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Local rep. files bill to block partner benefits

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A state representative from Lexington has filed a bill for the 2007 legislative session that would prohibit a potential decision by the UK Board of Trustees to allow domestic partner benefits.

Stan Lee, R-Lexington, prefaced the controversial bill for the upcoming Kentucky General Assembly session, which, if passed, would make it illegal for state postsecondary institutions to offer benefits for domestic partners. The legislation would include all state universities, community

colleges and technical colleges, and would apply to unmarried couples, both same-sex and opposite-sex.

Lee said it is morally irresponsible for a university to promote this issue.

"Another reason is these are institutions of higher learning and to teach this to college students undermines the value of marriage," Lee said. "Like it or not, this country was founded on the values of marriage."

In September, the Board of Trustees formed a committee to examine the possibility and feasibility of domestic partner benefits, a move that drew

approval from the UK Staff Senate, which voted 55-25 in favor of passing a resolution asking the Board for such benefits.

"The short answer is I think there's a group trying to advance a political agenda by using the university," Lee said.

Lee said he has a good idea of who isn't pushing this agenda.

"I can tell you for certain, I'm fairly certain it's not focused on the family," Lee said. "Who is pushing to have same-sex marriages? That's the real story: 'Who is pushing this?'"

Lee also said that with the recent failure of the

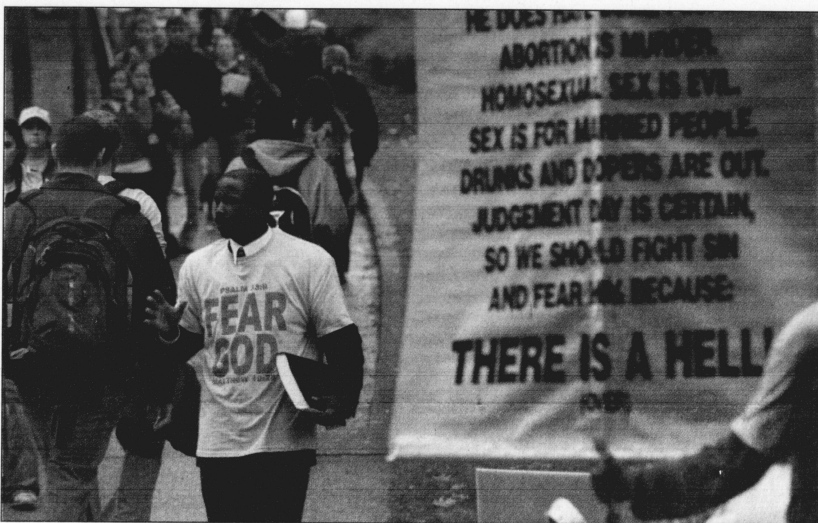
same-sex marriage amendment due to overwhelming rejection by state voters, it's wrong to try to further this issue at a state institution funded by taxpayer dollars.

"I just think it would be a poor use of taxpayer dollars. We should all answer to the citizens of the state, the taxpayers," Lee said. "It looks like things are going forward in a direction the citizens don't want."

Meanwhile, a Democratic representative decried Lee's decision to create the bill and said it shouldn't even be up for consideration.

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WALK THE TALK



PHOTOS BY BRAD LUTTRELL

Michael Venyah, preaches outside of the Student Center, with Chris Lemieux (holding the sign) and his wife Tamika Venyah. The three have been witnessing to students for two years with Soul Winners Ministries International.

Controversial preachers engage student crowd

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Michael and Tamika Venyah carried their signs and Bibles to the Student Center yesterday afternoon to share their message of salvation with passers-by.

The Venyahs, founders of the traveling ministry group Soulwinners Ministries International, preached loudly, often pointing at students walking to class and shouting Bible verses at passing crowds.

The Venyahs vocally denounced gay marriage, alcohol and masturbation as they spoke outside the Student Center and eventually attracted a crowd. As the two spoke, students cried out objections and openly confronted the couple.

"You give Christianity a black eye," said Chris Wiedemann, a forestry junior.

"Judge not others lest ye be judged," said Ryan Elan, a chemical engineering freshman.

Although not all passing students were as vocal in their objections to the Venyahs, many said they were uneasy with the way the couple shared their Biblical message.

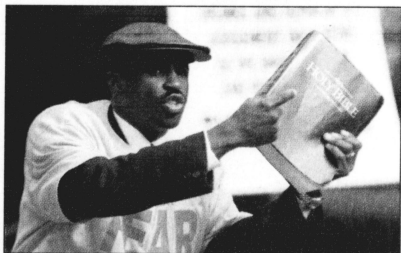
"A lot of people think it's a joke," said Janelle Goforth, a political science freshman.

Nicolas Badre, a biology senior, said the only problem he had with the couple was that they were promoting what he described as fear and hatred.

"(It's sad that people) listen to all this bogus stuff," Badre said.

Natascha Taul, a psychology sophomore and a Cornerstone Campus Life Ministries member, watched the preaching and protests from her CCLM table.

"They're very passionate," Taul said. "What I think she (Tamika



Michael Venyah preaches to passing students outside the Student Center yesterday. Venyah has been preaching for 15 years.

Yvenyah) is doing is planting a seed ... (students) may not notice it now, but someday they'll remember."

However, Taul was hesitant about the confrontational style of the Venyahs' ministry.

"Everyone has their own approach," Taul said. "It can turn people off."

Tamika Venyah said she was glad the students were so engaged.

"I'm glad people have a response," she said.

Michael Venyah said that the ministry group often encounters angry students but that his mission is too important to relent to criticism.

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Hospital construction to permanently close Rose St.

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The section of Rose Street from Huguelet Drive to South Limestone Street will permanently close to through traffic starting Nov. 20, UK officials said.

The Rose Street closure is a part of the first phase of the UK HealthCare expansion. A new building for the UK Chandler Hospital is scheduled to be completed during the first phase as well.

The three-phase project, scheduled to finish in 2020, also includes building a new critical-care facility and an ambulance facility.

