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## House boosts UK's funding

### Taxes for tobacco and alcohol products raised; Senate must approve budget next

By Troy Lyle  
THE KENTUCKY KERNEL

FRANKFORT, Ky. — Late Friday night, the state House of Representatives approved a budget that provides UK an additional \$3.5 million in funding and \$40 million to help fund the new pharmaceutical complex.

In an unprecedented show of bipartisanship, House Bill 267 — a "bare bones" budget — unanimously passed. In addition, the House passed House Bill 272 by a 96-4 vote. This bill would provide revenue increases by implementing several initiatives aimed at everything from cigarettes to personal income taxes.

Both bills received overwhelming support despite early legislative pessimism that a tax modernization plan that Gov. Ernie Fletcher proposed to revamp Kentucky's tax system wouldn't be feasible.

UK President Lee Todd said he would like to have more money, but added that these moves are positive steps in the right direction.

"This is the first budget increase I've seen in my three years here," he said. "I'm encouraged by what the governor and House are doing."

Initially, the state was offering \$21 million in funding for the pharmaceutical complex, which UK was going to have to match. But in an amendment to the new budget bill, legislators increased that figure by \$19 million.

That amendment also provided an additional \$15 million in funding for all of Kentucky higher education. At this time, UK is expected to receive \$3.5 million of that money.

All of these numbers are

subject to change, said Angie Martin, vice president for planning, budget and policy at UK.

Martin cautioned that both bills have a long way to go, with approval still needed from the state Senate and the governor, she said.

Martin also said "it's too early to tell" whether the additional funding could be used to offset a proposed 14.5 percent tuition increase for next school year.

"We will go back and look at the entire financial picture once these bills become law," she said. "At this point, we don't know what the final version will be."

Another initiative in H.B. 272, the tax bill, is a tuition tax credit for undergraduate students from Kentucky. The credit could be worth up to \$300.

The state estimates that more than 61,000 families will be able to utilize the credit. The average Kentucky taxpayer who qualifies for the federal tax credit will receive a credit of roughly \$262, according to the proposed budget's data. The credit will result in an estimated \$16 million of assistance to state taxpayers in the fiscal year 2006.

"This credit should make college more reasonable for all Kentuckians attending college," said Harry Moberly, House budget chairman.

Legislators heralded both bills as examples of what can happen when partisanship is set aside.

Moberly credited Fletcher with having the courage to pursue this plan.

"I commend the governor for making a comprehensive and bold tax modernization

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## many nations one stage

STAFF REPORT

Myriad dances and fashion shows filled the stage Friday night at Memorial Hall. This year's International Talent Night featured fifteen performances by individuals from many countries including India, Turkey, China and Morocco. The event was sponsored by the International Student Council.

Janki Shah, a native of India, said, "It's a good thing that every country has come here and shown their tradition." Shah participated in the Indian fashion show at Friday's performance.

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Top left: Internal medicine graduate student Agus Darwanto performs a Chinese dance during the International Talent Show in Memorial Hall Friday night.

JONATHAN PALMER | STAFF

Above: Janki Shah from India participated in the Indian Fashion Show.

JONATHAN PALMER | STAFF

Left: The presidents of various international student organizations carried flags from their respective countries on stage to begin the show.

KEITH SMILEY | STAFF

## Guest speakers, theater tackle forum's query

By Kristin Hogue  
THE KENTUCKY KERNEL

UK's third annual Veritas Forum begins today to answer one question: Who are we?

The forum will run through Sunday. This year's version features three guest speakers and four nights of a theatrical production, all addressing the issue of what it means to be a person.

Veritas Forums began at Harvard University in 1992 and have since spread to more than 50 campuses across the country. UK held its first Veritas Forum in 2003.

Dan Blazer, professor of psychiatry and behavioral sciences at Duke University, said the Veritas Forum always creates valuable discussion.

"I can think of no better way in which students can grow toward forming their own views of their selves in society," he said.

In his speech tonight, Blazer will explore the use of medication "in the pursuit of mental health and human wholeness."

"I hope my lecture will both demystify these medications, such as Zoloft or Prozac, and heighten our awareness of how quickly we turn to medications to correct our problems and how much we value their ability to improve the quality of our lives," Blazer said.

Craig Detweiler, screenwriter and professor of mass communications at Biola University in Los Angeles, will examine the filmmaker's perspective of this question tomorrow night. Movies, as a vital part of American culture, often contain an array of questions about humanity, he said.

