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Grad school congress considers student funding

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UK has more than one student government this year.

Unhappy with graduate students' limited representation in Student Government, the Graduate Student Congress formed in May, led by GSC president Sarah Cavendish. Over the next five to six months, representatives were chosen from 30 programs.

"We started this organization because 35 percent of the UK population does not have the voice that they need," said Cavendish. "Graduate students make up a large percent of the population, yet the issues that concern us never had a system to be addressed."

Student Government currently has one seat in its senate for a graduate school senator, but

with future plans of senate expansion, the graduate programs could be allotted up to six seats. The GSC doesn't represent professional schools such as the law and medical programs.

SG Senate President Brent Burchett wants the two organizations to work out a compromise rather than remain as separate groups.

"It concerns me because I feel that making a separate governing organization for graduate students is breaking apart our organization that is otherwise very strong," Burchett said. "We (SG) would be very open to a compromise, whether that be giving their organization money from our budget or allowing them a committee where they report their needs to the full senate."

Cavendish met with SG President Jonah Brown in the summer, but so far this year the two government organizations have not worked on any projects together.

"Student Government is a responsible organization that deals with campus issues," Cavendish said. "But they do not address issues that graduate students are concerned with."

The issues, Cavendish said, include the poor condition of graduate student housing on campus, health insurance and parking passes for those who teach undergraduate classes.

"We often wonder if we are employees or students," Cavendish said. "Most of us are stuck in between. These are things undergraduates shouldn't have to concern themselves with, that's why we need something of our own."

GSC currently has 75 members, and they will have their first election in the spring. "I'm thinking we will have two representatives appointed from each department and then elect officers from that group," Cavendish said. "But we are still very much in the develop-

ment process, and we are discussing several different options."

GSC has discussed a possibility of requesting part of the student fees that Student Government receives each year from tuition.

"We've had conversations about this but that's all it has been; discussion," Cavendish said. "We've discussed a lot of options."

Cavendish said they would not want half of the money, but an amount proportional to the 35 percent of the student population that they serve.

SG is concerned with GSC taking part of student fees, Burchett said.

"In our budget, we give money to sponsor on-campus free tutoring that would not be possible without our donation," Burchett said. "We give a great deal of money to Women's Place

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A sorority staple

UK handyman has served sorority row for over six decades

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Sitting on a stool with sandpaper in hand, Shelby T. Armstrong patched the walls of the Chi Omega house on the UK's campus where he has been doing odd jobs in sorority houses since the 1940s.

Born on July 4, 1929, Armstrong, 77, continues to climb up and down the three stories of the house for his job. Armstrong, known as "Shelby T.," to the women in the Chi Omega house, is the only person who has worked in the house since it was built in 1938 and has been a handyman in all 13 sorority houses on UK's campus.

Director of Fraternity and Sorority Affairs Susan West said Armstrong has been a staple of the sorority community.

"I have known Mr. Armstrong since I began working at UK around 1988," she said. "Mr. Armstrong has been a devoted worker for the sorority houses, dedicating his life to the sorority women's well being."

Armstrong is a Lexington native and has lived on or near campus his whole life. He began his handy work at a young age doing landscaping work. By 16, he was hired at the Delta Delta Delta house to mow the lawn.

About a year after his marriage in 1948, Armstrong joined the Marines and later served in Korea during the Korean War. Even though he was at war, he reflects optimistically on the time.

"It was an experience; at least I can say I've been to North Korea," he said. "It was winter time, and I guess it was better that it was winter instead of summer with all the dead bodies lying around."

Armstrong came home from the war on emergency leave in 1951 because his mother was dying from heart problems. Upon Armstrong's return, he continued his work in the sorority houses with his brother-in-law. He used to get the sorority girls to help him with his work, teaching them basic carpentry skills.

Armstrong calls his work "Armstrong Services." His jobs in all the sorority houses include: electrical work, carpentry, painting, fixing locks, plumbing and any other problems that need fixing. The dressers he built between the late 1960s and early 1970s still remain in the Delta Delta Delta house and several other sorority houses. "I like the work that I do," he says. "It's something new every time."

Laura Hall, a cook in the Chi Omega house, has known "Shelby T." for six years and calls him a "master carpenter." With a smile on her face, she recollects memories of him.

"He has shown me pictures of himself when he was young," she said. "He was a really handsome man, and he is very proud of it."

Katie Thompson, another cook in the Chi Omega house, has known Armstrong since 1992. She, like many people who know him, has heard him tell many stories. One of her favorite stories is about Armstrong pulling out a gun to chase some troublemakers out of a bar.

"He said that when he was younger he worked in a bar with his brother," she said. "Some 'rough-lins' came in to start trouble. When Shelby T.'s brother told the men to leave, they wouldn't. So Shelby T. eased out the back of the bar and cleared out the bar with his 38."

Other students simply enjoy Armstrong's presence.