The closure of Rose Street was necessary in the HealthCare expansion, said Bob Wiseman, UK's associate vice president for facilities management.

"Land is tight at UK, and we were limited to where the new hospital could be built," Wiseman said. "The old Rose connector wouldn't work with the position of the new hospital."

Wiseman said the closure would not impact the traffic flow on Rose Street.

"Much of the traffic (on Rose) is bound for the hospital already," he said, adding that signalized intersections will keep the traffic moving.

That section of Rose Street from Huguelet Drive to South Limestone Street will only be open to "hospital-bound traffic," Wiseman said.

Two weeks before the permanent closure, electronic message boards will be put up on Rose and Limestone streets to inform traffic of the closure, Wiseman said.

Traffic will be re-routed to South Limestone on a new connector scheduled to open around Oct. 30. The connector will be between the Thomas Hunt Morgan Biological Sciences Building and the College of Pharmacy Building, connecting Huguelet Drive to Virginia Avenue.

The connector will mainly consist of two lanes, one going toward South Limestone and the other go-

ing toward Rose, Wiseman said. Multiple turning lanes will be at each intersection, and bike lanes and sidewalks will run the length of the connector, he said.

Wiseman said it is possible for traffic that is not bound for the hospital to get into the closed section, but said part of the closed section of Rose Street will be fenced off as a construction site, making it hard for vehicles to turn back around.

"If you go (the wrong way) once, you won't want to do it again," Wiseman said.

Police officers will also be around for the first few days in case of confusion.

"I'm sure there will be some confusion," Wiseman said. "But we'll have some good signage up (to inform traffic)."

Scott Hayes, a first-year pharmacy student, said he travels on that section of Rose Street five to 10

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Todd speeds up faculty hiring

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UK is taking applications for 54 new faculty positions in the 2007-2008 academic year.

The increase in faculty is a part of the Top 20 Business plan, which originally called for the addition of 27 faculty positions in 2007 and 27 positions in 2008.

UK President Lee Todd said the administration decided to add all 54 positions this year based on the growth in freshman enrollment, which rose from 3,900 in 2005 to 4,200 in 2006.

The positions were divided among colleges, said UK spokesman Jay Blanton, with Arts and Sciences adding 30, Communications adding six, Agriculture adding four, Education adding two, and Fine Arts and Engineering each adding one.

Provost Kumble Subbaswamy will decide how to allocate the remaining 10 positions in the near future, Blanton said.

The positions are being placed strategically in programs and research areas the university already is known for or in areas that could improve life in Kentucky, Subbaswamy said.

"Immediately, the university's commitment is to improving the quality of the educational program, along with its research posture," Subbaswamy said.

The new faculty positions will be funded by state appropriations given for the top-20 plan, along with a portion of students' tuition.

While the top-20 plan originally called for a \$17.7 million increase

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\$400-plus raised for Ag. Dean scholarship

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Yesterday, patrons of the Chevy Chase Cold Stone Creamery heard something in addition to the typical "Would you like a sample?"

Every customer was also asked "Are you here to support the Dr. Larry Turner Scholarship?"

The student organization Educators of Family and Consumer Sciences (EFACS), in association with the College of Agriculture and its subsidiary the School of Human Environmental Science, hosted the scholarship fundraiser. The scholarship was created in honor of Turner, who died in the August crash of Co-mair Flight 5191.

In total, there were 12 students from EFACS working either to bring customers in or to wait on them once inside.

For every ice cream order from a customer who identified himself

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By Linda C. Black

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Taurus (April 20-May 20) Today is an 8 -- Somebody you know well and love deeply is a bit concerned. Reassure that person your priorities are in the right order. If they're not, you won't have a clue what that means.

Gemini (May 21-June 21) Today is a 6 -- Make sure everybody under-

stands the objective. They're not cooperating very well, and if they're confused, it's even worse.

Cancer (June 22-July 22) Today is a 7 -- Use your talents to get other people to help, by using theirs. In this manner, you greatly magnify everyone's effectiveness.

Leo (July 23-Aug. 22) Today is a 6 -- You're doing well, although you may not know yet what you have. Don't assume you can afford anything. That's not the case.

Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) Today is a 6 -- You're the one who can figure out what's really going on. Listen to others but never forget, you're the one who understands the numbers.

Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) Today is a 6 -- As you get the icky stuff out of the way, you'll realize you're much stronger than you thought. This is a wonderful thing.

Scorpio (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) Today is a 6 -- You're solving the riddle and finding the prize. Let the others figure it out for themselves; don't tell

them.

Sagittarius (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) Today is a 5 -- Don't get into telling stories, even if you've got a good one. Keep a straight face and do what's expected, quickly.

Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) Today is an 8 -- You're stuck where you are for a little while longer. You can't go yet, but you can pack. You'll have more traveling money after the 20th.

Aquarius (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) Today is a 6 -- You like to think carefully about things, before taking action. This is very important now. Don't keep all those thoughts to yourself.

Pisces (Feb. 19-March 20) Today is an 8 -- You can advance in your career, and you don't have to do it all by yourself. Watch, look and listen, so you don't make every mistake.

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Tara Reid: My Plastic Surgery Nightmare

Two years after undergoing botched breast augmentation and liposuction, Tara Reid shares her harrowing experience — and her new surgery details

On Nov. 4, 2004, on the red carpet of an NYC party for Diddy, she inadvertently exposed her left breast. Within hours, photographs hit the Internet, revealing an embarrassing secret Reid had been hiding: She suffered horrendous complications from breast augmentation since she had in April 2004. (She had a botched liposuction on her stomach during the same operation.)

As a result, Reid quickly became the butt of jokes online, in newspaper columns and on late night talk shows, and her once hot career as an in-demand actress fizzled. Finally, on Sept. 6, the 30-year-old actress underwent a three-and-a-half-hour reconstructive operation to undo the damage to her breasts and to even out her stomach.

