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## Students rally for bill to regulate mining practices

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Several students will make the 30-mile trip to Frankfort tomorrow to help rally for a bill that could keep coal companies from dumping mining waste in streams.

Representatives from Green Thumb Environmental Club will join other Kentuckians at a lobby day in Frankfort in support of the Streamsaver Bill (HB 385).

"This would be an awesome step in ending mountain-top removal coal mining and the damage that these things do to the communities around the mines," Green Thumb member Niles Barnes said.

The Streamsaver Bill would change the re-

quirements relating to the restoration of the original contour of surface mines making it illegal to dump waste into streams, according to a summary of the bill on the Kentucky General Assembly Web site — something coal companies argue is too restrictive.

"If this law is passed, it will have a huge impact," said environmental advocate, writer and UK lecturer Erik Reece in an e-mail. "Coal operators will no longer be allowed to bury streams under millions of tons of mining waste."

When surfacing underground mines, coal companies produce spoil, a mixture of rock, shell and dirt.

Kentucky Coal Association employee Bill Caylor said the bill is dumped in dry stream

beds and the stream is then rebuilt on top of the fill.

"The environmentalists say we bury the streams," Caylor said. "What we are doing is elevating these dry ditches with rock and recreating the stream."

The Streamsaver Bill calls for companies to dispose of spoil only in previously mined areas and not in water systems.

"HB 385 insists that all forms of mining that put fill in streams stop," Caylor said. "If this bill is literally interpreted, it would shut down every form of mining. That would really hurt the Kentucky economy."

Kentuckians for the Commonwealth is sponsoring the rally in an effort to build support for the bill and encourage legislators to

bring it up for a vote, said Central Kentucky Organizer Dave Newton.

Barnes hopes the rally will overcome the influence the coal industry has in Frankfort.

"Realistically, coal companies pump a lot of money into Frankfort and into the campaigns of a lot of politicians," Barnes said. "But sometimes the power of people can be more powerful than money, and I hope that a critical mass of people will have an impact."

Representatives introduced the bill in the House on Friday and sent it to the Natural Resources and Environment Committee on Monday.

"Even though a lot of UK students are not directly impacted by the effects of mining,

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## Passport law ups students' spring break budget

By Stephanie Short  
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Pre-law freshman Lauren Jellison's family had to budget more money than anticipated for spring break thanks to a recent passport law.

"I am going to Niagara Falls in Canada this summer for a family vacation, and none of us have passports yet," Jellison said. "Now, it's going to cost my family around \$600 just to get our passports. That is almost as much as the trip itself."

She's just one of many students facing more hassles in finalizing their traveling plans because of a new passport law that took effect Jan. 23.

Anyone flying to Mexico, Canada or Bermuda is now required to have a passport to enter the country.

According to U.S. Customs and Border Protection the new law will make it more difficult for people to enter the United States by false identification.

"The 9/11 Commission recommended that a secure travel document be required for everyone to come into the country," said U.S. Customs and Border spokesperson Kelly Klundt. "We feel it will help create a more efficient travel environment."

Last year Customs and Border Protections saw around 84,000 forms of false identification and imposters attempting to enter the country, Klundt said. This law will drastically decrease that number because officials will only have to examine one form of identification, she said.

"When the documents are presented it is one of 8,000 (forms of American identification). That makes it very difficult to verify," Klundt said. "This will help create a more efficient order."

The new regulation is affecting travelers nationwide, and UK students are no different.

"For spring break, I planned a trip to Mexico with some friends because I didn't want to hassle

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## UK Tennis star beats best in nation

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Most would be shocked to hear the 89th-ranked tennis player upset the top player in the country. But those who know UK's Bruno Agostinelli weren't surprised when he upset Ohio State's Steven Moneke on Monday.

Agostinelli finished last season as the Freshman of the Year and ranked 33rd in the nation, prompting high expectations for his sophomore season.

"Prior to the fall season, we thought this would be a break-out season for Bruno," men's tennis head coach Dennis Emery said. "The break out has just been delayed."

Agostinelli started the spring season 0-2 — falling to No. 41 and 56 — after returning from a foot injury that sidelined Agostinelli for two weeks.

"Bruno worked hard at getting sharp again," Emery said. "Health issues in the fall and to start the spring prevented (Agostinelli) from being at his level the first two matches."

Agostinelli's win was the first point Ohio State

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PHOTOS BY ED MATTHEWS | STAFF  
Paws and Listen members catch a swooning Kelly Busse, an early elementary education junior, after she sang a song from the Disney movie "Her-cules." Paws and Listen performed along with the acUstiKats last night at Memorial Hall.

## Raising their Voices

UK a cappella groups perform Valentines show together

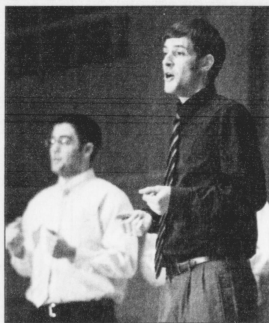
By Meghan Cain  
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Beat-boxing, snapping and doo-wopping filled Memorial Hall "after dark" last night.

The acUstiKats, a 16-member male choral ensemble, and Paws and Listen, a 16-member female group, performed their annual Valentine concert, "After Dark" for a filled Memorial Hall.

"I am really encouraged by the fact that so many people chose music over basketball and braved the elements to be here," said Dr. Jeff Johnson, Director of Chorale Activities. "I think this speaks highly of the two groups."

It was the only concert of the year where the two groups performed together. Usually the groups perform as a service at



Jeremy Rhodes, a vocal music education junior, steps forward to sing a solo during the acUstiKats rendition of Maroon 5's "She Will Be Loved" last night in Memorial Hall.

UK or civic events, said Dr. Jeff Johnson, Director of Chorale Activities.

Paws and Listen came on stage first and sang five different love songs ranging from Mariah Carey renditions to Rent show-tunes. Its performance mixed dancing, snapping and acting with a capella singing.

"I thought there was going to be more singing and less performance," said Lauren Hartley, a merchandising apparel and textile junior. "With the girls, there was a lot of good performance. I liked it."

Some students felt the love songs set the mood for the rest of the night.

"Paws and Listen has put me in the mood for love," Alex McFarland-Watts, a pharmacy exchange student said.

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## Film showcases lesbian couple's family efforts

By Katie Saltz  
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In 1974, two long-time friends left their families to pursue their romance and a life together.

Ruthie and Connie have been together ever since.

About 15 people, including students, gathered in the Gaines Center last night to watch a documentary on Ruthie Berman and Connie Kurtz's relationship at a time when homosex-

uality was less socially accepted.

"We should pay attention to the struggles these women faced as mothers, as wives, as Jewish women and as community members," said Melanie Otis, an associate professor in the College of Social Work. "Their roles made the realization of feelings for one another particularly hard to acknowledge."

UK's Gender and Women's Studies Program hosted the documentary, "Ruthie and Connie: Every Room in the House," as part of a film series focusing on different aspects of family life across the world and throughout

time. Berman and Kurtz became friends in their Jewish neighborhood in Brooklyn, N.Y., in 1959. Fifteen years later, they both left their husbands and their families to pursue a life together as a lesbian couple.

In 1994, Berman and Kurtz led the effort to secure partner benefits from the New York City Public School System. This activism as lesbians is a reflection of their active approach to life, Otis said.

