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## Campus neighborhoods get more game-day security

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University and city officials met yesterday with residents of neighborhoods surrounding UK and announced changes designed to improve safety, security and parking during football games.

"Throughout the remainder of the season, we're going to monitor the success of the program and improve the efforts as necessary," said Mayor Jim Newberry.

UK President Lee Todd said the university community needs to learn how to better coexist with surrounding neighborhoods.

The university and the city are implementing measures in neighborhoods near the stadium to assist with the transition.

Forty-one extra Lexington police officers will be on duty during Saturday's home football game against top-ranked Louisiana State University, Newberry said.

Lt. Ken Armstrong of the Lexington police said after the meeting that the majority of the extra police officers will be on foot, bikes and horses so they can interact with the public in addition to providing security and answering questions from non-residents.

To reduce parking problems, more than 600 free spaces will

be available in Parking Structure #6 at Virginia and Press Avenues, "no parking" signs will be distributed in some neighborhoods for homeowners to post in their yards and yellow curbs between Transcript Avenue and Barbary Lane have been repainted to ensure that no parking areas are clearly designated to reduce parking problems.

During the football game against Florida Atlantic on Sept. 29, the city's new game day work group picked up trash, increased safety by stepping up police patrols, enforced building codes in neighborhoods surrounding Commonwealth Stadium and distributed fliers explaining city ordinances to resi-

dents, Newberry said.

Students have reacted positively to the additional police patrol, Armstrong said.

"We have made a lot of pre-emptive contact with students to let them know we aren't centering our efforts on alcohol discipline," he said. "We don't want students to become victims of assault or any other crime."

Residents of neighborhoods surrounding Elizabeth Street thought the fliers made a difference and were a good start to the progress they hope follows, said Anne Marie Stamatidis, president of the Seven Parks Neighborhood Association and



Mayor Jim Newberry speaks at a neighborhood meeting in Elizabeth Park yesterday about plans for managing traffic and parties tomorrow when UK plays Louisiana State University at Commonwealth Stadium.

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## Students organize diversity efforts

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UK student leaders gathered at a student-organized meeting last night to discuss campus diversity problems and solutions that they will present to the administration.

The discussion was led by journalism and political science senior Brittny Langdon, who is also Student Government vice president, marketing and integrated strategic communications junior Patrick Nally and Spanish sophomore Wesley Robinson. Robinson also writes for the Kernel.

The meeting was held to address larger diversity issues at UK, Robinson said, not just the editorial cartoon published in the Oct. 5 Kernel, which likened UK's Greek system to a slave auction and sparked student protests.

Media was not allowed in the meeting to keep people from being quoted who didn't want to be, Nally said. (Three Kernel editors attended the meeting to listen but did not participate or report on it. A staff writer covered the meeting and did interviews after it concluded.)

Obtaining more funding for diversity-related events on campus was one of the solutions proposed at the meeting, Nally said.

"Funding is an issue. We need a fund for diversity," he said. "But funding can't change students' hearts, and the administration can't change students' hearts. We also need to educate students' hearts."

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## McGovern sees repeat of Vietnam in Iraq

By Stephanie Short  
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Former Sen. George McGovern held back tears as he discussed the Vietnam War and choked on his words as he recalled the many broken and bloody bodies he saw during his three visits.

His only hope he took from the war was that America would not go down that road of destruction again. As of now, his hope is dwindling.

"I used to tell my daughters when they would get discouraged about the Vietnam War, in history, frequently, some good comes out of tragedy," he said last night at a speech in Memorial Hall. "I think we can learn from this obvious blunder ... and we will never go down that road again ... I don't know what to tell them now."

Students, faculty, staff and community members gathered to hear the former U.S. Senator and 1972 Democratic presidential candidate compare Vietnam to the Iraq war in his speech, "Legacy of Vietnam and the War in Iraq." McGovern's speech was co-sponsored by the Wendell H. Ford Public Policy Research Center and the Department of History and was part of the Making Sense of the Vietnam Wars Conference. The event started and began with a standing ovation.

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## OUT AND ABOUT



History junior Dylan Williams, right, walks through a door, representing "coming out of the closet," while chemistry junior Justin Baas watches yesterday afternoon for Coming Out Day on the Student Center patio.



Kinesiology sophomore Patrick Sims paints a patch for a patchwork quilt that will be displayed at the OutSource center yesterday during National Coming Out Day.

Students came out to the Student Center patio yesterday for Coming Out Day, which has been an annual event since 1988. The UK Gay-Straight Alliance and the OutSource center sponsored the event this year.

Organizers set up tables with activities such as a bake sale, face painting and a patchwork quilt for people to work on. The event aimed to raise awareness and tolerance of sexual-orientation minorities and to promote support for people who are questioning their sexuality.

## Sororities to hold breast cancer vigil tonight

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Keisha Hilson sees the effect of breast cancer every time she looks at her mother, who is undergoing radiation treatment as she battles the disease.

As part of National Breast Cancer Awareness Month, Hilson, a Spanish and accounting senior and president of Delta Sigma Theta, Inc., is taking part in a campus-wide vigil created to raise awareness of the disease and bring people together who have been affected by breast cancer.

"I want to be more educated and get out and help the cause," Hilson said.

"I'm helping my mom and the cause at the same time, and I can re-

late to the people who are going through it," she said.

Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc., and Delta Sigma Theta worked together to organize the vigil this year, which begins today at 6 p.m. at the Memorial Hall Amphitheater.

The vigil will make its way to the Commons Market on South Campus, where participants can get a pizza dinner for a minimum \$2 donation.

Cameron Stokes, an integrated strategic communications senior and Alpha Kappa Alpha member, said the vigil is one of the sorority's main programs. The event will allow students to speak out about breast cancer, Stokes said, while also helping to raise funds and support for more medical research and technology.

"We are trying to give people a

chance to remember the people who have passed and to remember loved ones," she said.

Men can also suffer from breast cancer, said Ruth Ann Rhanicky at a breast cancer awareness forum Wednesday night at the Student Center.

Rhanicky, a nurse at UK Hospital, said that male cases of breast cancer are often worse than those in females.

Both men and women who have gone through puberty should get mammograms and do self exams regularly to diagnose breast cancer as early as possible, Rhanicky said.

Kinesiology senior Kenisha Brown said breast cancer struck her personally when her mother died in July.

Her mother, Anita Brown, was di-

agnosed with cancer in 2004. The disease resurfaced twice, spreading to her lungs and brain before she died.

"Breast cancer is not anything to be taken lightly," Brown said. "Cherish your loved ones."

Breast cancer has also affected Brittny Fulton, a social work senior, whose mother Lynnette Fulton was diagnosed 12 years ago.

"I was young and didn't know exactly what was going on," said Fulton, a member of Delta Sigma Theta.

But she is happy to have her mother alive, she said, and hopes that by spreading awareness through events like tonight's vigil, others will have the same opportunity she has to enjoy life with their mother after breast cancer.


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By Linda C. Black

To get the advantage, check the day's rating; 10 is the easiest day, 0 the most challenging.

**Aries (March 21 - April 19)** Today is a 5 — It's best not to talk about money in these circumstances. Look sharp and be frugal, and the others will be quite impressed.

**Taurus (April - May 20)** Today is a 7 — As you may know, all communication is not verbal. A lot of it comes from looks, gestures, hugs and other actions. Conditions are great for that stuff.

**Gemini (May 21 - June 21)** Today is a 7 — When you set out on an adventure, you will encounter obstacles. This is perfectly natural, and one of the reasons it's so exciting. Don't turn back.

**Cancer (June 22 - July 22)** Today is a 7 — Being passionate is lots of fun, but caution is advised. The costs may be higher than anticipated. Don't make expensive promises.

**Leo (July 23 - Aug. 22)** Today is a 7 — Some of your secret hopes and dreams are difficult to express. That's OK. Don't talk about them yet. Start working on your plans.

