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## SG urges students to attend Capitol rally

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Student Government wants to increase the number of UK representatives at tomorrow's Rally for Higher Education in Frankfort, which had a small UK attendance last year.

"Last year was just sad," said Senate President Brent Burchett at last week's Appropriations and Revenue committee meeting. "There's nothing like being there with all other Kentucky schools with five people to represent all of UK. It was embarrassing."

The main change from last year to help increase attendance is to make the event mandatory for SG senators, Burchett said.

"We're providing them with a bus ride, an excused absence from class, and I've promised them we really do have fun," Burchett said. "There's just no reason they shouldn't go."

Not all senators plan to attend, but most are trying.

"It's really hard to make an event like this mandatory," said Sen. Tyler Montell. "There will always be senators that won't be a part of Student Government next year who don't always find an importance in these mandatory activities."

The rally is at the Capitol Rotunda tomorrow at 1 p.m.

"I'm excited to go," said Sen. Brittany Langdon. "It is an important event that SG should stand behind."

The main focus of the rally is to encourage Kentucky legislators to pass a bill giving public universities the authority to assume their own debt by issuing bonds.

Currently, the funding for projects at UK comes from the budget of the General Assembly. If bonding authority is granted, UK will be allowed to raise its own funds, and decide how to use that money.

The issue of bonding authority has been defeated over the past few sessions of the House of Representatives.

Matt Ballard, chairman of the Student Lobbyist Corp., in the SG executive branch, and SG President Jonah Brown helped organize the event.

"There have been a lot of people within Student Government, especially Matt (Ballard) who have worked really hard on this event," Montell said. "As senators it is our job to go and do our part in representing UK."

UK students are invited to attend this event. A bus will leave from the corner of Patterson Drive and Administration Drive at 11:30 a.m.

"The cheerleaders are going, the Wildcat and Scratch (are going)," Burchett said. "I think it will be a great time and a great improvement from last year."



KASHA STEVENSON | STAFF FILE PHOTO

Students from Kentucky public colleges gather in the rotunda of the state Capitol on Feb. 5, 2006, as part of last year's Rally for Higher Education in Frankfort.

## Player suspended from team following arrest

### UK soccer junior returns to court Feb. 15 facing first-degree rape charge

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Michael Alexander Strong, a UK soccer player that was arrested Sunday night and charged with first-degree rape, has been suspended indefinitely from all team activities, UK Athletics media relations director Scott Stricklin said in a statement last night.

"This is a serious accusation," Stricklin said in the statement. "Anyone with knowledge is expected to cooperate fully with the authorities. UK continues to stress to its student-ath-

letes that they represent themselves and the University in a positive light at all times."

In a court hearing yesterday at 1 p.m., Strong appeared through closed-circuit television, as he was still in jail on a \$5,000 bond. Since that time, he has been released on bail. Division of Community Corrections officials would not release information regarding who paid Strong's bail or the time of his release.

When asked, Strong told the judge he had a lawyer, but the lawyer was not at the hearing. Judge Bruce Bell entered a temporary non-guilty plea for Strong until his lawyer can enter an official plea. Strong's next court date is Feb. 15 at 8:30 a.m.

Strong was arrested late Sunday night after

a 17-year-old girl from out of state who was visiting her sister, a UK student, reported she had been sexually assaulted early Saturday between 3 and 4:30 a.m., Maj. Joe Monroe of UK police said.

The assault occurred in the sister's room in Blanding Tower, Monroe said. UK police identified Strong as a suspect after interviewing the victim and two witnesses, her sister and her sister's roommate, who were in the room when the alleged rape occurred, Monroe said.

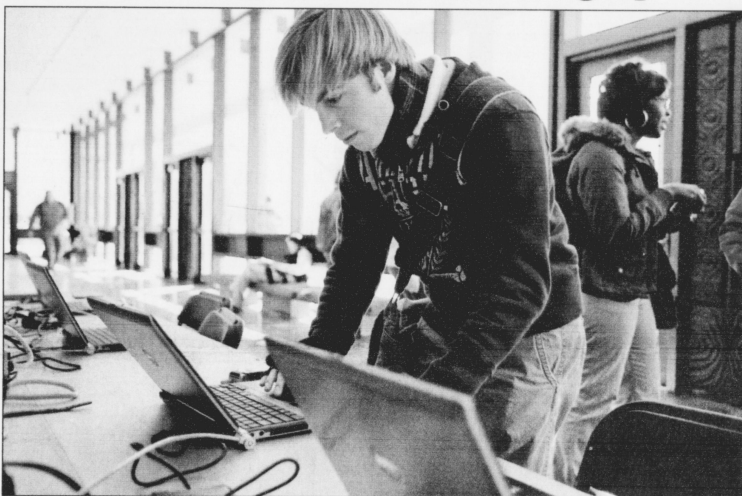
Under Kentucky law, the maximum penalty for first-degree rape is 20 years in prison and five years of conditional discharge.



Strong

SPORTS EDITOR JONATHAN SMITH  
CONTRIBUTED TO THIS STORY

## Speaking out and warming up



ED MATTHEWS | STAFF

Ryan Murrell, a political science freshman, uses a laptop set out by Student Government yesterday afternoon in the White Hall Classroom Building to send State Senate President David Williams an e-mail in support of a bill that would grant UK bonding authority.

