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## IRIS Project comes closer to completion

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UK is getting closer to a complete switch in its computer systems in hopes of creating an easier, more accessible system for both students and faculty.

The Integrated Resources Information System (IRIS) Project, launched in 2003, is UK's effort to replace the outdated administrative computer systems currently in service.

Under the new system, students will be able to register and waitlist for classes, check their records for holds, change grade types, view grades and academic transcripts, apply for graduation, change address information and supply emergency contact information.

"Until now the university had several stand alone systems built over the course of some 15 to 20 years," said Lana Dearinger, IRIS Project communications officer. "We simply are working to implement contemporary technology."

The first phase of the IRIS Project will cost \$40 million and include financial, payroll, materials management systems and the new Campus Management system, Dearinger said.

The second will cost \$20 million and include budget preparation, plant maintenance and functional enhancement of the systems in phase one, Dearinger said.

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## Photojournalist combines music and images

Larry Towell shares stories behind his photos of conflict, comfort

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Larry Towell isn't a typical photojournalist. On top playing original folk songs over a slideshow of his images as part of a lecture Friday afternoon, he shared a frankness of how he approached his work.

"I'm not an objective journalist," Towell said later at his book signing. "I'm a subjective person."

The renowned Canadian photographer gave a presentation as part of the Robert C. May Lecture Series. He was joined onstage in the Student Center's Worsham Theater by his friend and harmonica player Mike Stevens. Together, they provided a soundtrack to tell the stories behind Towell's pictures.

"I don't lecture anymore," Towell said as he tuned his acoustic guitar and Stevens connected his harmonica to a series of effects pedals. "Photography is the art of storytelling."

The stories behind his work included chaotic situations from around the world: the Sept. 11 attacks in New York, fighting in El Salvador, violence in Palestine and the devastation of Hurricane Katrina.

Towell openly blamed politicians in songs for much of these events. Stevens said Towell's work and frank attitude were driven by human sympathy.

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Head coach Tubby Smith shouts to his players as they move down court while senior forward Sherry Thomas waits to check into the game Saturday.

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## ROOM TO MOVE

AFTER MORE THAN 20 YEARS, UKPD EXPANDS INTO NEW SPACE



Lt. Bill Webb works in the patrol office in the basement of the police station on Friday afternoon. Capt. Kevin Franklin said renovations for the patrol office are expected to be completed near the end of March.

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## Police Dept. moves into part of building vacated by Parking

By Alice Haymond  
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In 23 years, Capt. Kevin Franklin had never seen an increase in space at the UK police station.

So on Friday, as he and several other casually-dressed officers arranged desks in the department's new roll call room, Franklin was almost giddy.

"This is the first improvement since I've been here to spread out people out a little bit,

to have more room," Franklin said.

"I never thought I'd be doing carpentry as a police officer," he joked as he helped move the desks around in the new space.

The Department of Parking and Transportation shared the building with UKPD until this summer when the department moved to the new parking structure on Virginia Avenue. Now the entire building is occupied by UKPD.

The renovations taking place

will change the layout of its headquarters at 305 Euclid Ave. The half of the building occupied by the police department is a maze of small rooms joined by narrow hallways.

Most of the changes are taking place in the basement, where the new roll call area will give officers a place to gather and be briefed before starting a shift. The basement is currently surrounded by dark cement walls and floors and cluttered with exposed piping.

"It looks like a World War II submarine," Franklin said. But renovations have already begun in what Acting Police Chief Maj. Joe Monroe calls a "dungeon" of a basement.

The area reserved for the roll

call room has fresh paint and a new epoxy floor.

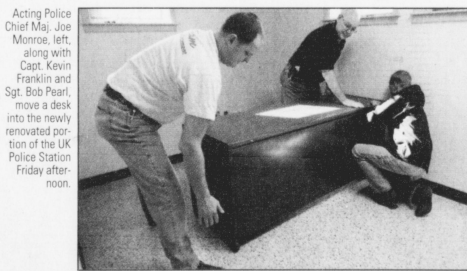
"My target is to have them (roll call) moved over here and operational by the end of the month," Monroe said.

The new roll call area will be equipped with a smart board that includes a digital projector, which is expected to be more efficient than the previous manual system.

"Less will get lost in the mix thanks to the smart board," said Sgt. Bob Pearl, one of the roll call commanders.

Each of three shifts is manned by a different sergeant and lieutenant. The new set up has a separate office for each shift commander.

