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You may not know it to look at her, but Melody Carswell keeps a secret. She's hidden it from her students, her colleagues and many of her friends. But she's not hiding it anymore.

Bringing life into focus



MARK BOXLEY | KERNEL STAFF

Until she began telling them, most students had no idea that Melody Carswell, a UK psychology professor, was keeping a secret.

STORY BY ANDREA UHDE • PHOTOGRAPHS BY MARK BOXLEY AND HOLLY DAVIS

Melody Carswell tells her secret quickly. She doesn't talk about the embarrassment and pain she's been through; the class doesn't hear about that. She doesn't tell her students about all the dinners and business parties she's skipped, or the time she was stalked by a strange man but couldn't report him to the police because she had no idea what he looked like. And she certainly doesn't tell them that they are about to hear something that few people know. She fits the secret in between the questionnaires and the overview of the class syllabus, right about when the 70 or so students start checking their watches. "Let me share some things about myself," she says as she meanders down the aisle, her tiny magnifying glass dangling from the rope around her neck. She doesn't hesitate, doesn't take a deep breath to ready herself. "I'm legally blind."

See CARSWELL on 6

Students push up sleeves, take in dollars

Part-time job? Local plasma donation companies say students comprise 10 to 15 percent of donors

By Keren Henderson
STAFF WRITER

Quincy Burt, a communications freshman, sits back as a technician prepares his arm and inserts the needle. He watches his blood flow into a device and then return to his body. The whole process is completed in under half an hour. He does not flinch or feel any pain. This is his normal routine. Burt volunteers regularly as a plasma donor.

He joins a growing number of college students who have turned to plasma donation to boost their incomes. It allows him to make money and play the humanitarian at the same time.

The \$55 that he earns each week from donating helps Burt pay for school, books, insurance and car payments.

"Donating is for a good cause, plus it's a benefit for me," Burt said.

Both plasma donation companies in Lexington receive a steady stream of students. Aventis Bio-Services, 1840 Oxford Circle, reported that 15 percent of their donors are students. Nabi BioMedical Center, 817 Winchester Road, said that students make up roughly 10 percent of their donors.

"The majority of plasma donors donate for two reasons — it is an easy way to earn some extra money and it is a good way to help other people," said Kim Cayz, the director of corporate communication for Aventis Bio-Services.

The main concern is not with a student's motivations said Allison Medley, assistant manager of Nabi BioMedical Center.

"We're just interested in getting them in here," Medley said.

She said it is her opinion that it is the money that attracts students.

The rates given in exchange for plasma vary for each donor's body weight. Two donations a week, which is the maximum allowance, pays around \$200 a month at both Aventis Bio-Services and Nabi BioMedical Center.

Neither donation center had official data on where students spend their money. Cayz said anecdotal evidence suggests that students use the money to support their school activities, for entertainment and to buy books.

The plasma centers see the greatest influx of students during the weeks leading up to spring break. Aventis Bio-Services gears their ads directly towards college students who are going to need extra money for trips.

Though biology senior Ben Henshaw has never given plasma himself, his roommates have gone to get extra cash for spring break, he said.

Donating plasma is similar to donating blood. The blood is transferred from a vein in the donor's arm to a machine that removes the plasma. After this filtration process, the blood is returned to the donor along with a saline solution. A donor's plasma is replenished within two hours of the procedure. The entire process takes about 30 to 50 minutes.

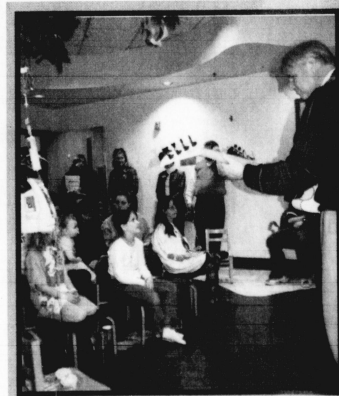
Plasmapheresis is generally pain free, but some students have had bad experiences.

Civil Engineering Junior Mike Adams donates blood regularly but decided to donate plasma when he needed money to put gas in his car. He said after the procedure he became extremely fatigued and had trouble attending classes.

"I hated it," he said. "I'll never go back there again."

But Cayz said that students should look at whom they are helping. Their plasma helps people dealing with hemophilia and immune deficiency diseases. It is also used in emergency care situations.

It is for this reason that Cayz applauds the system as a "win-win" for all involved.



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Happy hearts

Bob Goff plays guitar for children at the UK Children's Hospital Valentine's Day party sponsored by Dream Factory on Wednesday afternoon. The children were also entertained by clowns and the UK mascot Scratch.

ALL THE NEWS THAT FITS

The Low-down

Organization loses grant over remark

WHITESBURG — Magistrates have refused to sponsor a grant application for Appalshop, an arts and entertainment organization in Whitesburg, after a disc jockey on its radio station allegedly made an unpatriotic remark. The Letcher Fiscal Court voted not to endorse a \$300,000 grant application for Appalshop to renovate a building that would be used as an exhibition hall where the public could view the organization's film documentaries and listen to old radio programs. Magistrate Wayne Fleming said he found remarks made by Bill Andy Farley, who has a Friday afternoon program on WMMT-FM, offensive. He said that's why he urged fellow magistrates to refuse Appalshop's request for sponsorship. Fleming, a Vietnam veteran, claims Farley told listeners that America has killed more innocent people than any other country in the world. Farley said he doesn't recall making the statement. "I don't think I said that," Farley said. "I went back through the tapes of the past couple of weeks, and I couldn't find that at all." WMMT station manager Cheryl Marshall said Appalshop will stand behind Farley, even if it means the organization won't be able to apply for the grant from the Kentucky Transportation Cabinet. "We celebrate our country's freedom here on this station by practicing free speech," she said.

Cheryl Marshall, WMMT station manager, commenting on the refusal of sponsorship of a grant application for Appalshop, an arts and entertainment organization in Whitesburg, after a disc jockey on its radio station allegedly made an unpatriotic remark.

Testimony begins in shooting case

LOUISVILLE — A grand jury has begun hearing from witnesses and sifting through evidence in the death of a handcuffed man shot by a police detective, the commonwealth's attorney's office said Wednesday. Under most circumstances, confidentiality rules prevent announcing that grand jury proceedings in a case have started. However, prosecutors decided to confirm the start of proceedings in the shooting death of James E. Taylor after a local television station filmed and planned to broadcast information related to the grand jury investigation, said Jeff Derouen, a spokesman for the commonwealth's attorney. "We would not have said anything but for that," Derouen said, adding that prosecutors are dismayed that information about the grand jury proceedings in the case were leaked. Once evidence and testimony in the case has been presented, the grand jury will decide whether to return an indictment in Taylor's death. Taylor, 50, died in his downtown apartment on Dec. 5 after being shot 11 times by Detective Michael O'Neil. After



RELOCATION: The remains of rock musician Jimi Hendrix have been moved to a new granite and marble memorial that is nearing completion in the Seattle suburb of Renton, Washington. The remains of his father, Al Hendrix, who died in April, and Al's wife, Ayako "June" Hendrix, also now rest in vaults at the center of the memorial at Greenwood Memorial Park and Cemetery, and the cremated remains of his grandmother, Nora Hendrix, will be placed there as well, said Janie L. Hendrix, the music legend's half-sister. The memorial should be finished shortly after the first anniversary of the death of Hendrix's father, she said. "My only regret is that my father isn't still alive to see it," Janie Hendrix said. Hendrix died September 18, 1970, while being rushed to the hospital for an overdose of sleeping pills in London. His initial burial site, marked only by a simple flat gravestone reading "Forever in Our Hearts -- James H. Jimi Hendrix 1942-1970" has drawn a steady stream of visitors from around the world.

the shooting, police said Taylor had a box-cutter knife and although handcuffed, he made slicing motions as he lunged at two detectives. Two people who say they witnessed the shooting have publicly disputed the police account of the incident.