### SG offers students hot chocolate and an opportunity to address rising tuition costs

By Ed Matthews  
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Student Government tried to help students fight the cold as well as rising tuition costs yesterday afternoon in the Classroom Building.

Representatives from SG handed out hot chocolate and asked students to sign a letter addressed to state legislators as part of the statewide event dubbed "Listen Up Legislators."

The event, which was organized by the Board of Student Body Presidents and sponsored by SG, is part of a statewide effort by students of public universities to alert state

legislators to the growing concern over the cost of education, said Student Lobbyist Corps Chairman Matt Ballard.

SG President Jonah Brown drafted the letter, which would be signed by the letter. The letter was directed toward all members of the Kentucky General Assembly, asking them to consider the bonding bill as a way for UK to raise funds without relying on the state government's bi-annual budget.

"By granting bonding authority, it will allow UK to raise funds on their own and use the money as they see fit," according to the SG Web site. "For students, this means renovated dorms and dining facilities as well as an updated and/or new student center. This also

can decrease the amount that the university raises tuition due to the fact it won't have to rely solely on the General Assembly for funds."

SG also set out laptop computers to allow students to send drafted e-mails to Senate President David Williams asking him to pass the bill. Over the last four years, Rep. Bob Dammron, D-Nicholasville, has filed the bond order bill, but Williams has not supported it, Ballard said.

"This is to show that students care," Ballard said.

Ballard said SG was hoping for around 100 signatures and 60 e-mails, but had received almost 200 signatures and had sent over 100 e-mails by noon, with four hours until the event was over.

SG also hoped to use Monday's event to raise support for the rally in Frankfort tomorrow from 1 to 2 p.m.

## Turnout at season's last ticket lottery lower than expected

By Chris Miles  
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Last night marked the start of the UK men's basketball team's matchup with No. 1 Florida as about 4,250 students braved the freezing cold to attend the final basketball ticket lottery of the season at Memorial Coliseum.

"We've never turned anyone away," West said. The lottery officially started last night at 9:30. Doors to Memorial Coliseum usually open at 9:00 for basketball lotteries, but this time, due to the cold temperatures, they were opened before 8:45.

Students who were called first in the lottery were able to pick from three seating options: the eRuption Zone, lower level and upper level seating.

Psychology senior Angie Smits

wouldn't have received tickets.

"We've only sold out twice in ten years," Blanton said.

Susan West, an assistant dean of students, said that if someone's number is near the end of the lottery queue, they usually leave and allow students who wait the full amount of time to snatch up the remaining tickets.

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was among those called first.

"It's awesome," Smits said. "My heart dropped. I had to check my ticket (voucher) three times to make sure."

For early childhood senior Kendall Rhorel, also called first, the early ticket pickup meant a bit more than just good seats.

"I'm excited because I get to go home," Rhorel said. "I usually have bad luck at lotteries."

Blanton said a normal lottery usually lasts a little past midnight, if all runs smoothly.

The final basketball lottery of the season was also the final lottery of agricultural biotechnology senior Rachel Wallace's UK college career.

"I'm excited I didn't have to wait and get some good seats for once," Wallace said. "(These) are the last good seats I'll get."

## UK prof, colleague examine child spanking 'predictors'

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Religious affiliation and a healthy home environment could be predictors of which parents choose to corporally punish their children, according to a recent study by a UK professor and her colleague.

The study, conducted by Melanie Otis, associate professor of social work at UK, and Andrew Grogan-Kaylor, an assistant professor at the University of Michigan, investigated what factors might cause parents to use spanking as punishment for children in the home.

"As more research is focusing on relations with the use of corporal punishment, we can see similar outcomes to maltreatment," Otis said.

The study, "The Predictors of Parental Use of Corporal Punishment," was recently published in the journal "Family Relations: Interdisciplinary Journal of Applied Family

Studies."

While the behavior of a child may tie heavily into the use of spanking, Otis and Grogan-Kaylor say corporal punishment may be better understood as part of a set of behaviors related to parenting style.

In the study, Otis and Grogan-Kaylor defined corporal punishment as any form of physical punishment and used data from the 2000 National Longitudinal Study of Youth "that collected such data as the number of spankings in the past week, ages of the child and mother, mother's education, religion and economic status," according to a UK news release.

The study found that the maternal traits surveyed showed no relationship to the use of parental corporal punishment.

Otis and Grogan-Kaylor also found that religious affiliation could have some effect on whether parents use corporal punishment. For example, the study showed that

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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 5 — Keep an eye on your partner, so he or she doesn't make matters worse. Make sure you're both aiming at the same target.

**Taurus (April 20 - May 20)** Today is a 7 — Your workload is increasing, though your paycheck is not getting fatter. Don't worry about that; it'll follow as you increase your skills.

**Gemini (May 21 - June 21)** Today is a 6 — You'll naturally relax as more of the puzzle pieces fall into place. Don't let down your guard completely, however. Keep your wits about you.

**Cancer (June 22 - July 22)** Today

is a 5 — The problem is that you're still busy, and you don't want to be. You want to be curled up on your couch. Better get yourself a good laptop and talk the boss into working from home.

