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STATE BUDGET PROPOSAL

Governor: I can't grant all of UK's budget wishes

"Frankly, this is an area where I would like to do more."

— Gov. Ernie Fletcher, speaking about his budget recommendations for higher education in Kentucky



Fletcher



Todd

"This is the first step in the process. We have a lot of work to do."

— President Lee Todd, after hearing Gov. Fletcher's budget proposal, which fell millions short of what UK had requested

By Sean Rose and Megan Boehnke
THE KENTUCKY KERNEL

While Gov. Ernie Fletcher advocated almost fully funding UK's two biggest capital construction projects during his budget address in Frankfort last night, UK's general fund did not get similar good news.

If Fletcher's recommendation holds, it would virtually guarantee a double-digit tuition increase for the fourth straight school year, as laid out in UK's top-20 business plan.

Fletcher's recommendations are the beginning of the two-month budget process. First the House of Representatives, and then the Senate, will make changes to Fletcher's budget before to-

gether approving a final budget.

Fletcher recommended the distribution of \$30 million in general operating funds to the state's nine universities and the Kentucky Community and Technical College System over the next two years. In that two-year span, UK would receive more than \$11 million of that money, according to budget data and the state's formula for distributing that pool of money.

"This amount is less than requested by the Council on Postsecondary Education and the institutions," Fletcher said. "It is affordable and sustainable and is distributed in a manner that will maximize our return on investment."

"Frankly, this is an area where I would like to do more," he said.

According to UK's top-20 business plan, UK needs \$18 million more in general funds than last year from the legislature — which would equate to a nine percent tuition increase. UK President Lee Todd said he wasn't sure how much of that funding UK would ultimately receive under Fletcher's proposal, but he admitted it would "definitely" be less than the \$14 million that the postsecondary council had recommended.

Todd said he's still optimistic that UK will receive the funding it asked for. "This is the first step in the process," he said. "We have a lot of work to do. I'll continue to meet with legislators to present our top-20 plan."

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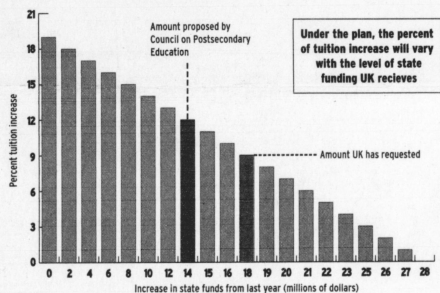
In bonds, proposed by Fletcher for UK's new bio-pharmacy building

\$130 million

In bonds, proposed by Fletcher for UK's new patient bed tower

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UK 69, GEORGIA 55

Sparks ignites Cats' fire



ANDREW HUGHES | STAFF
UK senior guard Patrick Sparks passes during the second half of the Cats' 69-55 win at Georgia. Sparks had 12 points, six rebounds and five assists to help the Cats end their losing skid.

By Josh Sullivan
THE KENTUCKY KERNEL

For the first time in what seems like ages, UK's players were smiling like kids when the final buzzer sounded.

After suffering through their first three-game losing streak since 2002, the Cats turned in a 56 percent shooting effort to snag their first Southeastern Conference win of the season last night, beating Georgia 69-55 in Athens, Ga.

"Shooting the ball cures a lot of problems," UK head coach Tubby Smith said. "When you make 56 percent, you'll win a lot of games."

The Cats fell behind 18-8 out of the gate and Stegeman Coliseum was erupting. But two and a half minutes later, the Cats evened up the score with a 10-0 run sparked by reserve guard Rameel Bradley, who raked up seven of his 13 points during the spurt.

It began when Bradley darted down the left side of the lane and flipped in a layup while getting fouled. After missing the free throw, Bradley corralled his own rebound and nailed a deep 3-pointer. After a trey from Ravi Moss pulled the Cats within two, Bradley finished off a fast break under the basket to draw the Cats even.

The sudden emergence of a

threatening offense seemed to finally light an emotional fire under the Cats. When an official's timeout was whistled after the run, UK's bench emptied as players raced all the way to mid-court and celebrated.

Patrick Sparks and Rajon Rondo connected on a play that the duo could have trademarked last season, a backdoor cut and alley-oop. Rondo rubbed off a screen and cut to the basket as Sparks launched the ball from the three-point arc. On UK's next possession Rondo drove all the way to the basket for a fast-break layup.

Randolph Morris was the next Wildcat to shine on two consecutive possessions. After Rondo missed the front-end of a one-plus-one free throw opportunity, Morris snagged the rebound and nailed a quick jumper to even the score at 26-26. Then he showed some range — pulling up at the free throw line as a Georgia defender backed into the paint — swishing a wide-open jumper. Morris led the Cats in scoring for the second straight game with 14 points. He was the centerpiece of a dominant UK post-game, as the Cats out-rebounded the Bulldogs 43-23 and outscored them in the paint 38-12.