"It'll just be continuing the conversation that is already swirling around films like *Fight Club*,

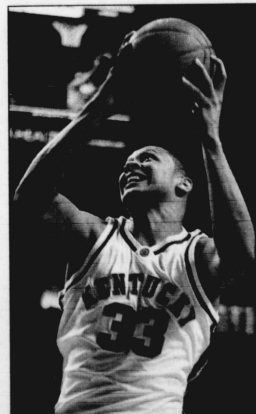
*The Matrix* and even the new film *Constantine*," Detweiler said. "This will be the first Veritas Forum I've ever attended, so I'm just as eager as students to engage in some dialogue about the movies and their meanings."

Richard John Neuhaus, the forum's final speaker, is a Catholic priest and editor-in-chief of the *First Things* journal.

Neuhaus will address the purpose of human existence through a theological perspective. The final four nights of the forum are devoted to a theatrical production of *C.S. Lewis' The Great Divorce*, put on by the UK drama department. A free DVD documentary featuring various local professors discussing the play will be handed out at each performance.

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Veritas Forum Online:  
www.veritas.org/Kentucky



JONATHAN PALMER | STAFF  
UK freshman center Randolph Morris scored a game-high 17 points in 19 minutes Saturday.

## UK 94, MISSISSIPPI STATE 78 Offense returns in primetime rout

By Ben Roberts  
THE KENTUCKY KERNEL

A student holding up a handmade sign behind the Wildcat bench had one simple request of his mother before Saturday night's game with Mississippi State. He didn't want money. He didn't want food.

The sign simply read, "Hi Mom. Send offense."

After Tuesday's 73-61 loss at South Carolina, where the No. 3 Cats shot 35 percent from the floor and made a season-low 18 field goals — the UK fan just wanted to see some points.

Seven Wildcats scored in double figures, and the team set a season-high in points to grant that wish as UK (20-3, 11-1 Southeastern Conference) rolled to a 94-78 victory over the Bulldogs in front of 24,247 fans at Rupp Arena.

Junior guard Revi Moss, who had 10 first-half points

off the bench, said the Cats tried to put the dismal performance at South Carolina behind them going into Saturday's game.

"We just stepped up and shot the ball with confidence," Moss said. "We came in more focused, and we came in more intense. I think that really affected us tonight, and we're going to have to come with that every game."

UK jumped out to a quick 12-point advantage midway through the first half, but the Bulldogs (18-8, 6-6 SEC) utilized a 10-0 run later in the period to take a 34-33 lead and keep the score close until halftime.

The Cats, up 46-43 at the break, went on to score the first 10 points of the second half and outscore Mississippi State 27-6 over the first 10 minutes of the period.

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## Morris drives offensive high



Tim Wiseman  
SPORTS EDITOR

After UK's offense went into cold storage in Columbia, S.C., on Tuesday and tempers in Lexington grew red-hot, Tubby Smith needed an answer fast.

He chose a simple one, and it worked.

Days after the Cats struggled to a season low of 18 field goals on 35-percent shooting, UK exploded for 94 points in a rout of Mississippi State on Saturday.

As is often the case, there was  
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## Provost argues case for top job at other school

By Adam Sichko  
THE KENTUCKY KERNEL

Provost Mike Nietzel — UK's second-highest administrator — made his case to become Southwest Missouri State University's next president in a four-day visit there last week.



Nietzel

During the trip to Springfield, Mo., Nietzel participated in open forum discussions with SMS faculty, students and staff. He also held meetings with the university's Board of Governors, the equivalent of UK's Board of Trustees, as well as the outgoing president.

"The campus and the community were very welcoming," Nietzel said in a statement released Friday. "And I enjoyed learning more about the excellent opportunities the university has developed and is planning."

Nietzel, who declined to be interviewed, was the last of the three finalists for the position, who were named last month. Fifty-nine people applied for the position.

Members of the presidential search committee said Nietzel was impressive in the forums and interviews.

"Nietzel hit the ball out of the park when he was here," said Gloria Galanes, a professor in the department of communications. "All the faculty and administrators really don't see any weaknesses."

Michael Franks, the committee's chairman, said Nietzel received a warm welcome.

