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No campuswide e-mail after burglaries

Two Blanding Tower women report break-ins; UK police say incidents were likely isolated

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UK did not issue a campuswide alert after a man unlawfully entered at least two different females' Blanding Tower rooms this weekend because university police and administrators said it was not an imminent threat to the rest of campus.

"We had discussions with public relations, and because this was an advisory, everyone was in agreement that a broadcast e-mail ... was not necessary,

simply because it was isolated to Blanding Tower," said Christy Giles, director of the Office of Emergency Management.

Women in two Blanding Tower rooms were awakened early in the morning over the weekend to see an unknown man who had entered while they were sleeping. UK police are investigating the burglary incidents, both of which happened in unlocked rooms on the seventh floor, one early Saturday morning and the other early Sunday morning.

The suspect, who is described as a tall, thin white man with blond hair, fled the rooms without taking anything when the residents noticed him, said interim police chief Maj. Joe Monroe.

Although the police have not yet identified the suspect, Monroe said he is probably a student who resides in Blanding Tower based on the video footage and other information police have gathered. For this reason, he said, it is likely the incident was isolated and would not spread to other residence halls.

So rather than issue a campuswide alert, administrators issued an advisory to people in Blanding Tower and nearby areas who might be affected by the burglaries, Giles said. The advisory

consisted of signs posted on every floor of Blanding Tower and the lobby; UK did not have a way to e-mail only Blanding Tower residents, Giles said.

But some residents did not notice the signs. Christopher Salata, a marketing sophomore who lives on the ninth floor, said he does not usually pay attention to signs in the lobby because there are many that usually do not pertain to him. Most people would be likely to notice an e-mail advisory, he said, but it would be helpful if resident advisers talked to students about the incident.

"I'm the worst at checking e-mail," he said. "The only way for someone to

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Student receives full ride to Cambridge

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Andrew Lynch began college like any other freshman — stressed and uncertain about the direction his life would take. Four years down the road, his compass is suddenly pointing him straight to Cambridge, England.

Lynch received the prestigious Gates Cambridge Scholarship to study chemical engineering for the next three years at the University of Cambridge, starting in October.

The Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation awards about 100 Gates Cambridge Scholarships worldwide each year, and students can pursue studies in any discipline offered. Lynch is among about 45 U.S. students who received the scholarship, which provides full tuition and living expenses for study at Cambridge.

Lynch's professors at UK said it was no surprise that he was selected out of the 600 other applicants. He has maintained a 4.0 GPA throughout high school and college, but that only scratches the surface of what has made Lynch so successful, said Douglass Kalika, a professor in the chemical and material engineering department.

"Andrew is clearly one of our

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Barbara Hudson and her daughter Ciara Gipe, 1, look out the front door of their house in Little Mexico on Feb. 16 in Bowling Green, Ky. Little Mexico, an area that has experienced a turnaround over the past 20 years, was once known as "across the tracks," but is now a safe, colorful area of town.

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Shooting the Green



BRAD LUTTRELL
Mixed media editor

For one weekend, the entire city of Bowling Green was up for grabs.

Ten UK students participated in a photojournalism and multimedia workshop two weekends ago and set out to document life in the Western Kentucky community. Diverse stories were not hard to find.

One student produced a story about the turnaround of a ghetto to the now colorful, family-friendly area dubbed "Little Mexico." Another told the story of a skateboard shop that some say saved their lives with a program that gives kids not only skateboards, but a

safe place to use them. All participants covered different Sunday morning worship services, finding multiple aspects of religion in the community.

The task was documenting all of these events not only through a lens, but a microphone as well. Past workshops were photography-driven and once a year. This was the third workshop this year and pushed to adapt storytelling through capturing audio.

A team of photographers and multimedia producers, who capture audio and produce a slideshow, worked in pairs on each assignment.

Participants produced about a dozen multimedia pieces documenting the community in three days while working with Kernel photo adviser Jim Winn.

Bowling Green Daily News photographer Hunter Wilson and Midland Daily News photographer Brett Marshall.

At the workshop, students learned the same software programs that nationally known multimedia producers use every day. Everyone worked not only to become better photographers and producers, but also better visual storytellers.

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- Participants' blogs, including a writer's first time looking through the lens
- One participant's documentary of the workshop

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UK dorms cover up mirrors to raise awareness about eating disorders

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Caleigh Townsend developed an eating disorder a year or two ago when her parents were going through a divorce.

"I was seeking attention, and it was something I could control. It was my release from everything," said Townsend, a business management freshman, who said she has since recovered.

This year, UK is putting on the Mirrorless Moments campaign as part of National Eating Disorder Awareness Week. Mirrors in residence halls, Greek housing and other areas around campus will be covered up to raise awareness about the struggles of people like Townsend who have dealt with eating disorders.

"It all starts off when you look in the mirror and tell yourself you're fat and ugly," Townsend said. "What you have to do is look in the mirror and say, 'I'm beautiful.'"

The campaign should encourage students to discuss eating disorders, which are usually considered "hush-hush situations," said Jilly Kindy, a registered dietitian for University Health Services.

About 4.5 percent of UK's Counseling and Testing Center's clients have eating-disorder concerns, and 19.1 percent of clients have concerns about body image or eating behaviors, according to the center. The center offers free eating-disorder screenings on campus.

Eating disorders are much deeper than just a problem with self-image,

said Rebecca Tabony, a staff psychologist for the center.

"They can start with the need to control something when other areas of a person's life can feel out of control," Tabony said. "Also, perfectionism can play a big part in developing an eating disorder — being more perfect as a competitor, as a son or daughter, as a student, as a girlfriend or boyfriend."

Eating disorders do not just affect the victim, but branch out to family and friends as well, Tabony said.

"Friends may want to 'fix' the person," Tabony said. "Treating an eating disorder is not a quick fix. It takes time and patience from all concerned, even the treatment team."

People close to Townsend stepped in and helped her get treatment, and she

began attending a counseling session every two weeks.

"My friends would say things to me about my weight," Townsend said. "My mom basically forced me to go to the doctor."

The short-term effects are a loss of hair, lack of energy, dental erosion and deterioration of a good immune system, Kindy said. Long-term effects could be anything from the softening of bones to heart problems and infertility.

"The worst-case scenario with eating disorders is death," Kindy said. "It is the deadliest of the mental disorders."

Townsend said she started losing weight, and gradually her weight loss turned into something more.

"I went to the doctor and after a while, my doctors were switched,"

Townsend said. "I felt like I couldn't trust my new doctor, and so I started taking laxatives. That's when I hit rock-bottom."

Townsend was able to stop her laxative use when she began to realize how much damage she was doing to herself.

"Some people don't realize that when you are anorexic, it doesn't just make your stomach small. Your other organs feed off of it," she said.

UK's Counseling and Testing Center offers online screenings for eating disorders at www.uky.edu/StudentAffairs/Counseling/onlineScreen.html. For psychological assessment and therapy, contact the center at 257-8701. To speak with a dietitian about nutrition habits, call University Health Services at 323-5823.

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To get the advantage, check the day's rating: 10 is the easiest day, 0 the most challenging.
Aries (March 21 - April 19) Today is a 5 — If you can't have or do everything you want at this moment in time, don't think of it as dreams being shattered. Learn to defer gratification; it's a very useful skill.
Taurus (April 20 - May 20) Today is an 8 — Advise your partner to watch out for tricks. All is not as it appears to be. To win this competition, you will have to be resourceful. Creativity is required.
Gemini (May 21 - June 21) Today is a 5 — It seems like you're getting nowhere, but that's probably not the case. Check your bearings and persevere. Do the job because you said you would.

