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## COMMENTARY

### Visitors discover eerie reminder at Ground Zero

By Rebecca Neal  
THE KENTUCKY KERNEL

NEW YORK — They came from around the world, some clutching American flags, others with handfuls of photographs and tissues, to lean against a fence and stare into a seven-story hole. This is not just any hole, nor is this just any other day. This is Sept. 11, 2004, and the location is the World Trade Center site — Ground Zero.

The tragedy, the depth of human loss and suffering is heart-wrenching to watch on television. Magnify that by a thousand to have the feelings of observing the anniversary on the site, standing on the now-hallowed ground where three years ago people ran for their lives through sooty air and life or death decisions were made in seconds.

The tall steel fence surrounding the site has become a memorial for the final resting place for 2,749 people. But don't think of those who died as numbers — remember them as people.

"It is because FF (firefighter) John Heffernan pulled me out of a burning building I am alive today. Thank You Johnnie."

This survivor left a bouquet of rainbow-colored carnations wedged in the fence just below a plaque bearing Heffernan's name. His name is on the plaque as one of 343 firefighters killed in the towers.

New York City EMT Terry Callendrillo came to Ground Zero at 5 a.m. to pay tribute to his fallen comrades. Wrestling a banner listing the names of all the victims superimposed over the words "never forget," he said New Yorkers will never escape the horror that originated in this hallowed ground.

"These people were our brothers, fathers, uncles and neighbors," he said. "For us in New York City, we live the reminder every day."

But words on a card tucked in the corner of the fence offer mourners like Callendrillo a bit of comfort.

"Let us always remember never to forget love, hope and peace."

Mourners could find this at the historic St. Paul's Chapel across the street from the site. The church, which survived the falling steel and glass, was the center of relief efforts for those working at the site for about eight months. The Rev. James Cooper stepped out into the church's graveyard, facing the seven-story hole, and rang a bell at each historic minute.

8:46  
9:03  
9:59  
10:29

He rang the bell 10 times each of those minutes; thousands bowed their heads in silence, respect and shared suffering.

Firefighter Ramiro Zapata of Austin, Texas, wiped away tears as he hugged his seven-month old son, Roberto Emiliano Zapata.

"Many men who died here never saw their children," he said. "It's so hard to be here, but it makes us stronger against terror."

Zapata has come to the site every year, he said, to spend time with New York firefighters and find comfort in tragedy.

Many of the families of those killed in the towers find comfort in returning to the site. For most, it is all they have left of their loved ones. The falling of the towers made a traditional funeral impossible. Now they place their flowers and notes on the fence, not a tombstone.

"There is no greater family than the love of a united American family."

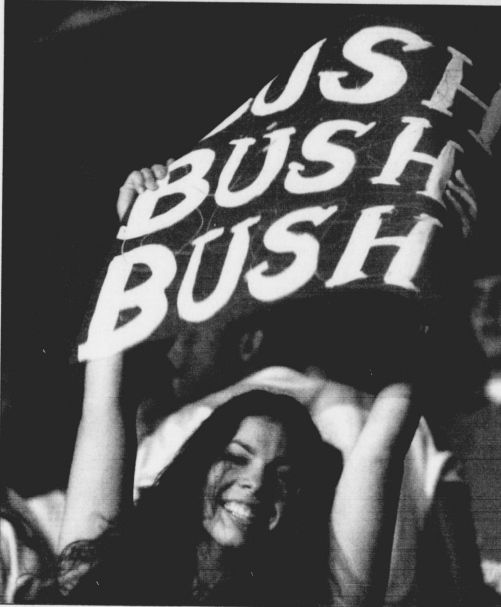
The families have not been completely receptive to the city's plans to develop the site. The earth is being moved for a new skyscraper — the 70-story Freedom Tower — which will be completed in 2009. A 20-ton granite cornerstone now rests at Ground Zero.

Green space and a memorial are planned for the site, but many families are upset to see it used for commercial development.

For them, this seven-story hole is a cemetery.

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### Bush: more training for more jobs



An energetic President Bush supporter waves a sign at Bush's campaign stop in Huntington, W.Va., Friday. About 10,000 people came out for the event. He then traveled north to three Ohio cities the same day.

### President Bush talks Iraq, economy, Kerry in campaign speech

By Adam Sichko  
THE KENTUCKY KERNEL

HUNTINGTON, W.Va. — President Bush emerged from the backstage curtains at the Big Sandy Superstore Arena Friday to a standing-room-only crowd's cheering, clapping and stomping feet.

When the ovation ended, Bush referenced the many green and white pompoms that were more prevalent than red, white and blue flags.

"By the sound of things, it sounds like a herd is thundering," Bush said, drawing another round of cheers from the 10,000-person crowd for his allusion to nearby Marshall University's mascot, the Thundering Herd.

Bush reiterated his "compassionate, conservative philosophy" at the event and reinforced many of the themes that provide the base of his political platform.

Before Bush took the podium, Sen. Zell Miller, D-Ga., gave an introductory speech.

"I wish my party had the same will to win as this president does," Miller said.

"George W. Bush is a Republican that we Democrats can proudly support," he concluded, before giving way to Bush.

Speaking in a state that he carried in the 2000 election, Bush talked about the connection between job creation and higher education.

"People must have the training in order to take these jobs we're creating," he said. "By raising performance in high schools, and by ex-

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### Two military students back President Bush for different reasons

By Adam Sichko  
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HUNTINGTON, W.Va. — References to Sept. 11 and the war on terror filled the latter half of President Bush's campaign speech Friday, piquing the interest of at least two college military personnel in the crowd.

While Marshall University students Charles Ruppert and Pam Parlock both attended Bush's speech and are both Bush supporters, the two expressed different opinions on the war on terror, a central issue to Bush's platform.

Ruppert, a freshman in Marshall's Army ROTC program, spent about half of the speech sitting down with his hands folded in his lap, occasionally taking off his camouflage Army hat to rub his shaved head.

But once Bush shifted the topic of his speech to Iraq, Afghanistan and other Middle East issues, the 17-year-old Ruppert stood up and intently focused on what Bush had to say.

"His speeches are a lot different in person," Ruppert said.

"On TV, he just seems

like any other guy, but here you can see that he's excited. He's genuinely happy to be here."

But just because Ruppert belongs to ROTC doesn't mean he agrees with all the decisions Bush has made over the course of the war on terror.

"It just seems like we should be out of there by now," Ruppert said. "We've got Saddam Hussein; Afghanistan has changed."

"We shouldn't leave our guys out there to sweat when we don't need to."

"We got there quick; we should leave just as quick," he said.

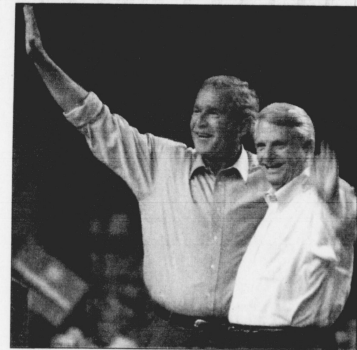
Ruppert turns 18 in October, and despite those sentiments, he said he'll cast his vote for Bush in November.

"Although he's sent lots of troops over there, he definitely has good intentions," Ruppert said.

"He hasn't let us down yet."

Those same intentions and results are what Parlock, a member of the Army National Guard at Marshall, points to as reasons for her support for Bush.

"I'd much rather be de-



President Bush puts his arm around Sen. Zell Miller, D-Ga., at a Huntington, W.Va., campaign stop Friday.

ployed under Bush than to be deployed or not deployed under Kerry," Parlock said, referring to Democratic presidential candidate Sen. John Kerry.

"Iraq is necessary, and it's a very noble cause," said Parlock, who voted for Bush in 2000.

Parlock described Bush's speech as "very powerful" and said Bush's honesty along with his stance on the job market — particularly resonate with her.

"Kerry makes these promises, but I don't buy any of it."

"They're a bunch of empty promises, actually," the political science senior said.

"Bush has lots of positive outlooks for the future. I'm about ready to head out into the real world, and I think I'll have better jobs and better opportunities with Bush leading the nation."

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### Graduation contract guarantees diploma in four years

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Students will no longer have to guess what classes they should take if they want to graduate on time.

UK is now offering a contract to freshmen that guarantees graduation in four years will not be delayed by the unavailability of classes, if they follow a prescribed curriculum.

If a prescribed class is not available, UK will pay the tuition and fees associated with the class, and the student will take it in a fu-

ture semester.

Many freshmen are excited about the three-year pilot program.

"I think it's very beneficial that you can get out in four years," said undeclared freshman Julie Stevens. "Students can have a more focused route."

Mike Robinson, an undeclared freshman, is in favor of the program.

"It's class insurance," Robinson said. "It sounds like it's going to be a nice program for students who are focused on their majors."

Victor Hazard, vice president of student affairs, said that the agreement is aimed at retention.

