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Affirmative action case renews debate at UK

Effects: Proponents say affirmative actions helps minorities, women; opponents say it lowers standards

By Emily Hagedorn
ASSISTANT NEWS EDITOR

President George W. Bush's disdain for the use of the University of Michigan's affirmative action program has caused dispute at UK. "Disbanding affirmative action would set the country back years," said Jessica Persley, the president of the UK chapter of the NAACP. "People are so quick to mention

blacks and Latinos with affirmative action, but white women have gained more than anybody." In response to a scheduled U.S. Supreme Court case in which white students are suing the Michigan law school for discrimination in admissions, Bush called the system "divisive, unfair and impossible to square with the Constitution."

Michigan's point system awards 20 points, one-fifth of the total needed for admission, to African Americans, Hispanics and Native Americans because of their race. Bradley Canon, professor of political science, said disbanding affirmative action would translate into UK and the University of Louisville losing minority students, while schools like Murray State University and LCC would gain them. Canon said Bush's stance could have an effect. "When a

government takes a side, that side usually prevails two-thirds of the time," he said. Advocates of Bush's stance say affirmative action can have negative effects. "A lot of minorities are accepted at lower standards," said Kellen Baker, president of UK College Republicans. "It sets them up for failure." Baker agreed that some program should be in place to help minorities, but said a strict system of allotments for minority students does more harm than good.

"It hinders minorities because it sets up an atmosphere where they're looked at as a number," he said. UK Admissions staff could not comment on if UK uses race as a factor in admissions decisions. Allan Vestal, dean of the college of law, said the student and faculty members of the college's admissions committee place as much weight as they see fit on race and all other factors, but no formal system is used. Emery Wilson, dean of

the college of medicine, said race, as well as many other factors, is looked at for admission. He said the college tries to get a representative demographic of Kentucky. "A lot of times, women like to go to women doctors, and minorities like to go to doctors of their own race," he said. The Supreme Court will hear the case in March. "(The court) could say universities can never again take race into account," Canon said.

FINDING A CENTER



JOHN WAMPLER | KERNEL STAFF

Journalism and political science sophomore Jessica Parker talks with theater senior Jason Thompson and English sophomore Ashley E. Hayden in the Martin Luther King Jr. Cultural Center, room 124 of the Student Center. "It's a good place to meet and greet for minority students," Hayden said.

King Cultural Center is 'a second home' for some

In memoriam: Opened on the first national Martin Luther King Jr. day, center brings together artists, writers, musicians, actors and students

By Ben Franzini
STAFF WRITER

For La Toya Smith, the Martin Luther King Jr. Center is not just a place to work, but a place to find a strong, supportive community with other African-American students.

"On a primarily white campus, it's great to have a support group to come to," said Smith, a junior psychology major who also works as an office assistant at the King Cultural Center. "There's always something going on here, you don't really have a slow moment."

In January 1987, coinciding with the first national observance of Martin Luther King's birthday, the Martin Luther King Jr. Cultural Center was opened on UK's campus.

For 15 years, the center's programming has served as a vital resource of cultural, educational and social activities. Lectures, concerts, workshops, seminars, exhibits and theatrical performances have broadened and enriched the educational experience of many students. The center also offers cultural programs and serves as a meeting place for organizations.

Those who work at the center plan events and bring speakers, intellectuals

and performers to UK's campus.

"The purpose of the center is as viable today as when we first began," said Chester Grundy, director of African-American Student Affairs and director of the center.

"For students to realize their maximum potentials, they must have a very strong sense of who they are," said Grundy. "You come to know that by learning about your ancestral history and culture."

On any given day, the King Cultural Center is a buzz of excitement. Students meet to do homework, eat lunch or just talk. Films of black performers are shown. Future events are planned.

"Students take part in putting together programs and activities, making them feel like the cultural center is theirs," said Ricardo Nazario-Colon, assistant director of the center.

The center has offered cultural programs, including speakers ranging from Alex Haley, who wrote "Roots," to Spike Lee, a famed director, and concerts from the Boys Choir of Harlem and the John Coltrane Memorial Band. It has also sponsored dance performances by the Alvin Ailey Dance Theater and the National Dance Company of Trinidad and Tobago.