"We always enjoy seeing Shelby T. around the house," said Sara Gentry, an integrated strategic communication sophomore living in the Chi Omega house. "He is always friendly and full of

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Daysha Garr, 8, opens a gift from the Alpha Omicron Pi sorority with her parents, Mira Garr and John Francis and AOPi psychology sophomore Jamie Rogers.

Christmas comes early for kids in need

By Katie Saltz
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Remote control cars raced around the floor in the Student Center Ballroom last night as the Russell brothers tried out their new Christmas presents.

Jacob, 5, Justin, 7, and Dylan, 10, tore open packages full of toys and clothes bought by members of Alpha Omicron Pi sorority and Sigma Alpha Epsilon fraternity.

According to the boys' grandmother, Judy Conrod, it was a Christmas that they might not have otherwise had.

"Their mother died and I'm raising them," Conrod said. "It just makes me so happy to see them have a good Christmas."

Alpha Omicron Pi and Sigma Alpha Epsilon held their ninth-annual Christmas party last night, where eighteen Johnson Elementary students and their families ate pizza, opened presents and met Santa Claus.

Miranda Townsend, a marketing junior, said that this event is different from other projects that they do during the year.

"This is so enjoyable because we actually get to see where the money is going," Townsend said. "It feels great to get to meet the kids and play with them."

Before the party, members of SAE and AOPi divided up into

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Daysha Garr speaks with Santa at a fraternity and sorority Christmas party about what she wants for Christmas in the Grand Ballroom of the Student Center last night.

Frat members help clean up in New Orleans

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Six UK fraternity members saw the devastation still left from hurricane Katrina up close last weekend when they traveled to New Orleans to help clear homes ruined by the storm.

Members of Interfraternity Council worked Friday through Sunday on a three-bedroom, two-bathroom house that was completely underwater during Katrina, removing furniture, drywall and carpet so the home can undergo renovation.

Seeing the extent of the destruction in person was stunning, said Blake Van Edwards, vice president of public relations for the Interfraternity Council.

"The biggest shock is seeing blocks and blocks of houses that haven't been touched," Edwards said. "Everybody was hit hard."

The fraternity members were able to travel to New Orleans through the ACORN (Association of Community Organizations for Reform Now)

Home Clean Out Project.

The Home Clean Out Project has used over 1,500 volunteers to clear and renovate over 1,500 homes in the lower-income communities of New Orleans that were mostly destroyed.

Although there has been less press coverage lately of the lasting effects of Hurricane Katrina on New Orleans, a wide variety of people have been willing to come and volunteer, said Elliott McGann, volunteer coordinator for the ACORN Home Clean Out Project.

"It's been wonderful that people want to help out a year or year and a half later," McGann said.

One popular program ACORN offers is an Alternative Break, which is a trip for 5 to 100 people during a holiday or school break. The six members of the Interfraternity Council are considering returning to New Orleans for spring break to work more on the project.

Jason Robinson, president of the Interfraternity Council, said returning to help Katrina victims during Spring Break would be rewarding.

"There's still a lot to be done," Robinson said. "Flooding just ruined hundreds of thousands of houses."

However, students who want to help Hurricane Katrina victims without going to New Orleans still have many options. Acorn.org accepts donations of cars, gifts and money for hurricane victims. UK sororities contributed gift cards to the Interfraternity Council members to take to families in New Orleans.

But going to New Orleans and interacting with those hit hardest by Katrina is often the most powerful reminder of the hurricane's lasting impact, he said.

"When people come down, they're just flabbergasted," McGann said.

McGann said there are plenty of opportunities for UK students to come and help the hurricane victims; he encourages those interested in volunteering in New Orleans to contact him directly at rebuild@acorn.org, or to visit www.acorn.org.

Bowl tickets to spare

Psychology freshman Jaclyn Huff holds a football while waiting in line for tickets to the Music City Bowl Game yesterday afternoon outside Memorial Coliseum. Students waited for hours in the cold for tickets to UK's first bowl appearance since 1999. The 1,000 tickets reserved for UK students were the last ones available for the game, which sold out earlier this week.



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and a safe campus transportation service. The money they (GSC) are requesting would take away from projects that the campus depends on."

Right now, Cavendish and other members are researching graduate student governments at other schools for ideas.

"The first year of any organization is difficult. There is the constitution, organizing meetings, deciding what we want to get accomplished, working through elections. We're not ready to make any decisions at this point," Cavendish said.

Pat Terrell, vice president of Student Affairs, said the need for two campus student governments is something the students have to decide.

"There is a difference between the concerns of undergraduate and graduate students," Terrell said. "If one student government model doesn't address the needs of part of student body then there is a need for another group. Students need to decide whether or not Student Government is serving their needs. If not, another model should be considered."

Both organizations are working out structural changes before the spring elections.