"The agreement allows the student to focus ahead of time on what classes will be available," Hazard said. "It keeps the cost down for the student, saving them from paying for extra hours or possibly extra years."

The idea came in 2002, per the request of a group of UK students. The contract is based off the University of Iowa's program, where about 70 percent of students participate.

The agreement was formally announced Friday.

"I'm excited about it," said Richard Greissman, assistant provost for program support. "The plan established mutual expectations, which is a good thing."

"We want to expand this deliberately but cautiously."

If a student follows the contract's courses, UK promises to provide a curriculum map to make sure there are enough open sections of required classes. Currently there are 14

majors participating in the program, which does come with some stipulations.

Students assume responsibility for making sure they are following the curriculum map. If a scheduling conflict arises, students must meet with their advisers.

Also, the program only applies to primary majors, not secondary majors or minors.

The deadline to sign a graduation contract is May 6, 2005.

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#### The 14 majors participating in the graduation contract program:

- Agricultural Economics
- Art Studio
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- Civil Engineering
- Communications Disorders
- Decision Science and Information Systems
- Dietetics
- History
- Journalism
- Mechanical Engineering
- Art History
- Nursing
- Psychology
- Social Work

## WTC

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It is sacred. Sacred as well are the hundreds of thousands of tons of twisted, molten metal and debris hauled away from the site. Much of the refuse was dumped at the Fresh Kills landfill on Staten Island, the world's largest landfill.

A poster on the fence protests the tampering with the contents of this sacred ground.

"My daddy isn't garbage." It is a slogan written in child-like script, asking people to call the government and demand that the World Trade Center debris be properly disposed of. The poster is sponsored by WTC Families for a Proper Burial.

Steps away, a man in a leather biker jacket, silver hair in a pony-

tail, glanced at the plea, turned to the hole in the ground and brushed at the tears streaming down his cheeks.

The proportion of the size of the hole is immense. Called a "superblock," it is about a half-mile long and a half-mile wide. The hole is so deep the bottom is barely visible. It is a vast open space in a sea of development in the nation's financial hub.

Surrounding the site are the shells of three buildings blown out in the events three years ago. One building, 7 World Trade Center, once an office building, is now a 47-story steel skeleton. It was re-erected to rubble late Sept. 11, 2001, but is now slowly being reconstructed. Two other buildings on the other side of the superblock were almost destroyed. All the glass shattered out of one building, while part of a neighboring stone building was crushed under the fall of the towers.

The anniversary commemorations will soon be winding down, and the World Trade Center will become deserted at night once again. For the past few nights, the Tower of Lights has mirrored where the towers once stood in majestic glory. Two pillars of pure light are beamed upward, soaring through layers of clouds, rising from Earth like a ghost reaching toward heaven.

Down in the hole, a solemn choir sang the national anthem. The chilling words filled the air with somber harmonies, the sound echoing off the remaining skyscrapers.

"Oh say, does that star-spangled banner yet wave,  
"O'er the land of the free, and the home of the brave."  
Amen.

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## Bush

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panding PELL grants for low- and middle-income families, we will help more Americans start their careers with a college diploma." He kept his focus on domestic issues while he advocated his energy policy, which he said would create more jobs and make the U.S. less dependent on foreign sources of energy.

"That means using coal — clean coal technology — to make sure people can find work," Bush said, a statement cheered by a crowd in the nation's leading coal exporter.

The president then transitioned into the international phase of his speech by shining a foreign light on the free-market U.S. economy.

"The best policy is to level the playing field because Americans

can compete with anybody, anywhere, anytime, so long as the rules are fair," he said.

The president followed up that comment with a vow to remain resolute in the war on terror.

"If America shows uncertainty and weakness during this decade, the world will drift toward tragedy," he said.

"I believe millions in the Middle East plead silently for their freedom," Bush said. "We will help (the new leaders) head down the road to democracy."

"Freedom is powerful, isn't it?" he later concluded, to another round of applause.

Discussion of the war on terror also gave Bush a chance to attack his opponent.

When talking about his \$87 billion measure to help fund American troops, Bush reminded listeners of the now-famous statement made by Sen. John Kerry in Huntington: "I actually did vote for the \$87 billion before I voted against it."

"Sen. Kerry now has more different positions on the war on terror than all his colleagues in the Senate combined," Bush said.

On the day before the third anniversary of the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks, Bush reassured the crowd that he has not forgotten that day.

"I wake up every morning — every morning — thinking about how to better protect our country," he said.

Bush ended his roughly 45-minute speech with another call to his supporters to help him win reelection this November.

"Four years ago, when I traveled this great country asking for your votes, I made a pledge to my fellow Americans that, if you gave me a chance to serve, I would uphold the honors and dignity of the office to which I had been elected," he said.

"With your help, with your hard work, I will do the same again for four more years!"

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## NEWS BRIEFS

### McConnell lands \$9 million for UK

U.S. Sen. Mitch McConnell announced Thursday he has secured over \$9 million for UK's College of Agriculture.

"Scientists and students at UK are shaping the future of Kentucky agriculture and this funding will help them continue their vital research," said McConnell, a Republican.

The \$9.24 million for UK includes \$3 million for the construction of an Agriculture Research Service lab, almost another \$1 million for UK's Health Education Extension Leadership program, and \$800,000 for Kentucky farmers to explore new crop opportunities.

The funding for UK is a part of a bill from the Senate Agriculture Appropriations subcommittee, of which McConnell is a member. If passed by both the Senate Appropriations Committee and then the full Senate, the money will come in the 2005 fiscal year.

### Assistant provost named

UK appointed Don Witt to an assistant provost for enrollment management position Friday.

Witt has been at UK for two decades, serving in various institutional roles. He began his career as a recruiter with the Office of Admission, before later becoming university registrar. Witt left his post as director of admission and registrar to take the new assistant provost position.

Provost Mike Nietzel said Witt will serve under Philipp Kraemer, associate provost for undergraduate education. Witt will take additional leadership responsibilities to help the enrollment process better serve UK students.

### Arab TV Reporter Dies Near Battle Site

A U.S. helicopter attack in Baghdad, Iraq, Sunday morning killed at least 37, including a television journalist whose death was captured on videotape.

Mazen al-Tumeizi, a 26-year-old reporter for the Arab-language TV station Al Arabiya, died from injuries sustained when the U.S. helicopter fired on a disabled Bradley Armored Vehicle.

The vehicle exploded behind Tumeizi as he was filming a live report of the battle.

Footage broadcast on Al Arabiya shows Tumeizi standing about 20 feet in front of the burning armored vehicle with a crowd in the background milling around the wreckage.

As the American vehicle is engulfed in smoke by the explosion, Tumeizi appears to double over and wince. He is then heard shouting, "I'm going to die" as the cameraman scrambles for cover.

It's unclear from the footage whether the explosion was caused by a rocket fired by a U.S. helicopter — something Baghdad residents claim and the U.S. military denies.

Tumeizi is the third Al Arabiya employee killed in Baghdad this year. In March, a journalist and a cameraman were shot by U.S. troops at a Baghdad checkpoint.

The U.S. military said the deaths were accidental and expressed regret for the incident.

Compiled from staff and wire reports.

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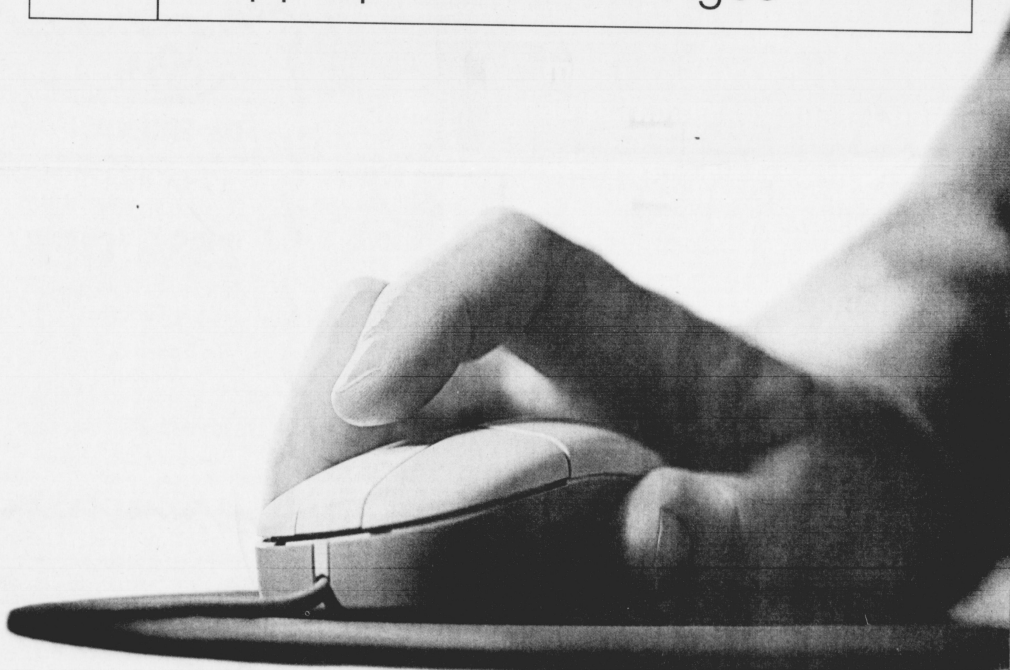
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## COMMENTARY

# Fear, prejudice of Islam since Sept. 11 still pose problems three years later

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WASHINGTON — Psychologists say the most intense period of mourning lasts three years.