House panel approves cloning bill

FRANKFORT — A bill aimed at outlawing human cloning while allowing university scientists to create human cells for medical research won approval from a House committee Wednesday. The measure, which cleared the Judiciary Committee on a 12-5 vote, would outlaw cloning meant to create another human. Violators would be guilty of a felony punishable by 10 to 20 years in prison. The bill would still allow a medical procedure known as somatic cell nuclear transplantation, in which researchers transfer the nucleus between cells to cultivate human tissue. Researchers would have to register with the state at least 30 days before doing such work. Rep. Larry Clark of Louisville said his bill was modeled after legislation introduced in the U.S. Senate by two Republican senators. Clark said his bill would achieve a balance by banning reproductive cloning while giving researchers the leeway to continue medical research. "This legislation is about curing, it's not about cloning," said Clark, the second-ranking Democrat in the House. The measure sparked debate between abortion opponents — who said the bill didn't go far enough — and officials from the University of Kentucky and University of Louisville, who said stem-cell research could lead to breakthroughs in treating a series of incurable diseases.

Presidential hopeful has surgery

BALTIMORE — Democratic presidential hopeful John Kerry underwent successful surgery Wednesday for an early form of prostate cancer, with his doctor saying there were no indications the disease had spread and indicating that the Massachusetts senator could be out of the hospital as early as Saturday. "Everything looked completely contained," said Dr. Patrick Walsh, chief of urology at The Johns Hopkins Hospital. "I think he's out of the woods." Walsh said he and Dr. Jonathan Epstein, a pathologist, closely inspected the prostate and nearby lymph nodes and tissues and found no suspicious signs that the cancer had spread beyond the gland. Results from a microscopic examination are expected in a few days. "I'm not concerned that will show anything other than what we could see today," said Walsh, who spoke with reporters following the surgery, which lasted two hours and 14 minutes. He said no follow-up radiation treatment would be necessary. Walsh was accompanied by Kerry's wife, Teresa Heinz Kerry, who said her husband was in good spirits. "He doesn't feel sorry for himself," she said. "He's just really grateful that this thing was found when it was." Kerry, a deco-



CLEAN SEX: Three of the four biggest broadcast networks said they have no interest in airing a sanitized version of HBO's Emmy Award-winning comedy "Sex and the City." The fourth network, CBS, would not comment on the possibility Monday. Published Monday, Variety on Friday, said HBO had approached executives at ABC, CBS, NBC and Fox about airing an edited "Sex and the City" as a prime-time series, starting this fall. The show would present special problems for the broadcast networks, given its often-explicit story lines about four single women in New York City. But since each episode would have to be cut from the 30-minute version that runs on commercial-free HBO to about 22 minutes to accommodate ads, raucier scenes could be cut. A successful sale of a sanitized "Sex" raises the possibility of HBO doing the same for "The Sopranos," although nothing appears to be imminent.

rated Vietnam War veteran, wore his military dog tags and a leather bomber jacket bearing his swiftboat platoon's patch to the hospital for good luck. Walsh said Kerry would be walking Thursday, could resume basic tasks immediately and be on an unrestricted schedule after six weeks. Kerry was listed in good condition at the hospital late Wednesday afternoon. The 59-year-old Kerry has vowed to return to work in a matter of days and has said the diagnosis would not derail his campaign for the Democratic nomination. Kerry has represented Massachusetts in the U.S. Senate for 18 years.

Democrats prepare for filibuster

WASHINGTON — Democrats prepared Wednesday for a battle of nerves with President Bush and Senate Republican Leader Bill Frist over the White House's nominee to an important appeals court. Democrats say they will use a filibuster to keep Miguel Estrada from being confirmed for the U.S. Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia Circuit until the Washington lawyer answers more of their questions. "This is no game we're playing," said the Senate's second-ranking Democrat, Nevada's Harry Reid. "This is a filibuster. We have a right to do that." Bush said the Democratic plan to block his nominee, who would be the first Hispanic judge on the appeals courts, was "shameful politics." Frist warned Democrats that he might force them to stay in the Senate chamber at night and on weekends until he gets a final vote on Estrada. "I think it is important for America to understand that your side of the aisle is — whether or not you use the word filibuster or not — is obstructing or stalling a process that is important to our judicial system," said Frist, R-Tenn. Democrats have not yet tried a traditional filibuster on Estrada, although they say they will if necessary. That means lawmakers take over the Senate floor and refuse to allow the Senate to go home or move to other business until they get their way. That type of filibuster is rare today. Senate historian Don Ritchie said, "The old image of 'Mr. Smith Goes To Washington,' and one senator holding the Senate for hours and hours doesn't happen anymore." Ritchie said. Democrats complained about his refusal to answer questions about specific cases, including abortion rights, and to provide copies of the memos he wrote while working for the Justice Department. Since Estrada's nomination in May 2001, Republicans have accused Democrats of treating him unfairly because he is a conservative Hispanic. "The GOP has the 51 votes needed to confirm him but not the votes to stop a filibuster. Democrats can vote against him. That is their right. And if that is what they want to do, that is the proper exercise of their constitutional duty," said Senate Judiciary Chairman Orrin Hatch, R-Utah.

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U.S. planes bombs Iraq, drop propaganda leaflets

Some fliers tell Iraqis how to tune to U.S. radio with anti-Saddam programs

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WASHINGTON — For a second day, U.S. warplanes Wednesday bombed a surface-to-surface missile system in southern Iraq, while other planes dumped nearly half-million leaflets in anticipation of a possible war to overthrow Saddam Hussein.

A statement from Central Command headquarters in Tampa, Fla., said U.S. planes bombed the surface-to-surface missile system near the city of Basra after it was moved into range of U.S. and allied forces in Kuwait.

A similar strike was carried out Tuesday near Basra, Basra, Iraq's second largest city, is about 245 miles southeast of Baghdad in the southern no-fly zone set up by the United States and Britain.

Iraq considers the zones over northern and southern Iraq to be violations of its sovereignty and has repeatedly tried to shoot down the U.S. and British warplanes patrolling them. Iraq has not succeeded in downing a piloted plane over either zone.

The targeting of Iraqi surface-to-surface missiles is a new twist in the periodic U.S. airstrikes in southern Iraq, which usually are aimed at elements of the Iraqi air defense system. The surface-to-surface missiles could be used in a preemptive Iraqi attack on the "no-fly" zones.

The United States has dropped more than 2 million leaflets this month, following the 4 million dropped in January.

About 480,000 leaflets with five messages were dropped Wednesday over a number of locations outside Baghdad and near the southern city of Al Basrah, according to a statement from Central Command.