**Virgo (Aug. 23 - Sept. 22)** Today is a 7 — Odds are good you can get more money. Take on more responsibility. Also, let somebody in authority know you're in line for a promotion.

**Libra (Sept. 23 - Oct. 22)** Today is a 7 — Odds are good you can get more money. Take on more responsibility. Also, let somebody in authority know you're in line for a promotion.

**Scorpio (Oct. 23 - Nov. 21)** Today is a 7 — You're a natural businessperson and conditions have been in your favor. Don't get cocky and fall for a trick, the caution flag is out now.

**Sagittarius (Nov. 22 - Dec. 21)** Today is a 7 — Check out your suspicions. They're apt to be accurate. There's something not quite right about something you're being told.

**Capricorn (Dec. 22 - Jan. 19)** Today is a 7 — A private consultation with friends is definitely in order. Together you can separate fact from fantasy in your business negotiations. Get some objective observers involved.

**Aquarius (Jan. 20 - Feb. 18)** Today is a 6 — The Dragon Master expects a fee for what you've just acquired. He/She thinks you stole it, yet you found it fair and square. Make a token offering and boogie out of there.

**Pisces (Feb. 19 - March 20)** Today is a 7 — The Ghost of Past Dilemmas' haunts projects begun now. There may be other delays and setbacks. Can you wait another two weeks? If not, just watch where you're going.

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## THE DISH

# HOT STUFF

Nicole & Joel house hunt in the suburbs

Richie also begins taking mandatory alcohol ed classes

What's next, a minivan? Nicole Richie, 26, and beau Joel Madden, 28, have been touring family-friendly houses in the \$3 million range that all have "large yards, rolling lawns and play areas," a real estate source tells Hot Stuff. (They're looking in suburban Southern California hoodubs outside of L.A., such as Calabasas and Agoura Hills.) More evidence Richie has transitioned from wild child to responsible mama: The two-time DUI offender was spotted October 5 at her mandated alcohol education class in L.A. And just a couple days later, she left for Australia with Madden, who's touring with Good Charlotte. Turns up a Richie pal, "She's doing great, and taking good care of herself!"

Whitney: her cute movie man

The reviews are in: The Hills star Whitney Port, 22, is "really into" her new guy. E! News film critic Ben Lyons. "They've been hanging out for three weeks," says a source, who saw them making out at Lyons' birthday party at Winston's in L.A. October 6. "It's getting more serious!"

Rumer: in tutu on bike

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Rumer Willis, 19, doesn't need workout gear. Demi Moore's daughter "was riding the exercise bike barefoot and had on a crazy rainbow-colored tutu," an eyewitness at Equinox gym October 1 in West Hollywood tells Us. "Everyone was looking at her."

Jessica & Brody — flirting!

He's romanced Lauren Conrad and Kristin Cavallari. Now Brody Jenner, 24, has his eye on a new bombshell — Jessica Simpson, 27. On October 2, the duo met up at NYC hot spot Tenjune and headed with pals to The Box, where they flirted and gawked at the club's racy show (silhouettes engaged in amorous acts). An eyewitness tells Us Jenner lavished attention on the star: "He was trying to kick it with her." Her reaction? "She was entertained and laughed at his jokes!" They left together at 4 a.m. Still, "there's nothing going on!" Jenner told Us the next day at the launch for Lucid Absinthe. "Our tables were next to each other." A Simpson source echoes: "They were just there the same night." No matter what may have happened with Jenner, a source tells Us Simpson has fallen in love — with Man-hattan! During her NYC holiday, she checked out a \$3 million downtown pad.

Drea de Matteo's baby shower

Motherhood is less than two

months away for Drea de Matteo! A crowd of 50 friends and family of the actress, 35, and beau Shooter Jennings, 28, gathered at NYC's Chin Chin eatery October 7 to fete the star at her baby shower (she's due to have a daughter December 5). "There was a Bugaboo stroller with a ribbon that said it's a girl!" a guest tells Us, adding that a group of male guests were glued to the Yankees game. Though it was initially meant to be a surprise party, de Matteo's mother, Donna, let the cat out of the bag when the mom-to-be — who's been suffering morning sickness — said she couldn't go out that night. Says the source, "Her mom told her and said she had to act surprised!" Still, de Matteo, clad in a long black dress, was all smiles as she and Jennings greeted well-wishers (including pal Joy Behar). Says the guest, "She was joking about how much weight she's gained and said she probably outweighed all the men there!"

Jolie didn't see her dad

Though a source tells Us it was the late Marcheline Bertrand's "dying wish" that ex-husband Jon Voight, 68, and their daughter, Angelina Jolie, 32, make amends, it hasn't happened yet. The Internet buzzed with rumors of a truce when Voight was spotted October 7 at the Waldorf-Astoria, the NYC hotel where Jolie is staying.

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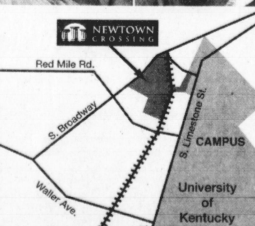
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# BIG BLUE MADNESS

## NEW ERAS BEGIN



Fans packed the stands of Rupp Arena before the UK men's team lost to Florida last season. UK lost to Florida again later in the year, while Florida went on to win the national championship. After a coaching carousel for both the men's and women's basketball teams, UK will start the process of returning to championship form. New head coaches Billy Gillispie and Matthew Mitchell look to improve the Cats starting tonight at Big Blue Madness.

### First-year head coaches share similar expectations

On the surface, Matthew Mitchell and Billy Gillispie might seem like two completely different people.



**JONATHAN SMITH**  
Kernel columnist

Rupp Arena floor at the same time, ushering in new beginnings for the men's and women's basketball programs. And their goals are equal: quickly elevate each program to the high level that UK fans expect.

Let the expectations begin. From the minute he arrived in Lexington, big things have been anticipated out of Billy Gillispie.

The fans greeted him with an impromptu pep rally on April 6 — word broke that he had been hired early Friday morning and by noon, thousands came to meet him at Memorial Coliseum. The perception and attitude about UK basketball haven't been the same since.

One of the main reasons has been because of the instant impact he's made on the recruiting trail.

He nabbed Patrick Patterson, one of UK's biggest recruiting coups in the last 10 years, from Duke and Florida.

He grabbed Alex Legion, a consensus top-50 player who originally committed to Michigan but backed out when then-coach Tommy Amaker was fired.

Both of those players will be counted on to contribute immediately.

With Randolph Morris gone to the NBA, Patterson will likely step right into the starting lineup. Gillispie has already promised to get him at least 15 shots a game.

Legion too seems destined for the starting lineup in his first year. When UK was eliminated by Kansas in the NCAA Tournament last year, the Jayhawks ran around and over a UK lineup that was far less athletic. Legion is supposed to possess the type of athleticism that the Cats lacked.

Those expectations are high, especially for freshmen. But that's just the way things are around the UK basketball programs right now.

Mitchell built his reputation in the Southeastern Conference, with assistant coaching stops at Tennessee, Florida and UK as a recruit-

ing guru.

When he got his chance to be a head coach at Morehead State, he, like Gillispie did at Texas El-Paso and Texas A&M, turned a braided program into a conference threat. He'll be expected to do the same at UK.

That might be a lot to ask for a man that's only been a head coach for two seasons.

Since the 2001-02 season, the UK men have been ranked 4th, 17th, 10th, 9th, 9th and 22nd in the preseason Associated Press poll. This year, they'll probably be closer to (not again) 22nd than 4th.

But that doesn't mean anything. The expectations aren't high because of the preseason rankings but because of the future season possibilities. And because of what Gillispie has been able to do at other schools in such a short amount of time.

The women's team hasn't garnered the same type of preseason recognition as the men. They've been ranked in one preseason poll, last year, at No. 15.