**Leo (July 23 - Aug. 22)** Today is an 8 — There's not quite as much tension, partially because you're getting smarter. Prove it, by not trying to fix something that already works.

**Virgo (Aug. 23 - Sept. 22)** Today is an 8 — The system you've helped set up should be beginning to work by now. You'll see good results for a couple of days. Accomplish as much as you can.

**Libra (Sept. 23 - Oct. 22)** Today is an 8 — You've probably finished most of the disagreeable tasks by now. Don't lose interest before the job's done, or you'll be in trouble again.

**Scorpio (Oct. 23 - Nov. 21)** Today is a 6 — All the stuff you've been putting off is suddenly coming due.

The good news is, there's no trouble figuring out what you should do now.

**Sagittarius (Nov. 22 - Dec. 21)** Today is a 7 — Friends help you find many uses for your new skills. Do what you find fascinating and don't worry about the money.

**Capricorn (Dec. 22 - Jan. 19)** Today is a 7 — The person in charge of the money is feeling generous. If you're nice, which may not be easy, you could get a bonus. Don't make any jokes at this person's expense.

**Aquarius (Jan. 20 - Feb. 18)** Today is a 7 — You know where you want to go. Convince the others to help, and give them the credit when you arrive. This is definitely a team effort.

**Pisces (Feb. 19 - March 20)** Today is a 6 — Search through your list of contacts to find the person who has what you need. A private transaction will be better this time than going public.

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## THE DISH

The ex-Sex and the City hunk tells us about his love life — onscreen and off

those folks asked me to think.' it's over. You're f — ked. The train has left the station. Cry for two days, then find someone else."

— Erin Quinn  
**Grey's wild engagements**

The newest affliction sweeping Seattle Grace? Engagement fever! On Grey's Anatomy's January 25 show, George (T.R. Knight), grieving from his dad's death, got on one knee for Callie (Sara Ramirez), and Burke (Isiah Washington) ended his silent spat with Cristina (Sandra Oh) by popping the question. Will these couples make it to the altar? "Burke's is a 'rescue proposal.' He did it to save the relationship," says L.A. psychologist Stacy Kaiser. "They don't have a good chance." But George and Callie have hope: "It's a 'replacement proposal.' He's filling the void. But she's been there for him — that's great for marriage."

— Aimee Agresti  
**Scott Baio's steamy tell-all**

The Charles in Charge star is shopping around a book about his celeb conquests

Erin Moran. Of losing his virginity at age 16 to Joanie Loves Chachi costar Moran, now 46, Baio writes in BaioWatch, according to excerpts on Radaronline.com, "I didn't know what to do. . . . My thing was between the cushions of the couch. . . . Instead of being inside Erin, I was humping a corduroy sofa!"

Heather Locklear. Baio, now 45, calls Locklear, also 45 (whom he dated from 1983 to 1984), "the one that got away." His tome also imparts this ad-

vice about women: "When a woman says, 'I need time to think,' it's over. You're f — ked. The train has left the station. Cry for two days, then find someone else."

Pamela Anderson. "One day, Pamela came home and said, 'I'm thinking of getting my boobs done,'" writes Baio, who dated Anderson, now 39, in 1989; they reunited and were briefly engaged in 1993. "I knew our relationship would soon begin to crumble." (Anderson's rep had no comment.)

— Eric Andersson

## Hollywood's Hot Designer

Just weeks after Oprah Winfrey introduced her on-air as the next big name in fashion, Rachel Roy's NYC-based business (launched in 2005) is busier than ever before. "My Web site went from 30,000 hits a week to 1 million right after the show — and 2 million within a week," the Seaside, California, native (who's married to Rocawear co-founder Damon Dash) tells Us. "It was huge for me!"

Chic clientele Stylish stars Penelope Cruz, Lucy Liu and Jessica Biel have also taken notice of Roy's sophisticated feminine collection (\$500-\$2,000, rachelroy.com). And Eve recently wowed in the designer's draped ivory Layla gown at an NYC gala. "Rachel's dress accentuated the good and hid the bad," the singer tells Us. "I got so many compliments!"

— Carol McColgin

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## STUDY

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corporal punishment was used more often in homes with Protestant affiliation than in homes of those with non-Protestant affiliations.

Otis and Grogan-Kaylor also discovered that a healthy home environment, which allows children to think through the consequences of their actions, leads to less anti-social

behavior.

Otis' interest in this subject grew from similar studies she had done relating child behavior to criminal behavior due to maltreatment at a young age.

"Implications can be seen into adulthood," Otis said about both studies.

Grogan-Kaylor's concern for the effects of corporal punishment began personally.

In 1999, Grogan-Kaylor was a visiting professor at UK and was just starting his academic career. At that time, his son was one year old and Grogan-Kaylor said he was doing all he could to

be the best parent possible. He read and deeply studied the "Dr. Lipschitz-esque" pediatrician parenting books, which all seemed to come out strongly against spanking.

Grogan-Kaylor wondered just how strong that research was, he said.

After studying thousands of families across the country and their use of corporal punishment, Grogan-Kaylor said previous research seemed to prove true.