One version of the leaflet told radio frequencies where Iraqis can tune in to anti-Saddam U.S. broadcasts; another showed allied warplanes bombing military tanks outside a mosque, warning civilians to "avoid areas occupied by military personnel."

Others warned the Iraqi military against shooting at U.S. and British warplanes that have been enforcing the no-fly zones.

The Pentagon also is broadcasting nightly radio programs about efforts to disarm Saddam.

It has sent e-mails to Iraqi generals to encourage dissent and defections and warn them against using chemical or germ weapons against U.S. or allied forces.

Wednesday's leaflets were delivered in two missions, at about 3:30 a.m. and 6 a.m. EST near Al Hillah, Al Qaim, Marjayyah and Al Hashimiyah — all approximately 65 miles south of Baghdad.

Leaflet were also dropped over Safwan, Al Basrah and Az Zubayr—all approximately 245 miles southeast of Baghdad.

The U.S.-British coalition has been patrolling the zone in the south to protect Shiites and the zone in the north to protect Kurds, who both unsuccessfully rebelled against Saddam during the Persian Gulf War in 1991.

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Unranked St. Louis beats Cards

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ST. LOUIS — Downtrodden Saint Louis came up with a victory to hang its season on.

Marque Perry scored five of his 25 points in the final 13 seconds and maneuvered inside for the game-winning layup with 3.2 seconds to go as Saint Louis upset second-ranked Louisville 59-58 on Wednesday night.

"It's so big I can't really explain it," Perry said. "Coach told us if we're real close at the end, you never know what can happen."

The Billikens (9-12, 3-7) were coming off a pair of road losses to middle-of-the-road Conference USA teams, making them an unlikely team to put an end to the nation's longest winning streak.

They entered last in the conference's American Division and in danger of not even making the postseason tournament.

This was Saint Louis' biggest win since a victory over top-ranked Cincinnati in the first round of the Conference-USA tournament in 2000, and the school did it despite 34 percent shooting, compensating for forcing 16 turnovers. Louisville (18-2, 6-1 C-USA) had won 17 in a row since a two-point loss to Purdue on Nov. 30 in the second game of the season, and coach Rick Pitino said the Cardinals' 14-for-20 showing at the free-throw line was the difference.

"They played a terrific game and stopped a streak we had a lot of fun with," Pitino said.

"Now it's time to start a new streak."

This was by far the lowest scoring total for Louisville, which is averaging 84 points, and had no other players in double figures.

Center Marvin Stone, averaging 13 points, was scoreless in 30 minutes.

"Top to bottom, they're a lot more talented team than we are," Stone said. "Hitting was going to be the difference to pull out a win."

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Muslim pilgrims react to bin Laden message

Haji: Final day includes steps to increase safety after pilgrims were crushed in crowd a day earlier

"As Muslims, we are all against war in Iraq, but Osama bin Laden's prayers don't move our feelings or emotions."

— Amer Hussein, from Jordan who attended the final rituals of the Muslim pilgrimage in Saudi Arabia.

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MINA, Saudi Arabia — Hundreds of security personnel directed crowds of faithful carrying out the final rituals of the Muslim pilgrimage Wednesday, trying to prevent a repeat of the crush that killed 14 people a day earlier.

Eight medical teams set up near the three pillars representing the devil's temptation, which tens of thousands of pilgrims filed past and pelted with pebbles in a symbolic stoning.

"Standing still after performing the ritual would block the way of your fellow pilgrims. Please leave the site immediately," an announcer said through a bullhorn in several languages.

Medical personnel were seen giving first aid to several pilgrims, but no serious injuries were reported, according to a security official.

In their annual message to pilgrims on Wednesday, Saudi King Fahd and Crown Prince Abdullah said Islam has warned against terrorism.

"Terrorism means causing havoc on earth and is an aggression against others. We adopt our position based on the Quran and its verses. The world must distinguish between terrorism and the legitimate right of people with occupied lands to deter-

mine their own fate and liberate their land," they said in a statement.

They made the statement a day after the Arab al-Jazeera satellite station broadcast an audiotape purportedly by Osama bin Laden calling on Muslims to help defend Iraq against U.S. attack.

A stampede occurred Tuesday when a group of pilgrims finished the stoning ritual and was leaving as another wave entered, swelling the crowd dangerously on a market street. Fourteen people were killed, and 15 others slightly injured.

"We have increased the level of coordination among all concerned authorities to avoid what happened," said Othman al-Maymani, Mecca's province health affairs director.

Al-Maymani said ambulances could not reach the site of the stampede quickly because of overcrowding caused by the nearly 2 million pilgrims converging in Mina, which comes alive only once a year, during the hajj.

Chanting "Allahu Akbar," or "God is Great," pilgrims threw seven small pebbles at each of three gray stone pillars in the last ritual of the five-day hajj. On Thursday, the last of the pilgrims will perform the ritual, which symbolizes the rejection of earthly temptations.

"I prayed for peace on earth. No wars," Mohammed, who requested not to be further identified, said.

Most pilgrims, preoccupied with performing the hajj, did not hear the al-Jazeera broadcast of the purported bin Laden tape, which U.S. authorities believed to be authentic. But many pilgrims dismissed any advice from the al-Qaida leader.

"As Muslims, we are all against a war in Iraq, but Osama bin Laden's prayers don't move our feelings or emotions," Amer Hussein, from Jordan, said. "We don't need his prayers at all."

Naem, from Pakistan, echoed the same sentiments. "We are not (supporting) al-Qaida, but Muslims will be united in the future because our religion says that all nations will eventually convert to Islam, even the Americans," he said, declining to be identified further.

Able-bodied Muslims are required to perform the hajj at least once if they can afford it. The rituals that began in the nearby holy city of Mecca — birthplace of Islam and its seventh-century prophet, Muhammad — comprise a spiritual journey that, according to Islamic teachings, cleanses the soul and wipes away sins.

Pilgrims are expected to pay a farewell visit to the Grand Mosque in Mecca before leaving. Some also will take time to visit Medina, where Muhammad is buried.

U.S. braces for potential attack after terror level is upgraded

Code Orange: The nation remains at "high risk" of terrorist attacks at the end of six days

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WASHINGTON — Anti-aircraft missiles guarded Washington's skies and Capitol police carried gas masks Wednesday as the nation mobilized to confront a potential terrorist attack.

Federal, state and local governments tightened security, anxious Americans stockpiled food and water, and police responded to scores of false alarms, including reports of suspicious vehicles that shut down commuter bridges in Washington and New York.

The nation remained under a Code Orange "high risk" of attack status for a sixth day, and no change was in sight. Counterterrorism officials said the level of threat information pointing to an imminent attack remained high, but steady.

"If given the choice, al-

Qaida terrorists will choose attacks that achieve multiple objectives, striking prominent landmarks, inflicting mass casualties, causing economic disruption and rallying support through shows of strength," CIA Director George Tenet told the Senate Armed Services Committee.

Tenet said he is worried that a new audio message attributed to terrorist mastermind Osama bin Laden is a prelude to a strike.

He's obviously raising the confidence of his people. He's obviously exhorting them to do more," Tenet said. "What he's said is often followed by an attack."

