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## Ky. House endorses UK's Top-20 Business Plan

### House budget next week key indicator for UK

By Sean Rose  
THE KENTUCKY KERNEL

State legislators gave UK's Top-20 Business Plan a shot in the arm yesterday by unanimously approving a resolution that calls for support of the plan.

The Kentucky House of Representatives passed House Bill 123 by a 96-0 vote. UK's Top-20 Business Plan, introduced in October 2005, lays out how much funding UK will need

from the state government — and how much it will generate itself — each year from now until 2020, as well as estimated tuition increases for each year. House Bill 1 in 1997 called for UK to achieve top-20 public research status by that time.

Although resolutions are only statements of opinion, and not actual law, Rep. Kathy Stein, D-Lexington, said it's an important vote for UK. "It heightens our awareness of our need to properly fund the University of Kentucky in its push to become top-20," Stein said.

Rep. Bob Damron, D-Nicholasville, said UK held itself ac-

countable by promising to cover 40 percent of the cost.

"I think that's very positive, and it's something I wish every university would do," Damron said.

Both representatives thought UK's stake in the state budget had improved since Gov. Ernie Fletcher's budget address earlier in the year proposed funding well short of what had been requested.

"The governor's budget for UK was woefully short," Damron said. "I can guarantee you that the House's budget will have more funding in it," Stein said, adding that she isn't sure if the House will be able to

give all that UK President Lee Todd asked for.

Damron said he hoped the House would fully fund several UK construction projects, as well as give money to renovate dorms without air conditioning and add money to UK's General Fund — a move that could ease next year's tuition increase.

Stein and Damron said the House's budget will likely pass next week. The Senate will then examine it and form their own budget before both groups decide on a final budget.

Sen. Ernesto Scorsone, D-Lexington, said he was "hopeful that we can

get the (top-20) resolution passed in the Senate as well."

"I think there's a lot of support for the concept," Scorsone said. "But talk is cheap. We want to see that the legislature really does support UK's plan."

Scorsone said this is a critical week for UK's stake in the budget, as the House will release its budget proposal in the upcoming week.

"That will be the first signal for what UK's fate will be," he said. "It won't be the final word, but it will be a key development."

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## President's commissions get new faces

### Diversity, women's focus groups recommend initiatives to Todd

By Wes Blewins  
THE KENTUCKY KERNEL

UK President Lee Todd this week announced new members of the President's Commission on Diversity and the President's Commission on Women for a new term that will begin at the start of July.

The commissions are charged with advising Todd on issues regarding diversity and women on campus, respectively. They also submit recommendations to Todd's office to address forms of gender- and diversity-related inequities at UK.

In a press release, Todd said the commissions have "provided this campus with an important voice for the past few years."

"If we are to become a top-20 public research university, we will need our campus to be diverse, vibrant and fully representative of the world our students will enter," he said.

Todd created both commissions early into his presidency, which began in July 2001.

Laverne Carter, a new diversity commission member and student affairs coordinator for the UK College of Public Health, has been with UK for 11 years. Carter has worked as a student recruiter and is proud of the diversity of students within the college. She said she hopes to "bring new ideas" from her experiences to the commission.

"Diversity should be important to any university," Carter said, adding that students need to realize "not everybody looks like me."