Since Sept. 11, 2001, Americans have indeed passed through several stages of grief, from disbelief to anger to a degree of acceptance.

Yet, there's still a gnawing fear in our bellies that prevents full recovery. It's a fear that extends, I believe, well beyond Osama bin Laden and the prospects of another attack, and centers instead on our relationship with Islam itself.

Once familiar to most Americans mainly from seventh grade social studies, Islam has now become synonymous in the minds of many with the biggest post-Cold War threat.

Even as we struggle to understand it, we're afraid of it. And because of that fear, we're drawing a Green Curtain around the Muslim world, creating an enduring divide.

Figuring out Islam's role in the 21st century is an existential challenge, but one many of us are emotionally unprepared to face. We pretend that we're not prejudiced, that we understand that most Muslims don't support the horrific bloodshed of bin Ladenism.

Yet we still view 1.2 billion Muslim people spread throughout 53 countries as a threatening monolith. As long as we make that mistake, America and its allies won't feel safe, no matter how many billions of dollars are poured into security precautions.

Aside from the vital mission of tracking down bin Ladenists, military muscle is not always an effective instrument for moving forward. Nor are tepid diplomatic initiatives aimed at coaxing authoritarian governments into adopting change at a pace and in a manner that they control.

There's another strategy that's gaining favor among Mideast experts: Bring Islamic movements and groups into the political process. Give Islamist parties new political space — wide open space — to absorb passions and sap anger.

That means accepting, even embracing, the idea that Islam is not the problem, but the way out of a political predicament that has been building quietly for decades.

It means not only supporting nationalists, liberals and nascent democrats already on our side in the quest to transform the Middle East but also encouraging Islamists and their parties to participate.

Basically, it means differentiating between Islamists and jihadists, and accepting anyone willing to work within a system to change it rather than work from outside to destroy it.

Mideast scholars say it's too late to do anything less.

The alternative is alienating even more Muslims by excluding them. And alienation — from closed political systems and corrupt economies — is what originally drove many Muslims to seek refuge in their mosques.

Including Islamists in government is an uncomfortable idea for those of us in secular societies.

It summons up haunting images of Iranian clerics and American hostages, oppressed women and antiquated laws. That's why for years, U.S. governments have accepted Algeria's military, which voided free elections won by Islamic parties, and Hosni Mubarak's suppression of Egypt's Muslim groups.

That's shortsighted because perpetuating the status quo will be worse.

Now that Islamists have moved from the fringe to the center of political activity a trend that has accelerated since the U.S. invasion of Iraq, they can no longer be excluded.

We have to think outside the prism of the war on terrorism.

Even as it wages a resolute campaign against international terrorism, America should not believe that it is engaged in a fight to the finish with radical Islam," Robert Hutchings, chairman of the National Intelligence Council, wrote in a recent issue of Foreign Policy magazine.

One of the hopeful signs on the third anniversary of 9/11 is the way Americans are emerging from their grief to discuss a more creative course for the future and to more effectively answer the lingering question: What can America do?

A growing number of voices on both the right and the left have been emboldened to shape proposals in a broader context.

The United States has tipped its hat to political change with initiatives to promote democracy. As President Bush said in a June speech in Istanbul, "Democratic societies should welcome, not fear, the participation of the faithful."

Yet in practice, the United States still veers away from Islamists.

In Iraq, which Washington seeks to turn into a model for the region, U.N. and U.S. envoys deliberately picked politicians mainly from secular parties to assume power after the formal end of the U.S.-led occupation.

Despite strong support in opinion polls, Islamist parties were marginalized.

Analysts now predict they'll make a comeback in next year's elections and the United States would be wise not to try to prevent it.

The same applies to the wider Islamic world, which constitutes 18 percent of the world's people.

In the race to capture the imagination of the vast, alienated middle, hard-line groups need to be operating under the same legal umbrella as more moderate groups — or they will try to lure the faithful through other means.

Transitions away from authoritarian regimes may be messier and more volatile than political transformations elsewhere over the past quarter century.

The premise behind the new ideas is that activists inspired or protected by religion have stood in for jailed or exiled secular opposition figures in many societies.

"Rebellion to tyrants is obedience to God," Benjamin Franklin once said. And more recently, liberation theologians in Latin America, Jewish refuseniks in the Soviet Union, South Africa's Anglican Archbishop Desmond Tutu and Catholic priests in Poland and the Philippines have played pivotal roles in political transformations.

Attempts to control the pace of change or choose the participants in the political process could invite an even deeper backlash than we face now. America cannot want less for Muslim countries than it wants for the rest of the world. And Muslims must not feel they are bystanders.

Based on conversations with Mideast experts, it appears that in the meantime, the United States could do three things. First, hold a genuine two-way dialogue.

For all the hand-wringing about ending hatreds, that essential element is missing.

In a speech at the U.S. Institute of

Peace last month, national security adviser Condoleezza Rice said that the United States must do more with the Islamic world to dispel "destructive myths" about America and to support "voices of moderation."

The most striking thing about the speech was that she gave it to an American audience.

Asked why no senior U.S. official had given a similar speech in any of the five largest Muslim countries in the three years since Sept. 11, she replied, "That's a good question. Maybe we should."

Dialogue must not just engage people listed in the local U.S. embassy's Rolodex. We need to listen to the bad guys too to understand where the fissures — and opportunities — might be.

"Even the hard-core jihadis are having big debates about who exactly the enemy is and ... about their tactics," said Princeton University Mideast expert Michael Doran, who gets up early each morning to research Islamist and jihadi Web sites.

When U.S. contractor Paul Johnson was beheaded in Saudi Arabia "some said it was wrong. Others said, 'Our violence makes us look bad.' One of the most important ideologies, Abu Baseer, a cleric who was an Afghan jihadist, said, 'Westerners in our society have protection.'"

"The radicals countered that an apostate state — Saudi Arabia — can't grant immunity. But Baseer said, 'That's not right, we haven't thrown traditions out.' Three years after Sept. 11 ... the debate among them is totally unknown."

A second course of U.S. action would be to use economic tools.

Several Muslim countries, including Algeria, Lebanon, Saudi Arabia, Yemen, Libya, Iran and Iraq, are seeking membership in the World Trade Organization. The United States could use WTO membership to induce change and force countries to embrace the rule of law.

Finally, we can embrace our own Islamic identity.

Islam, the fastest-growing religion in the United States, is expected to become the second-largest faith in six years. Yet Muslims remain on the fringe. Just ask women who cover their heads or men with beards waiting in the boarding areas of airports.

Immediately after 9/11, Bush visited the Islamic Center in Washington and said Islam was not the enemy. This is a noble sentiment, but Muslims must also become part of the mainstream — a challenge faced throughout the West.

For Europeans, the most important battle for Muslim hearts and minds over the next decade will not be fought in the Middle East but in European cities where the numbers of Muslims are growing, as Giles Kepel, a French expert on Islam, says in his new book "The War for Muslim Minds: Islam and the West."

"If European societies are able to integrate these Muslim populations ... this new generation of Muslims may become the Islamic vanguard of the next decade," he wrote.

The unspoken undercurrent behind our failure to do more over the past three years is what former national security adviser Zbigniew Brzezinski called "a fear that periodically verges on panic that is in itself blind."

As we look beyond our grief, we must also get beyond our prejudice and fear.

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## President Bush stops in West Virginia

### Bush has dishonored the office and should be ousted

HUNTINGTON, W.Va. — Introducing George W. Bush to a Huntington, W.Va., crowd of supporters Friday, Zell Miller senator and Democrat-in-name-only Zell Miller equated this year's election to a turning point in U.S. history.

Fresh off of his scowl-fest at the Republican National Convention and high-noon showdown with MSNBC host Chris Matthews, Miller told the Bush followers, "This election will change forever the course of history."



**Ben Roberts**  
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While I don't agree with Miller on, well, much of anything, he's exactly right here.

This election will change forever the course of history.

If American voters want four more years of being misled into pre-emptive wars, they'll vote for Bush. If they want more and more of their jobs to be outsourced to other countries, they'll vote for Bush. And if they want Tom Ridge and John Ashcroft to continue scaring them with arbitrary orange alerts and uncovered library records, they'll vote for Bush.

