, I would be swamped," Kiser said.

He also said he has a simple attitude about his work.

"My job is all about appreciation. Customers appreciating our service and the quality taste of our food," Kiser said. "And our appreciation for the customers, who recognize our hard work by spreading the word all over campus about the one and only Spicy Beef Wrap."

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Adam Kiser, known to most people simply as "the spicy beef man," leans over the counter at Ovid's to take a customer's order.

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## UNIVERSITY OF KENTUCKY CRIME REPORT

Taken from UK police reports from Feb. 2 to Feb. 7:

- Feb. 2: Suspicious person reported beating on doors and windows of his girlfriend's apartment at Greg Page at 12:08 a.m.
- Feb. 2: Marijuana usage reported at Haggin Hall at 3:18 a.m.
- Feb. 2: Elderly man in a jogging suit reported working out in the middle of the UK Chandler Medical Center at 9:01 a.m.
- Feb. 2: Theft of clothes and money reported at Smith Hall at 10:56 a.m.
- Feb. 2: Harassing communication reported at Kirwan Tower at 12:21 p.m.
- Feb. 2: Theft from building reported at Greg Page Apartments at 2:49 p.m.
- Feb. 2: Drug paraphernalia found by a resident adviser at Greg Page Apartments at 4:46 p.m.
- Feb. 2: Two male subjects attempting to break into a vehicle reported at 347 Lexington Ave. and were last seen walking toward Martin Luther King Boulevard at 11:56 p.m.
- Feb. 3: Suicide attempt reported at Kirwan II at 4:41 a.m.
- Feb. 3: Indecent exposure reported at Parking Structure No. 7 after four males were seen in the stairwell urinating in public at 8:50 p.m.
- Feb. 4: Alcohol intoxicated subject reported at the Memorial Coliseum on Euclid Avenue flagging down vehicles at 1:52 p.m.
- Feb. 4: Criminal mischief reported at the Delta Delta Delta sorority house after a basement window was found broken and food scattered in the kitchen at 1:52 p.m.
- Feb. 4: Criminal Mischief reported at the Student Center after damage was found to an elevator at 12:42 p.m.
- Feb. 4: An individual witnessed a hit-and-run accident at the UK Bookstore at 1:07 p.m.
- Feb. 4: A silver sports car reported doing donuts in a parking lot on Scott Street at 11:46 p.m.
- Feb. 5: Non-sexual assault reported at Kirwan III at 8:26 p.m.
- Feb. 6: Two intoxicated male subjects reported beating on the outside doors and windows and spitting on the doors of Papa John's at 12:37 p.m.
- Feb. 6: Two male subjects reported looking into vehicles on State Street at 6:18 a.m.
- Feb. 6: Theft of drugs reported at the UK Chandler Medical Center at 8:47 a.m.
- Feb. 6: Theft of cash and keys reported at the Kentucky Clinic at 8:56 a.m.
- Feb. 6: Theft from building reported at the Nursing Learning Building at 11:30 a.m.
- Feb. 6: Hit-and-run accident reported at Upper and Bolivar Streets; the subject was caught at McDonalds at 4:30 p.m.
- Feb. 6: Theft of a blue Jansport bag from a locker in the female bathroom in the basement of Anderson Hall at 4:57 p.m.
- Feb. 6: Subject seen stealing wood from behind the Agriculture North Building at 7:18 p.m.
- Feb. 7: Terroristic threatening by an ex-boyfriend in a class reported at Bluegrass Community and Technical College at 9:54 a.m.
- Feb. 7: Male in khakis unsure of his whereabouts reported lying in the courtyard of the Kirwan-Blanding Complex at 11:13 a.m.
- Feb. 7: A male inside of a female's room reportedly refusing to open the door at Greg Page Apartments at 4:47 p.m.
- Feb. 7: Suspicious odor reported on the first floor of Blanding IV near the stairwell on the west side of the building at 10:25 p.m.

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## New comic book superheroes get their powers from Islam

By Nora Boustany  
THE WASHINGTON POST

Naif Al-Mutawa was a businessman looking for financing. His idea was to create a line of comic books, non-religious in theme, starring superheroes endowed with Islamic traits. But he needed a selling point.

To shock investors into action, Al-Mutawa would pull from his pocket an article about a Hamas supporter in the Palestinian territories who was making millions selling a children's album with slick-on pictures of suicide bombers and other bloody scenes from the intifada. Something more positive was needed, Al-Mutawa argued in his sales pitch, to save the children from embracing a culture of violence and death.

"That's what is happening in a vacuum," he told potential financiers. "Don't sit back and complain or say we are getting gobbled up by globalism. Do something. We need to offer content that kids will gravitate to."

His plan was to create an alternative pop-culture product that would sell all over the Muslim world, in Arabic and English, from Morocco to Bangladesh.

In just one year, he had 54 investors from Kuwait, Lebanon, Saudi Arabia, the United States, Egypt, Mexico and China. He even collected \$1 million from his classmates at Columbia Business School. "I am the only Kuwaiti who went to Beirut and came out with money," chuckled Al-Mutawa, 35.

