

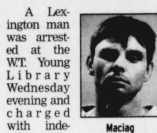


Will Nash (center), the next president of Student Government, grabs his head after realizing he won. Nash, a political science and economics junior, won with 2,818 votes. He beat candidate Becky Ellingsworth by 171 votes and candidate Tommy Cunningham by 932 votes. His running mate, Michelle Bishop (left), goes out for a high five. Justin Holbrook (right), a candidate for senator at-large, congratulates Nash. Holbrook, a political science junior, was on Nash's ticket but did not win.

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Man cited with indecent exposure

By Darush Shafa
THE KENTUCKY KERNEL



Maciag

A Lexington man was arrested at the WT Young Library Wednesday evening and charged with indecent exposure and criminal trespassing. UK Police arrested Bryon Maciag, 31, of Lexington, after a security officer saw him looking at pornography on a computer and masturbating, the police report said; other library patrons were in the area, and Maciag was exposing himself to others, it said. Library security called police, and two officers observed Maciag before arresting him and charging him with indecent exposure and third-degree criminal trespassing. At his arraignment yesterday, Maciag pleaded not guilty. He was in the Lexington-Fayette County Detention Center yesterday on a bond of \$150. UK Police Maj. Joe Monroe said it was not clear if Maciag is connected to similar incidents that took place at other campus locations.

"At this time, I don't think he's being charged with any additional counts, but we're looking into it if he's connected," Monroe said.

Maciag has a criminal history including using a false name — Brian Maciag — marijuana and drug paraphernalia possession, and driving with a license suspended for driving under the influence.

Monroe said if possible, Maciag would be restricted from coming on campus.

"The problem with that is this is an open campus, and the library is a public facility,"

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NASH WINS SG PRESIDENCY

By Tricia McKenny
THE KENTUCKY KERNEL

After two days of voting and an hour and a half of waiting and pacing, Will Nash was announced as the new Student Government president last night.

Nash, a political science and economics junior, defeated Becky Ellingsworth and Tom-

my Cunningham for the role as SG leader.

Through the cheers and applause, Nash and his running mate, Michelle Bishop, an accounting and finance junior, hugged and thanked supporters after hearing the announcement of their victory last night outside the Student Center.

Nash and Bishop won 1,307

of the 2,818 votes — 171 more than Ellingsworth and her running mate Kyle Burns and 932 more votes than Cunningham and his running mate Matt Neff.

"I am very excited; I know we have a lot of work to do," Nash said. "We made a lot of promises, and I hope students hold us accountable."

He and Bishop plan to be-

gin meeting with administrators, faculty and students as soon as possible to work on goals and plans for next year, Nash said.

He said he and Bishop were proud of their work on the campaign and hope to be able to work as hard next year.

"Win, lose or draw, we ran a really good campaign with a great group of supporters and

couldn't be any prouder," Nash said before the announcement.

"Students saw someone with experience and thought outside the box — at least I hope they did," Nash said.

Nash and Bishop listened to cheers from friends and celebrated with their parents after the election results were announced.

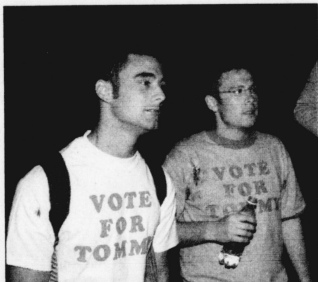
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The winners

President/Vice President
Will Nash/Michelle Bishop — 1,307
Becky Ellingsworth/Kyle Burns — 1,136
Tommy Cunningham/Matt Neff — 375

Senators at-large
Freddy P — 1,179
Mallory Jenkins — 1,040
Will Fuller# — 1,022
Lauren Henson+ — 989
Andy Bates# — 973
Nick Phelps# — 960
Scott McIntosh# — 939
Meredith Storm# — 936
John Gillespie# — 925
Samuel Guines+ — 912
Katie Land+ — 906
Teagan Alexander# — 894
Matt Ray+ — 853
Samantha Peterson# — 852
Christie Mitchell+ — 844

College Senators
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Arts & Sciences *
Monica Hobson# — 274
Ryan Mabry+ — 274
Business and Economics
Ben Carter+ — 183
Communication
Danielle Jarvis# — 137
Dentistry *
Chad Matthews — 23
Design:
Erik Dyer+ — 30
Education
Jenna Barber — 9
Engineering
Nathan Thompson+ — 127
Fine Arts
Eric Johnson# — 56
Graduate School
Albert Kalim+ — 55
Health Sciences
Ashley Hull# — 5
Law
John Daniels+ — 42
Lexington Community College *
Ashley Hall — 1
Brett Kriff — 1
Laura McKeighton — 1
Shultz — 1
Paul Stringer — 1
Bill Thomas — 1
Medicine
Martha Grace Rich — 6
Nursing
Angie Smits+ — 1
Pharmacy
Josh Shuck+ — 9
Key:
Incumbent
+ Freshman senator
Nash ticket member
+ Ellingsworth ticket member
* Senate will break the tie



SG presidential candidate Tommy Cunningham (right) stands by running mate, Matt Neff, after the results were announced last night.