When the first half buzzer

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Commission to examine Party Plan

By Cara Blevins
THE KENTUCKY KERNEL

A Lexington committee will put the city's "Party Plan" under the microscope today, renewing the debate about how to control parties in the city, especially around campus.

The Town and Gown Commission is meeting at 4 p.m. today at the Maxwell Street Presbyterian Church to discuss the Lexington Area Party Plan, a city ordinance in place since December 2001. The Party Plan aims to punish property owners who have loud or out-of-control parties.

Councilman Dick Decamp, whose area of representation includes the UK campus and some surrounding neighborhoods, said he feels the plan has been effective.

"As far as I know, it's been effective," Decamp said. "From my constituents I've received less

complaints, and neighborhood associations like the Aylesford Neighborhood Association will vouch for it."

The Lexington Area Party Plan can be found in chapter 14, section 96 of the Lexington Fayette Urban County Government Code of Ordinances.

Police officials responding to complaints are looking for disorderly conduct, alcohol consumption by minors and the use or possession of illegal substances. If residents are convicted twice of violations related to parties, the residence remains on the "no-party list" for a year, regardless of new tenants or not. If the property is problem-free for a year, it is dropped from the list.

According to Lt. Dwayne Holman of the Lexington Police Department, there are about 25 properties that are on the

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Couple donates for Catholic studies

By Dariusz Shafa
THE KENTUCKY KERNEL

Faith could be on the syllabus in the next few years.

A UK pediatric cardiologist and her husband, a retired religion teacher, have endowed a Catholic Studies chair at UK, the Cottrill-Rolfes Catholic Studies chair, which could have a teaching position filled within the next two to three years.

"We think it's important just as you go to college to learn about other subjects that you can also

learn more about faith," said Tom Rolfes, who along with his wife Dr. Carol Cottrill put up \$500,000 for an endowed professorship, with the state matching their donation.

UK currently does not have a religious studies program in place, and so the new Catholic Studies chair would fall under the College of Arts and Sciences. Within the college, Islamic religion studies are currently taught by professors from other depart-

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Emotional Cats give Blue Nation reason to believe

The corner, if it hasn't been turned yet, is fast approaching.

The Cats, individually and as a collective, are doing the things the Big Blue Nation has been begging them to do since the start of the season.

Randolph Morris is leading to be when he was recruited.

Patrick Sparks is knocking down shots and passing like a Larry Bird highlight video.

Rameel Bradley almost single-handedly brought UK back from down double digits in the first half.

They're getting to tough rebounds. Defensive intensity is leading to forced turnovers and transition buckets.

On the whole, they're playing and being coached

like a team that cares about its season.

After a controversial foul was called on Ravi Moss, Rameel Bradley got a technical foul for talking to a Georgia player like he was Andrew Bogut.

Then, Morris had to give Tubby Smith a full nelson to keep the UK coach from being T'd up himself.

This after Georgia had closed the double-digit Cat lead to 50-46.

The fire, at least for the moment, has been rekindled.

"I definitely think it's a turning point and stepping stone," Bradley said.

The Cats would go on a 8-2 run to extend the lead back out to 10, and cruise home with easily their best effort since the furious display against UofL.

The tenacious effort started with the ever-ebullient Bradley.

Down 18-8 in the first half, the artful Brooklyn Dodger darted through the Dawg defense, hit a

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Fletcher

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"We'll continue to emphasize that in order for our economy to compete at an international level, we need that additional funding," he said.

But Fletcher's budget carried a bright side for UK, as he proposed allotting \$76 million for UK's bio-pharmacy complex and \$130 million for its new hospital patient bed tower. The pharmacy complex will allow UK to double enrollment in its top-ranked pharmacy program, and the

bed tower will allow the UK Chandler Medical Center to serve 25 percent more patients than it currently does.

In both cases, Fletcher's proposed funding is at least 87 percent of what UK had asked for.

Lexington-area senators and representatives expressed general disappointment with what Fletcher proposed for UK.

"In a perfect world, you'd want to give everybody everything they asked for," said Republican Rep. Stan Lee. "But I'm very happy the additional amount of money is put in postsecondary education."

Democratic Rep. Kathy

Stein said UK deserved better.

"I'm very disappointed that the governor doesn't realize the need to turn UK into a top-20 university by 2020," Stein said. "Dr. Todd's business plan was very reasonable."

