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## FLOW: Court decision a 'minor setback'

By Chris Weis  
THE KENTUCKY KERNEL

After last Thursday's Kentucky Supreme Court ruling against a Nov. 8 vote, supporters of Lexington's water-condemnation referendum are looking toward 2006.

Foster Pettit, Bluegrass For Local Ownership of Water chairman, said the decision is only a setback.

"We're going to continue moving toward our goal," he said. Bluegrass FLOW would pursue

the vote for 2006, a regular election year, Pettit said. Last week, the Kentucky Supreme Court said a general election would be the time for a referendum.

The referendum would decide whether voters support the condemnation of Kentucky-American Water Company, which is owned by RWE, a multinational utility conglomerate, Pettit said.

**"We strongly object to the voices of 26,000 being silenced by the voices of four Supreme Court Justices."**

Richard Becker  
UK Water Democracy President

Fayette Circuit Court and the Kentucky Court of Appeals ruled this summer that a petition begun by FLOW and Let Us Vote Lexington — which collected more than 26,000 signatures from referendum supporters — should force a vote, Pettit said.

"I think (the state Supreme Court) got it wrong," he said.

"The lower courts were right."

Coalition Against A Government Takeover President Warren Rogers said he was pleased with the court's decision and that the law was clear that there was not a regular election in Kentucky until 2006.

Rogers said it is illegal to have a vote on this issue at all.

"Our litigation is based on the fact that referendums of this type were outlawed," he said.

A Court of Appeals hearing on the legality of the referendum

could happen early next year.

Richard Becker, president of the UK Water Democracy Project, said he found it odd that the Supreme Court ruling departed from two lower-court precedents.

"We strongly object to the voices of 26,000 being silenced by the voices of the four Supreme Court judges," Becker said.

Becker said the ruling has caused his organization, among others, to shift their focus to 2006, and to back candidates for election to the Lexington Fayette Ur-

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## SG calls proposal 'power play'

Student Affairs seeks changes to establish oversight over SG

By Sean Rose  
THE KENTUCKY KERNEL

Student Government released a press release Tuesday condemning UK's proposed changes to governing regulations, calling them "a complete lack of respect for the students they hope to educate."

The Office of Student Affairs published a draft of proposed governing regulations changes last week. The changes would affect how UK and SG interact and would give Pat Terrell, the vice president of Student Affairs, oversight on all SG's actions.

"The university and Student Affairs have more important issues to deal with like increasing diversity of enrollment and making campus safer for students," the statement said. Terrell was not available for comment last night.

SG's statement went on to call the proposed changes "an obvious power play to gain control of the only statutorily independent student organization on campus."

SG President Becky Ellingsworth said making SG less self-governing inhibits its ability to serve the students.

"The changes would take away a good deal of the independence that SG should have and does right now," Ellingsworth said.

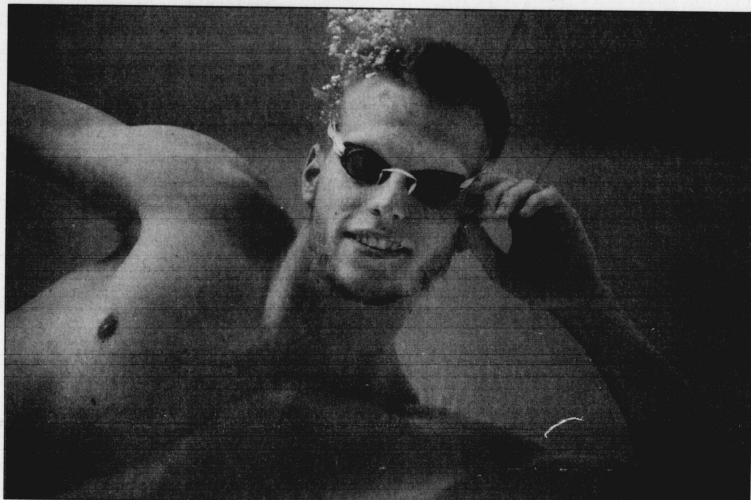
Ellingsworth said in the statement that "every student should be united; the official student voice should be free of administrative oversight."

Terrell is currently collecting comments and suggestions on the proposal. She will then send a final draft to interim provost Scott Smith and President Lee Todd. If they approve, the draft will go to the Student Affairs committee of the Board of Trustees.

If that committee approves the changes, the full Board of Trustees will vote on it for final approval. Terrell hopes to have the proposal approved at the Dec. 6 board meeting.

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## SWIMMING IN THE GENE POOL



CHRIS REYNOLDS | STAFF

Daniel Farnham, senior sprinter on the UK swim team, will face his younger brother Adam for the last time in tomorrow's meet against the University of Tennessee.

## UK swimmer faces brother for the final time tomorrow

By Jenisha Watts  
THE KENTUCKY KERNEL

Barbara Farnham's alternate screams of "Go, Daniel!" and "Go, Adam!" at tomorrow's swim meet against the University of Tennessee are certain to echo in the ears of nearby fans. Farnham is the mother of the All-American UK senior

Daniel Farnham and UT sophomore Adam Farnham — two brothers, two rival swim teams.

Farnham explained that her sons chose different schools so they could stand out as individuals.

Barbara and her husband Tim don't play favorites. "Mom and Dad, they split their love down the middle,"

Daniel Farnham said.

Daniel Farnham began swimming in summer and year-round leagues at age 7 in Rome, Ga. Two years later, Adam Farnham turned 7 and started swimming competitively as well. They soon found themselves facing off in the same races.

"I've trained with him my whole life," Daniel Farnham said. "I grew up swimming against him."

Tomorrow's meet will be no different for the brothers.

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**"Most boys in sports have been competitive, but (these two) encourage each other."**

Barbara Farnham

Mother of UK swimmer Daniel Farnham and UT swimmer Adam Farnham, on their lack of sibling rivalry

## Smith takes press on carnival ride at hoops media day

Tubby Smith was a little more jubilant for his media day press conference yesterday.