Cunningham hopes for changes in SG

By Darush Shafa
THE KENTUCKY KERNEL

Tommy Cunningham and Matt Neff sat at a table outside the Student Center before the results of the Student Government election were announced last night. Cunningham sat calmly, and Neff had a textbook and a calculator out, working on environmental chemistry.

"I'm doing homework," Neff said. "It's a normal night."

A normal night did not turn into an unusual year for them when results of the SG presidential race placed them last, with 375 votes to Will Nash's 1,307

and Becky Ellingsworth's 1,136.

"I'm disappointed," Cunningham said. "I've never lost anything in my life."

Cunningham was disappointed with the apathy voters showed toward his campaign.

"I tried reaching out to the students, and Student Government has failed them so much that students wouldn't listen," he said. "I don't consider this a personal failure. I consider this a Student Government failure."

Cunningham also said he's worried with the same people leading SG next year.

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SG presidential candidate Becky Ellingsworth hugs running mate Kyle Burns outside the Student Center after hearing the election results last night.

Ellingsworth isn't ready to give up yet

By Adam Siczko
THE KENTUCKY KERNEL

A dejected Becky Ellingsworth stood back from the Student Center crowd, letting a second-place finish in the Student Government presidential race sink in.

But she also knew she wasn't done yet.

Ellingsworth, who lost by 171 votes to Will Nash last night, said she plans to appeal several aspects of the election including possibly the vote count.

"There are some appeals," said Ellingsworth, a corporate communication junior. "Some of my campaign signs were torn down; there were some spending issues."

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Arts & Sciences, LCC Senate races tied

By Becky Hall
THE KENTUCKY KERNEL

Two races for college Senate seats ended in ties last night, including the race to represent UK's largest college.

Monica Hobson, a political science junior, and Ryan Mabry, a mathematics sophomore, tied for the College of Arts & Sciences seat with 274 votes each. Mabry is the baseball beat reporter for The Kentucky Kernel.

The race for the Lexington Community College seat

resulted in a six-way tie among write-in candidates Ashley Hall, Brett Kriff, Laura McKeighton, Paul Stringer, Bill Thomas and a candidate listed only as Shultz.

The races will now go to the current SG Senate, who will decide the winners in the two races by a majority vote. The SG Constitution outlines how tied Senate races will be decided.

Cody Belcher, the Elections Council of Supervision chairman, said he was surprised by the result of the

Arts & Sciences election but even more shocked by the LCC write-in race.

"I don't know what happened with that race," he said.

With 39 senate at-large candidates running in this year's SG elections and only 15 available seats, emotions ran high last night as winners were announced in the Free Speech Area of the Student Center.

Angie Smits, a nursing sophomore who ran unopposed for the College of Nurs-

ing, said she was surprised at the outcome of the election.

"I knew it was going to be close, but I was still surprised," she said. "Everyone worked very hard."

Smits said her top priorities now that she is in office are to hold SG President-elect Will Nash and running mate, Michelle Bishop, accountable to their promises, and to improve the SG's communication with the student body.

Smits ran on the Becky Ellingsworth ticket. President

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Film to show women's role in Mid East war

By Kathleen Sweeney
THE KENTUCKY KERNEL

UK students will get a chance to interact with the Israeli-Palestinian conflict firsthand Monday with the documentary *Daughters of Abraham*, presented by the UK Women's Studies department.

The film — a part of the Women's Studies spring film series, "Women and War, History and Memory" — highlights the effect of the Israeli-Palestinian conflict on women. The documentary will be shown at the Gaines Center with a discussion to follow.

Kate Black, a special collections librarian, has been the curator of the Women and War film series for the department for four semesters.

Black said she has been "committed to showing these films to complicate our ideas of wars and why people get involved in wars."

The series focuses on women in every place around the world and in every historical period, Black said.

This film was produced by Hilla Medalia while she was a student at the University of Southern Illinois working towards her master's degree. Medalia is an Israeli citizen who served in the Israeli Defense Forces before coming to the United States for school. The film won the 2004 Angelus Award for Outstanding Documentary.