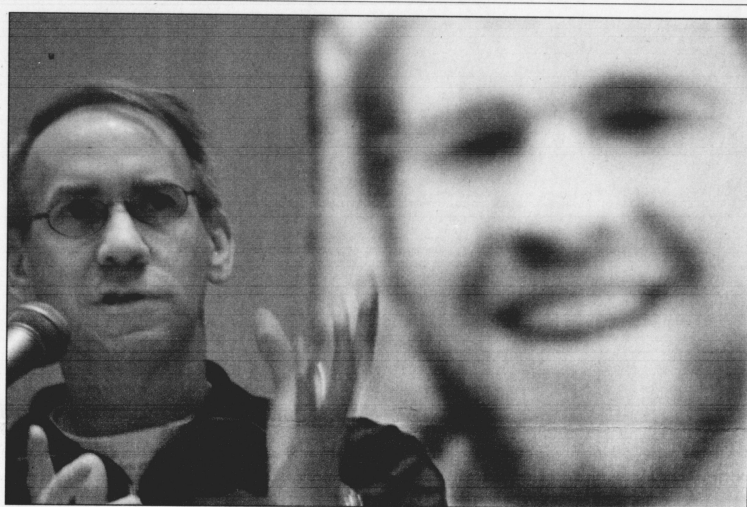
Both Carter and Mwabi Murdock, another diversity commission addition, said UK has come a long way in terms of diversity in the past several years. Since last attending the university in 1997, Murdock said she has seen positive changes both at UK and in Lexington as a whole.

Kentucky has students, faculty and staff representing a lot of nationalities, said Murdock, who's affiliated with the Kentucky Women Writers Conference. In the past, she said individuals have felt like they weren't being involved in the UK community.

"People need to feel included," Murdock said. "People of various nationalities should realize 'they can find something for them' at UK."

Todd said he's excited to welcome new members of both commissions. "As we look to build the most diverse campus in the Commonwealth," he said, "this group will provide UK with some new voices and will help lead us on our path to become one of the nation's premier research universities."

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Michael Goodwin, father of UK student Jason Goodwin, speaks at a memorial held for his son last night in Memorial Hall. Goodwin died in a car accident Sunday. BRAD LUTTRELL | STAFF

## A goodbye to Goodwin

### Students, faculty attend memorial service for engineering senior killed in weekend car accident

By Darliah Shafa  
THE KENTUCKY KERNEL

Jason Goodwin had a side that some people — including his closest family members — didn't know about.

But students at UK saw that side of him every day, and now his family is learning about it.

Last night, about 100 people gathered in Memorial Hall to remember and celebrate the life of Goodwin, a mechanical engineering senior from Ashland, Ky., who was killed in a car accident Sunday in Clark County.

"I've always loved Jason; I knew he had a big heart, but to hear it from you people has meant the world to me," Goodwin's mother, Mary, told the crowd at Memorial Hall.

"I know Jason (now) more than I thought I ever would," she said.

Goodwin is survived by his father Michael, mother Mary and stepmother Dana. He also has a brother, Jonathan, two

sisters, Lauren and Sophie, a stepsister, Molly, as well as grandparents, other family and friends.

His friends remember with pride that they called Jason their friend.

"He was an awesome guy. He was definitely very open and you knew that Christianity was a big part of his life," said mechanical engineering senior Peter Reichenbach, one of Goodwin's friends who was also injured in the accident.

Reichenbach and Goodwin were friends in faith and in life.

"We would pray together. We would go to church together," Reichenbach said. "He's one of those people, I felt, you could call him, day or night, anytime."

Goodwin's father, Michael, remembers his son as someone who loved to have fun.

"He was always getting into pranks and getting into trouble. He was always into shenanigans, I guess you could say," Michael said. "But he had a great sense of humor

and a great smile."

But Michael Goodwin also remembers a darker time in his son's life. As a teenager, Jason was addicted to drugs and used them heavily.

"He was bad into drugs until he was 19," Michael Goodwin said. "I thought he was going to die."

But then that all changed.

"When he was 19, he accepted Christ and almost instantly went off drugs," Michael said. "It was awesome, but it wasn't easy."

Goodwin never went back to drugs, but used his experiences to help him get along with people.

"He was able to relate to people who were down-and-out, and he held a special place in his heart for them," Michael said.

His friends recalled that same warmth.

"He didn't wear masks. You'd meet him and he was your new best friend. He always came as Jason," said Matt Dampier, a UK

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“He didn't wear masks. He always came as Jason.”

—Matt Dampier, a UK-graduate who had Goodwin as a groomsman in his wedding.