"I hope Student Government doesn't see this as an advisory attempt because that isn't our intention," Cavendish said. "We are simply an organization addressing the needs of a different population."

SHELBY

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stories. He is willing to accomplish any task given to him. He never lets his age hold him back."

Today, Armstrong resides in Lexington with his wife of 58 years. He says that he is getting too old to do some things; he says he has been fighting dizziness and high blood pressure. His son Steven Armstrong, 54, has helped him

with several jobs recently.

A small bandage on Armstrong's eyebrow covers a spot where skin cancer has been removed several times. He recently took a fall at home and is taking some time to recover. When asked if he would return to his work in the sorority houses, Armstrong replied without hesitation, "Oh yeah!"

"I like this job because it is not monotonous," he says. "I like that the girls and there is never a dull moment."

"I'm windin' down with the best of em'... the Chi Omegas," Armstrong said. "It's been a trip!"

curs every year, and it is only getting better.

"This is something really special they do," McCormick said. "I'm very proud of them for doing it."

Makhiya Thomas, 8, said that she was the luckiest girl in the world after opening her presents.

"I got Barbie dolls, some cool boots and a bunch of Bratz stuff," Thomas said. Makhiya's mother, Nicole Thomas said that she truly appreciated what was done for her daughter.

"It's exciting to see her happy," Thomas said. "She's so excited, she's probably not going to sleep tonight."

Kyle Hettinger, a political science junior, helped organize this year's event and said that it was something that gave him pride.

"We just have such a great time doing this," Hettinger said. "This night is just full of laughter, smiles and good memories."

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groups and were assigned a certain child. They bought gifts according to a wish list made by the kids, Townsend said.

"This year each group had about \$150 to spend," Townsend said. "But most of them went over the limit."

Holly Adams, a nursing senior, said teachers at Johnson Elementary nominate the students who they feel deserve the privilege.

"The majority of these students are needy," Adams said. "This might be the only Christmas that they have this year."

Adams said that the members of SAE and AOPJ donated over \$3,000 to spend on the kids.

AOPJ chapter adviser Chantel McCormick said this is a great thing that oc-

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This week's box office hits and misses

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"The Nativity Story"

with Keisha Castle-Hughes and Oscar Isaac

It's a Christmas film — but there's no snow, bells or cartoon characters. Even so, after 2,006 years, "The Nativity Story" has finally nailed what Christmas is really about.

Many critics were worried that this film would turn out to be a low-budget attempt at the portrayal of the birth of Jesus. However, this is an attempt to be a full-blown achievement.

Beginning with a message from Heaven and providing heartwarming moments during the couple's journey to Bethlehem, "Nativity" takes the audience by the hand and walks it alongside the newlyweds during their journey.

Of course, this film is not perfect. The good you will hear about from most Christian viewers is the presence of the three wise men. Traditionally, nativity scenes are set up with the three kings present, but it is now believed that the three men did not meet Mary and Jesus until a couple years after the birth of the child.

Nevertheless, "Nativity" paints a breathtaking picture and is worthy of becoming a classic. What "Passion of The Christ"

was to Easter, "The Nativity Story" will be to Christmas.

Even without snow, bells, cartoons, or Ralphie, this film is not just a Christmas story but the Christmas story.

Now playing at Cinemark-Movies 10, Hamburg Pavillion and Cinemark-Fayette Mall.

"The Holiday"

with Cameron Diaz, Kate Winslet, Jude Law and Jack Black

Amanda (Diaz) and Iris (Winslet) find themselves in lackluster relationships and decide to swap lives for a couple weeks.

In their new locales, they meet local men in unexpected places and find themselves with new relationship decisions to make. This will be the romantic comedy to take the girls to over the holidays. It promises to have humor both you and your date will enjoy.

Opens today at Cinemark-Movies 10, Hamburg Pavillion and Cinemark-Fayette Mall.

"Apocalypto"

with Rudy Youngblood

This year looks to be one that Mel Gibson may want to forget. Aside from his drunken trade in August, his new film may also be a social disaster.

Gibson's new, heavily dramatic picture follows a Mayan

man who runs for his life after his kingdom chooses him as a human sacrifice. Although this film provides a new storyline for viewers, "Apocalypto" may prove to be a tad too artsy to nab a strong attendance.

On the bright side, even if this film bombs, it still will not be the worst part of Gibson's year.

Opens today at Cinemark-Movies 10, Hamburg Pavillion and Cinemark-Fayette Mall.

"Blood Diamond"

with Leonardo DiCaprio, Jennifer Connelly and Djimon Hounsou

"And the worst accent in a motion picture goes too..." If you can make it past DiCaprio's horrible attempt at a South African accent, this film about three men seeking a single diamond may be the picture to see this weekend.

"Blood Diamond" is already collecting an Oscar buzz, and this action-packed drama may be what the holiday season needs.

Opens today at Hamburg Pavillion and Cinemark-Fayette Mall.