"He spoke with great candor and

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# Features

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## PLAY REVIEW



Cast members (from left) Jenny Fitzpatrick, Terrence Tucker, Blake Carlson, Dana Chester, Chris DeSantis and Adam Fister assemble for the end of *Good Night Desdemona, Good Morning Juliet*.

KEITH SMILEY / STAFF

## Shakespeare satire shines onstage

By Melissa Smith Mallory  
THE KENTUCKY KERNEL

The classic tragedies of Shakespeare are known and beloved throughout the world. As loved as they are, it's hard to watch such stupid mistakes when the audience has full knowledge of the situation. You just want to expose Iago to Othello and tell Tybalt of the new marriage before everything goes awry.

*Good Night Desdemona, Good Morning Juliet* opens with Constance Ledbelly, played by Dana Chester, postulating on the possibility that these ersatz tragedies are actually comedies that Shakespeare stole and twisted to fit his purpose. Chester lectures to the audience as if it was a group of students, and her confidence in her theory makes the logic plausible.

Constance is working on her doctorate, which hinges on the decryption of the Gustav manuscript. All of this hard work for so long has left Constance socially insecure.

Chester plays this particularly well when the love of Constance's life — and boss — delivers the news of his departure to Oxford. Her inability to act cool around Claude Night (Terrence Tucker) is reminiscent of middle school self-consciousness.

One of Constance's ideas involves the presence of a wise fool that Shakespeare extracted from the comedies, and in her search for this wise fool, she is sucked into Othello. Each actor in this play — with the exception of Chester and her two fools (Blake Carlson and Chris DeSantis) — plays at least three roles. Jenny Fitzpatrick as Desdemona erases any preconceived notions about her delicacy and innocence, and she injects the character with a fervor and energy that overpowers Chester.

When her purpose is fulfilled at Cyprus, where Othello's citadel is located, Constance is then transported to Verona, where she happens upon Romeo, Tybalt and Mercutio just before the story takes a down turn. Adam Fister as Romeo gives the character a facet that can't necessarily be inferred from the original script, and it is hilarious. Fister's entire performance, not only as Romeo, stands out in every scene.

The zeal of both Romeo and Juliet gives the second act a bit more liveliness than the first, especially as Constance gets closer and closer to the treasure chest of her quest. Terrence Tucker as Juliet's nurse is very funny, although it may just be his goatee that magnifies the absurdity.

### Good Night Desdemona, Good Morning Juliet

When: 8 p.m. Feb. 24, 25 and 26;  
2 p.m. Feb. 27

Where: Guilpin Theatre, Fine Arts Building

How much: Tickets cost \$8 for students, \$10 for faculty and staff and \$15 for the general public. For more information, call the Singletary Center for the Arts Box Office at 251-4929.

Web site: www.uky.edu/FineArts/Theatre

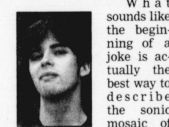
Anyone who appreciates Shakespeare enough to enjoy seeing it made fun of will like this show. Juliet and Desdemona are some of the most well known leading women, and although Juliet turns out to be sex-crazed and Desdemona is a killing machine at heart, they still maintain some of the qualities that make us love them.

Ann-Marie MacDonald's *Desdemona* finally acquiesces to the pleadings of audiences everywhere and shows them what happens if the characters' fates are thwarted and their lives saved.

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## Dälek brings eclectic to Lex Vegas

So Public Enemy, Aphex Twin and Wolf Eyes walk into a bar.



Michael Powell  
KERNEL COLUMNIST

What sounds like the beginning of a joke is actually the best way to describe the sonic mosaic of a v a n a t l e hip-hop collective Dälek.

With a smorgasbord of disparate influences, socio-political agendas and musical ambition, Dälek will startle the masses at the Dame tonight in support of their newest effort, *Absence*, just released on Mike Patton's Ipecac label.

As one of the most unequivocally innovative artists to emerge from the American underground hip-hop scene, Dälek coalesces colossal mid-tempo jazz and trip-hop beats with drones, white noise, static and reverb, creating swirling textures in the vein of late 1970s deiceb-shredding synthpop composer Glenn Branca, British shoegazers My

### Dälek

When: 8 tonight  
Where: The Dame, 156 W. Main St.  
How much: Tickets cost \$6 and can be purchased at the door or online at www.dameky.com.

Bloody Valentine and experimentalists Black Dice.

The effect is a bizarre and hazy gray area between cerebral hip-hop, ambient electronic and abrasive psychedelic hypnosis.