"Ruthie and Connie were active commu-

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### Horoscopes

By Linda C. Black  
To get the advantage, check the days rating. 10 is the easiest day, 0 the most challenging.  
**Aries (March 21 - April 19)** Today is an 8 — Accept the opportunity to provide leadership. You may not know everything, but you can keep the objective in mind. And, you can make quick decisions. Besides, the odds are in your favor.  
**Taurus (April 20 - May 20)** Today is a 7 — Travel goes well, especially if you're going to meet an old friend. Gather a whole bunch of them together if you can. You'll all love it.  
**Gemini (May 21 - June 21)** Today is an 8 — Adapt to a slight change in direction and leadership. One you thought was a dunce turns out to be

pretty smart, after all.  
**Cancer (June 22 - July 22)** Today is a 7 — Delegate most of your interactions with the public for a while. You'll be happier and more effective if you can stay out of the spotlight.  
**Leo (July 23 - Aug. 22)** Today is an 8 — It's easier to do the job when you're full of energy. The support you've received from loved ones lately has increased your enthusiasm.  
**Virgo (Aug. 23 - Sept. 22)** Today is a 7 — You're not much in the mood to work. You'd rather be playing around. Your sweetheart feels the same way, too, so maybe you can fit some in.  
**Libra (Sept. 23 - Oct. 22)** Today is a 7 — It's OK to discuss your plans now, with people who already know. Continue to ask questions of others, but don't provide many answers.  
**Scorpio (Oct. 23 - Nov. 21)** Today is a 6 — You're gaining valuable in-

formation. Don't act upon it yet. This requires at least a couple of days of pondering.  
**Sagittarius (Nov. 22 - Dec. 21)** Today is an 8 — At least get the very best bargains you can find. Provide for the family before anything else.  
**Capricorn (Dec. 22 - Jan. 19)** Today is an 8 — You've learned a lot the past few weeks, and you're nowhere near finished yet. Some problems don't have solutions yet. You'll have to make something up.  
**Aquarius (Jan. 20 - Feb. 18)** Today is a 7 — You've been stashing away all sorts of things, some of which come in very handy. Once again, you show great savings, due to creative recycling.  
**Pisces (Feb. 19 - March 20)** Today is a 7 — The job is getting easier, due to a change in attitude. The more fun you're having, the less you're annoyed by those other things.  
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# THE RECORD

Baby news!

## THE DISH

Patrick Dempsey, 41, and his wife, makeup artist Jillian, 41, welcomed twin boys, Darby and Sullivan, February 1. . . . Jason Priestley, 37, and his wife, makeup artist Naomi Lowde, 31, are expecting their first child this summer.  
Weeds' Kevin Nealon, 53, and his actress-wife, Susan Yeagley, 34, had their first child, Gable, January 29.  
Roseanne alum Sara Gilbert, 32, is expecting her second child.

cause Griffin tried to hit him with a fireplace poker.  
Beverly Hills police allege Lane Garrison, 26, had cocaine and more than twice the legal limit of alcohol in his system when he crashed a car that killed a teen in 2006. His lawyer said police shouldn't discuss evidence publicly.

orce, citing "irreconcilable differences," after the Men in Trees star, 37, reportedly had a fling with her costar James Tupper. (Heche and Tupper have not commented.) Laffoon is seeking spousal support and asked for joint custody of their son, Homer, 4. . . . On-and-off loves Alanis Morissette, 32, and Ryan Reynolds, 30, called off their engagement. — Kate Frank

### New Digs

R.E.M.'s Michael Stipe, 47, bought the three-bedroom NYC loft of Casey Affleck, 31, for \$5.75 million, the New York Post reports.

### Booked

Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows, the final tome, not due until July 21, is a top-seller on Amazon.com.

### Bad Boy

Andy Dick, 41, was ejected from a February 2 broadcast of Jimmy Kimmel Live for refusing to quit fondling guest Ivanka Trump's arms and legs.

### I Do!

Bam Margera, 27, and his junior high sweetheart, Missy Rothstein, stars of MTV's Bam's Unholy Union, tied the knot in downtown Philadelphia February 3. The wedding will air on MTV in early April.

### Split

On February 1, Anne Heche's ex, cameraman Coleman Laffoon, 33, filed for di-

### Logging Off

A federal judge has ordered the creator of ParisExposed.com, which sold access to Paris Hilton's belongings, to temporarily close the site to prevent the viewing of Hilton's personal information.

### Role Call

Lucy Liu, 38, is guest-starring on two episodes of Ugly Betty, starting February 15, as a college classmate whom Daniel Meade (Eric Mabius, 35) once stood up. . . . Brooke Shields, 41, will headline the NBC drama pilot Lipstick Jungle, based on the Candace Bushnell best-seller.

### Busted

Actor Ryan O'Neal, 65, was arrested for assault and negligent discharge of a firearm at his Malibu, California, home February 3 during a dispute with his son, Griffin, 42. Ryan said he acted in self-defense be-

### Will Brandy get a break?

The saga of Brandy's fatal car crash has taken a new turn: Could the \$50 million wrongful death suit brought against the singer, 38, by the parents of deceased waitress Awatef Aboudihaj, 38, get chucked? Under California law, only the victim's husband can sue for negligence, TMZ.com reports. Aboudihaj's spouse has hired L.A. attorney Bill Sayed, who tells the site he's investigating Brandy's net worth and that the matter "will be resolved by settlement or jury verdict." But Brandy still isn't drama-free: The California Highway Patrol wants her slapped with misdemeanor vehicular manslaughter without gross negligence. If convicted, she faces up to a year in the slammer. (Still no word on if she will be charged.) A source says the singer, who has snapped up famed L.A. lawyer Blair Berk, "is devastated but will fight this." — Kate Frank

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## Senate democrats propose giving detainees access to U.S. courts

By Josh White  
THE WASHINGTON POST

WASHINGTON — A group of Senate Democrats introduced legislation Tuesday that would restore habeas corpus rights to all detainees in U.S. custody and would narrowly define what it means to be an "enemy combatant" against the United States, a measure designed to challenge laws ushered in by the Republican-controlled Congress last year.

The bill, titled the "Restoring the Constitution Act of 2007," strikes at the core of the Military Commissions Act of 2006 by giving detainees access to U.S. courts. It was introduced by Sen. Christopher Dodd, Conn., a candidate for the Democratic presidential nomination.

The bill would also prevent the executive branch from making blanket determinations about who is an enemy combatant and would restrict the president's authority to interpret when certain human rights standards apply to detainees. The legislation would limit the label "enemy combatant" to a person "who directly participates in hostilities in a zone of active combat against the United States" or who took part in the terrorist attacks of Sept. 11, 2001.

Should such language become law, it could change the status of numerous detainees who were picked up in U.S. counterterrorism efforts.

The bill would also restore to the detainees numerous rights they lost under the Military Commissions Act, including the right, under a habeas corpus petition, to challenge their detention in federal court.

"I take a backseat to no one when it comes to protecting the country from terrorists," Dodd said in an e-mail statement Tuesday. "But there is a right way to do this and a wrong way to do

this. ... In taking away their legal rights, the rights first codified in our country's Constitution, we're taking away our own moral compass, as well."

The Military Commissions Act was originally designed to fix problems in the wartime trial process for detainees in U.S. custody after the Supreme Court struck down the Bush administration's first set of rules. But the act also denied access to U.S. courts to those accused of being foreign enemy combatants.

