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## Scholarship requirements eased to gain top students

Editor's Note: This is the final story in a three-part series highlighting UK's four new scholarships.

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UK will strive to keep Kentucky's top students in the state beyond high school by lowering the ACT score necessary to qualify for one of two new academic scholarships.

The new Provost and Flagship Scholars programs were created to raise the overall academic quality of the students at UK, a major goal of UK's 20 Business Plan, UK spokesman Jay Blanton said.

UK hopes to increase the university's average ACT score of 23 by attracting "quality" students earning a 26 or above on the ACT that might otherwise leave the state to get an academic scholarship with lower ACT standards, Blanton said.

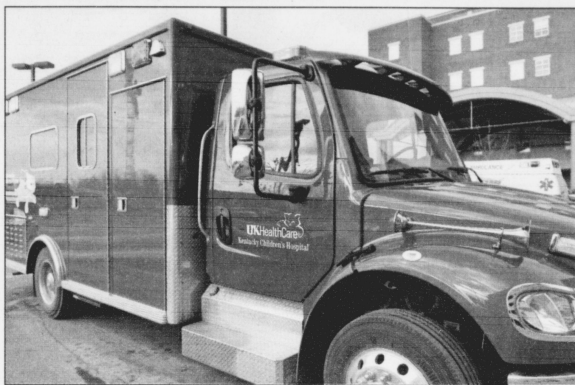
"We lose too many Kentuckians who are already succeeding academically to colleges and institutions outside the state," UK President Lee Todd told the Kernel in an e-mail.

Previously, students had to an ACT score of 28 to even apply for a scholarship. But beginning in the fall, the university will automatically apply the Flagship Scholarship to students who score a 26 or 27 in the ACT and a have 3.3 cumulative high school GPA.

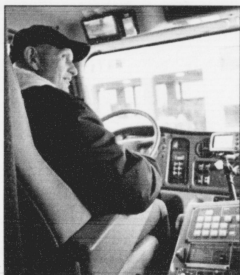
The one-year scholarship, which is given to full-time, first year UK students, is worth \$1,500. Students who maintain a 3.3 GPA may be eligible for additional scholarships after their first year.

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## JUST FOR KIDS



UK Children's Hospital received a new ambulance customized specifically for children. Nurses who ride along with children in the ambulance designed it for the hospital.



Randy Baber, the day shift driver for the Kentucky Children's Hospital, starts up the new ambulance. The vehicle is specifically designed for the pediatric transport team.

## Custom ambulance at UK designed around children

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UK's Kentucky Children's Hospital has a new ride designed with the pediatric patient in mind.

The children's hospital received a new ambulance last November, which was funded in part by Kohl's, said Shelly Marino, emergency transport manager at the UK Chandler Medical Center.

The customized ambulance is used only to transport babies and children from Cen-

tral, Eastern and Southeastern Kentucky. It is the only ambulance of its type to serve the area.

"The ambulance itself is different," Marino said. "It was designed by nurses. It was designed by us, for us."

The nurses who will be using the ambulance designed it to meet the needs of their patients, Marino said. The transport team includes two nurses and one emergency medical technician driver.

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## Coldstream director takes job in S. Carolina

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UK's Coldstream Research Campus is losing its executive director of research and associate vice president of economic development.

John Parks, executive director since April 2004, is taking a position at the University of South Carolina as the director of its Innovis Research Campus, starting tomorrow.

Parks, who was the president and CEO of Kentucky Technology Inc., UK's technology incubator program, has extensive experience in university research parks, having launched the University of Illinois research park in 2000 and serving as president and CEO of the Iowa State University Research Park Corp. He also earned his master's of business administration and a bachelor's of business administration at Iowa State University.

Currently Vice President of Economic Development Len Heller and Administrative Staff Officer Tina Carpenter are picking up Parks' duties on an interim basis.

Heller is overseeing operations in bringing new companies to the Coldstream campus while Carpenter is managing the day-to-day operations.

Heller said nothing was determined for permanently replacing Parks but will be looking for a possible replacement from within Coldstream.

"We have talented people inside (Coldstream) looking to fulfill that role," Heller said.

Chuck Stabin, the acting vice president for research at Coldstream, expressed sorrow at Parks' departure.

"We owe (Parks) gratitude for what he's done for us and we wish him the best," Stabin said.

Heller said he wished Parks the best at his new position at USC.

Coldstream currently houses 30 tenants with 775 employees. Corporate tenants include IBM Global Services, Allstate Insurance and Lexel Imaging Systems. UK research centers at Coldstream include the Southeast Center for Aluminum Technology for the College of Engineering, the Livestock Disease Diagnostic Center for the College of Agriculture, the Center for Pharmaceutical Science and Technology for the College of Pharmacy and the Interdisciplinary Human Development Institute.

Stabin said that Parks was very effective in his time at UK and that Coldstream will build on Parks' projects.

"(Parks) really invigorated our efforts and UK will pursue opportunities he helped begin and UK will continue on," he said.

UK President Lee Todd also credited Parks with advancement at Coldstream in a news release.

"Under John Parks' leadership, our research park — Coldstream — took significant steps forward in successfully commercializing some of the most promising university research," Todd said. "We will miss him but wish him every success in this position of leadership at the University of South Carolina."

## Childcare tops Work Life's possible benefits

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Three committees that formed in response to the fall work-life survey presented possible employee benefits for the university to consider implementing at a forum yesterday.

The main goal of the Child Care Committee was to find out the resources it would take for the campus to have two on-site child care facilities, on the north end of campus and in the hospital complex, said Laura Koppes, director for Work-Life at UK and chair of the Child Care Committee. The committee also examined the possibility for child care providers that would work at UK.

"The proposals will be open to non-profit groups, businesses and anyone else who is interested," Koppes said.

The Child Care Committee also requested emergency back-up care for situations like if a regular baby-

sitter was unavailable, which is offered frequently on other campuses, and internal resources and referrals for child care.

The Career Advancement and Profession Development Committee presented its recommendations about enhancing the availability of information and opportunities for career advancement and professional development.

Penny Cox, associate vice president of information tech and chair of that committee, said there are short-, medium- and long-term steps UK can take such as providing incentives for earning a GED, providing internal internships and offering a computer loan service similar to that available to students.

Employees expressed a strong interest in the expansion of the employee education benefits in the Work-Life survey and the Employee Education Program Committee tried to determine the cost and demand.

Swinford explained a benefit possibility that would cost of about \$7 million per year for the university. The cost was determined by cost per credit hour, undergraduate or graduate classes and the scenario that each employee would transfer six hours a semester to a spouse or dependent. The numbers were estimations only and did not include other possible scenarios.

Seven of UK's 19 benchmark schools provide some sort of educational benefits to spouses and dependents of the faculty and staff.

"The committee's strongest instinct is to recruit quality faculty and staff," said Bill Swinford, director of policy analysis for the Office of Planning, Budget and Policy Analysis, and chair of the committee.

"This estimate could be either too high or too low, we are still working on gathering more information,"

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### WORK LIFE COMMITTEES' FINDINGS

**Child Care Committee:** Exploring options that include having two on-campus child-care facilities and the possibility of outside child-care providers opening campus locations.

**Employee Education Program Committee:** Expanding employee education benefits to family members. A possible option includes transfer of employee's existing credit hours to family members.

**Career Advancement and Profession Development Committee:** Having incentives to get a GED, providing internal internships and establishing a computer loan service similar to that available to students.