Cancer (June 22 - July 22) Today is an 8 — If you want to make a good impression, use food instead of toys. You'll save a lot of money and have much greater success. And you'll look very good.
Leo (July 23 - Aug. 22) Today is a 6 — You're still having to deal with a couple of stubborn types. Do your job and remind them of the overall objective, if you must. Otherwise, lay low.
Virgo (Aug. 23 - Sept. 22) Today is an 8 — The more you learn, the more things you'll find that you've been doing the hard way. Carefully assess your situation and put in the corrections.
Libra (Sept. 23 - Oct. 22) Today is a 5 — A review of your budget could lead to an ugly clash with reality. Just because you can't afford the toy you want now, doesn't mean you never will. Save up.
Scorpio (Oct. 23 - Nov. 21) Today is a 7 — It's easier for you to see through a silly facade now. Your best choice for romance is someone who never tries to pull any such tricks.
Sagittarius (Nov. 22 - Dec. 21) Today is a 6 — This day is good for finishing up, tidying up and throwing things out. You'll be absolutely amazed at how much space you can create. And it'll be fun.
Capricorn (Dec. 22 - Jan. 19) Today is a 7 — It's good to support causes that further your agenda. Just make sure the people to whom you're sending money aren't spending it on themselves, for luxuries.
Aquarius (Jan. 20 - Feb. 18) Today is a 5 — It may seem there's a huge barrier between you and what you want. This could be a mirage, without real substance. Stay busy with practical matters.
Pisces (Feb. 19 - March 20) Today is an 8 — The more you learn, the more old assumptions are challenged. This is OK. You can let them go. Try out a new perspective.

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THIS MINUTE

Gossip Girl's Sexy Star

THE DISH

Leighton Meester talks to Us about her new scent and hit show

Spotted at the beauty counter: small-screen starlet "L" making her foray into fragrances! Meester will not be back until April, but Leighton Meester, who stars as prissy queen bee Blair Waldorf, has been keeping busy. She's helping to launch Flirt! Glamourazzi, a fruity, floral new perfume available exclusively at Kohl's. The single Florida native, 21, gossips with Us.

Q: Besides the new scent, what other beauty products are musts for you?

The thing I cannot live without is Smith's Rosebud Salve and hand sanitizer. It keeps me from getting sick — I shake so many hands each day!

Q: Blair always looks so great. How does your personal style compare?

I'm proud to say I love the same designers and wear them in my own life. But she's so preppy. She wears a lot of black and really tailored stuff — that's totally not me! I love color, and I have a good pair of jeans. I have about 20 pairs of Hudson jeans. They fit so well; they really make an outfit.

Q: There have been rumors of trouble on the Gossip Girl set. Do you all get along?

We all are super-close. We obviously are part of a show that's going to create a lot of rumors and buzz, and I think that we all laugh and love it even more.

Q: Which character do you think is really Gossip Girl?

I have no idea! A lot of people think it's Chuck (Ed Westwick), and I think that's a good theory. But I like that we don't know.

Celebs' Spring Must-Haves

Hollywood's style mavens tell Us what fashions they're coveting this season

"Transitional coats. I have a beautiful coat that's wool but light, so it'll go from winter to spring."

— Aisha Tyler
"My must-have is always a wife-beater. And it's inexpensive."

— Carmen Electra
"I saw on Max Azria's runway this stunning short yellow dress. I died on the floor."

— Sophia Bush
"I love a classic sandress and a great pair of sandals."

— Sheryl Crow
"I really want that big Prada bag. It's purple, blue and all stripes and leather."

— Nicky Hilton
"I actually got the most gorgeous pair of Sergio Rossi pink, almost patent-leather, shoes. And I want something to wear with them desperately. So I'm looking for a pastel-y spring dress."

— Ana Ortiz
"High-waisted, wide-leg pants. Peter Som has really great ones."

— Ginnifer Goodwin
"I'm in love with the Cole Haan-Nike combination shoe."

It's beautiful but extraordinarily comfortable, so you're the last one standing at the end of the night."

— Entourage's Perrey Reeves
— Alexander McQueen scarves. Always the newest one."

— Fergie

Will's Silly Sports Flick

He's mocked NASCAR and figure skating, and now will Ferrell, 40, is bringing his goofy athleticism to the basketball court in Semi-Pro (out Feb. 29). The actor (who has sons Magnus, 3, and Mattias, 14 months, with art-auctioneer wife Viveca) stars as Jackie Moon, who owns, coaches and plays for an ABA team in 1976. He tells Us his game plan.

Q: How did you sculpt your body into a basketball-player physique for this film?

I have a basketball physique to begin with, so it didn't take that much sculpting. Jackie Moon is a player from a different era and, therefore, a bit more voluptuous and curvy.

Q: Would you be caught dead wearing any of the fashions that you wore in the movie?

I may start wearing neckerchiefs. It covers the neck — any unsightly blemishes, big Adam's apple or a hickey.

Q: What's your motto?

Just try and get out of bed every day.

Q: How do you stay funny on a bad day?

I usually turn to my acting coach, Jim Beam.

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Students share stories of multiracial identity

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Being from multiple ethnic or racial backgrounds means more than just choosing which ethnicity box to check on applications.

During last night's Diversity Dialogues, sponsored by Student Diversity Engagement and the Office of Multicultural Student Affairs and titled "Breeding Between the Lines: Exploring the Bi-racial and Multi-racial Experience," three panelists discussed their experiences.

Jasmine Whitlow, a journalism freshman, said her mother checked the "Other" ethnicity box on school forms until she was in sixth grade.

"In middle school, I filled out my own forms and checked African-American," said Whitlow, whose mother is black, white and Native American, and whose father is white, Chinese

and German. Whitlow said when she was younger, the majority of her friends were white because she was more comfortable with them. In middle school, both whites and blacks shunned her, and Whitlow said she was hurt because she couldn't choose one race or the other and realized how ignorant people could be.

Now, she has friends from many different backgrounds. "I hope people realize (multiracial people) are here, and we struggle with who to identify with," Whitlow said.

Justin Stewart, a biology sophomore, said he wishes everyone could be multiracial so they would understand cultural differences.

"In high school, a girl in choir told me to stop being fake and dress more black, so I went out and bought FUBU clothes. But they didn't look right on me, and they just weren't who I am."

JUSTIN STEWART
Biology sophomore

Stewart said he feels more socially comfortable hanging out with white people, but more

physically comfortable hanging out with black people.

"If I walk down the street with a group of white people, I stick out like a sore thumb," Stewart said.

When people ask him what race he is, Stewart said it does not bother him because he is glad people are making assumptions or setting their own expectations for him.

"I just don't like being called mixed because it sounds too much like a dog," Stewart said.

Mahjabeen Rafiuddin, the director of Student Diversity Engagement, said the dialogue was a celebration of the beauty and complexity of people who are multiracial.

"I hope students came with preconceived notions about biracial and multiracial experiences, and this dialogue has helped change their minds and gotten rid of the myths," Rafiuddin said.

LYNCH

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top students," Kalika said. "But it's about more than GPA. Andrew has a vision and is able to communicate that vision, and that is what helps him win these scholarships."

Other national honors Lynch has received include the Astronaut Scholarship, the Arnold and Mabel Beckman Scholarship, the Barry M. Goldwater Scholarship and the Morris K. Udall Scholarship.

Dibakar Bhattacharyya, Lynch's research adviser, said Lynch is more than just another smart student.

"He is very well rounded," Bhattacharyya said. "He's not just a good student; he has a grasp on the outside world as well as many other talents."

