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## Candidate: Diversity demands commitment

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UK must make diversity more than a "buzzword of little meaning," said the first candidate for the university's top diversity position yesterday.

"It's like a marriage," said Judy "J.J." Jackson. "You don't say 'I do' and that's it. You have to keep working on it for its life."

Jackson, dean of the college at Vassar College in Poughkeepsie, N.Y., is the first of two candidates for the vice president for institutional diversity position to visit campus.

At an open forum yesterday afternoon, Jackson said if selected for



Jackson

the new job, she would meet with students, faculty and staff to determine what problems exist and how UK could work to fix them.

Some of those discussions, Jackson said, would need to be honest dialogues like those her mother would call "come to Jesus" meetings.

"There will be tears, there will be anger, there will be moments when a person cannot say what they mean to say," Jackson said.

Along with gauging the campus culture, the new vice president for institutional diversity will be responsible for advising the president and provost on how policy deci-

sions will affect UK's diversity goals, according to the position advertisement released at the beginning of the search in fall 2006.

Proposing specific plans for what to change at UK would be unwise, Jackson said, because she has not spent much time in Kentucky. However, she emphasized throughout her presentation that cohesion among various UK groups and active participation would be key to any change.

"You've got to believe it (diversity efforts)," she said. "If you don't own it, you're not going to participate in it."  
"If you do it and it becomes something students do, it's going to be something every generation of students that follows you is going to do. If you say, 'Oh well, it's a di-

versity program the administration has set up,' future generations of students are going to do that too."

The next candidate, Overton Jenda, associate provost for diversity and multicultural affairs at Auburn University, will speak at an open forum Jan. 17. The university has not set a deadline for selecting a candidate because it wants to focus on finding the right selection rather than when the position is filled, said UK spokesman Jay Blanton.

UK has been looking at candidates since January 2007 and originally wanted to have the position filled by July 2007. Hiring was put on further hold in October after five of the initial candidates either pulled out or were not selected.

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## Campuswide hiring freeze follows state budget cuts

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UK President Lee Todd announced in a campus-wide e-mail yesterday an immediate hiring freeze for all university staff positions with the exception of those at the hospital.

The freeze came in response to Gov. Steve Beshear's 3 percent budget cut for state agencies and public universities through the end of the fiscal year in June. The decrease will result in a cut of about \$10 million for UK.

Nothing has been decided about the 2008-09 state budget, and Todd is confident in the General Assembly's willingness to continue to support the Top 20 Business Plan, he said in the e-mail. But cuts have to be made to respond to the current 3 percent reduction, he said.

"We were asked in a short period of time to figure out how to plug a hole in this fiscal year," said UK spokesman Jay Blanton. UK has done that and will go to the General Assembly to make its case to get back on the top-20 plan, he said.

Todd plans to fund \$5 million of the reduction from a central fund, he said in the e-mail. This money comes from "rainy day," or reserve, funds built up from unused administration and university money, Blanton said.

The other \$5 million will be cut from programs and areas across campus based on their needs, Blanton said. Provost Kumble Subbaswamy will work with each department to determine where cuts can be made, he said.

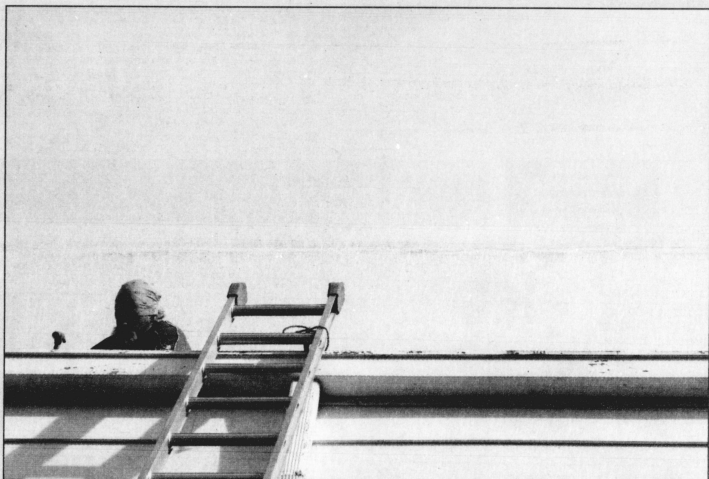
This will include postponing the next renovation phases of the Chemistry-Physics and the Biological Sciences buildings. UK will continue current construction on these buildings and honor current bids with companies, but any further additions have been postponed, Blanton said.

"Even though the budget situation is challenging, I am confident in the strength of our case for continued state support for the Top 20 Business Plan," Todd said in the e-mail. "And I am confident in the General Assembly's willingness to listen to us and do all they can to help us continue the momentum we have worked so hard to build."

The hiring freeze will not include the current search for a vice president for institutional diversity or a new police chief, Blanton said, because they are considered vital to the university. Exceptions to the hiring freeze will have to be approved by the provost or the vice president for finance and administration, Todd said in the e-mail.

STAFF WRITER ALICE HAYMOND CONTRIBUTED TO THIS REPORT.

## ROOFING IN THE RAYS



Rick Douglas of Reliable Roofing and Gutter Service lays shingles on the roof of Cooperstown Building B yesterday afternoon. Thunderstorms and a high of 56 are expected today, according to the National Weather Service.

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## Making college affordable focus of proposed bills

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Kentucky's General Assembly kicked off its 2008 session Tuesday with several bills meant to help make college more affordable.

State Rep. Rick Nelson, D-Middlesboro, filed an act asking for a tuition freeze at public universities and community colleges in the state because he thinks the cost of higher education keeps many students in Kentucky from graduating.

"It's important that we help students get the best education available to them," Nelson said. "And in my opinion the rising cost of tuition is something that prevents many students in the state from pursuing a college career."

Nelson's legislation calls for a freeze to keep the cost of tuition the same for the 2008-09 academic year. After that, the bill would cap any increase at the rate of inflation.

"Universities are not going to like having a tuition freeze on their institutions because that money helps make up for the money they don't get from the General Assembly," Nelson said in a Nov. 23 interview. "But I think these colleges need to become more budget conscious because right now they are getting the funding that they want, but that may change."

State Rep. Tanya Pullin, D-South Shore, recommended similar legislation to freeze tuition for the 2008-10 biennium.

Nelson also sponsored legislation asking to increase the Kentucky Educational Excellence Scholarship Program award amounts

beginning in fall 2008. "The money for the KEES Program comes from funds generated by the Kentucky Lottery, which means there's money there to help make these increases," Nelson said.

Rep. Carl Rollins, D-Midway, also wants to double the annual base KEES award amount, but over a 10-year period.

"The maximum award amount is currently \$2,500, the same as when the program began," Rollins said. "The problem is that when the program started, the cost of tuition at UK was \$2,500. That number has since doubled."

Rollins' bill also increases the funding for need-based grant programs, including the College Access Program grant and the Kentucky Tuition Grant, which give money to students at private colleges in the state.

"This legislation is an attempt to have financial aid keep up with the rising cost of tuition," Rollins said.