Fearing the worst, U.S. officials deployed Avenger anti-aircraft missiles and extra radar around Washington since President Bush's decision Friday to raise the alert status from yellow to orange, the second-highest

level. The Air Force has stepped up its combat air patrols over the capital, defense officials said.

FBI personnel assigned to rapid response teams that would react to any terrorist attacks were told to have a bag packed for three days' deployment and put on standby.

U.S. Capitol police were told to carry gas masks at all times. Every officer has them, including those in plainclothes who provide security for leaders and in the congressional chambers.

The weekly FBI bulletin circulated to 17,000 law enforcement agencies urges police to be extra vigilant for possible chemical, biological and radiological attacks. The bulletin asks local officials to consult a CIA handbook on how to respond to dangerous substances should such an attack occur.

In addition, the National Infrastructure Protection Center, which assesses and warns about threats to critical U.S. infrastructure, issued an advisory describing

a heightened chance of global computer hacking as tensions increase with Iraq.

White House security was not noticeably tighter. Presidential aides said they were spooked by the intelligence and felt more vulnerable than they had since the Sept. 11, 2001 attacks. Precautions were taken throughout federal government.

Food safety officials were put on heightened alert but were told the threat did not involve food, said Agriculture Department spokesman Steven Cohen.

Nuclear power plant operators were issued reminders of precautions they should take under a code orange.

The Interior Department's Bureau of Reclamation has increased security at its 58 hydroelectric dams and 348 reservoirs that serve 91 million people in 17 Western states. Precautions include limiting access, closing visitors centers and some roads and conducting random vehicle inspections at some facilities.

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*Institute of Religion: History of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, 12:00-12:30pm, UK Medical Building 3rd Floor
*Deviations & Lunch, 12:00pm, 429 Columbia Ave, \$1.00
*Freshman Focus, 7:30pm, Baptist Student Union
*Conversational English Class, 7:30pm, Baptist Student Union

SPORTS
*Synergy, 8:00pm, CSE Building
*Amnesty International Meeting, 7:00pm, Student Center, Rm. 228
*Amateur Radio Club, 7:00pm, Chemistry Physics, Rm. 163
*ACADEMIC
*Math Tutoring (All 100-level courses), 2:00pm-6:00pm, Math Resource Center, 063 CB
*Resumes for Technical Majors, 3:30-4:30pm, Career Center

SPECIAL EVENTS
*UK Shoshin Do Karate Club, 5-6:30pm, Alumni Gym Loft
*Women's Rugby Practice, 4-4:57:00pm, Rugby Pitch

HAPPY VALENTINE'S DAY!
MEETINGS
*Revel Bible Study, 7:00pm, Student Center, Rm. 245 FREE! Fri 14

LECTURES
*Lecturing Globalization, 2:00pm, Singletary Center, Rm. President's Room

SPECIAL EVENTS
*Phat Cat Car Show April 12th, 2003, Currently accepting applications online at: www.phatcatcarshow.com
*Angel Social Club Auction, 7:00pm, Student Center, Rm. Center Theatre, Admission: \$3.00 with a cash good and \$5.00 without

RTA/MURALS/RECREATION
*Self Defense Kempo class, 6:30-8:00pm, Alumni Gym Loft, Free! No experience needed.

SATURDAY FEBRUARY 15
SPORTS
*UK Men's Basketball Game vs. LSU, 1:00pm, Lexington, KY @ Rupp Arena
*Tae Kwon Do practice, 11:00am-12:30 pm, Alumni Gym Loft

SPECIAL EVENTS
*Arboretum Volunteer Fair, 10am-12:00pm, E.S. Goodham

RTA/MURALS/RECREATION
*Self Defense Kempo class, 9:00-5:00pm, Alumni Gym Loft, Free! No experience needed.

SUNDAY FEBRUARY 16
MEETINGS
*International Student Bible Study, 6:30pm, Baptist Student Union
*Alpha Kappa Psi Executive Board Meeting, 7:00pm, Student Center, Rm. 253

SPORTS
*Judo Club, 5:00pm, Alumni Gym Loft

ACADEMIC
*Math Tutoring (All 100-level courses), 6:00-10:00pm, Commons Rm. 307
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Psychology professor Melody Carswell takes time out from grading papers in her office to get her Seeing Eye puppy, Georgi. This is the second semester she has told students that she is legally blind.



A new outlook
Melody Carswell teaches a psychology and business industry class last semester. This was one of the first classes she had about her disease.

More than 80,000 people in U.S. live with rod-cone dystrophy

By Andrea Ultes
KENTUCKY

Melody Carswell can barely tell one student from the next. The psychology professor sees nothing but rows of fuzzy heads when she stands in front of her classes.

Carswell is one of 80,000 to 100,000 people in the United States who has bilateral rod-cone dystrophy.

It's usually an inherited condition in which the rods and cones — the cells in the retina that see light — are destroyed, said Jaykrishna Ambati, assistant professor of ophthalmology and director of research for the department of ophthalmology at UK.

It's even more common in Kentucky, where inherited diseases show up more because families tend to stay within the state. At the UK clinic, doctors see one to three new patients a month with bilateral rod-cone dystrophy, Ambati said.

The severity of the disease depends on the number of affected rods, which are sensitive to low light, and cones, which are sensitive to bright light.

"Color vision may be affected more in some people and less in others," Ambati said.

Bilateral rod-cone dystrophy may not show up until the teenage years or even in the mid 20s and 30s, he said. Though it is typically inherited, the disease can also appear without reason.

"There are rare times in which we call sporadic inheritance happens," he said. "It just happens spontaneously."

There is no cure for the disease, but there is hope.

"Just last year, there was a very exciting study that reported in dogs that they were able to cure one form of this condition," Ambati said. "I think the future is quite promising because we may be able to do something with these patients."

CARSWELL

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Hiding the truth

At 16, Carswell, a high school senior, visited her grandmother so she could get stronger glasses. Though she had not been diagnosed with a specific disease, she and her family knew her eyesight was deteriorating.

By then, she'd already backed into her dad's car once and driven through her hometown of Chipley, Fla., at night without noticing that her headlights were off. She'd brushed those aside as mere accidents.

But that day her doctor told her something terrible. Her vision had deteriorated so much that she wouldn't be able to drive anymore.

"For a teenager, that was more devastating than the abstract future," she said. "That was just shocking."

She walked into the restroom at the doctor's office and stared at her eyes.

"I was just being mad," she said. "I was mad at my eyes."

about her disability, finding ways to make up for not taking notes.

"I bought all the books possible for the class and read them all," she said. "That was just crazy I was so over-prepared."

When she began teaching college courses, she feared that if people knew she would lose authority and students would see an opportunity to cheat. So she hid.

Asked why she walked to and from work instead of driving, she would jokingly offer up, "Well, I'm a commuter from, so I can't drive."

"Sometimes it's easier to admit that than it is the truth," she said.

For years, she's fooled her students into thinking she could see.

She has tricks. She focuses on the dark pits of a face where eyes would be so it appears she's making eye contact. She tells students to move up so she won't have to yell, when she really just wants to see them. Outside the classroom, she pretends to recognize students when she really doesn't.

"Sometimes (tricks) don't work and you know they don't work," she said. "So you decide, 'Well, I'm going to be sneaky today.' So you just be sneaky."