Formed at New Jersey's William Patterson University circa 1998, the three-piece Dälek have employed a tireless DIY touring ethic since the group's genesis, progressively picking up steam and praise with each tour. Their broad sound led them to open for a roster as eclectic as Prince Paul, Kid 606 and the Drilling Escape Plan.

As their most adventurous work yet, *Absence* features classic hip-hop rhythms crashing uniformly with clamorous and dissonant tones masterfully produced to create transient harmonies. Combine their pioneering sound with lyrics

hanging at the corner of social injustice and frustration toward pop culture, and you have an album that truly raises the bar for everyone just like DJ Shadow's *Endtroducing* or The Roots' *Phenomenology* did.

Tracks like "Ever Somber" evokes the spacey, melodic beauty of Squarepusher's more experimental compositions, while "Opiate the Masses," in reference to Karl Marx's views on organized religion, offer an aggressive edge that could have fit perfectly on *Fear of a Black Planet* while performing collateral damage on one's ghetto blaster.

It's as good as it sounds. Opening for Dälek is the Cincinnati jazz trio IsWhat?!, who amalgamate the off-kilter rhythms of DJ Spooky with the jazz-hop of Digable Planets and spoken word poetry.

Artists like Dälek and IsWhat?! prove that hip-hop can be some of the most emotive, expressive and innovative music in pop culture. You should walk into a bar yourself and witness the freshest sound in experimental hip-hop.

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"I'll play it and tell you what it is later."  
— Miles Davis

hip hop generation member

## Russell Gunn

february 25, 8pm, memorial hall

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## Arts & Sciences PRESENTS

### MONDAY'S EVENTS

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NOON-1 PM: ARTS & SCIENCES AMBASSADORS PRESENT "AN A&S WEEK OF CELEBRATION" Speakers: Provost Michael Nietzel and Dean Steven Hoch Patrick Kenington and Lucas Braun, Arts & Sciences Ambassadors Co-Coordinators Location: Balcony of the Main Building

FACULTY AUTHORS & BOOK JACKET POSTERS: Edge: Encha, *Relative Homological Algebra* Gloria Alaire, *The Italian Now* George Crothers, *Hunters & Gatherers in Theory & Archaeology* Ron Brunst, *Edmund Husserl & Eugen Fink: Beginnings & Ends in Phenomenology 1928-1938* Stan Brunn, *11 September and Its Aftermath: The Geopolitics of Terror* Yolanda Perez, *Hell Without Fire: Christianity, Slavery & the Antebellum Spiritual Narrative* Robert Olson, *Turkey-Iran Relations 1979-2004* Jeffrey Peters, *Mapping Discord* Kim Edwards, *The Memory Keeper's Daughter* P. P. Karas, *Japan in the 21st Century: Environment, Economy and Society* Edward Stanton, *Contemporary Hispanic Quotations—Camino De Las Estrellas* Suzanne Pucci, *Jane Austen & Co.: Remaking the Past in Contemporary Culture* Jeremy Popkin, *History, Historians & Autobiography* Francis Chassen-Lopez, *From Liberal to Revolutionary Mexico: The View From The South, Mexico 1807-1911* Location: Main building, 2nd floor Refreshtments served.

2 PM: CHRIS POOL, UK DEPARTMENT OF ANTHROPOLOGY—"UNCOVERING ANCIENT OLMEC CULTURE IN SOUTHERN MEXICO" Famed for its massive stone sculptures, the ancient Olmec culture helped lay the foundations for the Maya and other civilizations of Mexico and Central America. Pool's recent discoveries push the founding of the site back to 1200 B.C. and reveal the ultimate fate of this fascinating culture. Location: W.T. Young Library Auditorium Reception to follow in W.T. Young Library Gallery.

3:30 PM: AMBASSADOR MARY PENDELTON, DIPLOMAT IN RESIDENCE The James W. Stuckert Career Center hosts a Department of State Information session that will give students an opportunity to hear about fellowships for undergraduate and graduate students as well as the fall internship program. Location: Room 101, Stuckert Bldg.

3:30 PM: ASIA CENTER VISITING SCHOLARS Shamba and Nalan Henyayee: "Myths and Realities of Ethno-nationalist Crisis in Sri Lanka" Location: Student Center, room 228 Refreshtments will be served.