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Acting Police Chief Maj. Joe Monroe, left, along with Capt. Kevin Franklin and Sgt. Bob Pearl, move a desk into the newly renovated portion of the UK Police Station Friday afternoon.



### RENOVATION BREAK DOWN

\$230,000 renovations will include:

- New receptionist area and lobby
- New dispatcher desks with bullet resistant walls and glass
- New roll call area for officers to be briefed before shifts
- Separate offices for each shift commander
- New locker rooms and evidence space

VANDERBILT 72, UK 67

## Threes are a charm for Commodores

By Jonathan Smith  
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Tubby Smith warned with his players that Vanderbilt was a good 3-point-shooting team.

Eleven 3's later — with an 11-game win streak on the line — it was obvious the head coach's players weren't listening.

The Commodores' long range accuracy in their 72-67 win at Rupp Arena Saturday ended one streak and extended another: Vanderbilt beat UK for the third consecutive time and won in Rupp Arena for the second straight year.

"We tried to let our players know that Vandy is a great shooting team and that you have to get out on their threes," Smith said. "We tried to work hard the last couple

of days to defend the three, but we did a very poor job, and I am disappointed with our defending of their threes."

Despite Smith's urging, the No. 25 Cats (15-4, 4-1 Southeastern Conference) didn't take note of Vanderbilt's impressive 3-point accuracy this season.

The Commodores (13-6, 3-2) entered the game first in the league in number of 3-pointers per game and second in accuracy behind the arc. Against Alabama on Wednesday, they knocked down 15 3-pointers, their most in 11 years.

"We didn't take the shot away," said Randolph Morris, who finished with 11 points and seven rebounds but said Ft. Thomas, Ky., native Ross Neizer "pretty much made me ineffective." "It's not enough to just go up there and get a hand

in their face," he said. "You've got to take it away completely and make them drive it."

In the first half, UK made it tough on the Commodores to hit from outside. Although they nailed six from behind the arc, most of the shots were contested.

Vanderbilt raced out to a 24-16 lead after Derrick Byars hit a 3-pointer with 5:55 left in the first half. The Commodores stretched the lead out to 28-19 before the Cats went on a 14-4 run to end the half.

Bobby Perry scored seven points in the stretch, including a steal and dunk and a three of his own in the final minute that gave the Cats a 33-32 lead at the half.

Sherry Thomas also gave the Cats a lift with eight first half points. He finished

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### Horoscopes

By Linda C. Black

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

**Aries (March 21-April 19)** - Today is a 6 - It's not a good time to travel, or to launch a new endeavor. You have a hunch that something is wrong. Find out what that is, before proceeding.  
**Taurus (April 20-May 20)** - Today is a 5 - Wild ideas are plentiful. Encourage fantasies as long as they're fun and harmless. Don't offer to pay for a prank; it would backfire on you.  
**Gemini (May 21-June 21)** - Today is a 5 - Listen more than you talk today. Don't even offer suggestions. Learn from the others, and figure

out how to succeed where they can't.  
**Cancer (June 22-July 22)** - Today is a 6 - Travel conditions have worsened. You'd be wise to do your commuting electronically, if at all. Have what you need on hand.  
**Leo (July 23-Aug. 22)** - Today is a 7 - There are lots of things you want to buy. Make a list, but don't go shopping. Some prices will fall dramatically in the next couple of days.  
**Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)** - Today is an 8 - A controversy has been stirred up. Avoid getting involved. Do watch to see which side is winning, so you'll know where to stand and maybe when to run.  
**Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)** - Today is an 8 - To get anything accomplished, you'll have to begin. This is not the best time for that, so keep checking out options.  
**Scorpio (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)** - Today is a 7 - There's not enough money to do what you want, so don't make

big promises. Love is more important than money, anyway, and don't you forget it.  
**Sagittarius (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)** - Today is a 7 - A family member disagrees with your carefully thought-out theory. Don't you just hate it when this happens? Be a good sport about it.  
**Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)** - Today is an 8 - You're getting into an area you know nothing about. Experiment very carefully, to avoid an explosion.  
**Aquarius (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)** - Today is an 8 - More money's coming in, but unfortunately, more money's going out. Exercise some control over spending, and that includes self-control.  
**Pisces (Feb. 19-March 20)** - Today is a 7 - You're becoming more confident in your own creativity. For the time being, however, it's good to obey orders. Innovations will not be welcome until next Wednesday.