With Gov. Steve Beshear's recent announcement of an immediate 3 percent budget cut at state agencies and public universities, along with his plans for a 12 percent reduction in the next academic year, Rollins said legislation dealing with postsecondary education institutions is likely to be affected.

"The governor's budget affects everything we do, this legislation included," Rollins said. "The good thing about my bill is that it doesn't call for an immediate double of funds but an increase over 10 years, which

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## Students prepare to dance all night to fund fight against cancer

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Last year more than 300 students went 24 hours without sitting or sleeping — just dancing. This year, David Ritchie hopes to get even more students involved with DanceBlue, a yearlong fundraising event that ends with a 24-hour dance marathon to raise money for the UK Pediatric Oncology Clinic.

"We're hoping to make it bigger and better this year," Ritchie said. "We want to make a stronger impact on the clinic."

Ritchie is the chairman for DanceBlue, which is on Feb. 22 through Feb. 23. Student organizations form teams of five or more people to raise the money. In 2006, the event's first year, about 30 teams raised \$123,323.16. Last year 60 teams raised \$241,514.64 for the clinic, and this year Ritchie said about 75 teams are participating.

The amount of money the team earns determines how many dancers will participate in the marathon. Will Faulkner, a chemical engineering senior, is leader of the DanceBlue team for the UK rugby team. Last year, he said his team had only two dancers, but this year he hopes to have about



ALLIE GARZA | STAFF FILE PHOTO

Volunteers teach students a line dance as the first activity for last year's DanceBlue in Memorial Coliseum.

eight to 10.

"We're in the small team category so we have to raise \$150 per person at least," Faulkner said. "But we want to raise \$200 to \$300 per dancer."

The marathon may sound exhausting, Ritchie said, but it is very high-energy. Each hour has a different theme, and there are also games and instructive dance hours. The last few hours of the event are "family hours," Ritchie said, when the dancers are joined by children from the clinic and

their families.

"There is a talent show and a memorial hour to honor all the children in the clinic who have passed away," Ritchie said. "It really makes the entire experience worthwhile."

Student Government President Nick Phelps volunteered at the marathon last year, and said the last few hours of the event can be very emotional.

"The kids come in and you

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## Horoscope

**By Linda C. Black**  
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 an 8 — A meeting held to discuss the future brings out some good ideas. You'll also hear some crazy ones and some that just won't work. However, miracles are definitely possible now.

**Taurus (April 20 - May 20)** Today is a 7 — Continue to study a subject you find rather intimidating. You can learn this, and when you do, you'll be so proud of yourself.

**Gemini (May 21 - June 21)** Today is an 8 — You can tell when it's appropriate to make intimate suggestions. Mind your manners, of course, but know that conditions are in your favor. Say the perfect thing.

**Cancer (June 22 - July 22)** Today

is a 6 — Keep tabs on your spending. Be on the lookout for ways to substitute your labor for cash. The work won't be that hard and the savings could be substantial.

**Leo (July 23 - Aug. 22)** Today is a 7 — A partner's fanciful suggestion has a great deal of merit. You can't be working all the time. Take a break for fun. You'll return to the job refreshed.

**Virgo (Aug. 23 - Sept. 22)** Today is a 7 — You don't really have much time to talk about anything now. The work is coming in and it's up to you to make sure it goes out. Strive for perfection.

**Libra (Sept. 23 - Oct. 22)** Today is a 7 — A quiet evening at home is your best romantic option. Candlelight is not required, and meat loaf will do quite well, in lieu of gourmet delights. Comfort food works.

**Scorpio (Oct. 23 - Nov. 21)** Today is a 6 — You can afford to get what you need, once you figure out what that is. If you're still having trouble deciding, try some window shopping. Go back to where you've been

before.

**Sagittarius (Nov. 22 - Dec. 21)** Today is an 8 — Once you settle down, you're an excellent student. Distractions should be minimal now and the subjects interesting. You'll be amazed at how quickly you learn.

**Capricorn (Dec. 22 - Jan. 19)** Today is a 7 — You're doing well financially now, so get yourself a few cushions. This includes a savings account that you can rely upon. Read the fine print carefully though, to avoid deception.

**Aquarius (Jan. 20 - Feb. 18)** Today is a 7 — Hopes and dreams seem possible again, and that is a wonderful thing. You were just about to give up on a couple of them. Don't do that, unless it's wise.

**Pisces (Feb. 19 - March 20)** Today is a 6 — During your dreams and meditations, visualize yourself doing what you want to do and being what you want to be. It'll seem natural when you get there.

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## THE DISH

Friends and family accuse Lynne of selling out 16-year-old Jamie Lynn

By Mara Reinstein

Where will you be 10 years from now? Jamie Lynn Spears was asked that question on the red carpet at Us's annual Hot Hollywood party on September 26. At the time, the teen starlet — one of the evening's honorees — had just wrapped production on the final season of her hit Nickelodeon show, Zoey 101. Despite her success (and being the younger sister of a pop-music icon), Spears was proud of her Kentwood, Louisiana, roots and looking forward to another school year. "Wow, hopefully I will have a big house somewhere and be lying out by my pool," she breezily replied. As for having kids, she answered, "I don't know. Whatever happens, happens, I guess."

Well, it happened, all right. On December 18, news dropped — courtesy of a \$1 million interview with OK! magazine — that the studious 16-year-old was about 12 weeks pregnant with her first child (though several sources say she is further along — maybe as many as seven months). The father? Boyfriend Casey Aldridge, 18, a junior-college dropout turned pipe layer from Baton Rouge, Louisiana. Now any carefree aspirations she recently enter-

tained need to be pushed aside so she can prepare for her new life as a single teenage mom.

And, still reeling from the revelation, friends and family are left wondering if this unplanned pregnancy was actually premeditated — even at an unconscious level. "I bet, on some level, this was her way of getting out of Hollywood," a Spears source tells Us. And her aunt Chandra McGovern tells Us, "She wants a little bit of 'me' attention, with everything that's going on with Britney." But the brunt of the blame has fallen onto the shoulders of family matriarch Lynne Spears — and with ample reason. According to family and business associates, the former elementary school teacher has long been more interested in being a manager and a friend to her daughter than a protective mom and caregiver. "Jamie wanted something different for her life, and her mom put her in situations she didn't want to be in," says Spears' Zoey 101 costar Alexa Nikolas. Says another family friend, "She treats her girls like a piggy bank."

### Big Payday

Almost immediately after Jamie Lynn broke her big news to her parents just before Thanksgiving, Lynne began hatching a plan to profit off the family's latest drama. Step one: Fence her daughter to come out on the cover of a magazine to announce her pregnancy (a decision unlikely to be made by an

inverted 16-year-old such as Jamie Lynn). Lynne soon sought out OK! magazine, a struggling British-owned tabloid that pays generously for celeb interviews. Britney had previously been paid by People for several exclusives, but "Lynne knew OK! would pay the most," says a source. "It was her decision."