He had just fed the chickens. "I mean, really, that's what we were doing," the UK head basketball coach said, drawing laughs from the media. He was 15 minutes late — on a picnic to a chicken farm with UK's agriculture department — to what was obviously the best part of the basketball season.



Derek Poore  
SPORTS EDITOR

"It's my favorite thing to do," Smith said, with a hint of sarcasm.

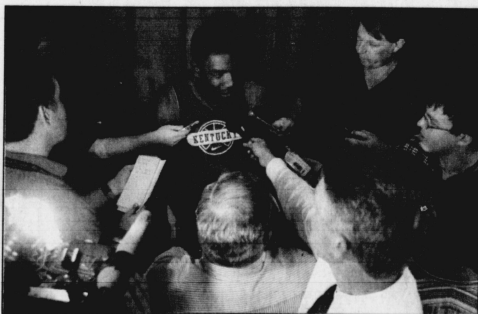
A more visibly relaxed Smith than recent media days fielded questions in Memorial Coliseum yesterday about everything from the eligibility status of sophomore center Randolph Morris to how he spent his summer.

But what else was he going to talk about?

Aside from being a carnival for the press, media day is a sort of Christmas morning for sports writers.

There are a lot of presents to be un-

## BASKETBALL MEDIA DAY



BILLY SCHIFFER | STAFF

Junior center Shaqari Alleyne speaks with the media during men's basketball media day yesterday in Memorial Coliseum.

wrapped. We have plenty of access to the coaches and players. But sometimes there's a little disappointment when we don't quite get that gift we wanted.

Usually tolerant of the media, this time Smith delivered. He was jovial. He seemed to not worry about Morris or how to replace departed senior Chuck Hayes or Kelenna Azubuike, who bolted for the

NBA and went undrafted.

Instead he laughed about the British Open and Tiger Woods.

"Do I know Tiger?" Smith said rhetorically. "The question is, does Tiger know me?"

Since beating Woods' alma mater Stan-

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## Floridians brace for Wilma's wrath

By John-Thor Dahlburg  
LOS ANGELES TIMES

MIAMI — As Hurricane Wilma slowly bore down on the Yucatan with the power to wreak havoc on one of Mexico's top tourist destinations, far to the east, in Florida, officials and residents began getting ready for the storm's potentially destructive arrival in their state yesterday.

"Right now, we're telling our folks to be prepared," said Sherry Montgomery, a government spokeswoman in Charlotte County, home to 150,000 year-round residents on Florida's southwestern coast.

As Wilma, with sustained winds of near 150 mph, blew toward an expected landfall in the Yucatan peninsula later today, though, it remained something of a meteorological enigma: its future intensity and course — and the risk it posed for Florida — difficult to predict.

Much, said weather experts, was riding on what happened over the next 48 hours.

A lot depends on how long Wilma spends over the Yucatan, today and Saturday morning," said Ben Nelson, Florida's state meteorologist.

"Whenever you have a storm sitting over land, it's going to decrease in intensity."

Nelson said he and many other Floridians would spend what he deemed "an agonizing

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## Water

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ban County Council election who support local ownership of water.

In March, council members voted to stop action for the condemnation of Kentucky-American.

"The city council members will do what they feel is right but the people of Lexington should be able to override them," said Mike Richardson, vice-president of the UK College Democrats.

Richardson pointed to the vote as a way for the people of Lexington to speak directly on the issue, even if they are against condemnation as, he said, some of the petition-signers

were. Brent Burchett, president of the UK College Republicans, agreed with the Supreme Court decision, saying a year will provide time for discussion and will allow people to learn more about the issue.

"Whatever the outcome may be, at least it will be representative of the population of Lexington," he said.

Kentuckians For the Commonwealth, in conjunction with FLOW, is planning to mark Nov. 8 with a demonstration that includes a symbolic protest vote and a rally.

Richardson also pointed to the questionable service of RWE as a reason for pushing for a municipally owned water company.

"It's very important to keep the quality and service of basic utilities, like water, to a high standard," he said.

Pettit said there is a real concern among residents about water becoming an international commodity run by people who may not have the best interests of the community in mind.

"Control of our water could be in the hands of people throughout the world who are not concerned with us, but who are concerned with their shareholders," Pettit said.

Burchett said local-ownership advocates have enumerated problems with RWE that have not been evident in the water company's service.

"They haven't made a case that Kentucky-American Water Company has not done their job," he said.

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## Swim

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"It's not weird," Daniel Farnham said.

Adam Farnham said he's looking forward to the match.

"(It's) a good chance to compete," he said.

Barbara Farnham echoes the casual manner in which her sons approach the so-called rivalry.

"They (have) always been their best competitors," she said.

The two brothers even deny any hints of sibling rivalry.

"Growing up, we didn't trash-talk (each other)," Daniel Farnham said, adding that kind of attitude was a "healthy situation to grow up in."

"Most boys in sports have been competitive," Barbara Farnham said, "but they encourage each other."

Each has always been the other's support system. A rigorous practice schedule, in which a 15-year-old Daniel Farnham and 14-year-old Adam Farnham made the hour's drive to swim practice in Atlanta five days a week, helped the two grow closer.

"They help each other to do their best," Barbara Farnham said.

During last year's UK-UT meet, Tennessee won by three points, though

Daniel Farnham placed first in the 50-yard and 100-yard freestyle events.

It was a sad game for Barbara, who said she would've liked to see UK win against Tennessee, which has a historically solid swim team.

For Daniel Farnham, it was a tough loss.

"(It was) very heart-breaking," he said. "Hard to take."

Still, he puts last year's competition in perspective.

"(We had) two equally matched teams," he said. "One was just slightly better."

After the meet, Adam Farnham didn't gloat to his brother about UT's win.

"(I) didn't say anything when we won last year — didn't need to," he said.