## THE DISH

# 'I've been far from perfect'

Britney Spears finally acknowledges her troubles after ringing in the New Year with new problems

Is it too late for new year's resolutions? After kicking off 2007 with yet another scandal linked to her hard-partying ways, Britney Spears seemed to be looking for a fresh start in a Jan. 5 letter to fans on her Web site. Without mentioning her now-infamous New Year's Eve gig at Las Vegas club Pure (some witnesses claim Spears was so drunk she needed to be carried out of the club, while her rep insists the mom of two was just sleepy), the 25-year-old singer promised a new CD and tour, adding, "I am now more mature and like I am finally 'free'... I look forward to coming back this year bigger and better than ever."

She certainly has her work cut out for her. Despite shedding partner-in-no-panties-crime Paris Hilton late last year, Spears has continued to party—and attract bad news. The New York Post reports that Jive, Spears' record label, is considering dropping the star after she submitted subpar tracks for her new CD (a charge the label and Spears' rep deny). A source tells Us that talks with Vanity Fair for a cover story to unveil 16-month-old Sean's brother, Jayden, 4 months, have fallen through (a rep for VF declined comment). Meanwhile, Ruben Garay, founder of the largest unofficial Spears fan site, World of Britney, announced he will cease production on Jan. 31, citing Spears' loss of "identity and credibility." Even Spears' manager, Larry Rudolph, acknowledged his client's "rocky mo-

ment" in a Jan. 4 article in USA Today that asked, "Is Spears' behavior the kiss of death?" It's a question Spears seems to have been mulling over herself. "Trust me, I get it. I know I've been far from perfect," she wrote on her Web site. A Spears pal tells Us the star is well aware she needs to nip her late nights—like a Dec. 20 evening at L.A.'s Les Deux, where a witness saw her vomiting—in the bud. But does she want to? "Absolutely she is partying too much," says the friend of Spears, whose two-year marriage to Kevin Federline, 28, ended Nov. 7. "She knows that but feels she needs to do it. She wants to be free and experience what she didn't."

### Bad Behavior

Despite her promise of a career comeback, Spears hasn't changed her ways. On Jan. 3 at Les Deux, Spears was spotted dancing, smoking and drinking. "She was definitely in the mood to party," says a witness. The next night, she went to club Area, where an onlooker noted Spears looked "drunk and horrible." That weekend, sources tell Us she apparently changed her mind about recording in Miami. Instead, she stopped by Shutters Hotel on the Beach in Santa Monica, Calif., before hanging out with one of her backup dancers on a rented boat in Marina del Rey, Calif., Jan. 6. "She looked like she was relaxed and happy to be here," a hotel source tells Us of the star, who blasted

a demo of a new song from her Mercedes convertible. But members of Spears' inner circle are worried she is spinning out of control. "Her parents fight with her every day. Even her sister, Jamie Lynn, has been put in the middle to try and talk to her," says the Spears friend. "Britney is torn between doing what she wants to do and listening to them."

### What's Next

The partying has also hurt Spears' image as a mother. Though the Spears pal says the star spends "every day" with the kids, her incessant nights out could "likely lose her base of support if she continues projecting the image of a negligent parent," Eric Dezenhall, a crisis-management consultant with Dezenhall Resources, tells Us, adding, "She needs a hit song, and she needs to stay out of the limelight and get her act together." Spears' manager insists she's doing just that. "She sees this as a challenge that some fans may be questioning her," he told USA Today. "Britney Spears will be back and absolutely at the top of the entertainment industry very soon." A source tells Us that her CD, tentatively titled Fear Within, is due the second half of the year (no release date has been set). As for the partying, the Spears pal says it's temporary: "She needs to get it out of her system and then get back to work."

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# Faculty film to show Ky. as 'heart' of U.S.

By Megan Hurt  
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Ron Eller had a problem with how Kentucky was being represented nationally. So the history professor did the only thing he could: Find a way to represent Kentuckians the way he knew them.

He approached history chair, Dan Smith, about having faculty members working together to address Kentucky's image with a documentary.

"Kentucky is known for misconceptions like ignorance, hillbillies and inbreeding," Smith said. "But you can't understand America unless you understand Kentucky."

Eller shared his experience working on another documentary and Smith, who has written several documentaries, began work on a script.

The film's goal is to show how Kentucky is a mirror of America, Smith said.

"Kentucky's history is symbolic of the nation's history," Smith said. "It's like what Jesse Stewart said, 'If these United States could be called a body, Kentucky can be called its heart.' Kentucky represents the nation's beauty."

