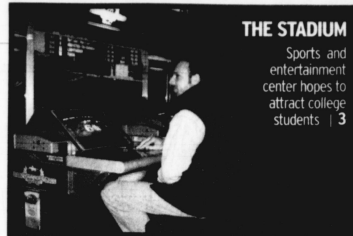


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## Budget cuts could be 'devastating' to LCC

**Education:** LCC's president says funding cuts could hurt progress as enrollment continues to rise each year

By Matthew Townner  
STAFF WRITER

The possibility of a 9 percent cut in higher education funding means more troubles for Lexington Com-

munity College as it struggles with too many students and too little money.

LCC President Jim Kerley said the latest round of cuts could severely hinder future growth and expansion.

"I don't know how far we can keep growing," he said. "If we were to have another 9 percent cut, it would be devastating to our progress."

Among its 18 benchmark institutions, LCC ranks last in funding, partially because of rapidly increasing enrollment, which is now above 8,000. The school has an allot-

ment of \$3,679 for each full-time student. In contrast, LCC's benchmarks spend an average of \$6,818 per full-time student.

Despite the funding and space challenges, the college's enrollment rose approximately 7 percent again this semester, according to LCC officials.

"We've always been low on the funding end," said Krista Whitaker, LCC's resource development coordinator. "But there are definitely more challenges ahead."

Whitaker said that it is too early to forecast what impact the cuts would have.

Kerley said LCC might not be able to offer a full

complement of classes. Other potential areas for cuts include travel or equipment expenses.

LCC was already planning an 8 percent tuition increase next year even before the latest rumblings in Frankfort.

The college will also continue to offer a full

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### THE NATION

#### Powell presents U.S. intelligence about weapons

Report includes pictures, recordings and sources

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**UNITED NATIONS** — The intelligence information, in the U.S. view, is damning: Satellite images of almost 30 suspected weapons sites "being cleaned up before UN inspectors arrived. Intercepted phone conversations that suggest Iraqi officers were hiding evidence from inspectors. Reports that biological weapons are already in the field.

Disclosing intelligence gathered by the government, Secretary of State Colin Powell, with CIA Director George J. Tenet at his side, laid out some of the specific reports that drive President Bush's case against Iraq.

The bottom line: The government of Saddam Hussein is manufacturing prohibited biological and chemical weapons, seeking nuclear weapons and long-range missiles and maintaining contacts with terrorists, including those linked to al-Qaida.

Key to Powell's presentation Wednesday were satellite pictures and intercepted telephone conversations that he said showed Baghdad cleaning up suspected weapons sites in the days before inspectors were to show up.

Iraqi officials dismissed Powell's presentation as a collection of "stunts," "special effects" and "unknown sources."

The release of such specific intelligence — and, in some cases, details about whom it came from — is extremely rare. Officials said they worried Saddam's security agencies may be able to identify the turncoats who provided intelligence to the United States or its allies. However, they said steps were taken to prevent this.

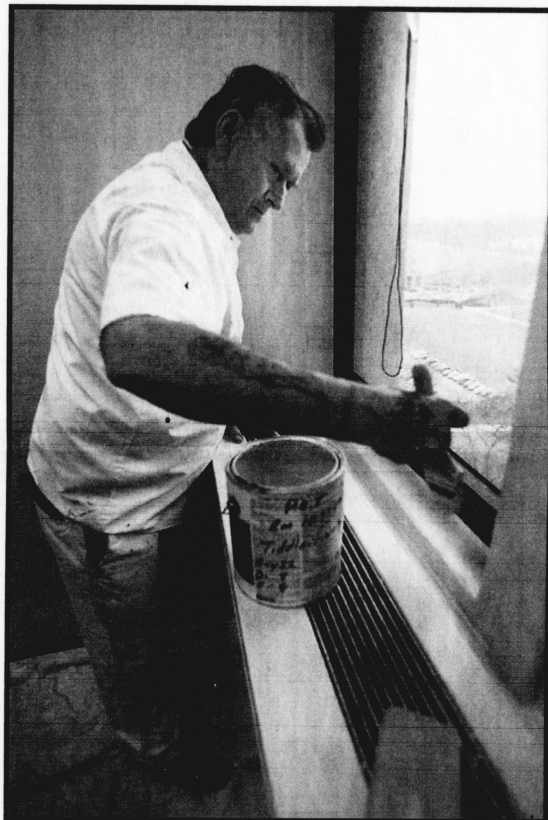
Powell described some sources as "people who have risked their lives to let the world know what Saddam Hussein is really up to."