Lynch attributes much of his motivation to perform well to his upbringing. He was born in Victor Harbor, Australia, and attended school in both Southeast Asia and Eastern Kentucky. He said the

time he spent around the world made him realize all the opportunities he has been given.

"The advantages given to me are special, and I really want to take advantage of them," Lynch said. "I don't want to sit on my butt and look back on it and think about how I wasted my opportunities."

Lynch has been helping Bhattacharyya study how to improve groundwater quality, though his research focus could change when he gets to Cambridge. He's considering joining a biology or biochemical research group once at the university.

"I'm hoping the scientific research I do at Cambridge will be helpful to Kentucky," Lynch said.

The Gaines Center for the Humanities and other students in the engineering department have served as key motivators for his accomplishments, Lynch said.

Despite his marked success, Lynch is not one to gloat, said Peter Frailie, a friend, housemate and fellow senior in the engineering department.

"He grew up overseas, and his background of living in so many different places has definitely helped him succeed," Frailie said. "But he doesn't throw stuff like that around to try and impress people."

Lynch is good at balancing academics and play, and working hard has not sucked the fun out of Lynch, Frailie said.

When he's not studying, researching or typing 70-page papers, Lynch likes to play "Mario Kart," play racquetball and cook.

"It's a nice creative escape from all the left-brain work," Lynch said with a laugh.

As Lynch embarks on his journey to England, he leaves behind many former educators who said they are proud of his accomplishments.

Kenny Siler, Lynch's math teacher at Whitley County High School, said he always knew Lynch would be successful.

"I've never known Andrew to back down from a challenge," Siler said. "I expect only the best for him."

CASINOS

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voted against the amendment went to the committee and successfully petitioned for another vote to be taken.

Another try at the committee is a strong possibility, said Stein, who said she abstained because she does not think the state constitution should include the bill's requirement that five of the casinos be for horse-racing tracks. She did vote for an alternative version of the bill before the committee yesterday, which allowed up to nine casinos in Kentucky, no more than five of which would be at horse tracks. That bill failed in a 5-6 vote.

"I've always been opposed to expanded gaming," Stein said. "... But we've got to have added revenue."

The governor's proposal calls for 50 percent of casino revenue, which he estimates will be about \$500 million between July 2008 and June 2009, to go to education at all levels, from early childhood to postsecondary.

Rep. Bill Farmer, R-Lexington, said he will not be sure if he is in support of expanded gaming until he sees what the bill looks like when it reaches the House floor.

ALERT

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let me know is if they sent a Facebook message, called me or told me when I walked into the dorm."

Of the seven warnings UK police has posted on its Web site (www.uky.edu/police/alerts.html) during the 2007-08 school year, this is the second that has not accompanied a campuswide e-mail. The first was last week when an assault was reported from the Lexington Theological Seminary across from the Law Building.

A man attacked a woman on Feb. 19 inside the seminary with a knife and attempted to tear off her clothing, according to the release. She escaped, but the suspect was not caught.

UK did not send a campuswide e-mail about that incident because it was off campus, Monroe said. The police posted it as a courtesy to make people aware of their surroundings, he said.

UK police issue a campus safety alert when "a credible threat to the personal safety or property has been identified or has occurred," according to the 2007 Campus Safety and Security Report.

"It wasn't an alert," said UK spokesman Jay Blanton about the burglary incidents. "(Alerts) tend to involve an imminent threat or acts of violence that occur on campus."

The two situations in Blanding Tower over the weekend were issues of criminal trespassing, Blanton said, and UK wanted to warn students to be on guard and lock their dorm room doors as a matter of general precaution.

"A residence hall isn't different from your house," he said. "You don't leave your house without locking your door."

He also said it is hard to say right now whether the bill will have trouble becoming law.

"I don't know. I've seen bills come back from the dead. I've heard there's no hope in the Senate," Farmer said. "It all depends on the leadership by the governor."

In a statement released yesterday, Beshear said leadership in the House was committed to working together to pass a constitutional amendment, but yesterday's vote shows that "House leadership remains deeply divided."

During a meeting Monday night, the governor urged House leaders to make sure the bill passed, said Beshear spokesman Dick Brown. Now "the onus is on them" to make sure the gaming bill makes it through committee and to a vote on the House floor, Brown said.

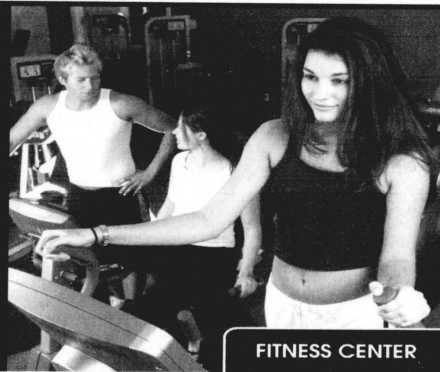
"He called them out publicly and said get your act together," Brown said. "So now we just wait and see."

UK will not comment specifically on what the passage or failure of the gaming bill would mean for university funding, said UK spokesman Jay Blanton.

"We don't think it would be responsible or prudent of us to comment on specific revenue sources or bills in the legislature to determine revenue," Blanton said.

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Prof tells students to unwind, reflect

By Diane Dawson
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A business professor challenged his audience to unplug from all of the distractions of life and sit in reflection during last night's speech, the first of this semester's The Final Word series.

"Unplug a little bit and listen. I guarantee you will hear more and know what to do," said Gordon Holbein, a senior lecturer in the Gatton College of Business and Economics.

Holbein spoke about how people should feel their way through every decision that they make, regardless of the size. "The toughest decisions are the human ones," he said.

He encouraged his audience of 29 people to see beyond his

obvious, to listen with care, to walk closely with others, to think broadly and to feel deeply. "We often face dilemmas that pull us in all directions," Holbein said. "The question is, how do we get through our dilemmas?"

Sitting in silence allows people to really look at who they are and what they stand for, which is important because people who do not know what they stand for are ineffective and unreliable, he said.

Students were surprised to sit in on such a philosophical discussion from someone in the business field. "It was nothing I would expect to hear from a business professor," said Tim Hahn, a mechanical engineering freshman.

Holbein said he followed his

own advice while preparing for the lecture when he was unsure of how to begin. He said he could have checked his e-mail or fixated on countless other things, but instead he decided to practice what he would be preaching.

To clear his head, he sat outside the auditorium for about 15 minutes and just let his thoughts run free, he said. Many memories came to the surface, and he saw how the speech would flow and how he would begin it.

Everything people do in life requires decision making, and taking that time to reflect getting through those decisions easier, Holbein said.

"Look at your own life and think more deeply," Holbein said.

NEWS BRIEFS

VP for Health Care Operations appointed

Richard Lofgren has been named UK's vice president for health care operations and chief clinical officer.

In the position, Lofgren will be responsible for the day-to-day operations of clinical services and coordinating services between UK HealthCare and its regional partners. He and Jay Perman, dean of the College of Medicine, will be jointly responsible for ambulatory services.

Lofgren is currently UK HealthCare's chief medical officer. His appointment to the new position is subject to the approval of the Board of Trustees.

UK Center for Oral History names director

UK named Doug Boyd the new director of the Louie B. Nunn Center for Oral History.

As director, Boyd will oversee the center's collection of more than 6,500 oral history interviews on a variety of topics,

according to the center's Web site (www.uky.edu/Libraries/nunncenter). The center is developing an online database, the Online Oral History Projects Initiative, to offer searchable transcripts of interviews online.

Boyd has conducted folklore and oral history research in Appalachia, Northern Ireland, the Navajo in Arizona and other areas. He is working on a manuscript discussing how oral history and public history are related, according to a news release.