If American voters want a president who will protect their civil rights, strengthen their economy and send their sons and daughters into battle only when every possible form of diplomacy has been exhausted, they'll vote for somebody else.

Taking the stage of the Big Sandy Superstore Arena, Bush said he wanted to "challenge the soft bigotry of low expectations."

That's an interesting quote, coming from the president of low expectations. While members of the media jumped on Al Gore's every tactical misstep leading up to the 2000 vote, they concentrated only on Bush's mispronunciations, which probably did more to endear him to voters than anything. And when he didn't look like a complete fool during the debates, everyone raved about how well he had performed.

Low expectations are the only reason he's in the White House in the first place. Bush also told the crowd he wanted to make the United States "the best place in the world to do business."

But the policies his administration has proposed and enforced for the last four years contradict that completely.

There are currently eight million Americans who are looking for work, two million more than when Bill Clinton left office. Many of these lost jobs can be attributed to tax loopholes that reward companies for shipping American jobs overseas.

Bush's opponent, Sen. John Kerry, has

promised to close these loopholes and reward companies that create and keep jobs in the United States. President Bush hasn't made that pledge.

On the "catastrophic" situation in Iraq, Bush had quite a lot to say.

After months of being criticized for refusing to articulate a clear strategy for the rebuilding of Iraq, Bush laid out his plan before the West Virginia crowd.

"Our strategy is to succeed," Bush said.

Wow. That's a hell of a strategy, Mr. President.

Nineteen months, 1,000 American lives and hundreds of billions of dollars after he invaded Iraq and we get "our strategy is to succeed?" That's the best Bush can come up with?

He attempted to rationalize for the lost American blood and money by saying "50 million people now live in freedom" in Iraq and Afghanistan because of his decisions.

But can the term "freedom" really be used to describe the current situations in Iraq and Afghanistan?

Suicide bombings and other violent acts accounted for nearly 60 deaths in Iraq yesterday alone. Of the 1,009 U.S. soldiers killed in Iraq, nearly 900 have died in the months since Bush's May 1, 2003, declaration of "Mission Accomplished" aboard the U.S.S. Abraham Lincoln. Insurgents still control several pockets of the country and hundreds of U.S. troops and innocent Iraqis will die before those regions are secured.

This doesn't sound like something that happens in a free society.

The operational commander of U.S. forces in Afghanistan said last weekend the trail has "gone cold" for the ever-elusive Osama bin Laden and his top deputy, Ayman al-Zawahiri. Three years after the Sept. 11 attacks and we can't find a 6-foot-6 Arab on a dialysis machine with a \$25 million reward to back it up?

And with the bulk of the U.S. Armed Forces in Iraq, bin Laden and al-Zawahiri are regaining their power in Afghanistan.

Two men like that aren't allowed to run loose in a free society.

Bush ended his address by rehashing a line from his 2000 campaign and promising to reappear if it elected again.

"If you give me a chance to serve, I will uphold the honor and the dignity of the office to which I was elected," he said in 2000 and again in Huntington.

He was given that chance once and he has failed. He has failed to uphold the honor and the dignity of his office. He has failed the American people.

Now it's somebody else's turn.

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### Bush showed W. Va. why he is the better candidate

HUNTINGTON, W.Va. — On the streets of downtown Huntington last Friday a truck driver caught in traffic asked a woman on the corner what was going on, to which she excitedly replied "The President!"

People turned out in droves, filling the several-thousand-seat Big Sandy Superstore Arena to capacity where President George W. Bush made a campaign stop in the battleground state of West Virginia.

Introducing the president was Sen. Zell Miller, D-Ga., whose firebrand speech at the Republican National Convention caused quite a stir. At the rally Miller turned down the octane and told the crowd why Democrats like himself should cast their vote for Bush.

"All of you who might be a little hesitant to bring it up around the dinner table or speak up at the union meeting, tell them that George W. Bush is a Republican we Democrats can trust," he said. "My president has had the courage to stand strong, and this Democrat is proud to stand with him."

After uproarious applause, Bush wasted no time making a personal connection with supporters.

"This isn't my first time here. I've liked it every time I've come," he said. "The people are kind, decent, hard working, and they love America."

In this campaign, likability is a crucial component for support. And after seeing Sen. John Kerry speak Wednesday in Cincinnati and Bush on Friday it was very clear that Bush speaks to and connects with voters in a way that John Kerry cannot.

According to a Fox News Poll, 82 percent of Bush supporters describe their vote as a vote for Bush and 51 percent of Kerry supporters describe their vote as a vote against Bush.

Maybe that's why Bush supporters, as opposed to Kerry supporters, could tell me years ago they planned to vote for Bush. "Honest," "consistent," "strong," "likeable" and "down-to-earth" were some of the phrases I heard.

But charisma by itself is not enough; candidates have to have policies the voting public believes in.

Most Bush supporters told me that national security was the most important issue of this election, although one supporter touted Bush's economic policies.

Leaving on the podium, Bush made an effective case that his economic policies are working and that the war in Iraq was justified.

On the economic front, Bush pointed out that he inherited a recession upon entering office, the country experienced corporate scandals and alluded to the fact that Sept. 11 had a negative impact on the economy.

Bush noted that the economy is growing at the greatest rate in 20 years, 1.7 million

jobs had been added in the last year and the current unemployment rate of 5.4 percent is lower than the average unemployment rate in the '70s, '80s and '90s. He credited his tax cuts and the hard-working entrepreneurial spirit of American workers for dulling the recession.

Bush effectively made his case for war in Iraq. He noted that Saddam Hussein had a long history of supporting terror and pursuing and using weapons of mass destruction. After Sept. 11, he said the country must view threats differently.

Noting that Kerry looked at the same intelligence he did, Bush reminded voters that Kerry voted to authorize military action. He also said he tried diplomacy first. Going to the United Nations and getting a 15-0 vote in the Security Council. It was agreed that Saddam must disclose and disarm or face serious consequences.

Now, 50 million people in those countries are free, and millions of them will soon be voting in national elections. Democracy, as some Democrats would have voters believe, does not just gush forward, as if it were water sprayed from a geyser.

It takes time. Fighting Islamic terrorists presents a strong challenge for the Iraqis, but that doesn't mean they or we should give up.

Unfortunately, the president has let Democrat conspiracy theorists weaken his posture on this issue. They claim he intentionally lied about the war while liberal pundits and countries around the world — even those that opposed our efforts — had the same intelligence.

Those same liberal pundits claimed a few years ago that U.N./U.S. economic sanctions were starving thousands of Iraqis to death and keeping them from receiving medical supplies.

So much for espousing human rights when your guy's not in office. I guess. Don't complain about the living conditions and then complain when something's done about it without presenting a viable alternative.

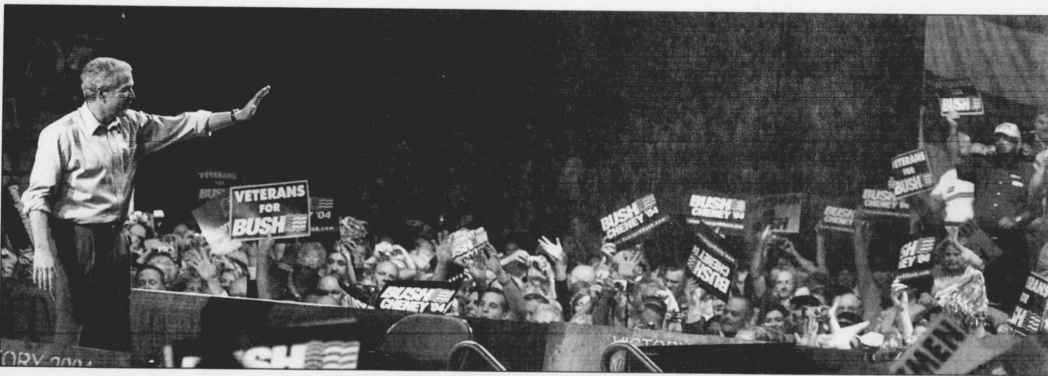
The president touched on a number of other subjects, such as health care savings accounts, social security for young workers, an ownership society, accountability in education and tax relief for all Americans.

Optimistic and espousing a clear vision, the down-home Texan looks like he's on a path to reclaiming the presidency, and he's not turning back.

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President George W. Bush waves to the 10,000-person crowd at the Big Sandy Superstore Arena in Huntington, West Virginia.

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### IN OUR OPINION

## Students need air conditioning too

A new air conditioning and ventilation system should be cooling off students and instructors in Reynolds Building No. 1 soon.

The administration has been examining ways to improve the working environment in the building for five years, and at long last two of the main rooms won't be sweltering as art students try to work.

That's great news for art students and instructors, but in the meantime, there's no relief in sight for residents of North Campus residence halls like Jewell and Boyd Halls.