Black said this is another reason she chose this film to be a part of the series — it

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UNIVERSITY OF KENTUCKY
CRIME REPORT

Selected UK police reports from March 22 to March 29

- March 22: Theft of Physical Plant Division ladders reported at 9:14 a.m.
- March 22: Theft at White Hall Classroom Building reported at 2:23 p.m.
- March 22: Assault in Blazer Hall parking lot reported at 5:15 p.m.
- March 22: Theft of a medicine cabinet key at UK Chandler Medical Center reported at 10:58 p.m.
- March 22: Terroristic threatening at Kastle Hall reported at 11:05 p.m.
- March 23: Burglary and theft at Kentucky Clinic reported at 2:37 p.m.
- March 24: Theft of a backpack with Valentine's Day gift card at Kirwan IV reported at 2 p.m.
- March 25: Man seen on camera urinating on floor at WT Young Library reported at 10:48 a.m.
- March 25: Theft of a portable compact disc player at Haggin Hall reported at 3:25 p.m.
- March 25: Assault and criminal mischief at PKappa Alpha house reported at 4:33 p.m.
- March 26: Assault on University Avenue reported at 2:09 a.m.
- March 26: Tree vandalized at the Student Center reported at 10:55 a.m.
- March 27: Marijuana use at Greg Page Apartments reported at 4:16 p.m.
- March 28: Theft at White Hall Classroom Building reported at 8:05 a.m.
- March 28: Theft of a computer monitor from UK Chandler Medical Center reported at 10:06 a.m.
- March 28: Domestic violence at Greg Page Apartments reported at 10:58 p.m.
- March 29: Harassing communications at Keeneland Hall reported at 6:49 p.m. and 11:04 p.m.
- March 29: Two trash cans set on fire at the Kentucky Clinic reported at 7:28 p.m.

Compiled from the UK Police crime log and www.uky.edu/Police by staff writer **Darlisha Shafa**. E-mail dshafa@kykernel.com

Schiavo dies but the debate continues

By **Gwyneth K. Shaw**
THE BALTIMORE SUN

WASHINGTON — The end of Terri Schiavo's life won't end the arguments over the issues raised by her case — an unusual intersection of religion, politics and morality that sparked a national conversation about self-determination, the rights of one family and just how far into our lives the government should reach.

Schiavo's name is forever associated not with the woman she was before she suffered severe brain damage in 1980, but with the symbol she became: a martyr to some, simply a tragedy to others.

For many, however, she also was the trigger for a discussion with friends and loved ones about how they want

their lives to end.

That — more than the political fallout or the brutal rift exposed in her family — will be Schiavo's legacy.

"As tragic as the case is, it's a wonderful opportunity for people to take control of their own lives and let people know what they want in ways that the state legislature can't touch," said James M. Hoefler, a political science professor at Dickinson College in Pennsylvania and author of two books on end-of-life issues.

Aging with Dignity, a Florida-based organization, distributes a detailed living will form called "Five Wishes."

It allows people to specify who should make decisions for them, exactly what kind of care they want, how they want to be treated and what they

want loved ones to know when they become incapacitated.

The group, founded in 1996, typically receives 50 to 100 requests a day, said President Paul Malley. Last week, the number skyrocketed to more than 5,000. Over the past week and a half, he said, more than 20,000 people have called, requesting about \$30,000.

The National Hospice and Palliative Care Organization has received nearly 6,000 calls in the past two weeks, said Vice President Kathy Brandt.

However one feels about the issues that have come to define the Schiavo case, Malley said, everyone should take steps to prevent what happened to Schiavo and her family from happening to them.

"That's something everybody can agree on," he said.

Nash

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Bishop's mother, Stephanie Brown, said it was well worth a three hour drive to support Nash and Bishop.

"We just wanted to show our love and support for our kids," Brown said.

An excited Bishop said she was thrilled with the results and couldn't wait to start work as vice president.

"Amazing — the support we've received has been unbelievable, and we are

so proud of everyone who worked with us," she said.

Members of the Nash/Bishop ticket won eight of the 15 Senate at-large positions and four of the sixteen contested college Senate seats, leaving the Senate split between members of the Nash/Bishop and the Ellingsworth/Burns campaigns.

"Having Senate candidates from both teams will only help SG be more diverse and reach more students," Bishop said.

"We are happy for our candidates that won and are looking forward to working with the entire Senate," she said.

Candidates may file appeals of the election results until 4 this afternoon, when the results will be certified by the

Cunningham

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year:

"I'm a little pessimistic," he said. "I don't believe in Student Government. That's why I ran."

Though they lost, Cunningham, a mechanical engineering senior, and Neff, a chemical engineering senior, said they wouldn't turn down requests

from SG to work with students.

"If they want to reach out to students, we're students," he said.