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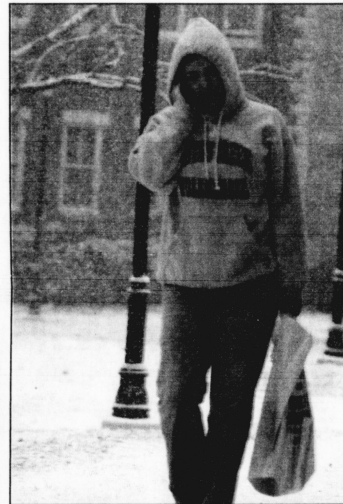
Honoring MLK

Lexington's annual Martin Luther King Jr. Celebration will be held downtown on Monday, Jan. 20. The Freedom March will begin at 10 a.m., with lineup beginning at 9:30 a.m. at Heritage Hall.

Following the march, a program honoring King's work in civil rights will be held in Heritage Hall.

Susan L. Taylor, senior vice president of Essence Communications and editorial director of Essence magazine, will be the keynote speaker at that event.

Snow cancellations rare for UK students



JOHN WAMPLER | KERNEL STAFF

Braving the weather

Undeclared freshman Elné Steyn talks with her cell phone underneath her hood Thursday.

NO DAY FOR A SNOW DAY

By Emily Burton
STAFF WRITER

While icy winds slice through the Bluegrass and traffic slows to a crawl, many students in Lexington are celebrating a day of freedom — a snow day.

However, UK students are not usually so lucky. Jack Blanton, the man with the power to declare a snow day, has yet to call school off since his appointment as vice president for administration.

"It takes a lot to close down an entire university," Blanton said. "We have a hospital, police station, physical plant division, not just classes."

If there is a question about road conditions on a school day, Blanton gets reports from the state police and the grounds department. All of this happens before 6 a.m., Blanton said. "They see what the sidewalks are like, what the parking lots are like."

The grounds department plays a huge part in campus cleanup during the early morning hours before students flock to campus.

"Last year we used

about 200 tons of salt on campus," said George Riddle, superintendent of grounds. "That's about average for us. [The weatherperson] said we were going to get three to six inches, and now it's one to three, so we never know what we're going to get."

Blanton said there was a question of cancellation once last November, but the last major snow break was in the '70s.

"I used to have an office in the old administration building, and my window was about eight feet from the ground. My rule was that I would cancel school when the snow reached my window," Blanton said with a laugh.

One of the major drawbacks of calling off classes is the cost to the university, Blanton said.

"The professors get paid come hell or high water," he said. "And there is not tuition remission either." Finally, if a university cancels too many days, they can get in trouble with creditors, people who monitor and mandate how many hours a course is in session.

"It's not like a public school system," Blanton said. "We can't extend the school year. Commencement comes when commencement comes."

Since I came to UK, I've made a really close-knit group of friends here at the center."

— Chante Corey, marketing and management freshman

ALL THE NEWS THAT FITS

The Low-down

It was a discovery. They were not declared."

Hiro Ueki, spokesman for the U.N. weapons inspectors in Iraq, on finding 11 empty chemical warheads that Iraqi officials had not mentioned in their declaration.

U.N. inspectors make 'discovery'

BAGHDAD, Iraq — An inspection team searching bunkers in southern Iraq on Thursday found 11 empty chemical warheads that Iraqi officials had not declared to the United Nations, a U.N. spokesman said. Iraq insisted that it had reported the rockets, which it said were old and never used for chemical weapons. Also Thursday, inspectors searched the homes of two Iraqi scientists in Baghdad for the first time. One of them, a physicist, left with inspectors, but it was unclear if there was any connection between the home search and the discovery of the munitions. Debate immediately began about whether the warheads constituted a material breach under U.N. Resolution 1441. The Bush administration said the inspections should not go on indefinitely, charging Iraq has refused to provide full weapons disclosure. "There's no point in continuing forever, going on, if Iraq is not cooperating," said State Department spokesman Richard Boucher. U.S. officials, speaking on the condition of anonymity, said the discovery may not amount to a "smoking gun" unless some sort of chemical agent is also detected. Key questions about the find are whether any chemical weapons were ever loaded into the ordnance, and, if so, when, officials said. The 122 mm warheads were found in bunkers built in the late 1980s at the Ukhaider Ammunition Storage Area, 75 miles south of Baghdad, Hiro Ueki, the inspectors' spokesman in Baghdad, said in a statement. The team examined one of the warheads with X-ray equipment and took away samples for chemical testing, the statement added. Ueki told The Associated Press the shells were not accounted for in Iraq's declaration. "It was a discovery. They were not declared."