But that illustrates Mitchell's challenge: former coach Mickie DeMoss built a solid foundation that people around the nation are now beginning to recognize. He's going to be expected to produce immediately with four starters returning, some of which he helped recruit to Lexington.

So there you have it. Two coaches who are new to their programs; two coaches who have proven they can turn around a team in a flash; two coaches who are recruiting wizards.

Two coaches, while ostensibly different, who are totally comparable.

Let the expectations begin.  
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# Senior guard eager to 'soak in' his final Big Blue Madness

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When Ramel Bradley laces up his Nikes for his last Big Blue Madness tonight, it won't be the same experience for him as the first three.

Instead of treating the event as a way to showcase his skills, the senior guard is trying to see Madness from a fan's perspective.

"This year, I'm going to let it soak in," Bradley said. "I'm just going to sit back and watch, take it all in. Freshman year, you want to come and show all the fans you can play. Sophomore year, it's like, 'I got a little better, let me show them where I got better,' and junior year is like that too. It's my last year. I want to be a fan."

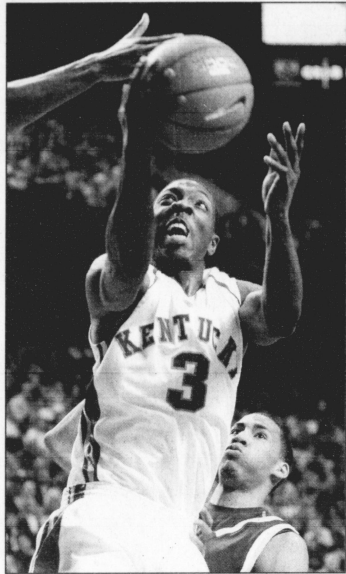
Bradley came to UK as part of the most heralded recruiting class in former head coach Tubby Smith's tenure. Now, he is one of two players — senior guard Joe Crawford is the other — left from that class, and he feels like he has something to prove.

"As seniors, we've been here for four years," Bradley said. "We want to go out as winners. We want to be remembered as winners and great players, and that's our motivation to work harder."

Big Blue Madness originated at UK in 1982, when former head coach Joe B. Hall hosted 8,500 fans in Memorial Coliseum for "Midnight Special" to celebrate the first practice of the season. The event grew through Smith's tenure, and in 2005, it moved to Rupp Arena.

This season over 23,000 fans will welcome the Cats and new head coach Billy Gillispie.

Although UK's coach has changed from last year, the meaning behind the madness hasn't, said Jason Schlafer, the assistant athletic director for



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Senior guard Ramel Bradley attempts a layup against Louisiana State on Feb. 18. Bradley will be participating in his final Big Blue Madness tonight.

marketing relations. "It's still a true celebration of Kentucky basketball," Schlafer said. "It will just be better."

As in the past, Madness will feature player introductions and scrimmages for both teams, videos, skits and a slam dunk contest.

UK named Gillispie its head coach in April, but for many fans, Madness is the first chance to see the new coach in action.

Madness also gives fans their first glimpse at the freshmen class: forward Patrick Patterson, forward A.J. Stewart, guard Alex Legion and center

Mike Williams.

This won't be Patterson's first go-round with Big Blue Madness. The forward, one of the nation's top recruits in the 2007 class, visited UK for Madness last season, as did Stewart.

"It was crazy coming in as a recruit," Patterson said. "You got 20,000 people chanting your name and cheering and trying to get you to come. You could just imagine being a basketball player for Kentucky."

Now, Patterson is ready to go to Madness as a participant.

"I can't wait to finally step foot on the court," he said. "As a recruit, I could just imagine what it would be like. This is my first opportunity, and I can't wait for it."

Though Madness marks the official beginning of the season, UK players got to know their new coach through individual workouts this summer and fall.

Gillispie built a reputation as an intense coach who whipped his team into peak condition at Texas A&M and Texas-El Paso, and thus far, that has carried over to his first preseason at UK, Patterson said. "It's the hardest thing I've ever done in my life," Patterson said. "He lives up to his word. He says (workouts) will be hard and so far they have been. He's running us into shape."

Those workouts helped bring UK together as a team in the offseason, Bradley said. Though he admitted he was glad to get past the preseason, he knows more tough practices will come.

But right now, the senior guard wants to celebrate his last Big Blue Madness.

"This is the most fun we're going to have at practice all year," he said. "It's good to kick off with a party, and that's what Madness is."

## Mitchell embraces challenges of rising program

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On Oct. 15, 2004, Matthew Mitchell was preparing for Big Blue Madness as an assistant coach on the women's basketball team under former head coach Mickie DeMoss.

Almost three years later, Mitchell is preparing for the first official practice of the season again — this time as the head coach.

"This night is about our fans getting to see a group of very hard-working young women and young men," Mitchell said. "I'm not the least bit concerned about it being my first appearance."

Since Mitchell left his assistant job at UK for the head post at Morehead State in 2005, the women's program has undergone a substantial facelift.

In 2006, UK made its first NCAA Tournament appearance since 1999. The Joe Craft Center, the new state-of-the-art basketball practice facility, has helped bolster recruiting efforts, Mitchell said.

"We're now at a different place competitively," he said. "We have made some great strides."

Mitchell was highly responsible for the Cats' improved class even though he left UK to be the head coach at Morehead State; Mitchell helped recruit this year's entire senior class while he was an assistant at UK.

"This class is so special to me because they decided to go to UK at a time when they had options to go to more established

programs," Mitchell said. "Now they've come in and helped establish UK as a program to be reckoned with."

One of those recruits, senior center Sarah Elliott, is thrilled to have her former assistant back on board.

"It's really great to have him back around," Elliott said. "He's a very smart coach that brings a lot of energy to the table."

When a new head coach is brought in to lead a team, there often is a period of time where the players have to adjust to a new style of play. But with Mitchell, the Cats are picking up right where they left off.

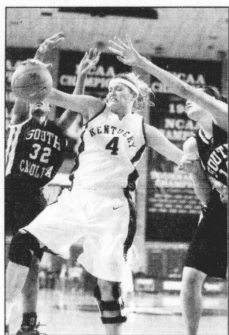
"I think that everyone has already adopted what coach Mitchell is trying to do," said junior guard Carly Ormerod. "The transition is easy because he already knows how we play."

Not only does Mitchell know how the team plays, but his coaching style compares to that of DeMoss. "The coaching styles of coach Mitchell and coach DeMoss are similar," Elliott said. "He works very hard and he pushes us quite a bit."

After a marquee season in 2005-06, UK failed to live up to its high expectations in the 2006-07 campaign. Mitchell is being careful of publicly stating this year's goals, but he acknowledged the bar is set high for the team.

"We don't think we have to get out and talk about it," Mitchell said, "but be assured that nobody expects more of this team than the people involved."

Those expectations begin tonight with the season-opening event: Big Blue Madness.



KEITH SAMLEY | STAFF FILE PHOTO

Senior center Sarah Elliott scrambles for a loose ball against South Carolina on Jan. 4. Elliott is one of four returning starters.

"I've been counting down for weeks now," Ormerod said. "I couldn't be more excited. Coach Mitchell has been fired up about this team from the get-go and I'm ready for the season to start."

Although he's not undermining his personal excitement for tonight, Mitchell is adamant that Madness is about the players.

"I'm a Kentucky fan like everybody else," Mitchell said. "I'll be very happy to be down there. I'll just have a little bit of a better seat than everybody else."