Neff agreed but said he didn't think SG would want them.

"We don't see that hand being extended," he said. "I don't think they're going to want anything to do with us. We've got too many good ideas. We're too motivated."

Cunningham was most angered by some of the comments from celebrating candidates.

"They said 'Sigma Chi owns this campus.' That's not what this is about,"

Ellingsworth

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peals), but I'll support whatever decision (Becky) makes. She's my running mate still."

Nash said he didn't know what, if anything, took place. "I had heard rumors, but did it contribute to election results?" he asked. "No."

"Two or three signs doesn't equal a

couple of hundred votes," he said. "The rumors were from people on the other side, so I don't know."

Ellingsworth doesn't have much faith in the Nash/Bishop ticket's future as the next SG leaders.

"I don't think they're the best for the job," she said. "I don't think they have the students' interests at heart, but they ran a hell of a race."

While Ellingsworth willed up at times with tears, Burns said he "wasn't heartbroken," because his ticket did land a victory in the senator tally. The Ellingsworth/Burns ticket had 13 sena-

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tial candidate Ellingsworth and running mate Kyle Burns came in second.

Mike Mudd, an engineering sophomore and a College of Engineering candidate, said although he didn't win, he was "very, very pleased at the outcome of the election."

The reactions from senator at-large

Film

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was produced as a student project by a filmmaker with a connection to the subject.

In March 2002, a young Palestinian woman detonated a bomb, killing herself and two Israelis, and the film turns this news story around and gives it a personal story, Black said.

"The conflict between Israelis and Palestinians has been one of the longest and hottest conflicts in modern times," Black said. "And this is why I chose to explore it through the film series."

Black said she hopes the film can help, "show the realm in which people get hurt in wars and especially the different ways women can get hurt."

Black also said she believes women are affected by wars in many different ways, and this film helps give viewers an insight into women's lives.

Michele Rivkin-Fish, assistant professor in anthropology at UK, will provide a commentary before the film and will lead a discussion session afterward.

Rivkin-Fish was a graduate student at Hebrew University in Jerusalem in the late 1980s and early '90s. She was also active in the Israeli peace movement during this time.

"(The film) complicates the Hollywood images of men on battlefields in wars," she said, "and shows the degree to which women are affected by war."

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'Daughters of Abraham'

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I've got Starbucks; they've got steroids

I have a confession. I'm a steroids user. Actually here at The Kernel we all do steroids. It's called coffee.



Derek Poore
KERNEL COLUMNIST

Or Frappuccino, or lattes or whenever you can combine enough to kill a small dog with a gallon of milk. Coffee makes you feel like you're actually getting a ton of work done when you're not. It's kind of like how Congress operates. At the end of the day, you've spent all your time walking to Starbucks to get your coffee.

But seriously, I've never taken steroids, but apparently everyone else has. From baseball players to the NFL, no one has escaped the wrath of being shot-in-the-butt with

steroids. And let me tell you, there's nothing I want to hear more about than grown men talking about each other's butts.

Do a Google News search for recent steroids banter and bam: 33,500 results. Of course, with Congress recently getting involved, you know steroids are big time. Capitol Hill said it will request steroid regulation information from the NHL, NBA, NCAA, FDIC, MSNBC, CNN and CSI. There's a "CSI: Steroids" in the works.

Okay so there's not a "CSI" show about it, but this is obviously a hot topic. Actually anything can become a hot topic in America if it involves Paris Hilton or whatever happened last night on "The O.C." And this is a shame because it's the reason why everyone cares about "Desperate Housewives" and not about the economy — including me.

But back to Congress and still speaking of Hilton of course, I would hope Capitol Hill will see fit and hold hearings regarding the 8,000 volumes of Paris Hilton tapes. Why aren't these tapes ready for nationwide theatrical release, yet? A Pay-Per-View event like a Hilton-tape hearing would be a huge money-maker. Congress would rake in enough dough to get rid of the national debt.

But there's one sure fire way to completely screw up a problem that has already gone beyond screwing up: Get Congress involved. Congress is another word for "Writing 1,000 page reports on a problem that neither fixes nor explains the cause of a problem."

one wants to be a member of the "U.S. Writing 1,000 page reports on a problem that neither fixes nor explains the cause of a problem House of Representatives."

The Major League Baseball steroid hearings were nearly a joke, at least when the players took the stand.

The handlers of Jose Canseco — who's been inserted into the encyclopedia under "ponies" — brought him in after the other players were seated. It was quite the circus. Such I haven't seen since the Michael Jackson trial yesterday.

Senate and House members probably use steroids as well, otherwise there would be no way they could produce so much inane material for the public's benefit.