UNIVERSITY OF KENTUCKY CRIME REPORT

UK Police reports from Feb. 19 to Feb. 25

- Feb. 19** Arrest followed alcohol intoxication report from UK Hospital at 2:57 a.m.
- Feb. 19** Theft of license plate reported from parking lot behind Taylor Education Building at 9:27 a.m.
- Feb. 19** Theft of car reported to UK Police at 3:26 p.m.
- Feb. 20** Alcohol intoxication reported from South Limestone Street and Chrysalis Court at 2:29 a.m.
- Feb. 20** Theft of SIM card from cell phone reported from Blanding dormitories at 3:15 p.m.
- Feb. 21** Theft of hat reported from Kirwan Tower at 12:14 p.m.
- Feb. 21** Theft of gasoline reported from Agricultural Motor Pool at 12:30 p.m.
- Feb. 21** Disorderly conduct reported from Greg Page Apartments at 4:30 p.m. regarding subject trying to kick in door and yelling obscenities.
- Feb. 21** Complaint investigated in Greg Page Apartments at 11:27 p.m. regarding roommate smoking marijuana in apartment.
- Feb. 22** Burglary reported from William B. Sturgill Development Building at 3:36 a.m.
- Feb. 23** Arrest followed traffic stop reported from Raising Cane's restaurant on South Limestone Street at 2:28 a.m.

- Feb. 23** Damage to black Chevy Silverado, including busted windows and keying, reported from W.T. Young Library at 10:45 a.m.
- Feb. 23** Five to six shots fired in Nicholasville Road area west of Shawneetown Apartments at 10:57 a.m.
- Feb. 23** Arrest followed alcohol intoxication reported from South Limestone Street at 6:15 p.m.
- Feb. 23** Theft of automobile reported to UK Police at 8:05 p.m.
- Feb. 23** Alcohol intoxication reported from Singletary Center at 8:49 p.m. regarding a man darting in front of traffic.
- Feb. 24** Arrest followed alcohol intoxication reported from South Limestone Street at 5:06 a.m.
- Feb. 24** Incident reported from Blanding Tower at 6:03 a.m. regarding an unknown male walking into a female resident's dorm room and waking her up. When she asked what he was doing, he ran out.
- Feb. 24** Burglary reported to UK Police at 7:29 a.m.
- Feb. 24** Theft of cell phone reported from Ben Roach Cancer Building at 2:49 p.m.
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Compiled from UK police reports
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Correction

A caption on page 5 of yesterday's Kernel incorrectly described the content of a photograph and misidentified the photographer. The caption should have read: "The Exxon Valdez is refloated and towed away from Bligh Reef on April 5, 1989. Nearly 19 years to the day that an Exxon oil tanker hit a reef in Alaska's Prince William Sound, the U.S. Supreme Court will hear one of the fiercest ExxonMobil's appeal, a 14-year effort that, if successful, would overturn a \$2.5 billion punitive damage award, one of the largest ever against a U.S. corporation." Erik Hill of Anchorage Daily News/MCT was the photographer.

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After fleeing Gaza, fighters feel neglected

By Din Nissenbaum
McClatchy Newspapers

RAMALLAH, West Bank — They emerge from every corner of the dark, dingy house in a slow, painful parade, hobbling on artificial legs, wooden canes and aluminum crutches. The ones in wheelchairs are down a flight of stairs to get to the kitchen.

They are the forgotten Fatah loyalists, maimed Palestinian fighters who fled Gaza when Hamas seized control in June.

For the past eight months, they've lived in limbo as their anger toward Hamas gradually has turned into rage at the Palestinian Authority they gave their limbs for but which they now feel has abandoned them once again.

"The Palestinian Authority has treated us worse than Hamas ever did," said Suhair Katas, a 40-year-old former police officer shot twice in the leg by Hamas militants during the fighting last summer.

Building up Palestinian Authority President and Fatah leader Mahmoud Abbas as a counterweight to Hamas is key to the Bush administration's hopes of resolving the Israeli-Palestinian conflict.

But the two dozen former fighters who've taken up residence in this dank house not far from the Palestinian Authority's headquarters are a symptom of an intractable political malady that still dogs Fatah: Even among its supporters, it retains an image as a band of selfish, corrupt thieves.

"Change in Fatah is beyond God's will," said Ala Yahghi, 44, a Fatah lawmaker from Gaza who fled to Ramallah in June. "We lost Gaza. We lost so many good people. We came here, and sometimes I think that nobody feels that anything has changed."

Osama Abu Nahel once served as a bodyguard for one of Fatah's most notorious strongmen. During the Hamas takeover, Nahel said, he was caught by Hamas fighters, tortured for 24 hours in a mosque and then shot in the leg after they told him he was being set free. When he woke up in the hospital, most of his left leg was gone.

Hamas militants then tried to hunt him down in the hospital and torch his home.

But here in Ramallah he hasn't received his salary for three months. He's frustrated that the Palestinian Authority hasn't gotten him an artificial leg. With no money and no way to get around, he spends his days lying in bed smoking cigarettes.

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FEATURES

Bluegrass band to retune local radio show

By Casey Kurkowski
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Tonight students can hear some good old-fashioned Appalachian bluegrass with a twist of rock, jazz, pop and Irish music.

The dozens of Dollars String Band will perform at a live taping for the weekly syndicated Red Barn Radio Show at 7:30 p.m. in the Arts Place Performance Hall, located downtown at 161 N. Mill St. Tickets are \$5 and free for children under 12.

Students can expect to see a laid-back performance that brings the audience close to the performer, said Ed Commons, a co-founder of the radio show.

"It's about the history of the show, where did you learn your music, what type of instruments," Commons said.

Dozens of Dollars String Band puts a new spin on traditional bluegrass by using a wide collection of instruments, including

fiddle, guitar, mandolin, bass and banjo. "We bring many influences to our music, which makes our sound very eclectic," said Mark Rosenthal, the band's lead vocalist and guitarist.

"One can hear the mountain tones through the instrumentation of the clawhammer banjo and fiddle, which gives our music, no matter how contemporary, an Appalachian flavor," he said.

The band is based out of Westport General Store, a restaurant and bar along the Ohio River. It also plays different venues throughout Louisville and surrounding areas.

Brad Becker, host of Red Barn Radio, said he thinks people can learn about Appalachia from the bands that perform on the show.

"At least once monthly we feature musicians from Eastern Kentucky, or ones from elsewhere who play, what you would call

'mountain' or 'old-time' music," Becker said.

"Music and culture are always intertwined, but I think music's place in mountain culture is extraordinary and magical, especially considering that most of the music is passed along orally," he said. "You get folks from different counties who play the same tunes, but with a different twist."

Red Barn Radio gives listeners an in-depth perspective on the artists it features, Commons said.

"The show is structured in such a way that you really get to meet the artists," he said. "We have a number of interviews that are conducted during the course of the show and during that time it's more than just, 'What is your latest CD?'"

For more information, visit the show's Web site (www.redbarradio.com) or call 277-8224.

Absinthe, famed 'green fairy' drink of bohemians, is back

By Dan Mayhew
McClatchy Newspapers

FRESNO, Calif. — The phrase "think green" is supposed to stir ecologically friendly mental images of clean air, unpolluted streams and lush foliage.

But for this country's lovers of absinthe, the term has an entirely different meaning. The U.S. ban on the liquor, known by devotees as the Green Fairy, has been lifted after more than eight decades.

While it's unlikely that the anise-flavored aperitif, which more than a century ago in France rivaled wine in popularity, will ever again enjoy that kind of widespread acceptance, the people who drink absinthe display an extraordinary passion for it.