But there are tell-tale signs that something's different: the strange contraptions on her desk, the talking watch on her wrist, the fact that a trip to Kroger takes longer because she has to get close to shelves to read the labels.

One time she attended the wrong awards ceremony, dying in and out of conversations with people she thought she knew. She slinked off, embarrassed.

Even two years ago, Carswell was so scared of being caught and looking vulnerable to admit she saw body shapes, maybe hair and dark spots where students' eyes are.

"After the first row, I just see a bunch of basically oval heads," she said. "Just lines of heads with different colored hair."

No more pretending

But the years of pretending to have normal vision have taken their toll.

Carswell doesn't have as much energy to keep up the lie.

"The lying is too hard," she said. "I'd rather use my energy for other things."

It's a change that has come with age and 15 years of teaching. At 43, she doesn't care about acceptance like she used to.

"I guess I just don't feel that I need to prove my authority anymore," she said. "It's sort of taken me this long to say, 'OK, I feel comfortable enough with these classes now.'"

When she first admitted her disability to a class last semester, she couldn't tell exactly what the expressions were, and she didn't hear anything.

"I remember thinking it was the first time in the class when there had been silence," she said. "Part of me was churling in the background, wondering what they were thinking."

Kyle Hobbs, a psychology junior who had Carswell in a class last semester, said he was shocked when he found out. "I couldn't see how someone

was able to do that, but she does just fine," he said. "At first, I really kind of wondered about it. As the year's gone on, I don't even think about it anymore."

Telling her class made teaching easier. The students flip their papers in large type, wave their hands instead of raising them and identify themselves each time they see her so she knows who she's talking to.

"So far, I've been very pleasantly surprised," she said.

She's decided to open up to more than just her students know about her disability she said.

Her sister said that this is a whole new side of Carswell that's coming out.

"Melody is more introverted, I am more extroverted," Blide said. "It's just come out and you 'Listen guys I've got a problem' and be more forthright. This is, I think, one step in her becoming a little more extroverted."

Carswell's main hope is that her story will encourage blind students on campus to report their disabilities and make their lives easier.

This year, three students in her classes have told her that they are legally blind, more than in years past. According to the UK Disability Resource Center, there are 25 students who are blind or visually impaired on campus, but that number represents only the students who have taken the initiative to report their disabilities.

"I think there's the tendency not to talk about it and to fake it because you don't want that to be your one aspect," Carswell said. "You don't want to necessarily be known as the blind one or the one with the hearing problem or the one in the wheelchair."

Resources

To read and grade papers in the past, Melody Carswell had to use a desktop machine to blow up the words large enough for her to see. Now, Carswell is able to use a handheld device (on desk in front of screen) to do the same things.

A new focus

Now that she has shared her secret, she's enjoying the new freedom.

"What used to be an obstacle, like grabbing a meal at McDonald's, has gotten easier."

"I've gotten better about saying, 'Look, I can't see it. What kind of in-burger combos do you have?'" Carswell said.

But there are still moments when she reverts to her old self.

"She recently got into a conversation with someone she'd worked on a grant with, but she didn't realize who it was until he finally reintroduced himself."

"I thought, 'Oh god, he thinks I've gone insane,'" she said.

Later that day she was so upset about the incident that she crossed I-75 Avenue against the light. At home, the whole day's events played over in her mind.

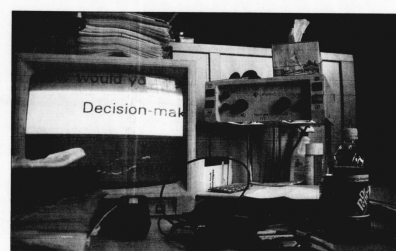
"I thought, 'This is crazy to obsess about it like this.'"

She's ready to change.

She sits in her office on a recent weekday surrounded by antique furniture and ornamental jugs from China, she seemed calm, satisfied with herself. She knows that changes are ahead. She's optimistic. But she's also determined.

From now on, she plans to face difficulties openly, she's tired of the facade.

"You can certainly fake it, but you're not living fully if you're faking it all the time."



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Melody Carswell watches television at home with her dog Georgi last semester. Carswell uses a remote control with enlarged buttons due to her visual impairment.



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Stigma keeps some from telling about disability

By Andrea Ultes
KENTUCKY

Many people hide their disabilities because of the stigma associated with them and the need to seem "normal," said Jake Karnes, director of UK's Disability Resource Center.

While some people may be comfortable acknowledging their disabilities, "there are others who may feel like it's a personal thing and they're not going to reveal it unless they feel it's totally necessary," Karnes said.

This is reflected at UK. Nearly one-third of the students registered at the resource center didn't come for help until they'd been at UK for at least a semester, said Susan Fogg, a support staff member at the resource center.

Most of those students are legally blind but don't need any special equipment to read or see students with cognitive disabilities, she said. But there have been times when students in wheelchairs and totally blind students chose not to ask for assistance, she said.

While disabled students may have welcomed help in high school, it's different when they come to college, she said.

"They think they want to be like everyone else when they go to college," Fogg said.

But many of those students who hide their disabilities quickly end up on academic probation, she said.

"Those concerned with how they'll do academically know it will be academic suicide if they don't get help," Fogg said.

Karnes said the stigma with disabilities is a societal issue, but noted that views of disabilities have improved during his 22 years at the office.

Years ago, mainly students with visible disabilities would come to the office, he said.

People with disabilities were segregated, said Barry Fleming, training director for the UK Interdisciplinary Human Development Institute, a center that focuses on education and research in the developmental disabilities.

"People with disabilities used to be hidden away," he said. "They didn't go to school in a regular classroom, they didn't work, didn't get out in the community because buildings weren't accessible."

The improvement of the public's attitudes toward disabilities is a matter of inclusion, Fleming said. "People are growing up, going to school and living with people with disabilities," he said. "I think it's just exposure to people and a willingness to accept diversity."

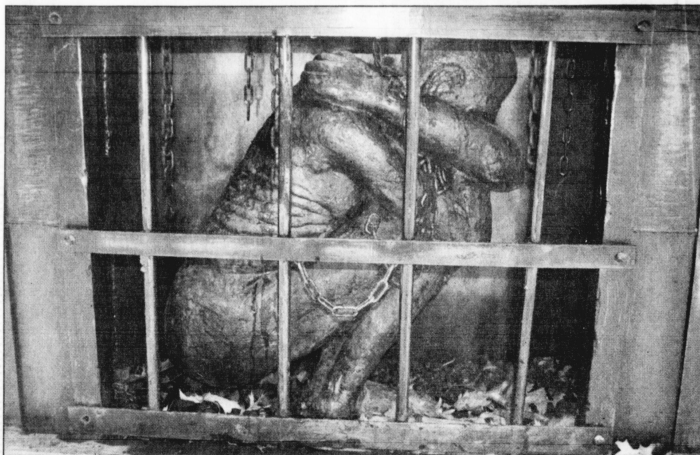
Fogg remembers a time when many UK professors were annoyed to help any disabled students. Now attitudes are better, she said, but it is sometimes a struggle to get some professors to cooperate.

Security still has a ways to go, Fogg said. "You can't change attitudes overnight."