"Spanking seems more negative than I thought," he said.

## MLK Center hosts black history events

By Tyler Montgomery  
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UK's Martin Luther King Jr. Cultural Center is hosting a number of events this month in celebration of Black History Month.

Organizers kicked off last week with events strictly for the Greek community. This week, MLKCC will start hosting events for the entire student body.

Tomorrow the center is hosting "Waiting to Exhale: Women's Empowerment," a discussion on rape and violence against women in the African-American community from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. in the center.

For Valentine's Day, Feb. 14, starting at 10 a.m. and continuing until 10 p.m., the center is holding the Black Love Movie Fest, including the movies "For the Love of Ivy," "Claudine," "Carmen Jones," "Jungle Fever," "Brown Sugar" and "Love Jones." All movies will be shown in the center.

On Feb. 15, MLKCC is hosting a Black History Scavenger Hunt starting at 1 p.m. This event was developed for students to learn the history of the people and departments that have contributed to the development and education of minority students at UK. The winning team will receive a cash prize of \$100. Teams will meet at the center to begin the scavenger hunt.

"We believe that this will be one of our bigger events," said MLKCC Director Veleashia Smith, "but you never know with a first time event (like the scavenger hunt)."

Saul Williams, author of "The Dead Emcee Scrolls," will be speaking on Feb. 19 at 7 p.m. in the Student Center Grand Ballroom. Williams also wrote and performed in the movie "Slam." Before his speech, UK students will display their poetry talents.

"We hope that bringing Saul to UK will get

the community involved with the events that are taking place on campus this month," Smith said.

UK Student Government is helping sponsor Diversity Dialogues, a panel discussion concerning interracial relationships and interracial students on Tuesday, Feb. 20 at 8 p.m. The discussion will also include panel members answering questions from audience members. The location of the panel discussion has not been determined.

The next day, the MLKCC will offer a presentation called "Never Pass Up an Opportunity to Make a Difference," which tells the story of three sophomore students at Texas Southern University that helped out the university's president after discovering she misused school funds. It begins at 7 p.m. on Feb. 21 in room 111 of the Student Center.

The Iota Phi Theta fraternity is hosting a discussion Feb. 22 at 7 p.m. in the center titled "The N-Word," which will discuss the history and controversy of the emotionally-charged word.

Spoken word artists, poets and singers will show off their talents at "MicCheck" on Feb. 23 at 9 p.m. in the Cats Den, and Smith expects between 200 and 300 people to attend.

"It is always a bigger event for us," Smith said.

The final event, the Black Student Address, will be Feb. 28 at 7 p.m. Organizers have not determined a location for the address.

"This is another panel discussion which will involve a student, administrator and a person from the community," Smith said. "It will concern media, academics and empowerment. It is developed by Nikky Finney and I'm hoping that it will be one of our larger events."

For more information about Black History Month events contact the MLKCC in the Student Center at (859) 257-4130.

### CORRECTION

Two articles in the Friday, Feb. 2 and Monday, Feb. 5 editions of the Kernel misspelled the name of the executive director of the Central Kentucky American Heart Association. The correct spelling of her name is Cathy Lerza.

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# UK Symphony to record with classical music label

By Wesley Yonts  
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When the UK Symphony Orchestra and UK Women's Choir begin recording their version of George Fredrick McKay's "Epoch" today, it will be a milestone for the UK School of Music.

UK is one of only a few universities to record with the Naxos Record Label, according to John Nardolillo, the director of orchestras at UK. Naxos is a prestigious classical recording label, he said.

"This is a very important thing for our university," Nardolillo said. "The UK Symphony Orchestra is one of only three college orchestras to ever be recorded by Naxos. It's quite an honor."

The same music that is being recorded for the CD, which will be released this fall, will be performed live at 7:30 p.m. Friday in the Singletary Center for the Arts Concert Hall.

The idea of recording and performing this piece has been under consideration for several years, Nardolillo said.

Every time Nardolillo made a trip to the West Coast on business, Fred McKay, the son of the composer, would ask Nardolillo if the orchestra could record some of his father's pieces.

"He had a very strong interest in getting ('Epoch') performed," Nardolillo said.

Even though McKay's son repeatedly asked Nardolillo to

"Epoch" was written to honor American lifestyles from the early 20th century, Nardolillo said.

"The ballet was written in the '20s or '30s as a celebration of several American poets — Edgar Allan Poe, Walt Whitman, Adam Sandburg and Sydney Lanier," Nardolillo said. "Each of the four movements is based on poems by each of these poets."

Even though "Epoch" focuses on the lives of famous poets, it combines many different aspects of the 20th century. "It also draws a lot from the industrialization and westward expansion the United States was experiencing in the '30s," Nardolillo said. "It's got some great fiddle music and even some jazz and blues."

About 90 performers usually make up the orchestra, but because this is a joint concert with the Women's Choir, over 100 musicians will come together for the concert, Nardolillo said.

"It's going to be a great program," Nardolillo said. "It's an exciting piece."