Unless, of course, they drink lots of coffee. Like me.

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MOVIE REVIEW

'Brothels' stuns with heartbreaking reality

By Kevin Moser
KERNEL FILM CRITIC

Won an Oscar and knowing a film deserved the award are two very different things. *Born into Brothels*, Zana Briski's close look at the lives of children in the red-light district of Calcutta, India, is one such film — not only for successfully taking on her topic in such a risky place, but for the emotional pull that takes the audience from one extreme to another, making this film very much a roller coaster of sentiment.

The film, which opens tonight at the Kentucky Theatre, begins with a long pan through the red-light district, a culture of booze and sex, with money being traded freely. The audience sees the stony faces of women used to their craft and the degradation it brings with it. Then the heartbreaking moment that cues the entry into the movie proper: a little girl talking matter-of-factly about her life, the life of her mother's customers come in and shout and yell as they have sex

with her mother, and the way in which her mother's friends and co-workers tease her about when she, too, will join the line.

What follows then is one of the reasons the film is so enjoyable: the juxtaposition of the children with the world they face. Briski's camera captures the sheer joy the children have in getting their cameras and learning how to use them.

It introduces the children themselves, many who are quiet, introspective and peaceful. As the children and the project are introduced, Briski has several pictures of the children edited into the film, alternating the squalor in which they live with the whimsy of children photographing things that excite them. As their lessons in film editing continue, their own excitement about their pictures, which are steadily becoming their art, grows as well. Briski, rarely seen in the film, is an encouraging voice that spurs them onward.

But outside of their art

lessons and manic photographing, Briski keeps a keen eye trained on what their daily lives entail. There is no school, and most of the children work all hours of the day fetching food or water. While their mothers entertain their clients, the children fly kites on the roof or engage in other pastimes, scenes sickeningly ironic considering the logic behind them. They also tell their personal histories, speaking of being constantly in court, or passed around between relatives, with one of the girls talking about how her father tried to sell her before her grandmother took her in.

When Briski does appear it as an advocate for the children, trying to find boarding schools to help them escape their daily lives. Because of their poverty, the children have no place to keep their official papers, so no public schools will take them, either. Education seems impossible, the children trapped.

I enjoyed this film, though it was hard to watch.

The greatest quality present in it is the editing. The work of all the children is interspersed episodically after they visit the zoo, for example, their pictures are collaged, showing a remarkably mature eye to detail. In the end, it is these pictures the film rests upon, for while many of the pictures show extreme poverty and horrible, illegal conditions, many pictures also seem to find beauty in small things, such as a sitting cat, water splashing, or the bright colored clothing a friend wears walking down the street. The reward for this film is what the all seeing eye of the documentarist finds: that human hope and everyday joy even in the darkest of corners. And, though it may be a cliché, *Born into Brothels* does show with aplomb that the brightness and innocence of children is hard to dim, no matter where on they are on the globe or what circumstances they endure.

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Eclectic costumes the norm for Beaux Arts Ball

By Meg Johnson
THE KENTUCKY KERNEL

Lace. Leather. Feathers. Sequins. Plastic wrap.

Beaux Arts Ball showcases them all — and more. Many students may not know what to wear to such an event. Although a costume isn't required, most everyone attending the ball has planned a get-up of his or her own creation.

"Last year we saw a lot of costumes in the Western theme, as well as many pimp costumes — a lot of bright colors and extravagant shapes," said Terry Grossman, an employee at the Mad Hatter on Main Street. "Beaux Arts seemed to sneak up on us this year, but we've been able to help many students looking for that one piece or accessory to complete their costume."

Beaux Arts Ball
Doors open at 8 p.m. Saturday at the Bigshaws Undercover Garage, 177 N. Mill St. Tickets cost \$17 in advance, \$25 at the door. For more information, visit www.beaux-arts-ball.org.

Creativity and originality are perhaps the most commonly reported characteristics among ball-goers and costume shop owners. Ranging from boas and corsets, to impersonations of celebrities and widely known characters, the response from previous attendees is, "Anything goes."

Among this year's attendees are many architecture students, the force behind Beaux Arts. "I am wearing a pink tutu, pink high heels, bubble-wrap ensemble," said James Davis, a second-year

architecture student, when asked about his costume for the ball.

"My costume will be very scantily clad with fish-net stockings," architecture graduate Devon Stewart said with a laugh.

Maria Fugazzi's get-up was also out of the norm. "I'm planning on a sort of caution tape with thigh-high's outfit," said the fifth-year architecture student.

Beaux Arts' wild costumes never fail to impress. "A lot of people attend the ball, and almost every costume we've seen has been very imaginative," said Barbara Smith of Off Broadway Costumes on Moore Drive. "We most recently had two customers looking for the final pieces to their matching Paris and Nicky Hilton ensembles."