That has as much to do with the lore and ceremony surrounding the drink as the flavor itself, which can be bitter and complex — a nice way of saying it's often an acquired taste.

"It's not particularly flavorful," says Ken Fugelsang, an entomology professor at California State University, Fresno, who touches on the distillation of absinthe during his wine production class. "It can be very bitter."

But what absinthe lacks in savory sweetness, it more than makes up for in cultural cachet.

It was the choice of drink by many of the influential artists and writers of La Belle Époque, among them Toulouse-Lautrec and Paul Verlaine. Edgar Degas and Pablo Picasso painted it. It's said Van Gogh was driven to cut off his ear while under its influence.

Add to that the elaborate way absinthe is traditionally served — either set afire with a sugarcube or mixed with chilled water poured over a sugarcube — and you've got an intriguing drink.

"I just pulled up eBay," Fugelsang says. "There were no fewer than 58 different absinthe kits and spoons and special sugars to use."

Marcel Nunis, a Fresno playwright and founder of the Rogue Festival, first tried absinthe six years ago.

"The theater of the whole thing is attractive," he says. "When you have to burn something, it just looks illegal."

For nearly a century, it was. According to Robert C. Lehrman, the attorney who represented

Swiss absinthe manufacturer Kubler in its effort to reverse the ban, the drink made a convenient scapegoat early in the 20th century, both in Europe and the United States.

"Lots of people were drinking lots of absinthe," he says. "It was also a time of economic troubles. You had people lying in the street, drunk. They may have been plain alcoholics, or unemployed, or this and that. But absinthe got scapegoated, because it was so hugely popular."

When a Swiss man killed his pregnant wife and two children in 1905 after drinking absinthe — and Creme de Menthe, cognac and soda, more than six glasses of wine and a cup of coffee with a bit of brandy, as it turned out — absinthe took the fall. The Swiss soon banned it, with other countries following suit the next few years. The United States outlawed it in 1912.

The ban happened almost effortlessly. But if absinthe doesn't make the heart go plunder, what made it such an easy target?

Lehrman says French wine-makers were struggling to control many diseases afflicting their grapes. To compete with absinthe, they waged a disinformation campaign.

"You can see a lot of posters from the era where the grape growers are saying on their propaganda, 'Wine and milk are good for you, absinthe is the devil's brew,'" he says.

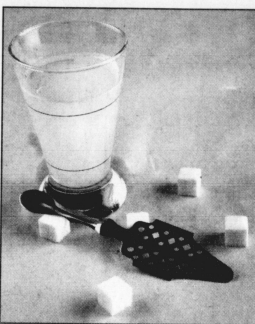
The hysteria surrounding absinthe often involved one of its ingredients, wormwood, which contains thujone. For many years, thujone was considered a hallucinogenic. Recent scientific tests indicate that it's not. Wormwood itself was never illegal and can be purchased at many health food stores.

Mike Newton of Fresno has added a touch of wormwood extract to Pernod for years in an effort to create his own absinthe.

"For many years, Pernod was what was left of absinthe," he says. "The ban originally wasn't based on anything close to reason and science."

Lehrman concurs: "It's pretty much just alcohol. That is the predominant thing that would affect your behavior. You don't get too much more of an effect beyond what's in vodka."

Nevertheless, the ban stood



A special spoon and marked glass are used to make a cocktail from the liquor Lucid.

DARRELL WONG
FRESNO BEE/GETTY

for nearly a century. Absinthe persevered, available mostly in Czechoslovakia and Spain. The years deepened its mystery, a secretive forbidden fruit, until the Internet came along.

Connecting culturally small but devoted audiences to one another is one of the things the Internet does best. Lehrman says absinthe benefited tremendously. Online communities gathered (www.wormwoodsociety.org is a particularly good example), and absinthe became available on the black market throughout Europe and North America.

"Absinthe was coming in, in large quantities," he says. "There was a thriving trade, even two years ago, right before the change in U.S. policy."

So the federal agencies lifted the ban. But such was absinthe's notoriety that one of the requirements to sell it in this country is that the brand name must be printed larger on the bottle than the word "absinthe."

"They're sort of testing the waters," Lehrman says. "Will people be alarmed about this? Will people criticize them?"

Lucid, Kubler and St. George's (an Alameda, Calif., distillery) absinthes all have been approved for sale in this country.

"It's going to take a bit of consumer education before you see it emerging as something that's in high demand," said Tim Stookey, bar manager at the Presidio Social Club in San Francisco. "The absinthe drip requires a certain amount of

equipment. We got the absinthe before we got a lot of the equipment."

Instructions for a traditional serving of absinthe begin with an ounce or so of the aperitif poured into a parfait glass.

A special spoon — Stookey described it as a trowel with holes in it — is placed across the top of the glass, and a sugarcube set on that. Then chilled water is poured slowly over the sugar, letting it drip into the alcohol.

That creates a cloud, or louche, in the glass. Absinthes are judged on their louches, which should be neither too thin nor opaque. Between 5 and 7 ounces of water is typically poured into the glass before it's drunk.

The alcohol content in absinthe is very high — 60 percent or more. So it's not consumed straight. As a writer for *Mixologist: The Journal of the American Cocktail* put it, "both the alcohol and the anise oils are too strong and will immediately disfigure your palate."

Stookey compares the taste to the scents one experiences on a nature hike, "the same kind of smell you'd get if you went through a snow field in the Sierras, that real sagey, bright sort of smell."

He's as interested in adding absinthe to old-fashioned cocktails as he is in drinking it by itself. "It's a nice ingredient," he says. "You add a sweetness and a bitterness and a vegetal note. A little dab will do you."

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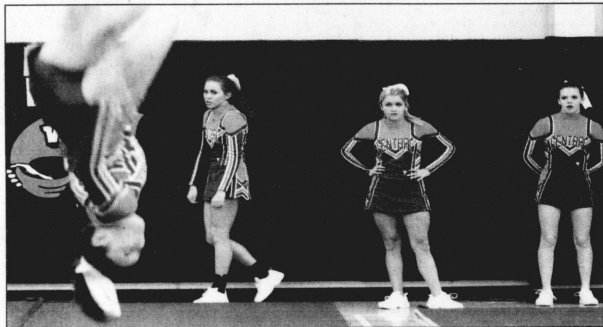
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Cameron Martin, 4, helps his dad, Tommy Martin, left, with cleanup after trimming a tree in their front yard in Bowling Green, Ky., on Feb. 15. "There were some big limbs that had broken off in the top of the tree, and we thought it would be safe to get them down in case they fell," Tommy Martin said.

For 10 UK students, documenting the town of Bowling Green, Ky., turned out to be no small undertaking



KRISTIN SHERRARD | STAFF

Pikeville Central High School cheerleaders warm up for a statewide competition on Western Kentucky University's campus on Feb. 16. The squad placed eighth in the state in the small division.



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Eric Quintana, 5, watches from his kitchen door as his family members work on fixing their brake lights in their truck in Bowling Green, Ky., on Feb. 16.

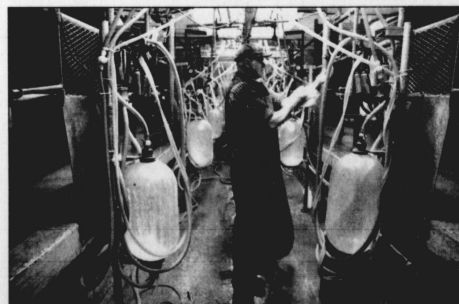
Hermínio Mendoza places tortillas together in a small factory run out of the back of a grocery store in Little Mexico, an area of Bowling Green, Ky. The factory, run by members of a nearby church, produces hundreds of tortillas a day; they are shipped to parts of Tennessee, Kentucky and Ohio.