4 PM: ARTS & SCIENCES DEAN'S LECTURE AND VISITING PROFESSOR SERIES Joan Tronto, Professor of Political Science, Hunter College and the Graduate School, City University of New York "Victims Circles of Privatized Care" Joan Tronto is a leading feminist political theorist who has pioneered one of the most important theoretical innovations in feminist thought over the last several decades. Her ground-breaking book, *Moral Boundaries: A Political Argument for an Ethic of Care*, challenges the common assumption in American society that physical and emotional nurturing are private, domestic matters unrelated to politics. Instead, she shows that care giving and care-receiving activities reflect political, economic, relations and cultural notions of gender, family, and politics. Location: Young Library Auditorium

6 PM: KEYNOTE SPEAKER: PHILIP SHORT, FORMER INTERNATIONAL BBC CORRESPONDENT AND AUTHOR DISCUSSES HIS NEW BOOK, *POL POT: ANATOMY OF A NIGHTMARE* Philip Short first encountered Pol Pot in 1977 while working as a BBC Beijing correspondent. In his book, he traces the history of the charming, charismatic man who came to be known as the most brutal political foreign correspondent for the BBC, with assignments in Moscow, China, Paris, Tokyo and Washington, D.C. His previous work, *Mac A Life*, is considered the definitive biography of the founder of modern China and was a 2000 New York Times Notable Book. Location: Student Center Theatre. Reception to follow in Rm. 245, Student Ctr.

OPEN CLASSES FOR MONDAY: AMS 100 Intro to Linguistics, MW 11-11:50AM, 306 Baker Hall AMS 342 Command Management, M, 4-6:30PM, 109B Baker Hall ANT 160 Cultural Diversity in the Modern World, MW 10-10:50AM CP 155 AST 192 Stars: Goddesses and the Universe, M, 4-7:15 PM, CP 153 ENG 211 Intro to Linguistics, MW, 4-5:15PM, CB 211 ENG 211 Intro to Linguistics, MW, 5-6:45PM, CB 211 ENG 306 introductions to professions in writing, MWF, 9-9:50AM, 306 Baker Hall PHI 310 Philosophy of Human Nature, MWF, 10-10:50AM, CB 243 PHI 513 19th Century Philosophy, MWF, 1-1:50PM, LCL 357 SPA 490 Mapping Latin American Cities in Literature & Film, M, 3-5:30PM, Young Library 110 An Equal Opportunity University

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# Opinions

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## WEEK IN REVIEW

### Higher education rally

Last week, approximately 450 students from colleges and universities around Kentucky gathered in the Capitol to petition legislators for more funding for higher education. The attendance at this year's rally, though up from 25 last year, is still a dismal showing for UK college students. For its part, UK Student Government provided free transportation to the rally. Presidential candidate Rachel Watts and presidential candidate Becky Ellingsworth met with state legislators to discuss tuition hikes. It was nice to see SG officials in Frankfort petitioning state leaders. Even though spending \$1,700 on two charter buses to ferry students to Frankfort is less than cost-effective, providing student representation on issues such as tuition is central to SG's true mission.

### Town and gown

Last week, the Town and Gown Commission gathered to talk about problems with streets and neighborhoods surrounding campus — too many beer bottles and cars parked in the yard, as well as insufficient street lighting. Local residents claim students engage in unruly behavior and landlords are reluctant to do anything about it. "It looks like Bourbon Street in the middle of Mardi Gras," said David Stevens, councilman at large, referring to the condition of Elizabeth Street. Hyperbole or sure, but Stevens and the commission are serious. They are planning a do-or-die initiative to get students and families living around campus to come together.

While it's safe to assume that students and residents are probably guilty of causing tension in neighborhoods surrounding UK, it's pathetic that a municipal organization has to attempt to teach people how to be good neighbors.

### Condemnation donation

Mayor Teresa Isaac, who appeared on "Live with Lee" last week, is encouraging people to make donations to the law firm prosecuting the case against the Kentucky-American Water Co. The Lexington-Fayette Urban County Council has restricted further spending in the Fayette Circuit Court, except for fees related to drawing up papers that would end the condemnation. Isaac said she was going to use private funds to go forth with public condemnation of a private company. Does anyone see the irony here?

Meanwhile, the council tabled a motion that would rescind Isaac's negotiating ability and replace her with a panel of three to seven council members, which would be selected by Vice Mayor Mike Scanlon. Political opponents of Scanlon will charge that he is usurping power and doing little to build a coalition, but Isaac has already shown that she is completely unwilling to compromise on this issue.