"Maybe this was meant to be so that I could tell the rest of the world what not to do," she tells us. "If it can happen to me and I'm supposed to be able to get the best, it can happen to anyone."

For starters, why have plastic surgery in the first place?

I got my breasts done for the first time because my breasts were uneven. I was a 34-B, but the right one was always bigger than the left. I weigh 110 now, but I always used to fluctuate by 10 pounds, so my skin was kind of saggy. I figured, I'm in Holly-

wood, I'm getting older, I'm going to fix them. I didn't want to get them that big, I just wanted to fill them out and make them nice. But I didn't do my research, went to the first doctor I saw and got horrible plastic surgery that left me very scarred.

What went wrong?

First of all, I asked for big Bs, and he did not give me big Bs. He gave me Cs, and I didn't want them. At all. Right after the surgery, I had some bumps along the edges of my nipples, but the doctor said, "Don't worry, it's going to get better." But after six months of "it's going to get better," it started to get worse and worse. The doctor made the cut under the nipple, but he should have gone through my armpit. Then the scarring would not have been as bad. But after the way he did it, I couldn't even look at my nipples. I even tried to put makeup on them. I had to put powder on them so you couldn't see how bad they were.

At the Diddy party in Nov. 2004, the strap of your gown fell down, so you unwittingly posed for pictures with your left breast exposed.

I'm standing there looking like an idiot, smiling because I have no idea. It's because I had a fur coat on and everyone wanted to see the dress. The strap fell down, and, yeah, I didn't feel it. [Surgery can diminish sensitivity.] No one told me. So I was smiling like a fool and people

were snapping away. When I realized it, I cried and begged the photographers not to print it, but it was everywhere. My friend in China saw it and called me. I was on Web sites as having the ugliest boobs in the world. I was devastated.

Did men treat you differently?

Totally. When they look at me, they look down at my chest and you just want to punch them in the face. You're like, "Please don't look at me like that. No one's perfect." Guys I was dating would be like, "What's wrong with them? They look really bad. You know, you should really get them fixed." So embarrassing. I mean, you definitely need to turn off the lights, that's for sure. And then there was my stomach.

What happened there?

During the same April 2004 appointment with the same doctor, I got lipo because even though I was skinny, I wanted — I'm not going to lie — a six-pack. I had body contouring, but it all went wrong. [See box, next page.] My stomach became the most ripply, bulgy thing. You've seen pictures, you know what it looks like.

Who did you turn to during this time?

Well, I was embarrassed to bring it up, but I talked to my family about it. My parents and my sister said, "You really need to fix it. You have to just do it."

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UK gets research defense funding

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UK will aid the U.S. military by researching and developing domestic sources of fuel and computer-generated virtual reality programs, thanks to funding secured by one of Kentucky's U.S. senators.

Republican Sen. Mitch McConnell helped secure about \$4 million for UK in the 2007 Defense Appropriation Bill.

Gerald Huffman, director of the Consortium for Fossil Fuel Science, which received \$1 million from the funds, said the emphasis of the fuel conversion research is to convert coal into liquid fuel.

"The military is interested in liquid fuel, essentially for jet fuel," Huffman said. "This is doable. We are converting coal into a cleaner, more useful fuel."

The major motivation of this project is for homeland security purposes, Huffman said.

"The military wants a very secure domestic source of fuel," Huffman said. "If we are fighting a war in the Middle East, we don't want to have to rely on the Middle East for fuel."

The consortium consists of 16 professors, 30 graduate and postgraduate students, and three other universities. Despite major advancements, Huffman said there are some problems with the project.

"The fuel is very clean, but we have problems with it leaking in the engines," Huffman said. "We are making changes in the molecular structure to improve energy densities and improve reactions."

Another \$1 million will be used by the UK Center for Visualization and Virtual Environments. The center will use the funding to continue working with the Fort Knox battle lab to develop immersive virtual environments, said Bruce Walcott, the center's director.

"We can import realistic data and visualize a mission," Walcott said. "Fort Knox uses it for various training exercises. The next step is to make it robust and mobile."

The program the center is currently working on was created at UK, Walcott said.

"This is technology we have developed here and have a patent on," Walcott said. "We use high-quality computer graphic cards just like the kind the computer gaming community uses."

Computer-generated virtual reality could be used for much more than military benefit, Walcott added.

"The applications are limitless," Walcott said. "Instead of taking a field trip, a classroom could take a virtual field trip."

The remaining \$2.6 million will be allocated to the Advanced Carbon Nanotechnology Program Consortium.

Panel calls for return to traditional religious values

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Western civilizations needs to forsake the secular mentality it's fallen to and return to its Christian roots if it is to survive.

That's what a three-member panel said last night while discussing modern society and traditional religious values. The auditorium of W.T. Young Library was packed with more than 140 people — mostly students — for the event that kicked off the Veritas Forum, a national movement for academic and religious discussion.

Mike Peterson, a professor of philosophy at Asbury College, believes America could soon fall prey to the secularism of Europe if the problem is not addressed.

The other panelists were Bishop Ronald Gainer of the Catholic Diocese of Lexington and David Bradshaw of UK's philosophy department.

The panel was assembled to discuss Pope Benedict XVI's

book "Without Roots: The West, Relativism, Christianity, Islam."

Peterson said the three viewpoints of the book deserve an examination.

"It's worth getting into the nuts and bolts of each of those views and taking a look," Peterson said.

Peterson said relativism, a position that there are no absolute moral laws, has had negative results: biological manipulation at both spectrums of life, degradation of sexual morality, pacifism and "political correctness with its own hypocrisy and self-contradiction."

Peterson also stressed the importance of returning to a Christian view of the world. "If we lose sight and no longer know who God is, then we can't know what a human being is," he said.

Benedict's controversial speech at a German university last month, which sparked mass Muslim resentment, was also briefly discussed.

Gainer said he believed the

reaction to the pope's speech was extreme.

"The words that were said (in the speech) didn't warrant the reaction," Gainer said, adding that he hopes the response from the speech will take a positive route and renew interest in Catholic-Muslim dialogue.