## Vandy post play shows careless Cats the 'Dore

UK sophomore center Sarah Elliott (middle) battles for the basketball with Vanderbilt senior forward Nicole Jones and junior forward Carla Thomas during the first half of UK's loss last night.



KEITH SHULLEY | STAFF

By Chris DeLotell  
THE KENTUCKY KERNEL

NASHVILLE — UK entered last night's game at No. 23 Vanderbilt with an opportunity to clinch a first-round bye in the Southeastern Conference tournament with a victory.

The Cats were, literally, unable to handle it.

UK committed 27 turnovers and the Commodores dominated the Cats in the post en route to a 72-55 victory.

While the Cats shot over 48 percent from the field, the excessive number of turnovers made scoring difficult.

"It's too many to try to win a ballgame," UK head coach Mick DeMoss said. "We talked about

it at halftime, but their pressure effected us."

DeMoss also wasn't pleased with the performance of her post players.

"Vandy's inside girls really took it at our posts," she said. "We tried to be physical and it wasn't in our favor. I thought they were very aggressive."

UK guard Carly Ormerod said Vanderbilt's post players won the game.

"I thought their posts dominated inside," she said. "We really could have used a post presence tonight, but it wasn't there."

With the win, Vandy (18-9, 7-6 Southeastern Conference) pulled within one game of UK (19-7, 8-5 SEC), and can claim the tourn-

ment bye with a win Sunday over South Carolina and a UK loss to Alabama.

The Cats could not find an answer — or a defender — for Vandy forward Carla Thomas in the second half. Thomas scored 11 points in the frame and seemed to have an answer on the offensive end each time UK tried to cut into the Commodore lead.

"She was so much more relaxed on offense (in the second half)," Vandy head coach Melanie Balcomb said. "She read the defense and made some big plays. She hit the big shots in the second half."

DeMoss agreed.

"She came up with some real

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## Award boosts undergrad résumés, wallets

By Chris Miles  
THE KENTUCKY KERNEL

As students work through their undergraduate time at UK, they might realize that they're in need of a little something extra as they glance over their resumes or fill out graduate school applications.

The Oswald Research and Creativity Program, a program that awards students for outstanding work in one of seven fields, helps place previous winners a step above the competition, said Evie Russell. The deadline to apply is March 3.

"This program allows students to showcase their work in a more professional environment," Russell said. "It really helps on resumes and grad school applications."

The program, started in 1964, focuses on stimulating the creative work of students at UK and also to recognize in-

dividuals who do outstanding work. The program awards students in seven categories: biological sciences, design, the fine arts, social sciences, physical and engineering sciences, creative humanities and critical research humanities.

Each category has first- and second-place winners who receive \$350 and \$200, respectively. The UK newsletter "The Kaleidoscope" also publishes their work.

"It's very competitive," Russell said. "We get close to 100 entries for all categories."

Accepted entries are then judged in each category by a panel of selected faculty and staff members representing the fields that each of the categories.

"For me, it was a huge deal to win," said Lara Buchanan, a former UK student and winner of the Oswald award in physical engineering. She's now a first-year medical student at the University of Louisville medical school.

Buchanan said the research she conducted for the project and the publicity she received afterwards helped her when she applied to medical school.

"It really helped me stand out from other applicants for med school," Buchanan said.

"I was really thrilled to win," said senior English major Tasha Pedigo, a former winner in creative humanities. "It was a great opportunity and it's really nice to see your work it's really neat to see your work in print."

"For some students, this could be their first publication," Russell said. "We provide them the opportunity."

To apply for the award, students can either register online at [www.uky.edu/eureka/oswald](http://www.uky.edu/eureka/oswald) or pick up an application at the eUKal office in room 115 of Bowman Hall before March 3.

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## Goodwin

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graduate in whose wedding Goodwin was a groomsman. "That's what he was always about—loving God and loving people."

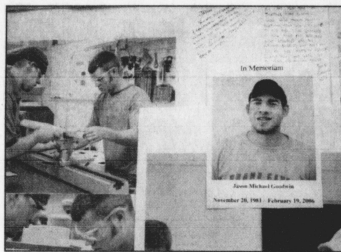
Goodwin might not have always earned As, but he certainly made an impression with UK's faculty.