Tomorrow, Barbara Farnham will be rooting for both her boys during their last college competition.

"I will be behind them all the time," she said, "(and) I'll miss them swimming against each other."

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### UK vs. Tennessee

When: 1 p.m. tomorrow  
Where: Lancaster Aquatic Center, South Campus  
How much: Free

### Daniel Farnham: Season by Season Highlights 2002-03

Earned honorable mention All-America honors

Helped set new Kentucky records in 200-yard and 400-yard medley relays

Won the 100-yard freestyle event against Georgia, Missouri, LSU and Cincinnati

### 2003-04

Earned honorable mention All-America honors in the 200-, 400- and 800-yard freestyle relays

Broke UK's 100-yard freestyle record at the SEC Championships.

Won the 100-yard freestyle event against Indiana, South Carolina, Cincinnati, Indian River and Ball State

### 2004-05

Earned All-America honors in the 200-, 400- and 800-yard freestyle relays and honorable mention All-America selections in the 50- and 100-yard freestyle

Set new school records in the 100-yard freestyle, the 200-, 400- and 800-yard freestyle relays and the 400-yard medley relay

Won the 100-yard freestyle against Michigan State, Tennessee, Indiana, Southwest Missouri State, Louisville, Cincinnati and the Indiana Invitational

## Poore

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ford in the 1998 Final Four. Smith laughed and said he and Woods have long been pen pals.

I doubt it. Smith said he was a mere 20 yards away when golf legend Jack Nicklaus strolled across the Swilcan Bridge on the 18th hole at St. Andrews.

Then, after we were all warned to turn off our cell phones, Smith started struggling with something in his pocket.

His phone was going off. "That was my wife," he said, after taking his phone out, hanging it up and stuffing it back into the pocket of his UK-blue running pants. "She's not going to like that."

Everyone laughed. When it rang again, Smith tossed it to UK Athletics spokesman Scott Stricklin, who fielded the call in the hallway.

"Tell her I'm with friends!" Smith yelled. "We're having a party."

The party this year is Smith's. He's relaxed and

confident. He's got the best backcourt in America.

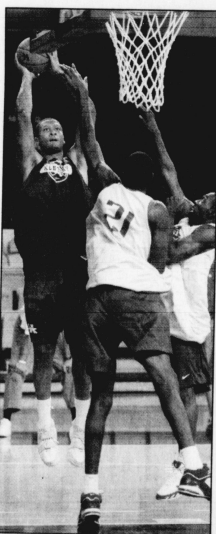
"I do?" Smith said, puzzled, when someone asked what he thought about the UK basketball media guide naming senior Patrick Sparks and sophomore Rajon Rondo the best guard tandem in the nation. He paused to flip through the book. "Maybe I need to start proofreading these things."

Rondo didn't quarrel with it though. "Pat (Sparks) can shoot the lights out, and I can defend well and take the ball to the hole," Rondo said later.

Nope, Rondo didn't quarrel with it one bit. Jokes and vacation tales aside, Smith did say he fully expected Morris to be back this season. With ridiculous depth and an even speedier team than last year, no media circus could ruin his mood.

Looks like he'll be having a party after all.

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## Hurricane

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weekend" monitoring Wilma's progress. As of yesterday, forecasters at the National Hurricane Center were predicting Wilma might reach Florida late Sunday or early Monday anywhere along a broad swath of its western shoreline, from the northern Gulf Coast to the Florida Keys.

"There are all kinds of possibilities — not many of them good," said Greg Artman, an emergency operations official in the Keys.

In Mexico, officials feared that if Wilma continued on its northwesterly tack, it could sweep along the east coast of the Yucatan peninsula. A direct hit there could be a "tremendous disaster," said Jaime Albaran, a meteorologist and spokesman for Mexico's national weather service. "This is a very, very powerful storm."

As Wilma, whose forward motion slowed yesterday to 6 mph, got nearer, Cancun Mayor Francisco Alos announced the evacuation of the city's hotel district. According to Mexican media, about 30,000 tourists had left.

Felix Gonzalez Canto, governor of Quintana Roo province, which includes Cancun, told reporters that police and government workers were going door to door to make sure people with tin roofs and wooden walls had evacuated.

For Florida, Nelson said, the worst-case scenario would be the hurricane remaining over water as it crossed the Yucatan Channel that links the Caribbean Sea with the Gulf of Mexico. "That would allow it to enter the Gulf as a Category 4 hurricane," he said.

And the idea? "We're not wishing any harm on the tourist areas of the Yucatan," said Nelson. "But the best scenario for Florida is that the storm stall over the Yucatan for a day or two."

Authorities in Florida were concerned especially about the potential for large-scale storm surge of the kind stirred up by Hurricane Katrina, which leveled much of the Mississippi Gulf coast. If Wilma is still a Category 4 hurricane when it reaches the Gulf, it could raise ocean levels by 10-15 feet, Nelson said. The Florida Keys and southwestern Florida coast, both low-lying areas, could be swamped, he said.

On Saturday, forecasters at the National Hurricane Center said, the hurricane should veer toward the northeast and

pick up speed as a low-pressure trough forming over the central United States starts to influence its track. It could reach Florida as anywhere from a Category 1 to Category 3 hurricane, with a tremendous difference in its capacity to inflict damage, they said.

At first, authorities in the Keys ordered all 70,000 permanent residents of the island chain to leave, but postponed the evacuation as Wilma's motion slowed.

Stung by charges of incompetence and neglect in its response to two earlier hurricanes this year, Katrina and Rita, officials of the Federal Emergency Management Agency said they were doing everything they could to help Florida get ready for its eighth hurricane since August 2004.

FEMA announced Thursday that it had assembled 150 truckloads of water and ice, and 30 more of food, to distribute to hurricane victims. Four urban search and rescue task forces and nine disaster medical teams were pre-positioned in the "hazard" area, FEMA said.