Almost unheard of is the playing of intercepted communications. Those recordings undoubtedly alerted those Iraqi military officers that their communications had been monitored.

Of the audio recordings, captured by the National Security Agency, one was a purported discussion between two Iraqi officers about hiding prohibited vehicles from weapons inspectors.

Another deal with removing a reference to nerve

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#### Refresher course

Sam Roe of the UK Physical Plant Division paint shop paints the interior of a tenth-floor office in the Patterson Office Tower with the color: liddley wink. "It's a bright color," he said of the paint. Roe said painters will probably be working in the office tower all winter.

## Bon voyage, beige: UK gets a color infusion

**Color theory:** Faculty choose from hundreds of shades to revamp offices on campus

By Jennifer Mueller  
STAFF WRITER

Why paint your room eggplant or lavender when you can get Grape Flizz or Moonlit Orchid? And if you want to stick with a neutral, why not try Dried Mushroom, Tudor Minstrel or Burnt Toast?

Then there's Pond Lily, Moonbeam Warrior, Otello... Choices, choices, choices.

This is the predicament facing the professors at Patterson Office Tower over the past few months: What splash of color would look best on their walls?

The paint department at the Physical Plant Division on campus has been busy with its paint maintenance project, which occurs once every 10 years. The pro-

ject, which began on the 17th floor, is currently down to the 10th and 11th floors of POT. This year, instead of the usual eight industrial neutrals, faculty and staff have hundreds of choices.

Gloria Allaire, an Italian professor, chose to have her office painted Swiss Chard, a light, creamy green. "It's cool to get your office painted," she said. "I think green is a very tranquil color."

Allaire said she had always wanted to get her office painted a soft green because of her experiences in the theatre.

"In the theatre, star performers have a green room to relax before performances," she said. "I always liked that idea."

Richard Leuken, the assis-

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### BLACK HISTORY MONTH 2003

#### SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

Thursday, Feb. 6:

"Crafting a Cinema of Words: 30 Years, a Poet," Nikky Finney, professor of English and author of "The World is Round," 5 p.m., 230 Student Center.

This is part of the UK Carter G. Woodson Lectures Series, sponsored by the UK African American Studies and Research Program.

Saturday, Feb. 8:

"Ethnic Heritage Ensemble," 7 p.m., UK Worsham Theatre.

This Chicago-based, world-renowned musical ensemble will perform innovative music that fuses traditional African rhythm and modern African American musical expression. It's sponsored by the Martin Luther King Jr. Cultural Center, the Arts Action Collective, the Jazz Arts Foundation, WRFL and UK SAB.

Wednesday, Feb. 12 - March 5:

Wednesday, March 5, 11 a.m. to 2 p.m., Martin Luther King Jr. Cultural Center. Four films by Oscar Micheaux, the first African-American film maker.

*Body and Soul* will show on Feb. 12, *Lying Lips* on Feb. 19, *Murder in Harlem* on Feb. 26, and *Girl from Chicago* on March 5.

Thursday, Feb. 13:

"African-American Resilience: Coping with Hard Times," Clarendia Phillips, professor of sociology, Morehead State University, 5 p.m., 230 UK Student Center.

The presentation is part of the UK Carter G. Woodson Lectures Series, sponsored by the UK African American Studies and Research Program.

Monday, Feb. 17 - Monday, Feb. 24:

*Eyes on the Prize*, noon (and repeats), UK Martin Luther King Jr. Cultural Center. This series is a continuation to the award-winning, six-part television documentary on the Civil Rights Movement. *The Time has Come (1964-1965)* on Feb. 17, *Two Societies (1965-1968)* on Feb. 18, *Ain't Gonna Shuffle No More (1964-1972)* on Feb. 19, *The Promised Land (1967-1968)* on Feb. 20, *The Keys to the Kingdom (1974-1980)* on Feb. 21, and *Back to the Movement (1979-Mid 80s)* on Feb. 24.