Several North Campus dorms lack any air conditioning whatsoever. As important as it is for classrooms to pro-

vide a tolerable working environment, it's equally important for students, most of whom are freshmen, to have a tolerable living environment.

And anyone who's endured a Kentucky summer knows air conditioning is indispensable.

During this quest to achieve this mystical top-20 status, administrators need to be careful not to view students as mere enrollment statistics.

Sure, enrollment is at a record high (along with tuition), but UK's commitment to

make students comfortable shouldn't end once their check clears and their foot is in the door.

Students who live on North Campus don't represent a huge per-

centage of UK's overall enrollment, but that doesn't mean their problems shouldn't be addressed. Administrators like Bob

**Air conditioning is indispensable for students trying to make it to the end of a warm and stuffy Kentucky summer.**

### WEEK IN REVIEW

• UK football had a bye week last weekend. In reaction to the Wildcats' 28-0 loss to Louisville, odds makers gave the bye week a 6-point edge. No word on whether they covered the spread.

• Tuesday the Kernel reported that the Administration Building, aka the Main Building, and the Biomedical/Biological Sciences Research Building should be finished in October. Three-and-a-half years and \$16 million later we're on the threshold of completing a building. The progress would be exciting if it weren't for the fact that the majority of the students attending UK during the year of the fire have already graduated.

• UK legal counsel submitted a request for an opinion from the Attorney General's office regarding UK's policy to withhold crime victims' information on police incident reports, claiming "no legitimate public purpose in disclosing the names of victims in direct violation of their expressed desire not to be publicly identified." Apparently fairness to the accused and a pursuit of the truth have no legitimate public purpose.

— COMPILED BY ANDREW MARTIN AND BEN ROBERTS



## UK defeats Hofstra, wins invitational title

By Laura Nelligan  
THE KENTUCKY KERNEL

UK's freshman volleyball players are not acting their age. They're acting a lot older.

With some help from the freshmen, UK defeated the Hofstra (N.Y.) Pride, 3-0, Saturday night to win the Kentucky Conference Challenge. Earlier in the week-end, UK defeated Valparaiso, 3-1, and Indiana State, 3-0.

UK head coach Jona Braden said the showing by the freshmen comes as a result of their commitment to the team.

"They can take in information, process and execute it on the court," said Braden. "It is a collective effort to stay focused."

Although the Cats eventually defeated the Pride, they didn't get off to a great start. In game one, UK's mistakes allowed Hofstra to lead the Cats throughout the second half of the game.

However, the freshmen stepped up to help the team. Freshman outside hitter Alex Montefalco earned the last four points with kills to give the Cats a 30-28 victory.

The Pride scored the first point of game two, but

the Cats took control and never trailed again. Braden said during the break the team made sure to focus on its mission, which is to fight for one point at a time.

Montefalco credited the change in performance not only to the re-evaluation of their mission but also to the example set by freshman setter Ki Eveland.

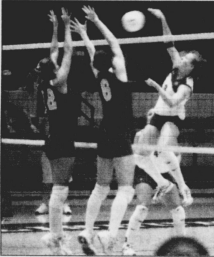
"Some of the turnover was because of Ki," said Montefalco. "Her energy changes everything. She really helps pump everyone up."

Eveland had to leave halfway through the second game because of an injury. But her energy inspired the rest of the players, who won that game 30-21 and game three 30-19.

While Eveland helped to lead the team emotionally, Montefalco and freshman middle blocker Kristen Cunningham played like true veterans. Against Hofstra, Cunningham had seven kills and Montefalco had nine kills and 10 digs.

Junior outside hitter Danielle Wallace was the tournament MVP with 53 kills over the weekend.

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UK junior middle blocker Amy Kaplan delivers a kill in UK's 3-0 victory over Hofstra on Saturday. With wins over Indiana State, Valparaiso and Hofstra, the Cats won their invitational tournament, the Kentucky Conference Challenge.

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## Boost from bench sparks win in home opener

By Chris Fisher  
THE KENTUCKY KERNEL

UK's Anthony Peters said he wanted to make the most of every ball. The sophomore forward did just that Friday night, turning in a stellar performance off the bench, as the UK soccer team (2-2) coasted to a 3-1 victory over UNC-Asheville in its home opener.

After receiving two yellow cards in the Tulsa game earlier this season, Peters was forced to sit out the Louisville game last week. He couldn't wait to get back.

"Second game into the season, and I got sent off," Peters said. "So I was anxious. I was ready."

UK head coach Ian Collins described Peters as a "top-quality" player. "I thought he played well and showed the things he's capable of. He's a terrific player, and he's dangerous around the ball."

In the highly contested first half, neither team was able to seize control of the game. The game's first shot didn't come until 31 minutes in, when Nathan Neal's shot sailed wide of the goal for

UNC-Asheville. UK's first shot didn't come until two minutes later, when junior Thomas Senecal put the Cats on the board with an unassisted goal that found the top right corner of the net from 35 yards out.

Less than four minutes later, Peters was taken down inside the box, and senior Jamal Shteivi scored on the ensuing penalty kick for a 2-0 lead. Shteivi's goal was his third in as many games and extended his point streak to five games, now the sixth-longest streak in school history.

Shteivi said he doesn't do much thinking in the box on penalty kicks. "I just pick a side and try to put it in the corner," he said.

Early in the second half, the Bulldogs cut UK's lead in half when Jordan Holthouser's shot was deflected by the Cats' Jeremy Groves for an own goal.

But the Cats answered less than three minutes later when freshman Andrew Alexander netted his first career goal. Peters provided that opportunity

by uncocking a shot from point blank range. After a save by Ben Saylor, Alexander headed in the ensuing rebound.

Still, Collins expects more from UK. "Tonight we were sloppy," he said. "We were a step slow and a step off all night; we weren't hungry in the box. But give Asheville credit; they battled."

**Sunday's game: UK 3, W. Michigan 0**  
KALAMAZOO, Mich. — UK jumped on Western Michigan with three first-half goals to win its Mid-American Conference opener, 3-0.

UK senior midfielder Jamal Shteivi scored two and UK junior defender Thomas Senecal added a goal and an assist, as the Cats won their third straight to improve to 3-2.

UK junior goalkeeper Andy Gruenebaum delivered his second shutout in three games to extend UK's shutout streak in MAC play to 63 minutes and 10 seconds, a stretch of more than seven games.

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## Cats pour on the goals, rout Hilltoppers, 8-2

By Leslie Wilhite  
THE KENTUCKY KERNEL

At halftime, UK women's soccer coach Warren Lipka challenged the Cats to find a killer instinct. They did as they were told.

With five second-half goals, the Cats (2-4) turned a close game into a rout and defeated Western Kentucky, 8-2, on Sunday afternoon. It was the highest scoring output for the Cats in 10 seasons.

UK led 3-2 at halftime, but Lipka wanted more out of his team.

During the break, Lipka urged the Cats to protect their home field in the second half.

"We needed to go at them and just keep going at them," Lipka said. "We were looking for that killer instinct and then had to incorporate it into the game."

The Cats found that killer instinct in the second half. They allowed no goals and one shot during the second

half, while taking 15 shots at UK's goal.

"We knew we needed to work harder in the second half," said senior midfielder Alli Haeussler. "We knew the goals would come and we would win if we followed our shots."

Haeussler began the onslaught in the second half with goals in the 55th and 57th minute to give the Cats a 5-2 advantage. Seconds later, junior midfielder Jen Weakley added her second goal of the day. But the Cats still weren't finished.

Sophomore forward Elisabeth Jones and sophomore defender Kristen Jedlo each added a goal in the second half to close out the scoring for UK.

Freshman midfielder Kelsey Fenix and junior midfielder Courtney McCrudden had goals in the first half for the Cats.

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### CAMPUS CALENDAR

Week of September 13 - September 19

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## Dog Days of Summer



The third annual "Dog Paddle" at Woodland Park Pool on Saturday attracted more than 500 dogs and their owners.

(top of page) Dogs and owners play in the pool's shallow end and slide.

(above) Rebecca Dugli, a nurse at the UK Chandler Medical Center, and her dog, Sophie, sit poolside and take in the sights at event.

(left) Great Dane Lumos squares off with a smaller dog while owner Regan St. John and others look on before the two are broken up.

(below) Sedge, a Chesapeake Bay retriever, leaps into the water after his Frisbee as owner Suzanne Gimmel, a 1995 UK graduate, watches.