In a panel discussion Monday night after the screening of an HBO movie about the Abu Ghraib prison abuse, Sen. Lindsey Graham, R-S.C., a leading proponent of the Military Commissions Act, said he stands behind the existing law and believes that it will stand up to Supreme Court scrutiny.

The newly proposed legislation, however, has the potential to undercut last year's law before challenges reach the Supreme Court. There is bipartisan support in Congress for restoring the habeas corpus rights of detainees, many of whom have filed court cases with the help of civilian lawyers.

Elisa Massimino, Washington director of Human Rights First, said the new bill would remedy several legal problems her organization has identified in the Military Commissions Act, particularly in the area of habeas corpus rights. She said the definition of "enemy combatant" is "hugely important" because it would draw a line between actual combat and the Bush administration's ambiguous "global war on terror."

"It would go to the question of whether the whole of our counterterrorism effort is going to be considered an actual and legal war," Massimino said. "Congress hasn't taken that issue head-on."

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## Iraqi gov't tries to protect capital

By Borou Daragahi  
LOS ANGELES TIMES

BAGHDAD, Iraq — The Iraqi government Tuesday launched a plan to secure a capital descending deeper into chaos, even as violence claimed the lives of more Iraqis, including people waiting in line for food handouts.

Lt. Gen. Abud Qanbar, the former naval officer appointed by Prime Minister Nouri al-Maliki to oversee the much-vaunted Baghdad security plan, announced a 72-hour closure of some border crossings along the Iranian and Syrian frontiers, restrictions on civil liberties and the suspension of weapons licenses except for those issued to authorized security officials and contractors.

"Legal procedures will be taken and strict penalties will be imposed against all those who violate the rules," said Qanbar, reading from a statement broadcast over Iraqi state television. It was unclear from the presentation how some of the security provisions outlined differed from measures already in place. Observers also questioned why al-Maliki left the announcement to a surrogate. The prime minister spent much of the day visiting a university in Hillah, about 50 miles south of the capital.

The plan includes a tightening of the few remaining liberties left for Iraqis in the capital, including an earlier nighttime curfew and closer scrutiny of packages, mail and electronic communications. It imposes unspecified restrictions on gatherings in public places, clubs, companies and organizations "in order to protect citizens and those working in these places."

The plan's supporters defended those restrictive elements as necessary to meet the needs of Iraqi people.

"The government has a right to take any procedure to provide security for the people," said Sheikh Qusai Abdul-Wahab, a Shiite lawmaker loyal to radical cleric Muqtada al-Sadr. "People are demanding security first and last."

Under the plan, Qanbar said his commanders will be authorized to interrogate and arrest all individuals and inspect private properties and seize any weapons, presumably without seeking the approval of courts or political leaders. It wasn't clear whether the new provisions changed the existing rules, which allowed each Iraqi family to keep one weapon at home.

The plan calls for restrictions on the movements of vehicles and individuals as well as surprise sweeps of roadways, Qanbar said.

It includes a tightening of laws for those who commit acts of violence or harbor alleged terrorists and special court sessions to speedily try offenders.

The government plan also demands that those squatting in the homes of families who fled their neighborhoods out of fear of sectarian violence to vacate the properties within 15 days.

The announcement did not detail how the edict would be enforced but called for the establishment of "specialized committees" to audit property deeds. Officials also acknowledged that many of those who fled their homes after horrific acts of sectarian violence by their neighbors might be hard to lure back.

The plan also bars vehicles with tinted windows or without license plates from traveling the city's streets. Such vehicles have long been illegal but ubiquitous, often escorting the very political leaders now advocating the security plan.

Some details of the plan raised more questions than answers. Few believe, for example, that insurgents and militants use the legitimate border crossings closed as of Wednesday because they can ferry weapons and personnel into Iraq in many places along porous and scantily guarded borders.

*Times staff writer Saif Hameed and special correspondents in Baghdad, Hillah, Kirkuk and Samawa contributed to this report.*

## University to drop lawsuit against prof's family

By Roy Rivenburg  
LOS ANGELES TIMES

Facing a backlash from scholars worldwide, University of California, Irvine says it will drop a lawsuit against the widow and children of professor and philosopher Jacques Derrida, the acclaimed founder of deconstruction.

Instead, UCI officials said they have resumed negotiations with Derrida's family over control of the philosopher's groundbreaking scholarly work.

"We feel confident that in the very near future this issue will be resolved in a manner that satisfies the Derrida family," UCI spokeswoman Christine Byrd said.

Derrida, a Frenchman who taught part time at UCI for 17 years, headed an influential and bewildering intellectual movement that questions the whole notion of absolute truth. In November, UCI sued Derrida's estate in federal court, saying his family refused to relinquish manuscripts and correspondence that Derrida promised to the university in writing.

The dispute began brewing shortly before Derrida's death three years ago at age 74.

Until that time, Derrida had slowly been turning over lecture manuscripts, journals and other materials to UCI's special collections library under an agreement he signed in 1990.

UCI had spent more than \$500,000 on the project, installing two copy machines at Derrida's house near Paris and hiring French-speaking graduate students to help catalog the documents, according to the lawsuit.

But in 2004, Derrida sent a letter to UCI's then-chancellor Ralph Cicerone threatening to withdraw permission for scholars to photocopy or quote material from the archives, a move that would have rendered the papers virtually useless, said

Peggy Kamuf, a friend of the Derrida family and chair of the University of Southern California's comparative literature department.

Derrida was "quite unhappy with some things the University of California was doing," Kamuf said, adding that she couldn't discuss details, except to say it didn't involve Derrida's own relationship with the university.

After Derrida's death, his widow and sons said they wanted copies of UCI's archives shared with the Institute of Contemporary Publishing Archives in France, Kamuf said.

"Irvine is not exactly the center of the world," Kamuf said, so the family requested duplicate archives to assure wider scholarly access to the philosopher's work.

Derrida's estate also sought changes in how UCI managed the papers, said Jackie Dooley, who heads the school's special collections and archives.

About a year ago, the family cut off negotiations, she said, so UCI sued, seeking \$500,000 in damages and a court order requiring the family to transfer its stash of Derrida archives to California.

After Derrida's family was served with court papers in January, word of the lawsuit filtered back to the U.S. from France, prompting an article in the Chronicle of Higher Education and protests from faculty and administrators at UCI and beyond.

"I think the lawsuit is deplorable and disgraceful," Kamuf said.

On Feb. 1, after a meeting of UCI professors, librarians and administrators, the university "began the process of dismissing the lawsuit," said Karen Lawrence, UCI's dean of humanities.

"We are very pleased that negotiations with Derrida's family are ongoing," Lawrence added.

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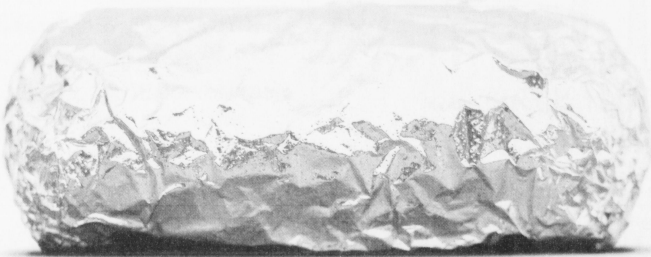
## CRIME REPORT

UK Police reports from Feb. 6 to Feb. 12.