Tuesday, Feb. 18:

"Living in the Bluegrass: An Historical Look at the African-American Experience in Lexington, Kentucky," Gerald Smith, associate professor of history and director of the UK African American Studies and Research program, 4 p.m., 206 UK Student Center. The lecture/slide presentation is sponsored by the Martin Luther King Jr. Cultural Center and the Black Student Union.

Tuesday, Feb. 25:

Presentation, Jenoyne Adams, author of "Resurrecting Mingus" and "Selah's Bed," and Michael Datcher, author of "Raising Fences," 7 p.m., Worsham Theatre, UK Student Center.

These two celebrated New York Times best-selling authors will offer presentations based on their literary work and life experience. Admission is free.

The event is sponsored by UK Student Activities Board, UK Martin Luther King Jr. Cultural Center, and the UK African American Studies and Research Program.

Thursday, March 6:

"Race and the Death Penalty in the 21st Century," Roberta M. Harding, a professor at the UK College of Law, 5 p.m., 230 UK Student Center.

The lecture is sponsored by the UK Martin Luther King Jr. Cultural Center and the Black Student Union.

Also, UKTV will air the rebroadcast of the annual Martin Luther King Jr. Celebration program held in Lexington on Jan. 20, 2003. The two-hour special will be shown on UK Channel 19 at 8 p.m. on the following Tuesdays: Feb. 4, 11, 18 and 25 and at noon on the following Sundays: Feb. 2, 9, 16 and 23.

For more information on individual events, contact the respective sponsors: Martin Luther King Jr. Cultural Center at 257-4130 or 323-1561 and the African American Student Affairs Office at 257-5641.

# Annual award recognizes work 'beyond academics'

**Honor: Faculty, staff and students can nominate peers for Sullivan Award, which honors heart, mind, conduct**

**By April Eaves**  
CONTRIBUTING WRITER

Many students may overlook the importance of nominating their peers for the Sullivan Award, which embodies 75 years of tradition at UK.

However, one of the 2002 Sullivan award winners says this award is unlike any other: "This is the first time I have seen an award given based on their (students') character, and who they are," said Amanda Holloway, who was an English major at UK.

"This is a time for students to give a friend a gift of honor for their service," she said. But many students don't know much about the award. Busola Adeagbo, a junior elementary education major, said she couldn't find the applications.

"I would nominate someone for the Sullivan Award if the applications were more accessible," she said.

Each year, one undergraduate male and female of the graduating class, along with a person who is not a student of the university, is eligible to receive the Sullivan Award.

The winners of the award receive a medalion and certificate at May commencement.

According to the Sullivan award Web site, the committee is looking for individuals who possess "such characteristics of heart, mind, and conduct as evince a spirit of love for and helpfulness to other men and women."

Faculty, staff and students are encouraged to nominate individuals who devote time to others through ser-

vice. "The award is beyond academics — it's the efforts that the person has done to improve the lives of others," said Carol Elam, chairwoman of the 2003 Sullivan Awards Committee.

Previous recipients include Louisville Courier-Journal publisher Barry Bingham and former UK basketball player Jeff Sheppard. But you don't have to be a distinguished publisher or superb athlete to be eligible for the Sullivan Award.

"There are a lot of people that need to be recognized for their hard work and community service," said Barhonda Dickerson, vice president of Black Student Union.

### To nominate

Applications are available at [www.uky.edu/SullivanAward/welcome.htm](http://www.uky.edu/SullivanAward/welcome.htm). The application deadline is Wednesday, March 19, 2003 by 4:30 p.m.

LCC are already experiencing some financial strain, meaning another cut could be particularly damaging. Robin Gornito, coordinator of LCC's Dental Lab Technology Program said her department has changed its operations in response to the existing financial woes.

"We've had to adjust the curriculum and drop some projects already," she said. Gornito said that medical programs with added equipment expenses tend to experience the crunch more than general education programs.

Whitaker said that other programs, such as nursing, could face similar difficulties if the administration chooses to cut funding in academic programs.

Erla Mowbray, the nursing program coordinator,

said that until any legislation is passed, she will remain optimistic.

"We've always been able to fund our program, and we're still hopeful the cuts won't be needed," she said. "But we'll deal with whatever comes our way."

Kerley said other states, including Oregon and Connecticut are facing similar problems. Whitaker stressed that LCC is not the only institution facing an uphill battle.

"We're in the same situation as the university as a whole," she said.

Kerley agreed and said he will continue working with the deans council and division chairs so that the school's mission of giving everybody access to higher education can be upheld.