"My idea was to mine Islamic culture for appropriate concepts for children for that part of the world," he said. The result is "The 99," a comic series with stories woven around 99 characters who each personify one of Islam's

attributes of God. One is wise: Hakim. Another is farsighted: Basir. Yet another is powerful: Jabbar. None of the characters carries weapons, and they are divided evenly between men and women, only a handful of whom cover their hair, he said. The characters come from all over the world.

"We are creating a pop culture that has an Islamic underpinning or archetype. It is really global, or universal, an amalgam of everything that's out there," said Al-Mutawa, chief executive of Teshkeel Comics and distributor of Marvel Comics in the Arab world.

Al-Mutawa, who grew up on Nancy Drew and Hardy Boys adventure novels in the absence of appealing Arab alternatives, has written stories and plays since he was 10. His parents told him he could write only as a hobby, so he obtained a doctorate in clinical psychology from Tufts University, specializing in trauma and torture victims. He studied for two more master's degrees at Columbia's business school and Teachers College.

Larry Durocher, a longtime mentor and the father of a student who once roomed with Al-Mutawa, is now involved in his comics project.

"Naif has a desire to preserve his culture for his kids," he said. "Even if he did not intend it, it is also a way to export it to other kids in the world, just like the Japanese-invented Pokemon captured the attention of children everywhere."

Joseph Flitek, an adjunct professor who taught Al-Mutawa at Columbia, said: "He is of the new generation that does not have the dogma of the past, and it brings a new voice of reason. That is what is so refreshing."

Al-Mutawa is also the father of four young sons, and he said he wanted to preserve what was precious in his culture for his own children.

"People are always lamenting our Golden Age, where has it gone, so the story goes like this," he said, recounting the ancient stories that inform his comics:

The grandson of Genghis Khan, Hulagu Khan, invades Baghdad and destroys the library. Books are tossed into the Tigris, which turns black and red with ink. The Hurraas, or Guardians of Wisdom, take 99 gems and dip them one by one into the water to suck the knowledge out. Three worry beads with 33 stones each are carried to Andalusian Spain and stored until Spanish monarch Ferdinand and Isabella storm Granada in 1492. The Noor Stones, or stones of enlightenment, are then scattered around the globe.

Like Superman's Clark Kent, the 99 characters have alter egos. Jabbar, the strongest one, is also Nawaf Al-Bilal, who is discovered accidentally in Saudi Arabia by Dr. Ramzi Razem, who will become the leader of "The 99."

When Al-Bilal steps on a land mine, fragments of the stone turn him into Jabbar. Noora, from the United Arab Emirates, is kidnapped for ransom but escapes from her cell. She finds a gem in her hands as she digs a tunnel to flee. Her superhero power is the ability to see the light of truth in others and allowing them — or forcing them — to see it in themselves.

The characters work in teams of three, which allows for the possibility for thousands of stories for the series. Launched online last Friday, it will come out in magazine form in May. The first story will be available free online on March 10.

tampering with evidence and being a convicted felon in possession of a handgun, which is also a felony.

That charge stems from June 2003, when Hamm was charged with third-degree burglary and later convicted, according to court documents.

As of yesterday evening, Hamm was still in custody at the Lexington-Fayette Urban County Detention Center and was being held on a \$30,500 bond.

According to court documents, Hamm was arraigned in Fayette District Court at 1 p.m. yesterday, but his case has been contin-

ued. His next date in court for arraignment has been set for Feb. 16, at 8:30 a.m.

Lombardi also said while the preliminary investigation was typical, the resulting arrest was unusually speedy.

"Generally when they (officers) first called to the scene) have got information to work with as they did at this one, we do a thorough investigation and follow-up," Lombardi said. "We were lucky in that we were able to make an arrest in a timely fashion."

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## Arrest

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was found.

The report said hair taken from the clothing matched Hamm's and three victims from the two robberies positively identified Hamm as the robber. The police report also said Hamm tried to remove evidence from the scene.

Hamm was arrested and charged with two felony counts of first-degree robbery, one count of felony

## Pazzini's

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bookstores.

Pazzini's will serve homemade New York-style hot and cold sandwiches, side salads, soups and Stanley J's famous

redskin potato salad in a laid-back pub atmosphere. Behr said Pazzini's would also have an open patio to serve customers that smoke.

Stanley J's has been in business for 16 years in the Lexington area and is located in the Stonewall Shopping Centre on Clays Mill Road.

"We would like to give the

students a more quality selection and bring back community-owned business with high quality and standards to the downtown area," Tarnofsky said.

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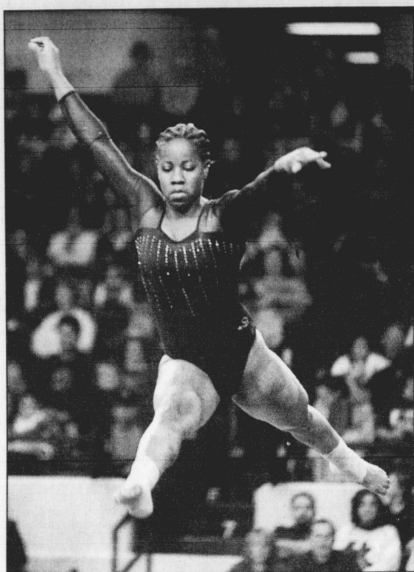
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UK junior Krystle Cook competes on the balance beam during gymnastics Excite Nite on Jan. 14 at Memorial Coliseum. Cook, an Austin, Texas, native, has led the Cats to a No. 18 national ranking this season.