### THE STATE OF THE CITY

## Mayor calls for city maintenance

Newberry tells citizens its time to take off 'rose-colored glasses'

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Mayor Jim Newberry recognizes the many slow and expensive problems in Lexington.

He knows the Environmental Protection Agency is targeting the city's outdated water drainage system, he knows New Circle Road needs an overhaul and he knows the Government Center is outdated.

He described these problems — and some of the city's high points — at his first State of the Merged Government Address last night.

Newberry said he hopes Lexington's strong community spirit will help in confronting and alleviating these

problems.

Among the issues Newberry noted in his first month of office were the environment, city maintenance and financial strains. He also noted many good things going on in Lexington, but emphasized the importance of recognizing and dealing with problems.

"I want us to take off our rose-colored glasses and deal with the bad news first," Newberry said.

"Environmental issues, such as land use, keeping the city clean and improving water quality, have grown out of control as past efforts to deal with them have been 'too little and too late,'" he said.

The EPA has said Lexington is one of many cities that has violated the Clean Water Act. Negotiations on the outcome of that allegation are ongoing. Newberry does not yet know what the fine or the remedial efforts will be, only that they are coming soon and that the costs will be significant.

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Lexington Mayor Jim Newberry speaks on the city's achievements and problems in his first State of the Merged Government Address at Henry Clay High School last night. Newberry took office Dec. 31.

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## LIVE PATIO MUSIC UNDER NEW OWNERSHIP

### 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 — Start in carrying out your promises for the New Year. Projects now get farther than expected.

**Taurus (April 20-May 20)** — Today is a 5 — You've got a tough decision to make. There's no need to hurry. Information you get tomorrow makes a big difference, anyway.

**Gemini (May 21-June 21)** — Today is a 7 — If you have a job you love, you're having a fabulous time. If you don't, you're miserable, gazing out the windows. Put in the cor-

rection. **Cancer (June 22-July 22)** — Today is a 6 — You can make a tidy profit if you take on a challenge. Call up those folks who owe you, and remind them it's time to pay up. **Leo (July 23-Aug. 22)** — Today is a 6 — Your assignment for today is to try and get along. You also need to make sure the other side plays by the rules. This is a challenge, but you can do it.

**Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)** — Today is a 6 — Consult with your co-workers as you're figuring out the job. Consider that something may have changed, over which you have no control.

**Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)** — Today is a 7 — In theory, your plan works perfectly. The trouble seems to come when you try to put it into practice. More research is required.

**Scorpio (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)** — Today is an 8 — You're not doing any more work, but there's more money

coming in. Did you just get a promotion or raise? If not, ask for one.

**Sagittarius (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)** — Today is a 6 — You have plenty of choices, that's not the problem. Well, on second thought, maybe it is. If you flip a coin, make sure you get the coin back.

**Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)** — Today is a 7 — Resist the urge to buy off the shelf, even if you'll have it sooner. On a high-ticket item, you'll save a lot if you can get it wholesale. Keep shopping.

**Aquarius (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)** — Today is a 7 — Your partner has lots of wonderful ideas, well thought out and thorough. Money is not the primary consideration for this person, so watch out, if he's spending yours.

**Pisces (Feb. 19-March 20)** — Today is a 6 — You're doing lots of work, but not making a lot of money. It'll be a while but don't dismay. You're gaining experience.

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## Love Lives

Extra cohost's special delivery, Ugly Betty star's beautiful family

### THE DISH

Extra's Dayna Devon welcomed baby No. 2, son Cole, with hubby Brent Moellenen on January 5. "The first time I was so intimidated," Devon, also mom to 17-month-old Emmi, tells Us.

"I look back and Emmi seems like she was this age for a second. So now you just enjoy every little thing they do." Even napping, adds Devon, 36: "I curl my body around Cole's and he loves it." And she still makes time for her cosmetic surgeon husband, 46. "We had sushi the other night because I couldn't have it while I was pregnant," she says. "It was so fun."

being on a hit show is great, adds Mabiuss, "but so is being able to stay home with your son on the weekend and have him grow his first teeth or sit up for the first time."

#### Julie Bowen — Ready for Baby

"He's been amazing," six-months-pregnant Boston Legal star (and frequent *Lost* guest) Julie Bowen tells Us of how her hubby, real-estate investor Scott Phillips, has been pampering her.

"Putting up with me is not easy, because I'm a little moody," says the actress, 37, who's due in April. "Every night I get a foot rub." As for names, "I like these horrible ones. Everybody's like, 'You can't name your child Sugar!' But I have a very preppy family, so it will be something really staid and boring in the end."

#### Ugly Betty Hunk Opens Up About Family

"There's something to be said for having a long history with someone." Ugly Betty's Eric Mabiuss tells Us of the secret to his success with his wife of nearly a year, interior designer Ivy Sherman, with whom he has a son, Maxwell, 7 months. The couple dated for five years before tying the knot, but have known each other since high school.

"I can't think of anything that's more romantic than being with someone you deeply trust," says the actor, 35. Of course, the sweet gestures he gives her don't hurt.

"I come home in the middle of the night from work, so I go up and kiss the baby, kiss my wife and bring her some tea," he says. "We fight really hard for time together as a couple." And

caught up in Hollywood."

Heidi & Seal — Ready for More? "It's a great way to start off the year," Heidi Klum tells Us of her husband Seal's nomination for his Pursuit of Happiness song, "A Father's Way." The award went to Prince's Happy Feet tune, but the Project Runway host, 33, says it hardly matters.

"I'm always proud of him," she gushes of the singer, 43. "It's a beautiful song." So how have they been juggling the addition of son Johan, 2 months, with their hands already full with son Henry, 16 months, and daughter Leni, 2?

"It gets easier because you know more about what's happening," says Klum. "Johan is an extremely easy child. Henry was a little colicky, so this one is really easy." So is three enough for now? "I think so," she says. "But you never know!"

#### Mark & Rhea — Parenting Pros!

Mark Wahlberg didn't score best supporting actor, but he tells Us it's not stopping him from aiming high on his current project. "I want to perfect parenthood," says the Departed costar, 35, who has a daughter, Ella, 3, and a 10-month-old son, Michael, with model Rhea Durham, 28. "My daughter loves her little brother, she just doesn't know her own strength. The hugs are big, so you've got to look out for him. But he's tough!"

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## SCHOLARSHIP

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A similar, renewable scholarship is available to students who score a 28 on the ACT and have a 3.3 cumulative high school GPA. Recipients of the Provost Scholarship can receive up to \$1,500 per year for four years. Like the Flagship Scholars, Provost Scholars will not have to apply for the scholarship.

Combined, the two academic excellence scholarships will provide 915 students with \$1.4 million in aid when fully implemented in 2011.

"We need to do more to keep more of Kentucky's best and brightest in the state," Todd said.

Had the scholarship been available this year, about 12 percent of UK's freshman class would have been eligible for at least the Flagship Scholarship.

In the class, 496 students scored a 26 or 27, and 731 scored a 28 or above, said Roger Sugarman, director of UK's office of institutional research.

Gregory Figgs, director of high schools for Fayette County Public Schools, said a fair number of students in the county score a 26 or 27 on their ACT scores.

"The new scholarships may actually encourage students to stay in-state," Figgs said. "It may make UK a more attractive option for students who would not have qualified for academic scholarships in the past."

However, Figgs said he feels conflicted about scholarships that use student's ACT scores as the major predictor of college success.