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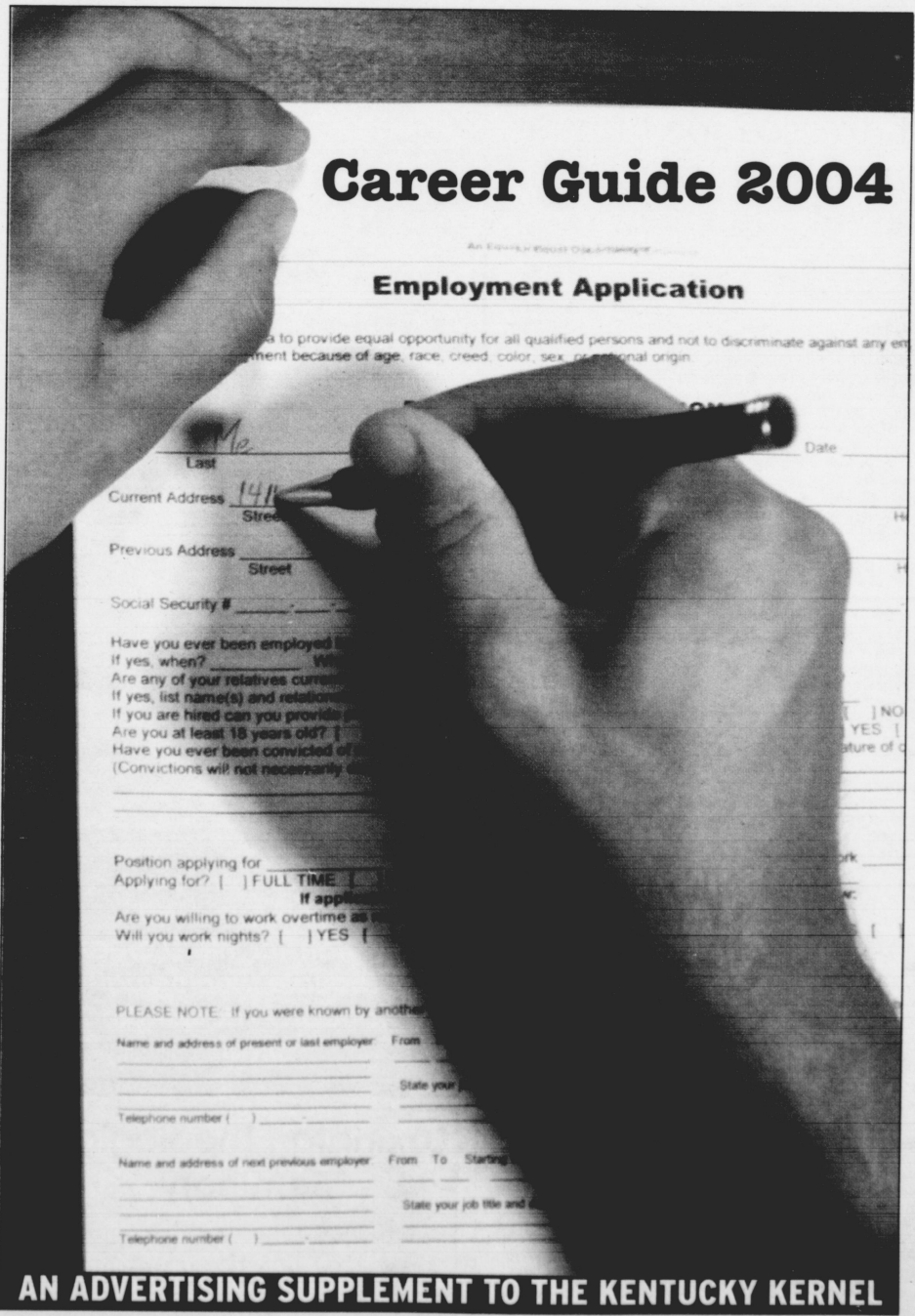
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Even campus junkies, the ones on the dubious "seven-year plans," must end their college career sooner or later.

They boldly venture out into the business world, with the intention of finding a great job.

Of course, before the great job, there must first be the great interview. And a great interview begins with an extraordinary first impression.

The first impression includes everything from the first handshake and smile, to the clothing worn.

"The right attire helps to make a good first impression," said Stephen Watts, a recent broadcast journalism graduate. "If you are wearing bad clothes, they (may) make you look like you just walked in off the street, or that you just woke up or that you don't care about the interviewer or the company itself."

"That's not what you want to suggest to the interviewer: that you don't give a damn."

It is always important to dress conservatively, because this shows a great deal of respect to the company, as well as the interviewer.

"I would expect to see a suit, not necessarily conservative as far as navy or gray, but tailored, and skirts can be short but not too short."

said Bess Deering, manager of operations support and guest services at Fazoli's Management, Inc. "A skirt is too short if it is more than six inches

above the knee."

Knowing what the interviewer expects helps define the ideal interview outfit. But choosing the right outfit for the interview can be a stressful task. There are many options from which to choose.

Clothing stores, such as The Limited, hire employees with this situation in mind. Anne Lane, manager of The Limited at Fayette Mall, faces this situation constantly.

"Buy a suit with a button down shirt underneath, something conservative," she said.

If different businesses expect different modes of dress, Watts said he adjusts by not altering his style.

"I don't think that I tailor what I wear to an interview to the places where I interview," Watts said. "I try to show the same respect and care for the interviewer's time that I did at AAA as I did with the Lexington Legends."

Having been through the process, as the interviewer and the job candidate, Deering said a suit is always safe.

"Always err on the side of caution," Deering said. "You can't go wrong with a suit. You only get to make a first impression once. Make it count."

Being well dressed, conservative and comfortable can count toward a good first impression. Being

comfortable will ultimately allow your personality and job qualifications — not your sense of style — to be the highlight of the interview.

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# Fed jobs worth a look

'More work to do' at the federal level, expert says

By Stephen Barr  
THE WASHINGTON POST

WASHINGTON — If you are thinking of a career change, then take a long, hard look at the federal government.

Federal pay isn't bad — averaging about \$58,000 worldwide and about \$75,000 in the Washington area, where most agencies have their headquarters. Federal jobs come with a full range of benefits, including easy access to health insurance. When you retire, you can keep your health insurance, which includes a prescription drug benefit, and you get a pension.

It's also a good time to be job hunting in the government. A report from the non-profit Partnership for Public Service shows that 31.7 percent of full-time federal employees will be eligible to retire in the next five years.

Even higher percentages will qualify for retirement at the government's top white-collar pay grades, General Schedule 12 through 15, where salaries range from about \$53,000 to about \$114,000, not counting location-based supplements.

"Retirements at mid-career and senior levels will create thousands of job openings and a corresponding need for talented individuals to fill these positions," the partnership said in a report, "Mid-Career Hiring," released Sept. 2.

By the partnership's calculations, nearly 40 percent of GS-12 and GS-13 employees will be eligible for retirement in the next five years. About 45 percent of GS-14s and about 54 percent of GS-15s will have put in enough years to retire.

Not all of these employees are going to retire, of course. But many, many, many will leave.

Last year, in a break with historical trends, government employees retired at rates higher than forecast, the partnership found. In fiscal 2003,

50,032 employees retired, more than the 44,305 that had been projected. Of the retirees, 8,836 were supervisors.

In addition, substantial numbers of federal employees leave the payroll every year for reasons other than retirement. In fiscal 2003, more than 47,000 resigned, died or were terminated, according to the report.

The partnership has been doing the math on federal employment because it sees the government at a turning point. The number of professional and senior-level employees who will be retiring will probably exceed the number of employees who can be promoted, and "the federal government almost certainly won't have the 'bench strength' to adequately fill these jobs internally," the report said.

As Max Stier, the partnership president, put it, "At the mid-career levels, the government has more work to do and the greater need."

In its research, the partnership found some encouraging data showing that federal agencies appear to be stepping up their hiring from outside government.

The number of job applicants from outside the government hired at the GS-12 through GS-15 levels increased from 8,009 in 2000 to 10,485 in 2003, according to the report. Looking back over four years, the percentage of mid-career hires from outside government increased from about 10 percent to about 15 percent, the report said.

As those percentages suggest, the overwhelming majority of mid-career federal jobs are filled with in-house applicants. Most agencies have been granted control over hiring and tend to fill mid-career and professional jobs by promoting employees from within.

When an agency decides to open a job to outside applicants, it's not unusual for job

seekers to complain that the postings are difficult to understand. Agencies often require specific qualifications and experience that can be gained only through work in the government. Mid-career professionals, because of job or family obligations, sometimes give up on federal job hunts when they learn that the hiring process can take months, or even years.

This cohort also is the most skeptical about federal employment and whether its jobs provide an opportunity to make a difference in other people's lives, a recent survey by the partnership found.

To avoid being swamped by the coming retirement wave, Stier says agencies need to re-



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OLYMPICS STRUG: Kerri Strug, 26, has gone from leotards and winning Olympic gold at 18 to business suits and the 9-to-5 bustle of a federal job in Washington.

think their hiring procedures, open up to people who are looking for shorter stints in federal service than has been the norm, and step up their networking with alumni asso-

ciations and trade organizations. "Simply advertising a job isn't going to do the trick," he said.



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# Graduation anxiety builds for students

By Sarah Sebastian  
THE KENTUCKY KERNEL

Many UK students are anticipating graduation and dreading it just the same. There are many different majors at UK, which allow for different careers. After graduation goals can become fears, even with lots of future benefits and many journeys to look forward to.