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## Star gymnast Cooks up success

By Chris Miles  
THE KENTUCKY KERNEL

Krystle Cook just kept breaking furniture.

It was 1992 and the summer Olympics were in the heat of action. Olympic gymnasts, the best performers of their sport in the world, were competing in Barcelona, Spain, for one of the three most coveted medals in sports.

And Krystle Cook watched.

She was 7 years old and on the TV in front of her the craziest thing in the world was happening: People were jumping from bar to bar, backflipping and somersaulting, making fantastic moves that so impressed Cook that she wanted to copy them.

She wanted to jump around.

"It looked so cool to me, so I started testing it out," Cook said. "Pretty soon springs started popping out of couches. I kept breaking furniture. I jumped all over it."

And that was how her career in gymnastics began.

Today Cook is the top gymnast on the UK team. She has placed either first or second in all five meets that the Wildcats have competed in and currently is ranked 16th

nationally in the bars competition and the 34th-ranked gymnast in the nation in the all-around.

"This is the best season I've ever had," she said.

An Austin, Texas, native, Cook came to UK after she was recruited by UK gymnastics head coach Mo Muhammad. Ever since then she has built a strong relationship with her team that has helped propel her to the forefront of it.

"She has matured immensely since her freshman year," Muhammad said. "This year she has been an outstanding athlete. She is the most consistent on the team."

And she is looking to continue with that consistency, despite any pressure that builds on her shoulders.

"I just try not to think about it."

Unlike other athletes that are in the top echelons of what they do, Cook isn't as concerned about her performance as one might think, and, thus, is able to dodge the pressure of being the top performer.

"If I come out on top then I come out on top," is Cook's mentality, and it seems to be working.

Last weekend she led the Cats against a No. 3-ranked

Alabama team and earned a career-high 39.125 points in the all-around competition.

As a result of her top ranking, Cook has indirectly been thrust into a leadership position within her team.

"I've entered the leadership role," Cook says. "I didn't plan on it, but it fell in my lap and I'm proud to have it."

It's not a situation her coach wishes she had avoided.

"She's developed into a good team leader," Muhammad said. "She might be a silent leader, but she's a good one."

Cook hopes, then, to lead her team to a dream of hers she's had since she first came to UK.

"I've always wanted to go to nationals," Cook says. "I work for it every year and every year it looks better. It will happen sooner or later."

But even if Cook and the Wildcats win nationals, her gymnastics career will be over after she is done with her tenure here at UK.

Cook doesn't want to continue with gymnastics after she graduates.

"I'm too old for it," Cook said. "I don't know what I'll do without it, but I'll have to take the next step in life."

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# Women's basketball braces for road tests



Junior guard Jenny Pfeiffer looks to make a pass during a game against South Carolina on Jan. 8. The Cats and Gamecocks square off tonight at South Carolina.

By Chris DeLottel  
THE KENTUCKY KERNEL

At the start of practice on Tuesday, UK women's basketball coach Mickie DeMoss called her team together and held up a sheet of paper.

"This is our season," she told them.

The sheet was a printout of the Cats' remaining six regular season games. DeMoss wanted her team to forget about its two-game losing streak and focus on the final stretch of the year.

DeMoss said she told her team to "wipe the slate clean and play six more ballgames."

"I was just trying to refocus the team and get it down to six games," she said. "The season can get overwhelming at times. It's like this big elephant and we're still chewing on it and it doesn't seem to get any smaller."

The elephant in DeMoss' room certainly looks bigger right now, as the Cats (15-6, 4-4 Southeastern Conference) play four of their next five games on the road. She feels her team is up to the task.

"The conference never does us any favors in February," she said. "We are going to be on the road and it is a challenge. We have proven we can play well on the road. We just have to get that focus back and meet that challenge."

DeMoss conceded that, while road games in the SEC are never easy, this stretch of games, against teams with a combined 15-28 league record, is "winnable."

"We've got the Big Three — Tennessee, Georgia and LSU — out of the way," she said. "Every team in the conference, on any given night, can beat anybody. It's very doable, but it's going to take tremendous focus and effort."

The coach is concerned with keeping her team energized as the season drags on and the travel accumulates this month.

"When you get to February it comes down to motivation and endurance, because the season is getting a little long right now," she said.

Her players agreed, but stressed the need to continue working hard.

"It's February and everything is up for grabs," said junior guard Jenny Pfeiffer. "We need to pick everything up. These games are the last stretch and they're hard, but hopefully we get can get some wins."

This final stretch will likely determine the Cats' NCAA Tournament fate. With a ranking of No. 15 in the Ratings Percentage Index — the formula used by the NCAA selection committee in seeding tournament teams — UK is a solid position right now for an at-large berth. A collapse in these final six games, however, would likely place the Cats on the bubble on Selection Sunday.

In addition, the Cats are battling four conference foes for a fourth-place finish in the league standings. The top four teams in the regular season receive byes in the first round of the conference tournament, which will be held March 2-5 in Little Rock, Ark. LSU, Tennessee and Georgia will likely capture the top three seeds, leaving Arkansas, Vanderbilt, Florida and Kentucky, which all have four losses, battling for the fourth spot.