"He wasn't the best student; he wasn't the brightest student," said mechanical engineering professor Jamey Jacob. "But you always knew he was there. He always brought something to the team. He inspired other students."

Goodwin wasn't the typical student who just comes and goes, which professors are used to seeing, Jacob said.

"We'll miss Jason because we'll know we've said our last goodbye," Jacob said.

Mary Goodwin said she's dealing with a mix of emotions.



BRAD LUTTRELL | STAFF  
A collection of photos and messages from friends hung on boards last night in Memorial Hall at the memorial for UK student Jason Goodwin.

"How can I have a funeral and feel so blessed and have so much joy?" Mary Goodwin said. "I can't understand it."

"I've gotten to know my son and I'm so proud," she said. "As a mother, I couldn't ask for any more than that."

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## CORRECTION

In yesterday's article "UK student's music blog a big hit," the music Web site of UK student Matt Jordan was incorrect. The address is [www.youainnopicasso.com](http://www.youainnopicasso.com). He is a sophomore.

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## Cats

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ly big baskets." DeMoss said. "I thought she was a difference in the game."

The Cats played a sluggish first half, but were kept in the game by Ormerod, who nailed two 3-pointers and had one old-fashioned 3-point play in scoring 10 first-half points. She finished the game with a career-high 19 points.

Despite committing 16 first-half turnovers, the Cats stayed close, trailing 31-28 at the break.

But the carelessness with the ball caught up with the Cats in the second half as Vanderbilt scored the first eight points of the frame to take a 39-28 advantage. UK could get the deficit no closer than six points for the rest of the game.

Vanderbilt center Liz Sherwood, the nation's leader in field goal percentage, did nothing to change that standing, knocking down 4-of-7 shots in a 10-point effort. She was one of

five Commodores — three of them post players — who finished with double digit points.

As evidenced by the 40 points scored by Vandy's post players, the Cats struggled to defend in the key all night.

A visibly frustrated DeMoss tried various combinations of post players throughout the game, interchanging Sarah Elliott, Jennifer Humphrey, Jenni Jackson, Eleia Roddy and Afton Perry, but her team could never get consistent defensive stops.

The loss — UK's 10th consecutive defeat in the series and 11th straight at Memorial Gym — snaps a school-record four-game SEC winning streak.

UK can still earn the SEC first-round bye with a victory in Sunday's regular-season finale against Alabama. The 1 p.m. game will be played at Rupp Arena. Reserve forward Stephanie Stumbo, the team's lone senior, will be honored before the game.



UK freshman guard Carly Ormerod goes up for a layup against Vandy junior guard Liz Sherwood during the first half of UK's loss last night.

UK (55)										Vanderbilt (72)									
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Mangrey	27	13	0-0	0-2	4	4	6	2		Jules	23	4-7	0-0	5-6	1	3	5	13	
Elliott	19	3-4	0-0	2-4	0	4	3	9		Thomas	32	8-12	0-0	1-2	1	3	7	11	
Ormerod	31	4-8	2-4	5-7	3	2	3	19		Davis	30	4-7	0-0	6-6	7	2	3	14	
Mahoney	38	5-14	1-3	1-2	1	3	1	12		Stringfield	33	0-2	0-2	2-4	3	3	2	2	
Boeman	20	2-3	0-0	1-3	0	2	2	5		Williams	32	4-9	3-7	0-0	1	3	3	11	
Roddy	15	3-4	0-0	0-0	0	4	1	6		Roper	16	0-0	0-0	1-2	1	1	1	3	
Alcorn	13	0-2	0-1	0-2	2	0	1	0		Sherwood	17	4-7	0-0	2-2	2	1	3	10	
Stumbo	4	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	1	0	0		Smith	7	1-3	0-2	0-0	0	0	0	2	
Pfeiffer	12	1-5	0-4	0-0	1	2	2	2		Rogers	3	0-0	0-0	2-2	0	1	0	0	
Perry	10	0-2	0-0	0-0	1	1	1	0		Brookins	5	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	
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UK ..... 28 27-55  
Arkansas ..... 31 41-72