Democratic Sen. Ernesto Scorsone anticipates a "big push" in both houses of the state legislature to get more money to UK and all of post-secondary education.

"If we can't get a better budget, it's going to be very disheartening," Scorsone said. "We just have to do better."

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Party

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list.

Holman says often he doesn't think college students take the party plan seriously.

"We've heard that party throwers will pass around a collection plate to pay the fine because they don't think it will be that much," Hol-

man said.

Holman said he feels the plan has been a tool to support the existing laws and the media's publicity of the Party Plan has helped to make residents aware of the law.

DeCamp said he'd like to see the plan itself stay the same with some minor changes.

"The regulations are right in line with what they should be," he said. "However, I feel like the Town and Gown Commission should

examine the notification process because as it is now it's cumbersome for the violators and the police."

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If you go

The Town and Gown Commission will hold an open meeting at 4 p.m. today at Maxwell Street Presbyterian Church at the corner of Maxwell Street and Martin Luther King Boulevard.

Catholic

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ments. There is also an endowed professorship of Judaic studies in the College of Arts and Sciences, with another professorship of Jewish history planned, said Steven Hoch, dean of Arts and Sciences.

Rolfes said one of the most important things, from his standpoint, is simply making this type of class available.

"I have found is the chance you'll go into a religious studies course after high school is sketchy at

best," Rolfes said. "Because you can't find one."

Hoch also said the main focus would be on teaching.

"We're not talking about proselytizing," Hoch said. "We're talking about teaching people the great intellectual traditions, and the significance of religious life across the centuries."

Rolfes said he hopes this class is just the beginning.

"Hopefully... there'll be a religious study program for all religions at the university," Rolfes said.

Rolfes said he feels so adamantly because of the cultural importance of religion.

"I think it's a great part of our background as Americans," he said. "I think it should be something that will

add to the university and the community."

The position isn't scheduled to be filled for some time, and Hoch said it's usually a timetable of up to five years, the normal schedule for pledges of support and funding.

"Usually we don't do much until the pledge is complete, but we're trying to begin earlier," Hoch said. "We're really hoping to get an appointment within the next two to three years."

In the meantime, Rolfes said he's hoping and praying for the best.

"I pray all the time that it'll get better all the time," he said.

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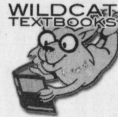
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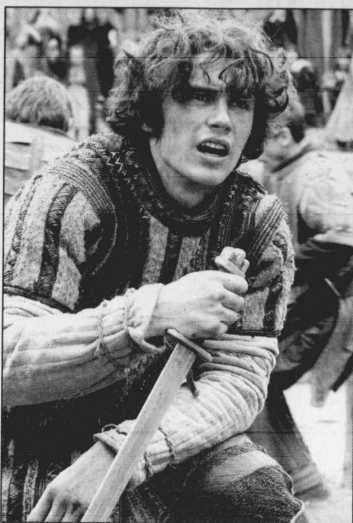
IN THEATERS

UNDERWORLD: EVOLUTION

Kate Beckinsale reprises her role as Selene in this follow-up to the 2003 vampire-werewolf high intensity action-thriller-drama. Yeah, it was a weird mix, and this one is no different. Much like its predecessor, however, "Underworld: Evolution" is highly equal to rock, at least to horror and action fans. If you're highly into vampire or werewolf films (read: if you're not a big enough dork to flippantly refer to lycanthropes) then I'd skip this one. At Woodhill, Lexington Green and Regal.

THE NEW WORLD

Think Disney's animated feature Pocahontas, only this time add in real drama, violence and intense love scenes. Starring Colin Farrell ("Alexander," "S.W.A.T.") as a scruffy, conflicted John Smith and Christian Bale ("American Psycho," "Batman Begins") as John Rolfe, The New World turns the infinite historical complexities of the Jamestown colony into an easy-to-digest two-and-a-half hour movie. But that's the catch: it's just a movie. You didn't walk away from "Alexander" thinking you had attained a Ph.D. in ancient history, did you? I hope not. At Woodhill, Lexington Green and Regal.



James Franco plays Tristan in "Tristan and Isolde." The film follows a quintessentially tragic love story during the Irish occupation of England following the dissolution of the Roman Empire. "Tristan and Isolde" is in theaters now at Woodhill and Reel Deal Cinemas.

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ON DVD

COUNTRY BOYS

Filmed just outside of Prestonsburg, Ky., "Country Boys" is a masterpiece of documentary filmmaking. Directed, written and produced by David Sutherland, the PBS Frontline documentary follows the lives of Cody Perkins, an orphaned but financially fortunate teenager, and Chris Johnson, a kind boy mercilessly caught in the pincers of poverty. The six hour film, broken into three parts, each covering one year (1999-2002) will have you watching all night long. Unlike that Real World/Road Rules challenge marathon, however, "Country Boys" will leave you with a feeling of fulfillment rather than self-loathing.