DeMoss does not want her team to be concerned with a certain number of total wins, but instead would rather her players focus on each game.

"You have to be really careful with that," she said. "If we say we have to win so many and

## Remaining Schedule

Feb. 9	@ South Carolina
Feb. 12	@ Arkansas
Feb. 16	Ole Miss
Feb. 19	@Mississippi State
Feb. 23	@Vanderbilt
Feb. 26	*Alabama

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we get down to the last two games and we haven't done that then they will say 'what are we playing for?'"

The pivotal stretch begins tonight against South Carolina. The Gamecocks (12-8, 3-5 SEC) are on a two-game winning streak and will be looking for revenge after dropping a 72-60 decision to UK earlier this year at Memorial Coliseum.

"It's certainly a game we need to go down there and play well," DeMoss said. "We've lost two in a row and they've won two in a row, so it's going to be interesting to see which team is the strongest and the hungriest."

South Carolina is paced by the inside play of 6-foot-6 center Ilona Burgova and 6-foot-5 forward Iva Sliskovic. The Gamecocks' height has DeMoss considering mixing up the starting lineup.

"They pose size issues for us, so (lineup changes) are a possibility," she said without elaborating on potential changes.

It is possible that 6-foot-4 sophomore center Sarah Elliott could get the call to move back into the starting five.

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# Coach's courage with cancer battle inspires diving team

By Ben Osborne  
THE KENTUCKY KERNEL

Mike Lyden kept coughing.

For two months, UK's diving coach battled what he thought was a lingering cold. After a trip to the doctor, Lyden found out he did not have a cold.

He had cancer.

The UK swimming and diving team was shocked by the diagnosis.

Head coach Gary Connelly, who has worked with Lyden since 1993, was not sure how to handle the situation.

"Your first reaction is usually a string of four-letter words, but you want to



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when you do, you're always sort of dumbstruck."

Junior diver Taryn Ignacio said the news came out of nowhere.

"Mike had a cough for about two months," said

Ignacio. "Of course, when you have a cough, you're not going to think lung cancer. It was definitely a shock."

Upon receiving such devastating news, many people are forced to slow down or significantly alter their lives.

Not Lyden.

After the initial treatments and doctors' doubts, Lyden has returned to the team for workouts and home meets.

Connelly attributes Lyden's aggressive nature for his resiliency toward the cancer.

"As an athlete, it's almost a competition for him," Connelly said.

Connelly cited Lance Armstrong's cancer treatment for how athletes can overcome discouraging doctor reports.

"They told (Armstrong) that he didn't have much of a chance," Connelly said. "And it's kind of like 'oh yeah, well let's see,' and that's been Mike's approach too."

Ignacio agrees that Lyden's mindset has helped his recovery more than anything else.

"Mike's always been a positive person," Ignacio

said. "From the very start, he put it in his head that he was going to beat it."

Lyden's willingness to fight his condition head-on has served as a rallying point for the team.

The team designated Nov. 29 as "Get Bald and Kick Cancer's Butt Day" and the men on the team shaved their heads as a tribute to their coach.

Ignacio affirmed the improvement of team chemistry since Lyden's diagnosis.

"I think we've grown as a team," Ignacio said.

"We've become a little bit closer, and we're a lot more

supportive of each other."

As the swimming and diving teams prepare for conference tournament action next week, junior diver Joey Brown said Lyden's teachings shed perspective on the season.

"Mike always said everything happens for a reason and it will all work out for the good," Brown said.

The swimming and diving teams will be in action next and the Southeastern Conference Tournament, which will be held next week in Knoxville, Tenn.

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## Striking a 'collective' chord

Lexington acoustic quartet headlines campus benefit for child cancer patients and families

By Crystal Little  
THE KENTUCKY KERNEL

To borrow an admittedly terrible cliché, Disney was right — it's a small world, after all. And Lexington's own The Collective Few is a testament to that. When vocalist and rhythm guitarist Jonathan Webb graduated from Lafayette High School three years ago and came to UK, he never expected to form a band with two other Lafayette alumni, Michael Payne and Tyler Nelson. Webb and Payne, the band's saxophonist, had even been in the same class at Lafayette.

"We knew (of) each other," Webb said with a laugh, "but we didn't really know each other."

Acoustic guitarist and UK graduate Nelson was a couple years ahead of Webb and Payne at Lafayette, but he and Payne played together in a jazz band during high school.

"It's pretty funny, how we all ended up in the same place almost by accident," Webb said.

In April of last year, Webb, then an arts administration sophomore, and Nelson, a history senior, met in a music theory class. Webb had written and performed a song for a class project, and he and Nelson began to compare notes — literally. They began practicing regularly and booked their first show by mid-May.

A month later, psychology junior Jessica "Jai" Hamilton, a native of Norton, Ohio, joined Webb and Nelson as a percussionist. By August, Payne, a music education junior, had been added to The Collective Few's roster.

"We've been trying to take it seriously and move forward as best as possible," Webb said.

The Collective Few's acoustic sound can be heard around Lexington, in Richmond and in Louisville. Though Lexington's live music scene can feel somewhat lethargic, feedback has been positive, Webb said.

"Lexington's just such an odd place," he said. "People go to bars to drink, not to hear music — they just want to have a good time, not necessarily to listen to a band."