Field goal shooting: UK 48.8, VU 53.2. Free throw shooting: UK 50, VU 73.1. Technical: none. Turnovers: UK 27 (Ormerod 8, VU 21); Thomas 4; Blocked shots: UK 0, VU 0. Officials: June Courbeau, Roy Gubeyan, Doug Cloud. Attendance: 3,251. Records: UK 19-7 (8-5), VU 18-9 (7-6).

“ We really could have used a post presence tonight, but it wasn't there.”

— Carly Ormerod, UK freshman point guard.

## SPORTS BRIEF

### Women's tennis bounced

UK lost its fourth match of the last five yesterday, falling to No. 15 Miami 5-2 in Coral Gables, Fla. The 'Canes swept the doubles

point, taking all three matches.

In singles, UK No. 1 Kim Coventry, a junior ranked 22nd in the nation, had her four-match winning streak snapped by Miami No. 1 Au-

dra Cohen, the 13th-ranked player in women's NCAA tennis, by a 6-1, 6-0 score. UK's No. 2 and No. 3 players, juniors Lara Maurer and Joelle Shwenk, each won their matches to temporary-

ly square the match at 2-2.

The Cats continue their swing through the Sunshine State Saturday when they square off against No. 44 South Florida in Tampa.

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## IN OUR OPINION

### Surveys reveal fix for UK black enrollment

After the much-publicized finding that enrollment of black freshmen at UK dropped 40 percent from 2004 this school year, one question loomed large: Why? A recent survey of black students who were accepted but declined to attend UK helped provide an answer. Of the 111 respondents, 48 percent said other schools offered "more money," according to a report in the Lexington Herald-Leader.

Forty-one respondents, a plurality, decided to attend the University of Louisville instead of UK. Above all, UK did the right thing in commissioning the survey. At the very least, it shows that UK's commitment to increasing black enrollment amounts to more than mere words.

More importantly, without hard information about why black students are choosing not to attend elsewhere, the only way for UK to solve the problem is to make changes based on conjectures and intuitions that may ultimately be false.

For instance, one common perception following the drop in black enrollment was that black students view UK as a racially hostile environment. But only 4 percent of respondents to the survey listed "cultural concerns" as their main reason for not coming to UK. That's less than one-tenth as many as said they attended other institutions because those schools offered more money than UK did.

On one hand, that figure is good news for UK. It would reflect very poorly on the university if a significant portion of prospective black students

viewed it as racist. But the fact that monetary concerns are driving black students to other schools also means that increasing black enrollment is largely in the UK administration's control — and that its efforts so far have failed.

It appears that the university has realized this and is stepping up its efforts.

The (Louisville) Courier-Journal reported that UK plans to add \$500,000 to the Parker Scholarship program, which offers scholarships to students who will contribute to diversity on campus. Next year, \$3.3 million will be spent on the scholarship.

That's a good start, but UK should also take other steps to recruit black students. Early in the recruiting and application process, UK needs to make it clear that it cares about having a diverse student body and that scholarships are available.

If applicants perceive that other schools — such as UofL — are more committed, or if applicants don't know about opportunities to get financial assistance, that could affect their decision to come to UK.

Most importantly, admissions and recruitment officials need to communicate with black students who did decide to attend here and find out what they thought UK had to offer over other schools.

Once university administrators come to a better understanding of UK's strengths and weaknesses, they can make the changes necessary in recruitment and financial assistance to bring more students of all walks of life to UK.

### Breast-feeding bill will protect mothers' privacy

Last week, the Kentucky Senate Judiciary Committee passed Senate Bill 106, which would permit mothers to breast-feed their children in any public or private place.

According to the bill, "Breast-feeding may not be considered an act of public indecency, indecent exposure, sexual conduct, lewd touching or obscenity."