The project now includes a completed script, Kentucky Educational Television (KET) network support, companion teaching materials to be sent to all Kentucky schools and a nine-minute trailer.

Titled "Kentucky: An American Story," the trailer was produced and written by Smith and is being shown to help accumulate funding for the documentary, which will have three parts.

The trailer was made during Summer

2006 with the goal of having the documentary and companion tools released by fall of 2007. But how soon that happens, depends on funding.

Estimations have the project costing close to \$1 million; so far \$200,000 has been raised and Eller says \$100,000 more is needed before filming can begin.

Gheens Foundation, a foundation dedicated to funding projects that have long-term impact on the state, donated \$50,000. KET has also promised to help out with marketing.

"We just need to get the word out there," Smith said. "Raising money is what's important right now."

The faculty members involved in the project have launched a "funding campaign," traveling all over the state and parts of Ohio, contacting foundations, businesses and individuals.

"We're teachers, not fundraisers, but we've become fundraisers," Eller said.

According to Smith, Jim Host, a former Commerce Cabinet Secretary, budgeted \$500,000 from the state department to help with the financial costs of the documentary. But most of the money went elsewhere when Host resigned in the fall of 2005.

In the meantime, the faculty members are waiting and teaching.

"We're still teachers," Eller said. "That's our full time job, but this documentary is our way of serving the commonwealth."

The film will be theatrical, not encyclopedic, and broken into three subjects: the land, the people and the politics.

"This is primarily a film for everyone to see," Smith said. "We're too detached from

history. With this documentary you should learn something about the past you didn't know. Part of what makes you now is what happened then."

KET will air the program and the documentary and accompanying kit will be sent to Kentucky schools. The kit will include a Web site, a database, teacher training workshops and a computer game based on the popular television show CSI: Crime Scene Investigation. The University Press of Kentucky also plans on publishing a companion volume with the documentary.

"School children in Kentucky rarely see their state represented in national narratives about the American past," said Kathi Kern, history professor and a faculty member involved in the documentary project. "We want to create a compelling film series and an exciting set of ancillary educational materials so that history and social studies teachers in Kentucky have good, high quality material to integrate our state's history into the history of the country."

Actress Ashley Judd, who narrates the trailer, will also lend her voice for the documentary. The director for both is Paul Wagner, who won an academy award for a documentary short subject titled "The Stone Carvers" in 1984.

While production is on hold until funds come, faculty members working on this project are enjoying the process.

"It's really satisfying to work collaboratively with other colleagues at the University," Kern said. "We're having fun working together and, at the same time, we're trying to contribute something important to the community beyond UK."

## RENOVATIONS

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"This is definitely a move up," Pearl said, referring to his current location as a space with pipes and occasional sewage drainage rather than an office. "It'll give us the confidentiality to get through the day."

Moving roll call into its new location frees up the other area so that contractors can start working in other places, Monroe said. What used to be roll call will soon be a locker room, with 2-foot by 2-foot lockers — double the size of the current lockers.

Currently, officers share lockers that are not big enough for some of their supplies. There will be enough of the new lockers, which designed specifically for police officers, for each officer to have his or her own.

But not only will officers be more comfortable with the renovations, but visitors will also find the station more accessible.

The entrance into the police department, which is currently in the back of the building and requires visitors to be buzzed in, will be moved. The new plans call a side entrance that will include a receptionist area and lobby.

The dispatch area will also have bullet-resistant walls and a glass window between it and the waiting room.

This reception area will make the department more accessible and give off a more professional appearance, Monroe said.

The changes, though exciting, are mostly about necessity for the department, Monroe said.

"There's very little window dressing on this; it's all needed," he said.

The welcomed renovations have been in the works for more than a year, Monroe said.

The budget for the entire project is \$230,000. UK administration is funding most of it, but some money has been donated by a former staff member who has made previous donations to the department.

Monroe said he hopes to have everything, including the dispatch area, ready for operation by the end of March.

"It's also going to help the morale of the officers, being in something nice like this instead of a dungeon," Monroe said.

The morale of the officers seemed to have risen simply with the anticipation.

Pearl, sitting with Lt. Bill Webb on the desk the pair had just moved into their future office, smiled.

"We're just tickled to have something new."

## IRIS

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The IRIS Project, to date, has successfully implemented an integrated information system in place of the old financial system and the human resource-payroll system, according to UK professor and IRIS Project Director, Phyllis Nash.