Florida's governor, Jeb Bush, signed an order proclaiming a state of emergency as part of preparations. By Friday, a state spokesman said, 1,600 soldiers in the Florida National Guard should be assembled at their armories and ready for deployment to hurricane-affected areas to dole out supplies and help keep order.

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**Roger Chui**  
TECH COLUMNIST

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## Krystal Ball

Staff picks for the weekend of  
Oct. 22, 2005



### Derek Poore (37-12)

Last week: 5-2  
Ole Miss 20 UK 17  
Texas 41 Texas Tech 28  
Alabama 28 Tenn. 24  
LSU 28 Auburn 20  
Mich. St. 23 N'western 13  
Iowa 20 Michigan 16  
S. Carolina 31 Vandy 24

### Megan Boehnke (32-10)

Last week: 3-4  
Ole Miss 35 UK 17  
Texas 30 Texas Tech 28  
Alabama 28 Tenn. 27  
LSU 21 Auburn 27  
Mich. St. 35 N'western 21  
Iowa 24 Michigan 21  
S. Carolina 28 Vandy 24

### Doug Scott (35-14)

Last week: 5-2  
Ole Miss 23 UK 3  
Texas 14 Texas Tech 4  
Alabama 89 Tenn. 55  
LSU 34 Auburn 21  
Mich. St. 13 N'western 8  
Michigan 5 Iowa 3  
Vandy 21 S. Carolina 10

### Adam Sichko (35-14)

Last week: 6-1  
Ole Miss 20 UK 17  
Texas 41 Texas Tech 28  
Alabama 28 Tenn. 24  
LSU 28 Auburn 20  
Mich. St. 23 N'western 13  
Iowa 20 Michigan 16  
S. Carolina 31 Vandy 24

### Chris Johnson (34-15)

Last week: 4-3  
Miami (Ohio) 31, E. Mich 21  
Texas 42 Texas Tech 28

Alabama 20 Tenn. 7  
LSU 31 Auburn 15  
Mich. St. 26 N'western  
Michigan 38 Iowa 13  
S. Carolina 28 Vandy 20  
**Andrew Martin (34-15)**

Last week: 3-4  
Ole Miss 28 UK 17  
Texas 26 Texas Tech 24  
Alabama 21 Tenn. 20  
LSU 28 Auburn 21  
Mich. St. 35 N'western 21  
Michigan 24 Iowa 17  
S. Carolina 28 Vandy 21

### Josh Sullivan (32-17)

Last Week: 3-4  
Ole Miss 42 UK 9  
Texas Tech 28 Texas 27  
Tenn. 27 Alabama 21  
LSU 18 Auburn 17  
Mich. St. 35 N'western 30  
Michigan 17 Iowa 10  
S. Carolina 17 Vandy 3

### Tim Wiseman (32-17)

Last week: 5-2  
Ole Miss 20 UK 17  
Texas 35 Texas Tech 20  
Alabama 17 Tenn. 14  
LSU 24 Auburn 21  
Mich. St. 42 N'western 38  
Michigan 21 Iowa 10  
S. Carolina 28 Vandy 24

### Hilly Schiffer (28-21)

Last week: 2-5  
UK 21 Ole Miss 14  
Texas 35 Texas Tech 17  
Alabama 24 Tenn. 21  
LSU 21 Auburn 20  
Mich. St. 42 N'western 35  
Michigan 21 Iowa 17  
S. Carolina 35 Vandy 14

## FOOTBALLFIX | What to watch

### COLLEGE Saturday

Northwestern at No. 22 Michigan State, noon, ESPN2  
Michigan at Iowa, 12:10, ABC  
Brigham Young at No. 9 Notre Dame, 2:30 p.m., NBC  
No. 10 Texas Tech at No. 2 Texas, 3:30 p.m., ABC  
No. 17 Tennessee at No. 5 Alabama, 3:30 p.m., CBS  
No. 16 Auburn at No. 7 Louisiana State, 7:45 p.m., ESPN

### NFL Sunday

Green Bay at Minnesota, 1 p.m., FOX  
Pittsburgh at Cincinnati, 1 p.m., CBS  
Denver at New York Giants, 4:15 p.m., CBS  
Dallas at Seattle, 4:05 p.m., FOX  
Buffalo at New England, 8:30 p.m., ESPN

## Journalist's dilemma: soul versus style in pursuit of a story

By Patrick Goldstein  
LOS ANGELES TIMES

For a journalist, it's surely a guilty pleasure to see a movie about someone who commits himself wholeheartedly to the pursuit of a story with no thought for the consequences.

As portrayed by Philip Seymour Hoffman in the movie "Capote," the New Yorker's Truman Capote was just as cunning and exploitative as any raucous paparazzi in the course of reporting "In Cold Blood," his mesmerizing account of the brutal murder of the Clutter family of Holcomb, Kan.

The man whose book influenced a generation of young journalists was a master of the black art of doing anything to get a story — lying and flattering, deceiving and dissembling nearly every step of the way. When he couldn't get access to Perry Smith and Dick Hickock, the two imprisoned killers, Capote handed the prison warden a \$10,000 bribe. He wooed Smith relentlessly, bringing him Henry David Thoreau to read in jail. He helped the suspects get a new lawyer so they'd stay alive long enough for him to complete his interviews. And why not, Capote reasoned. As he breathlessly tells his pal Harper Lee after an early meeting with Smith: "He's a gold mine!"

Of course, if you prefer a journalistic hero cast as a white knight instead of a wily charmer, look no further than "Good Night, and Good Luck." Directed and co-written by George Clooney, it chronicles a climactic battle between CBS newsmen Edward R. Murrow and Red Scare-era demagogue Sen. Joseph McCarthy a Republican from Wisconsin. At a time when most journalists are portrayed in TV and film as gushy lightweights — many deservedly so — it's quite a jolt to see someone act like a real hero. Played impeccably by David Strathairn, the laconic, chain-smoking Murrow is uncompromising and incorruptible.