## If you go

**What:** UK Symphony Orchestra and Women's Choir concert

**When:** Friday, 7:30 p.m.

**Where:** Singletary Center for Arts Concert Hall

**Tickets:** \$5 for students, \$10 general admission

bring the piece into the spotlight, it was not easy getting a hold of the music. The piece hadn't been played since the 1930s, Nardolillo said, and they had to "dig the music out of the Washington Archives."

# Wal-Mart opens online movie downloads

By Dawn C. Chmielewski and Abigail Goldman  
LOS ANGELES TIMES

On Tuesday, Wal-Mart Stores Inc. begins selling films online, as the leading seller of DVDs stakes a claim in the emerging market of movie downloading.

The online store, found at [www.walmart.com/vidownload](http://www.walmart.com/vidownload), is the first to offer digital movie purchases from all seven major Hollywood studios.

The online DVD market is already crowded with competitors, including Apple, online retailer Amazon.com's Unbox, premium cable operator Starz Entertainment Media Group's Vongo and lesser-known download-to-own services such as Movielink and CinemaNow Inc. These services are still struggling to find a mainstream audience.

Wal-Mart's announcement was not surprising, given the retailer's influential role in DVD sales, the single largest source of studio revenue.

As the U.S.'s top seller of movies and music, with about 40 percent of the DVD business, Wal-Mart has the leverage to extract concessions from the studios on both products and pricing.

Wal-Mart's online movie store emulates the no-frills atmosphere and pricing of its stores. It

undercuts rivals on price, selling downloads of new movie releases from \$12.88 to \$19.88 and older titles for \$7.50. Downloads of TV shows sell for \$1.96 an episode.

The retailer will offer DVD buyers a coupon for a discounted digital copy of the same movie for \$1.97. However, it will not yet permit consumers who download a movie through its online service to make a DVD copy at home, saying the technology that is too time-consuming and "onerous."

"They have probably the broadest relationship with the Hollywood consumer because of their vast retail infrastructure," said Thomas Lesinski, president of Paramount Pictures Digital Entertainment. "As a result, this is going to extend that relationship."

Wal-Mart, the world's largest retailer with annual revenue of \$316 billion, has been slow to develop a download business.

Its music site, which began a test phase at the end of 2003, made news by undercutting Apple Inc.'s iTunes store on price and selling songs for 88 cents. But since songs downloaded from Wal-Mart.com wouldn't play on Apple's iPod, the dominant portable music player, the company's music offering failed to garner much interest.

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BASKETBALL NOTEBOOK

# Bradley reigns in New York after win

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Often times during interviews, UK players will talk about how Ramel Bradley is the king of talking.

Now, after the Arkansas game on Saturday, Bradley said he's the king of something else. "I'm the king of Brooklyn," he said.

Bradley was referring to his team's 82-74 win over the Razorbacks, and his own personal victory over Hog guard Gary Ervin.

Ervin didn't score and passed out two assists in 28 minutes of play, while Bradley scored a team-high 24 points and had five assists.

Ervin and Bradley are both from the New York City borough, Bradley went to Park West High School, and Ervin went to Robeson High School.

Bradley said it's always special when the two play each other.

"To play against Gary, he's a great, great friend of mine, we're almost like family, and I know there's going to be a lot of bragging rights coming into this game," Bradley said. "I just wanted to get the edge and get one up on them. Well, two up on them. I got Mississippi State, too."

Two years ago, when Bradley was a freshman at UK and Ervin was a sophomore at Mississippi State, the Cats downed the Bulldogs 94-78. In that game, Ervin had five points and two assists and Bradley had 10 points and five assists.

Last season, while Ervin sat out as a transfer, Bradley scored six points in the Cats' 78-76 win over Arkansas.

That means with this year's win Bradley is 3-0 against Ervin in college.

## Tubby on Thomas

Arkansas forward Charles Thomas sat out against UK on Saturday with a strained right shoulder. Head coach Tubby Smith said his team caught a break by avoiding Thomas.

"I know they're missing Charles Thomas because he probably would have meant the difference in the game," Smith said.

Thomas is averaging 11.9 points and 5.3 rebounds this season. Thomas is a big body at 6-foot-8 and 235 pounds, but he can score down low or out on the perimeter, Smith said.

That is the main reason the Cats were lucky that Thomas was out, Smith said.

"He's an inside-out guy," he said. "He can do a lot of different things. Obviously it didn't help us on the boards because we got beat on the boards. But it's just another weapon or another person that you have to pay attention to."

"I think he was a guy, with his mobility, watching him play on film, he's athletic, he can go outside and make shots."

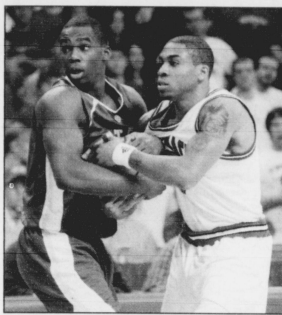
Vincent Hunter started in Thomas' place and went scoreless in 20 minutes, Darrian Townes came off the bench to aid Hunter and scored nine points and had 10 rebounds.

This is the second straight opponent the Cats have played that has not been at full strength. Tennessee was without Southeastern Conference leading scorer Chris Lofton on Jan. 28. Lofton went into the game averaging 21.5 points per game. The Cats beat the Vols 76-57.