According to those close to the deal, mother and daughter were paid about \$1 million for the exclusive package, with options to purchase additional stories, including first pictures of the baby. (OK! would not comment to Us.) Jamie Lynn's inner circle was unaware of the news and the deal — including Britney, of whom the magazine declared on its October 22 cover "doesn't want her boys back." "Lynne didn't tell her, because she couldn't trust her not to tell Sam [Lutfi] or Alli [Sims]," says a Spears family source. "They didn't want her to screw up the deal." (However, Lynne did confer with Britney's ex-husband Kevin Federline a day before the story broke.)

Jamie Lynn's father, Jamie, was disturbed by the negotiations. "He is horrified that Lynne would cash in on Jamie Lynn," says the Spears family source of Lynne's ex-husband. Echoes another, "He's extremely devastated and feels that Jamie Lynn ruined her life." But one friend suggests that Lynne and Jamie Lynn — whose career is at a standstill, thanks to the pregnancy — may have needed the money.

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1st Floor Student Center
- Lexington Link Blue**  
11 a.m. - 2 p.m.  
Student Center Small Ballroom
- Alumni Association Dinner**  
5:30 p.m. - 7 p.m.  
King Alumni House
- Guitar Hero III Tournament**  
7 p.m.  
Cats Den in the Student Center

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Word of Mouth

This Sunday, the Kentucky Historical Society will present "The Basics of Oral History: Tips and Techniques" from 10:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. at the Center for Kentucky History, located at 100 West Broadway, Frankfort.

Oral history provides family historians the opportunity to gather stories and facts that can spice up their genealogical charts. As a part of the workshop, participants will learn techniques for conducting good oral histories. Sarah Milligan, KHS Oral History Program Coordinator, will discuss a new project to record the stories of Kentucky's World War II veterans, and will also speak about other oral history resources offered by KHS.

Registration is required, and a light lunch is available for \$6. For information about registering, call (502) 564-1792.



## THE 'REEL' DEAL: 2007'S BEST FLICKS

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In 2007, four movies grossed enough in the box office to be ranked in the 25 highest-grossing films of all time. Strangely, three of the four were slammed by viewers and critics alike. Last year there were no "instant classics," no true Oscar front-runners and no films critics gushed over. Although Tinseltown may have slacked in '07, I have assembled a list of the year's 10 best productions that should not go unnoticed.

### 1. I'm Not There

There is so much to admire about this one-of-a-kind biopic, from unorthodox storytelling to the honest and less-than-glorifying depiction of a folk singer. The beauty

of it all, however, comes from the insightful mind of director Todd Haynes, who brought to the screen a cinematic experience we have never seen before.

### 2. Charlie Wilson's War

This true story about notorious philanderer Charlie Wilson and his passion to single-handedly squeeze Afghanistan from the grasp of the Soviet fist is not only touching but one of the funniest films of the year. Perfect laughs mixed with moving, historic drama is why this film is very close to being the best of the year.

### 3. 300

"300" has everything you can ask for from a great blockbuster. Between the moving true story of loyalty and nobility, macho combat

scenes and a wonderfully adapted comic-book feel, "300" is a perfectly packaged drama that just happens to have a lot of action.

### 4. No Country for Old Men

The story was a little strange and the end may have been less than satisfying, but the action and character development is supreme. As new legendary character Anton Chigurh emerges, you may rank him with Darth Vader and Hannibal as one of the most chilling villains to grace the silver screen.

### 5. Black Snake Moan

The strong themes and intense symbolism of "Black Snake Moan" emphasize the dirty portrayal of a controversial subject. If this film had better marketing behind it, it could have been in the running for a

number of Oscars.

### 6. Before the Devil Knows You're Dead

As one of the most powerful dramas of the year, and with a cast that is nothing short of spectacular, this drama revolving around family and bad decisions has already won numerous awards. Even though this was a box-office sleeper, word of mouth has propelled this film. With a phenomenal screenplay and painfully somber tone throughout, this Sidney Lumet ("Network") film is perfectly torturing and has a powerful climax.

### 7. Dan in Real Life

"Dan" is the comedy with a heart. Despite some uncomfortable

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ABOVE, LEFT TO RIGHT:

Amy Adams stars in "Enchanted," from Walt Disney Pictures. Tom Hanks stars as Congressman Charlie Wilson and Julia Roberts as socialite Joanne Herring in "Charlie Wilson's War," released in theaters December 21. Steve Carell, Juliette Binoche and Dane Cook star in Touchstone Pictures' "Dan in Real Life."

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## 'Born Standing Up,' Steve Martin's brainy guide to stand-up comedy

By Levi Asher  
The Philadelphia Inquirer

Many comedians have written memoirs, but few have risked much in the effort. It's all too easy to package a stage routine into a book, slap on a grinning front-cover portrait and a catchy one-word title (Seinlanguage, Fatherhood) and hope nobody remembers hearing the same funny stories on "The Tonight Show" last year.

But Steve Martin has never taken the easy way out, and his latest offering will be held to high literary standards by readers who have enjoyed his previous books. These include a collection of Dadaist prose pieces ("Cruel Shoes"), a brainy play ("Picasso at the Lapin Agile"), and, more recently, a wan love story ("Shopgirl") involving a mild-tempered and wealthy adult rather like himself. Having taken that last step toward personal revelation, Martin now dives completely into the memoir format with "Born Standing Up," an autobiography that

doubles as a dissertation on how to be funny in front of crowds.

The art of stand-up comedy is the specific focus of the book, which reveals its California-raised and Disneyland-trained author to be an incredible workaholic and a bit of a laugh-o-meter wonk. From his youngest days as an amateur magician he tirelessly studied and analyzed the way audiences reacted to his every move, and he kept careful notes after every performance to help him better calibrate the jokes for the next one. If you ever doubted that there was a method to Steve Martin's madness, you will be convinced otherwise as he explains why a white suit is the best thing for a comedian to wear onstage, or finds himself suddenly stopped dead by the existential question of whether the comedy writers of the world will ever exhaust the supply of fresh material that allows himself to resume his career only after realizing that "comedy is a distortion of what's happening, and there



"Born Standing Up: A Comic's Life" by Steve Martin, Scribner (\$25)

will always be something happening"). His intellectual process is breathtaking to observe, and it's no surprise at all when Martin cites the likes of Ludwig Wittgenstein and Rene Descartes as formative influences, along with a few more predictable choices like Red Skelton, Lenny Bruce, and Laurel and Hardy.

"Born Standing Up" offers a fascinating glimpse of an odd brain doing its work, as well as an enjoyable sweep through America's pop culture past. As a teenager, Martin considered it a big step up when he left his Disneyland magician gig to perform with a comedy troupe at Knott's Berry Farm, and then wandered north to San Francisco to play the beatnik bars. He developed his signature routines years before they became famous on "Saturday Night Live," and perfected them while touring as an opening act for the Nitty Gritty Dirt Band or slumming with the guest hosts on "The Tonight Show" because Johnny Carson didn't like his style.