Nick Pulliam, a communications sophomore, said he was pleased with the event.

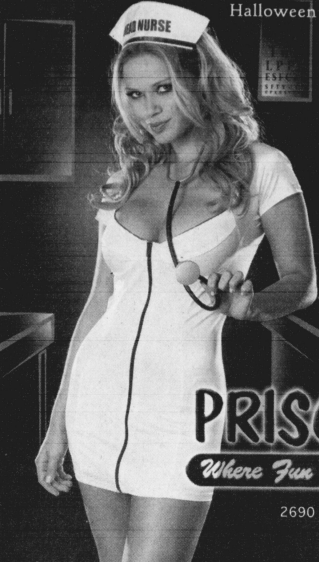
"People want to know truth, and this is a good place to come and see what's out there," Pulliam said.

Spanish senior Lauren Marquis said she came to the event because it was a topic that interested her. Her only regret was that the panelists did not devote more time to discussing Islam or the pope's speech.

Brian Marshall, a campus minister at Christian Student Fellowship and the organizer of this year's Veritas Forum, said the discussion was academic but understandable, which was the balance he wanted.

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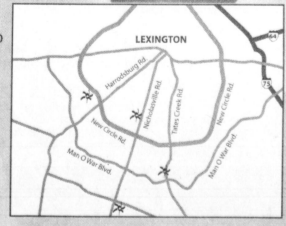
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Q&A with Tara Bonistall

Spotlight on the director of the Student Volunteer Center

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Throughout the semester, the Kernel will spotlight various campus leaders. This week, we are featuring Tara Bonistall, director of UK's Student Volunteer Center. Bonistall is a social work and psychology senior. She also writes a weekly column for the Kernel.

Q. What is the Student Volunteer Center?

A. It is an organization that provides opportunities for students within the community to practice civic engagement. In college, it is sometimes hard to find ways to volunteer, but the organization provides students with an outlet for that. Basically, we promote service.

Q. What is the purpose of the SVC?

A. The purpose is to promote civic engagement and provide students with an opportunity to give back to the Lexington community.

Q. What is the history of the SVC?

A. It started in 2002, and the first event was Fusion in 2003, so SVC is about four years old. It originally started as students responding to 9/11. They wanted to have an organization to where they could give back to the community.

It is still a new organization, and there is still a lot of stuff we want to do. For how long it has been here, it has definitely been doing well, but there is always room for more improvement.

Q. How did you first get involved in community service?

A. I guess the first time I ever did community service was, my family volunteered at Thanksgiving dinner. My family would serve the Thanksgiving dinner to homeless families.

Q. How did this affect you as a child?

A. It helped instill in me the importance of community service. It helped me realize it is very important and something I wanted to do in my own life.

Q. How did you originally get involved with the SVC?

A. Well, it's a strange story, because I have only been involved with the Student Volunteer Center for a year. I just applied for the director's position and got it.

Q. Why did you decide to apply for the director's position?

A. It stemmed from the fact that I have a strong interest in civic engagements. I wanted to find a way to volunteer and encourage others to volunteer. Essentially, my volunteer work is getting others involved.

Q. Do you think your majors of social work and psychology are important for you?



Tara Bonistall, this year's director of the Student Volunteer Center, has been volunteering since her childhood. Bonistall hopes that UK students and faculty will join the SVC this year in order to give back to the community that, she says, gives them so much.

as director of SVC?

A. I think they are really important. It is important for all of us to give back to the community that gives us much to us.

As students, we sometimes get a bad reputation, but with community service, students are able to show that they are not that bad after all.

I just want to encourage students to give back and show a good face to the community, so we don't receive an undeserved bad reputation.

Q. What programs does the SVC offer?

A. We have Fusion, which is our big one-day service event. We have DanceBlue and also have PLAY (Placing Leaders Around Youth), which is a children's program. There's Helping Hands, which is a way students can volunteer at soup kitchens and local shelters.

The Great Outdoors is a group that helps improve our environment. SVC hosts Young at Heart, (through which) students can volunteer with the elderly. Special Events helps connect the SVC with the campus. We also have STAG (Students Taking Action Globally), where students focus on global issues like world hunger and AIDS.

Finally, we have Project Health, which is a way students can visit patients in local hospitals, participate in Relay for Life and the Central Kentucky Heart Walk.

As you can see, we have a lot of different opportunities.

Q. Why is it important to have so many programs?

A. Students have different interests. It can increase the number of volunteers interested in the Student Volunteer Center. We want to have a little some-

thing for everyone.

Q. How does SVC choose the community service projects they promote?

A. Each program director decides what site they want to do. All program leaders are autonomous and choose the appropriate sites where they feel students will have the most fun and be interested in going to.

Q. How does the SVC affect UK?

A. It affects UK in a positive way. It provides another route for students to get involved that is not only fun for the volunteer but also better peoples' lives.

We have events that are ongoing, and we have bigger events that are just one day. So whether you want to participate one day a week or once a year, there is something for you. It gives people the opportunity to get involved.

Q. What is the need like in Lexington for volunteers?

A. I would say it is pretty great. We have a good base of volunteers, but I don't know if you can have too many volunteers.

This organization and the other volunteer organizations in Lexington are always looking for more volunteers and people willing to give back.

Q. Who can volunteer at the SVC?

A. Absolutely anyone. It is open to faculty, students and staff.

If we don't have an opportunity people want to work with, they can either open a new program, or we can link them to programs in the Lexington com-

munity that they would be interested in.

Q. How can students get involved with the SVC?

A. The best way to get involved is to go to our Web site (www.uksvc.org). Click on the "get involved" link, and then you can check off what you are interested in, and the program director will e-mail you. The program director lets you know when meetings are and what they are doing this week.

Q. Where and when does the SVC meet?

A. We have nine program directors and three other directors. As a board, we meet every other week in the Student Volunteer Center part of the Student Organizations room at the Student Center.