"After graduation I hope to get an entry level position as manager and work my way up," said Brandon Wooldridge, a business management senior.

Wooldridge hopes to start his own company. Not everyone is an entrepreneur,

though. Worrying about landing a steady job to pay the bills and loans that piled up during college is another big concern for fresh graduates.

"Am I going to get a job?" Most students have this question on their minds more than any other when they graduate. "Will I even use my major once I graduate?" and "how much money am I going to make?" can relate as well.

"I'm most nervous that once I graduate and if I can't find a job, I will not know what to do," said Mary Swiderski, a civil engineering senior. This goes along with the thoughts of, "am I really going to use anything I've been learning in school?" I hear these words in the halls, in class, and among friends. I even hear them coming from my own mouth. Sure, we will use these skills, but when we least expect to.

While graduation can bring anxiety, the disarray of college may be forgotten. No more homework, no more long lectures and no more class. But is this all true?

Amy Koch, a secondary English education senior hopes to attend graduate school. "I guess I'm looking forward to knowing that I will be a college graduate," Koch said. "It's that feeling of accomplishment that I look forward to."

Other students may want to get away from the routines of academic life.

"After college I want to go somewhere, like overseas. I want to see the world," said Zach Caudill, an English senior. He said has had enough of college and is ready to get out in the real world.

So to those of you that are looking forward to graduation, good luck, and do not forget all the good experiences you have had at UK.

**"After college I want to go somewhere, like overseas. I want to see the world."**

— Zach Caudill, English senior

## Job market showing signs of life

### 144,000 jobs added in August, unemployment rate at 5.4 percent

Jamie Smith Hopkins  
THE BALTIMORE SUN

The U.S. job market regained some momentum last month as employers added 144,000 positions, taking the sting out of a recent litany of lousy economic numbers just as the presidential campaign enters its final stretch.

The highly anticipated Labor Department report, released last week, wasn't exactly a home run for President Bush because economists consider the growth average at best. But it does offer the tantalizing possibility that things are again on the upswing after a surprisingly weak few months, and Bush played up that perspective in a morning stump speech.

"It shows that our economy is strong and getting stronger," he said to supporters in Pennsylvania.

The unemployment rate also dropped to 5.4 percent last month, down from 5.5 percent, though that was largely

the result of Americans leaving the labor force.

"There will be something in it for both sides," said Edward Montgomery, University of Maryland's dean of behavioral and social sciences as well as an economist with the National Bureau of Economic Research. "The Bush administration will tout that it's a pick-up from the last couple of months, and it's a positive number. I think the Kerry campaign will say this is a continuation of the same kind of weak growth that we've gotten through his whole administration."

That's exactly what Democratic challenger John Kerry did last week, noting that Bush "is now certain" to be the first president since the Great Depression to face the voters with fewer jobs than there were at the start of his term.

Less predictable than the candidates' comments is just how important the argument over the economy is likely to

be over the last 60 days of the 2004 campaign.

Economic expansion or lack thereof normally plays an enormous role in presidential elections. President Bush's father knows that only too well, having been beaten in 1992 by a man with the slogan, "It's the economy, stupid."

But so far in this political season it has made way for war: the one in Iraq, the one against terrorism and one in Vietnam a generation ago.

Those issues were the topic of choice in speeches at the Republican National Convention, which wrapped up Thursday night. The very location -- New York City, site of the worst 9/11 terrorist attacks -- was symbolic.

That has frustrated Democrats because polls show Kerry has an edge on economic issues, while the focus on military action plays to Bush's strengths as a wartime leader.

Voters' opinion about the health of the U.S. economy is sharply partisan: Seven out of 10 of the Republicans surveyed by American Research Group approve of Bush's handling of the economy, while about the same number of Democrats disapprove.

The disagreement is not just partisan.

Even experts agree that the employment numbers appear to tell different tales. America has 910,000 fewer jobs now than when Bush took office, a fact that protesters tried to spotlight outside the convention this week by gathering in an "unemployment line" three miles long.

But the unemployment rate, now the lowest it's been since October 2001, is exactly the same as when Bill Clinton was re-elected in 1996.

"The public's kind of split in terms of where they think we are with the economy," said Michael Korzi, a Towson University political science professor.

After strong growth in the spring, recent economic indicators have been largely a depressing chorus of bad news. Consumer confidence fell in August, the Conference Board reported earlier this month. Back-to-school shopping was weak for several major retailers, including Wal-Mart Stores Inc. New claims for unemployment benefits rose for the second week in a row, the Labor Department said last week.

The 144,000 jobs produced

last month was not quite at the level needed to keep up with population growth, nor what it what economists had forecasted -- about 150,000 in both cases. Montgomery called it "pretty mediocre."

Investors agreed, sending stocks lower.

However, Mark Vitner, senior economist with Wachovia Corp., the Charlotte, N.C.-based financial company, sees reason to be optimistic.

"It was a fairly decent gain," he said. "We're not back to peak performance, obviously, and we've got a ways to go, but we're moving in the right direction."

Kerry took issue with that in a statement from the battleground state of Ohio, saying that the 11 presidents between Herbert Hoover and Bush "have faced wars and recessions, but not one of them has failed to create a single job."

"If you believe lost jobs mean that America is heading in the right direction, you should support George Bush and his policies of failure," Kerry said.

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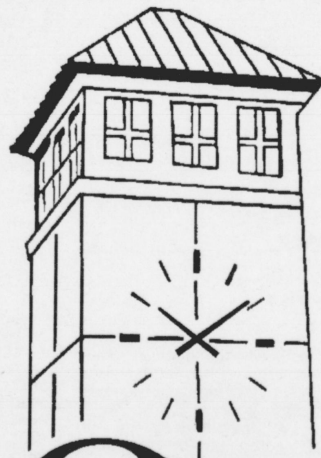
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## College graduates are survivors venturing into the real world

By Kimberly Hanna  
THE KENTUCKY KERNEL

Some aspects of your life can count against you, but these potentially damaging practices do not necessarily have to work against you.

"Most people tend to obsess about their flaws instead of focusing on their strengths," says Alan Downs, Ph.D., author of *The Half-Empty Heart: A Supportive Guide for Breaking Free From Chronic Discontent*.

For example, if you consider yourself impulsive, why not start referring to yourself as spontaneous?

High energy, quick decision makers are often the people you can count on to ace those impromptu presentations and handle a variety of emergencies.

Likewise, are you a chronic procrastinator? Call yourself seriously contemplative instead.

Make it positive by showing your strength in starting something then taking a step back to watch the events unfold, therefore, leading you to know the best plan of action to handle a situation.

Sometimes, however, you don't need to fight a lifestyle.

"I'm a procrastinator, why hide it?" says Ernesto Cantu, a foreign language and international economics junior.

"Don't do it until you want to do it." It may be easier said than done when you think you are obligated to do something, like go to college and get a degree so that you can be successful one day.

Dr. Scott Whitlow, Senior Integrated Strategic Communications Professor at UK, states that too much emphasis has been placed on obtaining a college degree.

Perhaps part of the answer is already inside you, deciding what your own definitions are for yourself and your success.

"You can only live up to your expectations. What is black for you is white for me," she says. "The reality is that

most students don't realize that this is a life-long learning process."

College is just another bump in the road and that piece of paper framed on the wall after graduation may say much more about you than you realize.

So in a hypothetical situation, an employer might not be impressed with another applicant for a position. What they will see with your degree on your resume, however, is the level of commitment you've placed on your future.

It is an expectation of employers that you can sustain something, that you have survived something, suggests Whitlow.

You may leave college with a degree, but beware. Don't fall into the 'college-degrees-are-a-dime-a-dozen' trap. What you truly graduate with is not a degree but a rite of passage; proof that you survived.

**"I'm a procrastinator. Why hide it? Don't do it until you want to do it."**

— Ernesto Cantu, foreign language and international economics major

## First STEPS toward job options start on campus

Laura Graham  
THE KENTUCKY KERNEL

This year marks the 25th anniversary of Student Temporary Employment Placement Services — or STEPS — the first port of call for students seeking on-campus employment. Since its creation in 1979, it has become the backbone for international students who face U.S. work restrictions.

In 2003, one in twenty UK students were classified as international.

"With cultural and language barriers to overcome, work is not an initial priority," said Mario Rodriguez, a psychology senior from Mexico City.

"Even after a year of adjustment, I was still confused about my job opportunities. Eventually I went to the OIA (Office of International Affairs) and that's when I found out about STEPS."

Situated in Scovell Hall, STEPS is not encountered by most freshman students, whose classes usually reside further down Rose Street.

"It's amazing how few people actually know who we are and what we do," said MacKenzie Outlund, of Student Employment Services.

Despite the lack of publicity received by the Human Resources department, the importance of the service it provides is evident.