Martin clearly feels more comfortable talking about his career than about his feelings, though he writes of a frustrating relationship with his failed-actor father who didn't like anything he did until "Picasso at the Lapin Agile" in 1993. He

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**TONIGHT**  
Noisyrcrane w/ New Madrid  
9 p.m., The Dame. Tickets cost \$3.

**Those Darlins**  
9 p.m., The Southgate House, Newport. Tickets are free.

**Friday, Jan. 11**  
Sexual Disaster Quartet  
9 p.m., The Dame. Tickets cost \$5.

**Ian Ross Hammond Organ Trio**  
9 p.m., The Southgate House, Newport. Tickets are free.

**Legendary Shack Shakers**  
9 p.m., Headliners, Louisville. Tickets cost \$11.

**Saturday, Jan. 12**  
The Features w/ Big Fresh  
9 p.m., The Dame. Tickets cost \$8.

**Wild Breed Boys**  
9 p.m., The Southgate House, Newport. Tickets are free.

**Roots Run Deep**  
7:30 p.m., Phoenix Hill Tavern, Newport. Tickets are free.

Louisville. Tickets cost \$11.  
**Killswitch Engage w/ Every Time I Die, Dillinger Escape Plan and Parkway Drive**  
7:30 p.m., Bogarts, Cincinnati. Tickets cost \$27.

**Sunday, Jan. 13**  
Dickie Hayden w/ Lance Whalen and The Seedy Seeds  
9 p.m., The Dame. Tickets cost \$3.

**Tuesday, Jan. 15**  
The Nightshades w/ Royal Bat Fangs vs. Brideziller  
9 p.m., The Dame. Tickets cost \$3.

**Karaoke w/ KJ Swirl**  
9 p.m., The Southgate House Lounge, Newport. Tickets are free.

**Wednesday, Jan. 16**  
Trampled By Turtles  
8 p.m., The Dame. Tickets cost \$5.

**Dan Mecher w/ Scott Cunningham**  
9 p.m., The Southgate House, Newport. Tickets are free.

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**TOP TEN**

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romance, everyone can enjoy the laughs Steve Carell brings when he plays the nice guy we are all pulling for until the end. With a stellar performance by the entire ensemble, including that by Oscar-winner Juliette Binoche, the entire cast meshes together as well as any other collection in any film and puts together a delightful comedy with laughs, romance and sensitivity.

**8. In The Valley of Elah**

In a year when war movies tanked, this super-drama emerged as an elegant depiction of the mental anguish suffered by soldiers. Coming off his motion picture debut with "Crash," Paul Haggis nailed his second big-screen endeavor with this state-side war mystery. Behind Oscar-worthy performances by veterans Tommy Lee Jones and Susan Sarandon, "Elah" is a disturbing drama with a painful truth, which is what Haggis does best.

**9. Juno**

Ellen Page is not yet 21, but she is sure to be an Oscar nominee for her role as a free-spirited, blunt-speaking, pregnant adolescent. This light-hearted flick is a captivating,



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Superbad, which did not make it onto this top-10 list, featured Jonah Hill, Christopher Mintz-Plasse and Michael Cera.

quirky comedy with lovable characters and peculiar themes, presenting uncomfortable moments to be deciphered by the viewer, leaving emotions to the wind.

**Close But Not Enough**

Into The Wild, Superbad, Zodiac, Beowulf

Of course, not everyone can be a winner, and there were obviously more than 10 films worth seeing this past year. Sometimes we are forced to search for the great films and do a little more than trust a flashy trailer during a "Grey's Anatomy" commercial break.

**10. Enchanted**

This film is so childish and innocent you feel evil not to love it. Amy Adams completely embraces this role and plays the perfectly exaggerated princess.



**Most-played albums of the week**

1. **Les Savy Fav** "Let's Stay Friends"
2. **Aesop Rock** "None Shall Pass"
3. **VHS or Beta** "Bring On The Comets"
4. **Animal Collective** "Strawberry Jam"
5. **Simian Mobile Disco** "Attack Decay Sustain Release"
6. **Jose Gonzalez** "In Our Nature"
7. **M.I.A.** "Kala"
8. **Rilo Kiley** "Under The Blacklight"
9. **Liams** "Liams"
10. **Bird and the Bee** "Please Clap Your Hands"

**MAKE YOUR WEEKEND PLANS**

**1. "Reeping" in some laughter**

Relax after the first week of school and have a few laughs with Jon Reep, a comedian whose energy and clever writing provides one of the best shows around. Reep, who will be performing tomorrow at 8 p.m. in the Lexington Opera House, is known for being one of the "best redneck dancers" since Elvis. For more information, call (859) 233-3535 or visit the opera house's Web site ([www.lexingtonoperahouse.com](http://www.lexingtonoperahouse.com)).

**2. Nude but not lewd**

The Lexington Art League invites everyone to preview the art exhibition of QX.net Nude International 2008 from 7 to 10 p.m. tomorrow. South Van Events will provide food, and The Raleigh Daily Trio will perform live music. Admission costs \$30 for members and \$40 for the public. To RSVP, call (859) 254-7024.

**3. Tantalizing tango**

Enjoy traditional Argentine tango music in the atrium of Victorian Square on Sunday from 5:30 to 8:30 p.m. Everyone is invited to come and dance or just observe. For more information, call (859) 273-0258, or visit LexTango's Web site ([www.lextango.com](http://www.lextango.com)).

**MARTIN**

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suggests that panic attacks and chronic shyness have affected his career path, and describes moody moments of loneliness even as he is surrounded by beautiful women eager to love him. Martin also expresses some resentment toward his own career, especially after he shoots to fame in the late '70s and discovers that crowds no longer want him to surprise them, but instead want him to play "party host, presiding over a celebratory bash of my own making." His act is built upon confounding audience expectations, but by the late '70s the stadium audiences just want him to deliver the familiar routines. He walks away from stand-up comedy after a bad show in 1981, and the book ends at that point.

"Born Standing Up" does not contain many jokes, though several comedy bits are analyzed as case studies. Martin's sense of humor does peek through the solemn veneer at times, as when he describes a Summer of Love-era San Francisco cafe owner named Sylvia Fennell: "She didn't know much about show business, having once told a ventriloquist to move the dummy closer to the microphone."

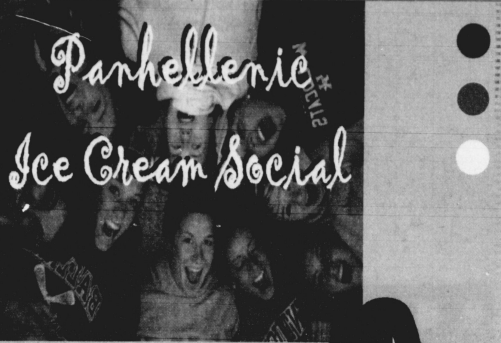
Martin is a careful and precise writer, and at moments of inspiration he achieves a swanlike elegance as he glides through his life story. Readers



Steve Martin played the Clause-bau in the 2006 remake of The Pink Panther.