These meetings are for the group as a whole, but the directors of each program have a meetings, which they oversee.

Q. As director of SVC what are your goals for SVC this year?

A. We are trying to take it in new directions. We hope to add a few new programs, and increase awareness and the presence of the Student Volunteer Center on campus.

One of the ideas we have for a new program is alternative Spring Breaks, where students can use their Spring Break to help others. A lot of students have shown an interest in animals, so we hope to start a program where students can volunteer with animals.

The programs we start could be limitless. It is just getting people to start it and to find community opportunities for it. It is a slow process, but it must be done.

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"I'm just completely disgusted. I'm just disheartened that Stan Lee, a smart man, would think that the General Assembly should be in the business of micromanaging our postsecondary education institutions," said State Rep. Kathy Stein. "It seeks to marginalize same-sex families and attempts to intrude into educational policies that we have no business being involved in."

Stein, D-Lexington, also said Lee is mistaken in saying that this issue involves taxpayer dollars.

"When Stan Lee says it involves taxpayer dollars, he is wrong," Stein said. "The employee will be paying for whatever person is added to their policy, and we all know in insurance that the more people added, the bigger the pool, the

better it is for all the risk takers."

Stein also blasted fellow legislators whom she thinks will take advantage over the controversial issue.

"Unfortunately, domestic partner benefits ring the bell of homophobia and we should be beyond that by now, but many of my legislative colleagues will milk it for all it is worth," Stein said.

Stein also said this sends a poor message to any company wanting to invest in Kentucky.

"This is a very unwelcome message to send to any Fortune 500 company that offers same-sex partner benefits," Stein said.

Lee said he is very optimistic about this bill being successful, although he said it depends on certain circumstances.

"If it gets on the floor, it'll pass overwhelmingly," Lee said. Stein said she hopes otherwise.

"I hope we've learned our lesson and recognize that this is a double whammy," she said.

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for 2007, it only received a \$4.6 million increase from the state government. However, Todd said, the administration still feels the university can afford the new faculty positions with the help of additional tuition money.

"It's taking some work on our financing behalf and planning, but we're going to release those 54 new positions, which is the first time that's happened around here in a long time," Todd said. More funding from the state will also follow in 2008. The top-20 plan called for an \$18.7 million increase, and the state budget allows a \$20.9 million increase, Blanton said.

The increased faculty size will improve basic day-to-day teaching by lowering class sizes, continue sustained growth in research and service to the state, and create a national buzz about the university, Blanton said.

"We have a faculty of 1,900 right now, and we need to have a faculty of 2,500 to be competitive with our benchmarks," Blanton said. With the enrollment in the college skyrocketing over the past two years, Arts and Sciences appreciates the 30 additional faculty, said A & S dean

Steven Hoch.

Just under 5,000 students are pursuing undergraduate degrees in the College of Arts and Sciences, Hoch said. The college is also home to the two largest majors at the university, biology and psychology.

The college will be better equipped to respond to student demand with additional faculty, Hoch said.

"These are very exciting times," Hoch said. "We're dancing in the halls over here."

The English and psychology departments will see the most faculty additions, with six each. Fewer additions will be spread through other departments. The College of Arts and Sciences is also looking for 17 replacements for faculty who retired or resigned.

The new positions in the College of Communications will relieve some of the pressure faculty members have felt with an increasing student enrollment, said Bath Barnes, director of the School of Journalism and Telecommunications.

The school currently has 16 full-time faculty members and is expecting five new faculty members next year, an increase of almost a third, Barnes said.

"It has not been possible to think about program growth because we've been playing catch-up," Barnes said. "I'm very pleased that they're using this first allotment of faculty to address the increase in students."

PREACHING

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Venyan said UK promotes "secular" ideas, such as evolution and gay marriage, which he said defy Biblical scripture and imperil the salvation of the community. Venyan also said that he began preaching at college campuses like UK in 2004 so that "students, faculty and

staff will repent."

The Venyans said they would be back at UK today.

Although Michael and Tamika Venyan have encountered resistance on many of the college campuses they travel to, the couple insists they will continue to share their message.

"God says to preach to every creature," Michael Venyan said. "And we do that."

CORRECTION

An article in Monday's Kernel on Student Government's trip to the University of Georgia misstated the costs of Georgia's meal plans. The seven-day meal plan costs \$2,964, and the five-day meal plan costs \$2,762.

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- Oct. 10. Theft of a bicycle from White Hall Classroom Building at 2:42 p.m.
- Oct. 10. Theft of a purse and cell phone at 800 Rose St. at 3:11 p.m.
- Oct. 10. Theft from a building at 201 Avenue of Champions at 4:18 p.m.
- Oct. 10. Injury accident at Limestone Street and Gazette at 5:53 p.m.
- Oct. 11. Threatening graffiti in first floor bathroom of W.T. Young Library at 8:03 a.m.
- Oct. 11. Theft of a cell phone from 305 Euclid Ave. at 2:00 p.m.
- Oct. 11. Theft of a wallet and keys from 404 South Limestone St. at 6:19 p.m.
- Oct. 12. Alcohol intoxication at 800 Rose St. at 1:08 a.m.
- Oct. 12. Theft from a building at 800 Rose St. at 10:41 a.m.
- Oct. 12. Assault with a phone at 251 Scott St. at 11:25 a.m.
- Oct. 12. Injury accident in parking structure four at 12:10 p.m.
- Oct. 12. Theft from a building at 800 Rose St. at 12:50 p.m.
- Oct. 12. Theft from a building at 835 Rose St. at 2:25 p.m.
- Oct. 12. Theft from a building at 800 Rose St. at 7:59 p.m.
- Oct. 12. Theft from a building at 752 Woodland Ave. at 8:04 p.m.
- Oct. 12. Alcohol intoxication at 769 Woodland Ave. at 11:47 p.m.
- Oct. 13. Theft from a car at 3:04 a.m.
- Oct. 13. Marijuana use at 305 Euclid Ave. at 11:27 a.m.
- Oct. 14. Marijuana use at 680 Rose St. at 2:46 a.m.
- Oct. 14. Theft of a purse from Pupp Arena at 4:38 p.m.
- Oct. 15. Injury accident at Versailles Road and Maxwell Street at 1:26 a.m.
- Oct. 15. Injury accident at Jefferson Street and Main Street at 9:39 a.m.
- Oct. 16. Theft from a building at 404 South Limestone St. at 4:58 p.m.
- Oct. 16. Theft from a Speedway on Euclid Avenue at 5:57 p.m.
- Oct. 16. Theft of a wallet at 305 Euclid Ave. at 10:21 p.m.