Mudslides kill dozens in Brazil

RIO DE JANEIRO, Brazil — Mudslides triggered by torrential rain slashed through shantytowns and buried houses in southeastern Brazil Thursday, killing at least 27 people in two states, authorities said. At least 24 people were killed in Minas Gerais state and three more people died in neighboring Espirito Santo state, according to civil defense officials. According to Minas Gerais state civil defense officials, 70 people were injured. They said hundreds of homes were destroyed and more than 6,000 people fled. Worst hit was Belo Horizonte, a city of 2 million about 210 miles northwest of Rio de Janeiro, where at least 17 people died, said fire department spokesman Lt. Gertel



NOT GAY: Tom Cruise won a \$10 million defamation judgment against a porn actor who allegedly told the French magazine *Actuel* that he had a gay affair with the actor, Cruise's attorney said. Chad Slater, whose stage name was Kyle Bradford, had said previously he never met Cruise and defaulted on the \$100 million lawsuit in August 2001. "I hope by defaulting, Mr. Cruise will finally get what he is after and I can finally start to put my life back in order," Slater said in a statement at the time. The default motion did not indicate Slater admitted wrongdoing, but was an acknowledgment he did not have the money to fight the lawsuit and would not contest it. Slater, who has made a series of porn films and gay-themed wrestling videos, could not be located for comment Wednesday.

Vaz de Souza. In Morro das Pedras, a hillside slum near Belo Horizonte, a wall of mud buried a house and trapped six brothers and three cousins aged 6 to 19, Souza said. Rescue workers made contact with a boy under the rubble, but a second mudslide buried the child and forced workers to move back. "It was horrible," Souza said by telephone. "One minute they were talking to him, and the next he was gone." Digging with hoses, shovels and their bare hands, workers pulled out two bodies before suspending work because of the risk of further mudslides, Souza said. In the nearby Vila Cafezal district, firefighters pulled the bodies of four people from the rubble of a house buried by the mud, Souza said.

Special Forces arrive in Colombia

BOGOTA, Colombia — Dozens of U.S. Green Berets flew in to a Colombian war zone this week to train Colombian army troops to protect a key oil pipeline from rebel attacks, a U.S. official said Thursday. The arrival of the members of the 7th Special Forces Group marks a turning point in U.S. involvement in Colombia's civil war. Previously, U.S. military aid and training was restricted largely to battling cocaine production, which rebels and rival paramilitary gunmen profit from, fueling the war. But the Bush administration, with approval from the U.S. Congress, has decided the U.S. military assistance should expand into helping Colombia combat the rebels. About 60 U.S. trainers began arriving earlier this week, joining about 10 others already stationed in Arauca state on Colombia's eastern border with Venezuela, said the U.S. official, speaking on customary condition of anonymity. On Thursday, about 20 U.S. troops drove up to Arauca airport in jeeps, then unloaded equipment, including military vehicles, from an arriving plane, according to a reliable witness who insisted on anonymity. Numerous shipments of equipment and supplies are expected over the next few weeks, the U.S. official said.

Man kills himself with guillotine

LONDON — A 36-year-old man killed himself with a homemade guillotine set up in his bedroom, police said Thursday. Boyd Taylor's body was found Monday by his father, also named Boyd, Northumbria police said. Taylor rigged a timer to the device and apparently set it to kill him early Monday, police said. But police would not comment Thursday on widespread news reports that Taylor put a bed under the guillotine. "This is a very unusual case," said Andrew Ward, a spokesman for Northumbria police. "There is no indication yet of what made him do this." Northumbria police said the death was not considered criminally suspicious, and they were not seeking anyone else in connection with the incident.

compiled from wire reports



Journalism freshman Tracy Bonilla, pre-physical therapy freshman Aaron Stevenson and English freshman Leticia Johnson share a laugh at the Martin Luther King Cultural Center.

SCOTT LASHINSKY

CENTER

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"The cultural center has become like a second home to me," said Chante Corey, a marketing and management freshman. "Since I came to UK I've made a really close-knit group of friends at the center. We're all in here every single day."

The King Cultural Center, in room 124 of the Student Center, contributes to the recruitment and retention of African-American students by aiding in the development of a more hospitable and supportive campus environment, Smith said.

She said students trying to decide where to go to college look for a place they can see becoming their home, and the cultural center is an element of what makes UK like a home.

"When possible students see the cultural center, they instantly see what it has to offer," Smith said. "It is a very inviting place."