This pair of artful portraits of two world-class journalists couldn't come at a better time. As you may have heard, morale at newspapers and TV news divisions is at a low ebb, thanks to circulation drops, low ratings and a string of layoffs. As cable news grows more influential each day, network news is scrambling to reinvent itself and hold on to its aging audience. The sense of turmoil is equally apparent in print journalism. With circulation down and costs up, newspapers are in the midst of a wave of soul-searching as they grapple with how

to compete with the lightning speed and breezy informality of Internet news sources.

It's nice to have these Hollywood reminders that journalists once pursued greatness, not just ratings and ad lineage. One of our biggest challenges these days is facing up to our low standing in public opinion. That's where movies come in — almost since their inception, they've been a reliable barometer of the nation's attitude toward journalists. In the years before the U.S. entered World War II, in such films as "It Happened One Night" and "His Girl Friday," newspapermen were wisecracking working-class heroes, in the racket for the scoop, not the money. By the 1950s, the portrait was less romantic, ranging from the bitingly cynical "Ace in the Hole" to "Sweet Smell of Success," a damning portrait of abuse of power; with Burt Lancaster as a Broadway columnist who demolishes killers in his path.

After Watergate, our crusading image flickered back to life, thanks to "All the President's Men" and "The China Syndrome," but by the 1980s, as in "Broadcast News," critiques of hollow careerism were in vogue again. In recent years, the movies are largely focused on journalistic excess and ineptitude, from the portrayal of plagiarist Stephen Glass in "Shattered Glass" to a variety of TV news buffoons, like the one Jim Carrey plays in "Bruce Almighty."

There's a good reason Clooney had a hard time finding anyone to finance "Good Night, and Good Luck." Murrow's rectitude is out of sync with today's cynical attitude about news-gathering. If you asked young moviegoers to cite a typical 21st-century journalist, they'd probably point to the doe-eyed young Vanity Fair-style scribe played by Alison Lohman in "Where the Truth Lies," which opened this weekend. Lohman is uncovering a murder mystery about a 1950s showbiz team — think Dean Martin and Jerry Lewis — whose career is derailed when a beautiful blonde turns up dead in their hotel suite. Her investigatory methods include doing drugs and posing as a schoolteacher. It's probably fortunate that Murrow and Capote died young, Murrow of lung cancer, Capote of booze and pills. They would've had precious little good to say about their heirs, especially the ones so enamored of glitz and celebrity. Esquire magazine, once the hallowed home of Norman Mailer, Michael Herr and Gay Talese, is now crammed with fashion advice, while

Capote is guilty of all sorts of unscrupulous behavior in getting his story, once he put pen to paper, he left the stage, allowing his characters to have the spotlight to themselves. What makes "In Cold Blood" so sobering, now that the movie has allowed us to see its author at work, is that it reminds many of our bromides about good journalism. Though a pivotal work of reporting, it is also a fascinating test of our eternal "do the ends justify the means" debate: Do you judge a writer by his brilliant work or by the deception that went into creating it?

As Joan Didion warned three decades ago, "Writers are always selling somebody out." They are usually selling a point of view, or a position, or a reputation, and his job — by taking up the cause of a man who was kicked out of the Air Force for supposed communist ties.

If Murrow comes off as more admirable than Capote, his righteousness trumping Truman's narcissism, it's because we see that while Capote's work took a huge emotional toll — he never finished another book after "In Cold Blood" — Murrow's courage was in support of a greater cause, our freedom of speech. Standing up to a bully always earns bigger applause than empathizing with a killer.

Still, it is Capote who turned out to have the larger influence on modern-day journalism. Murrow's quiet authority is completely out of fashion in a TV news world that has become a carnival of noisy attention-seekers. And too many of today's writers seem to have learned the wrong lessons from Capote, soaking up the reporter-as-celebrity persona of his later years rather than studying his exacting, imperturbable prose. The seduction of his subjects was only one of Capote's many gifts, but today it is often the raison d'être of celebrity journalism.

When I asked "Capote" director Bennett Miller if he was worried that the film made Capote appear too unsympathetic, he answered, "The truth is that good people do horrible things and terrible people can be surprisingly kind. The tragic thing is that Capote didn't just betray Perry Smith, he betrayed himself."

The same thing goes for journalists today. It's not our subjects I'm worried about, it's our souls.

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## POINT-COUNTERPOINT

### Perspectives on Genocide Awareness Project

#### Demonstrators exhibited lack of taste

Walking from my Media Law class Wednesday I was greeted by what every college student wants to see after an hour and fifteen minute lecture: a 5-foot-tall orange sign with bold black type proclaiming "WARNING GENOCIDE PHOTOS AHEAD."



**Doug Scott**  
KERNEL COLUMNIST

The term "genocide" usually brings to mind scenes from Auschwitz, Bergen-Belsen, Kigali or Darfur. I'd like to tell you that I thought I was about to be confronted by billboards featuring starving concentration camp prisoners or a mural depicting mass-murder on the Serengeti, but after having seen the caravan of anti-abortion trucks circumnavigating campus a few weeks ago, I was privy to the Center for Bio-Ethical Reform's tendency to hype their so-called "Genocide Awareness Project," and hype they did.

If you happened to stroll by the White Hall Classroom Building in the past two days, your eyes were assaulted by signs equating abortion to the Holocaust, lynchings and Sept. 11.

You would have also noted the pro-choice advocates protesting nearby, as well as an obvious police presence. As you passed by, individuals protesting abortion would ask you, from behind a metal barricade, if you wanted propaganda, or "information," as they call it. Then you'd be offered free condoms from the other protesters. It was quite a sight.

According to the Merriam-Webster Medical Dictionary, genocide is defined as "the deliberate and systematic destruction of a racial, political, or cultural group." Just from this simple definition, multiple errors come to light.