"I have mixed feelings, because some students who may not be able to make a 26, 27 or 28 on the ACT

actually flourish when they get to campus."

Interior design senior Tabitha Matuskiewicz agrees with Figgs.

"I'm not a big fan of standardized tests in general," Matuskiewicz said. "I think sometimes the university puts too much focus on test scores and not enough on the skills students are actually going to need in the future."

Student opinion varied relating to lowering of the ACT score necessary to qualify for an academic scholarship.

Nursing junior Jessica DeYoung said she qualified for academic scholarships as an incoming freshman and thinks a lower ACT score requirement seems contradictory in some ways to the university's push to become a Top 20 research university.

"Lowering the score makes the pool too big for those who have done really well," DeYoung said.

Civil Engineering senior Nick Aldermeyer said he thinks providing scholarship opportunities for students with a 26 and 27 on their ACT will benefit UK.

"I think a 26 is still pretty good for an ACT score," Aldermeyer said.

"Students who are close to making the cut-off may be more encouraged to stay in-state if the necessary score for a scholarship is lower here."

The Provost and Flagship scholars programs complete the broad-based scholarship initiative aimed at increasing accessibility to higher education for Kentuckians.

"We are committing more than \$2 million to this effort next year alone and that will grow to more than \$5 million annually in the next few years," Todd said. "I think that arguably demonstrates our commitment to addressing the issues of access and affordability throughout higher education and our Commonwealth."

## WORK LIFE

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Swinford said. Roughly 40 employees turned out to hear the committees' findings.

Megan Cox, research coordinator for the Human Development Institute, was pleased with what she heard at the forum but wanted

the committees to continue their work as well.

"I came for information on the direction that they are planning on going," Cox said. "They had thought about alternative options but still need to put in some more work."

The recommendations presented were preliminaries and the finalized ones are due in May.

"There is still more work to do but we are pleased with the progress," Koppes said.

## ADDRESS

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"We're at the point in which we must act," he said. "And we will."

But the environment isn't the only housekeeping problem for Lexington. City maintenance in general is going downhill, Newberry said.

"Our home — our city — is in a state of disrepair," he said. He referred specifically to the lack of upkeep on roads, city buildings and the sewage system. Comparing this city maintenance to maintenance within individual homes, he said these efforts have been delayed due to lack of funds.

"We've all put off paint jobs, or we've postponed replacing that bad window until we have a little more money on hand," he said. "Unfortunately LFUCG (Lexington-Fayette Urban County Government) has put off far too much needed maintenance."

Some maintenance concerns that are forefront in the mayor's agenda are the renovation of the

Government Center, the overhaul of New Circle Road and the completion of the Newtown Pike Extension. These goals will be time-consuming and expensive.

Most of the city's \$260 million of General Services Funding comes from payroll tax, making the city's revenue and ability to address these problems dependent upon the local economy. This is "a risky situation because of our economy's volatility," Newberry said. He plans to emphasize job creation efforts and maximize economic development resources to increase the city's revenue.

Despite all these problems, Newberry was enthusiastic about the people he has worked with and Lexington's upcoming opportunities, such as the 2010 World Equestrian Games. In particular, he has noticed stronger collaboration and communication within the city council since he has taken office.

"Our citizens should know that we have a strong group of dedicated professionals who are working to make this city a better place, and I consider that to be very good news," Newberry said.

His faith in the people of the

city does not stop at the administrative level and he commented on how impressed he has been with the community spirit of Lexington.

"Unless I am misreading the mood of this community, Lexington is ready to provide the support necessary for us to restore the pride we all want to have in our city," Newberry said.

Newberry and the council have agreed on several items that can restore this pride. They want to establish a department within the local government to address environmental needs, to support the future economy by offering scholarships to high school students interested in pursuing math, science, technology and engineering at local universities and to increase communication efforts between the government and citizens through newsletters and more accessible meetings.

"We have some serious, long-term, often boring and almost always expensive work," Newberry said. "But it also means that we have a great opportunity to move forward because we have a great team in place and a strong spirit in our community."

## Ky.'s economy behind nation

By Evan Israel  
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Although the economic outlook in Kentucky is not as bright as the national outlook, the picture is rosy for college students and citizens of Lexington, according to experts at the 18th Annual Economic Outlook Conference held yesterday.

The economic situation in Kentucky has been worse than the country's as a whole for some time, said Kenneth Troske, economics professor and Director of UK's Center for Business and Economic Research.

"In most years since the mid-'90s, Kentucky's growth has been similar, though slower than the U.S.," Troske said.

Unemployment since 2004 has risen slightly in Kentucky, while falling nationwide, a trend Troske attributes to Kentucky's dependence on manufacturing.

Automotive manufacturers have been forced to layoff 130,000 workers since 2003 because of poor economic conditions.

The situation is not as bad in Lexington, Troske said.

"The outlook for Lexington in terms of job growth is better than the rest of the state," Troske said. "Lexington is less dependent on manufacturing than the state as a whole."

Michael T. Childress, Executive Director for the Kentucky Long-Term Policy Research Center, said Kentucky needs to emulate states such as Indiana, Tennessee, Alabama and North Carolina, all of which he calls "peer states" because of the similar conditions and limitations they experience.

"We haven't made a lot of progress relative to other states," Childress said.

He said issues such as smoking and obesity are expensive and hurt Kentucky's economy, although he said the recent smoking ban in Fayette County is a good sign.

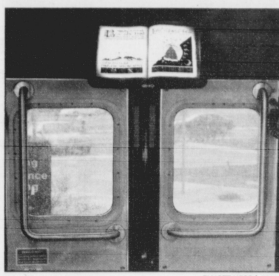
"People are beginning to recognize the economic consequences of some of these behaviors," Childress said.

Kentucky has also had a less productive workforce because too few have attended college, Troske said.

"Kentucky ranks significantly below the national average in terms of adults with four-year degrees," Troske said.

For UK graduates, the prospects of finding a job will likely be much easier than for those who are less educated, he said, and that students at UK shouldn't be overly concerned about the state's economic conditions.

"It's not anything any single student can worry about," Troske said.



A drop-down DVD screen plays "Shrek 2" in the back of the new ambulance for the Kentucky Children's Hospital.

## AMBULANCE

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The ambulance includes such special features as a DVD player to comfort and entertain older children and a GPS navigation system, "so we don't get lost going to Hazard or Pikeville," Marino said.

The ambulance is capable of transporting a full-size stretcher, a pediatric conversion stretcher or two isolettes, which are small enclosed beds used for transporting infants.

"If we get a call for twins we can pick them up in the same trip," Marino said.

So far, the ambulance has made over 100 runs, 62 in December and 49 this month, Marino said.

"We can expect a little over 500 ground runs a year," she said.

By the fall, the hospital hopes to add a second customized ambulance to its fleet that currently includes the new ambulance and an older, non-customized ambulance.

From 2001 to 2006, Kohl's provided the children's hospital with over \$520,000 in funding, said Loralyn Cecil, community relations manager for the children's hospital.

Cecil said she applied for a grant through Kohl's and the company agreed to provide funding for the ambulance.

"Specifically, Kohl's likes to fund education-related programs in the community and this fit right with (its) desires," Cecil said.

Kohl's also sponsors Safe Kids, a program that teaches kids to "wear their helmets and teaches them about pedestrian safety," Cecil said. Another program sponsored by the company is Kohl's Cares for Kids.