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Mary Driver, right, sings in worship service at New Beginnings Christian Ministries in Bowling Green, Ky., on Feb. 17.



Carl Chaney cleans up after finishing milking the 50 cows that make up the daily operation at Chaney's Dairy Barn in Bowling Green, Ky., on Feb. 15. The cows are milked twice a day, at 5 a.m. and 5 p.m. The Chaney family has had a dairy operation since 1940, and four years ago opened Chaney's Dairy Barn, which sells ice cream, desserts and other foods.

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UK 15, OAKLAND 5

Baseball's red-hot bats overcome cold weather in home opener

By Matthew George
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Mother Nature tried to spoil the UK baseball team's 2008 home opener. But head coach John Cohen refused to let her — for the most part.

Despite freezing temperatures and snow flurries, the Cats' offense remained red-hot yesterday, scoring 10-plus runs for the fourth consecutive game en route to a 15-5 drubbing of Oakland in the club's first home game this season at Cliff Hagan Stadium.

Originally slated for two games in two days against the Golden Grizzlies, the series was rescheduled to yesterday's doubleheader in hopes of avoiding inclement weather today.

But the weather did not prove to be any kinder yesterday. Early rain turned to sleet, then to snow, then back to sleet, which didn't let up from the game's first pitch to its final out. But Cohen was determined to at least complete the first game, which started at 1 p.m.

"We needed to play. If we didn't play, what we were going to do was practice," Cohen said. "You cannot recreate game situations in practice — you just can't do it. So we had to play today."

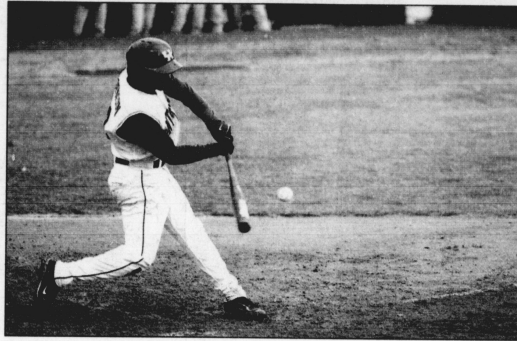
Because of the weather, the second game was postponed and will be played tomorrow at 4 p.m.

Slushy conditions led to sloppy play, as the two teams committed a combined six errors on the afternoon.

After starting the game with three runs in the first inning, No. 17 UK (4-0) went stagnant at the plate.

The Golden Grizzlies (0-1), led by a three-run home run from Dustin Joffron, plated four runs against UK starting pitcher Tyler Henry before the sophomore was able to record the first out of the second inning.

But trailing 5-4 with two outs in the sixth, the Cats' offense exploded. UK rallied for nine runs and surged to a 13-5 lead, which the team would only



Above: Sophomore second baseman Neiko Johnson lines a single during UK's 15-5 victory over Oakland. Johnson finished the day 1-for-4 at the plate.

Below: Senior pitcher Tommy Warner fires a pitch to home plate during yesterday's game at Cliff Hagan Stadium. Warner pitched three scoreless innings for his first win of the season.



build upon in the final innings.

"We kind of figured it out," senior designated hitter Sawyer Carroll said. "We were getting pretty frustrated there in the beginning. (Oakland starting pitcher Matt Traush) was just burying breaking balls, and we kept making the same mistakes over and over, and finally we just decided we didn't want to do that anymore."

Facing a two-run deficit in the fifth, sophomore right fielder Troy Frazier smashed an RBI double that sliced the lead in

half. The RBI was one of five for Frazier on the afternoon, who finished the game a perfect 3-for-3 from the plate.

Though the Cats had trailed for more than half the game, Frazier said he never doubted they would come back.

"(Traush) had us going for the first few innings, but I really wasn't worried," Frazier said. "We put some runs on the board this past weekend, so I knew we were going to put some runs up there at the end."

Carroll was 1-for-4 in the game with two RBIs. Freshman shortstop Chris Wade was 2-for-4 with a two-run home run in UK's big sixth inning.

The Cats totaled a season-high 13 hits against the Golden Grizzlies.

UK has now scored 10 or more runs in each of its first four games, something Carroll said he expects the team to do every time it takes the field.

"I think the most important thing is we've had good at-bats all season long so far," Carroll said. "We've been wearing pitchers down, seeing lots of pitches, and I think that's how we've scored runs."

Freshmen playing huge roles in SEC

By Travis Waldron
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Forty years ago, college basketball was a different game. The shorts weren't as flashy. There wasn't a 3-point line and the lane was skinnier than Perry Stevenson.

And, to the amazement of many modern college basketball fans, freshmen weren't eligible to play varsity ball.

Freshmen became eligible in 1972, but now, as four-year stars are going the way of short shorts and the set shot, they're dominating college basketball like never before, and coaches are still debating about how much of a load freshmen should bear.

One thing seems clear: First-year players like Kansas State's Michael Beasley, Memphis' Derrick Rose and Indiana's Eric Gordon are dominating the college landscape.

"The extensive travel league schedule they play in the spring and summer is the No. 1 reason," said Jerry Meyer, a recruiting analyst for Rivals.com. "They're used to traveling; they're used to playing in front of college coaches and against other top talented players. When they step out on the college court, it's not nearly the adjustment it once was."

The AAU leagues that have become prominent havens for high school players in the summer and fall have increased the amount of games players are playing. Meyer said players often play as many as eight times in a weekend and 25-30 games

each month during the height of the AAU season.

But the question remains: Are freshmen still subject to lapses in production as the season wears on?

Meyer said the top freshmen aren't, but the second-tier players are still susceptible to the late season crash and burn.

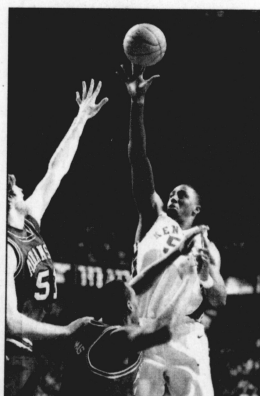
"I still think they hit a wall. I don't think there's any doubt about that," Meyer said. "The upper-echelon guys aren't. The intensity on the defensive side of the ball and the team play on defense and the schemes on defense, they're not going to see that in travel ball."

That's still a topic for debate in the Southeastern Conference, which has been overrun by freshmen this season. UK, Vanderbilt, Ole Miss and Florida are among the conference's NCAA tournament contenders that are depending largely on the play of freshmen.

UK's top freshman, forward Patrick Patterson, has only gotten stronger as the season has worn on. Patterson was named SEC Freshman of the Week on Monday, the third time he's earned the honor this season.

"I've never believed in anyone hitting a wall if their mental framework was right and their mindset was right," head coach Billy Gillispie said. "I've always been a big believer that your legs ... are only determined by how strong your mind is."

Patterson is second among SEC freshmen in scoring and rebounding, and he's the leading SEC freshman in minutes per game at 35.7. He's scored in double figures in 12 consecutive



contests, has nine 20-point performances and six double-doubles.

Thus far, other SEC coaches haven't seen their freshmen produce less as the season goes on either.

Vandy center A.J. Ogilvy averaged 15 points per game in his past four games. LSU forward Anthony Randolph has scored at least 10 points in 15 of his past 16 games. And guard Chris Warren, whose Ole Miss team visits Rupp Arena tonight, is averaging more points in conference play (16.5) than he has overall (15.2).

Coaches will have plenty of time to figure out their stances on relying on freshmen, because the influx of talented first-year players isn't going away anytime soon, Meyer said.

With the NBA mandating

Freshman forward Patrick Patterson puts up a shot over the Arkansas defense during UK's 63-58 win Saturday at Rupp Arena.