"Last fiscal year, 74% of the jobs posted on the University website were filled by students alone, most of whom were international," Outlund said.

Students wishing to obtain on-campus employment must first fill out an application on the Internet. It asks basic ques-

tions such as residential and legal status, work experience and basic skills. Once this is complete, students can browse the job listings online, and apply when they like. If they are eligible they are asked to go to Scovell Hall for an interview. There, the Student Placement assistants check their schedule and compatibility through a casual interview and screening process.

"Our interviews are very informal," said Linda Bach, an employment specialist for the Human Resources Services. "We operate on a first come first serve basis so no appointments are necessary."

"We understand the work limitations imposed on most international students. That's why we try to get them a job as closely related to their field of study or interests as possible," Bach said.

Due to the limited availability of major-related jobs on campus, students are permitted to work off-campus if the job is related directly to their major.

"OPT (Occupational Practical Training) provides an excellent opportunity for students to get a feel for their future line of work," Bach said. "It is about as real as it gets and many students wait until they have completed their undergrad to do it. That way, they can work full-time and save up for grad school."

Student employment interviews take place Monday through Friday from 12:30 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. Candidates should bring their valid UK student ID and a copy of the application they submitted online.



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The STEPS program has employed students on- and off-campus since 1979.

## Believe it or not, you're in your prime

By Shantel Commander  
THE KENTUCKY KERNEL

Rick Pannell graduated from the University of Kentucky in 1983 with a business degree. At only 20 years old, he started selling swim suits, goggles and caps out the back of his car trunk because he felt there was a void of competitive swimming supplies for local swimmers.

"The real reason I wanted to start my own business was because I didn't want to work for anyone else but myself," Pannell said. "My desire, and the fact that I had the energy to hustle to do this and that, played a major role in where I am today."

Rick now owns four Pannell Swim Shop stores across the southeast.

The phrase 'college kids are in their prime' usually refers to the fact that students, are at

the age where they possess an abundance of energy and the motivation to do anything they, "set their minds to."

From a bright college graduate's standpoint, it may seem like most businesses are looking to hire experienced employees, but they are also looking for fresh, young minds.

According to the Market Research Web site ([www.marketresearch.com](http://www.marketresearch.com)), 73 million Americans make up what is known as the "millennials," Americans age 10-27. That is the second largest group of Americans next to the baby boomers. This is a huge target market for businesses.

Being a full time college student can be tough — Jessica Thompson is not only a 20-year-old integrated strategic communications major at UK, but also a full-time athlete as

well.

"I think that being forced into always having something to do and places to go will prepare me well for a future job," Thompson said. "I know that I won't always have that kind of energy. I'll probably look back and say, 'whoa, how did I do that?'"

Youth may not last forever, but the determination can. "I still feel 25 and that's important in this business," Pannell said. "My advice would be to keep that youthful attitude as long as you can."

The next time students are caught listening to a family member drone on about how lucky college kids are to still have many youthful years ahead, they might benefit from taking the time to actually think it through. After all, it may be them giving that speech one day.

# Service, manufacturing top hirers of the year

Career experts: Business, computer science hires also up

By **Cassandra Wit**  
THE KENTUCKY KERNEL

Service and manufacturing jobs may be the top hirers of 2004, one UK expert and a job choices Web site said.

Sharon Childs, assistant director of UK's Career Center, said the service sector is a major hirer this year.

"Degrees in business — especially accounting, business administration, English and computer science — have been on the rise over the last 10 years," Childs said. "The liberal arts students are going to have to be creative when job searching because the jobs they are looking for just aren't out there. It is going to take a lot of networking."

According to the JobWeb Web site ([www.jobweb.com](http://www.jobweb.com)), the service sector plans to increase hiring of college graduates by 22 percent. The site said graduates with degrees from business administration, accounting, economics, management information systems and computer science have the best chances.

JobWeb said the manufac-

turing sector is going to increase hiring by 3.4 percent and most of the hiring will be in mechanical, electrical and chemical engineering.

Job Outlook 2003 echoes Childs and said the top two bachelor's degrees in demand are accounting and business management. Childs said that UK is the flagship school in Kentucky and that UK has an

"Top Entry Level Employers List" has Enterprise Rent-A-Car as the top employer and the Federal Bureau of Investigation as the second highest in number of job openings for college graduates this year.

"We survey more than 5,000 different employers to generate our list of the top 500 employers, then rank order all of the employers at our site ([www.collegegrad.com/topemployers](http://www.collegegrad.com/topemployers))," said Brian Krueger, President of CollegeGrad.com.

"Business majors have the highest success rate, followed by engineering majors and information system majors," Krueger said.

There are still fewer jobs available than there were 10 years ago. Though the numbers have started to steadily climb back up, there is still going to be a struggle for most students.

"Certainly the economy is tight," Childs said. "The job market is more competitive because people are more qualified and there are more people attending college than ever before."

### Top 10 Employers of 2004

1. Enterprise Rent-A-Car
2. Federal Bureau of Investigations
3. Immigration and Naturalization Service
4. Schlumberger
5. Social Security Admin.
6. Boeing
7. Ernst & Young
8. PricewaterhouseCoopers
9. U.S. Customs & Border Protection
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1. Accounting
2. Business Administration/Management
3. Electrical Engineering
4. Mechanical Engineering
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## Career Center steers students toward their dream careers

By Christy Studer  
THE KENTUCKY KERNEL

If you've ever entertained the dream of "what you wanted to be when you grew up," UK's James W. Stuckert Career Center could make those dreams come true.

The center on Rose Street advises students on their career options after they leave UK.

Accounting junior Noelle Bertram first went to the Career Center for her UK 101 class.

"I took the questionnaire involving questions that was supposed to determine which career suited me best," Bertram said. "It turned out, my major — accounting — was in the top five career choices for me."

Those questionnaires could help major-making decisions. Their results can point weaknesses and careers to steer toward or stay away from.

Along with helping students find the right path to take in college, the Career Center offers many other services for students.

Their Web site ([www.uky.edu/CareerCenter](http://www.uky.edu/CareerCenter)) said career specialists could help you with decisions you may need to make to prepare for your future. They can also help students with

interview skills and even videotape a practice interview.

Shadowing is also available at the Career Center. Following someone around for a day in a specific career field could help students understand a typical work experience.

The Career Center can also help students finding internships — some of which can earn you course credit.

"I was looking for an internship and I went there because I heard there was a book of internships that were available," said senior Erin Gray. "I found a neat one in New York, but my mom said 'good luck.' I ended up finding something else."

Psychology graduate Anne Bertram, a recent psychology graduate, got an internship through the Career Center.

"Everyone there was so helpful and they helped me find the internship I was looking for," Bertram said.

There's nothing wrong with not knowing what you want to be when you grow up. The Career Center can help students find that fantasy career and make those dreams a reality.

The Career Center is open Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. They can be reached at 257-2746.

## Fresh graduates enter real world, entertain fears of life after college

By Danelle Laumeyer  
THE KENTUCKY KERNEL

Kindergarten. Elementary School. Middle School. High School. Prepped for college and at the University of Kentucky, students may wonder, "What's next?" Thoughts on life after college can make for some nervous soon-to-be graduates.

Graduation is a scary time for many students, but with the proper preparation, it can be a time of excitement. Instead of feeling overwhelmed, you can feel ready to take on your new life.

Christina Macpherson, an elementary education senior, said it's nerve-wracking.

"It's when you first realize that you are really entering into the so-called real world," Macpherson said. "You begin to support yourself financially, pay off student loans and take care of the other bills that come along with living on your own. It's just a really big step in your life."

Many students feel the same way, but proper preparation before you graduate can help take some of the worry away.

Kate Vondran, a psychology senior, aspires to be a psychologist after graduation.

"I've done internships to explore the possibilities of where I might take a job and also what kind of psychology I would be interested in for a career," Vondran said. "Also, getting good grades is important to me so I can go

somewhere in my life."

One of the biggest fears of many college seniors may be whether or not they find a job after they get a diploma, so senior Ben Wade has a plan.

"I'd keep running my own lawn business and I'd try to get a small business loan so I wouldn't have to worry about getting a job from someone else," Wade said. "I wouldn't have to worry too much because I'd be my own boss."

Just as these students expressed concern about their future and offered a few solutions for any problems they may foresee, the Career Center along with the Counseling and Testing Center are great resources to utilize to get a better grasp on the future.

"For many students, feelings of frustration and confusion about career plans are commonplace," the Counseling and Testing Center Web site (<http://www.uky.edu/StudentAffairs/Counseling/>) said. "The Center provides group and individual services to help students deal with career indecision, choosing a major and making plans for tomorrow's world and their future."

Graduation should be a time of excitement, not distress. Children imagine themselves as a doctor, firefighter, or maybe a lawyer or veterinarian. Now's the time for taking control and planning the career that students have sought since they were rug rats.

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