"This ambulance is only part of what they fund," said Dr. Tim Bricker, professor and chair of UK Pediatrics and physician-in-chief of Kentucky Children's Hospital. "They also fund programs teaching kids how to stay out of the Kohl's ambulance."

Bricker said he appreciates the support from Kohl's, especially for this ambulance.

"It makes a tremendous amount of difference," Bricker said. "This is an item that was greatly needed."

## UNIVERSITY OF KENTUCKY CRIME REPORT

UK Police reports from Jan. 23 to Jan. 29.

- Jan. 23. Theft of a wallet from a building, reported at UK Police Headquarters at 12:25 p.m.
- Jan. 23. Theft from a building reported at UK Police Headquarters at 1:44 p.m.
- Jan. 23. Theft of a bike reported at UK Police Headquarters at 4:05 p.m.
- Jan. 23. Marijuana use at Jewell Hall at 10:43 p.m.
- Jan. 24. Marijuana use at Jewell Hall at 12:49 a.m.
- Jan. 24. Theft from a building reported at UK Police Headquarters at 4:03 p.m.
- Jan. 24. Marijuana use at Greg Page Apartments at 8:25 p.m.
- Jan. 25. Alcohol intoxication at Blanding III at 2:17 a.m.
- Jan. 25. Theft from W.T. Young Library at 6:39 p.m.
- Jan. 26. Alcohol intoxication at UK Chandler Medical Center at 2:28 a.m.
- Jan. 26. Theft of a boombox at the UK Chandler Medical Center at 3:34 p.m.
- Jan. 27. Alcohol intoxication at Blanding III at 12:29 a.m.
- Jan. 27. Theft from Carol Martin Gatton Business & Economics Bldg. at 8:15 a.m.
- Jan. 27. Alcohol intoxication at W.T. Young Library at 9:01 p.m.
- Jan. 27. Alcohol intoxication on Woodland Avenue at Complex Area at 9:25 p.m.
- Jan. 27. Assault report at Blue overflow Lot at Alumni Drive at 10:04 p.m.
- Jan. 28. Alcohol intoxication at 12:20 a.m. at Blanding I at 12:20 a.m.
- Jan. 28. Theft from Kirvan Tower at 12:27 a.m.
- Jan. 28. Theft from a car at K-Lot at 5:20 p.m.
- Jan. 28. Marijuana use at Blanding Tower at 10:16 p.m.
- Jan. 29. Theft from a car at K-Lot at 12:19 p.m.
- Jan. 29. Theft from the Ben Roach Cancer Bldg. at 4:40 p.m.
- Jan. 29. Marijuana use at Smith Hall at 5:52 p.m.

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## BASKETBALL NOTEBOOK

### Ramel's role key to Cats' victory

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When Derrick Jasper replaced Ramel Bradley at point guard position against Tennessee Chattanooga on Dec. 5, it seemed that Jasper would assume the role of floor general.

But that was not the case. "Ramel's our energy guy," freshman guard Jodie Meeks said. "Whatever he does, we seem to follow. He's real enthusiastic, so we just follow his lead."

And if Bradley doesn't lead, the Cats don't follow.

In the Cats' overtime loss to Georgia on Jan. 24, Bradley made just one shot, scored two points and had zero assists. It was the first time in 12 games that he hadn't scored in double figures.

That game, combined, with the Cats' loss to Vanderbilt, Bradley was 0-for-8 from 3-point range.

Even with those poor numbers, what may be more important than his play is his on-court demeanor.

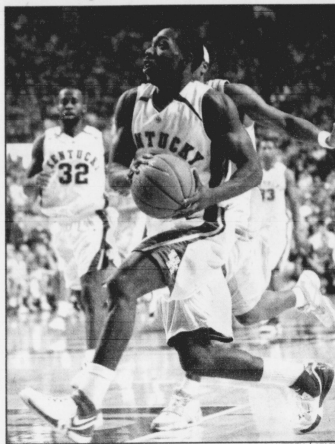
"He's a guy that kind of shows his emotion and wears his emotion on his sleeve," said head coach Tubby Smith. "When he's going, when he's doing well and he's playing well, you can see that everybody kind of lifted their spirits."

With his 21-point effort against Tennessee, Bradley lifted his spirits — and those of his teammates.

"Ramel is kind of the energy and he plays with a lot of passion and a lot of enthusiasm and it's contagious," Smith said. "Our guys feed off of him."

#### Smith weary of Cats' next matchup with Lofton

With Tennessee's and the Southeastern Conference's leading scorer Chris Lofton sitting out against UK on Sunday with a sprained ankle, the Cats might



BRAD LUTTRELL | STAFF

Junior Ramel Bradley goes for a layup in UK's 76-57 win over Tennessee on Sunday. Bradley showed that his on-court leadership helps propel the Cats as he scored 21 points and energized UK's second half rally.

have dodged a bullet.

Lofton is a game-time decision for UT's game against Georgia today and, if healthy soon, he will be on the court when the Cats travel to Knoxville, Tenn., on Feb. 13.

"Certainly going to have our hands full when we see him in Tennessee because we know what he did to us here (last year) and what he's capable of doing anytime he's on the basketball court," Smith said. "He's always a tough matchup and finding the right guy to defend him is a challenge. "We know we were fortun-

nate to catch them without Chris."

#### Pearl praises Rupp

Tennessee basketball coach Bruce Pearl lit up Rupp Arena with his bright orange blazer Saturday.

And after the game, he lit up UK fans with his flattering remarks about the building he just lost 76-57 in.

"Once again, what a great environment for college basketball," Pearl said. "To come on the court even before the game, it's different here. It's just different here, almost than any place in the country that I've ever been to."

### Cool Cats shoot for nationals

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With only two weeks left in the regular season, the UK hockey team has put itself in position to make a run at the American Collegiate Hockey Association national tournament.

Winning 14 of their last 16 games, the Cool Cats (20-5-3) have earned a No. 6 ranking in the Southeast region.

Should the Cats keep their ranking, it would qualify them for the Southeast regional tournament — the precursor to the national tournament. An appearance at the national tournament would be the program's first since 1994-95.

"I think we've got a shot," said forward Tony Valerino, UK's leading scorer. "It's going to be tough, but if we play our game, we can definitely compete at nationals."

College hockey polls determine which teams make the postseason, with the top two teams in each of the four regions qualify for nationals. The remaining teams in the top ten qualify for the regional tournament, where the teams finishing first and second receive a bid to the national tournament.

"We've been watching (the poll) all year," head coach Rob Docherty said. "I'm happy with where we are."

The Cool Cats ranking also eases some of their stress.

"It gives us a little leeway, a little burden off our shoulders," Barnes said.

But despite what the poll says, assistant cap-

tain Pat McAdams isn't ready to relax.

"We're a good team, but we don't always play up to our potential," McAdams said. "We started the year really strong...but we haven't had our best efforts since we've been back (from winter break)."

Still, the Cool Cats have worked to show they can compete with the top teams in the country. The team lost an overtime game to Davenport, the top-ranked team in the Central region, twice tied No. 3 Indiana and split a series with No. 9 Dayton. Docherty said the Cool Cats' success is a result of good team chemistry.

"We have a team that came together really quick," Docherty said.

Freshman defenseman Zach Roberts agreed. "We're really close as a team," Roberts said. "We've come a long way as a team, and that's really important."

Last season, the Cats started slowly, going into winter break with an 11-11-2 record. After changing coaches, the team has since posted a 28-6-3 record.