Compiled from reports at UK Police Department.

Compiled by staff writer Sean Rose.

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or herself as supporting the scholarship, Cold Stone gave the fund \$1. Separate donations were also accepted in a jar placed by the register.

EFACS president Tim Coyle, a fifth-year senior majoring in family consumer sciences, said the event grossed more than \$400, \$250 of which was from the separate donations.

"Everybody was awesome," Coyle said. "The last hour, it was just packed. We had tons and tons of students and faculty come in."

The event also featured "Celebrity Scoopers," who took shifts scooping ice cream for customers. These included Scott Smith, the

dean of the College of Agriculture; Jaime Sparrow, the college's director of student relations; and Lisa Harm, the college's scholarship coordinator. There were 10 total celebrity scoopers, most of whom were professors in the agriculture college.

"I think the whole thing went great," Harm said. "It was a lot of fun."

Though the specific criteria have not yet been defined, the scholarship money will go to a student in the College of Agriculture who plans on going into the Cooperative Extension Service. According to its Web site, the CES provides educational information on families and the environment to Kentuckians in their local communities through a variety of programs such as 4-H. Turner had been the director of the CES.

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times per week.

However, Hayes said the closure won't affect his driving route too much.

"It shouldn't be a huge hassle," Hayes said. "There are

so many ways that you can take to get around Rose Street."

Hayes said he expects the traffic flow to be a little hectic at first, but said the kinks will smooth themselves out.

"I think that anytime you re-route traffic, there will be some backups," he said. "But I'm not sure it is going to have any major impact on traffic."

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For UK's sake, toughen high-school standards

Kentucky high schools are not known for their ability to prepare students for college, but that deficiency is hurting Kentucky public institutions like UK as well.

In 2004, according to the Lexington Herald-Leader, 53 percent of incoming freshmen at Kentucky public universities were not prepared. These students required remedial work to keep up in their classes.

Even with the help offered by the university, only 60.5 of these underprepared students returned in 2005. Some believe that the responsibility lies with the universities as much as it does at the high-school level.

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"There has to be more done by higher education to reduce remediation. They provide the teachers. They need more partnership with the schools," said Rep. Harry Moberly, D-Richmond, in a Herald-Leader article.

Moberly also suggested financially rewarding or punishing high schools and universities based on student preparation and continued enrollment.

However, according to a February 2006 editorial in the Kernel, public institutions are already forced to spend \$25 million per year on non-credit remedial

coursework — \$14 million in state funds and \$11 million in student tuition.

Until we identify the reasons for continued non-enrollment in spite of these efforts, threatening and even rewarding money is not the answer.

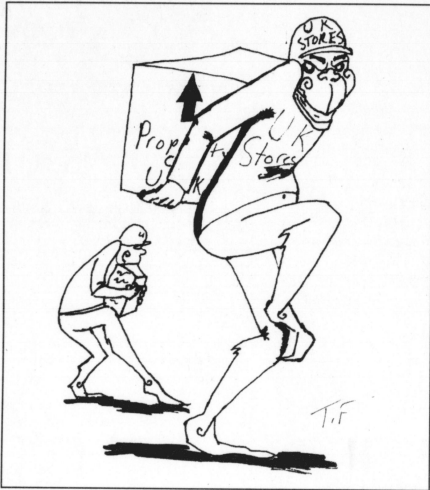
Other suggestions call for a more rigorous high-school curriculum and more collaboration between high schools and public institutions to ensure that students are better prepared.

Sen. Dan Kelly, R-Springfield, said in the Herald-Leader that the Senate Republicans may introduce a plan next spring that will require a tougher high-school curriculum. Kelly also said that the school testing system is not preparing

students and that it should be better aligned with college admission standards.

Changes within the high school system — whether they be testing, tougher graduation requirements or better communication with public universities on what will best prepare students — are much better options than the current amount of remedial work at the collegiate level.

Universities should not be responsible for teaching students what they should have learned years before entering college. Students who are prepared should not have to pay part of their tuition for non-credit remedial classes that they don't have to take.



TONY FISHER, Kernel cartoonist

Coming Out Day a positive experience, courtesy of GSA

Last week, UK's Gay-Straight Alliance sponsored a Coming Out Day to raise awareness about the gay and lesbian community.

Coming Out Day offered students a chance to learn about being gay in the UK and Lexington communities. The event also informed students about gay-friendly churches, sexual health and allied people.

One of the most admirable features of the GSA is its inclusion of anyone, regardless of their sexual preference. GSA admits — and even welcomes — people whether they are gay, straight or transgender.

"Anyone can join," said Keith Brooks, GSA member and Kernel staff writer. "It's not just for gay men, as some organizations have been."

The theme for the event was

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"Talk About It." Its goals, which are certainly laudable, were to spread awareness and alliance on campus.

Students at the three-hour event talked about their coming out stories to try to remove the stigma of homosexuality and to establish a bond with GSA and campus.

"Too many people on campus are ignorant or afraid of homosexuality, and we're glad to see students involved with GSA fighting these negative attitudes."

GSA should be commended for staging an event like this in an attempt to make all UK students — gay, straight or transgender — more comfortable talking about the issue.

In political debate, the middle is best

So I was reading a certain Kernel columnist's personal views on how he dislikes political moderates and when I finished the column, I found myself asking, "What the f--- just happened?"