"We've got everything for someone looking for Beaux Arts costumes,"

Smith said. "We've sold a lot of '70s ensembles, but we also carry many different kinds of wigs, boas, masks, hats and makeup."

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Tuition hike needed for better education

The good news: The Board of Trustees passed a 12.5 percent tuition increase this week, two percentage points lower than the increase proposed in February.

The bad news: The Board of Trustees passed a 12.5 percent tuition increase this week.

No one likes paying higher tuition. Since tuition has increased 14.4 percent and 13.6 percent in the past two years respectively, writing a check for an additional 12.5 percent is tough.

It's upsetting that tuition has increased 40.5 percent since 2002, but as

the state and UK have faced repeated budget crunches, the administration has been left with no other option.

Costs of living continue to rise, while faculty and staff have received only minimal raises in the past few years.

In the meanwhile, UK's most talented faculty are leaving — leaving for universities who pay them what they are worth.

Administrators have tried to ease the impact on students' wallets this year when it received an additional \$18 million for UK's general fund. This money allowed UK to lower the proposed tuition increase.

However, UK should not just pass the buck to students and turn a blind eye as they work to pay the bill. Some students will face financial hardship because of the increase. They may need to work extra hours or get a second job. Others may have to take out extra student loans. A select few may not be able to afford to stay at UK.

That's where UK needs to step up. Providing more student scholarships is essential, and UK has already budgeted an additional \$13.6 million for scholarships. An aggressive fundraising campaign for scholarships is crucial. Just like

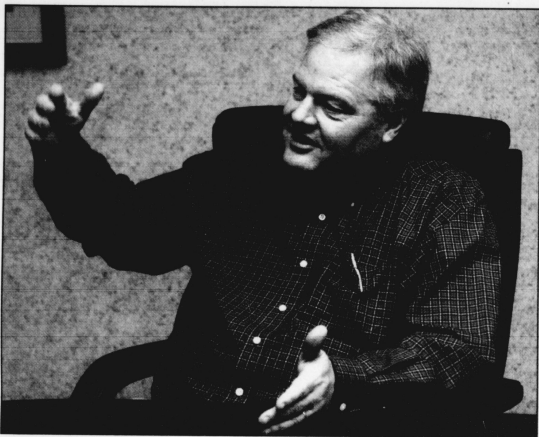
how UK fights to keep the brightest faculty, so should it fight to attract and retain the brightest students.

UK should also offer help for students taking out loans. Making debt counseling more available for graduating students will help the soon-to-be graduates learn how to manage debt responsibly and pay off their student loans.

Paying extra to attend UK is not a choice most students welcome. Unfortunately, it's the price of higher education, and it's a necessary step to provide a better education for all students.

Q&A with Warren Rogers

Coalition Against a Government Takeover founder



ROBIN BAKER | STAFF

Opinions editor Andrew Martin sat down with Coalition Against a Government Takeover founder Warren Rogers to discuss issues relating to Lexington's attempts to takeover Kentucky-American Water Co.

Q. Why did you found the Coalition Against the Government Takeover?

A. It happened about three years ago. I was alarmed when I heard that certain members of this community thought it was a good idea for the city to purchase Kentucky-American Water Co. And then they even went as far to say, "If they won't sell it to us, we'll condemn it and take it over."

That just struck me as being wrong — that a city could condemn and take private property from what everybody thinks is a successful enterprise in Kentucky-American.

They have a long history of service to this community. They're a very philanthropic organization, and it's made up of a lot of good people. I started to speak out about it, and, as a result, we formed the coalition.

Q. What was your reaction when the council voted 9-4 to end funding to the condemnation effort?

A. I thought it would be more euphoric than it was. It was more a sense of relief that common sense had finally taken hold in Lexington. And that finally this city was on the right path, and maybe now this council can begin to take on other issues, really pressing issues, that face this community. And that maybe some healing in this community can begin because this has certainly been a divisive issue in this community for the past few years.

Q. Was the coalition's basis for opposing the condemnation more rooted in the argument that the city couldn't afford the takeover or the argument about private property rights?

A. I think it's a little bit different for different coalition members. Mine was a philosophical argument

that it was just wrong for the government to condemn a well run, private enterprise like Kentucky-American.

I also understand the water business because I've been engaged in the water business all my working life, and I know Kentucky-American does a very good job, and I have seen other municipal utilities really struggle with keeping up with federal regulations.

So I just didn't see any reason for the city to condemn and takeover the water company. And certainly the cost would ultimately be prohibitive. There's no question that water rates would have to go up as a result of the acquisition.