"The Devil Wears Prada"

with Meryl Streep and

Anne Hathaway

From the Lauren Weisberger hit novel, Miranda Priestly (Streep) is a cutthroat "bosszilla" who terrorizes her new assistant with comedic grace. This is the film version of "Ugly Betty" if Betty wasn't so ugly.

Available Dec. 12.

"Talladega Nights: The Ballad of Ricky Bobby"

with Will Ferrell

Will American cinema ever be able to get enough of Will Ferrell in underwear? Maybe someday, but as of today, the tiny-whities are pure money for Ferrell, as he plays the dimwitted NASCAR driver Ricky Bobby in his most memorable "cowbell" days of course.)

Available Dec. 12.

"Full House - The Complete Fifth Season"

with Bob Saget, John Stamos and Dave Coulier

The world's best cheesy comedy is what 80s and 90s television is all about. Go back to your childhood with the Tangers and remember how much fun it was to wear slouch socks and side ponytails.

Available Dec. 12.

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New UK smoking policy is too strict

It's perfectly reasonable that UK would want to protect nonsmoking faculty, staff and students from the secondhand smoke produced by those on campus who choose to smoke.

So when someone wants to light up, policy mandates they go outside. Fair enough.

But UK's new smoking regulations go too far to segregate smokers from the rest of the UK community.

The Kentucky General Assembly requires all public schools and universities to adopt a formal smoking policy. UK spokesman Jay Blanton told the Kernel last month. The Board of Trustees' policy formalizes a ban on smoking in UK buildings as well as covered bridges and pedways.

Smoking is also prohibited in UK-owned parking garages and within 20 feet of building doors, windows and air intakes. Designated smoking areas are no longer permitted in any university building, the Kernel reported.

The new university smoking policy will be enforced by individual departments, which reside within each building on campus.

Picturing faculty members walking outside to shoo away smokers is a laughable concept at best. One thing that is abundantly clear is that the smoking policy will not be enforced equally across campus.

If department representatives in one building actively enforce the smoking ban, what's to stop smokers from congregating outside a neighboring building with no such en-

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forcement?

And the idea that nonsmokers' health will be adversely affected by outside secondhand smoke is flawed. As long as a constant flow of air is present, outside smoke presents almost no health risks for nonsmokers.

The new policy is already being violated daily at UK Medical Center, where covered smoking areas provide hospital staff, patients and visitors with a not-so-cold place to smoke.

It's generally not a pleasant experience for nonsmokers to walk through a crowd of smokers when entering or exiting buildings on campus. But it's not as if smokers congregate specifically around doorways. Smokers are generally polite and allow plentiful room for passers-by to walk.

Ernie Yanarella, a political science professor and the faculty representative on the Board of Trustees, told the Kernel he supports the policy because "extensive scientific research has shown that secondary smoke inhaled by nonsmokers on a routine basis can be injurious to individuals who do not smoke." (emphasis added)

Walking through a group of smokers once or twice a day is not enough of a routine basis to develop health problems related to second-hand smoke.

UK's secondhand smoke problem is not sufficient to allow for such an extensive ban. The new smoking policy went too far.

Lawmakers should heed student calls

It's rare for students to take on policy problems as daunting as helping solve the global AIDS epidemic — but last week, a group of UK students did just that.

UK's chapter of the International Federation of Medical Students' Associations held a call-in Nov. 29 to encourage students to call the White House or the Washington office of Rep. Ben Chandler, D-Ky., to voice their support for an act that would change U.S. policy toward funding HIV-prevention education.

Currently, the funding goes primarily toward sex education that promotes abstinence but does not mention contraceptive methods that can help prevent HIV transmission. The students who organized and participated in the call-in sought to change that policy in favor of one that promotes safe sex and teaches about contraception.

In fighting a disease as widespread and damaging as HIV, pragmatism should take priority over needless moralizing. To that end, the U.S. Congress should pass the bill these students were advocating, the Protection Against Transmission of

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HIV for Women and Youth Act. People who have an ideological or religious objection to contraception are in the vast minority in this country. So it's perplexing — and, frankly, disgusting — that this view has taken hold of U.S. policy while millions of people across the world die of AIDS. HIV-prevention education should give people all of the facts, not just the ones that anti-contraception ideologues find convenient.

Indisputably, abstaining from sex is the only sure way to prevent HIV transmission, and all prevention education should be clean on that point. But many people do not make that choice. They should not be kept in the dark about the fact that they can lower the chance of transmission by using a condom during sex.

Promoting ignorance about contraception doesn't help anyone, certainly not the millions of people who die of AIDS every year. U.S. policymakers should take note and pass the PATHWAY bill.

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

SG doesn't advocate undergrad tuition hike

In response to the Kernel editorial of Dec. 6 and several news stories on this issue I want to make sure UK students realize my approach on medical/professional student tuition, to prevent any misunderstandings and to hopefully put undergraduates' minds at ease.