Although the center is

primarily geared towards African-American students, it is a place where all are welcome and can benefit from what it has to offer, said Nazario-Colon.

"This is an inclusive place. A place where anyone can make their home," he said.

That inclusion offers an educational experience, Grundy said. As more people are exposed to what the King Cultural Center has to offer, those attending events become more culturally and ethnically diverse, he said.

"Martin Luther King Jr. had a great vision for the United States in terms of all people being treated equally and respected," said Nazario-Colon.

"Through the cultural center, we are able to promote these ideas," he said.

From its inception, the King Cultural Center has served as an "oasis" of rich culture, said Grundy.

"For African-American students, the King Cultural Center serves as a mirror to give them an accurate reflection of themselves and their ancestry," he said.

"For others it can serve as a window to view another culture and gain a greater understanding of our world."

Corrections

A story in Thursday's Kernel listed an incorrect date for the GymKats' meet against LSU and Centenary. That meet will be tonight at 7:30 at Memorial Coliseum.

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- 1. Eminem - The Eminem Show** - 7.4 million copies

- 2. Nelly - Nellyville** - 4.8 million
- 3. Avril Lavigne - Let Go** - 3.9 million
- 4. Dixie Chicks - Home** - 3.4 million
- 5. 8 Mile Soundtrack** - 3.2 million
- 6. Pink - Missundaztood** - 3.1 million

- 7. Ashanti - Ashanti** - 3 million
- 8. Alan Jackson - Drive** - 3 million
- 9. O Brother, Where Art Thou Soundtrack** - 2.8 million
- 10. Shania Twain - Up!** - 2.6 million


MOVIES
A LIST OF THE TOP 10 GROSSING MOVIES FOR THE YEAR 2002.
SOURCE: MSNBC

- 1. Spiderman** - \$403 million

- 2. Star Wars Episode II** - \$310 million
- 3. LOTR: The Two Towers** - \$261 million
- 4. Harry Potter II** - \$252 million
- 5. My Big Fat Greek Wedding** - \$227 million
- 6. Signs** - \$226 million
- 7. Austin Powers: International Man of Mystery** - \$213 million

- 8. Men In Black II** - \$190 million
- 9. Ice Age** - \$176 million
- 10. Die Another Day** - \$153 million

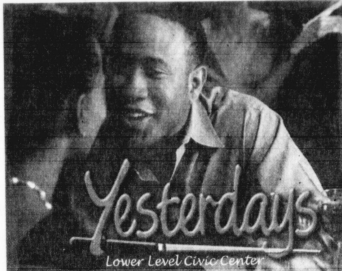
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In search of fresh ideas, angles

It's that time of year again when the trees are bare, campus is dead and the Kernel Scene section needs new, innovative ideas.

I, along with my assistant editor, Robbie Clark, want to make the Scene section of the Kernel a part of the paper to which people can really relate. You know, one of those sections readers can count on day to day to give them the latest, greatest coverage on their topic of choice.

After some brainstorming over coffee, Robbie and I have a list of expectations for the Scene I'd like to present as a guide for us and a tool for our readers to bring us new ideas they might wish to contribute.

The Scene section will:



Sarah Zopfi
SCENE EDITOR

- Cover campus events of human interests: we try to cover as many campus events as possible, but there are so many, it's easy to miss a few. Feel free to stop in and give us a heads-up.
- Brief our readers on more cultural, entertainment and arts events: we get many ideas from press releases and what seems to be popular at the moment, but word of mouth is often a good way of circulating different ideas, and we welcome them from students and faculty.
- Cover more interesting students: we have a feeling there are really interesting lifestyles out there and while we've touched upon a few eccentric students... we want more.
- Provide stories containing helpful insights and strategies for dealing with difficult situations and/or experiences in college such as weight control, depression, drinking, academic achievement and adjusting to changes. We have covered many of these issues in the past, but this year, we want to cover them looking at the stories from a fresh perspective.
- We've tossed around the possibility of starting a weekly advice column or comical break. We'd like the input of students to see if they would look forward to reading something like this.
- More than anything, we want to make our section more interactive with the student population. We are well aware that the Kernel crossword puzzles provide hours of fun, but this is your paper! The Kernel can provide students with the opportunity to express their opinions.
- If you have any ideas to contribute please call me at 257-1915 or just drop by the office in the basement of the Grehan Building, room 035.
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Mimicking Coke, mocking Mecca

Chris Ricketts

GUEST COLUMNIST

If you enjoy drinking pop and are looking for a way to break America's cultural stranglehold on the world, you're in luck.