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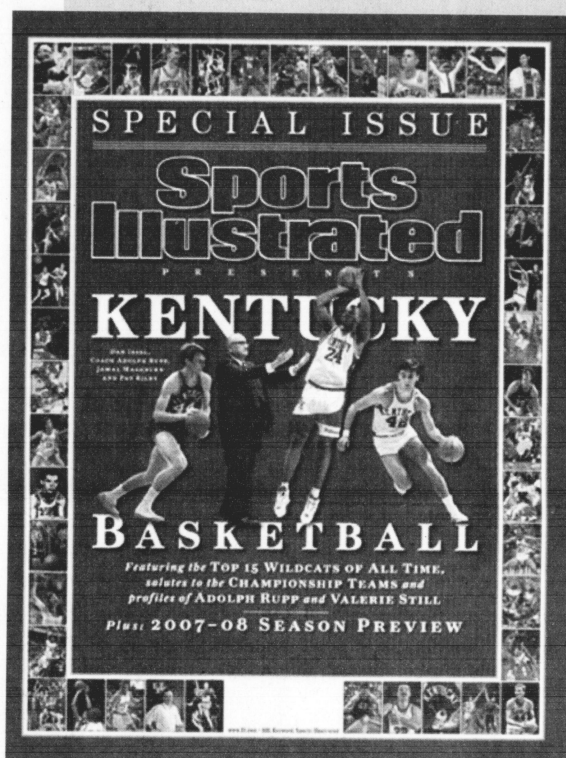
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## Teams around the nation celebrate first practice

By Travis Waldron  
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At 9 tonight, more than 23,000 screaming fans at Rupp Arena will get their first opportunity to see this year's men's and women's basketball teams. The event might be the same from past years but expectations have never been higher under new head coaches Billy Gillispie and Matthew Mitchell. While UK showcases its 2007 teams, other schools around the nation will be hosting special events to kick off the year.

### North Carolina

Late Night with Roy and the Tar Heels features contests, giveaways, a blue-white scrimmage and UNC players performing skits, such as former player Wes Miller's impersonation of head coach Roy Williams. The event, as in past years, is hosted by ESPN's Stuart Scott, a North Carolina alum.

### Florida

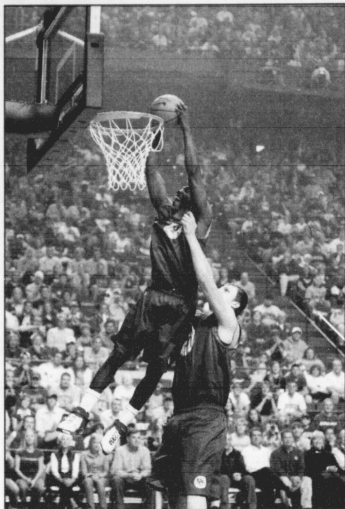
The two-time defending men's national champion cancelled its usual opening Madness-like event, instead offering Fan Appreciation Day on Oct. 21. Both the men's and women's teams will greet fans and sign autographs. The day begins with a video commemorating the 2006 national champions and includes a women's three-point shootout and a men's scrimmage.

### Minnesota

The Golden Gophers will honor new head coach Tubby Smith with Tubby's Tipoff, an event that seems to mirror Big Blue Madness during Smith's tenure in Lexington. The Gophers begin with player introductions before participating in a three-point contest, a dunk contest and a short scrimmage. No word on if "The Barn" will be filled with fireworks and futuristic cars — as Rupp Arena often was when Smith coached UK — but Minnesota students are tailgating prior to the event.

### Indiana

IU kicks off its season with Hoosier Hysteria, which features a volleyball match against Michigan State University and appearances by the men's and women's basketball teams. Both squads are having a three-point contest with the men's and



Lukas Ozrutz helps Ramel Bradley dunk during last year's Big Blue Madness at Rupp Arena. **KEITH SMILEY | STAFF FILE PHOTO**

women's winners battling each other for the ultimate crown. The men's team is also having a slam dunk contest and a short scrimmage. Hoosier Hysteria benefits the Hoosier Hills Food Bank; fans are charged \$5 or two canned goods as the price of admission.

### Ohio State

The Buckeyes won't have a fan event today, but head coach Thad Matta is holding an open scrimmage tomorrow afternoon. The two-time defending Big Ten champion's scrimmage starts at noon and will give Buckeye fans something to do just before their homecoming football game against Michigan State.

### Arkansas

New Arkansas head coach John Pelphrey — a former UK player — begins his tenure by welcoming fans to a short practice and 20-minute scrimmage tonight. Prior to the scrimmage, the Razorback players and coaches will sign autographs for

fans.

### Massachusetts

Another former UK player, head coach Travis Ford, hosts A Night with the Stars, a Hollywood-themed event that starts with players entering on a red carpet while photographed by paparazzi. Students, school organizations, fraternities and sororities are all participating in the event, and fans are encouraged to "dress to impress" for the event.

### Southern California

The Trojans, including top recruit O.J. Mayo, begin the season with Midnight Madness. Much like UK's season kickoff, the event will host intra-squad scrimmages by both the men's and women's team, followed by a three-point contest, a two ball contest, a dunk contest, a fan shooting contest and prize giveaways.

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## Woodson will have the stage, but he'll need more to save the day

The Cats have a number of All-Southeastern Conference selections on their roster, even an All-American in Andre Woodson, but none of those guys will be the difference in tomorrow's game with Louisiana State.



J.D. WILLIAMS  
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The Tiger's defense will be the focal point for the Cats. How UK's offensive line responds, and whether or not it keeps Woodson's standing tall in the pocket against a heavy pass rush, will be the key battle of the game. If you give any quarterback with even a mediocre arm time in the pocket, something good will always happen.

It's evident with Woodson, who is far better than just so-so. When he has time to make a throw this season, it results in wins — five of them to be exact, against one loss.

That's not the only problem UK has. They still have to find a way to score because you can't win by hanging a zero on the scoreboard. If they don't, then tomorrow's game will be a re-enactment of the meltdown in Columbia, S.C., the Cats experienced last week, only this time around the spread on the scoreboard would be worse against the top team in the nation.

The Cats were plagued by turnover after turnover against South Carolina, a game they should have won. So fighting off the LSU defensive line will be essential in a game UK is not supposed to win.

The Tiger's defense has more NFL draft-ready prospects on their side of the ball than UK has on its entire team. It all starts with LSU's junior defensive tackle Glenn Dorsey, who will be tough to handle by any of UK's offensive linemen, and his play will demand a double team.

It will be a wild journey for the Cats the entire game. Once UK finds a way to stop Dorsey, which is so easier said than done, they still have to get through the second level of speedy and beefy linebackers, a position that features senior

Ali Highsmith and junior Darry Beckwith, both all-SEC selections who will be looking to lay the hammer.

But if all goes as planned for Joker Phillips, UK's offensive coordinator, Woodson will get the ball to the third level. There, the Cats will go toe-to-toe with senior safety Craig Steltz, along with the rest of LSU's secondary.

When the ball is thrown into the secondary, the Tigers swarm to it, which is the reason why Steltz leads the SEC in interceptions with four. Not only is the safety good at finding the ball in the air, he's not the timid type that sits back in the secondary straying away from contact and waiting for the ball to be ran his way. He'll come up and make the hit. He's 14th in the conference in tackling and third in fumbles forced.

After all, the Tiger's defense is a jungle, with density beyond anything UK has seen. LSU only gives up 197.8 yards per game, the best in the nation. A beautiful thing for those traveling from bayou country, but utterly disgusting for the home team.

UK has mastered defending Commonwealth Stadium as of late. The Cats currently have a seven game home winning streak dating back to a 24-17 loss to South Carolina last season, which was followed by a 49-0 loss to LSU. In order to make sure back-to-back losses don't repeat themselves, and to keep that home winning streak alive, the Cats can't play streaky. They have to be solid enough on all ends and hope their defense plays well to keep them around in the fourth quarter.

"I've never forgot what it felt like to lose. I know how to lose really well," senior wide receiver Keenan Burton said last week. "The fact is I don't want to feel like that no more. I hate that feeling. I'm going to do everything in my power to give us the best chance to win."

The responsibility to perform well doesn't just fall on Burton or any of the other skill positions, it will be on the other side of the ball that will determine the outcome, positions neither Burton or Woodson play.