### Tax legislation passed

The Kentucky House passed a tax overhaul bill 96-4 Friday that included most of Gov. Ernie Fletcher's provisions. The tax takes 300,000 low-income workers off the rolls and lowers state payroll taxes from 6 percent to 5.8 percent of income for everyone making less than \$75,000 per year. Although the GOP-controlled Senate will now have to approve the bill, the nearly unanimous support in the heavily Democratic House is a nice but rare event in Frankfort these days. State legislators, don't put yourselves on the back yet. This and several other bills — including a budget — still have to be passed.

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AARON SMITH, THE KENTUCKY KERNEL

## IN OUR OPINION

# Silence on tuition hike unacceptable

If the stereotypes are true, college students only care about themselves. They take little interest in local politics, if any politics at all.

But there's another segment of society that believes differently. Students can accomplish great things when they get set on a goal. They know no bounds, so they rise above failure. Students are inventive. "Students are the future."

It's our turn — our obligation — as students to show people who believe the first set of stereotypes to turn to the second.

As money is being siphoned out of our pockets faster than air escaping a busted life raft, we need to stand up to legislators, show them our disdain for our situation, lay UK's proposed 14.5 percent tuition increase at their feet and demand a solution.

Pushing the needs of students to the side needs to stop.

And at least two student groups are stepping up to show students how that is done.

Coming off last week's rally in Frankfort, Student Government has

organized a letter, e-mail and phone call campaign to help bend the ear of legislators to students' needs.

This Wednesday and Thursday, laptops will be set up either outside or inside the Classroom Building lobby where students will be able to e-mail their legislators. Students can also opt to send a letter via mail or call their legislators.

"The other groups that get their voices heard in Frankfort are very organized," said Daniel Turner, SG's vice chairman for academic affairs. "That's what we need."

"Students really care quite a bit more than they're given credit for."

Turner, an economics junior, and Silvia Timmerding, a political science and Spanish junior, are starting the Student Legislative Coalition, a student lobbying group that will go a step beyond SG's advocacy efforts.

This group wants to start addressing students' needs in a more one-on-one approach by regularly meeting with legislators, he said.

For this week's event at the Classroom Building, SG — with the help of the coalition — has made fliers that break down issues like tax modernization, higher education

### Contact your legislator

Student Government officials will have laptops set up in the Classroom Building Wednesday and Thursday for UK students to contact their legislators to voice displeasure with the recently announced increase in tuition.

funding and bonding for university buildings. They have form letters, e-mails and scripts to read on the phone if students need them. The groups will also be distributing "legislator trading cards." The front of the card has a photo of the legislator, and the back has contact information and how much money has been cut from UK funding.

Turner's lobbying group is looking for members. Come by their tables this week or e-mail ukstudent-coalition@yahoo.com to join.

"Ideally this is something that would go on year after year after year," Turner said of the campaign. "I really do think there is room (in the budget for higher education) and there are people there that want to help us."

Please get involved in this group. Show our legislators how students feel about the rising costs of education. Show them that we aren't passive observers who will idly sit by as tuition skyrockets, professors leave and services decrease.

And if these options don't interest you, you can find time to write a letter, send an e-mail or make a call. How many calls or e-mails do we make everyday? Making this one could potentially count in the future of our education.

You have the pen and paper; you have the computer; you have the telephone — there's no excuse not to take 30 seconds to try to influence the next decade of UK's progress.

Show naysayers that students have the ability to affect the future now.

# Welfare program epitomizes Americans' greed

A fat lady lying on the couch eating bonbons and watching Jerry Springer as her five illegitimate children run around in dirty diapers.



Courtney Carr  
KERNEL COLUMNIST

That picture has come to characterize America and its system of government, thanks in part to the liberal masterminds who ran this country say... about five years ago. Welfare has come to symbolize America itself, and though it is often necessary for the government to help the people, a fair democracy does much more than monetarily support its citizens.

A true democracy has a leader elected by the people, not a cruel dictator who comes to power through force. A democracy gives people a right to work hard and earn their living, a right to education and employment, and essentially a right to freedom.

In a dictatorship, people are forced to work hard while all their money goes to those high in the government, the people have no say in who their ruler is or what he believes in, and their freedom can be lost at any moment for no apparent reason.