Name recognition is a huge factor in reaching Lexington's audience, he said. Without a well-known name, it can be difficult to fill a local bar or music hall to capacity.

"But we just play — Lexington's a great place to practice, to write," he said. "(But) we've seen more of a response from people outside of Lexington than



Jonathan Webb, vocalist and rhythm guitarist for The Collective Few, records vocal tracks for the band's eight-track EP, 'Fall Sessions 2005.' The band's single, 'Sara,' was the most requested song on 106.3's 5 p.m. countdown yesterday.

inside Lexington." Their fan base reaches as far as the United Kingdom, thanks to their Myspace Web page, where visitors can learn about the band and listen to sample tracks.

Those tracks include "Sara," a song the band recorded in Webb's parents' basement two weeks ago and can now be heard on Lexington's 106.3 FM.

"(We) hope to help push them in the right direction," said station Program Director Chris Elliott in an e-mail. "Every band has to start somewhere, and, if we can help in the process of this crazy business, we'll do what we can."

Yesterday, "Sara" was the station's No. 1 most-requested song on 106.3's 5 p.m. request countdown.

The Collective Few will get more exposure tomorrow during DanceBlue, a 24-hour dance marathon to raise money for the Golden Matrix Fund, which benefits children and families receiving treatment at the UK Pediatric Oncology Clinic, as well as cancer research. The band's eight-track EP, titled "Fall Sessions 2005," along with T-shirts, will be available for purchase; all proceeds will go to the Golden Matrix Fund.

"We really take it seriously," Webb said, "and to be involved in something like this — we're really pumped to help

out. It's a great opportunity." *E-mail clittle@kykernel.com*

### DanceBlue

**What:** The 24-hour dance marathon raises money for the Golden Matrix Fund, which provides emotional support for children and families treated at the UK Pediatric Oncology Clinic, as well as cancer research.

**When:** 9 p.m. tomorrow to 9 p.m. Saturday

**Where:** Memorial Coliseum

**How much:** Admission costs \$2 and goes to the Golden Matrix Fund.

For more information about DanceBlue, visit [www.danceblue.org](http://www.danceblue.org).

### The Collective Few

**Web site:** [www.collectivefew.com](http://www.collectivefew.com)

**Myspace:** [music.myspace.com/thecollectivefew](http://music.myspace.com/thecollectivefew)

**Upcoming show:** Wednesday, Feb. 22, 10 p.m. The Fishknot. Tickets cost \$3.

To request "Sara" on 106.3 FM, call 280-1063 or visit [www.thecollectivefew.com](http://www.thecollectivefew.com) and send an e-mail directly to the station.

## 'Theoretical Thursdays' explore the unexplained

By Whitney Yeary  
THE KENTUCKY KERNEL

The UK Student Activities Board is presenting students with an astronomical alternative to the average Thursday night.

Tonight SAB will unveil "Theoretical Thursdays," the first of a new series of discussions and presentations with topics ranging from Mars to the existence of extraterrestrials.

The series is meant to educate UK employees and the Lexington community, according to an SAB press release.

"After the success of the Cheap Seat Tuesday Series, SAB saw 'Theoretical Thursdays' as an opportunity to target different students on campus," said Carly McLean, director of contemporary affairs for SAB. "We wanted to bring something completely

different."

Beginning the series tonight is Dr. Robert Zubrin, creator of "Mars Direct," who is giving a presentation entitled "Exploration."

Zubrin's program "Mars Direct" is a proposal for a relatively low-cost manned mission to the Red planet that captured the attention of Newsweek, Fortune, The New York Times, The London Times, the Air and Space Smithsonian, the Boston Globe and Ixvestia. The program has also received coverage on the Discovery Channel, PBS, ABC and NBC.

Zubrin has earned a master's degree in both astronautics and aeronautics as well as a doctorate in nuclear engineering. He is the president of his own company, Pioneer Astronautics, and the founder of The Mars Society, an organization dedicated to

### FYI

Those wishing to attend "Exploration" with Dr. Robert Zubrin can do so in Memorial Hall at 8 p.m. Admission is free.

All "Theoretical Thursdays" events are free and are held on their specified dates in Memorial Hall at 8 p.m. For more information, visit the SAB Web site at [www.uksab.org](http://www.uksab.org).

furthering the exploration of Mars ([www.marsociety.org](http://www.marsociety.org)).

The series continues with "Revelation" on March 23. Doctors will debate on the subject of Intelligent Design in classrooms, a topic of recent controversy in the news.

"Intelligent Design is huge," McLean said.

The series will also feature William Dembski, a mathematician and philoso-

pher, and Micheal Shermer, publisher of "Skeptical Magazine." Dembski is a strong advocate for Intelligent Design. Shermer disagrees with Intelligent Design and supports evolutionary theory.

Hang tight to all of your space gear: "Invasion" hits the stage on April 20. Researcher Robert Hastings will enlighten students with government documentation of UFOs. His research spans 30 years and results from having witnessed what he considers a classified incident, according to an SAB press release. Hastings will provide an extensive question-and-answer session for all afterward E.T.-esque inquiries.

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## IN OUR OPINION

### SAB a model of decision making

It's time this editorial board gave UK's Student Activities Board its druthers.