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may wish this book were thicker, but Steve Martin will never wear out an audience's welcome. He risks something deeper here by trusting his audience to continue to love him even after he reveals how hard he has always worked to make them do so. They will. Like the timeless "Harpo Speaks" by Harpo Marx, Steve Martin's "Born Standing Up" is that rare thing, an autobiography by a comedian that improves the jokes by explaining them.



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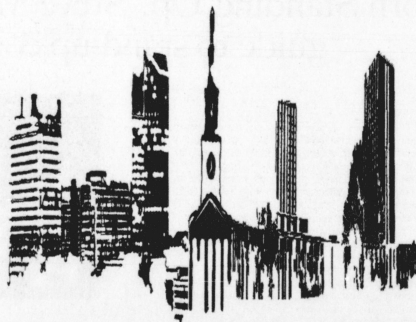
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## Cats hope to ride momentum from Monday's win into SEC play

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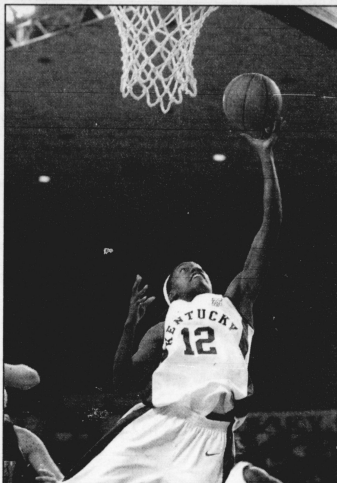
After closing out non-conference play with a 6-8 record, the UK women's basketball team is ready to carry a bit of momentum and confidence into its Southeastern Conference schedule, which opens tonight at 7 against Florida in Memorial Coliseum.

The Cats have faced a host of tough opponents so far this year, including seven teams receiving votes in the most recent ESPN/USA Today Top 25 poll. However, the team has won two of its last three games heading into its first SEC game, including a 67-57 victory over Wofford College on Monday.

"We had a very tough non-conference schedule," head coach Matthew Mitchell said. "We didn't handle it great, and we needed a win to have some sort of momentum going into SEC play."

The Cats played well at times against the highly touted competition, but often struggled to play at a consistent level for 40 minutes. Their most recent defeat, a 51-46 loss to Xavier University on Jan. 1, saw UK go ice-cold in the last 15 minutes of the game. After leading 38-26 with 14:57 remaining on the game clock, the Cats failed to hit a single field goal for the rest of the game as the Musketeers rallied to a five-point victory.

"It was real, real bad," Mitchell said. "It is really embarrassing to be at this level of basketball and go that long



Sophomore forward Lydia Watkins shoots a layup in UK's 83-61 win over Kentucky Wesleyan on Nov. 1.

without scoring."

Mitchell and the Cats bounced back after the Xavier loss to beat Wofford. Led by senior center Sarah Elliott's 16-point performance, four UK

players scored in double figures. Mitchell said the Cats' effort in practice leading up to the Wofford match-up has helped build confidence going into the meat of UK's schedule.

"Practice has been good," Mitchell said. "The players were still trying to do one of the hardest things to do in basketball and that is to give this group confidence. It's hard to manufacture confidence unless they're seeing the ball go into the basket."

The Cats know that one win does not mean much unless they can build on that performance and carry the momentum forward.

"It was hard when we kept losing, but we have to keep our heads up," sophomore forward Lydia Watkins said. "I think our confidence can help lead us into conference play."

UK's defense has been steady, giving up 70 points or fewer in five of the Cats' last seven games. Despite its offensive woes against Xavier in the second half, UK held the Musketeers to a meager 30.5 percent from the field.

"When you hold a team to 51 points, especially one that has a good chance of going to the NCAA tournament, you have done a good job," Mitchell said.

The Cats face a Florida team looking to win its eighth consecutive game. With both teams carrying momentum into the contest, Elliott said it is important for UK to concentrate on the essential task at hand each time they step on the court: winning games.

"Coach Mitchell said he still wants us to have fun," Elliott said. "But that we also need to remember what we're here for."



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## Cultural difference not only challenge UK's international swimmers face

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Moving to a foreign country can be a difficult transition by itself.

Moving to a foreign country and having to learn new aspects of a sport to compete can be an even harder transition.

That has been the case for the five international members of the men's swimming and diving team. What their U.S. teammates might consider the norm in collegiate athletics sometimes seems like a novelty for UK's international swimmers.

"Most are just so excited to be here in the first place," said head coach Gary Connelly. "The facilities are so much better, the competition, college swimming is a whole lot more exciting for them. They really appreciate the opportunity."

UK has five international swimmers from four countries: junior James Batley from Somerset, England; sophomore Elvis Burrows from Freeport, Grand Bahama; junior Warren Grobbelaar and freshman Reinhardt Strijdman from Pretoria, South Africa; and senior Kristian Outinen from Copenhagen, Denmark.

Transitioning to a new country might be difficult, but balancing between school and sports is easier in the United States, Outinen said.

"I don't think there is any country in Europe where you can go to a university and they understand that you're spending up to 30 hours a week on a sport, on the side of going to school," he said. "Back home you have a decision after high school: Do I just go to a university or do I just swim? There are very few people who can balance the two."

One of the biggest difficulties for international swimmers is adjusting to the length of the pool, Grobbelaar said. In South Africa, training and meets are held in 50-meter length pools, he said, but much of American swimming is held in 25-yard pools.

"At the beginning turns were a big issue because you have to turn more," he said. "It's a lot more important. It took about a year and a half to figure that out."

Training and conditioning at UK is also more intense than it was in South Africa,

Grobbelaar said. "We definitely train a lot harder than I did back home," he said. "We train faster, longer, we swim longer hours, we lift harder. Training as a whole is just twice as hard."

International swimmers also have to adjust to a concept shift that American swimmers compete as a team rather than as an individual, Outinen said.

"It's a different mentality, back home you're used to looking out for yourself," he said. "Here, you swim more for a team effort, you score points for the team instead of just getting your own personal best."

Although the shift in thinking takes time, Connelly said most foreign swimmers appreciate the new system.

"Some have a real hard time figuring out the whole, 'I'm swimming for a team, people are depending on me to do certain things,'" Connelly said. "Swimming is a pretty individualistic sport when you think about it, so some of them have a hard time with it. Once they figure it out, they love it because it makes (swimming) a whole lot more exciting."

## Kansas believes it deserves higher ranking in final AP football poll

By J. Brady McCollough  
McCollough Newspapers

LAWRENCE, Kan. — And you thought the college football season in these parts had ended. On a day when Kansas' and Missouri's men's basketball teams played their last non-conference games, fans of their football programs sparred for one more round.

Missouri beat Kansas on the field at Arrowhead Stadium. Kansas beat Missouri in the eyes of the Orange Bowl committee. And, in the wee hours of Tuesday morning, Missouri got the last laugh when it was ranked No. 4 in the final Associated Press poll and one-loss Kansas was stuck at No. 7 behind six two-loss teams.