THE CONSTANT GARDENER

Multinational corporate conspiracy abounds in this political thriller starring Ralph Fiennes ("Red Dragon," "Harry Potter and the Goblet of Fire") and Rachel Weisz ("The Mummy," "Constantine") that focuses its incredulous eye on pharmaceutical companies in collusion with sub-Saharan African governments. Yeah, it's long, but patience is a virtue.

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10 p.m. Southgate House, Newport. Tickets cost \$5.

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Say Hi to Your Mom
9 p.m. Southgate House, Newport. Tickets cost \$7.

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Nude art 'swells' with fun

By Charlie Denison
THE KENTUCKY KERNEL

"Art is the opposite of entertainment," said Charles Jolly, Chairman of the Lexington Art League's Arts Committee. "It requires more than show — it's intimate."

On Friday night, more than 250 artists and art appreciators alike came together for the opening of the 20th Nude International at the LAL, the longest-running show in North America entirely devoted to figurative art. The evening was full of dancing, laughing, celebrating, live music, and a variety of sculptures and paintings of nudes. It was, despite Jolly's words from Thursday's news conference, entertaining.

The Swells, who also combine with Enrique Gonzalez provided the live music. Gonzalez, an exciting Latin singer, is also a local artist. His studio is located in the basement of the LAL Loudon house.

During Gonzalez's salsa number with the Big Maracas, the artists danced the night away. Jonathan Goolsby, media specialist for LAL, was trying out his own salsa moves. "It's great to have this kind of atmosphere," said Goolsby. "We're all having fun." With help from the catering provided by Equus

Run winery, the end of the event had a variety of people moving to the beat. A maraca was passed around to add to the musical festivities.

Kate Sprengnether, the Visual Arts Specialist for LAL, was very pleased with the event and the art. "We had artists come here all the way from Atlanta and Alabama," said Sprengnether. "This show is even more national than last year's."

Marine Fiske, LAL special events coordinator, was also in high spirits Friday evening. "13 paintings have sold," said Fiske. "I feel great for those artists right now."

Carl Meyers, figurative artist and Lexington equestrian clothier, sponsored the event. Meyers, witty and excited, had a good sense of humor when it came to the irony involved in a clothier sponsoring the Nude International 2006. "I don't like baggy clothes," he said. "The shape of the body doesn't need to hide."

Patrick Oliphant the juror of the event and Pulitzer Prize-winning cartoonist, exuded joy as he promenade around the rooms. At Thursday's news conference he said "Art transports you."

Oliphant had trouble picking just one winner. The three first place winners included



Tamie Beldue from Ohio, Helene Steene, a Swede who has lived in Lexington the last 17 years, and Atlanta resident Alan Tiegreen. The three artists split \$1000 for their grand prize. Steene was ecstatic when she found out the news. "I know he said he liked my art," said Steene. "But this is quite an honor."
Calm, happy and cool, Jolly mentioned the importance of the Nude International to Lexington. "This is a very special event," Jolly said. "If we decided not to run it one

"Blue Nude" by Helen Steene tied for first place in the 2006 Nude International. Steene, a Swede who has lived in Lexington for 17 years, split the \$1000 grand prize with two other artists.

KASHA STEVENSON | STAFF

year, people in Lexington would come knock on our doors."

Jolly may have said entertainment and art are opposites, but Friday night it was not hard to tell that even Jolly himself was plenty entertained by the art, the people, and the party.

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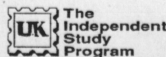
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IN OUR OPINION

Oversight of SG will benefit students

School year after school year after school year, this editorial board has repeatedly pined for various sorts of direly needed reform of Student Government. The need for reform couldn't possibly be any more obvious in light of this farcical institution's most recent debacle — a March election that passed first through a corrupt and faulty SG Supreme Court and then the University Appeals Board, before having to be decided over several lawsuits in Lexington's real-world court system.

The most critical penalty students faced from April 2005 through September 2005 — aside from being forced to give student fees to this organization — was a lack of student representation on the Board of Trustees, the governing body of the institution. No other hat that the president of SG wears has as much impact and importance as serving as the voice of the students to the board.

Finally, thanks to the work of a Board of Trustees subcommittee, that much-needed SG reform is, to our delight, on the trustees' agenda.