Iraqis have been subjected to a cruel dictatorship under Saddam Hussein for many years. The people have worked hard, yet they still live in poverty. The children have starved while the parents watch, unable to do anything. Women have been kidnapped and raped, and no justice has come upon those who have done such cruel things. Citizens are arrested and executed with no crime and with no trial; there is no hope for them.

We in America, especially as greedy college students, think our life is horrible when we can't afford a new pair of Nikes, or we don't get to go to Cancun this year, or we think we deserve so much more than \$7 an hour for our job scooping fries. Can you even imagine what it would be like to live in uncertainty? Will you get paid this

week? Will your children eat? Will you be taken away by the regime?

Americans are gluttonous. We love democracy and everything it entails. We love buying things and living in marvelous houses and driving souped-up cars. We love being entitled to money simply because we are Americans; we even love being able to have a say in our government. We love our lives. In fact, we love our lives so much that we are too selfish to share what we have with anyone else, and this goes beyond paying tithes or giving food to the needy.

Halfway around the world, there are people starving and being beaten and dying on a daily basis. We could easily free these people from all their pain, and all it would take is the loss of a few hundred American lives — a small number of people who dedicated their lives to the military, to protecting this nation and all it stands for.

How simple and fair and just would it be to instill in these people a new sense of hope and joy, to give them a fairer homeland in

which they can be proud?

This easy victory would be glorious if Americans were not so selfish. Instead of cheering for our soldiers and what they are accomplishing, those of us left at home are screaming and cursing the government for our soldiers' loss of lives. Not that it isn't a tragedy that some 1,000 soldiers have died, but think of the millions of people who have been liberated and given a new chance at life.

Iraqis need democracy, but not like what America has with welfare and social security, because Iraqis are not greedy. Iraqis need a democracy in which they can vote, hold office, work hard for their earnings, and receive representation and health care and all the other wonderful blessings we Americans have taken for granted.

If we in America believe in helping those who have less than us, should we not believe in helping those who have absolutely nothing?

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Is it worth the proposed tuition increase if it improves the overall quality of education at UK?

Yes  
50.4%; 131 votes

No  
49.6%; 129 votes

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Mickie DeMoss walked off the court alone, shaking her head.

The UK women's basketball coach would like to know what is wrong with her team. After UK's 71-55 loss to Mississippi State yesterday in front of 7,683 fans at Memorial Coliseum, DeMoss sought an answer for her team's recent struggles. Of the Cats' last nine games, they've lost eight.

In the UK (14-13, 3-9 South-eastern Conference) locker room, DeMoss told her team to figure out its course.

"She wants us to decide how we are going to finish off the season," said freshman center Sarah Elliott.

Throughout the game, UK would make a run at the Bulldogs and then commit a costly turnover.

"We have a hard time sustaining our intensity," DeMoss said.

The Cats struggled all day with the Bulldog (16-8, 5-7 SEC) defense.

"Their hands were right in my eyes," said Elliott, who led the Cats with 14 points. "I couldn't see."

Even with a swarming MSU defense, which scored 24 points on 18 turnovers, UK managed to score 32 points in the paint.

"If Elliott or anyone else gets close to the hole, it's money in the bank," said MSU head coach Sharon Fanning. "We tried to get them a step out of their range."

UK made one of 11 3-point attempts for the game.

After a back-and-forth



UK head coach Mickie DeMoss paces the sidelines as the Cats drop their fifth straight game — and eighth in their last nine — yesterday in Memorial Coliseum. The Cats fell to Mississippi State 71-55, and afterward, DeMoss told her Cats to decide how they were going to finish the season.

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first half, in which the lead changed hands six times, the Bulldogs seized momentum with a couple quick baskets from senior guard Tan White.

White led all scorers, with 23 points and six rebounds.

"I'll be glad to watch her in the WNBA," DeMoss said. "She can take over a ball game."

White's defensive work on UK's leading scorer, senior forward Sara Potts was equally impressive. Potts scored 11 points on five-of-14 shooting. White limited Potts to five shots in the second half.

"Sara got a couple good shots off, but they just weren't

falling," White said.

UK cut the lead to 10 with 5:40 to go, but back-to-back 3-pointers by MSU senior forward Rebecca Kates put the game out of reach.

"Kates hit those two threes — that killed us," DeMoss said.

However, it shouldn't have come down to that, Elliott said.