Tawfik Mathlouthi has created Mecca Cola as a way of protesting American policies. Mathlouthi says he came up with the idea when he noticed his 10-year-old enjoyed eating at McDonald's and drinking Coke. Angered that his 10-year-old wasn't participating in his protest, Mathlouthi created Mecca Cola so the kid wouldn't support America by drinking a product of one of its corporations.

That'll teach us. Bearing a label that looks suspiciously familiar, Mecca Cola's cans and bottles tell consumers "No more drinking stupid. Drink with commitment." That's the first time I've ever had a pop can try to insult me.

Mathlouthi's approach is pretty hypocritical. First of all, he wants to be a competitor with Coca-Cola, but he stole Coke's label. The Mecca Cola labels are red and even feature a white ribbon design. The whole idea seems pretty opportunistic, which is something else he's stealing from American companies. To me, it seems like he's just merchandising anti-Americanism.

He even says, "If there's a war, you'd have an extraordinary flare-up of Mecca Cola." I'm sure he'd hate that. Ten percent of the profits will benefit a Palestinian children's fund, though never in cash in order to ensure against aiding terrorism.

Mathlouthi, though, says he's not against America. "We love America opened to the world. We don't like this America, very dangerous and very strong against others." Yeah, and once in seventh grade I snapped a kid with a rubber band, and then said I was sorry I wasn't.

But he doesn't seem to care if his slogan sparks more anti-American feelings.

"It is not my problem. It is the problem of the U.S. administration. If they want to change anti-U.S. sentiment, they must change their policies and their double standards on human rights and politics."

If you want to make a statement against this present administration, Mathlouthi, why don't you try inventing an electric car? It's obvious to me that Mathlouthi is pandering, but he is doing it well.

He is selling a fake moral high ground to people and making a decent profit in the process. It reminds me of bands making fun of rock stars while trying hard to become rock stars. I'm not saying Mathlouthi does not believe everything he is saying, but using it to make money calls some of it into question. I found myself wondering if Coke could sue based on the similarity of their cans.

Then there's the fact that Mathlouthi hired chemists in France to get as close to Coke's formula as possible. Coke could probably make a case, but doing so would not help its perception in the Arab world where its sales are slipping thanks to Mecca Cola. I don't understand how you demonstrate your anger toward America by stealing one of its most popular products, wrapping it in a shroud of a particular ideology, and selling it to a disenfranchised population. It sounds like something an American company would do.

There are people who agree with me, and they are appalled that the holiest city in Islam is being used to hock a soda.

I don't want to give the impression that I'm against free enterprise or anything like that. Tawfik Mathlouthi can sell all the pop he wants.

I disagree with his assertion that his son is a bad Muslim because he enjoys eating at McDonald's. McDonald's has good food. Using American tactics to protest American policies gives tacit approval to America.

Mathlouthi's idea seems to be confused.

Chris Ricketts writes for The Oracle (Univ. of South Florida). His views do not necessarily represent those of the Kernel.



IN OUR OPINION

Ideas for Mayor Isaac to improve UK, city

Earlier this month, Lexington welcomed its new mayor, Teresa Isaac. She's already started settling in, hiring staff and mediating the infighting that's already begun on the Lexington-Fayette Urban County Council.

So now that Isaac has been sworn in and begun to build her administration, she should start to think of ways to advance the relationship of her city with UK.

Lee Todd made the improvement of the UK-Lexington marriage one of his top priorities during his initial time as president, and, by most accounts, he has been extremely successful. Now it is time for Isaac to follow Todd's lead. The council no longer has the convenient scapegoat of a stand-offish Charles Wethington to explain its lack of initiative in enacting policy relating to UK.

But to avoid sounding whiny without offering anything constructive, here are some ideas that Isaac should consider:

- Continue working on the Town & Gown initiative. The Urban County Council has come up with some creative ideas at reviving downtown and connecting it with UK. For instance, the city is currently investigating a plan that would help

UK faculty and staff finance houses within walking distance from UK. This would alleviate traffic in Lexington — a problem discussed extensively during the mayoral campaign — while helping the UK community at the same time.