## IRAQ

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agents from written instructions. In a third, the officers discuss "forbidden ammo."

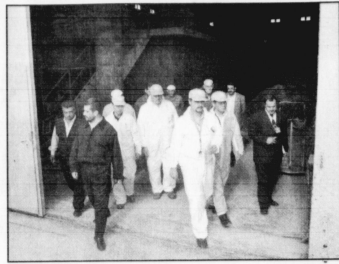
The evidence is, at its roots, made up of pictures taken from orbit of trucks and buildings, recordings of suspicious words between Iraqi military officers and reports from human sources that Powell generally did not identify.

Taken together, they form a conclusive picture, American officials say.

Powell also said this is only part of the intelligence the government has collected.

Powell detailed intelligence that purports to link Saddam to supporters of al-Qaida. Post-Sept. 11, the alleged links center on a Jordanian named Abu Musab Zarqawi, whom U.S. officials describe as affiliated with Osama bin Laden.

Zarqawi left Afghanistan after the Sept. 11 attacks and has traveled to Iran, Iraq and Syria. He spent two months in Baghdad last spring and summer receiving medical treatment, Powell said.



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**U.N. weapons inspectors wearing protective clothing and Iraqi workers leave a shed at the al-Doura station for water purification in Baghdad, Iraq, Tuesday. In a busy day across Iraq, arms monitors checked 10 missile, chemical and other potential weapons production sites Tuesday, as U.S. diplomatic pressure mounted to possibly cut short the U.N. inspection plans.**

He has left, but followers remain in the city with Saddam's apparent consent, Powell said.

Zarqawi is tied to the assassination of a U.S. diplomat last year, and the attempted bombing of a tourist hotel in Jordan during millennium celebrations.

Zarqawi's group is also tied to a network of extremists recently arrested in Europe, Powell said.

Powell also alleged that

Iraq had maintained ties to al-Qaida before Sept. 11 through Iraq's embassy in Pakistan.

He said there is some evidence of a longstanding non-aggression pact between bin Laden and Saddam.

Unlike his allegations of Iraqi weapons programs, he did not offer sources for much of this information, although he said some came from al-Qaida detainees.

## LCC

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time to seek outside grants to help fund special projects. Amy Kolasa, LCC's external grant coordinator, said any new grants would not replace any money the school stands to lose from the cuts, though.

"Our budget has been pretty stretched already so we have always had to be looking for different ways to raise money to provide programs for the students," she said.

Some costly programs at

pleased with."

Leuken said more colors are offered this year to please the faculty and staff of the university. "It's keeping up with the times and increasing customer satisfaction," said Leuken.

Several buildings on campus are involved in the paint maintenance project, he said. While professors can choose to paint their offices a variety of colors, hallways, corridors, stairwells and restrooms are kept to the same eight basic colors in case touchups are necessary.

Allaire said the worst part of the process was

packing up all her books and belongings, which was "sheer horror," though she did anyway.

"We live here practically," she said. "Why wouldn't you want to paint it?"

She said some people didn't even bother to get their rooms painted because of the bother of clearing out their offices.

Greg Waller, the English department chairman, is responsible for brightening up the 12th floor lobby with a loud purple.

"It liven's things up a bit," Waller said. "I think the floors ought to be identifiable."

## PAINT

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tant superintendent of the paint department, said that the colors picked most often are pastels, especially peaches, pinks and yellows.

"The majority are staying with neutrals because of the size of the offices," Leuken said. "It's nice to have something that is eye appealing and that you're

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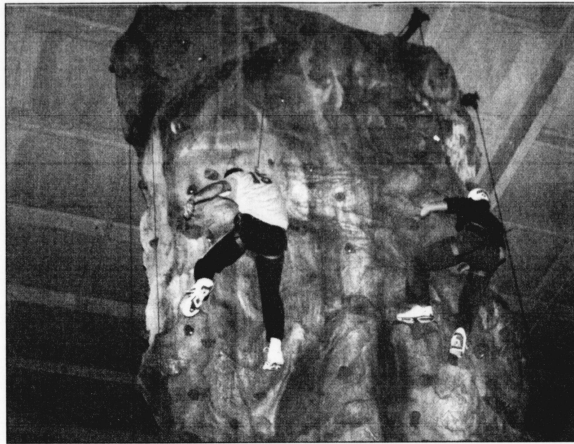
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# Stadium offers games, exercise and food

**Too high ...**  
Adam Stevens and Lester Rogers, seniors at Tates Creek High School, climb the rock wall at The Stadium.