Last week, the student affairs committee voted 3-1 to approve two clarifying revisions to UK's governing relations that lay out the relationship between UK and SG in lucid language. Under the revisions, which have their first two required readings before the board next week:

■ Pat Terrell, UK's vice president of student affairs, has authority to ensure that SG complies with UK policies.

■ The University Appeals Board can affirm an SG election or void it and send it back to SG to correct errors. The board cannot, however, name a winner.

The first idea recognizes a power that someone needs to have, and Terrell is the best option for that authority. As the head of student affairs, she's already very much in tune with campus and with SG; she knows their by-laws, knows when egregious errors have occurred and knows the best ways to

go about fixing those mistakes. We have little doubt she'd do a fine job and have the common sense not to abuse her powers, if the Board of Trustees approves that step.

The ability of the appeals board to affirm or void an election is good — but the idea of remanding the election back to the source of the problem isn't such a great idea. There's no clear reason why the election should still be determined by the same institution that messed it up the first time. Sadly, the Board of Trustees may even have to step in and determine a winner.

But we'll certainly take these reforms over no reforms at all; these options are far better than the current set-up. The claims of SG President Becky Ellingsworth that SG is independent of the university are false on several levels, most notably the fact that UK has the power and ability to compel students to pay fees that support this organization.

Someone has to be the highest authority to determine the winners of SG elections when SG itself can't get it straight. Until SG has proven itself worthy of such ability, UK must step in and take some sort of regulatory position, or clarify its existing powers. And as faculty trustee Jeff Dembo correctly pointed out to The Kernel, the board, just like the student body, has a clear "vested interest" in getting a student trustee in place in a timely efficient manner.

Ellingsworth is convinced that all this regulation business is a "power play" by UK. We don't see it that way, but she's got a little less than two months to prove her point to us, to the student body and to the Board of Trustees. She must identify the key points of her position and present a cogent, tenable argument that convincingly rebuts UK's side in the issue.

Otherwise, there's no reason not to applaud the actions of the Board of Trustees subcommittee and hope that the full board ultimately approves these clarifications.

Continued tsunami aid well worth the funding

All too often, relief efforts on both a national and global scale are relegated to the Red Cross or the United Nations. After a disaster, spot-crisis media coverage becomes, just that: intensely highlighted, then rarely followed up to remind viewers or readers that they can aid in such efforts. But the UK community hasn't forgotten 2004's tsunami disaster in Indonesia.

A little more than a year after that tsunami killed more than 200,000 people, UK's College of Agriculture has put together a two-year, \$1 million proposal to the federal government to assist three universities in Indonesia to reorganize in the wake of the tsunami devastation. The Gatzert College of Business and Economics, the College of Engineering and the Martin School of Diplomacy are working on the plan.

The proposal, which will be approved or turned down within the next two weeks, would aid the University of Lampung, Brawijaya University and the University of Syiah Kuala. In Oc-

tober, the University of Syiah Kuala received a \$32,000 donation, raised by the students, faculty and staff of the College of Agriculture.

This proposal should be approved, and we cannot commend the College of Agriculture enough for their efforts. This should serve as a reminder that the world's problems affect us all. Our help, no matter how insignificant it may seem in the shadow of such utter destruction, matters. It matters to the students, faculty and staff at these three Indonesian universities. It matters to the UK students who have donated their time, money and effort to this tsunami relief effort. The faculty and staff who've traveled to the region to help the schools reorganize their curriculum.

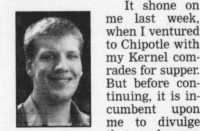
It matters, and we can all apply the College of Agriculture's initiative to disaster efforts. No matter the type — fire, earthquake, tsunami, flood, hurricane, AIDS pandemic — these issues hit close to home.



BRAD STURGEON, THE KENTUCKY KERNEL

Give me queso, not a guilt trip — or a tax

Preening morality emanates from the most peculiar places these days.



Andrew Martin
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It shone on me last week, when I ventured to Chipotle with my Kernel comrades for supper. But before continuing, it is incumbent upon me to divulge that underscoring this episode is an ongoing skirmish between Kernel staffers over whether Chipotle is better than Qdoba. I trend toward the latter, though I'm not an absolutist on the matter. In the past, Qdoba supporters at The Kernel almost act like apologists in the face of a much more militarized Chipotle contingent. Chipotle's mesmerizing hold is best illustrated through friend and colleague Doug Scott, who is a pleasantly mellow fellow but an insufferable Chipotle jihadist.

For me, the defining advantage for Qdoba is its queso cheese sauce, which Chipotle doesn't have. And that's where all of this comes in.

When purchasing my quesadilla and nachos, I was struck with a sudden impulse to purchase some queso for the latter. And ordinarily, I don't make small talk with employees at restaurants, but my usual inhibition was put aside.