The bill, whose passage through the Senate was spearheaded by Sen. Tom Buford, R-Nicholasville, would also deny local governments the ability to from passing ordinances that would prohibit public breast-feeding.

While the passage of such a law may seem abrupt and out of the blue, such a law is necessary

in order to ensure that mothers are protected when trying to take care of their children.

Although breast-feeding is not a common sight in most public places, there remains a need to clarify what is allowed in regards to breast-feeding in public and decency.

Breast-feeding is not something that most people particularly enjoy viewing in public. However, it should be noted that the vast majority of mothers take steps to cover themselves, and ensure they are out of high-traffic areas.

Sen. Buford should be applauded for eliminating any legal ambiguity surrounding the issue and standing up for mothers and the needs of their children.

### Freedom of speech should prevail over Holocaust sensitivity

It's a rather Orwellian idea to brandish certain ideas and ideas as criminal misbehavior.

Apparently, Austria is a fan of "1984"; it is a criminal offense to claim the Holocaust never happened. David Irving, a well-known British historian, has confessed in an Austrian court that he denied the gas chambers ever existed in Nazi concentration camps, and is serving a 3-year sentence for those words.

Way to go (out the door), freedom of speech. The point isn't what Irving said, though that's something very easy to get hung up on. Everyone should be aware of the horrific events of the Holocaust. If they aren't, it should be society's duty to inform them otherwise. Last time I checked, we do a

pretty good job of that.

Throwing a guy in prison for saying something, however, is also categorically wrong.

Indeed, it leads down a road Europe has tread before. Adolf Hitler really enjoyed free speech too, so long as it was free speech that he liked, enjoyed and approved of.

This is not an invocation of that terrible name made lightly or without good thought. Even if what someone says is absolutely fictitious and offensive, to be allowed to say it is a paramount freedom.

Noam Chomsky, the father of modern linguistics, and arguably one of the most profound minds of our time, was cast out of the intellectual community and branded an anti-Semite (despite the fact that he himself is Jewish) for simply defending Dr. Robert Faurisson's right to say that the Holocaust never happened outright.

Most of this negative response came as a result of an essay Chomsky penned entitled "Some Elementary Comments on the



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### Political spam e-mails won't change my opinions

It's happened to all of us. You sit down in front of your computer, check your e-mail, and there, be it from a friend, co-worker or relative, is a forwarded political e-mail.

Since your e-mail client hasn't labeled it as spam and you know the person who sent it, you venture forth and open said message, which further entices you with a luring title such as, "21 ways to be a Democrat."

Unlike typical political propaganda, forwarded political e-mails not only seek out to sway your opinion; they are also intended to kill enough brain cells that you will base your political views on this e-mail and future e-mails which you will soon lose the willpower to avoid reading once you've suffered enough aneurysms from reading about how Bush paid for the funeral of a 6-year-old boy who drowned near his ranch (he didn't).

During the 2004 presidential election, my inbox was inundated with politically themed e-mails, most originating from the right-wing side of my family.

Although I knew that the claim that Teresa Heinz-Kerry owns the Heinz Corporation and was ship-

ping jobs overseas was false (she owns 4 percent in stocks) and that the Apache Nation had dubbed John Kerry "Running Eagle" was just a Republican joke (a bad one at that), I was worried for others who may not be able discern between fact and fiction.

Luckily, Web sites such as factcheck.org and snopes.com are very useful in either confirming or denying the validity of the oftentimes outrageous claims contained in these e-mails, providing you with ample information to formulate a tactful retort to whoever the political charlatan was who sent

anyone with a conscience.

For example, the e-mail argues that George W. Bush can't be taken to the chopping block when presidents such as FDR, Truman and Clinton took us to war against countries that did not attack us (in the case of FDR, Germany; Truman, Korea; and Clinton, Bosnia).