**Fun times:** Owners designed entertainment center with teenagers and college students in mind

By Steve Jones  
STAFF WRITER

Bars are not the only place where college students can have a good time.

At least that's the opinion the people behind Lexington's newest sports and entertainment business, The Stadium, are banking on.

The Stadium, which is located on Sporting Court off Reynolds Road, is a 50,000-square-foot facility with a near endless list of games and attractions that owners hope will attract college students.

Customers can try their hands at the glow-in-the-dark bowling alleys, arcade, 36-foot climbing wall, two-level Laser Tag room, 3-on-3 basketball court, or eat at the restaurant.

One thing The Stadium does not offer is alcohol — a fact managers hope will not shoo away young adults looking to have a good time.

First impressions may lead UK's savvy patrons of over-21 bars such as Two Keys, Varsity Blue and Kitty O'Shea's to shun The Stadium as being too geared to

families and a "too wholesome."

With that in mind, Stadium representatives said they intentionally designed their business to cater more to teenagers and adults, not to young children the way similarly themed variety restaurants like Chuck E. Cheese's and Gatti-Town do.

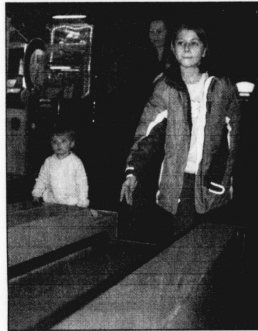
"I really don't want people to get the impression that this is just another Chuck E. Cheese's," said Tammy Morgan, The Stadium's marketing director. "If college students come in here, they're not going to see kids jumping around in balls."

Morgan said she's confident that any college-age student would have fun if they came to The Stadium. She suggested it would make a good place to bring a date or a group of friends.

"Gatti-Town is a place I may want to take my niece or nephew, but The Stadium is a place I would like to go with my husband," Morgan said.

Morgan said all of The Stadium's games are geared toward group competition in which customers can play

Haleigh Schmediger along with her mom and baby sister play a competitive game of Skee-ball.



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against their friends. She cited a virtual horseshoeing game where several players race each other as "addictive" to The Stadium's most frequent visitors.

Admission is free, but customers must purchase and add money to an all-purpose credit card to play for games and buy food at the Mancino's restaurant in the building.

Morgan said to attract more UK students, The Stadium is now sponsoring "\$2 Tuesdays," a promotion on Tuesdays where games such as Laser Tag and bowling will be discounted to \$2 for students with a valid ID.

"We knew going in that it wasn't going to be the typical Saturday hangout for students (who usually go out to the bars), but if a student wants something to do on a Tuesday, I guarantee they'll have a good time," Morgan said.

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**MEETINGS**  
\*Institute of Religion: History of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, 10:00-12:00pm, UK Medical Building 3rd Floor  
\*Deviotions & Lunch, 12:00pm, 428 Columbia Ave. \$1.00  
\*Freshman Focus, 7:30pm, Baptist Student Union  
\*Conversational English Class, 7:30pm, Baptist Student Union  
\*Symphony, 8:00pm, CBE Building  
\*Amnesty International Meeting, 7:00pm, Student Center, Rm. 228  
\*MEA Meeting, 8:00pm, Dickey Hall, Rm. 109

**ACADEMIC**  
\*MEA Minority Educators Association, 5:00pm, Dickey Hall, faculty lounge Rm. 109  
\*Interviewing Skills, 3:30-4:30pm, Career Center

**SPORTS**  
\*UK Shin-Dō Karate Club, 5-6:30pm, Alumni Gym Loft  
\*Women's Rugby Practice, 4:45-7:00pm, Rugby Pitch  
\*Ham Radio License Training Class, 7:00-9:00pm, Chem-Physics Building, Rm. 163, Free!