In that moment, after reading Brenton Kenkel's Oct. 12 column, it was as if someone had physically been able to mold together the idea of stupidity, roll it into a ball and throw it at my head, bringing forth the above statement of "WTF."

Stay with me here because I'm getting at something.

The column, behind a smokescreen of big words and long drawn out sentences that probably made sense 200 years ago, seemed to bash people who were not on the fanatical right or left of politics, and, further, bashed the media that the columnist said claimed to be a virtuous neutral entity.

WTF is this guy talking about? Politics is one of those funny things that really seem to piss everyone off, no matter how hard you try. Everyone has a political belief and it has come painfully obvious to me that no matter how hard you try, your ideas on politics will always conflict with someone else's.

Take, for instance, the other night when I had a few too many drinks and ended up in a conversation over why I liked a certain campaign sign. Really, the only reason for me liking it was because the guy running for whatever's name was Frost and he used fun graphics to make the sign's lettering white on a blue background with icicles hanging down from them (brrr). I loved it because I could remember a sign like that (thus remembering the politician ... clever). The

people I was arguing with hated the sign because it was too cliché. In politics, things as simple as sign colors are opinionated.

You know what else is an opinion? Being a moderate. It seemed to me that Kenkel really wants to live in some ultra-left versus ultra-right civil war where people are on one side or the other and constantly at ends.

Personally, I say the middle is the best way to go. I can't think of anything more truly political than an ideology that understands views from both the right and the left. Obviously Kenkel has already picked a side and in so doing has decided to alienate the other half of the world. Smart idea, buddy. Maybe you should take a week to learn about the two sides of issues — get to know the enemy a little.

Moderates deserve a higher place in politics than people give them credit for. They believe in something and have the good sense not to be chained down believing in just one thing. Their views are encompassing and accepting. They can say, "You know, I understand that you like the idea of icicles in Frost's sign" and wouldn't get in a fight over it. Their political views are the views that can really be beneficial to politics and can help clear some of the obstacles that being steadfastly on one side creates. Without moderates, we'd either be communist or fascist. Without moderates, we would be too full of ourselves to take a step back and say "Oh, that makes sense" every once in a while and would be led down the dark, dark path of either the left or the right.

Am I a true moderate? No. But I do understand that there are more sides to an issue than just mine.

Kenkel doesn't understand that. I cheer the moderates. Thanks for understanding me.

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As North Korea tests nukes, it's time for action, not deliberation

Mohamed El Baradei, head of the U.N. nuclear agency, recently warned that as many as 30 countries could

soon have the technology to develop atomic weapons. Not only could they be developed, but could come about very soon.

According to an Associated Press article, El Baradei said that more nations are "hedging their bets" and going ahead and developing the technology.

With North Korea recently testing nuclear weapons and Iran a constant itch to the United States with its ideas of enriching uranium for power, now is the time that this nation abandon its ideas of reaching some sort of settlement or negotiations with the United Nations and its committees and act as strongly as possible.

The United States provides support to many countries, and we are one of the strongest nations in the world. It is time for us to take control of the threats that are arising around the world, abandon attempts at forms of diplomacy and issue sanctions.

The list of countries that are considering nuclear programs is extremely alarming. It includes Egypt, Bangladesh, Ghana, Indonesia, Jordan, Namibia, Moldova, Nigeria, Poland, Thailand, Turkey, Vietnam, Yemen, Australia, Argentina and South Africa. Then there are the countries that have the technology but are committed non-nuclear states: Canada, Germany, Sweden, Belgium, Switzerland, Taiwan, Spain, Hungary, the Czech Republic, Slovakia and

Lithuania.

El Baradei spoke profound words at a conference about making stronger and tighter controls on nuclear proliferations.

"It's important that the system continues to be ahead of the game. We cannot continue to do business as usual."

Business as usual cannot continue. The United Nations is an organization that is crumbling, an "international organization" that does not operate in the way it should. Take for example, the fact that Syria was the head of the Human Rights Commission, when it is among the world's worst human right's violators.

Diplomacy is a good thing. I'm not denying the fact that America needs to work with other nations to accomplish things. But there doesn't need to be an organization standing in the way of what America should do to protect itself. There shouldn't be committee standing in the way of protecting life.

After North Korea tested nuclear weapons, the organization began "talking" about what it should do instead of acting. That North Korea even had the opportunity to test nuclear weapons, that Iran can continue to taunt the world with its desire to have nuclear energy, and that these 30 other nations are considering nuclear programs all show that there is not a strong enough presence in the world.

World peace may be something

that children wish and pray for, but at this moment in time, there can be no peace. With so many conflicts going on in the world, the last thing needed is more nations with the power to destroy the world as we know it.

The world is slowly beginning to see what an existence of Mutually Assured Destruction could be like. Just what would happen if so many nations had nuclear weapons? One slip-up from a country, one bad word, one bad decision, and there could be catastrophe.

It is time to begin changing how we react to the actions of other countries. Making everyone happy is impossible, and so while we must main-

tain the safety and security of America, we must also send the message that this is a world where everyone must live together. Living together means living with some semblance of agreement on what is allowed and what isn't.

Secretly testing nuclear weapons shouldn't be allowed. Withdrawing from non-proliferation agreements shouldn't be allowed. The United Nations seems weak to me at times like this — all talk and little action.

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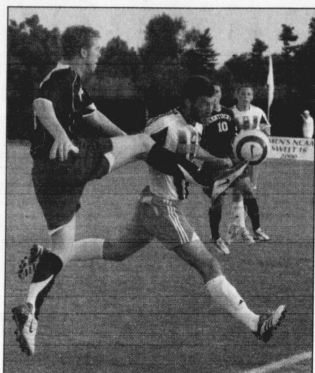
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Newcomers help carry load for soccer team

Freshman Mark Halma battles for a ball against Georgetown on Sept. 6. Halma is one of the six freshmen on the UK mens soccer team that have made major contributions to the team this season.



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When examined closely, the color of the men's soccer team could be seen as a shade of green.