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## UK VS. LSU: POSITION BY POSITION

By Eric Lindsey  
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Advantage:

### Quarterbacks

Andre Woodson finally faltered last week. The senior quarterback gave up two costly fumbles and threw his second interception of the season against South Carolina. Still, Woodson has some of the gaudiest numbers in the country (18 touchdowns, two interceptions) and has been near perfect all season long. Veteran quarterback Matt Flynn leads a steady LSU offense as the team's starter, but the Cats need to be aware of backup Ryan Perrilloux. The sophomore's ability to pull the ball down and run could pose a threat for UK.

### Running Backs

UK's run defense will have its hands full defending the trio of tailbacks the Tigers feature. Jacob Hester, the team's leading rusher with 433 yards, runs with reckless abandon, and Keiland Williams is a shifty back with the ability to break long runs. But the Cats need to keep their eye on Trindon Holliday. The 5-foot-5, 159-pound speedster is arguably the fastest player in the country and isn't afraid to take a hit despite his size. The Cats' running game will be severely hampered if Rafael Little can't play tomorrow. As of yesterday, Little was still listed as questionable with a thigh bruise.



Advantage:



### Receivers

Explosive wide out Early Doucet is expected to play for the Tigers after missing the last four games with a groin injury. Sophomore Brandon LaFell has picked up the slack in Doucet's absence with 23 catches for 352 yards. UK's wide receivers were held in check against South Carolina and its No. 1 pass defense in the country, and it will get no easier this week against the No. 1 overall defense. Expect Woodson to look to his go-to wide out Keenan Burton, who already has nearly 500 receiving yards.

### Offensive Line

The UK offensive line was badly exposed against the Gamecocks. The line was out-muscled, out-hustled and just plain outplayed against an athletic South Carolina defensive line. This just in — LSU's is even better. The Tigers' offensive line isn't great, but they didn't allow a single sack against Florida last week and helped the rushing game churn out 247 yards on the ground.



### Defensive Line

LSU's defensive line is just plain nasty. The Tigers' starting four up front make up the best defensive line in the nation, led by All-American Glenn Dorsey. Every week teams know what he's going to do, and they still can't stop him. Florida double-teamed him almost every snap last week and he still managed to record a sack. UK's defensive end Jeremy Jarmon might not be as well-known as Dorsey, but he's playing just as well. The sophomore has already surpassed his sack total from last year, recording an SEC-best 6.5 sacks.

### Linebackers

The defensive line gets all the credit when you talk about LSU, but the Tigers' linebackers have been just as good. Senior Ali Highsmith has been solid at the outside linebacker position, recording the second-most tackles on the team with 37 stops. UK's Wesley Woodyard gets all the attention at the linebacker spot for UK, and deservedly so, but it's been the improved play of Micah Johnson that has the defense playing better in 2007. The sophomore already has 30 tackles, one more than all of last year.



### Secondary

As good as the Tigers' defense has been, they haven't really been tested through the air. Strong safety Craig Steltz has four picks and cornerback Chevis Jackson has been nearly impossible to throw at. The UK passing defense gave up a chunk of yardage through the air last week against South Carolina's unproven quarterback — Chris Smiley. UK cornerback Trevard Lindley lived up to his big-play billing again last week, forcing a fumble at the 1-yard line to stop USC from striking on its first drive of the game.

### Special Teams

The Tigers have a solid kicking game in place-kicker Colt David and punter Patrick Fisher. David is 6-of-8 on field goals attempts and Fisher is averaging nearly 45 yards per punt. Tim Masthay continues to boot the ball into the end zone on kickoffs, leading the SEC in touchbacks with 12. But the return game for the Cats has been nearly non-existent, and Little lost his second fumble of the year on a punt return last week.



### Overall

The Cats were brought back down to earth last week so expect them to come fired up for this one. And why wouldn't they? It is the No. 1 team in the nation, after all. The Tigers might come out a little sluggish after their heavy-weight battle with the defending national champion last week but don't expect too big of a letdown. LSU is simply too talented and too well-coached to overlook the Cats and their explosive offensive attack. If UK's offense can find a weakness in the vaunted LSU defense, this one could be a nail-biter.

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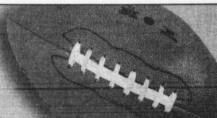


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## NEIGHBORS

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speaker at yesterday's meeting.

While progress is being made, more education is needed for students living in the neighborhoods surrounding UK's campus, Stamatidis said.

"We need to find a way to take the students what they need to know about living in a community," she said.

Student Government President Nick Phelps also spoke at the meeting and agreed that many students are unaware of the rules and regulations that come with living off campus.

Residents frustrated with the state of neighborhoods surrounding UK's campus came forward with concerns following celebrations after the University of Louisville football game, after which a house was con-

demned and a couch was burned outside.

Todd said he was appalled by the trash on the streets surrounding Commonwealth Stadium after the game.

UK Athletics Director Mitch Barnhart agreed with Todd.

"Leave the game on the field and take away the things that shouldn't be left behind," Barnhart said.

Carol Taylor, a 32-year resident of the Elizabeth Street neighborhood, said the situation has progressively gotten worse over the past 10 years, and some games have been worse than others.

Taylor said she has seen more cleanup efforts by everyone in her neighborhood, and said additional street sweeping overnight will help clean up trash and debris left by fans.

"I don't mind the students," she said after the meeting. "There are just a few things we need to cooperate on to make things more peaceful."

## McGOVERN

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"Tonight, I've been asked to talk about two of the most unpopular things you can imagine, the War in Iraq and Vietnam," McGovern said.

While he also spoke of his experiences during World War II, McGovern focused the speech on his view that the United States should bring the troops home and end the war.

"The War in Iraq was not a good idea, it was a terrible idea," he said. McGovern said he believes the American people were misled about the War on Terror in the beginning.

"We were told we had to get in there right now because Saddam Hussein had weapons of mass destruction," he said. "That turned out not to be true. Then, they developed the implication that we were there fighting terrorism, and Iraq was the place where we could respond to the terrorists of 9/11. Except, Iraq had nothing to do with it, not a thing."

McGovern's latest book, "Out of Iraq: A Practical Plan for Withdrawal Now," is a detailed description of his thoughts on a six month exit strategy.

"I'm incapable of walking along that black marble wall in Washington ... 58,000 names from Kentucky, South Dakota, Oklahoma, New York, California, every state in the United States and not being in tears," he said referring to the Vietnam War

memorial in Washington, D.C. "I feel the same way about the boys in Iraq."

Tracy Campbell, a UK history professor and co-director of the Wendell H. Ford Public Policy Research Center, invited McGovern to speak on campus.

"Having McGovern speak on Thursday night is important for this symposium for a couple of reasons," Campbell said. "When he was a Senator and 1972 Democratic presidential nominee, he was a vocal critic of the Vietnam War. But he is more than a presidential candidate, he is also a historian and outspoken opponent of the Iraq War."

Earlier Thursday, McGovern was a guest speaker in Campbell's U.S. History Since 1914 course.

"It's a once in a lifetime opportunity for students to discuss issues such as Vietnam, Watergate and running for President with someone who played such an important role on the national stage," Campbell said.

McGovern is ready for change and would like to see Hillary Clinton become the next president, he said.

"It's hard to think of anyone who's had better training ground than Hillary," he said.

The former senator plans to support her in the 2008 presidential campaign while continuing to work for an end to the war.

"I really believe the time has come for us to get out of there," he said.

## LEADERS

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cate students. It's not just a race issue. All students should be involved."

The best way to deal with problems is not to dwell on them but instead to brainstorm and carry out solutions that address the issues, Langdon said.

"It wasn't just about reaction to recent incidents but about the ongoing problems," she said. "It's about what we can do with each other and how we communicate. Nothing can be done until students take an active role."

A group of student delegates will meet with the administration and discuss racial issues and cultural divisions at UK, Robinson said.