This year, the student-run organization has foregone any plans to co-host campus activities — Gator Roast, anyone? — with Student Government.

That's a wise decision. SAB and SG are mutually exclusive campus organizations with mutually exclusive purposes. SG's primary objective is to advocate student rights; SAB's aim is to provide entertainment for students.

So far, SAB has done an admirable job. Last semester, SAB offered free movies to students with Cheap Seats Tuesdays, brought upcoming talent like Josh Keeney to campus, hosted interesting speakers like Dr. Drew Pinsky of "LoveLine" fame, and helped foster thought-provoking discussion with a debate about reparations for slavery featuring University of San Diego law professor Roy Brooks and Reginald Jones, the lead spokesman for Project 21, a conservative African-American group.

And those are only just a handful of activities SAB has organized.

This semester, it's continuing the Cheap Seats Tuesdays, sponsoring its annual Single's Game on Feb. 13 and planning an elaborate Little Kentucky Derby celebration in April.

In short, SAB is doing exactly what it should be: giving students

a variety of cheap, viable entertainment options with both mainstream and esoteric appeal.

But we won't wax overly poetic — we're certainly not saying there's no room for improvement. While the organization's infrastructure of programming directors and corresponding committee members has a collective ear to the ground of the student body's preferences, more effort could be made to gather said student preferences via online surveys, rather than SAB's effort, but it serves as a tangible reminder of their commitment.

For instance, SAB sometimes brings high-profile musical acts to campus, spending as much as \$50,000 on them. When such a large amount is being spent from student fees, SAB should do all it can to ensure that the act it's bringing is the one most desired by students. Perhaps SAB officials could find a number of acts for the price they're planning to spend and then put it up to a vote via online survey. It's possible that student participation would be low, but it's at least worth a try.

Regardless, other campus organizations — for instance, SG — would do well to take a leaf from SAB's well-ordered notebook of priorities.



CHRIS STEWART, THE KENTUCKY KERNEL

### It's like reruns, except people get killed

It's beginning to look a lot like 2002.

A Congressional election is approaching, and Republicans are preparing to run a campaign based on national security — perhaps the only issue that wins them votes anymore. Their formula is already in place: Trump up a Middle Eastern threat, whip voters into a frenzy, and watch them vote for the party they know will use the big guns.

Enter Iran.

Maybe our children will even see it in the SAT analogy section: "2002 is to Iraq as 2006 is to Iran."

Undeniably, there are substantive differences between the two situations. Iran really does appear to be on the road to producing nuclear weapons, whereas nukes merely danced with the supplanter fairies in the dreams of Iraq's Saddam Hussein. Iranian President Mahmoud Ahmadinejad is a religious fundamentalist who has made frightening anti-Semitic comments, including the requisite Holocaust denial. Hussein, by contrast, ran an essentially secular dictatorship that was despised by more reactionary religious forces in the region.

But there's one crucial similarity on the home front. Conservative politicians are ready to let politics trump sensibility in the foreign policy decision process, and the United States may again end up doing more harm than good through overly hasty military action.

It would be much better if Iran weren't developing nuclear weapons, of course. The last thing the world needs is a nuclear state in the middle of its most unstable re-

gion, where heads of state often act on religious motivations rather than rational ones.

The same logic applies to Israel, however, which U.S. officials have not been pushing toward nuclear disarmament. And while "Israel good, Iran bad" may or may not be true (I prefer "Israel not so great, Iran even worse"), it certainly doesn't suffice in the international community as an explanation for why the former should be allowed to have nukes and the latter should not.

What the United States needs to do is to work with the United Nations and the international community to monitor Iran and slow its development of nuclear weapons. Unnecessary tough talk (a la "axis of evil") and uncooperative behavior out of Washington will give Iran an excuse to pull out of international negotiations while retaining credibility. The United States can't allow that to happen.

That's where the campaign-season politicization of the issue becomes problematic. Republicans will play on age-old perceptions of Democrats as weak on national security by pushing them to take a harsher stance on Iran. The Democrats will, of course, play along, and suddenly air strikes will become the "middle" position.

Such a course of action would be swell and dandy for getting the GOP to win another election, but it wouldn't do much for the auxiliary issue of, you know, peacefully halting Iranian nuclear development. Tehran, extrapolating from the outcome of the Bush-Hussein pissing contest of 2003, will figure the United States is just going to invade anyway and thus will have no incentive to stop making nukes. Then U.S. officials will have to put up or shut up — and, considering the current state of the U.S. military, we young men will finally get to make some use of those Selective Ser-

vice cards.

But I'd prefer a solution that doesn't entail killing thousands of Iranian civilians (air strikes) or American conscripts (invasion).

**We should keep nuclear weapons out of the Middle East — in both Iran and Israel**

Right now, it appears that the best possible outcome would be for Iran to have nuclear energy plants, but with monitoring from the United Nations' International Atomic Energy Agency to ensure that they aren't used for unsavory purposes. We have to figure out how to convince Iran to abide to the Nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty without military coercion.

Here's my (obviously amateur) suggestion. The Western states could have Israel come clean about its nuclear weapons, ratify the Nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty and begin to reduce its nuclear arsenal in exchange for Iran halting its own nuclear development and allowing I.A.E.A. inspectors. Presumably the Arab states would be quite pleased to see this development, so there would be great regional pressure on Iran to take the offer. Perhaps the threat of sanctions could be added as greater disincentive to turn down the deal, though I worry that they would wind up hurting the Iranian people more than the corrupt leadership.