However, the writer of the e-mail fails to mention that Germany declared war on the U.S. before FDR declared war on Germany, and that U.S. involvement in Korea and Bosnia was part of cooperative U.N. and NATO operations, respectively. The e-mail also tries to rationalize the loss of life in Iraq by stating that each conflict took more American lives than the Iraq and Afghanistan conflicts combined. But unlike Iraq, most of the deaths in these wars were occurred before victory was declared. But hey, who's counting?

Fortunately, most people aren't very impressed by unsubstantiated political e-mail campaigns interlaced with poorly designed GIF images of children praying in front of an American flag and Jesus breaking bread with U.S. troops.

We often hear about Americans doing their duty, whether that be serving in the military, participating in public discourse, or casting votes on election day.

But what doesn't seem to get as much attention is your obligation to your fellow citizens not to be a misleading political jack-in-the-box; an intellectual cancer who spreads misinformation disguised as political activism by means of the Internet.

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Have spam e-mails ever actually changed anyone's mind? I'm betting no.

you the e-mail in the first place.

This course of action is neither rude nor uncalled for. They sought to initiate a dialogue, and now you must return fire with a volley of well-argued points and facts instead of lies abounding with poor punctuation and Photoshopped images of John Kerry and Jane Fonda and George W. Bush reading a book upside down.

One of my favorite e-mails was a supposed history of liberal and Democratic downfalls, using these instances as justification for Republican policies and platforms that have either backfired or come under fire by the press, liberals, or

the more you learn, and I have learned a lot since 1989."

Conservatives who have lauded European papers' printing of defamatory images of Mohammed have equally lauded the potential imprisonment of Irving.

Likewise, liberals who typically cry foul anytime even a minute possibility of a violation of basic civil liberties occurs have also been in favor of sending Irving to jail. It is also amusing to note that Denmark, the focal point of the aforementioned controversy, also has Holocaust denial laws on the books.

One must be mindful of the notion that throwing someone in jail for expressing an idea does little to discredit that idea. On the contrary, it works very much to add to its validity and power. The fact that the Holocaust is so sensitive is obvious. Imprisoning a man for saying something to the contrary, however, is ludicrous in a free society.

Irving was wrong. Period. The end. Do we really want to imprison

someone for that fact alone? He made no moves to push people of any sort of action, nor did he advocate truly anti-Semitic ideas. We should use his words as a teaching tool to create dialogue demonstration of just how wrong he was rather than locking him up to prove a point that should be clear to anyone even remotely socialized.

Perhaps Chomsky said it best when he wrote in 1992, "It seems to me something of a scandal that it is even necessary to debate these issues two centuries after Voltaire defended the right of free expression for views he detested. It is a poor service to the memory of the victims of the Holocaust to adopt a central doctrine of their murderers."

When history becomes dogma to the point that to question any piece of it, even the most sensitive, tragic and universally accepted, brings with it criminal repercussions, we really need to re-evaluate our notions of freedom.

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## Classic comedy troupe turns frowns upside down

By Jessica Stewart  
THE KENTUCKY KERNEL

To all the comedy lovers out there who feel they've been left in the dumps with little or no live hilarity to brighten their day, have no fear. The Second City Comedy Tour is coming to Lexington for your viewing pleasure.

The Second City is all about improv and sketch comedy at its best. Many great and well-known comedians such as Martin Short, Mike Myers and Chris Farley were once a part of this comedy act. In fact, Chris Farley's famous skit, "Down by the River," came from a series of Second City sketches. Other famous people

such as John Belushi and Bill Murray were once a part of The Second City and started their careers with the help of The Second City Comedy Tour.

The Second City, based out of Chicago since 1969, tours all around the United States and, indeed, the world. They have done shows in Vienna, Austria, and in Iraq, where they were part of the U.S.O. Tour for U.S. troops.

They now have live theatres not just in Chicago but also in Detroit and Toronto. Beth Kilgerman, producer of The Second City Comedy Tour, noted that the troupe is no stranger to the Bluegrass, either.