Q. Some people have hinted that one of the reasons for taking over the water company would be that future tax revenues would be available to spend on other projects. Is that a practical argument, and, if it is, should the government have that kind of authority?

A. Actually KRS 106 forbids revenues from a condemned municipal utility from being transferred to the general fund. Proponents of condemnation wanted to continue to ignore KRS 106. They would have lost that argument ultimately. Revenues would never have been transferred to the general fund.

Q. If this issue goes to a referendum, how will the coalition respond?

A. We think that acquisition of Kentucky-American through the eminent domain process is wrong, and we've been consistent about that.

We will advocate against this referendum all the way through to the end. We think that this community is absolutely sick of this issue and wants it to go away. We think that a majority of voters already think they resolved this issue in the last election.

Certainly the referendum has some legal hurdles, so it is very questionable as to whether there will ever be an initiative.

But certainly if it does get on the ballot, the coalition will be very active in trying to make sure it doesn't pass. Clearly, the November election was a referendum on the water issue. The

Herald-Leader said it.

The mayor said it. And they only changed their tune after the election.

Q. Do you believe in negotiations in which Kentucky-American has agreed to supply the city with water for three years, give up the use of Jacobson Park and Lakeside, and establish a local customer service center are equitable for both the city and the water company?

A. My view is that the concessions the water company made are a form of extortion.

But in reality, when faced with this situation, there is always an agreement that takes place. And just by the nature that the water company agreed to them, I guess they think it is equitable.

I think they feel like it's a good settlement, and I think people representing the city should feel like it is a good settlement.

But I think this community has said that condemnation is wrong and the water company shouldn't be made to give up anything.

Q. How do you respond that those opposing condemnation are acting out of their own interests and not in the city of Lexington's interests?

A. I can tell you that I am not operating in my own interests.

If I were operating in my own self-interest, I would be on the other side. I would be pro-condemnation because the city of Lexington happens to be my largest customer for my business.

I'm acting out of my own conviction. And it's a shame that people on the opposite side of an issue try to disparage the motive of people on this side of the issue when all we want is a city that is perceived to be business-friendly, to be able to attract economic development and that is fair to its corporate citizens. That's the vision our side has for Lexington.

Honestly, our mayor is a laughing stock among other mayors in this state. She is a source of embarrassment in many cases.

Yet she continues to press this condemnation case when it is obviously a losing cause. And it only serves to hurt this community even more. She just needs to give up and move on.

Pope's condition reminder of Schiavo's right to live

"Let the pope die in peace!" On Wednesday, the Vatican announced that Pope John Paul II is now receiving nutrition via a feeding tube due to swallowing problems related to his Parkinson's disease.



Daniel Holthouse
GUEST COLUMNIST

Does God have good timing or what? At 9 a.m. yesterday, Terri Schiavo lost her life because courts deemed that she was a vegetable worthy of death by starvation. At the same time, the leader of the Catholic Church is now on the same "life support" — a feeding tube.

I suppose it's only a matter of time before the very same people who claim Terri had a "right to die" will be calling for the Pontiff's tube to be removed. Thankfully, the pope doesn't have a wife to advocate his death. Terri Schiavo, on the other hand, was not that fortunate.

Her husband was set on starving her to death, and he succeeded, with the consent of our nation's highest court and the blessing of a majority of the American public, according to recent polls.

In this morally disgusting time in our nation's — and indeed humanity's — history, one thought comes to mind: Thank God for the pope! He has not willed it, but his tragic medical condition is a sign of hope and perseverance.

No, the pope has not willed his condition, but God has. More powerfully than Jesse Jackson and Operation Rescue (who are to be commended for their efforts), God has spoken out through the ailing pope in defense of Mrs. Schiavo's life. In much the same way He chose to save the world through a humble death on a cross, He has chosen to make His will known through the example of a frail 84-year old man in Rome.

John Paul II has constantly proclaimed the truth that life is precious at all stages. A person's worth is not subject to his or her cognitive ability; it is not dependent upon his or her contribution to society. Rather, one's worth is based solely on the fact that the God of the universe created him with a soul, and no medical condition can take that away.

In today's secular world, this argument carries no weight — I'm well aware of this. But it's the truth. We must see that man never has the "right" to actively cause the death of an innocent person.

By now some might be thinking, "This sounds a lot like the anti-abortion argument." And they'd be right. The Terri Schiavo controversy and the abortion controversy are fruits of the same tree. Proponents of Terri's death argued that her feeding tube controversy boiled down to nothing more than the abortion fight, in an effort to somehow discredit the movement to save her life.