You don't want to necessarily be known as 'the blind one' or 'the one with the hearing problem' or 'the one in the wheelchair.'"

-Melody Carswell, UK psychology professor

A look at the STRANGER SIDE of campus



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Locked in

The Master Lock sculpture by the Student Center has raised eyebrows on campus for three years. Sculpture professor Gary Bibbs said that even though the sculpture has since been vandalized, "it got a reaction, so it works."

Weird: Students question curious sights on campus, professors, art majors, contractors have the answers

By: Brittany Clark
STAFF WRITER

Confusion occurs when students first lay eyes on the Master Lock sculpture in front of the Student Center. Some students find themselves wondering what it is and why it's there.

"When I first saw it I thought it looked like the Creed album cover," said C.L. Belden, a finance junior. "After awhile you get used to it."

The piece which looks like a lock on one side with a man crouched in the fetal position is imprisoned on the other is a Master Lock play on oppression, said Gary Bibbs, sculpture professor.

"The lock is a visual play on a formal racial statement," Bibbs said.

Kyle and Kelly Phelps, now faculty at University of Dayton, crafted the piece as UK art students. Since it's arrival on campus three years ago the piece has been vandalized, including the theft of part of the lock.

The Master Lock sculpture isn't the only odd thing

students have seen on campus.

From caged artwork to new developments there are some peculiar features on campus and sometimes their explanations are even weirder.

On the corner of South Limestone and Virginia, a new structure is beginning to take shape.

Stephanie Smith of Gilbane Building Company, general contractor for the project, has all the answers. The current four-story scaffolding will become the new Biomedical Biological Sciences Research Building for UK.

"The project is expected to be complete in November of 2004," Smith said.

"The BBSRB is part of a strategic plan to increase our research facilities. We need quality laboratory space at the university," said Chuck Staben, Acting Director of the Biology Department. "This building is primarily going to be a space for biomedical and biological researchers."



BRITTANY CLARK | KERNEL STAFF

Colored flags identify plants-to-be in Dr. Krupa's Matthew's Garden behind Funkhouser. The plants should bloom in the Spring.

Another odd sight on campus can be found just across the street from the construction. Hundreds of colored flags are planted all over a fenced-in yard behind Funkhouser, for no apparent reason. James Krupa, a biology professor, offers an explanation for this curious display.

"I'm involved in a lot of weird stuff on campus. The flags will be plants in the spring. Right now those flags are telling me where to water and dig," Krupa said. Krupa took over care of the space, called Matthew's Garden, after it became overgrown. There are over 4,500 plants in the plot. "They have physically drained me more than I can describe, and I still have 800 more to plant. You will be able to see almost every type of plant that grows in Kentucky forests when it is finished."

Outspoken to rock Valentine's

True: Newly formed band sticks to the roots of mainstream rock music

By Robbie Clark
ASSISTANT SCENE EDITOR

Valentine's Day can bring a bushel of lovely flowers, chocolate covered strawberries or maybe even a romantic candlelight dinner.

For Lexington music fans, this lovey-dovey day offers an unorthodox option to woo your date.

Outspoken, an upcoming quintet from Louisville, is playing tomorrow night, Valentine's Day, at AIA.

"We're a mainstream rock band," said front man David Frazier. "We're not grunge or power-pop, and we're not sitting around whining about what's wrong with our lives."

The other members of the band include guitarist Kevin McCreery, bassist Frank Green, guitarist Shaun Kennedy and drummer Donnie Highland. Making positive music is

the driving force for Frazier, who writes most of the lyrics for the group's songs.

"Music today is just whiny," he said. "You're not alone just because you've had a rough life, and these artists don't give any insight to make it better."

The group has been playing together for two years and was formed in an unconventional way for a rock band.

"I needed a guitarist who could sing, write and play any style of music," he said. "I needed one guy to get some skeleton sketches down to show other people."

The first, and only, person to respond to the ad was McCreery, who lived over 600 miles away in Saginaw, Mich. After several trips back and forth, McCreery moved to Nashville, and soon the duo began producing the type of music both were looking for. "It was a lucky find," Frazier said.

Adding on to his luck, Frazier incorporated the other three members of Outspoken from the recently broken-up Louisville band What Ever Will, who had been



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Third-place vote getter Joe Schuler comforted his runningmate, Carrie Sparrow, after voting results were announced.

playing together for over six years.

With these members already familiar with each other, Outspoken did not face the same problems of a newly formed band.

"It was tight right away," Frazier said. "They had six years of friendship and playing together. That's a lot to overcome when you're mak-

ing a band."

The band's debut album, *Bitter Shovel*, will be released on Feb. 18. Frazier said the title comes from constantly pessimistic people who never want to see anybody succeed.

"They're always playing for your demise, holding the shovel ready to dig your grave," he said.

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Bat Cats' first pitch set for this weekend

Rebuilding: Baseball team needs to lose selfishness to win games and gain respect within in conference

By Tim Wiseman
STAFF WRITER

A week before opening day, the UK baseball team practiced in the snow.

That same day, their first opponent, Stetson, ranked in the top 25 in multiple polls, practiced in the Florida sunshine.

And that is the challenge of UK baseball — fighting the elements as well as the baseball powerhouses of the South.

Last season, the challenge proved too much, as Coach Keith Madison endured what he called, "the toughest year of my career." Not much went right as injuries and losses mounted. The squad finished 17-36 and set a school record for the most losses in a season.

For fifth year senior and co-captain Caleb Brock, this season is a second chance. His senior year ended with a broken foot and a bad taste in his mouth. Now, he and his teammates look to forget last season's pain.

"We have to come into this season with a chip on our shoulder, to prove to people that we can play," said Brock, the team's starting catcher. "We have to gain respect in this league."

Season opener

The Bat Cats begin their season Feb. 13 in Betand, Fla., against Stetson in the Amtrak Invitational. UK's first home game is March 5 against East Tennessee State.

In the Southeastern Conference, that is a supreme task, as four of the league's 12 schools are ranked in the top 25. The early non-conference schedule is no easier. The Cats open with Stetson, and then they face No. 4 Rice just a few games later.

Madison welcomes the difficult beginning, and the opportunity it brings for learning about his team.

"More than anything, these first nine games on the road, I am figuring out who is going to compete, who really wants to be in that lineup," said Madison, who is entering his 25th season as UK head coach. "I feel like I am going to learn a lot about this team."

There is plenty to learn about this young team. Many newcomers join the team, and their contributions will be vital. Players like junior college transfer Joe Naill will need to make an immediate impact both on defense and offense.

"Joe's an exceptional defensive player who has good hands and an outstanding arm," Madison said. "Offensively, he is blessed with great speed."

Mike Breyman, another transfer, is expected to anchor the middle of the lineup and drive in runs. Transfer pitchers Heath Castle and Seth Stanley will add maturity to the Cats' young lineup.

These transfers join returning players such as senior pitcher Scott Wade, junior second baseman Spencer Graeter, and senior first baseman Gordon Tyler.