First of all, a fetus meets none of these three criteria; abortion transcends racial boundaries, fetuses don't vote or form interest groups, and there isn't a musical genre geared towards the unborn. Second of all, the circumstances under which an abortion must take place could not possibly be defined as "deliberate and systematic."

No one gets pregnant with the intention of having an abortion, nor is there some sort of conspiracy on the part of women to have as many abortions as possible or to perpetuate a prejudice against babies.

Organizations such as the Center for Bio-Ethical Reform, which organized the

displays outside the Classroom Building on Wednesday and Thursday, treat the issue of abortion the way social conservatives treat issues such as pre-marital sex, homosexuality, violence in the media, and drugs; that there is some sort of pleasure or recreational value in abortion, as if doctors love performing them and women love having them.

However, it seems that it hasn't dawned on some in the pro-life camp that having an abortion is not something that girls on campus get done up for on Friday nights.

Being "pro-choice" does not mean that you are "pro-abortion." Abortion is a horrible and unfortunate procedure that no one wishes for, and I in no way condone the act.

But I do condone educating people about safe sex and providing them with the means to practice safe sex. If abortion is such a pressing social issue, then it is behavior that needs to be altered, not the law. You cannot legislate human behavior.

Imagine for a moment if an anti-war group had put on a similar type of display on campus: billboards featuring pictures of amputee soldiers, dead bodies of U.S. infantrymen and Iraqi children, and mothers crying at their son or daughter's funeral. To top it off, they also bring 1,977 flag-draped cardboard coffins to line the sidewalks leading to the Classroom Building.

Despite the fact that conservatives preach a value system that treasures life, their reaction to this sort of display would differ from their sympathies expressed over the past two days.

Imagine the outrage that would erupt from the pro-war camp (well, what's left of it), not because of the horrible crime against humanity that is war, but because the anti-war display would be "insensitive" or "anti-American."

Although it would deliver a powerful visual message, this sort of anti-war display would be the same as the spectacle put on by the Genocide Awareness Project: tactless, vulgar and substituting shock value for substance.

If life is truly the divine gift that conservatives claim it is, then it has to be valued regardless of the circumstances. But if society is going to rationalize killing Iraqi children as "collateral damage," then pro-life advocates are going to have to be willing to consider each unique circumstance under which an abortion occurs.

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#### Dissenters didn't really want a debate

Yesterday, I learned what it was like to face public apathy, hostility and hypocrisy. During the day, I had been a part of the Genocide Awareness Project designed to showcase the connection between genocide and abortion.

The first 10 minutes of my shift, I was told "You disgust me," and "I despise you," and "I despise you" by two gentlemen apparently in opposition to the photographs displayed behind me. I smiled, offered them a brochure, and wished them a good day and was subsequently told to "Go to hell." I shrugged and thought "not likely," and continued handing out brochures.

During the course of the day I was told to "F\*\*\* off," "Leave," "Go to Hell." I also heard, "F\*\*\* you," "You don't stand for anything," "You are an idiot," "No one cares," etc.

This is a brief illustration of the comments I endured by the allegedly the own words of a dissenter) free-thinking, free speech and free-sex crowd in favor of a woman's right to choose. But I was referred to as a zealot, extremist and a few other stereotypes. (Note: I never discussed my personal philosophy during this period with anyone in opposition to the photographs displayed.)

I was told that it didn't matter that life began at conception. I was heckled at, made fun of by phone-philosophers too wise to stop and debate with me, and was spit at. Condoms were thrown at us, and we heard a young man yell, "Bleh!" for about 10 minutes (who subsequently came back and was interrupted by police). Yet, we were zealots, and we were the extremists, "forcing our views on other people."

I thank God that our country allows freedom of speech and freedom of expression. Apparently some of the pro-choice people do not feel that the same way. We were told that we should leave, "get off of our campus," and that we don't have the right to say what we said.

However, these same people admitted a belief in freedom of speech and freedom of expression. The only conclusion I could draw was that these students were being hypocrites, and only wanted to allow free speech in the cases with which they agreed.

Professors stopped by. I was playfully called a lunatic by a professor I admire and retain friendship with (although I suspect he was joking). An "enlightened" sociology professor graced us with his presence and chose

to raise as many objections as he could raise. Without pausing for answers, or accepting any answer presented, he continued with ad hominem attacks, and when challenged by me as an individual not-affiliated with the organization (this was after my shift, so I was not working as part of the display) he would not provide what he actually believed, yet insisted we were wrong. He never answered questions, and then eventually as is the case in which I have witnessed him other times, stormed off without accomplishing anything except angering himself.

The old adage "out of sight, out of mind" is a philosophy by which I suspect a significant portion of students and professors desire to live by. When confronted with pictures of aborted children, we hear disgust and outrage on the part of those wanting to be oblivious to the truth. If the pictures were not themselves terrible, would there be such an outcry? If abortion was just something that one person does to a bag of cells, would there be such a violent, sickening reaction?

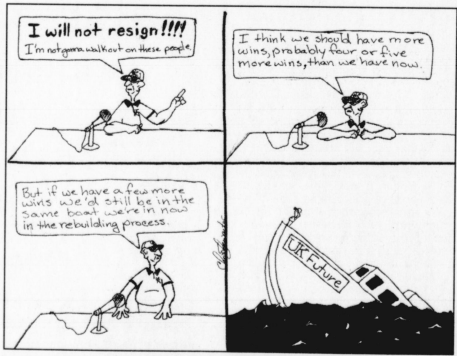
I think the Genocide Awareness Project for coming to our campus and showing the truth behind what an aborted child looks like. I thank them for drawing the parallels to other populations which arbitrarily decided that a segment of the population were not people, and thus, unworthy of the protection of their lives.

I hope, and pray, that people who saw this display stop and actually think for a moment, rather than merely worrying about pleasing their desires and being free of the consequences of their actions. Abortion is a murderous choice that in no way empowers women. It results in the murder of unborn babies, and allows for the genocide of a segment of our population.