But why should this discredit those who defended Terri's life? Are we easy to cast aside as lunatics who dare infringe on "personal matters" such as killing family members? Sadly, this is increasingly true.

Our modern, secular world may think it has no need for God anymore, but wait until our country approves the "mercy" killing of infants. It's already happening in the Netherlands. The Netherlands became the first country in the world to legalize mercy killing after a controversial law on euthanasia passed three years ago today. And according to CNN, reports of the mercy killing of terminally ill babies have flourished in recent years.

No doubt many citizens there are shaking their heads in disgust thinking, "How did we come to this?" The answer is slowly. All it takes is a federal court to approve the death of an innocent woman with brain damage, and we'll be killing our infants in not too long.

The meaning of life, and along with it the meaning of suffering and death, has been lost in our world. We live because life is a gift from God; we die because He calls us home; we suffer to be more perfectly united with Him and His suffering on the cross.

America starved Terri in the name of compassion; we bought the lie and ate the apple. But thank God for John Paul, who reminds this lost world that we should not focus on a right to die but a right to live.

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For Pitino: life, death, basketball

By Eric Pribell
THE WASHINGTON POST

Rick Pitino compared Saturday's halftime locker room scene to a "morgue." Silent and motionless, Louisville players were staring at a 13-point deficit against West Virginia, so the Cardinals coach attempted to ignite their spirits with three blunt sentences: "We will definitely win this game. I see it. I know it."

They followed his lead, earning Louisville's first Final Four berth since 1986. Pitino, 52, is not the same person who made four Final Four appearances between 1987 and 1997. He has newfound humility and perspective after losing two

loved ones on Sept. 11, 2001. He possesses newfound resolve after a 3 1/2-year NBA stint.

But 30 years after entering the profession, he still has his ability to motivate common men to do uncommon things.

He is grateful to be back where he belongs: in college basketball, at its highest level.

"Pat Riley said it best. '(The NBA) is about winning and misery,'" Pitino said. "College basketball has so many other things you can be happy about."

Just nine years ago, Pitino was portrayed as an obsessed coach who once interviewed for a position on Syracuse's staff on his wedding night and

later regularly worked his assistants almost to burnout.

At least recently, though, perception has not matched reality. After Louisville's Jan. 5 loss to Houston, Pitino told his players to hug family members, senior Larry O'Bannon recalled. And when Pitino was asked this weekend where he ranks among elite coaches, he chuckled, saying he was only concerned about grabbing a hot dog with his former assistant and current Holy Cross Coach Ralph Willard.

"(Pitino) has become more life-oriented because of the tragedy," O'Bannon said. "He talks to us a lot more about life now and not just basketball."

Tomorrow, 6:07 p.m.
Edward Jones Dome
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TV: CBS
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Series Record: Tied 2-2
Last meeting: UofL won 58-57, Nov. 28, 1997

No. 4 Louisville Cardinals (33-4)

Probable Starters	PPG	RPG
G Tajuan Dean	14.5	4.1
G Larry O'Bannon	15.2	3.5
F Francisco Garcia	16.0	4.2
F Ellis Myles	10.2	9.3
F Juan Palacios	10.0	5.6

No. 1 Illinois Fighting Illini (36-1)

Probable Starters	PPG	RPG
G Steve Brown	15.5	2.4
G Luther Head	19.7	3.9
G Deron Williams	12.6	3.6
F James Augustine	10.4	7.6
F Roger Powell	11.8	5.5



Tomorrow, 8:47 p.m.
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St. Louis
TV: CBS
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Series Record: UNC leads 5-3
Last meeting: MSU won 77-64, Nov. 29, 2000

No. 5 Michigan St. Spartans (33-4)

Probable Starters	PPG	RPG
G Shannon Brown	10.8	3.2
G Kevin Sobert	9.5	3.4
F Maurice Ager	13.8	3.9
F Alan Anderson	13.7	5.6
C Paul Davis	12.2	7.8

No. 1 North Carolina Tar Heels (36-1)

Probable Starters	PPG	RPG
G Raymond Felton	12.0	4.0
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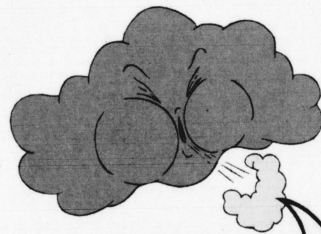


Above: Dave McKinley, a civil engineering junior, hangs around Central Campus yesterday as the superhero Spider-Man. His get-up as the web-slinger was for a video for Christian Student Fellowship, a non-denominational college ministry at UK.

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Right: Dave McKinley, also a student intern with Christian Student Fellowship, tools around in UK President Lee Todd's office. Todd was not in his office yesterday.

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