"Everybody from the first guy on the ice to the last guy on the ice knows what they have to do," Barnes said. "We know our roles. That's why we're at where we're at. We understand what it's going to take to win."

UK has four games remaining, including their final home game against Tennessee on Feb. 10. The regional tournament begins Feb. 16 in Youngstown, Ohio. Two teams from the regional will move on to the national tournament in Ft. Collins, Colo., beginning March 7.

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## Q&A with UK's UK Feminist Alliance

Spotlight on leaders, Shanna Sanders and Carrie Bass, of UK's feminist club



Carrie Bass, art history junior and Shanna Sanders English and social theory senior are leaders of the UK Feminist Alliance. This semester they have made the weekly meetings more interesting with potluck meals, skill shares and clothing swaps.

By Meghan Cain  
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Throughout the year, the Kernel is spotlighting various campus leaders. This week we are featuring Shanna Sanders and Carrie Bass leaders of UK's Feminist Alliance. Sanders is an English and social theory senior and Bass is an art history junior.

### Q. What is the UK Feminist Alliance?

A. Shanna Sanders: We're a student-run organization devoted to promoting the role of women and the role of people in general.

Carrie Bass: We are devoted to reclaiming women.

SS: We focus on typical feminist issues like reproductive rights, but we also emphasize a third wave focus like world culture and teaching girls how to do things for themselves.

### Q. How did the UK Feminist Alliance get started at UK?

A. SS: Originally it started in 2000, and I had heard about it, but it had dissolved by the time I got here. I was complaining in my Feminist Theory class, and Professor Oaks told me to do something about it. So we revitalized it with a focus on students for choice.

CB: I am sure people remember the pro-life posters outside the classroom building with those horrible pictures. We wanted to create a counter argument to them. A lot of people felt left out with only one representation of the issue. To be honest, people hung around that were not necessarily pro-choice, but they didn't agree with what was going on that week.

SS: Our campaign was for safe sex. We had a reproductive health forum after a week-long protest.

### Q. What was this week-long protest?

A. CB: It was basically a bunch of people and acquaintances who sat around a card table. We handed out condoms and brochures.

SS: We got free condoms from the

health services to hand out. We talked to people and showed them where their options were. We also told them the truth that a lot of women getting abortion are affluent.

### Q. Who brought the UK Feminist Alliance back to campus?

A. SS: A lot of people are involved. Carrie was definitely one of the most excited people.

CB: It was really a collaborative effort. About eight people showed up at the house at our first meeting.

### Q. Why did you get involved in the UK Feminist Alliance?

A. CB: I usually tend to get involved when things are more reactive than proactive. I was really upset about the genocide posters. The UK Feminist Alliance was originally called Students for Choice. I enjoyed the people and what they talked about. They talked about things people don't typically feel comfortable discussing like the gross parts of the female anatomy.

SS: I, on the other hand, wasn't excited about being involved. I kind of felt forced into leadership because no one else would step up. I am more interested in environmental issues and poverty. But once I started getting more involved, I realized how interconnected all of these issues are, and I have been excited ever since.

We want more people involved because I am graduating and a lot of people are studying abroad next year, so we really need more people.

### Q. Who can attend meetings?

A. SS: Anyone. More than half of the people that come are boys.

CB: You can just show up or send an email.

### Q. What type of events are you planning for the semester?

A. SS: Critical Mass is the first one we are really excited about, and it is just for girls. We will have a girls workshop where we will teach them to take care of their bikes.

CB: We will also be "pimpin' out" our bikes.

SS: Wildcat Wheels and Greenthumb are collaborating with us on this event. We are also giving away a bike maintenance zine. We are also showing a film that could be a possible collaboration with SAB. It is called "Ship of Water."

SS: It involves women activists in different parts of the world and what they are doing in their country. We are also having an organic garden outside of the Gaines Center. We are restarting it.

CB: This will be a collaboration with Greenthumb too. It will be a definite opportunity for you to go with others and learn how to garden. You can eat the fruits of your labor.

SS: Also we will continue having potlucks. At these potlucks we also have skill shares and clothing swaps.

### Q. What are the issues you push the most?

A. CB: I say feminine sexual health and reproductive health. Many men would say this is an issue that only affects women, but it is not. It definitely affects men having sex, men with female friends and men with females in their family. It is a way to reclaim. We try to promote very manual and practical things so it can be accessible to women.

SS: We try to take a masculine thing and re-designate it as a human thing instead of strictly male. I am always interested in females in the media as well.

CB: We also had an equal-pay bake sale to promote some of our issues. It was really donation based, but our signs said men had to pay \$1 and women had to pay \$75. We did this to spark conversations on the issue of equal pay for women in the workforce. Our argument was if women get paid less then they should pay less. Discrimination is never appropriate—even in the opposite way. We were just trying to show that.

### Q. Why do you feel UK needs a Women's Feminist Alliance?

A. CB: It offers a place for anyone to go to talk about issues that are in anyway related to femininity, especially if you are not able to talk about it in the classroom, or if your roommates are not accepting.

### Q. How do you feel about feminism on UK's campus?

A. SS: I think a lot of girls are scared of it. I want to tell people it is not about women with hairy armpits or anything like that. It is about women being equal to men.

CB: Almost every girl would say they have sexual freedom whether it be to choose to wait until marriage, to date or to stay the night with a guy. They would also agree that women are every bit as worthwhile as men. Yet they say they are not feminists. I think it stems from fear of stereotypes.

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# Brooks: contract will lead to recruits

Head coach's contract will help guarantee recruits he'll be around

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Head football coach Rich Brooks talked for the first time yesterday about his new four-year, \$4-million contract, explaining the impact the contract will have on his team, the staff and recruiting.

The UK Athletics Association approved the contract Sunday and Brooks signed it Monday. As part of the contract, Brooks will receive a base salary of \$250,000 and \$750,000 in broadcasts and endorsements. The negotiations also raised the salaries of the returning assistant coaches on staff, a point Brooks stressed as necessary to UK's progress.

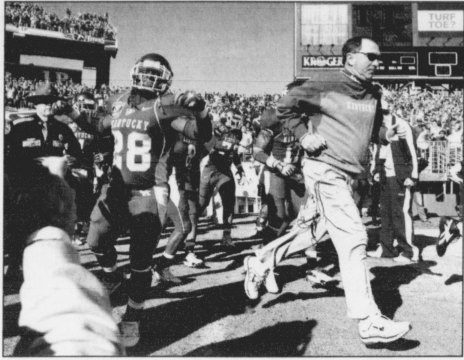
"It's critically important as you move forward to have an experienced, talented staff," Brooks said at a press conference yesterday. "If you want to keep people that are talented, you have to at least show that you're going to be in the marketplace."

Under Brooks UK has a 17-30 record in four seasons, but the team's eight wins in 2006, including a 28-20 victory over Clemson in the Music City Bowl, were the most in 22 years.

The Cats finished 28th in the Sagarin Computer Ratings while playing Sagarin's 13th toughest schedule nationwide. UK played, and lost to, three Bowl Championship Series teams this season: Louisville, LSU and the national champion, Florida.

Brooks said the new contract gives the program a stability it needs to continue moving up in the Southeastern Conference, with an emphasis on recruiting.

"It's very difficult to recruit when people



BRAD LUTTRELL/STAFF  
UK head coach Rich Brooks runs onto the field at the Cats' 28-20 Music City Bowl victory over Clemson on Dec. 29 in Nashville, Tenn. Brooks finalized a contract extension this week, giving him \$1 million a year plus incentives through 2010.

are speculating about whether the coach that's recruiting is going to be here," Brooks said. "The new contract is one less thing you have to overcome in the recruiting process."