Wade was a standout as a sophomore and looked to be drafted after his junior season. But things did not

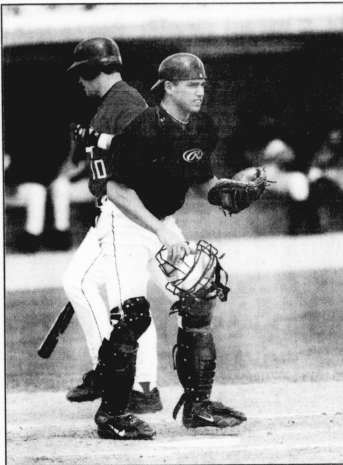


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Good catch

UK catcher Caleb Brock ended last season with a broken foot. As co-captain this year, Brock hopes to lead Bat Cats to success.

work out like that, and Wade is back to prove himself. Graeter led the team in hitting last season, and Tyler is expected to be one of the team's leaders alongside fellow captains Wade and Brock.

With the new players and those returning, Madison looks to build a more cohesive team. Last season, he saw the team as "selfish," and that attitude was reflected in the Cats' record. To win, Madison said, players must embrace their roles and put the team first. He

considers this his greatest challenge, because "everyone wants to be on SportsCenter these days."

Now, Madison feels he has a team with that selfless attitude. "We have the character needed to win," he said.

That character will be tested immediately, but players like Brock cannot wait. "We are anxious to get out there," Brock said. Erasing the memories of last year will be a challenge, but as Brock said, "we have nothing to lose."

SportsBytes

Brooks kicks off annual blood drive

UK football Coach Rich Brooks will tip-off the Ninth Annual "Game for Life" blood drive competition between UK and Arkansas with a blood donation on Thursday.

Brooks' donation will be the ceremonial "first pint" of the annual competition between the two schools. Fans may get involved by donating blood on Feb. 14, 17, and 18 at all CKBC sites and mobile collection centers. The CKBC has locations in Lexington, Hazard, Somerset, Prestonsburg and Pikeville.

The need for blood donation is especially urgent at this time. The CKBC has agreed to be one of the organizations that will supplement the United States military blood supply if that becomes necessary.

UK track continues stay in the rankings

The UK men's and women's track teams stayed in the rankings for the fourth week of the season with the women tied for 15th and the men ranked 14th in this week's Trackwire Top 25.

The Cats take to the road for the first time this season on Friday, Feb. 14, when they travel to Fayetteville, Ark., for the Tyson Invitational. It's UK's final tune-up before the Southeastern Conference Championships, March 1-2, in Gainesville, Fla.

Rifle Cats prepare for NCAA tournament

The UK Rifle Cats took a gigantic step toward qualifying for next month's NCAA Rifle Championships by taking first place last weekend in the NCAA Rifle Sectional at Murray State. Two-time All-American Bradley Wheeldon led the Cats sweeping both smallbore and air rifle events.

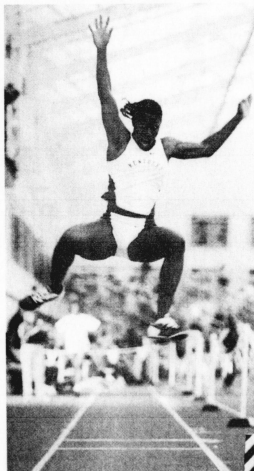
UK will return to action Saturday at Jacksonville State before competing in the Great American Rifle Conference Championship Feb. 21-23.

UK men's golf finishes 11th in Florida

The UK men's golf team finished 11th in the Gator Invitational at Florida's University Golf Course in Gainesville last weekend

Simidele Adegobo competes in the long jump at the SEC challenge. Adegobo and the track team travel to Fayetteville, Ark. Friday to compete in the Tyson Invitational.

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with a score of 901, 32 strokes off the lead.

Sophomore John Holmes led the Cats in scoring to finish in sixth place individually, seven strokes behind Augusta State's Oliver Wilson. Augusta State won the

tournament with a three-stroke advantage over host Florida.

UK is off until March 10 when it heads to Tallahassee, Fla., for the Seminole Intercollegiate at the Golden Eagle Country Club.

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Black History Month: celebration for us all

We're only halfway through Black History Month and already grumbles can be heard around campus: "Why do we have a whole month set aside for African-American history? Why don't we have a white history month?"

It's an argument that has come to be expected with each Black History Month. But just because it's common doesn't mean it should go unaddressed.

The simple answer is, of course, that practically every general history class taken by UK students focuses on white, European history. And every literature class, and every humanities class and so forth. Black History Month was initiated because of the dearth of African-American topics taught in regular classes. All that anyone ever learned about African Americans was that they were shipped over as slaves.

It's true that American culture is becoming more aware of the lack of diversity in our scholastic endeavors. More and more profes-

sors are integrating African-American achievements and influence into material that used to be dominated by "white" history. This can only enrich the quality of education students receive.

But our country is not so far along that we can simply drop a special month of recognition for black history. Remember, only 40 years ago, UK had segregated dormitories and sports teams. The wonderful events highlighted throughout this month demonstrate that there's still much more everyone can learn about African-American culture.

Instead of complaining about the month, people should make an effort to participate in it. Go to a lecture; hear a concert; watch a screening of a movie. Re-evaluate the history that has been taught with the new information gleaned from these experiences.

Black History Month isn't just for African Americans. It's everybody's history month.

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Democratic process should determine whether U.S. invades Iraq

Only a select number of U.S. presidents ever have the opportunity to give the Final Speech — the last official act by the executive branch before their policy brings the United States to war.



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Usually, this speech is given before a joint-session of Congress, which is where President Woodrow Wilson launched U.S. intervention into World War I, the global conflict that threatened to obliterate Europe.

Sometimes however, a more private and personal declaration is necessary, such as when President George W. Bush's father spoke solemnly to the nation in 1991 from the confines of the Oval Office. Anyone who has even a minute understanding of the U.S. Constitution is clearly cognizant of the fact that only Congress can formally declare war. Ostensibly, this was arranged by the founders to ensure that a president could not single-handedly drag America into a conflict.

But in actuality it has been several generations since Congress last declared war. Yes, Congress approved the Gulf of Tonkin Resolution and the Gulf War Resolution, but neither President Lyndon Johnson nor Presi-

dent George H.W. Bush formally asked for a declaration of war.

This is what George W. Bush must do in the coming weeks. The president has been derided before for lacking intellectual curiosity, and he has acknowledged that he is a gut player, or one that refrains from the textbook.

It is abundantly clear Bush believes Saddam Hussein is a threat to the United States, that disarming Saddam is merely a pretense for full and complete regime change. Whether the president has ultra-secret National Security Agency intelligence intercepts or truly has a Stevenson Smoking Gun is almost irrelevant in this case; for no one in the nation can legitimately claim to know more than our chief executive. Not his detractors from across the aisle, nor Hollywood movie stars nor military hawks who dream of revamping the Middle East.

The president must articulate his position, as best he can, that America has to go to war with the Baath Party, with Baghdad and with Saddam Hussein. Sen. Robert Byrd, D-W.V., and Sen. Edward Kennedy, D-Mass., have clamored for another opportunity to debate and mull over an imperative issue. They are correct in asserting that they authorized the president to use his discretion in this affair because they did not vote for war.

Now, one way or the other, they must. War is a deadly serious endeavor that requires the most strenuous circumstances. If Bush were to be defeated by a 51-49 Senate vote, the United States would not engage in direct military assaults on Baghdad. But the United States would of course retain the right to compel Iraqi disarmament (or at least acknowledgment) through the mechanism of the United Nations.