The resolution passed by the UK Student Senate called for the administration to reconsider the "across the board" policy of tuition increases. It does NOT call for undergraduate or any other students' tuition to increase. While this is still a possible solution, the point of the resolution was to spur conversation with administrators. If we simply assume that huge increases are going to be "a fact of life," as UK spokesman Jay Blanton said recently, the administration will become complacent rather than seek new funding methods or budget designs for the university.

The UK College of Medicine was founded on principles that included: serving a rural populace, encouraging physicians to enter primary care practices and educating students from diverse socioeconomic and cultural backgrounds.

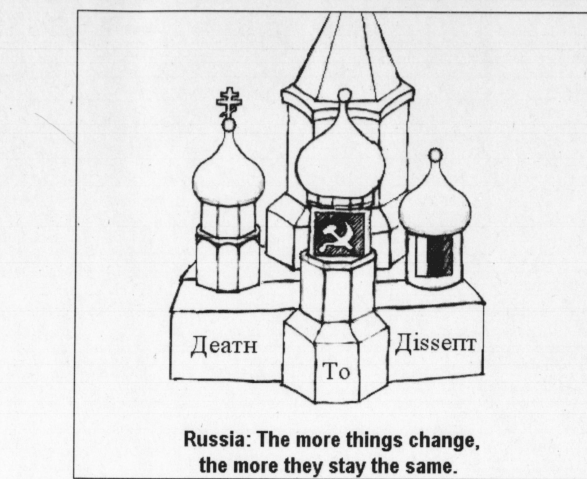
If we follow the Top 20 Business Plan to the letter, the cost for a Kentucky resident to gain a medical education at his/her flagship university would be around \$200,000 in 2012. Obviously, this would have a major impact on what kind of students apply to our medical school, which specialty they choose and where they set up

practice.

Primary care and rural practices are among the least financially beneficial career paths in medicine, and with healthcare trying to shift focus to prevention over treatment — which will ultimately drive down costs — we need more family doctors and more access to care in underserved areas. While most medical students do not let finances dictate their career paths, if we exponentially add to their financial burden, it will increasingly play a role in young physicians' decision making. For those who are still convinced that this will definitely raise their tuition consider this: at worst it would cost each undergraduate around \$20 to \$25 per year to save each medical student nearly \$1,000 in added tuition. Medical students face a long road of training after medical school (residency) with pay often little more than that of a school teacher. They currently face having \$140,000 or more in debt (on average, including interest accruing during residency) before beginning their own practice. Without the opportunity to work or have an outside income while in school, hopefully it becomes apparent why we need to slow down ever increasing student debt for future physicians.

I will be working closely with undergraduate, graduate and professional student colleagues as well as administrators to further this issue — always considering the interests of the UK student body, future healthcare professionals, patients and the Commonwealth of Kentucky.

Justin Rasner
student senator, UK College of Medicine



Russia: The more things change, the more they stay the same.

DANIEL DVORJAK, Kernel cartoonist

Midterm elections temper some built-up anger toward Republicans

For those of us who are afflicted with the kind of stupidity that regularly produces contentment, obliviousness and happiness, anger comes only in little waves that occasionally destroy our bucket-molded sand castles. Unfortunately for myself and friends, family, co-workers and those at the spotlight in front of me, I suffer from another kind of



JENNIFER WHITE
Kernel columnist

stupidity. I am never happy, content or oblivious. My anger stirs and rumbles creating great tsunamis of destruction, which I blame for the demolition of many relationships.

Some have said anger is a mild term for the storm that splashes out of my mouth at inappropriate moments, like while eating dinner, at work or in class. Since George W. Bush's re-election, it seems my anger has been constant, and until the midterm elections, only gallons of ice cream could suppress the churning waves of frustration, irritability and disdain.

Though I will never admit to being happy — it violates Jen's First Principle of Living: Never be happy — I can say that much of my anger dissipated when I read the final election results. Was it hope I felt?

A dangerous thought I know, the idea of "hope," but before you can deny you have it, you've read it and

understood it, and it's too late. It seeps inside and forces you to consider such notions as impeachment and peace and gay rights.

After so many years of lies and corruption in Washington, I had given up on the majority of Americans who supported it and secretly waged my own futile war against neo-conservatives.

I spent nights tossing and turning, fearing the deaths of so many soldiers and civilians in Iraq, and more nights loathing the people who claimed to be Christian but voted for a warmonger.

I spent days arguing with people who were convinced being an American involved not expressing any right of speech when it could bring change or conflict with the spewing of those in power.

I was relentless. I did not spare family or friends, and professionalism was sacrificed too. My passion and my patriotism raged passed concepts like "benefit of the doubt" and "forgiveness." To let it go, I thought, was to give up on the principles of freedom, such as speech, expression, equal protection under the law and exposing the wrongdoings of oppressive leaders. I thought I could bring change.