## Smith praises Meeks

Freshman guard Jodie Meeks is playing his best basketball of the season, as he has scored in double figures in three straight games.

Against Arkansas, Meeks



Freshman guard Jodie Meeks ties up Arkansas junior guard Gary Ervin Saturday against Arkansas. Meeks had 15 points in the 82-74 win.

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had 15 points, 13 of which came in the second half.

He continued to play well on both sides of the ball by creating turnovers on defense that led to easy baskets. He also hit a big 3-pointer that put the Cats up by four points late in the second half.

His consistency has caught Smith's attention.

"Jodie has been very active," Smith said. "He's as athletic as anyone on the team. He's as fast as anybody we have on the team, and it was indicative when he stole the ball they just couldn't catch him when he gets out front."

"The big thing with Jodie, as I said before, is getting out and defending people, and we had some breakdowns defensively. Otherwise he was doing a good job moving the ball, playing without the ball, and when you're making shots you're always looking good."

## Ramel wrong

While walking away from

his post-game interview Saturday, Bradley said, "Chicago tomorrow."

Presumably, he was talking about the Super Bowl matchup between the Chicago Bears and the Indianapolis Colts.

If he was offering his game prediction, he was wrong. The Colts defeated the Bears 29-17.

## Other notes

■ The Cats are 3-0 in conference play when trailing at halftime. The other two wins came against Ole Miss and Tennessee.

■ Joe Crawford has scored in double digits in 11 straight games and he has hit three or more 3-pointers in eight straight games.

■ Bradley's 24 points were a career high.

■ The Cats moved up in both the Associate Press and coaches polls yesterday. They are ranked 20th in the AP poll and 18th in the coaches poll.

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## UK Athletics was reasonable in ticket price increase

When UK Athletics raised ticket prices last week, Athletics Director Mitch Barnhart said in a Kernel article that it's a necessary increase to give UK Athletics the resources it needs to continue to succeed in the Southeastern Conference.

Though nobody wants to spend more for the same tickets, Barnhart is right: UK Athletics currently ranks 11th in the SEC in annual fundraising. In order to continue to compete athletically and academically, UK Athletics will have to bring in more money and recruits in the future.

While season ticket prices for both football and basketball will increase, student ticket prices will remain the same. Because students

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aren't typically the ones pouring money into UK Athletics, the department was wise in only raising season ticket prices. Student attendance is vital to the atmosphere of games, and raising student ticket prices may have lessened turnout.

Barnhart said that UK Athletics has no intention of making tickets for UK sporting events the costliest in the SEC, according to the Kernel article. The Athletics Department isn't losing money or going bankrupt, so it is only raising prices enough to keep up with changing times. The prices will only be raised from \$1 to \$30 for football games and \$6 to \$108 for basketball games.

Neither of these raises are likely to make people drop their season tickets. Once you're shelling out \$500 for basketball season tickets, you'll likely spend the extra \$100 to keep from losing the tickets.

K-Fund dues will also increase when the ticket prices change. The K-Fund, which is used for scholarships and renovations of athletic facilities, will increase required donations by \$100 for men's basketball games, according to the Kernel article.

Increasing K-Fund dues will help sports other than basketball get new practice facilities. With the new basketball practice facility finished, UK Athletics can now focus on other sports that need to practice areas. With the ex-

tra \$675,000 that the increase will produce, new scholarships can be made available, and UK can continue to get the best recruits.

A small raise in basketball season ticket prices isn't going to keep die-hard fans away from Rupp Arena. Now that the football team is actually playing like a football team, fans are going to fill Commonwealth each week. Profits, not just from raising season ticket prices, but also from extra concessions, more sales of merchandise and better media contracts will all help UK Athletics stay a contender in the SEC.

UK Athletics made the right decision to not raise prices by a large amount, to keep student ticket prices the same and to only raise ticket prices in the two most profitable sports on campus.

## UK should consider teaching when granting tenure

Most prestigious universities have a tenure system that provides job security for its faculty. For those unfamiliar with the system, when professors are hired at UK they are generally hired to be assistant professors.



TARA BONISTALL  
Kernel  
columnist

After six years, these professors are "up for tenure," and undergo an extensive interview process to see if the university will grant them tenure and the title of associate professor.

When a professor is granted tenure, they essentially cannot be fired, except in extreme circumstances. When the university is deciding who will receive tenure, they examine their research output and essentially take a gamble that the quality of work done so far will continue.

You may be thinking that this whole tenure thing sounds like a really bad idea — and you may be right. There are very important advantages to the system, however. If a professor has tenure, he or she is free to voice their opinions without the fear of repercussions from the administration or colleagues. This is especially important for female and minority professors. Having tenure also allows professors to research potentially controversial subjects. In a nutshell, the tenure system protects faculty members, giving them academic freedom and job security.

But what happens when a professor is tenured and does not continue with a high level of performance? What happens when a professor is given tenure based on his or her research, even if this person has received horrible teaching evaluations from students? Although I recognize the important benefits of a tenure system, there are also very clear disadvantages that need to be examined.

In order to compensate for these, UK should revamp their tenure system, implementing a policy that focuses on both research and teaching performance so that the professors who receive tenure are truly the most quali-

fied.