I ask you not to have sex if you are unwilling to deal with the consequences of your actions. Please, please, please exercise self-control.

I ask you from the bottom of my heart (you being someone considering an abortion) please consider an alternative such as adoption. There are people who are willing to adopt children, and who, in fact, are placed on waiting lists for the opportunity to do so. In the spirit of love, murder was protested, and in the spirit of love, I ask that the unborn children be provided protection and consideration.

Disclaimer: I volunteered for the Genocide Awareness Project shortly after joining the UK Students For Life, and served as a member of the G.A.P. My views and experiences are not necessarily the views of either organization, and I can only speak for myself. Tommy Juanso is a political science and history junior. E-mail opinions@kykernel.com.



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#### IN OUR OPINION

### SG meeting a good start

As usual, Student Government had a busy meeting last week. But this meeting was productive, as odd as that may sound.

In fact, SG even used student funds wisely. The election of two new justices to the SG Supreme Court — which upheld a disqualification of presidential candidate Will Nash due to campaign violations in Oct. 12 — was one of several key developments in the Oct. 14 meeting. The newcomers are second-year law student Corey Fannin and first-year law student Heather Hammond.

The SG Supreme Court is a much-maligned institution, particularly after three justices failed to properly recuse themselves in Nash's hearing due to clear conflicts of interest with President Becky Ellingsworth's campaign.

The court also botched the hearing by completely ignoring precedents for campaign violations; in past years, punishments for offenses similar to Nash's were mere slaps on the wrist like community service hours — not disqualifications from the presidency.

We hope these two new justices are mature and wise enough to recognize any conflict of interest in any case, and that they take the appropriate action of recusing themselves. And they should also keep a close eye on precedent, providing solid legal, logical reasoning when they choose to ignore it.

SG also gave \$8,500 to the Peer Tutoring Program at UK — a wonderful use of student fees. As Jim Breslin, the program's coordinator, noted, "This just means that we can keep helping students." The program wouldn't have been able to function past February without some funding help.

SG should be applauded for recognizing a need and taking positive steps to help out. So far, although we're still early in the school year, it seems this year's version of SG wants (thankfully) to use its money more prudently than past administrations.

A final interesting aspect of the meeting was the approval of a bill requiring all paid Senate and executive staff to publicly post their hours worked. Ellingsworth has previously said that staff will not be paid salary if they forget to post their hours.

This maneuver is a clear tactic to increase accountability and credibility. What remains to be seen is if Ellingsworth will actually hold SG members' feet to the fire with her "no post, no pay" idea.

So far, it's a good start, but as has all too often been the case with SG, reality might not match up with all the talk.

### LETTER TO THE EDITOR

#### Column employed unfair stereotypes

I have never understood the individuals who take it upon themselves to judge our entire society. They'll criticize another for a given reason, and yet the exact thing causing them to step up on their soapbox is being portrayed by their own behavior. What is that word? Oh yes, a hypocrite.

I'll admit that the catchy title drew me in: "Those who are packin' aren't the ones lackin'." Having no idea what message would follow such an introduction, I was initially intrigued. I decided shortly thereafter that it was the most offensive newspaper column I'd ever read.

According to the article, there are two types of women on this campus. First, we have the "status sistas," who are confident, self-aware, and the only ones courageous enough to walk to class in sweats. And then we have the "lanky girls," who are insecure, eat nothing more than leafy greens, waste away money on a skimpy Thursday-night top, and apparently accessorize way too much.

A possible sub-type of the latter would be the "metabolism freaks," who consume entire Chinese buffets and still keep a flat stomach (all other "lanky girl" qualities held constant).

No one person should criticize another for their own decisions, whether she chooses to sweat at the gym or lounge on

the sofa; eat fruits and vegetables or pizza and chips; wear tight jeans and gold pumps or a sweatshirt and flip flops.

In my opinion, our campus is filled with thousands of beautiful ladies, all with different personalities and physical features that are combinations of what's listed above.

The entire piece was based on personal assumption. Just because a woman is thin doesn't mean she's judging someone larger, is purging every meal, or is unable to be seen in sweats. Most importantly, a woman's physical appearance is by no means an indication of her confidence level.

I have found that many times these judgmental soapboxes are used as a way of hiding behind our own insecurities. If you want to appear confident and open-minded, restrain yourself from deciding who is the "better" type of woman on our campus.

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## FOOTBALL PREVIEW

# Cats seek to solve puzzle of Ole 'D'

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Spotting mistakes and taking advantage may be UK's key to winning its first Southeastern Conference game of the year.

"We've got to pick up on their mistakes," sophomore running back Rafael Little said. "Alabama (last week) ran the ball well, but we've got to run the ball better. They have a good defense."

UK (1-4, 0-3 SEC) travels to Ole Miss tomorrow, whose defense is ranked 21st in the nation in scoring defense at 18 points per game and 32nd in total defense, allowing 331.3 yards per game.

Little and receiver Scott Mitchell said the main worry against Ole Miss (2-4, 0-3) is the Rebels' ability to pressure the quarterback.

"They run a lot of blitzes," Little said. "They're very fast. We've got to try not to get our quarterback hit."

The Rebels don't have a defensive coordinator, instead relying on head coach Ed Orgeron. Orgeron came to the Rebels last winter after being defensive line coach at Southern California for seven years.

Junior offensive guard Trai Williams said the team was encouraged by its offensive effort against South Carolina, especially on the ground. The Cats gained 213 total rushing yards against the Gamecocks, including the minutes 17 net yards credited to Andre' Woodson on sacks and five total fumbles, which resulted in negative nine yards.

On the offensive side of the ball, quarterback Michael Spurlock and running back Mico McSwain lead the Rebels. Both are known for their speed and athletic ability, especially Spurlock, said UK defen-



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Senior wide receiver Tommy Cook will see some playing time tomorrow at Ole Miss after dislocating his kneecap Sept. 10 against Idaho State.

sive coordinator Mike Archer.