Zulema Hernandez, president of the Latino-American Student Organization, said the ideas proposed are achievable.

"We can sit for hours and talk about what can be done, but to have concrete solutions and suggestions proposed was very important," Hernandez said. "It's important to come up with realistic ideas. It's important to think, what are we doing right now?"

"We as students are the power of

everything," she said.

Including student leaders from campus organizations, not just minority groups, was crucial, Hernandez said.

"Having Greeks here gives what we're trying to do more of a voice," she said.

Alex Garcia, SG senator and president of Sigma Nu fraternity, said the specific ideas discussed strengthened the overall goal of the meeting.

"It is good to see some faces and names trying to lead the way to make change," said Garcia, a psychology senior.

Delegates from last night's meeting will join with members of the Black Student Union and the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People when they meet with UK administration, said Mahjabeen Rafiquddin, director of student diversity engagement.

The BSU and NAACP met Wednesday to discuss and determine the general response and stance of UK's black population in regard to the editorial cartoon. The delegates also discussed the ensuing protests, apologies from Kernel editors and the resignation of former Kernel opinions editor Chad Reese, said sociology senior and BSU Vice President Jonathan Best.

"... Funding can't change students' hearts, and the administration can't change students' hearts."

PATRICK NALLY  
forum moderator

## Squirrel causes third power outage of semester

Power went out in parts of Central campus at about 4 p.m. yesterday after a squirrel chewed through electrical wiring, according to university officials.

The outage occurred from Research Building #3, between the Kentucky Clinic and Scovel Hall on South Limestone Street, to around McVey Hall.

It is the third time this semester a squirrel chewing through wiring has led to power failure, said UK Associate Vice President for Facilities Bob Wiseman. The outages have occurred on each of the main campus' power grids.

"This is not uncommon, but it is uncommon for it to happen to all three power grids," Wiseman said.

UK is in the first stage of planning ways to stop squirrels from chewing through the wiring, Wiseman said.

"Ironically, we got more preliminary pricing on squirrel guards today," he said.

## Recordings reveal new details of Wisconsin shooting

By Gina Barton  
Milwaukee Journal Sentinel

MILWAUKEE, Wis. — Early Sunday morning, Jean Childers called 911 from her home on Hazeldell Ave. in Crandon, Wis., reporting automatic gunfire, or maybe firecrackers. Calmly, she tells the dispatcher she can't tell where the shots are coming from.

She would soon learn Tyler Peterson was in the building next door, killing his former girlfriend and five others.

On 911 recordings released Thursday, Childers agrees to be put on hold as Crandon Police officer Greg Carter's panicked radio call echoes through the dispatch center.

"That's the shooter," Carter says, breathless. "I believe it was Deputy Peterson. My squad has been shot. A 223 round. It went through my squad. He is shooting to kill."

Tires squeal as Carter says the bullets missed his head by just centimeters.

The time is 2:48 a.m. For days, witnesses' accounts of when they called 911 — and how often

— have raised questions about how long it took authorities to respond. Although disturbing new details of the shootings emerged Thursday, those fundamental questions remained. The Department of Justice will not release many of the recordings until next week due to what it calls an ongoing criminal investigation.

Peterson apparently shot himself in a confrontation with law enforcement outside the Argonne home of Paul Kegley about 10 hours after his rampage.

Kegley told the Milwaukee Journal Sentinel his family and some workers on their property called 911 as many as 20 times between 7:30 a.m. Sunday, when Peterson showed up at their house, and around 12:30 p.m., about the time he died. The Department of Justice has said the emergency response team arrived in the area around 9:30 a.m., although Kegley did not see them.

The department will never release a call from Paul Murray, reporting that his daughter, Jordane Murray, 18, and her friends were dead. DOJ Spokesman Kevin St. John said, citing privacy concerns.

Thirteen calls were released Thursday. One dispatcher, in apologizing to callers for putting them on hold and not being able to call them back, estimated receiving at least 25 calls in the immediate aftermath of the shootings. The recordings include a call from a man who feared for his son's safety because the boy was dating one of the murdered girls, and another from the grandfather of one of the victims.

Authorities have described Jordane Murray as Peterson's on-again, off-again girlfriend. An off-duty Forest County Sheriff's deputy and part-time Crandon police officer, Peterson showed up at a party at Murray's apartment and accused her of having a relationship with another man. She demanded that he leave, and her friends called him a "worthless pig." Minutes later, he forced his way back into the apartment with a semiautomatic AR-15 rifle, the same model issued to him as a member of the county's emergency services team. Peterson fired some 30 shots, killing six people inside. Just one, Charlie Neitzel, 21, survived.

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## ■ KERNEL EDITORIAL

# Seek student input before approving USP changes

The proposed changes to the current University Studies Program requirements are nothing short of radical. Freshmen entering UK as early as fall 2009 can expect to have a very different classroom experience than their predecessors.

The proposal calls for 30 credit hours of USP classes, half of which will be freshman courses aimed at providing a liberal arts education and easing the transition into college. The other courses can be taken anytime before graduation and will focus on critical thinking, civics and ethics.

Constructing a new set of USP requirements is a step in the right direction as UK continues to strive for top-20 status. Nevertheless, the exact language and content of the proposed changes should be evaluated not only by the administration but by the students as well.

It is important that the opinions of students be seriously considered before making any changes. While they will not be affected by the changes in the USP requirements, current students have endured the existing curriculum and will be able to offer constructive criticism about the changes. Administrators should solicit and consider student input on the USP proposal; at the same time, current students should take an interest in improving the quality of education for future classes.

Some positive changes proposed by the USP Reform Steering Committee include a greater emphasis on liberal arts education, the globalization of the curriculum, more help for freshmen transitioning into college life and a capstone project that incorporates aspects of other USP courses.

UK graduates should have college with a specialization acquired through their major as well as solid education in the liberal arts. Students can currently fulfill many of their USP requirements by taking classes from within their majors, which is convenient for graduating but means students might

not be getting a well-rounded education.

Also, the current freshman retention rate and the six-year graduation rate highlights the need to aid new college students and make sure they become members of the university community, something that the proposal addresses.

The new plan raises some questions, though, and is unclear about which role other existing programs will play. Credit from high school advanced placement tests is often used to fulfill some USP requirements; if those credits no longer apply, then there won't be much incentive for high school students to take challenging classes outside of their intended major. Also, the courses in the Honors Program currently count toward some requirements, but it's not clear whether that's the case under the USP proposal.

One component of the proposal that is particularly unique is the Foundation of Inquiry classes; freshmen will take six one-hour classes, each of which will be five weeks long. Such an approach has the potential to give students an introduction to a broad range of topics, but the class size could be prohibitive: the proposal calls for 75 to 100 students in each section. While classes of that size work in some instances, the Foundations of Inquiry classes should be similar to the existing Discovery Seminars, which are successful in part because of the small number of students in each section.

The USP requirements are overdue for a revision, and we're glad to see that the review committee is open to radical changes. When the new program is implemented, though, it is likely to remain in place for many years, and the changes should be carefully reviewed before approval. Though they won't experience the new USP classes, current students should still be invited to comment on the proposal.

# Limit congressional terms to keep legislators in check

I struggle to find any faith in the current state of American politics.

Both Congress and our president have disastrous approval ratings, and despite what Republicans or Democrats would like you to believe, it has nothing to do with either party.



BRETT NOLAN  
Kernel columnist

America, with great contempt for the war in Iraq, overwhelmingly voted Republicans out of office last fall, but it soon found out that Democrats were just a different shade of the same awful color. Within less than a year of Congress' new face, a Reuters-Zogby poll rated America's approval of Capitol Hill at 11 percent, according to Reuters.com.

The Democrats have spent almost a year doing nothing but shoveling pork into defense bills and voting on meaningless resolutions. They're really shown what "new leadership" in Congress can do.