As part of the new system, prospective students will be able to schedule campus visits and provide information about themselves electronically with the new system.

Also through the new Campus Management system, undergraduate applicants will be able to complete a single application for university admission, scholarship opportunities and admission into the Universities Honors Programs.

In 2005, the myUK portal, purchasing, student accounting and IRIS financials, which includes grants management, were activated through the new system.

The myUK portal provides access to on-line bill payment, a service students have been utilizing since its introduction in October 2005.

The myUK portal, a system generally available to students 24 hours a day, seven days a week, offers students to access bill payment as well as other manage other areas through a single sign-on screen.

An active directory user ID and password will still be all that is required to access the myUK portal.

In early 2006, Kentucky Medical Services Foundation implemented IRIS financials. UK's new financial aid system was activated in March, and the IRIS human resources-payroll and hospital inventory systems, which includes an inventory bar-coding system, were implemented in April.

Budget preparation, plant maintenance and Campus Management, which will replace the current Student Information System, are also in the process of being completed, Nash said.

Campus Management is responsible for event planning, such as building class

## PHOTOGRAPHS

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"His motivations are based on a humanitarian motivation," Stevens said. "There's no greater goal as a musician than to make people feel things."

The presentation went further and used specific instrumentation for each section including flutes and noisemakers to simulate the indigenous music of El Salvador and police sirens to complement the images of New York.

"I've never seen images like these," said Calvin Harmin, a geography junior who attended the lecture. "I was deeply moved by them."

In the last section of his presentation, Towell showed a collection of images from his family and home in rural Ontario. The pictures were a stark contrast to the images of terrorist attacks and Middle-Eastern violence. The lecture ended with another of Towell's original acoustic songs detailing the great love he had for his family and his home.

"His photos or his music would've worked well by themselves," said art studio senior Charlie Thompson. "The fact that he uses them together creates an experience that is full of emotion."

schedules, student recruitment, admissions, registration and academic history.

The IRIS Project managers hope to be rid of the current student system and have all of its previous duties transferred to the new Campus Management system, Nash said.

Work on the new system began in December 2006, with a completion date set for late February 2007.

The first activities to occur in the new system will be Spring 2007 mid-term grading and the add-drop window for classes.

Campus Management functions, such as recruitment, admissions, registration, advising conferences and equivalency determination, are set to be activated by Feb. 26.

Registration for both the Summer 2007 and Fall 2007 terms will be made available through the new IRIS Campus Management system as well.

"It is imperative that students be informed about the upcoming changes and what they can do to prepare," Nash said. "I know there will be many issues that will be of interest to students."

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### Advertise online SG elections via Facebook

Online voting for this year's Student Government election could greatly improve voter turnout — if students can drag themselves away from Facebook long enough to vote.

Or perhaps, with careful planning and promotion, Facebook could be the medium that brings the students back to SG.

Last week, SG continued planning for the upcoming spring elections when proposals for online voting were submitted to the Operations and Evaluations Committee. Online voting is allowed by the SG constitution, but acts must be passed detailing how the voting will be handled.

In reviewing these proposals, SG must be careful to ensure the integrity and security of the election is maintained with the addition of online voting. But equal weight should also be given to making the election visible to the students who should be voting in it.

To actually improve voter turnout, online voting must be promoted. Students need to be aware that they can vote online, and they need the details of when, where and how to do it. Students will be most likely to vote if they're encouraged to do so while they're already online.

And that's where Facebook might help SG. Granted, using Facebook is nothing new for a campaign — the majority, if not all, of the candidates in last spring's SG election had Facebook profiles and groups representing them. However, there was not necessarily an organized effort to turn a Facebook presence into actual votes. Previously, such an effort probably would have seen little success, no matter how much the election was promoted online, students would still have to leave the comfort of their dorms and apartments to wait in line at a polling center.

With online voting, promotion through Facebook is feasible. There are more than 28,000 people in the UK network on Facebook, the majority of which are most likely current students and therefore eligible to vote in the SG election. If SG officials promote the election through Facebook, they just might convince students to take a break from changing their profile pictures in order to have a say in student leadership.

SG tried online voting once before, in October's freshman elections, and the results were not impressive: the top vote-getter received only 330 votes, nearly 200 less than the top vote-getter the year before. The freshman elections demonstrated that simply allowing online voting does not itself encourage students to vote.