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- Feb. 7. Injury accident in front of the Arboretum at 12:24 p.m.
- Feb. 8. Theft of laptops and other miscellaneous items from the UK Business and Economics building reported at 8:43 a.m.
- Feb. 8. Drug/marijuana use at Kirwan II reported at 9:52 p.m.
- Feb. 9. Theft of moped from Kentucky Clinic reported at 11:12 a.m.
- Feb. 9. Theft of check card from the Markey Cancer Center reported at 11:15 a.m.
- Feb. 9. Alcohol/intoxication on Washington Avenue at 3:56 p.m.
- Feb. 9. Theft from UK Hospital reported at 9:38 p.m.
- Feb. 9. Alcohol/intoxication at Commonwealth Village near a dumpster reported at 11:18 p.m.
- Feb. 10. Drug/marijuana use at Blanding I reported at 1:51 a.m.
- Feb. 10. Alcohol/intoxication subject at Rupp Arena arrested at 8:57 p.m. Feb. 10. Theft from Rupp Arena reported at 9 p.m.
- Feb. 10. Alcohol/intoxication of a juvenile at Rupp Arena arrested at 9:18 p.m.
- Feb. 10. Theft of cell phone from Lancaster Athletics building reported at 11:15 p.m.
- Feb. 12. Theft of camera from W.T. Young Library reported at 10:51 a.m.
- Feb. 12. Trash can on fire at W.T. Young Library at 2:29 p.m.
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## TENNIS

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had lost all spring while compiling a 6-0 record. For Moneke, it was only his fifth loss since the start of the fall season.

"Bruno did a good job of countering (Moneke's) power and finishing," Emery said.

Despite Agostinelli's performance, the Cats still lost 6-1 to OSU.

With matches looming this Saturday against No. 69 Ball State and Butler, Agostinelli has a tough SEC schedule ahead where he could face a high-ranking player in every match.

For now, Emery doesn't expect Agostinelli to let the upset inflate his ego.

"(Agostinelli) has great composure and perspective of the college tennis game," Emery said. "He knows how to balance between both wins and losses."

## FILM

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nity members who led efforts to secure resources for their synagogue, community and schools long before they began to define themselves as lesbians," Otis said.

Sara Head, a graduate student in the College of Public Health, said she found it interesting how the portrayal of gender in society may have affected Kurtz and Berman's relationship and their identity as lesbians.

"Not just sexuality, but sex in general is widely portrayed in the media in our generation," Head said. "We are more aware at a young age of how to explore and determine our identities. The women in the movie had to come to terms with their sexuality in a very

different way."

The documentary included scenes from "coming out workshops" and meetings of the group "Parents, Families and Friends of Lesbians and Gays" that Ruthie and Connie led. Otis said that these scenes helped to show the steps of acceptance that family and friends go through.

"There is a myriad of ways family and friends go through their own process of coming out and coming to terms with having a parent, family member, or friend who is lesbian or gay," Otis said.

Kate Black, the organizer of the series, said that she chose this film because she wanted to show lesbians and gays as a family formation.

"It helps people imagine all the many ways that people can love each other and care about each other," Black said. "It doesn't have to be in traditional ways."

## PASSPORT

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with finding my old passport," said biology freshman Missy Beasley. "After I booked the trip, I realized the new law went into effect and I had to rearrange my plans to fly out of Nashville so that I could stop in my hometown to pick up my passport."

Before the law, travelers only needed a birth certificate or other form of credible identification, such as a driver's license, to travel to these countries.

Applying for a passport can take up to six weeks. "I know a lot of people traveling to Mexico for spring break, and I'm sure that several are having the same problem that I am," Beasley said. "Some may not have the time or money to get a passport."

The Beaumont Post Office on Majestic Drive has also seen heavy activity from last minute travelers applying for passports. Due to its heavy increase in business, the post office hosted a passport fair.

"We held a passport fair in order to regulate people throughout the week," said supervisor Sherry Williams of the Beaumont Post Office. "It also keeps parents from taking kids out of school."

Williams said the fair was very successful and she hopes to have another one this month.

Wal-Mart will take passport photos for about \$10. The passport cost varies for anyone over 16, depending on how fast it is needed. By next year, passports will be required for all forms foreign transportation, not just air travel.

Klundt advised all travelers to check the U.S. Customs and Border Protection's Web site at [www.cbp.gov](http://www.cbp.gov) before planning a trip out of the country.

## VOICES

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AcuUstiKats wooed the audience with "California Dreaming," "Still the One" and "She Will be Loved." The group also added beat-boxing to each song.

"Tonight really exceeded my expectations," said political science junior Corey Kline. "It was a high quality performance, and I could tell they had been training."

Johnson started acuUstiKats in 1993 and Paws and Listen a year later.

"I saw a need for a group of performers that sang a different kind of music instead of the typical classical songs," Johnson said. "This group is mostly a pop ensemble."

First-time performer Hannah Alley said she appreciated how the audience reacted during the performance.

"It was great because the crowd was very receptive, even to the things we thought were funny in our performance," Alley said. "AcuUstiKat coach Aaron Wells said the show was one of the best the groups have had in recent years."

"In years past it hasn't been so high-energy," Wells said. "It was a lot of fun and there were more people here than last year, so I am very proud of that."

The groups also sold raffle tickets for restaurant gift cards to raise money for the American Choral Directors Association, and audience members could enter their name in a drawing to be serenaded by the different groups.

Tegan Miller, a Paws and Listen coach, and Wells said both groups practice twice a week and perform often.

"We usually do about 25 to 30 gigs a semester," Wells said. "We don't do a lot of campus gigs, but we hope to do more campus events in the future."

Caylor will also be in Frankfort this week.

"In the media you see pictures that look like lunar landscapes, but in reality, mining is no different than highway construction or building Hamburg Pavilion in Lexington," Caylor said. "This is a sensitive issue and coal companies often get a bad image, but like those pictures, our image isn't the same thing as reality."

invited to attend the rally from 9 a.m. until 2 p.m. in room 113 of the Capitol Annex.

"Students should attend the rally because we all live downstream from this kind of mining," Reece said. "We all bathe in and drink water flowing out of the mountains and if that water is contaminated, we all have problems."

"Plus, as Kentuckians, we should all be alarmed at what coal companies are doing to destroy our Commonwealth."

## MINING

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there is a social justice component of caring about other communities in Kentucky and other human beings who are affected by this issue," Barnes said.

Students and community members are

## Health Services pairing free condoms, sex education during 'National Condom Week'

By Autumn Harbison

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Two weeks after hanging a bag of condoms on a bulletin board at the Health Services office, 500 disappeared.

"They used to be in my office in little white paper bags," said Fadyia Mohammed, a health education specialist. "They had been sitting around for over a month."

Today, those free condoms are even more accessible — at the Johnson Center. UK Health Services has set up a booth in different campus locations this week as part of National Sexual Responsibility Week.

The goal of the week, which Mohammed calls National Condom Week, is to increase student awareness of important sexual issues.

"We are allowing students to have information in front of them instead of them having to go look for it," Mohammed said.

A representative from Health Services set up an information table with pamphlets on the second floor of the Johnson Center. Health Services set up a similar booth in the

Commons Market earlier this week. Mohammed wants students to feel comfortable coming to Health Services for information and protection. She stressed that everything is confidential.

"We've had a few people come by (the booth) and stop, but I think that more people will stop if there's no one sitting here," said Lindsay Szmania, a kinesiology and health promotion senior and intern with UK Health Services.