Moreover, it would be a step toward a wholly non-nuclear Middle East and an end to the nuclear double standard. It's too bad that peace and problem solving don't help Republicans win elections, and that Democrats are all too happy to play their game.

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### Carton tax not the only way to keep tuition down

Gov. Ernie Fletcher's administration is attempting to push through a tax on cigarettes of \$4 per carton. The tax wouldn't be applicable to cigarettes bought by the pack.

This, while being overtly discriminatory toward habitual smokers who are only trying to economize by purchasing a unit of cigarettes at the same time while not punishing the "social smoker" who buys packs, is also another example of a sin tax.

Taxing things that aren't good for people is taking the political back way out; it's the path of least resistance, because people who don't smoke don't care about the tax.

Some of the revenue raised by the tax is slated to go toward reducing planned tuition increases at state universities, a goal we obviously support. With that in mind, the carton tax is probably better than doing nothing at all.

But there are better ways to raise money for higher education. For instance, the state government

could look to legalize "sin" (in the form of gambling) instead of taxing it (in the form of cigarette cartons). Taxes on gambling revenues could fill state coffers, not to mention bringing in business from Indiana and other gaming-friendly states.

We also worry that the money from the increase won't go entirely toward education. According to a Jan. 31 story in the Cincinnati Enquirer, Fletcher told a group of businesspeople and Chamber of Commerce members in Northern Kentucky that revenue from the carton tax might help pay for an expansion of Big Bone Lick State Park and lower taxes for small businesses. Fletcher hasn't made good on education promises in the past, so we wonder if we should trust him this time.

Smoking isn't healthy. This is obvious. But taxing people for it and taking advantage of their addiction isn't the way to get them to quit, nor does it need to be the centerpiece of the state's plan to keep tuition down.



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## Yes, our freedom is at stake when Bush breaks the law

Jan. 31 was a bad day for America. For one, Samuel Alito was confirmed as Supreme Court Justice.

Secondly, Corretta Scott King died. Also, the American people watched President George W. Bush's State of the Union address.

Sure, some of us just kicked back a few beers and watched it for comic value, but what is happening in our country is decidedly less and less funny. Somehow, it seems that if you repeat lies enough times, they become the truth.

What lies, you may ask? For one, let's talk about Bush's commitment to creating a "culture of life." Yes, he means fetuses, but he does not mean living people in the United States or civilians of any other country. His war (which 55 percent of Americans believe should be ended immediately) has led to the reported deaths of at least 30,000 Iraqi civilians. He does not mean death row prisoners, 131 of whose death warrants he personally authorized as governor in Texas. He does not mean that we should re-



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spect the sanctity of the living. He supports lowering the quality of life for certain groups, namely the poor. He supports torture. He slashed federal funding for education and student loans, health care for the poor and children, and veteran's benefits. He cut including money for disabilities caused by war wounds, rehabilitation and health care, pensions for low-income veterans, education and housing benefits for veterans. He even cut burial benefits for veterans. God bless our troops when they're killing Iraq insurgents and civilians, but God help them when they come home.

Let's talk about patriotism. Illegal, warrantless wiretapping has been conducted by the Bush administration following Sept. 11, and not just on international calls as he indicated in his State of the Union speech. Explicit laws were passed after it was found that Richard Nixon was using claims of "national security" to spy on his enemies, and the Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Act as well as the First and Fourth amendments to the Constitution clearly prohibit the warrantless surveillance of American citizens; FISA punishes these acts with up to \$10,000 or five years in jail, or both.

What does love for the freedoms and civil rights and values of Amer-

ica really mean? "This warrantless eavesdropping program is not authorized by the Patriot Act, it's not authorized by any act of Congress, and it's not overseen by any court," said Sen. Patrick Leahy D-Vt. "According to the reports, it's being conducted under a secret presidential order, based on secret legal opinions by the same Justice Department, lawyers, the same ones who argued secretly that the President could order the use of torture. Mr. President, it is time to have some checks and balances in this country. We are a democracy. We are a democracy. Let's have checks and balances, not secret orders and secret courts and secret torture, and on and on."

Bush authorized, then reauthorized, and then reauthorized again and again the ability of the National Security Agency to conduct electronic surveillance on American citizens on American soil with absolutely no authority to do so.

The moment that you see someone on television suggesting that the president, or anyone, has the right to spy on American citizens making domestic phone calls without judicial warrants (which, by the way, have been denied only eight out of 15,000 times in 30 years and can be sought up to three days after the wiretapping occurs), then you

have moved into the mentality of a dictatorship. This government breaks laws openly, in plain view of all involved, and no one does anything.

Shall we talk about torture? First, Bush said, "We do not torture." He said it a bunch of times. But the facts came out and said otherwise, and so he said instead that torture is fair game. Alberto Gonzales echoed it, saying that "the Geneva Conventions do not apply." Sometimes the torture of political prisoners is outsourced to other countries. CIA operatives who volunteered to try it lasted an average of 14 seconds on the board.