But I failed — gave up, like a whale on a beach of long since ruined sand castles — and ate more ice cream. On Nov. 7, 2006, though I am not a Democrat, I hopelessly cast a straight ticket ballot — mainly to satisfy my drive for revenge.

Like so many who give into the anger, which opens the door to bitterness and insensitivity, I had no hope

for change or justice. I voted to say the next morning, "Hey, I voted. And I voted against every person who ever called himself a Republican, conservative or neo-con. I voted against war, against inequality for gays, against the Patriot Act and against the current administration."

I never expected my vote to be one of many that changed the course of history for the better, just as quickly as future prospects of peace had been tainted years ago when Bush was re-elected. But in one night, my previously insignificant voice, once unheard and unwanted, became important.

All my temper tantrums, hair-pulling, teeth-grinding and fist-throwing turned out to be useless and self-destructive, however satisfying. The message I shouted, mostly at unsuspecting strangers, wasn't effective and didn't reach fellow Americans or the screw-ups in Washington.

None of my anger fits, despite their irritating volume, were as clear and forceful as my vote. This realization, that perhaps the principles behind 200 years of democracy hadn't gone to waste and that votes still count for little people like me, made me happy — momentarily.

Now, still very angry, but notably more upbeat, I have found my oblivion. And in accordance with the values of American fairness, it is my turn to be blissfully stupid, selfish and hypocritical, and back in the glory of a new principal:

Na Na Na Boo Boo!
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Pets can be a drain on your wallet, but they're worth every penny

Having a pet is not as easy as it seems.

I came to realize this once again after taking my cat, Batman, to the emergency veterinary hospital for the second time in the past seven months. As I sat at Southland Veterinary Hospital, praying that my cat would make it and that I would be able to pay off his vet bill, I

watched people walk in and out the door with their injured furry friends. At that moment, a lot of things were going through my mind.

I thought about how close I have become with Batman and how my life would change if I were to lose him. I was devastated about his injury as if he were another human being, another member of my family. In fact, I came to think of him as my own son.

I also felt like I was re-living one of the worst days of my life again, the day when he had to have a surgery after getting wounded in a

catfight. Later, his wound became severely infected and spread all over the left side of his stomach. I had to take him to the vet twice that day because he was in a lot of pain and would not stop growling. My second visit was at 12:30 a.m. It cost me \$400 to save his life. However, it was not the money that made that day so horrible, but the sight of my half-alive cat being all cut-up.

I remembered the day when I got him from the pet store in Richmond. I came there to have a look at gerbils and hamsters, but as soon as I walked in the store, my attention automatically shifted in the direction of four caged kitties.

The smallest kitten would not stop meowing and it seemed as if he was asking me to pet him. He was grey with blue-green eyes and big ears. He was tiny enough to comfortably fit on the palm of my hand. When I held him, he started giving me kisses. At that moment I knew that Batman was going home with me. He only cost me \$10. I still consider him being one of my best buys.

I stared at the pictures of various animals on the walls, occasionally shifting my eyes to the hospital receptionist, who sat across from me behind the desk. She kept smiling at

me, trying to cheer me up. "She must have been tons of sick animals and their devastated owners, just like me," I thought. "I am sure she knows what I must be going through right now." Having that thought made me feel a little better.

Today, I feel much better. It feels great to wake up and feel Batman snuggling on the pillow next to me. He made it through after having another infected wound after another catfight.

This time he did not need a surgery because I brought him to the vet before his wound had enough time to develop. I have to keep him locked in my room for a few days so he can't get outside and fight with other cats again. He sleeps most of the time. When he wakes up, he asks for food. His big appetite is a sign of recovery.

It cost me another \$200 to keep my kitty alive. However, even though it still hurts me to see Batman wearing an e-collar and his half-shaved wounded stomach, I am thankful to have him back. It definitely takes a lot of effort, responsibility, money and time to be a good pet-owner, but it is for sure worth it.

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UK Hoops struggling to find replacements for injured Roddy

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Seven games into the season, head coach Mickie DeMoss is still searching for a way to make up for the loss of center Eleia Roddy.

Roddy, who came off the bench to average nearly eight points and seven rebounds as a sophomore last season, was lost for the year after tearing the anterior cruciate ligament in her right knee during an early season practice.

Since then, DeMoss has been exploring her roster for some sort of interior relief for post starters Sarah Elliott and Jennifer Humphrey.

"Roddy provided that nastiness inside and that physical play where it was like, 'Look I'm going to come in and kick your behind,'" DeMoss said. "We are still trying to find that missing piece, and I think it's affecting our personality a little bit and who we are."

Freshman Lydia Watkins had begun to emerge as that presence. But while taking a change in practice last week, Watkins landed on her back, aggravating an area where she underwent extensive surgery during high school.