The Health Services staff is spending a lot of its time focusing on making people aware of Gardasil, the new human papillomavirus (HPV) vaccine for women.

Gardasil protects against four major types of HPV, including two types that cause about 70 percent of cervical cancer and two types that cause about 90 percent of genital warts, according to the UK Health Services Web site.

About 50 percent of sexually active people have HPV, Mohammad said, and Kentucky is second in the nation in cervical cancer cases.

Mohammed also wanted to educate stu-

dents about the differences between healthy and unhealthy relationships, sexually transmitted diseases and the dangers of combining alcohol and sex. Most sexual concerns students bring to Health Services are linked to intoxication, she said.

Students passing by the booth last night were glad Health Services was getting the word out about sexual responsibility.

"It's not something that's talked about in a serious way," said Bruna Lozano, a political science freshman. "At our age it's something we should know about."

The week is all about education, Szmania said.

"We're touching issues a lot of people avoid and making it okay for people to ask questions," she said. "The more we educate people the better."

The informational booth will be available tonight from 4 to 8 in the Johnson Center.

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# For the GOP, taking the war out of the war debate

By Dana Milbank  
The Washington Post

WASHINGTON — Rep. Adam Putnam of Florida, the man in charge of Republican strategy in this week's great debate on Iraq, was a study in nervous energy as he waited to speak on the House floor Tuesday.

He paced behind the back row. He cracked his neck to the left and right. He wrung his hands. He buttoned, unbuttoned and rebuttoned his suit jacket. He cracked his neck some more, checked his BlackBerry, rocked on his heels, coughed, stroked his chin, folded and unfolded his arms, coughed, scratched behind his ear, swallowed heavily and coughed again.

There was good reason for this anxiety. As head of the House GOP conference, the 32-year-old redhead is leading his caucus into a public-opinion meat grinder: supporting President Bush's increase of U.S. troops in Iraq, against the wishes of more than 60 percent of Americans. Worse, he is leading them with a pair of somewhat contradictory arguments: (a) that the Democrats' resolution opposing Bush's Iraq buildup is a meaningless gesture; and (b) that the Democrats' resolution will cause the end of civilization as we know it.

"This is a rather toothless 97 words," Putnam began in his floor speech, calling the proposal "a narrow nonbinding resolution that misses the bigger picture." Minutes later, he changed his view. "The majority would have us consider a resolution that puts us one day closer to handing militant Islamists a safe haven the size of California."

So which one is it: toothless or catastrophic?

Minority Leader John Boehner wasn't sure. In his floor speech, he called the resolution "nonbinding" six times, labeling the resolution "a political charade lacking both the seriousness and the gravity of the issue that it's meant to represent." And yet, he also thought the resolution "is the first step toward abandoning Iraq by cutting off funding for our troops that are in harm's way."

Neither had Minority Whip Roy Blunt

found harmony between the competing talking points. "This resolution just says enough not to say anything at all," he judged. In another breath, however, he called it a "first step to cutting off funding for the dangerous mission our troops face" and a debate that "bolsters those radical terrorists whose sole goal is to destroy America."

The Republican complaints brought to mind the Woody Allen joke about two old ladies at a Catskills resort. "One of 'em says, 'Boy, the food at this place is really terrible.' The other one says, 'Yeah, I know, and such small portions.'"

Republicans knew they had a weak hand to play as the House began its Iraq debate on Iraq and whether to support Bush's 20,000-troop "surge" of troops. "The debate should not be about the surge or its details," Republican Reps Peter Hoekstra of Michigan and John Shadegg of Arizona wrote to colleagues in a letter intercepted by Democrats. "This debate should not even be about the Iraq war to date, mistakes that have been made, or whether we can, or cannot, win militarily. If we let Democrats force us into a debate on the surge or the current situation in Iraq, we lose."

To help Republicans with the task of conducting an Iraq debate without talking about Iraq, Putnam set up a "war room" in the Longworth office building to provide research and debate material, parliamentary experts, and a "rapid response system."

But when two reporters arrived at the war room Tuesday afternoon, the occupants were deep in a bunker. "I apologize," the receptionist announced after checking with the war room. "They just started a meeting."

Ah, a "meeting." The reporters found a back door to the war room that was open. Inside, four men sat quietly at their desks, watching the debate on TV.

The bunker mentality went beyond the war room. While Republicans from competitive districts watched on television, their colleagues from safe seats did battle with Democrats on the House floor. Of the first 16 Republican speakers, only three won re-election in 2006 with less than 60 percent of

the vote, and none won with less than 50 percent.

Those who did brave the hostile climate to come to the House floor preferred to talk wars other than the one underway in Iraq.

Blunt (67 percent of the vote in November) chose Vietnam. "President Johnson was criticized a generation ago, and still today, for choosing bombing sites in Vietnam," he argued. "But his actions made infinitely more sense than this."

Boehner (64 percent) opted for the Civil War. "Surrounded by personal and political rivals, Lincoln could have given up," the minority leader said. "He could have recalled the Union forces and sent them home. But he didn't."

Like many speakers, Rep. Ileana Ros-Lehtinen (62 percent) saw echoes of the Second World War. "The threat of Hitler did not appear suddenly out of a vacuum," she said, in front of a poster of a pilot in uniform.

Putnam (69 percent) opted for the war in the Pacific. "It's easy enough to go back and list all the disappointments we've had in Iraq," he said. "But it's like focusing on one jungle, on one atoll on the march to Tokyo over 60 years ago."

A dazzling debate it wasn't. At the start, there were 75 members of Congress on the floor. By the time Putnam spoke about a half-hour later, the number was down to 36; before long, the chamber returned to its usual, depopulated state.

But Putnam, host of the war room, had only begun to fight. He called a news conference in the Capitol basement with Boehner and distributed orange juice made with fruit his family had grown in Florida. Sipping the juice, he repeated his dueling points: (a) "This is just the first step to defunding troops in harm's way," and, (b) "This week's resolution is really just a stunt."

The Post's Jonathan Weisman asked for a clarification. "Is this resolution a meaningful stunt or is it very consequential?"

Boehner struggled through an answer about two levels and two different points. Putnam frowned but said nothing.

## Former CIA exec charged in contracts case

By R. Jeffrey Smith  
The Washington Post

WASHINGTON — The CIA's former executive director and a defense contractor were indicted Tuesday by a San Diego grand jury for allegedly corrupting the intelligence agency's contracts, marking one of the first criminal cases to reach into the CIA's clandestine operations in the Europe and the Middle East.

Kyle "Dusty" Foggo, a longtime logistics officer who was the CIA's top administrator from November 2004 until last May, was accused of using his seniority and influence at a prior CIA job in Europe to steer business deals to a longtime friend, California businessman Brent R. Wilkes, a top Republican fundraiser.

The 11-count indictment states that Wilkes subsidized meals and lavish vacations for Foggo and his family in Washington, Hawaii and Scotland and promised to employ Foggo after his retirement from the CIA. It also accuses Foggo — a former ethics official in two divisions at the CIA — of improperly providing classified information to Wilkes about the CIA, his contracting competitors and "other matters."

The indictment is the latest development in a lengthy federal criminal probe into the dark side of a budget process known as "earmarking," in which lawmakers have directed federal contracts to favored designers, who were either friends or campaign contributors. The probe led to a prison sentence for one lawmaker in

2005, Rep. Randy "Duke" Cunningham, who the government said yesterday had two prostitutes financed by Wilkes.