"They're both exceptional athletes," Archer said. "Spurlock's the third or fourth fastest kid on

the team. Last week was his best performance of the year."

Last week, the Rebels narrowly lost to No. 5 Alabama 13-10, missing a field goal as time expired. Spurlock finished that game 19-for-31 for 210 yards and one touchdown, with one interception. He also rushed twice for minus six yards, a month removed from breaking bones in his hand.

Head coach Rich Brooks said he was encouraged by the smash-mouth style his team played two weeks ago at South Carolina. He said recovering fumbles and creating opportunities for interceptions, along with third-down defense, would be priorities for the Rebels.

UK's third-down defense has struggled to dead last in the nation in opponent conversions. Opponents are 45-for-75 on third down this season, a 60 percent success rate.

"We're going to try to win the turnover battle, hopefully get takeaways," Brooks said. "On third down, we've got to get them to punt or take it away."

The return of wide receiver Tommy Cook will emotionally aid the Cats. Cook, coming back from a dislocated kneecap and torn ligaments in his knee suffered in the Idaho State game, will help the team's morale regardless of whether he plays a limited role, as Brooks has suggested, or has a deeper impact in the offense.

"(Cook) means a lot to the team," senior tailback Artless Beach said. "He can say two words and have everybody ready to go."

"Everybody felt his pain."

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## Freshman lauds last-second move to UK

By Laura Nelligan  
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UK hockey wasn't always the plan for freshman forward Jonny Micka.

After playing for St. Xavier High School in Louisville and a prep school in Massachusetts, Micka looked at colleges in New England, particularly the Boston area.

After the early Division II deadline, the coach at Tufts University in Massachusetts called. Micka wanted to play for Tufts and said he would put an application in, even though the deadline had passed.

"I had a day to think about it, and I called him back and told him that I'd do it," Micka said.

But something didn't feel right. With the summer almost over, Micka changed his mind.

"So the second week of July, I told my parents that wasn't what I wanted," Micka said. "UK was my first choice."

And the Cool Cats didn't mind a bit. "He's really stepped up and taken a role on our team," said head coach Mike Sosnowski, shortly after Micka was named the team's Player of the Week for his performance against Southern Illinois.

"He's just flat out putting the puck in the net when we need it," Sosnowski said. "The kid is extremely difficult to knock off his feet. He's got incredible balance and really good hands."

Sosnowski said coaches and teammates tend to overlook kids like Micka who keep quiet. But the silent treatment seems to be working for him — Micka has eight goals and seven assists in nine games.

Sophomore Mike Barnes can't find anything bad about Micka either. Barnes commends his work ethic and easy-going attitude. Although Micka doesn't say much, Barnes and he have a comfort level from playing on the same line.

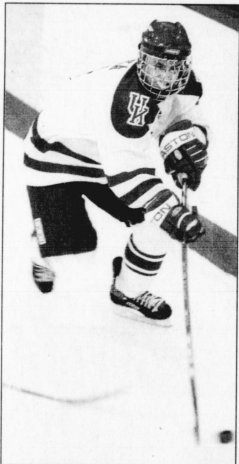
"He contributes a lot to the team in the sense of working with the line," Barnes said. "He's always willing to try. He's just naturally talented, and that helps out in every aspect and every way you look at it. We have good chemistry, and I'm happy to

have him out there with me." So does Micka think he made the right decision?

"It's been a lot of fun," Micka said. "But it surprised me because everyone really likes to play, and the fans are unbelievable — it really makes the experience of playing here a lot better."

"Without the fans, it would just be like every other place I've played at. But with the fans, it's a whole different ball game."

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Forward Jonny Micka tries to avoid a Kennesaw State defender during a game Sept. 30.

## Soccer makes final push to NCAA tourney

By Chris Miles  
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With four games left in their regular season, the UK men's soccer team is looking to make a run that will make the team a true contender in the upcoming NCAA tournament.

"That run could start this weekend with two home games against Memphis tonight and Alabama-Birmingham on Sunday afternoon."

"These are going to be two tough matches," head coach Ian Collins said. "But we're excited. We're looking to go on a streak."

This winning streak would be a welcome addition to the Wildcats' already streaky season.

"We've been unlucky at times," senior defender Thomas Senecal said. "Both teams we'll play this weekend are pretty good."

"Hopefully we'll be able to change our streak for the best. We want to win."

Coach Collins agreed that there have been points during the season when the Cats (5-5-4, 2-3-1 Conference USA) have been less than fortunate.

"We've done well [throughout the season] we've had good chances and played great but have just been unlucky," he said. "But the guys are ready for the next few games — they're working hard to finish good."

Collins describes tonight's Memphis game as critical. Memphis (5-5-2, 1-2-2 C-USA) has some very dangerous players, he said. Sun-

day's game, according to Collins, won't be a walk in the park either as the Blazers (7-1, 2-2-1 C-USA) are "a very skillful team, looking for some payback."

Last season, the Cats traveled to Birmingham, Ala., and left with a 2-1 win over the Blazers.

This year, the Cats and the Blazers are tied for fifth place in C-USA.

"Every game is important to us; the home games will help us get where we want to be," senior goalkeeper Andy Gruenebaum said.

The Wildcats' next three games will be at home, their last at Akron.

"It's time to separate ourselves from the rest of the pack," Senecal added. "These are big games coming up."

Overall, though, the team is very optimistic about its NCAA Tournament chances.

"We'll get into the tournament," Gruenebaum said without hesitation. "This weekend is going to see us play our best game. It'll be entertaining and, most of all, fun."

Senecal agrees. "We'll be in the tournament," he said. The fact that the season is winding down is lost on none of the players.

Each of them knows the next few matches will be a critical step if they wish to be a part of this year's NCAA tournament and mistakes at this stage would be disastrous.

As coach Collins explains, "We've got everything to play for now."

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