Stopping shots in goal for UK is a keeper who hadn't played in a college game before this season. In the midfield and on defense, contributions are coming from players with the same minimal college experience.

Freshmen are often wide-eyed and have a hard time adjusting to the increase of skill at the college level. But not this group of rookies.

"I think I've settled in well," said starting freshman midfielder Jase Griffiths.

Goalie Dan Williams, defender Barry Rice, forwards Keegan Nash and Mark Halma, and midfielders Keegan Nash and Griffiths are all in their first year of collegiate soccer and have been key players on a team ranked 17th in the nation. During many of those games, the starting roster has included as many as five of those freshmen — something head coach Ian Collins said he has no problem with.

"In our program, we have no class system," Collins said. "We make our freshman part of the team right away."

Williams won the starting keeper spot after beating out sophomore transfer Matt Troop before the season. Williams has proven that he can be a major presence in the goal box, recording six of UK's seven shutouts this season.

Like most freshmen, Williams said college soccer has been a learning experience.

"I've learned new aspects about the position," Williams said. "It is a whole new game — it's, more physical, faster."

Collins said that all of the players on his team are worthy of the role he gives them — even if they aren't used to it.

"It's a whole different world for every freshman entering college," Collins said. "It really is a real change for some of

them, but everyone is there because of their talent and ability."

Griffiths said he didn't expect to have a starting role this season as a midfielder transition player who helps feed the ball into the offense.

"When I first came here, I thought there would be more players filling in the positions," Griffiths said. "But I just fell in."

At the start of this season, Griffiths hoped to score five goals and notch eight assists by the end of the season. So far he has scored two goals and has five assists.

Collins said that he doesn't usually like to play freshmen in such important spots but has been more comfortable this year.

"It's sometimes not the greatest thing to play so many freshmen, because of maturity," Collins said. "But these guys have pulled their own."

Up next
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Smith excited about fan turnout at Madness

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UK head coach Tubby Smith has always spoken highly of UK's basketball fans, and at Big Blue Madness he continued to commend their fellow-ship.

Smith said at least four times at Madness that the Cats had the best fans in the world.

"It's a passion; it's a way of life," Smith said. "With the great tradition we have here at Kentucky, why wouldn't people be excited about it?"

UK has led the nation in average game attendance 10 out of the last 11 years, and 18 times overall.

Last season, 23,174 fans packed Rupp Arena for Big Blue Madness. That was a national record for fans at a practice, until the high-fan mark was broken at Friday's Madness with 23,312 people.

With turnout like that, it's no wonder Smith repeated his comments several times.

"It's good to see the fans because that gets you rejuvenated," Smith said. "That restarts your engine and gets things going, and makes you realize why you're in this business and why you work so hard."

Cats struggling on D

Because of a new NCAA rule that allows teams to practice two hours a week, the Cats were able to get a jump-start on team workouts prior to Madness.

The extra time, however, didn't benefit the team as much as Smith would have liked.

"We hadn't worked on any defense, and it really showed — it showed all the time," Smith said. "When they did play a little pickup game, that's the last thing they think about playing."

Smith's team figures to improve substantially on defense before the first exhibition game against Lindsey Wilson on Nov. 2. The Cats first regular season game is against Miami of Ohio on Nov. 15.

Bradley sick

On the day of Madness, Smith spotted Ramel Bradley in Wildcat Lodge and noticed something was wrong.

Bradley, who is widely recognized as the most boisterous player on the team, wasn't acting himself.

When Smith asked his junior guard from New York City what was wrong, Bradley said

he was feeling slightly ill.

"You don't seem to be as lively and vocal as you usually are," Smith said. "He said, 'Coach, I got a little sinus infection, but I'll be all right tonight.'"

He was.

Bradley showed no effects of the illness on the floor, creating open shots for others while knocking down outside jumpers of his own.

He even participated in the dunk contest when he sent a slam through the net after being catapulted up to the rim by senior center Lukasz Obrzut.

Cats' recognize last year

Both the men's and women's teams got a chance to relive last year's finest achievements at Big Blue Madness.

Unfortunately for the University of Tennessee, both of the Cats top highlights came at their expense.

The men's top moment was its 80-78 win over the No. 11 Volunteers on the road.

The women's pinnacle — and arguably the crowning game in the history of the program — was its victory over Tennessee. The Lady Vols were the nations top ranked team at the time.

Crawford sits out

Junior guard Joe Crawford did not participate in Big Blue Madness because of surgery he had a few weeks ago unrelated to basketball.

Crawford was not made available for comment Friday night, and Smith declined to specify the reason or cause of the surgery.

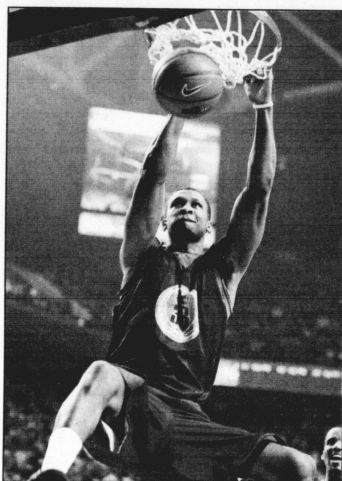
Last season, Crawford started 22 games and averaged 10.2 points per game and 3.9 rebounds while shooting 36 percent from behind the 3-point line.

For his career, Crawford is averaging 6.7 points per game and 2.9 rebounds.

Blue/White scrimmage moved

The annual Blue/White basketball scrimmage has been bumped up to Saturday at 2 p.m. The scrimmage was moved up from its original start time of 4 p.m.

All seats are general admission and cost \$5. Tickets can be purchased every day this week at the Memorial Coliseum ticket office from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. The ticket office opens at 12:30 p.m. Saturday, and the doors open at 1 p.m.



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Junior center Randolph Morris dunks during Friday's Big Blue Madness. Head coach Tubby Smith said Morris had a much more productive off-season without the uncertainty of his eligibility.

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