Utilizing Facebook will not single-handedly correct the problem of student turnout. It's important that SG continue to operate physical polling locations that are adequately staffed and with long enough hours that students can conveniently vote during other down-time, such as while waiting in between classes or going for dinner at the Commons.

We have consistently called for SG to implement online voting because we believe that it has great potential to increase student turnout and thus help SG better reflect the student body. The convenience of online voting can only be realized, though, if its existence is properly advertised.

### Brown was right pick for coaching job

UK's football program was faced with a dilemma two weeks ago when offensive coordinator Mike Archer left the program to take up the defensive coordinator position at North Carolina State University.

Hiring a new coach raises all sorts of questions: Will the coach be reliable and experienced? Will he or she work well with the players?

UK avoided the pitfalls that come with looking for a coach from outside and instead looked into the ranks of its own coaching staff, naming Steve Brown, the defensive backs coach, as the new defensive coordinator last Monday.

Brown already has the confidence and support of head coach Rich Brooks, having worked under Brooks with the St. Louis Rams from 1995 to 1996.

"Steve is very well qualified to be a defensive coordinator and is probably overdue, much like Joker Phillips was (when named offensive coordinator at UK)," Brooks said in a UK Athletics press release.

Promoting people already on the coaching staff has paid dividends in the past for Brooks. Phillips was elevated to offensive coordinator in 2005, and UK's offense has continued to grow.

Hopefully, history will repeat itself for the team. Meanwhile, we applaud the decision to look inside for a new defensive coach and wish the Cats the best of success in the future.

#### Weekly Poll Question

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BRIAN GODLEY, Kernel cartoonist

### Low turnout at tuition meeting didn't result from student apathy

When few students showed up for a forum last week to discuss the proposed tuition increase for next school year, Provost Kumble Subbaswamy told the Kernel he thought the low turnout was because the proposed increase is lower than that of last year.



TARA BONISTALL  
Kernel  
columnist

I beg to differ. This may come as a surprise to many who work in our university's administration, but a more likely reason for the low turnout at the forum is that we're not stupid. Shocking, I know, but bear with me — I just might change your mind.

As a whole, I would agree that when it comes to controversial issues, even ones that will affect our lives, students at UK are generally lazy, apathetic and uncommitted. Is this because we truly don't care? Nope. It's more likely that it's because students are realistic, and again, not nearly as stupid as those who control our lives seem to think we are.

Students are not protesting the tuition increase this year, and for good reasons. First of all, we know that it won't do any good. Sure, maybe if we make enough noise, they'll only raise our tuition 8 percent instead of 9 percent.

But let's face it: No matter how much protesting we do, we're not going to keep tuition steady. Why take on a battle we

have no chance at winning? Second, most students understand the reasoning behind the increase. If you are raising my tuition to hire more and better faculty, expand university resources and provide a better collegiate experience for me as a whole, then I'll write the check for the extra 9 percent. We're not as clueless as you think we are — we want UK to be improved as much as you do.

We didn't need to come to the forum to hear administrators talk down to us, trying to explain in their nice, grown-up voices that this tuition increase will actually help us. We know it will. We didn't want to waste our time trying to convince them that the increase is too high. They know it is.

Students are not blameless in this situation. It would be really nice if we cared more, not necessarily about tuition increases, but also about the hiring of new faculty members, discussions about curriculums and building plans. In some ways, I can understand why the Administration thinks we don't care — we often don't.

It isn't fair, however, that they assume that we aren't interested in bettering our university as well. We have just as much stake in what happens here as they do — maybe even more — and most students at UK would be glad to get involved in the planning process.

Administrators, I urge you to take a minute to remember why you are doing the work that you do. Remember that the reason you took this job is that you (hopefully) truly love learning, higher education

and, most of all, students. Don't lose faith in our student body because we aren't interested in hearing about things that you aren't giving us any real say in anyway.

Don't lump us all together as ignorant, uncaring not-yet-adults. Create committees

Students know their attendance (or lack thereof) at annual tuition forums won't bring down the increase — and we understand that the higher cost serves worthy educational goals

within your departments to bring together interested students and receive their input on changes you are considering making. Ask senior students about how these changes would have affected their UK experiences.

In order for our college education to be what it is, we need you. We know that. For as much as we complain about some of the things you do and mistakes we think you make, we really do appreciate the work you do and trust that you have our best interests at heart. All we ask in return is that you take time to remember why you're here, and the way your decisions affect our real lives. As you discuss our tuition increases and program requirements, just don't forget about us.