**SPECIAL EVENTS**  
\*Phat Car Show April 12th, 2003, Currently accepting applications online at: [www.phatcarshow.com](http://www.phatcarshow.com)  
\*Phi Sigma Psi Honor Fraternity Rush, 8:00pm, Commons Market, Rm. 307

**EXTRAMURALS/RECREATION**  
\*Self Defense/Kempo classes, 6:30-8:00pm, Alumni Gym Loft, Free! No experience needed.

**MEETINGS**  
\*Revival Bible Study, 7:00pm, Student Center, Rm. 245 FREE!

**ACADEMIC**  
\*Heritage Quiz Bowl, 11:00am-1:00pm, Student Center Bridge

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\*AILEY B, 8:00pm, Singletary Center for the Arts, UKLCC  
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\*La Residence française, 5-6pm, Keeneland Hall

**SPORTS**  
\*The Kwon Do practice, 5:30-7:00pm, Alumni Gym Loft

**SPORTS**  
\*UK Hockey Game vs. Xavier, Midnight, Lexington Ice Center, 8:30 at the door  
\*UK Men's Basketball Game vs. Mississippi, 3:00pm, Oxford Mississippi  
\*The Kwon Do practice, 11:00am-12:30pm, Alumni Gym Loft

**SPECIAL EVENTS**  
\*Designer And the Wolf Revisited, 7:00pm, Student Center, Theatre, Free Admission and Refreshments

**EXTRAMURALS/RECREATION**  
\*Self Defense/Kempo class, 3:00-5:00pm, Alumni Gym Loft, Free! No experience needed.

**MEETINGS**  
\*International Student Bible Study, 6:30pm, Baptist Student Union  
\*Alpha Kappa Psi Executive Board Meeting, 7:00pm, Student Center, Rm. 203

**SPECIAL EVENTS**  
\*Underground Awakening Concert Ari Heat and the Schwers with the Orange, 8:00pm, Memorial Hall, Tickets are \$7.00 for students. Students can purchase tickets at the Student Center Ticket Office

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## Statements on wall reinforce stereotype

It's frustrating when people treat college students like immature, irresponsible hooligans. But it's even more frustrating when college students live up to that stereotype.

Last week, a three-panel display was set up in the Patterson Office Tower courtyard. Set up by UK's "Relay for Life" committee, it was intended to be a "Wall of Memories and Honor." Every spring, "Relay for Life" raises money and awareness about breast cancer research.

But the display was turned into a mockery. Though some wrote serious comments, others defaced the wall with curse words, critiques of professors and criticisms of Hal Mumme. One person even had the gall to write "cancer is evolution."

Obviously, such actions were disrespectful — both to the organizers of Relay for Life and those affected by cancer. Breast cancer is a debilitating disease that killed ap-

proximately 600 women in Kentucky this year alone, according to American Cancer Society estimates. The ACS also estimates that 3,100 new cases of breast cancer were diagnosed among Kentucky women in 2002.

This isn't a joking matter. One person shared their personal story on the wall after viewing the graffiti: "I'm 21 and may not see 30 because of breast cancer. Life is not a joke, and neither is this."

All too often, legislators and administrators try to deal with college students like children — whether through restrictive visitation policies, bans against smoking or prohibitions on cell phone use. Students have a right to stand up to this kind of treatment. But, if they want their opinions to be taken seriously, they also have an obligation to refrain from childish behavior.

### ATTENTION CAMPUS LEADERS!!

The Dialogue page is seeking submissions from leaders throughout the UK campus and community. If you are involved in any type of organization that deals with UK students and would like a chance to reach 30,000 readers, we want to hear from you. Send us an e-mail at [dialogue@kykernel.com](mailto:dialogue@kykernel.com)

BOBBY WHITT  
ANTHROPOLOGY SENIOR

"If Blevins truly believes in the validity of the trickle down theory ... allow me to suggest other avenues of inspiration: The story of Hansel and Gretel."

## We have genius here to make the world better

I came to ancient Greece, I saw Lexington wiped off a statistical map, and I nearly conquered a Philly cheese steak. Is this a great country or what?

The Citizen Kentucky project got me a ticket stamped for Philadelphia last month for a weekend exercise in American democracy that peaked with a two-hour live broadcast hosted by PBS's Jim Lehrer. It was the official start of a year-long project called "By the People" examining America's role in the world.

In ancient Greece, people were chosen in a lottery to serve as citizens for deliberation on how to resolve public concerns. In Philadelphia, a statistically significant sample of Americans over 18 were brought together to deliberate on American foreign policy issues, ranging from Iraq and North Korea to global warming and AIDS.