The 12-1 Jayhawks had worked all season for national respect, but it seemed their 24-21 win over Atlantic Coast Conference champion Virginia Tech wasn't all that convincing to voters. KU moved up just one spot, which had more than a few Jayhawks shaking their heads in

disbelief. "Man, we need to be No. 1," KU left tackle Anthony Collins said. Although it probably isn't much consolation to KU or its fans, one AP voter agreed with Collins that the nation's only major-conference team with one loss was worthy of a No. 1 vote. Israel Gutierrez of the Miami Herald covered the Orange Bowl and liked what he saw from Kansas enough to make the Jayhawks his national champion.

"First of all," Gutierrez said, "I gotta say I was kind of stunned that I was the only one. I just thought in a year with so much parity that people would have been a little bit more willing to take a chance and not just go with the team that won last or played last or the BCS gave the title to."

The Jayhawks received one No. 1 vote, one No. 2 vote and three No. 3 votes. Those people probably saw what Gutierrez saw: a team that beat Mid-American Conference champion Central Michigan by 45 points, won on the road against a

ranked Kansas State team, put 76 points on Nebraska and beat a surging Virginia Tech team in its last game of the season. Still, that wasn't enough for most voters.

"I feel like a champion," KU defensive tackle James McClintock said. "Nobody is going to take that from me. We went out there and played a good team and came out on top."

But Missouri, which beat Kansas, 36-28, came out ahead in the polls. The Tigers' No. 4 ranking is the program's highest to finish the season.

The MU students still are on holiday break, so there wasn't a lot of open celebration going on. But Tigers recruiting coordinator and quarterbacks coach David Yost was having his own celebration while most of the staff was in California for national coaching meetings. Yost said he learned about the rankings upon waking up on Tuesday.

"I got up and checked my phone and I went to the ESPN wire and saw the final AP poll,"

Yost said. "I clicked on the story, but I only read down to where it said we were fourth and I quit reading."

Didn't he peek to see where Kansas and Oklahoma were ranked? "I just knew they were behind us," Yost said, "and that's all I needed to know."

Mark Vickery, president of the Tiger Club of Kansas City, said he got word of the ranking on Tuesday morning while checking his e-mail at work.

"It's just an amazing feeling," Vickery said. "And we'll probably be ranked about that spot in the preseason poll next year."

Vickery, like Yost, couldn't help but enjoy seeing Kansas ranked below the Tigers. "We don't have to worry about them until next Thanksgiving," Vickery said of the rematch in Arrowhead. "I was very pleased to see us ranked ahead of them, because those guys wouldn't have let up on that. But we deserved to be ranked ahead of them. We beat them."

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## ■ KERNEL EDITORIAL

### Beatty must make police chief hire his No. 1 priority

It has been more than three years since UK had its last permanent police chief, but at least that position's supervisor is now in place.

Anthony Beatty, the newly hired UK assistant vice president for public safety, began working on Monday. Beatty's job tasks include overseeing the UK Police Department, Parking and Transportation, Environmental Health, and Safety and Emergency Management.

However, the most pressing task for Beatty and the administration remains to be the hiring of a new police chief, something Beatty cited prior to his arrival.

Finding the new police chief was his first order of business, Beatty said in an Aug. 22 Kernel article; not only that, he also said he wanted to name a new permanent chief before coming to UK.

The hire didn't happen, but hopefully finding a chief remains Beatty's top priority.

The importance of naming a permanent police chief is obvious. As Beatty said in the Kernel article, "In a police agency, it's hierarchical. You need someone appointed to be chief."

The police chief position has remained vacant for too long. Further delay only creates uncertainty within the

department and makes it less effective at providing security for everyone at the university.

While we understand hiring a police chief is a complicated process and Beatty does not have total control over it, we hope he plays a key role in the selection process.

In addition, implementation of the university's new emergency notification system, UK Alert, is a task that Beatty cannot overlook.

Text-messaging students is an integral component of the UK Alert system, an Aug. 24 Kernel article reported. To make the system work, UK must ensure that a significant percentage of students sign up for it.

Now, as the overseer of UK public safety, it is Beatty's duty to push for the implementation of UK Alert, which cannot begin soon enough. Then he must start informing students of the system and its significance so they can treat the system seriously and sign up to receive emergency text messages.

Beatty's experience as the chief of the Lexington Police Department and familiarity with the locale makes him well qualified for his new position. We hope Beatty's leadership is enough to accomplish some of the long standing tasks he inherits.

## ■ LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

### Editorial unfairly attacked Behear

In response to the Kernel's editorial yesterday, "Behear breaks campaign promises with budget cuts,"

Less than a few weeks into the new Democratic administration, the Kentucky Kernel is already on the attack, and the attacks couldn't be any more without merit.

The editorial board valiantly defends the students (note the sardonic tone), asserting that Behear and his staff "should have crunched the budget numbers before making promises." Yet what the board fails to point out is that such number-crunching was nearly impossible because former Gov. Ernie Fletcher and his cronies repeatedly and gleefully lied about the figures in question in a sad, desperate attempt to win re-election.

Obviously students should continue the fight for lower tuition, and I and my organization openly join them in such a fight, but what Kentucky needs right now after four years of appalling dishonesty under Fletcher is responsible, ethical and prudent leadership — leadership that makes the tough decisions to put our commonwealth back on the right path — and that is precisely the leadership that Gov. Behear is exhibiting.

Richard Becker  
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College Democrats of Kentucky co-chair

### Kernel's 'doodle space' a waste of paper

I have been deeply disappointed with the quality of the Kernel of late, specifically, the replacement of the daily crossword puzzle with the asinine, space-wasting trio of doodle space, dots, and tic-tac-toe boards.

What demographic is served by this half-page monstrosity? Who, exactly, manages to bring no blank paper to their classes, yet yearns to play tic-tac-toe, a game most children quickly tire of, a dozen times? Dots, at least, can be an intellectual exercise, given a worthy opponent, but it seems likely that such an opponent would have the ability to draw a grid of equally spaced dots. I postulate that this demographic is similarly unlikely to bring a writing utensil, or, for that matter, attend classes at all.

The crossword puzzle demands not only logical but also lateral thinking, as well as a good vocabulary. Are these not skills which should be encouraged in university students? At the very least, fill the space up with advertisements and make some extra money instead of encouraging the behavior of the lowest common denominator.

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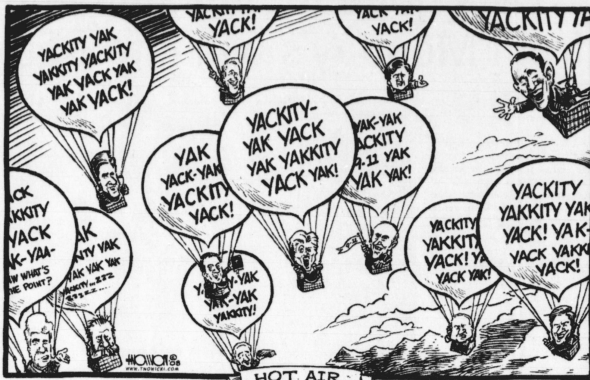
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### Weekly Poll Question

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## State and national elections have had interesting results

With the holidays over, campaigns are once again gearing up.