"We knew we could have taken over in the first half — we didn't," Elliott said. "We could have taken over in the second half. We didn't."

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## Cool Cats share the wealth in routs

By Chris Johnson  
THE KENTUCKY KERNEL

UK coach Mike Sosnowski is constantly telling his players to play as a team, not to look for individual goals.

Against Cincinnati this weekend, the players followed directions.

UK scored six goals in the third period Saturday against an overmatched and exhausted Bearcats club to polish off a two-game home-and-home sweep, 13-2 Friday and 12-3 Saturday.

"Team hockey creates more scoring opportunities," Sosnowski said. "That's more times we put the puck in the net."

Sosnowski said that against Cincinnati, as soon as the passing got better, the scoring chances were more lucrative.

UK's six goals in Saturday's final period turned the game into a rout. Forward Alex Poulos scored with 15:33 remaining after a pretty pass from captain Colin Hoss, chipping the puck into the net as he was falling down after being pushed from behind by a Bearcat defender.

Forward Mike Kunath scored his second goal of the night eight seconds later, going across Cincinnati's goalie's body on a breakaway and making the score 8-3.

Forward Josh McConnell added his second goal of the night five minutes later on a deft backhanded shot from the left face-off circle. Forwards Jay Theobald, Bill Leckenby and Matt York completed the scoring for the Cool Cats, who won their 20th game of the season.

"Coming from where we were two years ago, winning 20 games is good," Sosnowski said. "We didn't achieve our national goal, but winning 20 is good."

Mike Kilbane notched the victory in goal for the Cats, saving 26 of 29 shots on goal.

"I thought Mike played extremely well," Sosnowski said. "When they get point-blank shots, they're going to score sooner or later, but I thought he did a good job seeing the puck."

Next week, the Cool Cats end their season with a series against Indiana. The Hoosiers are ranked No. 1 in

the Southeast region of the ACHA, while the Cats are No. 13.

"We definitely aren't scared," Sosnowski said. "We just have to match their effort."

"We're going to use Indiana to show us where we need to be next year," assistant coach Rob Docherty said. "There aren't going to be a lot of teams (like Cincinnati) on our schedule next year; it's going to be a lot of Michigan States and Indanas. They'll show us where we need to be, so we can tell the guys, 'OK, after you get back from the summer, this is what we're going to work on.'"

Friday's game against Indiana is in Bloomington, Ind., and Saturday's is at the Lexington Ice Center.

Indiana will be broadcasting next weekend's games live on their student radio affiliate, WIUS 1570. To listen, go to [iuhockey.org](http://iuhockey.org) at 9 p.m. Friday or midnight Saturday and click on the link to games being broadcast live.

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## SPORTS BRIEFS

### UK takes first SEC men's crown since 1957

GAINESVILLE, Fla. — UK senior All-American Daniel Cruz became UK's first Southeastern Conference men's swimming champion since 1957 when he captured the men's 200-butterfly event Saturday evening at the Southeastern Conference Championships in Florida's O'Neill Center Natatorium.

Cruz clocked a pool- and school-record time of 1:42.86, to take first place. It is UK's third SEC men's swimming title and the school's first since the 1957 SEC Championships.

UK's total of four conference titles in this year's meet is the largest in the history of the program.

Cruz's time of 1:42.86 fell short of Michael Phelps' American record by only 1.14 seconds. The UK men and women wrap up the SEC championships with fourth-place finishes, up from fifth and sixth, respectively, a year ago.

### Football loses another assistant coach

UK defensive line coach Michael Gray has resigned in order to accept a coaching position at another school, UK head coach Rich Brooks announced.

Gray came to UK in Jan. 2003 and spent two seasons with the Cats.

### No. 3 LSU too much for gymnasts

The No. 20 UK gymnastics squad posted the eighth-highest team score in school history against No. 3 Louisiana State but lost 196-225-185-550 Friday evening in Memorial Coliseum. UK (4-5, 0-5 Southeastern Conference) senior Michelle Gales finished second in the all-around with a 38.850 score, and junior Lucy Burgin was third with a 38.400 mark on the four events.

### Baseball blasts George Mason

CHARLESTON, S.C. — UK (2-1) totaled 18 hits in defeating George Mason 15-4, yesterday at the Buccaneer Classic. Junior Aaron Tennyson picked up his first career win. UK hosts Buffalo at 3 p.m. Friday.

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