"It would be nice if you all had queso," I casually commented. "No man, that's not good for you. It's processed," returned the Chipotle employee. "We don't serve anything processed."

It's not every day that you see someone in the fast-food business hypocritically ward off overindulging wayfarers (i.e., customers). Now, it's possible this person was merely spewing corporate propaganda. After all, Chipotle is supposedly a healthy fast-food alternative to other such establishments, and it's owned by McDonald's — which is still trying to fend off all the bad press and the ubiquitous threat of government regulation spawned by "Super Size

Me" and other attacks from nutrition Nazis.

But consider that my quesadilla alone, which (according to chipotlefan.com) contained rice, steak, cheese and was accented with sour cream contained 1040 calories and 47 grams of fat — hardly a healthy meal. I suspect several people choose similar burritos or tacos, and choose to top them off with nachos, sour cream, guacamole and either a beer or a soft drink.

Certainly, it's the prerogative of Chipotle to serve customers whatever it wants. But it's ironic that a food business would badger customers (whose money they want) in a way that its owners would bemoan if the government were questioning or criticizing its products or ingredients simply because they weren't conducive to an optimal diet.

Now, I support regulations to ensure food is safe and that nutrition facts are readily available so that consumers are empowered to make an informed choice. But in the end, someone's diet is his or her own personal choice. All of this moralizing originates from people who believe obese individuals are victims of societal pressures to eat unhealthy and are thus unable to make rational decisions on their own.

The Centers for Disease Control now considers obesity a disease — in fact, "an epidemic" — and is crusading to combat what it estimates is killing 350,000 Americans per year (after downgrading its original estimate of 400,000). This is a very important development, because what it essentially means is that people are now blameless for its existence (in the same way someone is blameless for contracting a cold) and must be protected from it. Therefore, it's the sacred duty of others to protect people from such "diseases."

Such morality isn't new. It's merely a reincarnation of the same impulses aimed at drinking, smoking and (to a lesser extent) gambling. One could convincingly assert that, in many respects, nutrition activists are the Women's Christian Temperance Union of the 21st century.

And there's a disturbing possibility that when awareness campaigns and pressure group efforts fail, these people will turn to legislators and ask them to wade into this pickle (which by the way, have very few calories). Now, it's doubtful that legislators, always fearful for their own jobs, will try to out-

Moralizing about fatty foods isn't the Chipotle guy's job, much less the government's

law certain foods or ingredients. In fact, the notion of gangsters running Godiva chocolate in the back alleys of urban America is laughable.

However, legislating and governing today is just as much about the appearance of doing something, however asinine and ineffective. Already there's whispering in Washington about a tax on fatty foods. This fat tax, I presume, would work much in the same way as taxes on alcohol and cigarettes, with customers paying a few extra cents for the privilege of enjoying their vice.

Of course, the tax would probably be set at a level where it will still be both cheaper and tastier to buy what the CDC considers "junk food." If you doubt the wisdom of such a claim, ask yourself whether you've ever known anybody who quit smoking because of a cigarette tax increase. I'd be surprised if you do.

And thus, the net effect of such a policy would be to economically punish people who are going to continue their unhealthy habits.

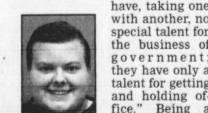
Not that anyone in the government cares. After all, vice taxes have fattened their coffers for decades and that would be the real motive behind any such legislation. It's another case of moral hypocrisy in and of itself.

The exercises of do-gooder health extremists may have a lot to do with fat but entail very little intellectual muscle.

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Students need a trustee, but the SG bureaucracy is too much

"Government" H.L. Mencken wrote, "consists of a gang of men exactly like you and me. They have, taking one with another, no special talent for the business of government; they have only a talent for getting and holding office." Being a student at UK, one might guess Mencken was offering his opinion on the Student Government.



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For years, SG has been rife with scandal, incompetence and inaction. UK students have been subjected to their representatives body squandering student fees on such events as the worthless Gator Roast and the futile Wildcat War, developed in opposition to the Lexington Area Party Plan.

SG elections have also had their fair share of mishaps, to say the very least. Disputed results, campaign violations, closed polling places and prolonged recounts have rendered students largely apathetic toward the election process. Unfortunately, it seems that improprieties have come to be an expected part of every SG election.

The SG organization has, for years, consisted primarily of Greeks. In order to have a realistic chance at winning a major election, it seems, a candidate must be affiliated with a fraternity or a sorority. Every year, the Greek Political Action Committee endorses a presidential ticket; most of the time, that ticket is the candidate of the vast majority of SG elections, the only student bloc voting in substantial numbers is the Greek population. Thus, if Greeks represent 25 percent of UK students, it would

seem 75 percent of the student body has little or no voice within SG.