- Look into extending bar hours. McCarthy's, Cheapside and Redmon's are examples of downtown bars that do booming business, helping stimulate the Lexington economy and encouraging people to come downtown. Extending closing time one hour until 2 a.m. would undoubtedly funnel more money from the masses of UK students who barhop every weekend into the city. Of course, the city should also look at how this would affect the safety of Lexingtonians. But college cities of comparable size — such as Knoxville and Athens — have 2 a.m. closing times.

- Speaking of safety, something needs to be done for pedestrians on Limestone. Every day, UK students take their lives into their hands by dodging speeding vehicles. Granted, a lot of these students are jaywalking. But with more crosswalks or even skywalks — like the one connecting Central Campus to the South Limestone parking garage — this danger could be greatly reduced.

Foreign policy will make or break Bush's future

Uh oh — the president who once possessed job approval ratings in the high 80s and low 90s is slipping, taking a precipitous drop in the last week. Granted, this is not 1991, but President George W. Bush has seen his precious shield begin to shred away. This is in part because of his failure to generate mass appeal for his new tax cut package. But Bush is suffering more from his recently uncovered ineptness in what was thought to be the biggest arrow in his quiver: foreign policy.



M. Edward Guest
 KERNEL COLUMNIST

It is a well-known fact that the vast majority of Americans would lose no sleep with an abdication of Saddam Hussein, but people are concerned with the idea of a war itself (as UN chief weapons inspector Hans Blix's report looms aircraft carriers ready themselves for combat). Political commentators have noticed an overall appetite for war but not an appetite for sacrifice. Americans believe the pugnacious president of Iraq possesses chemical and biological weapons and are keenly aware of his past transgressions,

but then they take a gander at a remote outpost in the Far East and they wonder.

North Korea captured President Clinton's full attention in 1994, but he knew then what Bush knows today: the U.S. has few options in this nation. Liberals are trying to persuade the American public that Bush has bungled the situation in P'yongyang, leading to assertions that double standards are commonplace in the White House. Perhaps, Bush achieved his greatest heights by adopting a line of rhetoric that "evil-doers" in the world needed to be dealt with in a swift and decisive manner. After several moments of trepidation, this was accomplished in Kabul and Kandahar, with Baghdad just on the horizon. By including Kim Sung Il's nation in the ballyhooed Axis of Evil, Bush and his speechwriters opened themselves up for future, if not unsubstantiated, criticism.

Because the administration largely believes that Baghdad does not threaten us now, it is necessary to eradicate a future danger that is defined as "clear and present." Hussein's past history differs from the North Koreans' in that he has clearly expressed an interest in ruling the Arab world and once dreamt of empire and glory. North Korea, geopolitically speaking, is among the most

integral nations in the world. China, Russia, South Korea and Japan are all critical to U.S. foreign policy interests, which leaves the president in a rather tricky situation.

He can choose to return to Clinton-era policies instead of the oft-bellucose rhetoric that remains essentially meaningless without forceful action. Reports indicate Bush is eager to keep a lid on the Stalinist regime in North Korea, although Defense Secretary Donald Rumsfeld insists America can successfully execute a two-front war. Deals of energy and water for the freezing of nuclear programs sour Bush's ratings because they reek of appeasement to one despot while preparing to pre-empt another. Notice Bush has kept his public statements rather mild on North Korea, in part because 30,000 U.S. troops are stationed in the demilitarized zone — possible targets of future military action.

South Korea, one of America's staunchest allies over the decades, has shifted left politically. The new government in Seoul is embracing a more open policy with its neighbors to the north and full complete reunification could be lurking. Another issue is whether communist, Stalinist governments should be allowed to procure or develop nuclear weapons. Nuclear weapons in

India and Pakistan have placed a barrier between the two nations on all-out war. Are they the ultimate deterrent, as many claim?

Bush is being extorted and, to a large measure, humiliated by the Pyongyang regime, leading several scholars to wryly note that Bush will only negotiate with those who possess plutonium and uranium. The best option for Bush would be to flood North Korea with erstwhile business activity and force openness from the government by a demand from the people.

The spewing propaganda of North Korea (not to mention their cleansing of the homeless from their proud capital city) has no doubt convinced the natives of gluttonous Westernism why their way is best. China, as many have noted, went through a similar pattern following U.S. engagement 30 years ago.

Bush cannot be portrayed as impotent and ineffective in foreign affairs now because a defeat in his 2004 re-election bid — regardless of the state of the economy — would almost certainly follow.