America has become the greatest world power since the Roman Empire, and when you combine military, economic and cultural influences with the mass media, the world may have never seen any nation more powerful. Yet Americans, like you and me, are feel-



Buck Ryan  
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF  
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ing vulnerable. It's a great time for a nation to talk to itself. A century from now, as one delegate asked, will we be known as the people who created the largest missile or the ones who created the greatest world?

Neither I nor anyone from Lexington was chosen for the Kentucky delegation. That honor went statistically to four people from Louisville, one from Monticello and one from Jackson. I was handed press credentials and served as an observer. I guess that's how they decided to deal with a professor who sees the newspaper as an educational forum. As Yogi Berra once said, "You can observe a lot just by watching."

If this truly was, as the organizers put it, "a poll with a human face," then I assure you that we the people of the United States are aging gracefully, are largely diverse and are just plain large. It took former national security adviser Zbigniew Brzezinski to suggest that we might address world hunger by dealing with America's obesity problem at the same time. That's when I had second thoughts about the cheese steak.

Are foreign policy issues too complex for average Americans?

"You know I probably would have said yes, but my experience this morning makes me think otherwise," Brzezinski said. "I was told, I hope that's true, that you are really a

cross-section of the American public. If you are, you're damn good."

The crowd went wild (well, nothing like the Eagles fans). But there in a flash was evidence of genius in common citizens. Rising on a cloud before me was Thomas Jefferson holding hands with John Dewey, Eleanor Roosevelt and W. Edwards Deming. Funny things can happen when you're asked to sit for two hours straight with cameras blinking.

That cloud, of course, transported me back to the 175 people who attended our Citizen Kentucky forums, before and after the Lexington mayoral election, on the future of Lexington. They were organized with the help of my Freshman Discovery Seminar class, and, you bet, that same genius is here among our students.

The nice thing about Lexington is that you can sit right next to Mayor Teresa Isaac or Urban County Councilman Paul Brooks, as students did on Dec. 17 at KET's Visitors Center and talk about our own world. We will follow up with smaller group discussions on issues including day-care center collaborations with retirement villages and creative ways to enrich the lives and tap the energies of young people from 12 to 20.

The morning I left for Philadelphia, I attended a Lexington Forum breakfast at the University of Kentucky's faculty club to hear

our new vice mayor, Mike Scanlon, speak. I can only imagine the 18th-century feeling in Philadelphia's City Tavern when a man of commerce stood up to talk about public service. Scanlon called for a quiet revolution to start with transparency in city hall's budget so he, for one, can see what money from which source is spent where.

Then he did something you don't often see. For those of you turned off by the cynicism of dead-end politics, take note. For those of you confused like the delegate in Philadelphia who said, "The only power I have is my vote," listen up.

He asked people to step forward and help. It is a simple belief, one tested in Philadelphia in 1776, and it works for this campus, our city and our world. It is the belief that people may be closer to solutions because they are closer to problems and, after all, little can get done without their help anyway.

Onward, Citizen Kentucky team, let's help. After all, isn't Lexington the Athens of the West?

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## Sgroi fights on, off ice

**Danger:** Hockey player trained in six fighting styles, but prefers to only use his fists in games

By Jeff Patterson  
STAFF WRITER

Note to self: Don't mess with Mike Sgroi.

The Lexington Men O' War forward may be the most dangerous man in minor league hockey. Standing at six foot five inches tall and weighing 210 pounds, Sgroi is one imposing player, but he's dangerous for other reasons.

Sgroi is a seasoned fighter in several styles. He is trained in Brazilian jujitsu, Shodokan, boxing, kickboxing, free-style fighting, and Wu Shu fighting. But his favorite fighting style is the Tough Man Competition.

"I love that last man standing-style," Sgroi said. Sgroi, 24, has been fighting for six years and has amassed a stellar 88-1 record in that time. His lone loss came against an old retired boxer, with a "head like a brick," that he had already defeated. The match went to a decision and the underdog won the decision. Sgroi still is upset over the call.



Sgroi

As much as he loves fighting, hockey came first to Sgroi. Fighting came later. He first hit the ice at age 3 and grew up idolizing Mario Lemieux. Sgroi played college hockey at the University of Massachusetts-Lowell and has spent the last two and a half years playing with minor league clubs in hopes of

making it to the National Hockey League.