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that all players wait a year after their high school graduation to enter its draft, the best players have no choice but to suit up on campus for at least a season.

"The college game is more and more being dominated by freshman, and I think that's only going to increase," Meyer said. "The talent level and the comfort level are just going to a higher and higher level. If they can't play in the NBA, they're going to play somewhere."

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■ KERNEL EDITORIALS

SG parties would ensure choices in future elections

Unless there's a sudden rush on the Student Government office today, voters in March's elections are going to face a conspicuously one-sided ballot. Senate President Tyler Montell announced Monday that he would run for SG president. While it's not uncommon for such a declaration to come within a few days of the filing deadline — that is, today — it is unusual for only one candidate to emerge. Unless someone drops off a stack of 500 signatures at the SG office by closing time today, Montell will be running unopposed.

An unchallenged election is a disservice to students. That's not to say Montell should not be SG president — we'll reserve our judgment of him as a candidate until he's had a chance to do such basics as campaigning and fleshing out policies over the next few weeks.

Instead, it's a matter of giving voters a choice. Without that, a democratic election simply isn't effective.

The likelihood of a one-sided ballot this year demonstrates the need for SG to develop accountability that spans more than a single year. A party system could accomplish this goal.

With few exceptions, an SG president serves a single, one-year term. Students rarely have the opportunity to use their votes to show approval or disapproval of a president during a reelection bid. Furthermore, a president has only a few months to bring projects to fruition; plans involving

sweeping changes inevitably would take longer than a single term to implement. And with the decision on whether to run left entirely to individuals, there's no guarantee that enough candidates will step up to give voters a diverse field, as this election cycle is likely to show.

SG elections already involve some of the trappings of a party system, mostly in the form of "tickets" of senators that develop around presidential candidates each year. And since presidents usually work their way up through the SG ranks, they have connections to previous administrations.

These affiliations aren't always as apparent as they should be, though. A party system would change this, adding transparency to the elections and accountability to the presidency. A poor performance by a current SG president could hurt the electability of a future candidate, while an outstanding president could help his or her party a shoo-in for the next election.

There will always be room for an outside challenger — the independent candidate beloved by many — but with two or three parties advancing candidates every year, students would at least be guaranteed ballot options.

For anyone who hasn't already filed paperwork, the chance to be a part of SG next year is rapidly passing. The opportunity to have a lasting effect and to create more accountability, however, still exists in the promise of a clearly defined party system.

DanceBlue thrives on students' commitment

While some students were out enjoying the weekend — or for those unfortunate few, stuck indoors studying — a record-setting number of students danced from Friday to Saturday in the third annual DanceBlue at Memorial Coliseum.

For 24 straight hours, students shook off blisters, fatigue and sleep to raise money for the Pediatric Oncology Unit at UK Children's Hospital. It goes without saying that everybody involved in the event should be commended for participating in such a worthy cause.

In just three short years, the annual dance marathon has already become a mainstay on UK's campus. Because of the overwhelming support of students, faculty, alumni and the Lexington community, the event has almost tripled in size and nearly quadrupled in funds raised since the events inception in 2006.

This year alone, DanceBlue raised \$424,855, according to a Kernel article

Monday, up significantly from the \$123,223 the event raised two years ago. The overwhelming numbers of course, lay heavily on the backs of the nearly 500 participants involved and their unselfish efforts.

And though the dance marathon is a once-a-year event, we should recognize that those involved in DanceBlue do much more to fight cancer than just dance their hearts out once every February. Instead, the dance marathon is the culmination of a year of organizing and fundraising. Also, many of the 75 teams sponsor the families of children with cancer and have activities with them throughout the year, said Megan Tolley, vice chair of DanceBlue and an integrated strategic communications and English senior, in Monday's Kernel article.

We applaud everybody involved in DanceBlue, and we hope the event will continue to grow in size while maintaining its concentration on supporting families affected by cancer.



Though only in its third year, DanceBlue, the student-run philanthropy that culminates with a 24-hour dance marathon, has grown to include nearly 500 participants who raised more than \$424,000 this year.

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DON WRIGHT, The Palm Beach Post

Students have seized chances to make their voices heard

I have been very impressed with UK students recently. I have seen students in these past few weeks expressing their opinions and doing good. This has been heartening and encouraging.



ROBERT KAHNE
Contributing columnist

On Valentine's Day, I attended the Heart Mountains rally in Frankfort. About 1,200 people were there with me, many of them college students. We were there expressing our disgust with the practice of mountaintop-removal coal mining, which is the practice of blowing off the tops of mountains to get the coal. The mountaintops are supposed to be reclaimed, but typically the reclamation job is either shoddily done or not done at all. I Heart Mountains Day has occurred the past three years, and each

has increased the visibility of this awful practice. In previous years, legislators have said that the public outcry is not great enough. Hopefully this year they will see that the public does not approve of this practice. I am also proud that college students have made our voices heard on this issue.

About a week later, I was in Frankfort again at the Rally for Higher Education. Again, I was proud to see many college students expressing their concern for budget cuts and subsequent tuition increases. I felt like the event let important decision makers know that college students care about this issue enough to lobby and vote based on this issue. Gov. Steve Beshear even saw fit to address our rally. Despite his not-so-warm reception, I feel like he addressed our concerns in detail.

Although the governor knows that his position on the budget is not one held by the majority of people throughout the higher education world (including me), I have decided to reserve judgment until after the session is over.

At any rate, I was again proud of UK students for making their voices heard.

Over the weekend, I was one of the representatives of UK College Democrats at DanceBlue. This was my first time participating in this event, and to describe it as anything less than life-changing would not do this event justice. The amount of money raised by this event coupled with the power of the stories shared by the families helped by this event made for an amazing experience. I could not have been prouder of my fellow students when the final number was revealed.

Some weeks are tough here at UK. The prospect of tuition going up again, a disappointing session in the Kentucky General Assembly, and the fact that midterms are swiftly approaching have been trying to keep me down. These few things have helped me keep my chin up. Thanks everybody!

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■ LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Developing downtown block would destroy local landmarks

There has been a lot of talk in the last few years about town-gown relations and what a shame it is that the UK campus does not have a better relationship with Lexington's downtown.

However, instead of improving this relationship, it looks like overzealous developers may cause Lexington and UK to become even more estranged.

A Feb. 22 front page Kernel story, "Many fear development could hurt music scene," spoke of the possible destruction of the block downtown bordered by Main, Upper, Vine and Limestone streets in order to build a luxury hotel. Although the article focused on the loss of a music venue, if this block is destroyed, Lexington and UK will lose much more.

This block is home to several locally owned businesses that both add character to downtown and provide a draw for UK students and other Lexington residents. If this block is leveled, we will lose not only a very successful music venue but also a place to play pool, a restaurant and several historic buildings that can never be replaced.

The government officials quoted in the Kernel article possessed ignorance as to the exact plans for this development. I hope that the UK community will make an effort to make sure that our local officials are not only informed about but also opposed to this misguided plan.

Alice Wasielewski
Library staff, 2006 library science alumna

Federal architecture appropriate for new College of Law building

When the current law building was built nearly 40 years ago, a new, innovative and contemporary design was ever since. Over the past few years, the College of Law has dropped in national rankings in part due to the limited capacity of the current building. In order to regain first-tier status (which is much more a part of the Top 20 Business Plan than any aesthetic concerns), the college needs a new home with room to expand the classrooms, library and technology. A site and design have been selected. Any criticisms come a day late and a dollar short. The Kernel should focus its energies on something more productive than criticizing the proposed architecture of the new College of Law building.