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38 French wine
40 Sentries
43 Auditor/Custodian
45 Retirement plan
46 Lured
47 Brownish horse
51 Of poor quality
52 Pleaded
57 Map close-up
58 Web site address
63 Boxer's three
64 Dame, incl. Undergrad. deg.
65 Grin
67 Avarice
DOWN
1 LAX overseer
2 Attorney's sig.
3 Catch cold
4 Here in Paris
5 Law some engine
6 France
7 Director/Bureau
8 Turkish official
9 Sister
10 Ardent fan
11 Vase
12 San Diego pro
13 Tailed oscillator
15 Road sign symbol
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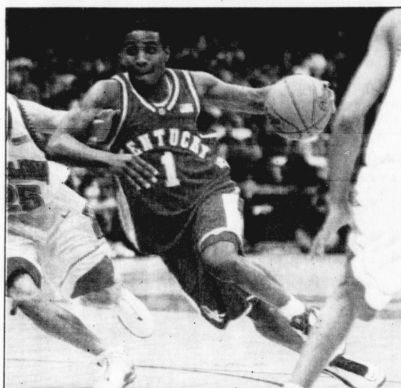
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Cats mix up defenses as ranked Irish loom next

Like a Hawk

Junior point guard Cliff Hawkins helped lead a UK pressure defense that forced 22 Vanderbilt turnovers Tuesday. Hawkins had four steals, second behind junior Gerald Fitch's five. UK switched to a man-to-man defense late in the first half and outscored Vanderbilt 46-16 in the second half.



By Travis Hubbard
SPORTSDAILY EDITOR

To zone, or not to zone? That is the dilemma for Tubby Smith tomorrow against Notre Dame in UK's last break from Southeastern Conference play.

The UK coach, traditionally a man-to-man defensive philosopher, had to revert to zone defenses to squeak out wins over Tennessee and South Carolina last week. The Cats got off to a 2-0 start in SEC play thanks to improved defense in the second half that resulted from the switch.

So, when UK tipped off against Vanderbilt Tuesday for their first SEC road test of the season, Smith stuck with the zone, in part, because he said the Cats are not a good man-to-man defensive team.

"When I look at the numbers I can see that we're not a good man-to-man team," he said.

But Vandy opened the game by making 7-of-8 3-pointers off UK's zone to take a 34-24 lead.

With the zone not working, Smith reverted to his man-to-man principles, and UK outscored Vandy 46-16 in the second half by swiping 12 steals after the break.

"It was frustrating," said Matt Freije, a Vanderbilt junior forward. "We had trouble just completing a single pass.

You can't play basketball 45 feet away from the basket.

"You have to give them credit for getting out in the passing lanes and they got good pressure on the ball."

UK's pressure defense was the response Smith has been looking for.

"This team needs to focus on being better defensively," Smith said before the Vandy game. "We've given up too many easy baskets both in transition and half-court."

"We're dead last in the league in field goal percentage defense. It's something we can be good at, and we will be good at."

To beat No. 10 Notre Dame (13-2, 2-1 in the Big East), UK must carry its outstanding second half defensive performance from Tuesday over to tomorrow's 2 p.m. tip-off at Rupp Arena.

The Fighting Irish rely on the scoring attack of sophomore point guard Chris Thomas and senior guard Matt Carroll. Carroll leads Notre Dame at a 20.1 clip and Thomas averages more than 17 points per game.

In one week's span, the Fighting Irish defeated then-No. 10 Marquette, No. 8 Maryland and No. 2 Texas in early December. Since, Notre Dame has lost to No. 3 Pittsburgh and lost to No. 13 Creighton in November.

In the loss to Pitt, Car-

roll scored 31, but the Fighting Irish fell by 17 because of Thomas' 2-for-15 night from the field and 1-of-7 shooting from beyond the arc.

Add transfer Danny Miller to the mix and Notre Dame has a triple threat from the perimeter.

So how will Smith defend the long-range Irish shooters?

"We've always mixed defenses," he said. "We'd like to be better at man-to-man."

"We've used a zone more of late because I've been concerned about people beating us off the dribble and getting to the basket, plus it protects Marquis (Estill) some from foul trouble."

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F Chuck Hayes	8.5	5.5
F Erik Daniels	10.0	6.1
C Marquis Estill	11.1	5.6

No. 10 Notre Dame
Fighting Irish (13-2, 2-1)

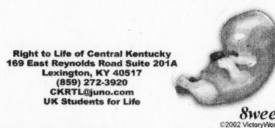
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