While the probe has threatened to sweep in other members of Congress, some uncertainty surrounds it. A key U.S. attorney involved in it — Carl of Lam in San Diego — has been fired by the administration for unspecified "performance-related" deficiencies along with a handful of other U.S. attorneys. Lam oversaw the Foggo investigation and is to leave Thursday. The head of the local FBI field office praised Lam's performance and said he firing appeared to be "political," an accusation that the Justice Department has denied.

The case involving Foggo is unusual because one of the contracts at issue are classified. But the indictment makes clear that the agency was allegedly bilked when it would pay 60 percent more than it should have for water supplied by a company affiliated with Wilkes to CIA outposts in Afghanistan and northern Iraq.

The evidence against Foggo included e-mails in which he promised to introduce a Wilkes subordinate to his CIA colleagues and helped arrange advance payments on a \$1.69 million contract. Even after arriving at CIA headquarters as a top appointee of then-CIA Director Porter Goss, he continued to press for more rapid payments to a Wilkes-affiliated firm identified in the indictment as "Shell Company No. 1," earning Wilkes's thanks, the document states.

It formally charges the two men — who witnesses have said periodically played poker with lawmakers and others in a rented suite at the Watergate Hotel — with conspiracy to commit honest services fraud and money laundering.

Foggo's attorney, Mark MacDougall, said through an aide yesterday that he had no comment on the indictment. An attorney, previously retained by Foggo, William Hundley, had argued that Foggo had no idea the contracts were benefiting Wilkes, but the indictment says that Foggo deliberately "concealed material facts" from his colleagues at the CIA and used "shell companies and straw men" to hide their role in the contracts.

Wilkes's attorney, Mark Gerasov, called the indictment "unfortunate" and said "we welcome the chance to refute these accusations." He declined to offer a more detailed reply.

CIA Director Michael Hayden, who replaced Goss last May, told employees in a memo Tuesday that they should not to talk about the matter "out of respect for the legal proceedings that are underway, and to ensure the protection of classified information and agency equities." Hayden noted that the allegations against Foggo first surfaced inside the CIA, which he said cooperated closely with the Department of Justice on the probe.

Additional legal troubles Tuesday enveloped Wilkes, a Republican party "Pioneer" who raised more than \$100,000 for President Bush's

re-election in 2004 and donated — in concert with his business colleagues — \$656,396 to 64 other Republican lawmakers and the national Republican party committees in Washington from 1995 through the third quarter of 2005.

A second 25-count indictment disclosed Tuesday in San Diego alleges that Wilkes separately obtained a stream of Defense Department contracts from 1996 to 2004 by providing then-Rep. Cunningham with cash and other bribes valued at more than \$700,000.

Cunningham pleaded guilty in 2005 to taking bribes worth more than \$1 million from Mitchell Wade, a business associate of Wilkes, and drew an eight-year prison sentence. But the second Wilkes indictment contains new details of how Wade and Wilkes allegedly worked together to profit from contracts and how Cunningham — sitting on the Defense Appropriations subcommittee — browbeat defense officials on their behalf.

It said that Wilkes paid a company called Shirlington Limousine to chauffeur Cunningham around Washington. He also financed lavish meals and vacations for Cunningham, flew him around on the company jet, bought him tickets to the Super Bowl, and paid for two prostitutes for the lawmaker on Aug. 15 and 16, 2003, at the Hapuna Beach Prince Hotel in Hawaii.

"Pursuant to Cunningham's request," the indictment states, "Wilkes arranged for the Congressman to get a different prostitute for the second evening."

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## Cats fall to Vols despite 16-point second-half comeback

By Jonathan Smith  
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KNOXVILLE, Tenn. — Against Florida, the UK men's basketball team got down by double digits in the first half and rallied to lose narrowly.

In Knoxville last night, the Cats got down by double digits in the first half and rallied to lose narrowly.

For the second straight game UK dug itself a too-big-to-get-out-of hole early and lost to Tennessee 89-85 in front of 22,320 roaring Volunteer fans.

"We have no consistency through a game," said UK center Randolph Morris. "I would rather us be consistent in one thing than be up and down, up and down, up and down. We have no consistency."

Tennessee built a 16-point lead against UK before the Cats made a huge comeback.

The only difference between the two SEC games is the timing of the Cats' rallies. Against Florida, it came at the end of the first half. Against Tennessee it came midway through the second half.

"We just need to come out in the first half and play the way we do in the second half," said UK freshman guard Derrick Jasper. "I think we just play a lot harder in the second half."

UK was forced to "play a lot harder" because of Tennessee's advantage.

The Cats started out the second half down 10 points, and came out hot, shooting 6-of-8. The run was cut short and UK was still behind eight when Tennessee made 7-13 to start the half.

Twelve of UK's points in the first eight minutes came from senior guard Ramel Bradley. Bradley hit three 3-pointers and converted a three-point play over two Volunteers to keep UK in it. But he was forced to the bench with 11:57 left after he picked up his fourth foul.

When he went out, Joe Crawford stepped up and started UK's mad bulge.

The Volunteers led 68-55 with 9:32 left after a Josh Tabb dunk. Crawford responded by scoring 11 of the Cats next 13 points, capped by a 3-pointer. Crawford crossed Dane Bradshaw over and slid back behind the arc to hit the shot to bring the Cats to within two with 6:23 left.

The stretch was part of an



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Junior guard Joe Crawford attempts to block a layup by Tennessee guard Chris Lofton during the second half of last night's 89-85 loss in Knoxville. Lofton scored 23 points in the game.

18-point half for the junior guard, who said he had to step up when Bradley stepped out.

"I knew I had to do that," Crawford said. "I saw Ramel leave out the game, and I knew I had to put everybody on my shoulders and give everybody some confidence and show that we can win this game."

Derrick Jasper tied the game at 79 with 3:16 remaining, but the Vols scored five of the game's next seven points to lead 84-81.

The Cats turned the ball over on their next two possessions — once when Crawford threw a wayward post pass to Randolph Morris, and the second when Bradley got caught in the air on a 3-point attempt and threw an intercepted bounce pass on his way down.

UK head coach Tubby Smith said both players lost their poise and panicked.

"We've got to find a way to win these games," Smith said. Tennessee managed to find vulnerabilities across UK's defense. In the first half, the Vols scored 18 points on shots all over the court.

Two of the long shots came from Tennessee's Chris Lofton. Lofton, a Maysville native and the Vols' leading scorer, sat out the first meeting against the Cats, a 76-57 UK win. This was his third game back since the injury. He finished with a team-high 23 points, 12 of which came on 3-pointers. His final three points came from the free throw line in the last seconds of the game.

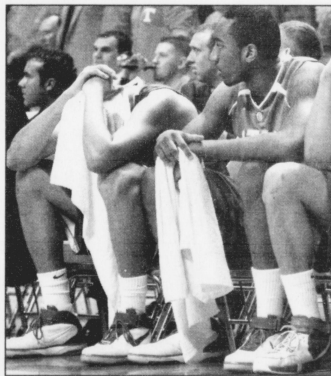
Bradley and Morris both finished with 14 points for the Cats.

Duke Crews had 18 and Wayne Chism had 16 for the Vols. Chism and Crew did most of their damage in the paint, and with Lofton and contributing from outside, the Vols were able to beat the Cats by shooting 49.3 percent from the field.