In Kentucky, we had two special elections on Tuesday.

The outcomes were as expected: Republicans held a Republican seat in Northern Kentucky with Alecia Webb-Edgington's victory over Democrat Dan Wolf. Democrat Sannie Overly defeated Republican Bryan

Beaman in a very Democratic district. However, Overly spent quite a bit of money to defeat her opponent. In addition to the newspaper ads and campaign literature that was to be expected, Overly had a television ad and several radio spots. The fact she was spending that much money on a state House race tells me that Beaman was perceived as a real threat.

An upcoming special election is for Lt. Gov. Daniel Mongiardo's old Senate seat in Eastern Kentucky, in which Republican Brandon Smith will take on Democrat Scott Alexander. This race should be interesting: Smith has represented a significant portion of the Senate district as a state representative for the past several years. Moreover, Smith defeated Alexander in 2006 to win re-election to the House. The yearlong presidential contest

was finally put to voters in Iowa and New Hampshire.

For Republicans, Mike Huckabee surprisingly surged to victory in Iowa. With his folksy style and bumper sticker sayings, Huckabee, buoyed by his evangelical base, connected with enough voters to beat main rival Mitt Romney, who had spent millions in the race.

Then New Hampshire voters cast their ballots on Tuesday. John McCain won in the New Hampshire primary with Romney again placing second. Romney was able to win the Wyoming GOP vote, but nobody seemed to pay much attention.

In all three Republican races, supposed frontrunner Rudy Giuliani failed horribly. His strategy of waiting for other states may backfire as his name is mentioned merely as an afterthought now.

For the Democrats, Barack Obama surprised most pundits with a significant win in Iowa. The scale of his victory was surprising. However, he was not able to win New Hampshire even though most polls were predicting another victory. Instead, Hillary Clinton, the supposed invincible machine destined to be the Democratic nominee, pulled off an upset.

Most interesting in these two races is not that Obama and Clinton each won. The big story is Clinton got third in Iowa, finishing behind Obama and John Edwards. While Edwards had spent significant time in Iowa for the past four years, the fact that he

bested Clinton was unexpected.

Thus, while the national media has presented Giuliani and Clinton as the frontrunners for the past several months, the voters have started to speak, and there is no clear frontrunner at the present.

The debates are decreasing from 10 people on a stage to three or five. I, for one, will be glad when it is all said and done. Unfortunately, by the time Giuliani gets the chance to vote in May, the nominee will be known on both sides.

While the national races have received plenty of coverage from the media, there were a few developments in U.S. Sen. Mitch McConnell's re-election campaign. Namely, the "A Team" Democrats bucked out.

Crit Luallen flirted with the idea of running but dropped it. Greg Stumbo repeatedly said that, after his poll, he would challenge McConnell if he were within 10 percentage points. Well, considering Stumbo is now heading back to the Kentucky General Assembly, I think we can all assume that his poll showed he had no chance of defeating McConnell.

So where does that leave the Democrats? For now, they have three candidates. Two of them are unknowns from Louisville. The Democrats' best-known candidate statewide is David Lynn Williams, a man who has even his own party refuses to acknowledge.

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## The dilemma at the dumpster: Does our consumption help or harm?

"Oh, I love trash!"  
"Anything dirty or dingy or dusty"  
"Anything ragged or rotten or rusty."

"Yes, I love trash!"  
Oscar the Grouch had it exactly right. I have long felt about trash the way Patton felt about war: "God help me, I love it so." Not trash to keep, as Oscar does on "Sesame Street," but trash to throw away. Big bags of trash, stuffed in the Dumpster or piled at the curb. Boxes of junk too cruddy for Goodwill. Paint cans filled tidily with cat litter. Road kill. Debris from construction projects. Dead electronics and the Styrofoam its replacements came in.

Some people like to take out the trash. Not me. Trash Day is the best day of the week. Here's the reason I love trash: Unlike every other problem in life, trash is there, and then — poof! — it's gone. Like magic. For years, I lived in a suburb where the trash was picked up only once a week. I paid \$13 a month for this service. Worth every penny. I knew it was wrong, but when I drove up the street, I measured my trash pile against my neighbors'. Usually I won.

Then I moved to the city, where the Dumpsters in the alley are emptied twice a week. Life became twice as good. Plus, there's a bulk pick-up once a month. A Dumpster for yard waste.

Dumpsters are one of the two greatest inventions of the last 50 years, the other being plastic trash bags.

Unfortunately, now that I live in trash heaven, I'm starting to feel guilty about all the stuff I throw away. I'm not talking about the Great Landfill Crisis, which I regard as bogus. A properly managed landfill is a thing of beauty, and lord knows, there are plenty of places to put new ones, places where a landfill would be a dramatic upgrade.

And I'm not talking about recycling, either. Hey, I recycle. Within reason. Newspapers for sure. Sometimes cans and bottles if I have a lot of them. OK, I could do a better job. But I made the mistake of reading an article last week in The New York Times by Jared Diamond, the famous geographic and ecological historian who teaches at the University of California-Los Angeles. "The average rates at which people consume resources like oil and metals, and produce wastes like plastic and greenhouse gases, are about 32 times higher in North America, Western Europe, Japan and Australia than they are in the developing world," Diamond wrote. "That factor of 32 has big consequences."

The 5.5 billion people who live in the developing world are tired of having a relative per capita consumption rate of 1. They yearn to consume more and, thus, toss out more (i.e., carbon dioxide, aluminum cans, plastic water bottles, DVD players). Diamond figures that if China alone matched the Western world's consumption rate of 32, it would double the world's consumption rate. If India joined in, the rate would triple. If the entire develop-

ing world reached 32, he writes, "it would be as if the world population ballooned to 72 billion people."

To paraphrase Roy Scheider as the cartoonist in "Jaws": "You're going to need a bigger Dumpster."

Obviously, the world can't support the equivalent of 72 billion people disposing of stuff at the rate I do. And there are serious political consequences (to say nothing of moral dilemmas) in telling the developing world they'll have to suck it up while we continue our profligate lifestyles. But Diamond says we could meet somewhere in the middle: We reduce our consumption rates while they improve theirs.

"Real sacrifice wouldn't be required, however," he says, "because living standards are not tightly coupled to consumption rates. Much American consumption is wasteful and contributes little or nothing to the quality of life."

In that he may run into an argument. I also read an article last week in The Economist, the conservative British newsmagazine, that says income equality disparities are misleading. Sure, the article says, the rich are doing way better than every else in terms of what they earn. But the true measure of satisfaction comes in what you consume, not what you earn.

If The Economist is right, U.S. consumption rates give it a better class of poor people. If Jared Diamond is right, as more of the world's poor try to match our consumption rates, the world could be in for hard times.