Sgroi knows his role on the team. He is the enforcer. He's the guy that protects his teammates, namely the goal scorers like Mark Smith. He realizes that trying to emulate Mario Lemieux won't get him to the NHL. He must play more like former enforcer Marty McSorley — who protected Wayne Gretzky — if he is to make it to the NHL.

"I don't have the hands that Mario has," Sgroi says. Whenever there is trouble brewing on the ice, it is a safe bet that Mike Sgroi is in the middle of the action.

The penalty box has been Sgroi's home away from home. He has spent 135 minutes in the box so far this season — tops on the team.

"It is a lot more difficult (to be the enforcer) when you don't like the guys on your team," Sgroi said. "However, I have a lot of love for every single guy in that locker room. I'd go through the boards head first for them."

Sgroi places himself in some compromising positions in protecting his teammates. He is tied for third in the East Coast Hockey League with 17 major penalties, meaning he is involved in a scuffle on most nights.

His biggest foe in the league has been Jeremy Yablonski, a man he said he deeply respects, of the Peoria Rivermen. Yablonski, like Sgroi, is very capable of doing some damage. He has a mark of 102-1 in Golden Gloves boxing. Yablonski and Sgroi have tangled three times already this season, with one contest going a minute and ten seconds.



JEFF PATTERSON | KERNEL STAFF

### Prepare to tangle

Mike Sgroi of the Lexington Men O' War defends himself against Cincinnati's Graham Belak. Sgroi leads the team in penalty minutes.

Sgroi doesn't want to be a one-dimensional player, though.

"Offensively I can contribute," said Sgroi. Not only is he an unyielding tough guy he is also a viable scoring threat, with nine goals scored through the first 31 games.

Sgroi plays with a flair that truly excites the crowd. When he became the first

player in team history to score a Gordie Howe hat trick (one goal, one assist, one fight) he celebrated as if he had just won the Stanley Cup. The crowd fed off of the energy that Sgroi was emitting, giving him a standing ovation.

The only place in town to see Mike Sgroi in action is in a Men O' War uniform at Rupp Arena.

## Sportsbytes

### 21 players sign with UK, but Bush goes to Cards

UK football coach Rich Brooks received 21 signa-tures from future Cats on National Signing Day yesterday, but noticeably absent was Louisville Male's Michael Bush.

Bush, the reigning Mr. Football in Kentucky, signed a letter of intent to play at the University of Louisville after narrowing his choices to UK, UoL, Ohio State and Tennessee.

Of the 21 players to sign with UK, five were commitments from last spring that chose to enroll in classes this semester instead of last fall and count toward last sea-

son's scholarships. UK is limited to 18 scholarships for the 2003 freshman class because of NCAA penalties.

Among UK's top singlings were Lexington Catholic wide receiver John Logan, North Hardin quarterback Andre Woodson and Boyle County wide receiver Jacob Tamme. Logan is the nephew of former UK running back Mare Logan.

The Cats also received a letter of intent from two junior college players: running back Draak Davis and tight end Kurt Jackson.

### Men's distance relay team finishes fourth

The UK men's distance

medley relay team finished fourth at the prestigious Adidas Boston Indoor Games on Saturday in Boston. The team, comprised of Hunter Spencer, Paul Clurlys, David Freeman and Thomas Morgan, finished the race with a time of 9:37.76.

Arkansas took top honors in the race, while Michigan finished second and Villanova took third.

The UK track and field team returns to action on Friday to host their third meet of the indoor season, the Rod McCravy Memorial. The event continues through Saturday.

### Cats travel to Auburn for conference clash

After a near-upset of No. 16 South Carolina on Sunday in Lexington, the UK women's basketball squad will attempt

to capture its first road win when it travels to Auburn to face the Tigers today.

The Cats (9-9, 2-4 South-eastern Conference) have struggled on the road this season. UK is 0-7 overall and 0-3 in the league on opponent's home floors.

Auburn is 12-2 overall when playing on its home floor and 2-2 in conference play. UK has four players averaging in double-digit scoring this season. Rita Adams leads with 13.8 points per game and Sara Potts follows with 11.8. SeSe Helm and Jennifer Humphrey are averaging 10.8 and 10.3 points per game, respectively.

The Cats return to Lexington to host Vanderbilt in a rematch game at 2 p.m. on Sunday.

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