UK won four SEC games and finished third in the Eastern division, its best league finish since 1993.

Brooks admitted that SEC success in 2007 wouldn't be as easy to come by, even though UK returns five former All-SEC players.

"We probably got the attention of some of the schools we will be playing," Brooks

said. "We will get...their best shot."

Brooks could earn over \$600,000 extra with incentives laced through the new contract, including incentives for winning five SEC games, the SEC East division or the SEC Championship. A 2.7 team GPA, a 67 percent graduation rate and a bowl game will also earn Brooks extra money.

But Brooks said he doesn't expect past success, or his new contract, to relieve any of the pressures from fans in his four years at UK.

"I think I'm in pretty good shape until the first loss," Brooks said with a chuckle.

## One more question, do we need a sports holiday?

By John Jeansson  
NEWS/STAFF

This is the real State of the Union: An estimated 85 million Americans voted in November's midterm elections; next week's annual National Football Lollapalooza is expected to draw a U.S. viewing audience almost double that, roughly 140 million. In North Carolina, four men are collecting signatures for a petition that would seek national holiday status for the Super Bowl.

That official day off would be observed on a Monday in the grand American tradition of the three-day weekend — and in recognition of the debilitating Sunday excess of unhealthy food, strong beverage, televised sporting violence, relentless commercialism and not a small amount of gambling. No need to call in sick if the office is closed.

By Friday, 7,401 "yes" votes had been cast at the SuperBowlMonday.com Web site in favor of a day-after Super Bowl holiday observation. (There were 268 "no" votes.) This self-proclaimed "grass-roots political campaign," begun shortly before the 2006 Super Bowl, is "serious," said SuperBowlMonday creator Robert Chute, 40, of suburb Charlotte, generating "hundreds of thousands of hits a

day." The goal, he said, is to present 50,000 signatures to North Carolina congressman Sue Myrick. "If not this year, maybe next year or the one after," Chute said. He and his SBM partners, brother Eric Chute and friends Marc Kinley and Rhys Lewis, contend that Super Bowl Sunday is "not just an ordinary day in America," that it has "gained a significance that transcends the game itself," that it is a "shared national event."

It could be argued that this is an idea whose time came quite a while ago. "It already is a secular holiday," University of Indianapolis marketing professor Larry DeGaris said. "And since it's on a Sunday, everybody gets the day off, anyway."

DeGaris, who has a master's degree in sports sociology, agreed that the Super Bowl, as an event, "has outpaced the football game by far. It's a celebration of American consumerism, a celebration of television commercialism and consumption."

"It's also," he said, "a big part of community, a time when people get together with friends. It's really the only national event we have left."

When Jack Ludwig, then a professor of English at Stony Brook University, wrote his 1976 book, "The Great American Spectaculars: The Kentucky

Derby, Mardi Gras and Other Days of Celebration," his examination of such happenings included the Indianapolis 500, national political conventions and the Rose Bowl game and parade — not the Super Bowl.

Ludwig contended that the Super Bowl more closely resembled the World Series, Stanley Cup Finals and NBA championship because, though "the nature and stature of the participating teams was very important... Were two mediocre teams by some fluke able to sneak into these sporting finals, interest would fall off drastically."

That was 31 years ago. Overwhelming evidence is that the Super Bowl, once it abandoned more than a dozen years of early-afternoon kickoffs and settled into (East Coast) primetime TV coverage in the early 1980s, quickly evolved into the very definition Ludwig gave to great American spectacles: Far beyond the mere contest and specific contestants, its "special date" has worked its way onto "all kinds of calendars — social, sporting and political."

SuperBowlMonday.com's statistical research, which Robert Chute said is culled from countless submissions and Internet browsings, indicates that Super Bowl plans are made, on the average, 41 days in advance of the big game, as opposed to a 35-

day advance for New Year's plans and 30 days for anniversary plans. Early each autumn, Newsday's sports department begins fielding telephone calls requesting the upcoming Super Bowl date, so that personal and public schedules — board meetings, children's concerts, etc. — can be structured around the game. Chute's group contends there is no slower weekend for weddings than Super Bowl Weekend.

Furthermore, what Ludwig described in making the Kentucky Derby a cultural touchstone more than 30 years ago clearly applies to the 21st-century Super Bowl — an "exploitation that works both ways: Everyone who used to pep up his or her recognition factor was also giving added publicity and exposure."

Marketing executives, not sure if Super Bowl ads are worth the \$2.6-million cost for 30 seconds of air time, nevertheless can't resist being part of the highest TV ratings available. A similar need to shout from the highest mountain has motivated a still-anonymous West Coast man to solicit donations and hire public relations and advertising firms so he can issue an in-game marriage proposal next week — what he is calling "the most public declaration of love in the history of mankind."

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# 'Invisible Children' revealed tonight at Memorial Hall

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In 2003, three men set out for Uganda in search of a story that could change the world. Tonight, a documentary of what they found will be available for everyone to see in Memorial Hall.

Jason Russell, Bobby Bailey and Laren Poole decided to leave school with aspirations to discover something worth filming in Uganda. What they found was a situation that "disgusted and inspired them," according to the Invisible Children website.

Every day in northern Uganda children are abducted from their unprotected homes and forced to join the Lord's Resistance Army, a paramilitary group that operates mainly in northern Uganda and parts of Sudan. The army takes children from ages as young as five and forces them to kill or be killed. The children are

also subject to beatings and rape that often times result in mutilation.

The army was started in 1986, following the overthrow of President Tito Okello. Since then it has abducted an estimated 50,000 children, and many more are unaccounted for, according to Invisible Children: The Basics.

Because the people of Uganda are tired of war, they refuse to sign up for the army. Therefore a rebel group abducts kids from age five to 13 who are just old enough to hold a gun or machete, to serve in the army, said Mary Richie, UK Invisible Children coordinator.

They use torture to get the children to come and sometimes kill their parents in front of them or force them to kill their own parents, Richie said.

The three men witnessed the nightly migration of about 40,000 children, who walk several miles to sleep outside in town squares, in overcrowded hospitals, in bus parks and in verandas,

just to avoid capture.

Many people do not know, however, that these "invisible children" are not just in Uganda.

"Most people who know about 'Invisible Children' think that they're just in Africa," said Lexie Dressman, Students Taking Action Globally director. "But (they're) here in Lexington and Kentucky, too."

While the documentary focuses on the situation in northern Uganda, the organization "Invisible Children" looks to help children globally.

"We're all tied together," Dressman said. "You can't just be concerned with American issues."

"Invisible Children" uses the power of the media to teach. This allows them to spread the

word so they can help protect and encourage children across the globe, as well as bring about change.

The documentary is just the first step to getting involved.

Several events are offered throughout the year to increase involvement. One of these events is the "Global Night Commute," which simulates what it is like for the children of Uganda.

"It's a representation of what (the) kids have to do," Dressman said. "We walk to Triangle Park and sleep there."

Dressman and Richie encourage everyone to attend and get involved.

"People always say 'But I'm just one person,'" Richie said. "But just one person has so much ability. I'm one person, too, but I don't let that stop me."