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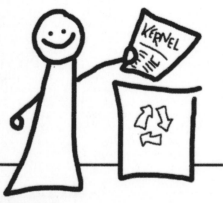
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## Teach For America final deadline nears

By Chris Weis  
news@kykernel.com

In 2006, Amanda Mills went from sitting in her corporate communications courses in Lexington, Ky., to teaching a fifth-grade reading class at Lexington Elementary, a school in St. Louis, Mo.

Mills is one of 15 UK alumni currently participating in Teach For America, a program that places graduating college seniors at public schools in low-income communities for two years.

Teach For America allows young professionals to help combat the education gap developing in certain urban and rural regions in the United States, said recruitment director Alicia Herald.

"Beyond the two-year term, we hope for them to have a lot of firsthand experience, insight and conviction that will put them in a unique position to make change down the line," Herald said.

This year, 14 UK students have been accepted after the first two application deadlines. The acceptance rate of UK students is 50 percent, compared with 21 percent nationally, Herald said.

The fourth and final deadline for applying is Feb. 15. Those interested can visit Teach For America's Web site ([www.teachforamerica.org](http://www.teachforamerica.org)).

Scott McIntosh, an economics and accounting senior, recently learned he will teach secondary mathematics in Oakland, San Francisco or San Jose, Calif.

McIntosh worked in the fall as a campus campaign coordinator to raise awareness, plan events and identify top

prospects at UK for Teach For America.

He sees Teach For America as an occasion to give back and to reflect.

"I think a lot of people find their passion and direction they want to take in life during those two years," McIntosh said.

Mills, who is in her last year with Teach For America and considering staying at the school after she completes the program, said she has learned patience, problem solving and people skills.

"Managing classes is like managing your own small business," she said.

Before settling in the classroom, new members attend a summer training program that is jokingly called "teaching boot camp" by some, McIntosh said.

Teach For America staff and mentors provide ongoing sup-

port to participants throughout the process.

"I know I am not going to be on an island," McIntosh said.

"It's going to be hard, but I'm excited about that."

Generating change in the education of low-income kids, it's giving them the opportunity to attend a school like UK, is a reason to become involved in Teach For America, Herald said.

"For two years you can make a strong impact on kids who are really deserving," she said.

While Mills may not see herself in a classroom setting in the future, she said Teach For America has given her a "much stronger understanding of the education inequities that exist in our society."

"I still want to be involved in an inner-city environment," she said.

## DANCEBLUE

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hear their stories," Phelps said. "It's very touching."

Faulkner said he got pretty tired around 5 a.m. last year, but helping out the Lexington community is a meaningful cause.

"I realize I'm pretty fortunate, and (at DanceBlue) you see how hard it is for other people, financially and physically," Faulkner said.

Teams raise money through door-to-door and mail solicitation, and some use canning, where teams go to crowded areas, such as street intersections or sporting events, and ask individuals for donations. At the actual dance marathon, teams use pledge books to secure donations.

DanceBlue also held a 5K run and a fall festival last semester.

Phelps said he plans on dancing in the marathon this year. While it is a fun event, he said it is difficult.

"It's not easy — 24 hours is a long time," Phelps said. "That's the challenge, and that's why it's so worth it."

## BILLS

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will reduce the immediate costs. So it is less likely to have a huge demand on the new budget."

## Why are election polls sometimes so wrong?

By Steven Thomma  
McClatchy Newspapers

MERRIMACK, N.H. — When politicians see polls they don't like, they recite a cliché: The only poll that counts is the one on Election Day.

Tuesday, the voters of New Hampshire proved the cliché right.

For days, poll after poll showed Illinois Sen. Barack Obama opening a big lead heading into the New Hampshire Democratic primary. But when the votes were counted, New York Sen. Hillary Clinton won. Even she seemed surprised.

Were the polls all wrong? Did the pollsters misjudge how many women would vote? Did voters lie when pollsters called? Or were the polls right about Obama leading, proving that debates and campaigning the last weekend really do matter and can sway voters at the last hour?

Regardless of the answers, many analysts urged a post-mortem to figure out what happened in New Hampshire.

"It is simply unprecedented for so many polls to have been so wrong," said Gary Langer, the polling director for ABC News, in a memo posted at his Web site. "We need to know why."

Every poll done for the news media in New Hampshire after

If passed by the state education committee, the General Assembly will see other legislation that may affect students, including regulations on marketing credit cards and a textbook study.

State Rep. Susan Westrom, D-Lexington, wants to prohibit companies from offering students gifts for applying for credit

cards and create regulations for marketing credit cards on campuses.

Nelson will also push textbook study legislation this session that has failed in the Senate for the past three years, he said. The study will look into why the cost of textbooks is so high and the effectiveness of on-line course material.

## DIVERSITY

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The position will not be affected by the hiring freeze that UK President Lee Todd announced yesterday because it is vital to the university, Blanton said.

Whenever the new vice president for institutional diversity takes office, Jackson said policy must come from the university community, which she would like to see brought together.

"You're not waiting to see what the University of Whatever has decided to do," she said. "You've said, 'This is where we're going, this is where we want to go, and we want someone to help us get there.'"



CHRISTOPHER REESEN | MCT  
Democratic presidential hopeful Sen. Hillary Clinton, D-N.Y., addresses supporters after winning the New Hampshire Democratic primary on Tuesday in Manchester, N.H.

the Iowa caucuses showed Obama gaining and opening a lead on Clinton.

A McClatchy-MSNBC poll conducted immediately before and after Iowa showed Obama with the support of 33 percent in New Hampshire, Clinton with 31.

Polls conducted after Obama's Iowa win showed him with a bigger lead. One survey for C-SPAN and Reuters showed Obama up 42-29 percent over Clinton. Six public polls for news

media and universities showed him with an average lead of 8.3 percentage points.

None showed Clinton close, let alone ahead. Yet she beat Obama by 39-36 percent.

So what happened? One possibility widely mentioned Wednesday was that white New Hampshire voters might have lied to pollsters, expressing support for black Obama, then voting against him once they were in the privacy of

the polling booth.

That's happened before, and it's noteworthy that there was no big discrepancy on the Republican side, where all top candidates were white.

"There will be a lot of claims about what happened, about respondents who reputedly lied, about alleged difficulties polling in biracial contests," Langer said. "That may be so. It also may be a smokescreen, a convenient foil for pollsters who'd rather fault their respondents than own up to other possibilities — such as their own failings in sampling and 'likely voter' modeling."

One possible reason the polls were so far off was that pollsters miscalculated when they screened those who answered their phones to find "likely voters."

Another is that the timing of the polls missed a late surge of support for Clinton, particularly among women, influenced by a debate Saturday night, Sunday talk shows, round-the-clock campaigning and an emotional response from Clinton on Monday to the stress of the campaign.

"Timing is half of everything," said Brad Coker, the managing partner of Mason-Dixon Polling & Research, which conducts polls for McClatchy and MSNBC.

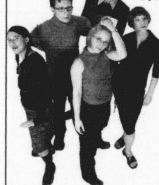


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