Yes, it has been a long while since the U.S. Congress, speaking for the people, has voted on an issue of this importance. But Congress members must exercise their constitutional authority, or else everyone suffers.

I have been against the possible invasion of Iraq per se, almost since the topic first surfaced in the fall of 2001. My position would change, if Congress (with helpful hints from their constituents) voted on the matter. No more U.N. resolutions, instead the American people must decide whether they want to do this or not.

If we feel the need to depose a leader of a sovereign nation for reasons ranging from failure to follow international law, to connections with terrorism, to harboring weapons of mass destruction — we need to say so. This cannot be like Vietnam, Grenada, Panama or a similar circumstance. This

READER RESPONSE

Affirmative action benefits more than just minorities

To the editor:

The detractors of affirmative action usually argue that non-whites in this country have a chip on their shoulders, and that they would prefer to live from government handouts. Those who support affirmative action counter that evidence of hate crimes against all ethnic groups, slavery, past years of Jim Crow laws, exploitation and discrimination warrants educational and occupational reparations.

Although it is widely noted that affirmative action began in the '60s during the Civil Rights Movement, supposedly to help African Americans, and was formalized during the Nixon era, what we know as affirmative action today can be traced back to the G.I. Bill of Rights, also known as the 1944 Serviceman's Readjustment Act.

The bill affected millions of white American soldiers receiving educational benefits, preferential hiring and low interest mortgage rates. In fact, according to The G.I. Bulge, Syracuse University's tribute to students who attended the university under the G.I. Bill, veterans accounted for 49 percent of U.S. college enrollments by 1947. The total cost was \$14.5 billion, and 2.3 million American students were supported by the bill in a period of just five years, 1945-1950.

Today, whites continue to make use of policies that are about preference and need. Political lobbyists and officials at all levels of government are successful each year in obtaining mass transit subsidies for predominantly white suburban commuters, tax breaks for corporations, subsidies for middle class home buyers and price supports for certain farms.

A case can also be made for the public school system in America, a system that exhibits documented disparity between whites and non-whites. It is no small fact that inner-city schools are largely populated with non-white students who often lack qualified educators, material support and adequate infrastructure as compared to those of white suburban schools.

To bring this issue a little closer to home and to show another example of preferential treatment, let us be aware that, according to the UK Alumni Association e-Alum Wise! Newsletter, Feb. 15 is the deadline for children of UK grads who live out-of-state and will attend UK in fall 2003 to apply for the legacy in-state tuition program. This year about 170 out-of-state alumni families have a student enrolled at UK on the program."

White students and young adults have much to fear, such as war, terrorism and drugs — but not being shutout of occupations or educational institutions. As per the Office of Federal Contract Compliance Programs, "Affirmative action never has been intended to require or create preferences. Nor does it entail hiring or promoting the unqualified. Moreover, affirmative action is not merely a race issue, but benefits women, persons with disabilities and veterans under Executive Order 11246, Section 503 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 and Section 4212 of the Vietnam era Veterans Readjustment Assistance Act of 1974 — all of which require affirmative action programs." "Affirmative action benefits all Americans."

White Americans are not necessarily to blame for the problems that face non-whites, and I challenge all Americans to continue to help repair the disparities that separate us.

With good conscience, Americans should know that affirmative action under Executive Order 11246 does not require employers to hire or promote on the basis of race or gender. Nor does it require that enrollment goals equal or reflect the proportionate representation of the states populations. To do so implies the creation of guarantees for specific groups. If administrators and agencies want to set goals, then that process should be used to measure the effectiveness of affirmative action, not a goal of how to achieve affirmative action. Affirmative action is a process that should be preventative and inclusive.

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Bush, disrespected by a sizable minority of the anti-war movement, has an opportunity to demonstrate the new American policy ... "

Bands ready to battle at Kappa Delta contest



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A shortage of Ham

Addison from left, Danny Garcia, Jonathan Power and Will Shafer practice for "Battle," without Russ Ham, who was called to the National Guard.

By Steve Ellerman
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Six bands, with musical styles ranging from acoustic bass rock to nu metal, a new form of heavy metal, will invade campus today for Kappa Delta's annual Battle of the Bands.

Each of the bands will perform songs to be voted on by a panel of judges and those who attend. To the winner goes 10 hours recording time at Beaton's Recording Studio and an album cover photo.

"[The competition] really plays to college students," said Stephanie Ashman, coordinator of the event. "It's a way for bands to break into the local scene."

The battle will begin at 6 p.m. in the Student Center Ballroom. Tickets are \$4 in advance and \$5 at the door. All proceeds from Battle of the Bands go to The Nest, a day care center in downtown Lexington.

The Absolutes

The Absolutes' lead singer Jared Padgett said this competition is important. "We're planning on going to the next level," Padgett said. "We're going to a recording studio at the end of the month to do an (extended play album)."

The band members are nursing junior Padgett (guitar and vocals), English sophomore Adam Thompson (bass), English junior Ethan Tucker (drums), Aaron Tucker (guitar and vocals) and business management sophomore Daniel Sargent.

The Absolutes play '70s influenced rock and roll. They have played together for about five months.

Expedite

The band Expedite is chemistry senior Lewis Clark (lead vocals), Mark Bennett (guitar), Dallas Rose (guitar), Ian Sethi (bass), and Josh Struban (drums).

They have been playing nu metal for over a year and half. "Last year was our first show. We didn't have much experience," Clark said. "We're coming back this year to prove a point."

Phallacies

The Phallacies are civil engineering sophomore Mike Webster (rhythmic guitar and lead vocals), chemistry major BJ Privett (drums), undeclared sophomore Stephen Stump (lead guitarist) and art studio junior Jimmy Cox (bass).

They play rock similar to Metallica but not as hard, Webster said. "All in all, I'd say we're pretty confident about the competition," Webster said.

Addison

Addison's members are social work senior Dave Arnold (lead singer and acoustic guitar), English senior Jonathan Powers (electric guitar), chemistry senior Will Shafer (bass), art studio senior Danny Garcia (auxiliary percussion) and theology sophomore Trevor Nyman (drums).

Addison has been playing together for four years. While their music style has changed, this is their second appearance in the Battle of the Bands competition.

Sway

The members of Sway are Brandon Eaves (vocals), undeclared freshman Grant Goodrich (bass), mechanical engineer-



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Danny Garcia plays auxiliary percussion for Addison.

ing junior David Ladnier (guitar) and Russ Ham (percussion).

Ham was called to the National Guard and can't make the competition. Andrew Miller from Woodford County High School will be playing the drums in his place during the competition.

Sway plays modern rock, similar to Nickelback or Fuel. They've wanted to compete before but haven't because only a limited number of bands are allowed to participate. "We're doing this mostly to get our name out," said Ladnier. "It's really hard to get people to come to your gigs if they don't know you," he said.

Shut Down

Coming all the way from Owensboro is Shut Down. The members are Justin Whittinghill, (guitar) Adam Moseley (vocalist), Brandon Riley (bass) and Josiah Douglas (drums).

Shut Down has played together for two years, with the addition of Riley last summer.

They play hard rock, similar to Tool or Deftones and will also be selling a five-song demo after the competition.

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