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## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

### Textbook publishers treat students well

Megan Vazmina's Jan. 12 column, "Rest easy, bookstores are not out to get you," failed to provide an accurate understanding of the changing nature of today's college textbooks.

Publishers are sympathetic to students' concerns about the cost of textbooks and offer a range of options from which faculty can choose for their courses, including a la carte options. Publishers do not hide their prices. For example, there are 216 introductory psychology titles currently on sale in college bookstores around the country at retail prices ranging from \$23.44 to \$120.54. These alternatives and a new and expanding range of technologies are helping more students pass their courses, stay in school and graduate sooner, saving students time and money while improving their success rates.

In fact, textbook prices, which account for less than 5 percent of the core higher education expenses for the average four-year student, are not rising as fast as other higher education costs, such as tuition and student fees. According to Student Monitor, a student research service, the average college student spent \$644 on textbooks during the 2005-06 academic year, a cost that has remained generally steady for the past three years.

In addition, changes between editions occur, on average, every four years. And, publishers' income on new textbooks after printing, binding, paper, taxes and other expenses is about 4.8 to 7 percent.

As the cost of higher education continues to escalate, America's publishers are helping students get the most out of their tuition dollar by responding to changing needs.

Stacy Scarazzo Skelly  
Assistant Director for Higher Education  
Association of American Publishers

### Smoking ban isn't unfair to Lexington businesses

In its Jan. 17 editorial "Purported benefit of smoking ban is questionable," the Kernel stated the following:

"The Lexington smoking ban infringes on the rights of businesses to operate as they wish to, and it denies consumers from making their own choices about the establishments they frequent."

According to the Kernel's statement, I should be able to move to the Lexington area and open a business of my choice. What if I would want to open a restaurant and sell food that has not been stored at the proper temperatures? Or I may want to come and open a brothel in your area, since business owners should have the right to operate as they wish — and I am sure there would be lots of consumers in your area ready to frequent that establishment.

Of course, these statements are as absurd as the Kernel's. It is now 2007, and the evidence is quite clear on the dangers of second-hand smoke. All over the country, Clean Indoor Air laws are slowly becoming the norm, and the majority of the public supports these laws.

Yes, you have the right to smoke if you want. But I also have the right not to breathe your smoke. My county just went 100 percent smoke-free, including bars. Now I can go out to have a drink or two and not go home smelling like a chimney. Workers can now go to work without the fear of having an asthma attack because the guy in the next office or fellow bartender smokes like a freight train. These laws are also very good for children. The less smoking they see in public, the less likely they are to pick up the habit.

James A. Vance  
Clean Indoor Air Program Coordinator  
West Virginia Bureau for Public Health

### Practice facility was the least of UK's needs

The completion of the new Joe Craft Center for basketball practice represents the nadir of UK's quest for top-20 status.

Of all the needs on campus — improved safety, a new student center, updated dormitories — UK decided that a practice facility costing \$30 million was the most important. Memorial Coliseum, home of Adolph Rupp's incredible dynasty, is apparently no longer good enough for our team to even shoot practice hoops.

UK President Lee Todd should hang his head in shame. UK will never achieve top-20 status with leadership like this.

Richard Parr  
UK alumnus

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VANDERBILT 72, UK 67

## Cats' lose focus, followed by game

Kevin Stallings said it all, without saying all that much. The Vanderbilt head coach, whose team had just won for a second consecutive time at Rupp Arena, chuckled when a reporter asked him about UK's inability to handle success. Laughing at the irony — given that UK had won 11 consecutive games — Stallings shook his head, rubbed his hand across his face and said, "Success in Lexington sometimes has a different definition, doesn't it?" he asked. He's right.

The amazing thing is not that UK lost to Vanderbilt, it's that the limited Cats were able to win 11 in a row in the first place. Finally on Saturday those limits showed up in a big way. The Cats are still too prone to offensive breakdowns — is there any air left in that ball, Rame! — and they shied away from the physical Commodores in the opening minutes. But to suggest that the Cats aren't able to handle success is a

little over the top. Did UK fall victim to the complacency that seeps into the minds of players on every streaking team? Sure, the Cats admitted as much after the game.

"I wish we would have prepared better and come in with that killer's mentality," said point guard Rame! Bradley. "Maybe we weren't as focused as we have been in the past." That's a problem that has plagued coaches since the invention of the whistle. When your team is flying high, how do you keep it focused on the task at hand? After he failed to find a way to do that, Tubby Smith vowed to change his approach in practice.