Watkins was limited to just four minutes against Louisville on Sunday and is listed as day-to-day, DeMoss said.

"We have been told to try to rest her and ice and practice her," she said, "and then practice only on a needed basis. Not that she doesn't need practice, but I'm just trying to see how her back is going to hold up."

"We need her for the long haul."

With Watkins' availability uncertain, DeMoss must go back to the drawing board.

"We finally started to get a little comfortable with Lydia there, and I think she was gaining a little confidence and then she goes down with her back," she said. "Now we are back to square one."

DeMoss turned to a smaller lineup against Louisville. Chante Bowman, 5-foot-11, and freshman Brittany Edelen, 5-9, logged 15-plus minutes at forward.

But DeMoss is not comfortable with her lack of depth on the interior.

"You know we are in trouble if we have to move Carly (Ormerod) and (Jenny) Pfeiffer inside," DeMoss said with a laugh.

The injuries, combined with a 4-3 record, have the Cats doing a little soul searching.

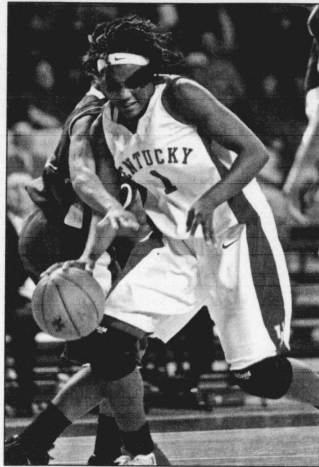
"They are disappointed, and I would probably be upset if they weren't a little disappointed," DeMoss said. "But we don't have time to hang our heads. It's a long season."

"It's still early and we are still trying to identify who we are and what our personality is."

UK opens up a home stand that will feature four games against opponents from the Southwestern Athletic Conference, starting with tonight's game against 3-1 Alabama State.

DeMoss hopes the stretch will give this year's squad a chance to discover its identity.

"Some halves we come out and we look like a top-20 team," DeMoss said. "And then there are other halves where we come out and it's like, 'Who is this?' It's almost extreme, and I think that is what we are trying to fix. We need a little more consistency from half to half."



UK junior forward Eleia Roddy drives against Stetson last season. Roddy, who was UK's first player off the bench last season, went down with a torn anterior cruciate ligament earlier this season. In her absence, the Cats have struggled to find consistent post play.

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Up next UK vs. Alabama St.

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Bradley thrives off position switch

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Asking Ramel Bradley what position he wants to play is like asking the UK football team what bowl they prefer to play in.

Either way, it doesn't matter. "I like being on the court regardless," Bradley said. "As long as I'm out there I'm going to like it."

So what if the starting lineup listed Bradley as the starting power forward?

"There's going to be problems for the four man that's going to have to guard me."

In an effort to speed up the tempo, head coach Tubby Smith went small Tuesday against Tennessee-Chattanooga by moving freshman Derrick Jasper into the starting lineup at point guard. The change bumped Bradley over to the shooting guard.

Bradley responded by knocking down six 3-pointers and scoring 23 points.

It was just the response Smith was looking for.

"I thought that was good because he didn't have to run the offense while he was playing the two spot," Smith said. "I thought he was very beneficial to have at the two spot."

When Bradley moved to the shooting guard position, he was relieved of a lot of his point guard duties.

A point guard's main job is to set up the rest of the team with passes instead of shots. Shooting guards are often the beneficiaries of the point guard's giving.

On Tuesday, Bradley was the main recipient.

"I came into the game knowing that I wanted to be more aggressive," Bradley said. "I felt that I wasn't as aggressive as I should have been in the last few games."

Since he's been at UK, passive would be one of the last words used to describe him. He has taken many shots; some good, some bad.

As a point guard, Bradley couldn't take all of the shots he wanted. But against Chattanooga he did, and it paid off.

Now, as a shooting guard, he knows his role.

"I can't go out there and just wait for it (the game) to come to me — I mean I should wait for the game to come to me — but at the same time I've got to be aggressive," Bradley said. "I can't just play lackadaisical."

"I kind of felt like I wasn't on the court."

Carter out for season

Sophomore center Jared Carter reinjured his right shoulder in practice yesterday and will miss the rest of the season.

Carter, who will be sidelined for six months after reconstructive surgery is performed, originally injured the shoulder Nov. 11. He had already sat out the first five games of the season.

"I'm disappointed for Jared, because I know how hard he's worked," head coach Tubby Smith said in a statement. "But this will allow him plenty of time to heal from the surgery and strengthen those muscles before next season."

The 7-foot-2 Georgetown, Ky. native played 20 minutes in three games this season. He was averaging 0.3 points and 2.3 rebounds per game.

After the Tennessee-Chattanooga game on Tuesday, Carter said

his shoulder felt "a lot better."