Even with tenure, all professors should undergo extensive evaluations, at least every five years. This is even more critical at the level of dean. Although freedom of expression and academic integrity are among the most important aspects of a research university, the education provided to students is equally as critical.

A periodic evaluation system would encourage professors to continue researching, especially after receiving tenure. Although most faculty members do continue in their empirical pursuits long after receiving tenure, the additional interest and support from the university would encourage them to do so even beyond what is normally expected.

Teaching evaluations are currently not used in the tenure process. They are used, however, to determine salary increases. While this makes sense, teaching should not be left out of the tenure process. After all, a large part of a professor's responsibility is conveying their knowledge and research findings to students.

Faculty members need some sort of job protection to make sure they are free to pursue their academic interests without fear of making the administration mad. That being said, the university has a responsibility to students to ensure that they receive the best possible education; and that can only happen if teaching is emphasized in addition to research.

Research will take us far on our quest to be top 20, but so will making sure that our students are prepared once leaving the university. Alumni are the face of UK in the "real world," and the way we are prepared for using our degrees after graduation will speak volumes about the university as a whole.

UK has an obligation to its employees to allow them to express their opinions and academic interests without fear of repercussions, but also needs to answer to students in terms of the quality of their education. Professors should be evaluated beyond their research abilities and output; teaching should be emphasized in all aspects of faculty development and achievement.

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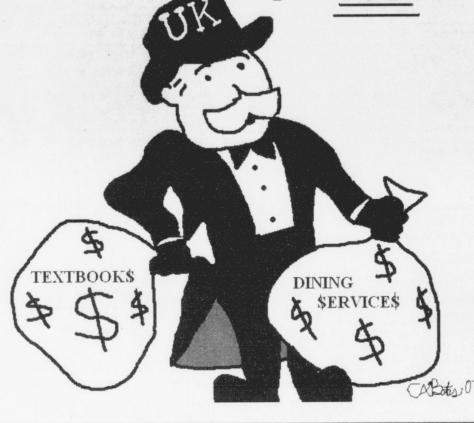
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## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

### Help a good cause, gain experience

College of Communication and Information Studies students need to get more involved! I understand that many CCIS students are actively involved in writing for the newspaper, working for the radio station or attending nationally recognized organizations meetings. That's fine.

But all of those media-related organizations separate the individual majors and their specific needs. How about joining something that unites media students?

COMMunity was created last semester by CCIS advisors, ambassadors and students. Together in service and fun, COMMunity unites all majors and minors within the school to reach out to the local UK and Lexington communities.

Last semester, projects included a school-supply drive, Halloween readings to elementary kids and Operation Christmas Child. This semester we hope to have even more members and service projects.

Now it's easier to join than ever. Anyone who has taken a COM, JOURNALISM or ISC course in his or her UK career can join our newly created media service organization. This includes alumni as well.

Valentines Day card making for kids at UK Children's Hospital, Habitat for Humanity builds and restoration projects and Relay for Life are some of the projects that we look forward to this semester.

Media students should be more active in the community; and now they can be. You see it all the time in the professional field with radio- or news station-sponsored service events. Get experience in the professional media field while having fun, meeting your peers and serving your local community.

We invite you to come to our Valentines card making meeting on Tuesday, Feb. 6 at 6:15 p.m. in the Maggie room in the Grehan Journalism Building. Snacks and materials will be provided. Feel free to sign up to bring more materials in room 105 Grehan. No obligations — just bring yourselves and be prepared to make some wonderful Valentines for a good cause!

If you have any questions or would like to know more please contact me at akoff@uky.edu.

Alyson Kelly Goff  
journalism senior, COMMunity service coordinator

### Columnist wrong on GOP 'racism'

Normally when I read a column like the one that appeared in last Wednesday's Kernel — Brenton Kenkel's "GOP's new tactic is an old one: unbridled racial hatred" — I ignore it, because I'm turned off by commentators that make deliberately outrageous statements solely to provoke controversy. And even though I know I'm giving Kenkel the reaction he wants by responding, as a moderate Republican I can't help but point out some of the fallacies in his argument.

First, he claims that conservatives have won elections for decades by pushing a racist agenda under the guise of issues like "welfare reform" and "tougher crime policy." He says that "those issues fell off the agenda" under a Democrat president, which I assume refers to the enactment of the Personal Responsibility and Work Opportunity Reconciliation Act and the Violent Crime Control and Law Enforcement Act, both of which were signed into law by President Clinton. This confused me — if a Democrat president endorsed these supposedly racist issues, isn't Kenkel attacking the wrong political party?

His next allegation is that conservatism has responded to current GOP unpopularity by seizing on "anti-black" and

"anti-Hispanic" issues of affirmative action and immigration reform. This argument ignores that affirmative action has been around since the civil rights era. Conservative opposition to affirmative action has nothing to do with the recent elections or President Bush's poll numbers, nor does it have anything to do with racism. Opponents of affirmative action believe that granting preferences to an individual because of his or her race contradicts the idea that all individuals will be judged on their merit, not their skin color. And if Republicans are "anti-black," why has President Bush tripled the amount of aid to Africa during his presidency?