"It's all about attitude; coming to practice with the right mental frame," the UK head coach said. "I've got to be a little more confrontational (in practice)."

Judging by post-game comments from Smith and his players, UK's practices last week were poor. If that's true, perhaps being upset at home by Vandy will inspire the Cats to work a little harder in their new practice facility.

"We hadn't practiced well," Smith said. "So I'm disappointed, but I'm not really surprised... sometimes you don't see problems until (a loss). We've got to learn that you play the

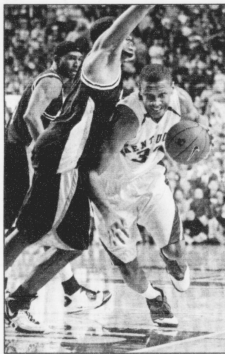


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Junior guard Rame! Bradley tries to bounce the ball off Vanderbilt guard Alex Gordon. The ball stayed in bounds and was picked up by Vanderbilt for a turnover and a score.

way you practice." That would be a good lesson to take from the loss, which was, by the way, UK's first in its last 12 games. Imagine how good the Cats

will be when they learn to handle success.  
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Junior center Randolph Morris drives into the paint during Saturday's loss to Vanderbilt. Morris had 11 points in the game.



BRITNEY MCINTOSH | STAFF

## BASKETBALL

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with 12 points and six rebounds. Both players have struggled offensively this season. "They are veteran, seasoned, senior players who have stepped up to the challenge," Smith said.

But UK wasn't able to keep the momentum going in the second half. Vanderbilt knocked down three 3-pointers to start the second half and take a 41-37 lead.

Neither team would lead by more than four points until Dan Cage hit a three with 1:19 to go to give Vandy a six-point lead. Cage's shot was in the middle of a 10-0 game-ending run.

"We got it down to the last four minutes and it comes down to who makes a couple plays," said Vanderbilt head coach Kevin Stallings.

"We hit a couple of big shots." Byars hit the most shots for Vanderbilt, scoring a game-high 23 points. Perry led the Cats with 13 points, and Joe Crawford pitched in 12, although he made just 4-of-17 shots.

After beating South Carolina by 38 points on Tuesday, Smith said his team wasn't as focused as they should have been. UK will have little time to rest before playing at Georgia on Wednesday, and the players said their intensity and concentration must improve in practice as they enter the middle of the SEC schedule.

"We need to stay focused," Perry said. "We need to continue to concentrate on what we need to do to improve, and we need to concentrate on the next game."

"We can't focus on the past. We need to keep working hard and prepare for our next game."

## FOOTBALL NOTEBOOK

### Brooks hires running, defensive backs coaches

KERNEL STAFF REPORT

UK football coach Rich Brooks filled the two open positions on his coaching staff Saturday, naming David Lockwood the defensive backs coach and Larry Brinson the running backs coach.

Lockwood spent the past five seasons at the University of Minnesota. He was the Gophers' defensive coordinator for the final two years of his tenure.

Lockwood is an 18-year coaching veteran, including six seasons spent coaching in the secondary. He began his coaching career as a graduate assistant at his alma mater, West Virginia, in 1989. He also coached at Delaware (1990-93, tight ends and wide receivers), James Madison (1994, TE/WR), Memphis (1995-98 WR, 1999 defensive backs), West Virginia (2000, DB), and Notre Dame (2001, cornerbacks).



Brinson



Lockwood

Brinson spent last season out of coaching. Before that, he spent a combined 23 years coaching at Air Force, Arkansas, Clemson and Rice.

Quarterbacks coach Randy Sanders also added the duties as recruiting coordinator, Brooks announced. The jobs were left open by recruiting coordinator and running backs coach Ron Caragher leaving UK to become head coach at the University of San Diego, and Steve Brown's promotion from defensive backs coach to

defensive coordinator.

### Pulley to redshirt next season

Curtis Pulley, a back-up quarterback and part-time receiver on the UK football team, has dropped out of school. Brooks announced Saturday. Pulley is not enrolled in classes this semester, but plans to return to school in the fall and redshirt the 2007 season.

Pulley has served as a reserve quarterback, wide receiver and special teams player during his two seasons with the Wildcats. In 2006, he played in all 13 games, completed 8-of-14 passes for 72 yards, rushed 23 times for 124 yards, caught 21 passes for 201 yards and one touchdown, and blocked two kicks on special teams. After redshirting the 2007 season, Pulley will have two years of eligibility remaining in 2008 and '09.

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