But yesterday in practice, the shoulder was hurt during a rebound attempt on a five-on-five drill.

With the injury, UK will have to look elsewhere to replace Carter, who Smith said made a huge jump from his freshman to sophomore year.

Freshman Perry Stevenson has made an immediate contribution by starting five games this season, but he has some nagging injuries.

Senior Sherry Thomas has two starts this year and is averaging 1.6 points and 2.4 rebounds.

The only other options are senior Lukasz Obrzut and freshman Mark Courty, who have combined to play 49 minutes this season.

Cats need to beat both arch rivals

Look right in front of you. Can't you see the iceberg? It's crimson-and-cream colored, with a candy cane-striped lower half. The ship — the 2006 UK men's basketball team — is fast approaching.

The iceberg — Indiana — is UK's opponent tomorrow at noon. And if the Cats lose to the unranked, unimpressive and untalented Hoosiers at Rupp, this season's ship will start to take on serious amounts of water.

So far the Cats have surprised no one, if you consider this team's mediocrity to be unsurprising. They have beaten the five teams they were supposed to beat and lost to the only three quality opponents they've played. Forget counting DePaul as a quality opponent — they lost by 20 to Bradley and by 10 to Northwestern. Those more than offset the Blue Demons' win over Kansas.

The Cats have had opportunities against three ranked teams — No. 1 UCLA, No. 16 Memphis and No. 3 North Carolina — to snatch a marquee, hope-bequeathing victory, but have failed each time. And the 17-point loss to Memphis doesn't look nearly as impressive now that Chris Lofton and Tennessee dominated the Tigers on Wednesday.

Before conference play starts, UK has only two more opportunities to beat prominent programs: tomorrow against Indiana and next Saturday at Louisville. The Cats must win both. And here's why:

All of the sudden, the quality of basketball in the Southeastern Conference has soared. Florida won the national title last season and has everyone back. Alabama is a legitimate Final Four threat contender, as is Louisiana State, which was there last year. Tennessee hasn't been spectacular but looked awfully good in drilling Memphis. Arkansas is off to a hot start.

The point is, UK is not going to get into conference play and run roughshod over the league. The Cats went 9-7 last year, and the league is better this season. Come NCAA Tournament time, it might behoove UK to have a few major non-league wins to show the selection committee. If the Cats don't beat Indiana and Louisville, they face the reality of their best pre-conference wins being over DePaul (already established as fair, at best) and the College of Charleston. Ugh.

But with wins over IU and U of L (who, I hear, are UK's two biggest rivals), the Cats will likely be on a roll that may continue deep into conference play. After the U of L game, UK plays four straight non-league home games that should be victories, and then opens conference play with games against Ole Miss, Auburn and Mississippi State. All three stink.

The next two Saturdays will then set the tone for the Cats' season. Win both and they'll start what should be at least a nine-game winning streak. Lose both, and the fallout could be of titanic proportions.

UK VS. INDIANA

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Coaches UK: Tubby Smith (11th year overall, 370-136, 10th at UK 246-74)
IU: Kelvin Sampson (24th year overall, 460-258, 1st at IU, 5-2)

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		IU (5-2)				
Pos.	Player	Ht.	Wt.	Cl.	Pts. Rb.	
G	Armon Bassett	6-1	175	Fr.	6.3 3.1*	
G	Earl Collopy	6-3	172	Sr.	9.1 3.9*	
G	Roderick Wilmont	6-4	203	Sr.	11.6 6.4	
F	D.J. White	6-9	251	Jr.	12.6 7.7	
C	Ben Allen	6-11	256	So.	1.6 3.1	

*assists

		UK (5-3)				
Pos.	Player	Ht.	Wt.	Cl.	Pts. Rb.	
G	Ramel Bradley	6-2	176	Jr.	12.8 3.4*	
G	Joe Crawford	6-5	211	Jr.	14.6 4.5	
G	Derrick Jasper	6-6	213	Fr.	3.3 4.6	
F	Bobby Perry	6-8	215	Sr.	8.1 3.9	
C	Randolph Morris	6-11	259	Jr.	17.0 7.8	

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WHO TO WATCH

For UK: Derrick Jasper. Jasper will likely be making his first start in Rupp Arena. He started Tuesday against Tennessee-Chattanooga and grabbed 10 rebounds and dished out six assists in 28 minutes of play. Tubby Smith wanted Jasper to push the ball up the floor as much as he could against the Mocs, and the Cats will likely keep running against IU. Jasper appears to be the point guard of the future.

For IU: D.J. White. White does a little bit of everything for the Hoosiers. He is a versatile big man who can score down low or outside. It will be interesting to see who he will be guarding. If he's guarding Morris, Bobby Perry will have an easy time either shooting over Ben Allen, or getting around him. If he's guarding Perry, Morris could have a huge game against Allen. White, who leads the team in scoring and rebounding, has been counted on heavily this season.



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