Is torture patriotic? Does it make us safer? Is it indicative of a "culture of life"? This administration says that it allows them to gath-

er useful information. Perhaps we should waterboard Bush and find out if he knew he was lying when he told the American people that Iraq had WMDs. We could hook Karl Rove to it and find out if he exposed CIA operative Valerie Plame. How about Dick Cheney? Strap him down and find out if he really ordered torture in Iraq? Sound ridiculous? Of course it is. Americans know torture is wrong. We wouldn't do it to our own people, and we shouldn't do it to others.

Something very dangerous is happening in America. The day that Bush stood before the nation and declared that domestic eavesdropping is "designed to protect civil liberties" is the day that our country moved a step away from democracy and a step toward dictatorship. We cannot listen to such nonsense placidly anymore or pretend that our leaders are above the law. We the people underlie the power held by all of our offices, and we had a system of checks and balances in place to keep our executive branch from overstepping its bounds. When these are abused, we need to revoke that power. We can't kick back a few beers and laugh at the lies any longer. Too much is at stake.

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# President shifts focus, decries cartoon outrage

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WASHINGTON — The Bush administration yesterday condemned the violent response to European cartoons mocking Islam and accused Iran and Syria of exploiting the international controversy to incite unrest and protests in the Middle East.

"I have no doubt that Iran and Syria have gone out of their way to inflame sentiments and have used this for their own purposes," Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice told reporters yesterday. "The world ought to call them on it."

A few hours earlier, at a White House ceremony with Jordan's King Abdullah, President Bush rejected the violence but not the cartoons that incited bloody protests from Afghanistan to Denmark, where the drawings first appeared. "We reject violence as a way to express discontent with what may be printed in a free press," Bush said.

Bush and Rice, making their first public remarks on the growing worldwide controversy, highlighted a shift in White House strategy to focusing on the killings and destruction during Muslim protests in several nations — in contrast to earlier statements that included criticism of the provocative drawings. Administration officials said Bush does not want a debate over free speech to diminish or deflect attention from the U.S. condemnation of the violence.

The protests claimed at least three more lives in Afghanistan yesterday, where demonstrators targeted a U.S. military base in the southern city of Qalat. Police fired into the crowd of protesters, injuring more than a dozen. As world leaders pleaded for an end to the violence, a French newspaper reprinted the cartoons, provoking another round of re-primations and a sharp re-

buke from French President Jacques Chirac. "Anything liable to offend the beliefs of others, particularly religious beliefs, must be avoided," Chirac said.

The Bush strategy puts him at odds with some Democrats and key U.S. allies in the Middle East, including Abdullah, who want a clear condemnation of the drawings. "With all respect to press freedoms, obviously anything that vilifies the prophet Muhammad, peace be upon him, or attacks Muslim sensibilities, I believe, needs to be condemned," Abdullah said.

Some Democrats said Bush is missing an opportunity to highlight U.S. respect for Muslims and Islam in not explicitly condemning the publication of the cartoons, especially one portraying Muhammad with a bomb atop his turban. Since the Sept. 11, 2001, terrorist attacks, Bush has invested a lot of money and staff resources in trying to improve the U.S. image in Muslim nations.

"These and other inflammatory images deserve our scorn, just as the violence against embassies and military installations are an unacceptable and intolerable form of protest," said Sen. John Kerry, D-Mass.

But Democrats appear divided over the issue. House Minority Leader Nancy Pelosi, D-Calif., agrees with Bush's position and fears even just the appearance of censoring the press, according to her spokesman, Brendan Daly.

Bush has made a calculated decision to focus on the violence in recent days, according to White House aides. The administration's initial reaction, delivered last Friday by the State Department, was to sharply criticize the drawings. "Inciting religious or ethnic hatreds in this manner is not acceptable," State Department spokesman Kurtis Cooper said at the

time. Cooper was repeating talking points provided by higher-level officials when the controversy erupted. "We hoped it would be a calming influence," a State Department official said.

Some U.S. officials considered the response too harsh, however, and not sufficiently supportive of free speech.

Since then, Bush, Vice President Dick Cheney and White House spokesman Scott McClellan have not specifically criticized the cartoons. "I call upon the governments around the world to stop the violence, to be respectful, to protect property, protect the lives of innocent diplomats who are serving their countries overseas," Bush said yesterday.

The new, carefully calibrated statements offered by Bush and others are aimed at offering a cautionary note about the responsibilities of the news media without directly condemning the cartoons, and at trying to move the debate beyond the drawings.

In her comments to reporters, Rice accused Iran and Syria of using the cartoon controversy to stir violence and protests. In Iran, which is locked in a bitter dispute with the United States, Europe and others over its nuclear ambitions, the country's largest newspaper announced Tuesday an international competition for Holocaust cartoons.

Last weekend, protesters set fire to Danish embassies in Beirut and the Syrian capital of Damascus.

The cartoons were published in several European countries, including Denmark, Austria, France, Germany and Italy. Many U.S. newspapers, including The Washington Post, have decided not to print them. In New York yesterday, four editors at the alternative Observer newspaper quit after managers refused to publish the cartoons.

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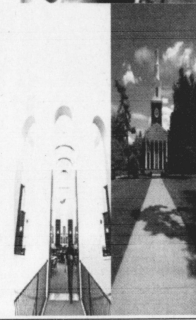
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