## If you go

**What:** Invisible Children  
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## Super-thin is no longer in, say fashion designers

By Greg Morago  
The Hartford Courant

The discerning eyes that scan every stitch, pleat and buttonhole on the runway creations of New York's Fashion Week will now be on the lookout for excessively sharp shoulder blades, discernible rib cages and bony arms.

An industry where thin has been in is now concerned about something that is as much a part of the fashion business as thread: skinny models. What's new is that the excessively skinny model might find herself out of a job.

The Council of Fashion Designers of America has taken the unusual step of issuing recommendations as part of a "campaign of awareness" to promote wellness and a more healthful work environment for models. These recommendations, on the eve of the fashion show starting Friday, may open the door to a new era where overly thin models will not be the norm.

"We're creating awareness," said CFDA executive director Steven Kolb. "Our whole approach to this is about education and awareness."

The CFDA's push for awareness follows steps by the interna-

tional fashion world to discourage models from losing too much weight.

Last September, Madrid Fashion Week banned models with a body mass index below 18. (BMI is produced by a formula involving height and weight. The easiest way to figure yours it is to let a computer do it: [www.nhlbhisupport.com/bmi](http://www.nhlbhisupport.com/bmi). The World Health Organization deems a BMI below 18.5 to be underweight).

In December, the Italian government agreed that models in Milan's Fashion Week in February must be at least 16 years old and have a BMI of at least 18.5. Milan's participation might have been prompted by the death in November of Brazilian model Ana Carolina Reston, who weighed 88 pounds when she died.

Guidelines for London Fashion Week, which starts Feb. 11, advise designers against using "obviously anorexic" models but do not suggest a BMI requirement.

During New York Fashion Week, the skinny-model issue will come under the spotlight when the CFDA holds a panel about health and beauty on Feb. 5 at which its health recommendations will be

discussed. Those recommendations, which do not specify a minimum BMI, include:

- The industry should learn the early warning signs of eating disorders, how to identify models at risk and how to treat them.

- Models with an eating disorder should seek professional help in order to continue modeling.

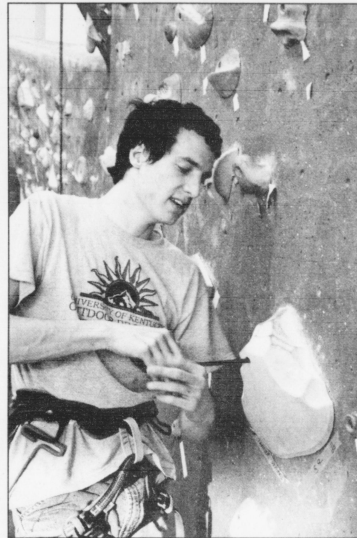
- Workshops should be offered for the industry on the nature of eating disorders, causes, how to identify and treat them, and what can happen if they are untreated.

- Designers should not use models younger than 16 in runway shows, and not allow models under 18 to work past midnight.

- Shows should provide healthful meals, snacks and water backstage, and prohibit smoking and drinking. Information on nutrition and fitness should be offered.

Not everyone is impressed. "These measures do not address the problem realistically. They are a series of half measures that are typical of America's inability to confront medical problems realistically," said Dr. Stuart Fischer, an expert on eating disorders and author of "Dr. Fischer's Little Book of Big Medical Emergencies."

## Climbing to the top



David Begley, a rock wall employee and math for secondary education junior removing a hold from the wall so all new routes can be put up for the upcoming competition.

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## Act quickly to find a replacement for diversity position

William Turner, UK's vice president for university engagement and associate provost for multicultural affairs, resigned on Jan. 24, just one week after receiving the Martin Luther King Jr. Citizenship Award.

Provost Kumble Subbaswamy announced Turner's resignation via e-mail to UK administrators and colleagues, according to a Kernel story last week. UK will not replace Turner, but the new vice president for institutional diversity (VPID) will take on his duties.

Turner was a great asset to the UK community, especially for his work toward increasing student diversity and racial equality. UK needs to find a person of equal caliber to overtake Turner's responsibilities.

UK administrators say they plan to have the institutional diversity position filled by July. They need to follow through on that goal. As the never-ending hunt for a police chief reminds us, these searches often take much longer than is intended.

The longer the administration waits to find a person to be in charge of multicultural affairs and university engagement, the worse it will get. The programs controlled by Turner's position cannot sit dormant while there is no one overseeing them.

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Turner helped broaden diversity and increase the visibility and involvement of minorities at UK, university spokesman Jay Blanton said told the Kernel. The VPID should also be in touch with the minority population, realize what needs to be done to continue increasing diversity on campus and stand for the same values Turner did.

The search for a diversity administrator cannot be a repeat of the police-chief process. UK needs to find someone to fill Turner's spot as quickly as possible

To keep the diversity of incoming classes on the rise and continue to emphasize multicultural affairs on campus, UK

needs to hire someone who will continue to make these priorities. Even though UK is losing a good leader, the administration should not let the absence ruin the state of multicultural affairs. UK has come a long way in terms of diversity the past few years, and it needs to continue to move forward.

The quicker the VPID position is filled, the better UK will be able to continue to increase student diversity, maintain multicultural affairs on campus and bring different groups on campus together. The loss of Turner is significant, but it is not something the UK administration cannot make right.

## Maintaining privacy should be a focus of UK tech update

By the end of February, students should be able to get information about recruitment, admissions, registration, advising conferences and equivalency determination on a new campus system that will cause less headaches than any current format does.

The IRIS project, which was launched in 2003 and will be completed in February, will allow students 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, according to a story in the Jan. 22 edition of the Kernel.

To date, the IRIS Project has successfully implemented an integrated information system in place of the old financial system and the human resource-payroll system. But changes like that are not coming at a cheap price. The first phase of the project is priced at \$40 million, and the second phase will cost \$20 million.

With all the money the university is putting into the project, it is important that the system not have

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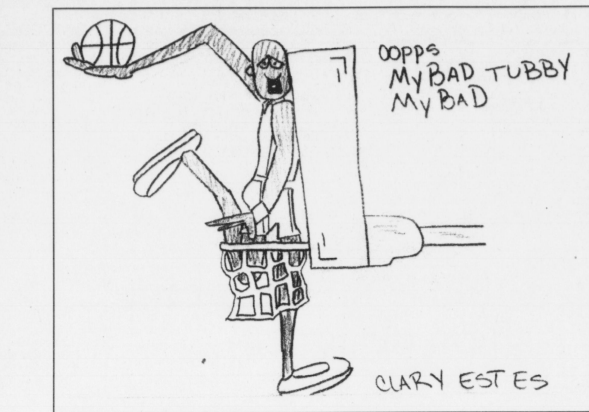
the kind of foul-ups that have occurred in the past.

Over the summer, more than 700 students' Social Security numbers were released mistakenly in two separate incidents. In both cases, students were left vulnerable to identity theft.

Any time confidential information is being stored and transferred through computers and the Internet, it is possible that a mistake could be made within the process and the information could fall into the wrong hands.

We are more than glad to see UK implementing a system that could make scheduling for classes and setting up advising appointments more efficient, but the people designing the technology must avoid malfunctions like the snafu over the summer that leave students at risk.

Although UK can afford to break the bank on a new, cutting-edge system, it can't afford to have any more mistakes with its students' private information being released.



CLARY ESTES, Kernel cartoonist

## GOP's new tactic is an old one: unbridled racial hatred

Imagine you're leading a flailing political movement — for the sake of argument, we'll call it "conservatism."