"We love Lexington," Kilgerman said. "It's so beautiful there."  
Second City also graced the television screens of American homes in the form of SC-TV, which featured such then-unknowns as John Candy and Eugene Levy. Second City's routine is targeted for adults at least 18 years or older. College



Members of the Second City comedy troupe will entertain at Memorial Hall tonight at 8. Tickets are available at the Student Center Ticketmaster outlet.

students, however, always make a good audience with the shows.  
Tyler Works, Performing Arts Director for SAB, said the group's standing in the world of comedy was a large part of why they were drawn to them.

"Obviously I wanted to bring them because they're a very historic group in the comedy world," Works said.  
"I think we've gotten a lot of response from the students and the community. It's a testament to the draw that Second City has."

Works said bringing the Second City troupe to UK is part of a growing trend as Performing Arts Director he's trying to instill in SAB's programming.  
"I wanted to take performing arts in more of a comedy direction this year," Works said.

The Second City has grown so popular over the years that advertising outright is a ridiculous concept. Organizations that bring them in usually flip the bill, and local press picks up where that leaves off.

Kilgerman says that instead of spending dollars, the troupe allows the hype of what they're all about to sell itself.  
"We don't advertise," Kilgerman said. "They advertise for us."

People seem to be taking themselves so seriously these days. Thankfully, the Second City posse hasn't strayed far from the lighthearted and sardonic mantra that made them so good.  
So if you've gained a frown from a severe lack of funny in your life, seek out the Second City.

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### IF YOU GO

What: Second City Comedy  
When: Tonight at 8  
Where: Memorial Hall

Tickets: \$3 for UK students and \$5 for general public. Tickets on sale at the Student Center Ticketmaster office.

## 'Friday' will synergize sights, sounds and tastes

By Charlie Denison  
THE KENTUCKY KERNEL

"Stone soup" is an old fable about two weary travelers who tell a village they know how to make an extraordinary soup out of river stones. The village they stumble upon claims to be broke with no food for such travelers.  
As they continue to talk up their recipe, they say "All we need is a little pepper." The pepper is granted. "We just need some ham hock."

As the travelers get what they ask for, soon enough there is soup for everyone and the travelers have successfully united the town while trying to get themselves one little meal.

Lexington Art League's Fourth Friday celebrations don't just unite artists and art appreciators; they bring together the best food, drinks

music and art in the city of Lexington. The weary travelers are architects of joy, as are the special events planners at the Lexington Art League.

This Fourth Friday is the last to feature the 2006 Nude International works from Jan. Other exhibits include Ray Neufeld's reflecting pool in the basement Project Space room. This visual mind game symbolizes the essence of swimming. Like Seneca said in first century A.D. "Life is a bath. All paddle about in its great pool."

For the first time since September, singer/songwriter Mike Esham will be performing with keyboardist Matt McDonald. Esham, influenced by Coldplay, Dave Matthews, and Radiohead, will play a variety of covers from like artists in his three-hour set at the Loudoun House.

"It's a longer set than I'm used to," Esham said. "But I always seem to get a good response."  
McDonald, who is also the music director at Common Grounds, plays with Esham whenever he gets the chance.

"I love to sit in with other people," McDonald said. "Esham's style allows me to get in a groove."

Esham said there is less pressure playing at the Loudoun house.

"When people don't just sit and watch, I feel more free and relaxed," Esham said. "I like the variety of ages and the fact that a lot of people around haven't heard me play before."

Jonathan Goolsby, media and marketing specialist for the Lexington Art League, is always excited about the Fourth Friday events.

"Fourth Friday is just a hang-loose, vibrant atmosphere," Goolsby said in an e-mail. "We have people of all ages, backgrounds, professions, interests, passions — all coming together here at Loudoun."  
The artwork, like the stones carried by the weary travelers, brings forth the unity that makes Fourth Fridays the spectacle they have become.

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### IF YOU GO

When: 6 to 9 p.m.  
Where: Loudoun House  
Price: \$7, Free for Lexington Art League members.

Deals: 2-for-1 for UK students; first 50 to arrive get a free T-shirt

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