Granted, this problem could be solved if non-Greeks voted in significant numbers. Voter turnout, however, is but a symptom of the problems facing SG. The disease in this case is student apathy. Ask any typical student on campus what SG does for him or her, and you are likely to draw a blank stare. The most common response among the few that might be offered would probably focus on the SG president's role as student advocate on the Board of Trustees.

That is, after all, the most important role of SG. Unfortunately, in recent years, the organization has taken it upon itself to branch out into other arenas of student interest. Student activities should be the focus of Student Activities Board, not SG. "Wildcat Wars," though apparently engaged in the

interests of students, should not cost thousands of dollars in student fees, especially when the effort is shown to have no impact on government decision making.

SG does perform some valuable services for students. Safety walks have raised awareness of campus safety and promoted increased security in off-campus areas. Students are also provided with free legal and tax services from the SG office. But as presidential candidate Will Nash said during last year's campaign, "The main role of the president is to be the students' advocate and take student opinions to the board."

No one questions that UK students deserve a voice on the Board of Trustees. But students also deserve better than what they have been receiving from SG for years.

UK's Board of Trustees should dissolve SG, and provide a seat for a student trustee by way of

annual election. By having a clearer picture of what candidates' roles will be, more students will be enticed to vote in elections, breaking the Greek monopoly on student-university affairs.

Dissolving SG would also save students hundreds of thousands of dollars in fees every year. Why should UK students continue to pay for a bureaucracy when one student trustee is sufficient to perform SG's primary role?

It is unlikely that this action will ever be taken, simply because of the negative PR the move would generate. This is unfortunate for the UK student body. As Winston Churchill wrote, "So they (government) go on in strange paradox, decided only to be undecided, resolved to be irresolute, adamant for drift, solid for fluidity, all-powerful to be impotent."

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After first PGA payday, Holmes aims for more

By Ryan Wood
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After earning a spot among professional golf's elite last month at the PGA Tour Qualifying tournament, former UK All-American golfer John Holmes didn't have to wait long for his chosen profession to pay dividends.

Holmes tied Stewart Cink and Carl Pettersson for 10th place over the weekend at the Sony Open in Hawaii earning a \$127,500 paycheck. He also ranks 10th in driving distance on the PGA Tour.

While he is currently ranked 24th on this year's PGA Tour money list, Holmes isn't ready to celebrate just yet.

"You can't get too excited," Holmes said. "I'm happy I finished 10th, but nine people beat me."

Finishing outside of the top five is something new to Holmes, who capped off an award-filled career by leading the Cats to their first Southeastern Conference championship last season.

In addition to earning SEC player of the year honors, Holmes finished seventh overall in last year's NCAA Tournament and earned second-team PING All-American honors.

The PGA rookie's continued success is no surprise to UK men's golf coach Brian Craig, who coached Holmes throughout his college career.

"He's made a real quick jump into the PGA Tour which is great to see," Craig said. "I'm not surprised at all because he is a fabulous golfer, person and competitor."

Holmes' former teammates and friends also credit the pro for not letting his early success slow his competitive drive. Matt Kohn, this year's men's golf team captain, said that even though he might be dressed up for "work," he is still the "same old John Holmes."

"The guys you play with are like your brothers," Kohn explained. "I looked for him on TV, but they only showed his last putt."

In between practice rounds yesterday, Holmes seemed relaxed as he prepared to tee off this morning at 8:30 in the Bob Hope Classic. He hopes to improve on his Sony Open performance.

"I'm playing good at the right time," Holmes said. "Everything seems to be going my way so far."

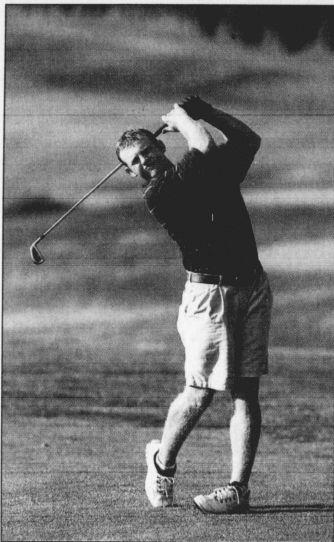
Craig credits his former

star's ability to "believe in himself" as the key to his rapid success.

"He is very confident in his ability to play the game," Craig said. "He's not intimidated by guys that are older than he is and more accomplished than he is in professional golf."

"He thinks he can compete with them right now. He has all the skills to be successful, but the number one reason is he believes."