"We haven't really defended well the last few games," Smith said. "We've got to figure out why we're not containing better, especially in the post."

The Cats also shot the ball well from the field, 56.4 percent, including 66.7 percent in the second half. They still couldn't overcome a 44.1 shooting percent and 11 turnovers in the first half.

"This is the second game in a row that we dug ourselves in a hole and took a mental lapse and turned the ball over and let a couple people get wide open uncontested threes, and you can't do that in this league," Crawford said. "I think that's a little frustrating, because if we never would have gotten in that hole, we never would have been in that predicament."



Freshman point guard Derrick Jasper is forced to the bench after fouling out in the final minutes of last night's loss at Tennessee.

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## Inform students about trans fats, but don't ban them

UK has hopped onto the national trans-fat-ban bandwagon, eliminating the substance from most campus dining facilities. The Kernel reported two weeks ago.

Beginning in the fall semester, all campus restaurants except Chick-Fil-A started cooking with trans-fat-free oils. The UK move is part of a large nationwide effort to reduce or eliminate trans fats from restaurants and other dining establishments.

Trans fats are harmful because they increase the levels of "bad" cholesterol in the bloodstream while lowering the levels of "good" cholesterol, which can lead to hardening of the arteries later in life.

In a state that ranks No. 5 in the country for obesity, it is commendable for UK to seek out a way to improve Kentuckians' diets. However, as we have argued previously, it should be left up to individuals to decide for themselves which foods to eat and which to pass over in

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restaurants both on and off campus. Rather than banning trans fats in its restaurants, UK should provide clear nutritional information for its patrons so they can choose wisely among a variety of healthy and not-so-healthy foods.

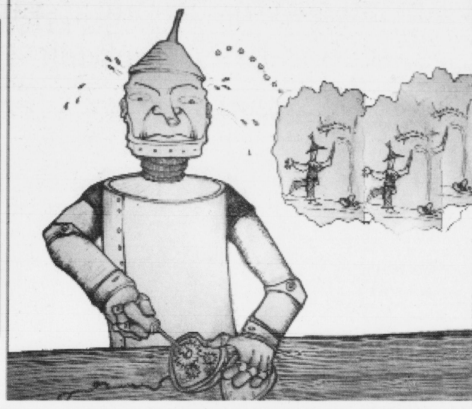
Panera Bread, Taco Bell, Wendy's and KFC have already made the switch to trans-fat-free cooking oils, so perhaps the market is regulating itself regarding trans fats.

If consumers demand trans-fat-free foods, restaurants will provide them — yes, even without government interference in the marketplace.

There is little question that trans fats are a poor nutritional choice. It's also clear that Kentucky does have an obesity problem. The solutions to those problems, however, do not involve government meddling in consumers' diets.

I've tinkered away at his heart, making all the final adjustments. Everything was perfect, yet lurking in the back of his mind were the horrors of last Valentine's Day.

The Rotten I forgot  
by Chris Clark



CHRIS CLARK, Kernel cartoonist

## Secondhand sales won't save students from textbook prices

As textbook prices continue to rise, students seem to be concerned only with blaming someone.

We say the bookstores are at fault for buying books back at unconscionably low prices, but the publishers are to blame for selling them at exorbitant costs in the first place. We blame professors



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for assigning costly textbooks and UK for not posting ISBN numbers online. Strangely enough, we never blame ourselves for driving up textbook prices. Maybe we should. In a Feb. 2 Inside Higher Ed story, University of Texas business instructor Michael Brandl makes an intuitive argument for why used-book sales have helped drive prices so high.

There are a certain number of "fixed costs" to writing a textbook — such as paying the writers, editors and designers — that are the same regardless of how many books are sold. Used sales drive down the number of books sold, meaning that each book printed must bear a higher proportion of the total fixed costs, according to Brandl. Used books may seem cost-effective, but they're part of the reason texts are so expensive in the first place.

I don't mean to suggest that we should buy only new books in a collective effort to bring prices back down — it's unlikely the market would respond to the change before we graduate.

But it's clear that we need something more than a simplistic solution to alleviate the pain of high book prices. Buying books online and mandating that professors assign old editions of books are not viable long-term methods of reducing textbook prices.

Systemic change is necessary for textbook prices to drop — namely, the textbook industry must adopt an open-source method of writing and distribution, similar to the open-source movement in the software world.

Open-source textbook publishing can take many forms — written collaboratively (like Wikipedia) or individually, for instance — but the essential feature is the absence of strong copyright protection. Books released under an open-source license can be downloaded for free online (or printed for the standard photocopy price), and instructors who use the book can redistribute it with their own modifications.

K-12 education administrators in California have already started a project to use open-source textbooks to cut costs and improve educational quality there. The California Open Source Textbook Project seeks to cut the cost of making textbooks and stem the shortage of books in that

state's public schools, according to its Web site ([www.opensourcetext.org](http://www.opensourcetext.org)).

Such a project needs to take place on a national level for higher education. The main problem will be getting the funding necessary to set up resources and reimburse contributors for their time. That's easier in the case of K-12 education, in which taxpayers themselves, instead of powerless college students, have to foot the textbook bill.

That's why universities — collectively, not just individual institutions — need to take the initiative to promote open-source textbooks. Putting money toward these projects may increase costs in the short term, but in time they will pay off, as students will have to put less money toward unfairly priced books.

The federal government would also have an interest in motivating systemic change in the textbook market. As the price of textbooks skyrockets, attending college becomes unaffordable for even more students, meaning that fewer highly educated workers are entering the economy. Keeping the cost of college low is a public good worthy of federal support — and funding open-source books will be a more effective use of money than simply subsidizing the publishing industry.

It will certainly do more to bring down book prices than the current tendency toward finger-pointing does.

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## Depression screening will help those feeling the Valentine's blues

The UK Counseling and Testing Center will be holding free testing for depression tomorrow in the front hallway of UK's W.T. Young library.

The screening is done annually. This year, though, it was strategically scheduled immediately after Valentine's Day.

The problem this year might be that an unusually high number of students might show up to the depression screening with temporary depression, seeing as they've just spent a cold and lonely night dreaming of the kind of candlelight dinner his or her roommate and had with a flaming-hot date on the Day

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of Love.

The Counseling and Testing Center describes depression as when one is feeling "blue."

Symptoms for depression include feeling down, being irritable with others, avoiding friends, having trouble sleeping, losing or gaining weight, lacking motivation, crying often, and thinking about suicide, according to the center.

If you have any of these symptoms, please get a free depression screening in the library's University Avenue hallway between 10 a.m. and 3 p.m. tomorrow.

## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

### UK should help out-of-state students too

There has been plenty of focus on the new scholarships available for students from Kentucky. I'm sure I speak for some out-of-state students when I ask, "What about us?" Remember us — the ones who add diversity to the school!

For a university that strives to be diverse, it does not seem very concerned about the lack of effort made to make UK affordable for out-of-state students. Out-of-state students barely make up a fifth of the undergraduate population.

"We must be top-20 in all that we do," UK President Lee Todd has said in regard to the new scholarships. I'm assuming that applies to diversity as well as financial aid available to students. I hope that there will be more scholarships available for out-of-state students as well. There are plenty of students who want to attend UK — it is a great school — but who simply cannot afford to leave their home state.