For decades, you won elections by making thinly veiled appeals to the latent racist sentiments among the white majority, often coded in support for "welfare reform" or "tougher crime policy." But then, under a Democrat president — no good conservative uses the adjectival form "Democratic" — those issues fell off the agenda.

So your movement's latest president tried something new. Instead of using racism to galvanize white voters, he and your other followers sought to divide America by religion, to convince churchgoing Christians that the secular minority was going to take over the country. God, gays and abortion (along with a healthy helping of aggressive foreign policy) won you two presidential elections and the intervening midterm.

Last year, however, your people lost the midterm badly. The president's approval rating is dipping below 30 percent in some polls. If you don't pick up the pieces quickly, there will be a Democrat president and a Democrat Congress elected in 2008. What should you do?

It's simple: Take the racism that brought about landslide victories from the '70s through the '90s, but stretch it to a wider scale than ever.

Well, that's not really what you should do. But it's certainly what the

contemporary conservative movement is doing.

First, there's the anti-black resurgence. Although welfare and crime are mostly off the table, there's a new bogeyman: affirmative action.

Having successfully pushed through an anti-affirmative-action ballot initiative in Michigan in 2006, businessman Ward Connerly plans to spearhead similar measures in as many as nine states in the 2008 election cycle, according to a New York Times story last week.

Affirmative-action opponents pretend to be concerned about equality, but they're never interested in why, for instance, the median annual income of black households is \$15,000 less than that of whites, according to 2003 Census Bureau statistics. They're much more angry about too many black kids — who generally grow up in urban areas with much worse school systems than those of the lily-white suburbs — getting into college.

Almost every major group involved in civic life — government, business, labor, education and religious leaders — was opposed to the Michigan initiative, the Times story said. Nevertheless, it passed by a wide margin. Racism wins, and that's why we'll be seeing less of it in 2008.

Second, anti-Hispanic sentiment is rising as well, notably in the fight against "illegal immigrants."

One of the most visible anti-Hispanic racists in Congress, U.S. Rep. Tom Tancredo, R-Colo., has announced his presidential candidacy. Although conventional wisdom is that he's too crazy to win the primary, that won't stop him from having a much more visible pulpit to spout off anti-immigrant nonsense.

It is amazing that people can listen

to talk of our borders being "invaded" by Mexican workers in a complete historical vacuum. According to the logic of Tancredo and the rest of the "send them home" movement, everyone who's not an American Indian should pack up and head back to his or her country of ethnic origin. After all, white Europeans were the first to make dubiously legal travels through the borders of this land.

But anti-immigrant crusaders aren't really concerned with justice and the integrity of national boundaries. Indeed, I get the impression that they 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.

Finally, the few remaining proponents of the war on Iraq have started to explain the failure of the war through racist generalizations about Arabs. On conservative blogs and talk radio, we hear that Arabs are naturally incapable of democratic self-governance, or that they "only understand force" and should thus be killed in greater numbers.

Look for intimations of this reasoning to enter the public discourse as Republican candidates try to explain away the utter failure of foreign policy under President George W. Bush.

If voters don't make it loud and clear that they won't tolerate racism from candidates, the United States will be a much nastier place by the end of 2008.

The problem is, if recent history is any guide, voters do support institutionalized racism. It's a great way to get votes, after all.

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## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

### Americans hate Clinton for her policies, not her gender

In response to Tara Bonistall's Jan. 30 column, "What creates a Hillary hater?":

Bonistall's thought process is both illogical and insulting to the intelligence of all Americans. Calling the American public sexist just because many people are opposed to Clinton's candidacy is a complete falsehood. The real reasons that people hate Clinton are her left-wing politics and her poor stances on the issues that are truly important to the betterment of the country. The issues that are truly important to the country in the future are economic and foreign policy. Giving away money left and right is not one of them.

In one of my classes today, we had a discussion that was very similar to the one discussed in the article, and the consensus of the class was that Clinton would make a poor president. The reason for this is because many countries and cultures around the world are male-dominated, viewing women as secondary citizens. Many nations already have little respect for the United States, and electing a woman would be a travesty in their eyes.

Foreign trade with Asian and Arab countries would dissolve because they would consider it an insult to even listen to the views of a person that they consider a second-class citizen. I'm not agreeing with the views of their cultures; I'm just saying that is what they believe.

However, my main reason not to elect Clinton is not politics or gender; it is because of her husband. Clinton needed her own staff while her husband was in the White House because she needed something to occupy herself while he was busy with his other "affairs." Gender has absolutely nothing to do with it. The United States does not need four more years of Clinton politics.

Now, I'm not judging based on party lines. I'm just trying to present some enlightenment on the true reasons that many people are against Clinton being president. The American people are not sexist; they just have common sense.

Beckie Witt  
Finance and marketing senior

### Cultural understanding is the key to victory in Iraq

Recently, President Bush proposed a "surge" of more than 20,000 troops to help quell the mounting insurgency in Iraq. While this may alleviate some violence in the short term, it in no way will lead to a long-term resolution that will stop the infighting among Sunni, Shi'a, and Kurdish Iraqis. This war will be won with minds and not might, and if we haven't figured that out yet, we truly are lost.

Last year alone, more than \$453 billion was allocated to the Department of Defense, yet our number of intelligence officers on the ground has been reduced, and our number of Arabic-speaking military personnel has not grown. The message the Iraqis are getting is that we are more than willing to spend billions on fighter planes, bombs and weaponry, but we are unwilling to learn the culture, customs and language that they hold so sacred.

In a letter in the Jan. 30 Kernel, Travis Cimino suggests "fighting dirty" as the only means to an end in Iraq. He makes the argument that because the Japanese surrendered after months of napalm attacks culminating in two atomic strikes, the Iraqis too will succumb if we only have the stomach to wage a war against civilians and insurgents alike.

Cimino also uses Gen. William Sherman's "total war" against Robert E. Lee and the South as a means to bolster his weak argument. Neither World War II nor the Civil War is comparable to our current war. We are now in middle of a war that is over 1,300 years old and dates back to when Islam split into two factions over who should lead the faithful following the death of Muhammad. Obviously, this split in no way affected the outcome of either World War II or the Civil War, and to use them as references to allow the murder of innocents is ignorant and absurd.

We need creative minds and fresh ideas to solve this difficult situation — not uninspired, gratuitous cop-outs.

Matt Gosnell  
Finance and international business senior

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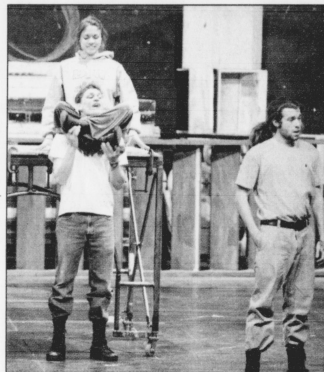




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Nathan Richard Wagner, who plays Titus in the upcoming play "Titus Andronicus," looks from above as students practice a fight scene.

## PLAY FIGHT

It was a not-so-bloody battle as students choreographed a fight scene in the play "Titus Andronicus" by William Shakespeare. The play, considered to be Shakespeare's most violent work, will come to Guignol Theatre starting Feb. 15 and will play through the 25th.



**Above right:** Actors Brynn Alexander, Nick Dunn and Conrad Newman wait during a break from choreographing a fight scene in the play "Titus Andronicus"

**Right:** Actor Nathan Richard Wagner takes a break from studying his lines to watch practice.



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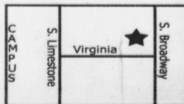
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