Republicans will try to use this depressing year to earn support and more votes next time around. They'll pander to those of us looking for real change in Washington by reminding us of the do-nothing Congress that Sen. Harry Reid, D-Nev., and Speaker of the House Rep. Nancy Pelosi, D-Cal., have led.

By doing so, however, they're going to have to prove that they're any better. And their recent track record has been just as disheartening.

The most recent accomplishment by the Grand Old Party was the Senate condemnation of the MoveOn.org ad in the New York Times, which caused such a stir. Republican leaders thought wasting time to "officially" criticize this ad was showing some sort of effective leadership.

And I thought it was conservatives who were against wasteful government? For both parties, it's no longer

about a political or social agenda they want to push, it's about how they're going to regain or hold on to their power. This, as we see now, has depressing effects on American government.

The problem is the result of the idea that running for Congress is a career decision, not a chance to serve your country. These days, no one runs for Congress with the plan to retire in six to 10 years. Instead, people try to get elected to have a life-long career.

And if you're former South Carolina Sen. Strom Thurmond, or current West Virginia Sen. Robert Byrd, that could literally mean sitting in the Capitol until the day you die.

When a legislator's primary goal is not to do what's in the best interest for America, but to keep the job, the real reason to run for Congress is completely lost. It's not that Washington keeps changing all of these people we're sending there — we just don't realize how long they intended to stay.

The only solution to this problem is Congressional term limits. It can no longer be acceptable for people to run for the U.S. House or Senate with the intention of serving there for the rest of their lives. What could be an otherwise noble honor becomes nothing more than a self-serving career decision.

Why do we expect a president to step down after eight years in office, but view it as a good thing to keep re-electing the same people into Congress for decades? This is nonsensical.

Term limits will remind legislators that their job isn't about themselves, but about the overall good of the country. Sure, it isn't going to stop all politicians from being politicians, but it will end this age of having do-nothing legislators whose re-election isn't even contested because they've been in office since Thomas Jefferson was president.

Of course, that would mean Congress would have to set limits for itself. And you can imagine how quickly that will happen.

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# LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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The way Brad Fletcher's cartoon relies on stereotypes is simply unjustifiable, and both the cartoonist and the Kernel editor have apologized profusely. How they could have overlooked this cartoon's offensiveness is beyond me.

However, I think that the discussion in this cartoon's aftermath has the potential to be productive. The cartoon demonstrates just how difficult it is to stage an insightful and poignant social critique of institutions that are morally suspect. The cartoon intended to take a jab at UK's Greek life, which, like many other universities in the South, has remained as a set of virtually segregated organizations.

It's the same logic of segregation that informs the way many people talk about the neighborhood in which I live. When they say that it's a "historically black" neighborhood, they mean that it's a black neighborhood. The "historically" softens the reality that many neighborhoods are essentially segregated, and it masks the injustice of that segregation.

With the outrage that has followed this cartoon, I'm afraid that many people will overlook the real critique of Greek life that's going on here. It's somewhat unfortunate that Brad Fletcher, the cartoonist, conceded in his apology that he did not "wish to belittle the efforts Greeks have made to integrate their organizations." I'd like to hear more about what these efforts are before I extol Fletcher for making this apology.

Fletcher's cartoon, albeit inappropriate, contains an important indictment of Greek life in many colleges and universities, not just at UK. Fletcher doesn't have to be a professional sociologist to look around and realize that there doesn't appear to be much positive interaction between races in Greek organizations on campus, or at UK period.

Racial reconciliation isn't the primary agenda of any Greek establishment. Instead, fraternities and sororities exist so that young adults can solidify their class and racial identities. All other fringe benefits to Greek life, such as friendship, drinking cheaply, community service, etc., play second fiddle to this primary function.

A quick look at some research reveals that Fletcher's intuition that UK terms of racial reconciliation is not way off base.

Just six years ago, an article in The Journal of Blacks in Higher Education highlighted the continuing segregation of Greek life at the University of Alabama. Another 1998 article in GW Hatchet, an independent student newspaper, deals with the "historically white" and "historically black" issue in Greek life. More recently, a two part series in the University of Michigan student newspaper admits the intrinsic problem of Greek life and racism.

Clearly, many of UK's benchmark institutions are seriously questioning the timeworn tradition of Greek life on university campuses. Perhaps what sets UK apart from these institutions is the skill and tact with which such discussions are broached. But the deed has been done. I hope that Fletcher's cartoon will act as the impetus for informed criticism of Greek life and its social function.

Andrew Battista  
English graduate student

The racial divide at UK has been obvious to me since I stepped foot on campus. Joining a fraternity showed it on a smaller and perhaps more intense scale. Well into my second year here, I hadn't seen anybody do anything about it until recently, when the Kernel started running a few stories that poked and prodded at racial division in the Greek system. But poke and prod is all that they were. Poke and prod has obviously gotten us nowhere.

On Friday, cartoonist Brad Fletcher and the Kernel threw the haymaker. A single image has stirred the emotions of practically the whole student body and has made national news. The image portrayed a part of our history that no one, black or white, is proud of. But it didn't support slavery, it didn't support racism, and it wasn't meant to be funny.

Looking at such a shocking image in an objective way can only yield one conclusion: Though it was graphic and even painful to some, this was a tremendously

thought-provoking cartoon. There is no doubt in my mind that this cartoon was appropriate and it achieved its goal. Failing to take on an issue in order to cater to everyone's sensitivity will never get anything done.

There are two paths to take from here. We can bicker forever about the way something was brought to our attention instead of the why, or we can use the heightened awareness to work toward improvement.

It seems to me that a lot of people have jumped on the bandwagon rolling down the first path, which is one that I find to be more dividing than unifying. I hope that I see a little less of this petty poking and prodding in the days and weeks to come. Hopefully, more people like Fletcher won't be afraid to confront this issue with whatever means necessary.

Luke Johnson  
Geography sophomore

The cartoon published in last Friday's edition of the Kernel has stirred many emotions this past week. While the cartoon was nothing short of inappropriate, I wonder if condoning Brad Fletcher was given too much credit.

Brad Fletcher's twisted interpretation of Greek life at UK is so far from reality that it makes me sick. It saddens me to think that people view Greeks as discriminatory racists while overlooking the fact that the Greek community is made up of such a diverse cultural background.

Anyone who actually believes that cartoon has any truth to it needs to get the facts straight. The recruitment process for both sororities and fraternities is open to everyone. We do not discriminate based on religion, economic status or race.

In addition, the recruitment process is based on mutual selection. We don't go "cattle picking" to find new members, and we certainly don't put anyone on an auction block, literally or figuratively.

While we are not discriminatory, we are selective. We have to be. Every person that attends UK has a chance to participate in the recruitment process and join the fraternity or sorority that best suits them. However, just as every company wants to hire the best candidate, every chapter wants to find the best members based on their own standards.

In order to clear up any misconceptions, no Greek organization has a "Minority Quota" to fulfill. If we don't feel you would fit in with our chapter as a whole, we aren't going to give you a bid, no matter what color of your rainbow you are or how much money your daddy makes.

The Greek community has been working very hard to integrate the historically black and the historically white chapters, and we have made great strides so far this year. I hope that rather than viewing this cartoon as a setback, we can use it to strengthen the bonds of the Greek community.

As for Brad Fletcher's cartoon by any means, but it cannot be denied that he called our attention to a matter that needed handling. And in that respect, it was a job well done indeed.

Ashley Markesbery  
English senior

Brad Fletcher made an excellent point in his cartoon that ran in the Kernel last Friday. Was it racist and completely inappropriate? Yes. Did it open UK's eyes to its problems with racism? Absolutely. I am not condoning Brad Fletcher's cartoon by any means, but it cannot be denied that he called our attention to a matter that needed handling. And in that respect, it was a job well done indeed.