With respect to immigration reform, he speculates, "I get the impression that they [the Republicans] wouldn't be too concerned if most illegal immigration were coming from Canada or Scandinavia. Their problem isn't the law; it's the skin color of the people who are crossing in." If that were true, why is President Bush advocating a guest worker program that is clearly designed to benefit Mexican immigrants? The truth is that proponents of immigration reform believe in the principles of national sovereignty and national security, not racism.

To be clear, I'm not arguing that racism isn't a problem or isn't prevalent. My objection to Kenkel's column is his baseless generalizations that Republicans promote "unbridled racial hatred." His unsupported, ignorant name-calling has no place in an intelligent political discussion.

Colin Roberts  
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### Kernel shouldn't have reported accused's soccer record

In the Feb. 5 issue of the Kernel, the article "Soccer player arrested in rape case" downplayed the severity of the incident by placing an emphasis on the suspect's athletic record. What began as a respectable attempt to highlight the details of the incident ended in glorification of the suspect, Michael Strong. The suspect's statistics of his soccer career are irrelevant to this case and should have been omitted. That fact that Strong has played in 21 games this season, scored four goals and had two assists does not change the fact that a 17-year-old girl was sexually assaulted on this campus.

While this may be a university that takes a great amount of pride in its athletic departments, its statistics do not change the fact that 36.5 percent of women will be victims of sexual assault, physical assault and/or stalking while attending UK. Unfortunately, in this particular case, this girl was a visitor and not a UK student. She will not join the 36.5 percent of UK women, but another group of women who go unreported. While UK can keep statistics of how many goals are scored and assists are made, there are no numbers which indicate the percentage of women who are assaulted while visiting this campus.

Even though UK President Lee Todd and UK Women's Place have been making tremendous advances in decreasing violence against women on our campus, incidents such as this turn prospective students away, while causing current students to question their own safety. Todd will never see UK reach the coveted top-20 status unless the university stops using the number of goals an athlete scores as a plausible defense for inappropriate behavior.

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secondary English education senior



## UK Hockey disadvantaged compared to Division I schools

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The UK Cool Cats traveled to Lynchburg, Va., this weekend and fell to the Liberty Flames twice at the LaHaye Ice Center.

The Cool Cats (20-7-3), who had won 14 of their past 16 games, lost Friday, 5-1, and Saturday, 8-3.

But even before the first face off, the Cats were at a disadvantage.

Liberty entered the weekend ranked 8th in the nation in the American Collegiate Hockey Association poll of Division I teams. The Cool Cats are ranked 6th in the Southeast Region, but play in the ACHA's Division II.

In most collegiate sports, the talent differences between divisions can be large. In the ACHA, that's not the case, said UK head coach Rob Docherty.

"Talent-wise, we're at a draw," Docherty said. "But Division I teams can give scholarships and, the main thing, have their own hockey rinks, so they're on the ice every day."

That is a huge problem for the Cats, Docherty said.

The Cool Cats play at the Lexington Ice Center. Unlike the Flames, who practice in their own new rink every day, the Cool Cats practice two nights a week because the Ice Center doesn't have more open ice time.

"It's obvious that they have more time to work on things," said team captain Mike Barnes. "That's not to say that we are not disciplined and in shape and conditioned like they are...we just don't have time to work on some of the little things."

University funding is also a major difference between Division I and Division II teams, Barnes said.

According to the Cool Cats' Web site, UK

hockey players pay up to \$1,000 per year to play hockey, in addition to school tuition. That fee helps the Cool Cats pay for jerseys, travel expenses and use of the Lexington Ice Center, among other things.

And while Division I schools like Liberty receive between \$100,000 and \$150,000 from the school, the Cool Cats receive only \$500 from the university, Barnes said. The added funding allows Division I schools to stretch their recruiting across the U.S. and into Canada.

"To have a school that's willing to provide funding to the hockey team is as crucial as anything because they can travel further, they can recruit more and have more ice time," Barnes said. "We don't have the funding or the support from the university. (We're lucky) to have fans that come out to the game and pay to see us play and ... support our budget."

The Cool Cats played four Division I games this season, posting a 1-3 record. UK fell to Robert Morris University and twice to Liberty while defeating Lehigh for their only Division I win.

But because UK isn't used to playing teams with the speed and skill of Division I teams, it takes the players time to adjust, Barnes said.

"When we play a Division I team, it takes us time to adapt to the speed and ability the Division I teams are using," the junior forward said. "So we have to waste time on the ice trying to adapt to that. Sometimes we're already down a few goals, and that's a problem."

Still, Docherty insists that the games against Division I schools are essential to Division II schools seeking to go to the post-season.

"Our ranking goes on strength of schedule, so playing Division I teams helps," Docherty said. "Just scheduling Division I teams helps us."

"It will help us for regionals. It will help us learn how to focus and play 60 minutes of good hockey."

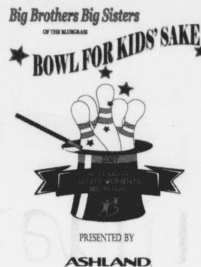
Junior forward Mike Barnes tries to avoid Vanderbilt defenders during UK's 11-2 win last season on Jan. 29, 2006, at the Lexington Ice Center.

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