On a different level, there is nothing wrong with Federal-style architecture, especially for a law building. First, the Federal style is historical. It evolved to link the new American people with the ancient birthplaces of democracy and republicanism. These ideals are deeply rooted in the American legal system. The Federal style is also historical for Lexington; for example, the Pope Villa. Second, the balance and symmetry of the Federal style symbolizes fairness, much like the scales of Justitia. Finally, there is a legitimate purpose in surrounding law with a stately elegance. Every-

thing about the Supreme Court of the United States, from its imposing Beaux-Arts-style building, to the justices robes, to the velvet curtain that separates the court room from the justices' chambers, is designed to strengthen the legitimacy of the law by removing the human element and inspiring reverence and awe. We need a building in which we can host the Kentucky Supreme Court with pride.

Of course, the construction of a Federal-style law building raises a more serious question: Is the Federalist Society winning the ideological battle with the Constitution Society?

Will Adams
Second-year Law Student

A human is a human — debating when life starts is a moot point

Kathryn Hogg's Feb. 25 column, "Government, 'anti-choice' activists fail to recognize women's rights," shows a grave (and prevalent) misunderstanding of the entire abortion issue. Behind all the emotional arguments and images of coat hangers used as scare tactics by pro-abortion activists is one simple question: What is the unborn?

If the unborn is simply a mass of tissue, it has no more rights than a tumor. If, however, the unborn is a member of the human family, it has the same rights as a newborn, a teenager, an adult or any other member of humanity. How could it be otherwise?

That a fetus is human is such an elementary bit of knowledge that anyone who has had the most basic biology course is aware of this fact. If the fetus were not human, what, then, would it be? A frog? A goat? Of course it would be impossible for one species to produce another.

Pro-abortion activists are aware of this fact, so they have — as Kathryn Hogg writes — moved from arguing against the humanity of the unborn to arguing against the personhood of the unborn. That is, they accept that a fetus is a member of the human species, but they deny that this fetal human is endowed with personhood.

I would say that making a distinction between being a human and being a person is an absolute novelty in the history of mankind; however, that would not be true. In fact, this distinction has been made many times before. White slave owners made the distinction between humanity and personhood when it came to blacks. Sure, they were humans, but not persons, they claimed. German Nazis made the same distinction when it came to Jews. And so, we see pro-abortion activists making the same false distinction today when it comes to those members of humanity living within their mother's womb.

Pro-abortion activists would do well to study the history of genocide and perhaps take a course or two in human biology. They would soon find the answer to the question, "What is the unborn?" The unborn is, undoubtedly, a human person. After all, I've never met a human who wasn't a person, have you?

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UK, U of L at opposite ends on date of annual rivalry football game

By Eric Lindsey
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It wouldn't be the football offseason without a little grumbling between UK and Louisville regarding their annual pigskin game.

U of L released its 2008 schedule Monday, with permanent dates on all the games but one — the UK game. The schedule lists the annual date of the Cats as "TBA," highlighting yet another year of dispute over which day to play the Governor's Cup.

U of L officials said Monday that ESPN has requested the game be played on Monday night as a part of its Labor Day college football coverage. That could set up UK with a prime opportunity to

gain some national TV exposure.

However, UK Athletics Director Mitch Barnhart said Monday that the Cats will not agree with the Monday night proposal, saying it puts them at a disadvantage for their game with Norfolk State the following Saturday, according to reports from the Lexington Herald-Leader and The Courier Journal in Louisville.

Barnhart could not be reached for comment yesterday, Scott Stricklin, assistant athletics director, said Barnhart would not comment on the matter anymore until UK officially releases its 2008 schedule. Stricklin said UK is still finalizing several other games and dates for the upcoming season.

The controversy over the annual Governor's Cup is nothing new. The two schools have been going back and forth over the date of the game for several years.

U of L wants the game to take place the first weekend of the season because of television exposure. UK would rather the game be played later in the season. Last year the schools agreed that the home team would choose the date of the game, which will be in Louisville next season. But again it seems like that will be up for debate.

UK won last year's game in Lexington, downing the Cardinals 40-34 on Sept. 15, which was the third week of the season. That game was televised on ESPN Classic.

SPORTS BRIEF

Cornerback Paul Warford suspended

Sophomore cornerback Paul Warford has been suspended indefinitely from the UK football team for a violation of team rules, head coach Rich Brooks announced yesterday.

Warford started all 11 games he played in during the 2007 season. The Richmond, Ky., native recorded 41 tackles, including a career-high seven stops during UK's upset of No. 1 Louisiana State. Warford was second on the team in pass breakups and had interceptions against Arkansas and Tennessee.

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COMMENTARY

Sampson hangs up on his Hoosier players

By Sam Donnellon
Philadelphia Daily News

How much would you pay to salvage the reputation of your school?

One hundred dollars?
One thousand?
More?

What if I told you that an anonymous donor gave Indiana University \$550,000 last Friday to make Kelvin Sampson go away? That's what it took to remove college basketball's latest human boil of a coach — \$550,000 from some rich and disenchanted alum, another \$200,000 from the school that hooked into Sampson in March 2006 despite his already unsavory past.

That's a lot of salvage. And a lot of hate. Hired to a seven-year, \$7.3 million contract that would have expired in 2013, Sampson took the buyout rather than fight charges that he violated NCAA recruiting rules and then lied to school and NCAA investigators about it.

Those rules, pertaining to limits on recruiting phone calls, are the same ones he violated while coaching at Oklahoma. Then, he and his staff were found to have made 577 imper-



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Indiana players display their support for former coach Kelvin Sampson.

missible phone calls over a four-year period.

This time, he allegedly made around 100 over his two years at Indiana. That, uh, improvement was overshadowed though by the NCAA's findings: That he provided false and misleading information to investigators from Indiana and the NCAA, failed to dismiss all atmosphere of compliance within the program and failed to meet the "generally recognized high standard of honesty" expected in college sports.

The Hoosiers are a top 25 team this season, and vying for the Big Ten title. That has made Sampson a big story nationally, and put Indiana fans and alum in an uneasy quandary. The better the team does, the more the

story gets told, and the more the school's reputation suffers. The better the team does, the more Sampson's name comes up, and the more this becomes an unapprising story of misplaced loyalties and players trapped in the middle.

That the two are intertwined was made perfectly clear within hours of Sampson's dismissal Friday, when only half the team showed for a practice. It was reinforced on Saturday, when the Hoosiers — some playing with Sampson's initials on their sneakers — barely outlasted lowly Northwestern.

"He wasn't just like a coach," freshman guard Eric Gordon said afterward. "He was more like a father to us."
"It just wasn't the same, not

having him around," Indiana star Armon Bassett said.

Ah, but he was around. His name was scribbled on Bassett's sneakers and those of his teammate. Sampson's son Kellen, a graduate assistant, was there on the bench. And when the game was over and Bassett got to his locker, there was a text message from his former coach on his cell phone.

"He told me he loved me, he's happy for me and good win," Bassett told the Chicago Sun-Times.

Besides promising not to sue the school, Sampson's 11-page resignation agreement with the university said he may not "interfere in any way" with his former players, including doing anything that might impede "cooperating in the transition to a new head coach."

Like, say, sending a text message after their first win without him?

That it involved a phone is just plain precious, no? Before Sampson moves on to his next coaching gig, he needs to find some sort of rehab center for compulsive phone users. Maybe \$750,000 seems a lot to you, but given his history, it might not even cover his phone bill.

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- UK's Alcohol Research Center in the Department of Psychology is conducting a number of studies involving the effects of alcohol on behavior.
- Participants should be between 21-35 years of age for alcohol studies.

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