Katie Murrell  
Undecided sophomore

Being an active reader of the Kernel, I was highly disappointed to see the racially offensive cartoon in last Friday's paper. I've never thought of the Kernel as being racist until now. The Kernel has always been able to relate to all races on campus without causing any racial slurs. The cartoon, however, took it to an unnecessary level.

I understand working in journalism can be dangerous and may hurt people sometimes, but bluntly making

a racist comment is unethical. Especially being a journalist in the South, you have to be very careful with how you take on certain stories. The South is already considered a place full of "racist hillbillies," so why fall to those standards and let everyone truly believe that people from the south are racist?

I understand that everyone has the right to freedom of speech, but actually condoning drawing a cartoon that even a 10-year-old could tell is racist is just wrong.

Bluntly naming the fraternities "Aryan Omega," "Kappa Kappa Kappa" and "Alpha Caucasian" is a slap in the face to black people. Also, there is no way that there should have been a black man chained up with white folks bidding on him.

I understand that the cartoonist was trying to show integration, but that cartoon could have been drawn in many different and much more appropriate ways.

With all that said, I'm embarrassed at this point in time to say I'm a student at UK, a place where the student body is having to protect racism — a conflict that should have been dissolved many years ago.

Samantha Schaller  
Communications freshman

It has been one week since Fletcher's editorial cartoon was published, and now I am thinking maybe this is just what our campus needed.

I do not believe the cartoon should have been published, but we obviously cannot change that now. After pondering the whole situation, I am starting to see a bigger picture. Students of all races have pulled together this week to let their voices be heard in protest of the cartoon.

For several years now, President Lee Todd has been promoting diversity. While I do not believe this was the best way to highlight diversity, it certainly has moved the issue to the front burner, and I believe the racial gap will start to be bridged more quickly. In addition, I am confident the Kernel staff will learn from this mistake and the editors will perform their duties more efficiently.

Sarah Wainright  
Journalism sophomore

Judging by recent letters to the editor in support of the publishing of the cartoon and Reese's article by invoking "free speech," I'm awed regarding some UK students' misunderstanding of the First Amendment.

The First Amendment states, "Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion, or prohibiting the free exercise thereof, or abridging the freedom of speech, or of the press; or of the people peaceably to assemble, and to petition the Government for a redress of grievances." This applies only for the legislative, judicial, and executive branches, including the states, but doesn't mean that the press, independent of government, cannot or should not edit itself.

Actually, it's a part of the First Amendment for the independent press to choose what to publish and what not. There's no potential free speech violation here, not in law or spirit, because the Kernel can't be kept a cartoonist or Reese from expressing their ideas in another private medium, like a blog, Facebook or even another newspaper. They have the right to do that, and the student-run Kernel also has the right to determine what appears in their specific publication, meaning they could've just as rightly stopped the cartoon.

Private citizens being able to regulate their own newspaper, especially weeding out garbage from gold, is essential to and is the very spirit of the First Amendment. The argument those upset are asserting, that people don't have a right to their opinion or to publish it their individual way, is made of straw.

What this means is that other private citizens who run independent newspapers also have a right to not and moreover ought not to publish things that are super-offensive and misrepresenting. There are other possible places for that. Nothing is "lost" but an already ineffective cartoon and the humiliation and ire of many.

Devis Whaley  
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## framebyframe | This week's box office hits and misses

### 'Elah' sheds light on heartbreaking aspects of war

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#### In the Valley of Elah

Starring Tommy Lee Jones, Charize Theron, Susan Sarandon  
In the Bible, David faced the Philistine giant Goliath in the valley of Elah. Of course David overcame his fear and defeated the evil giant showing generations to come that if you stand up for what you believe in, you are certain to prevail.

"Elah" tells the story of Hank Deerfield (Jones), a military father who is informed that his son (Jonathan Tucker), who has just returned from Iraq, is missing. Taking the investigation into his own hands, Deerfield attempts to track down his son with the help of the sultry detective Emily Sanders

(Theron). This film roots not only in the mental tortures of war but the aftermath afflicting soldiers as they return home. Although writer-director Paul Haggis (Crash) puts together a slow moving, gripping mystery, the obvious motive of this film is to illustrate that even after soldiers return from war, they are cursed with unseen mental scars that are hazardous to themselves and others. This film shines light on a heartbreaking part of war unknown to most.

The acting across the board is awe-inspiring. Jones has pure command of this film and with his touching, ailing father mode mixed with retired military sternness, he not only acts out this role, but he becomes it.

Grade: B+

#### Opening Today

#### We Own the Night

Starring Joaquin Phoenix, Mark Wahlberg, Eva Mendes  
Two estranged brothers (Phoenix, Wahlberg) tackle the local mob with intentions of rescuing their community from its grip. Even though there is big buzz around this film, it may be a second fiddle to last year's "The Departed."

#### Elizabeth: The Golden Age

Starring Cate Blanchett, Clive Owen, Geoffrey Rush  
The sequel to the Oscar winning "Elizabeth," this epic appears to be overly dramatic. With a rare returning cast, this

historic drama could bring home some Oscar gold as well.

#### Michael Clayton

Starring George Clooney, Tilda Swinton, Tom Wilkinson  
Despite the fact that this thick legal drama has revealed very little on the plot, quite a bit of anticipation is festering for Tony Gilroy's (The Bourne Identity) new script.

#### Why Did I Get Married?

Starring Tyler Perry, Sharon Leal  
An ensemble cast plays a group of young married couples reaching out for relationship help in a marriage counseling retreat. Soon, the characters begin to discover their partners in a completely new way.

### 'Haste' to encourage love with free music tonight

By Kellie Oates  
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Although Stephen Keech loves to scream his heart out, he said it is the words behind the music that matters.

Keech, lead vocalist for Christian rock band Haste the Day, said the band combines their passions for God and music.

"We're all Christians, but we don't really consider ourselves a straight-up Christian band," he said. "We want to encourage people to do positive things, mostly just love on each other, you know? Instead of hating on each other."

Haste the Day, named after a lyric in the religious hymn "It is Well with My Soul," will be performing a free concert tonight at 6 in the UK Student Center Grand Ballroom. The show is hosted by WRFL and Counterfriction production company.

"Ticket prices are usually worked out by our management," Keech said. "But we wanted to play (at UK) for free. We think it's awesome to be able to play free shows so kids can come hang out and see us."

The five-member band from Carmel,

Ind., developed their sound from bands that they grew up listening to such as Zao and Living Sacrifice, Keech said.

"These bands inspired us to play the music we now play," Keech said. "However Saosin has recently inspired us."

The band's latest album, "Pressure the Hinges," was released in March and Keech said because his voice is different from the former lead singer Jimmy Ryan the disc has a different texture and is more melodic than their first album, "Burning Bridges."

"It's hard for me to say, being the new guy, but I think we are a lot more versatile (with this album)," Keech said. "There is a lot more singing, harmony and catchy choruses throughout."

Haste the Day is currently on their third tour with fellow metalcore band It Dies Today.

"We make friends with all the bands we tour with," Keech said. "Some serious, long

lasting friendships have become because of touring."

Despite many hours on the road and staying busy, the band still tries to have fun when they get a little bit of free time.

Recently while on tour, members of It Dies Today had to ride in Haste the Day's van when their vehicle broke-down. They crammed 11 people into the 15-passenger van, and Keech said mischief ensued.

"The first night they stayed with us we set off black cap fireworks in the doorway and one burst in Nick Marusso's (drummer from It Dies Today) ear."

When they are not on tour the band tends to settle down and take things easy, Keech said. "Most of us veg-out and, well, honestly do absolutely nothing," Keech said. "A lot of the guys have girlfriends and fiancés so they spend time with them. I pretty much hang out with friends and do nothing."

The group has played in Lexington once before and, Keech said he is glad to be back.

"We're all Christians, but we don't really consider ourselves a straight up Christian band."

STEPHEN KEECH  
lead vocalist

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