Ali Cicerchi  
Journalism freshman

### Pedestrian law would save lives

This letter is commenting on Megan Vazmina's Feb. 12 column, "Government shouldn't protect us from our own stupidity."

I believe this article is a bit excessive. Anything that helps save lives is not stupidity. Yes, people have the right to listen to their iPods and talk on the phone, but if the law banning their use while crossing the street were to pass, I believe it would do no harm.

Police officers wouldn't patrol the city looking for offenders, but if they happened to see an offender, they could legally cite the individual. This could save the individual's life and promote safety around the city.

When I drive around UK, I see people all time crossing the street with no regard to cars. It's as if people don't realize that they can be killed by a car. They just stroll right along, listening to their iPods and paying no attention.

The proposed law could promote awareness and possibly save a life. I definitely would not be opposed to it.

Nick Rhodes  
Undeclared freshman

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## I was no UK basketball fan — until I sat in the eRupption Zone

First, I have to get this out in to the open: Even though I go to UK, I am a University of North Carolina fan. But this weekend almost changed that.

It all started last week when I went to the last lottery of the year. A few friends and I decided that since it was the last lottery, it wouldn't hurt to go and the worst-case scenario was that we would get bad seats but still get to see the



BRYAN KENNEDY  
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game. As luck has it, I got lucky and was in the sixth group called. When I bought my tickets, I decided I might as well take it all in by sitting in the eRupption Zone. This was the beginning of an experience I would never forget.

Saturday morning was ESPN College GameDay, and that was just amazing. Seeing Jay Bilas, Digger Phelps, Hubert Davis and Kece Davis was definitely incredible, but that was only the start of an amazing day. Shortly after GameDay, I found out that I was going to have to stand in line all day to get good seats in the eRupption Zone. A couple of hours in, I started to think I had made a terrible mistake. But after standing in line for a while, I struck up a conversation with a group of people in front of me; by the end of

the night my friend, this group and I all became pretty good friends.

Seven hours later, after standing in line all day, we were finally let into Rupp. After a little pushing and shoving, we entered the eRupption Zone and took our places to cheer on the Cats. At this point, I still wasn't too impressed — yes, Rupp Arena is nice, but when there are not many people there, its true effect is not felt. Then fans started to pour in.

As all the fans started to put on their shirts, a sea of blue and white was starting to form. I hate Florida just as much as everyone else, but seeing Joakim Noah was pretty cool, and after seeing the rest of the starting five including Corey Brewer, I was starting to get a little bit more excited. On TV players look big, but in person it's truly amazing. Players from both teams looked like giants playing basketball, sort of reminiscent of the Monsters from Space Jam.

Needless to say, as soon as the player announcements started, the roar of the crowd was amazing. At this point my feelings for UK basketball started to change slightly, but the game hadn't begun yet. The tip-off, I must say, set into motion an amazing night.

Even though Florida started the game on a run, the crowd was ridiculously loud — and at the end of game, especially when we kept getting closer, Rupp Arena was truly rocking.

And for some reason, a few minutes into the game, I was starting to

cheer for UK, I actually wanted the Cats to win. It's amazing how the atmosphere of a single place can pull you in. By the end of the game, I was coughing — I couldn't believe that I was starting to actually lose my voice from cheering — and my knees were starting to hurt from jumping up and down.

If you had asked me before the game what I felt about it, I would have told you that I wanted UK to win — not because I liked the Cats, but so UNC would move back into first place. After the game, if you would have talked to me, you would have seen that I was mad — not because Florida won, but because UK lost.

I can't believe that I'm saying this, but on Feb. 10, 2007, I almost became a UK fan. If UK had won, who knows what I'd be doing now? Maybe you'd run into me wearing UK gear and singing the fight song.

Non-fans, stop holding back. Go to a game and experience Rupp Arena in its entirety. You might just change your mind on how you feel about UK basketball.

For now, I'm just going to hold on to my Georgia and LSU eRupption Zone tickets and see if another experience like this one could totally change me. Until then, I will still be wearing my navy and baby-blue socks supporting the Tar Heels.

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# Cat's poor defensive effort costs them

KNOXVILLE, Tenn. — The surprising thing was that it was as close as it was.

Playing the toughest game on their schedule — more on that in a minute — UK rallied from a 16-point second-half deficit to tie the game, only to watch Tennessee escape in the final three minutes. The game had all the ingredients of a defining win for the Cats — what with Joe Crawford nailing big shot after big shot down the stretch as UK stormed back to tie the game on a Derrick Jasper stickback with 3:16 to play.

But there was one problem: UK couldn't stop Tennessee.

Time after time as the Cats pulled close to the Vols in the closing minutes, UT found big men Wayne Chism and Duke Crews in the post. Ten of UT's last 11 baskets were dunks or layups. Chism and Crews combined for 34 points.

"We were just not being aggressive," junior center Randolph Morris said. "We were allowing the ball in too easily."

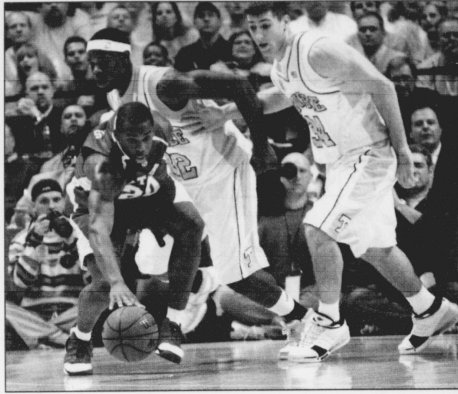
But it was more than that. Defensive lapses plagued the Cats throughout the game. In the first half — and early in the second, when Tennessee expanded its lead — UK was unable to stop UT's dribble penetration. That led to easy baskets or wide-open looks on 3-pointers.

"We've been working on trying to stop dribble penetration a lot this week," head coach Tubby Smith said.

Back to the drawing board on that one. Then, when UK did just enough on the defensive end to erase the deficit, another problem emerged: UK couldn't handle the ball.

After turning it over 11 times in the first half, the Cats had three crucial giveaways in the final minutes that allowed the Vols to pull away. On the road, against an offense as explosive as UT's, you can't give possessions away.

"We were pretty careless with the ball," Smith said. "We just threw the ball away without them forcing us at all."



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Freshman guard Jodie Meeks recovers a loose ball during last night's 89-85 loss against the Volunteers.

Lackadaisical defense and sloppy ball-handling usually equate to one result: a loss. Add on the fact that UK had to travel to amped-up Thompson-Boling Arena less than 72 hours after the draining loss against No. 1 Florida and it's amazing that the Cats had a chance to win.

The only reason that chance existed was because Joe Crawford finally emerged as a player with go-to ability. After Ramel Bradley (what was he doing on that pump-fake-pass-thing in the final minute, anyway?) got into foul trouble, Crawford decided to step up.

"I knew it was either now or nothing and I was going to have to put everybody on my shoulders," Crawford said.

Aside from the fact that he seamlessly meshed two of the most tired clichés in sports into one fluid sentence, Crawford is

right. "That's something I'm capable of doing," he said.

Right again, Joe. And that's something he'll have to do if the Cats are going to make any run in March, or even if the Cats are going to make it through this brutal February stretch.

More importantly, however, UK has to find a way to stop people.

"We haven't really defended well in the last few games and we've got to figure out what it is," Smith said. "We weren't really defending at all (tonight)."

When you don't defend and give the ball away, you don't win.

And usually, you don't even keep it close.

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