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Former UK golfer John Holmes finished in 10th place in the Sony Open in Hawaii last weekend. At UK, he led the Cats to their first Southeastern Conference title in school history.

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layup, and drew a foul. He missed the charity shot, but caught his own rebound and nailed a 3-pointer to cut the lead to 18-13.

Then, after Moss swished a 3-pointer of his own, Bradley hit a fast-break layup to tie the score.

Ten points in 2:26. Lexington hasn't seen this kind of point production since Rafael Little.

But the real issue wasn't that the offense almost got to the free windshield washer fluid, had it been a home game and one more free throw dropped.

The real story was the steep incline in intensity; the

fire exhibited always by a few Cats has gotten into the games of the rest.

Morris giving Tubby a full nelson, when last season he would have been chewing Double Bubble.

Bradley getting in a verbal spat, when last year, he would've...

OK, he's always been there.

Rondo, throwing down fast-break dunks instead of simple lay-ins just to make sure the ball actually goes through the basket.

And when they do get down, like last night at Stegman Coliseum, the Cats aren't running for the nearest surface to hide under anymore.

They're fighting, scratching, clawing their way back into it.

With last night's 69-54 win, the Cats avoided going 0-

3 in the Southeastern Conference for the first time since 1975-76.

Which, coincidentally, is the last time UK took home an NIT championship.

But the biggest news coming out of Athens wasn't that the Cats were one step closer to being 500 in the SEC.

It was that, after sinking a jumper from the corner and falling into his UK teammates that had spilled onto the court, arms raised in anticipation of the swish, Sparks did something the team and the Commonwealth as a whole hadn't been doing a lot of this season.

He smiled.

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sounded, the Cats went to the locker room with a 35-32 lead after shooting 52 percent from the field.

UK slowly padded its lead in the second half, weathering several small runs by the Bulldogs that re-energized the crowd. With 9:20 to go, the Bulldogs cut UK's lead to four when guard Billy Humphrey picked off a pass and raced down court for a breakaway dunk.

But the officials hit Humphrey with a technical foul for hanging on the rim and smacking the backboard. Sparks hit both technical free throws and Kentucky never looked back. That began a 12-4 run by the Cats that buried the Bulldogs. Sparks knocked down two threes during the second half on his way to 12 points for the game. It was

his first double-digit performance since the Cats beat Georgia State in November.

"You see him smile, and see the confidence," Smith said of Sparks. "He just needed to know we believe in him, the team believed in him."

With under a minute to go Smith pulled all five UK players and sent in the reserves. He embraced each player individually and there seemed to be no lack of chemistry between the Cats on this night as they openly celebrated their first SEC victory of the year.

Smith was as sweat-soaked as most of his players as the end of the night, as perspiration covered his blue shirt. He was asked if he would be sore in the morning.

"Yeah, my feet and all," he said. "But I have to do what I have to do. I'll suck it up."

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Kentucky (69)										
NAME	pt	fg	3pt	ft	a	pf	st	bl	tr	pts
Bradley	15	5-10	7-8	2-3	2	3	0	3	0	13
Rondo	18	7-10	2-3	6-6	0	2	1	6	12	27
Morris	32	6-9	0-2	0-1	7	2	2	1	12	14
Thomas	29	1-3	0-0	2-2	0	0	0	0	14	4
Morris	33	7-10	0-0	0-1	0	3	3	14	0	14
Perry	11	3-3	0-2	2-2	1	1	4	2	0	8
Sparks	31	4-6	2-3	2-4	6	1	1	12	0	12
Stroud	5	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Crawford	22	2-5	0-2	0-1	1	0	4	4	0	4
TEAM	200	28-50	5-17	8-14	17	17	17	41	69	

Georgia (55)										
NAME	pt	fg	3pt	ft	a	pf	st	bl	tr	pts
Gates	26	4-8	1-3	4-4	0	0	3	1	13	7
Waller	26	1-2	0-0	0-0	0	2	0	0	0	2
Murphy	18	6-12	2-5	1-2	0	0	2	13	0	15
Samuel	22	4-7	0-2	0-0	0	0	0	2	13	9
Toney	17	2-4	0-4	1-2	0	2	0	3	5	5
Bliss	11	0-1	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Woodbury	10	0-3	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Newman	14	0-1	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Stroud	25	0-2	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Smith	5	0-1	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Singleton	10	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Ballack	1	1-1	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	2
TEAM	200	19-53	7-24	10-14	10	19	23	55		

Reynolds 35 22-49
Rupp 32 22-49

Records: UK 11-6 (1-2), USA 11-6 (1-3)

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