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## Ministry looks at Christian, gay relations

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A program promoting homosexuals to choose a straight lifestyle will be on campus today, presented by the on-campus group Open Door Ministries.

Open Door Ministries strives to address issues of homosexuality for Christians. Its director, communications senior Chris Stump, has arranged for the global organization Exodus International to bring their program "Truth and Tolerance" to UK.

Stump hopes the program, which is tonight at 7 in the Student Center Theater, will inform campus Christians on supporting homosexuals who want to become heterosexual.

"The Christian community has missed the mark when it comes to reaching the homosexual community," Stump said, adding that it "often seems to be confused as whether to em-

brace homosexuality as creation or not."

Stump is referring to the debate over whether sexual orientation is something individuals are born with or whether it is chosen.

"With the confusion, they completely accept homosexuality or ignore the issue completely," he said. "Many look at the homosexual community with judgment."

Scott Davis, the director of Exodus International, will discuss biblical perspectives of homosexuality at the program, as well as explore whether or not individuals are born gay, if it is possible to be Christian and homosexual, how Christians can minister to homosexual friends and whether or not people can choose to start living heterosexually.

Mike Ensley, an Exodus International member, will give a testimony of his

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## GREEKS SING FOR CHARITY



Phi Kappa Tau was the overall winner at the annual Greek Sing event Saturday. Chi Omega sorority and Sigma Alpha Epsilon fraternity co-sponsor Greek Sing to raise funds for the Make-A-Wish Foundation.



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**TOP:** The members of Phi Beta Phi perform "Drop the Beat" during the 2007 Greek Sing in Memorial Coliseum.  
**ABOVE:** Juniors Andrew Loy, front, and Brian Bishop, members of Lambda Chi Alpha, perform "Rose in a Box" as part of the fraternities' "Greek Idol" skit.  
**LEFT:** Aaron Stanley, kinesiology freshman, dances at the Greek Sing with his Delta Sigma Phi fraternity brothers.

## New technology to advance UK's disease research

By Jill Laster  
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A new machine will help UK medical researchers advance disease treatment.

A grant for \$415,000 went to purchasing technology to measure the mass of protein samples, helping researchers learn the protein's role in diseases.

"It will facilitate the cutting-edge research programs that will ultimately lead to novel disease diagnosis and treatment," said Dr. Haining Zhu, an assistant professor in the College of Medicine, in a news release. "This equipment will bring the research capabilities of the Proteomics Core Facility in the UK College of Medicine up to the state-of-the-art."

The grant, which Zhu received from the National Institute of Health (NIH), has been used to buy a matrix-assisted laser desorption/ionization-time of flight spectrometer.

"We're tearing it apart and looking at the pieces," said Dr. Carol Beach of UK's Center for Structural Biology's Proteomics Services. "Then we can put the pieces together and we see the weight ... it will isolate whatever mass you tell it to."

"When I was in school, we used a slide rule." See **Grant** on page 3



## ALABAMA 72, UK 61

### Cats fall behind early, rally too late — again

By Jonathan Smith  
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TUSCALOOSA, Ala. — Heavyweight fighters don't stand around waiting for their opponent to make a move.

They dictate the fight, apply the punches and out strategize their competitor.

Lately, UK better resembles a fighter's punching bag.

"We don't come out hungry and take the first blow," said UK junior forward Joe Crawford. "We just sit around and wait for the other team to make the moves and then we're obviously playing from behind."

In what has become a recurring theme, the Cats fell behind to Alabama early, by as many as 14, and came back late to deny the Crimson Tide a knock-out. But again, UK couldn't quite deliver the final blow, as Alabama applied the hits early, and withstood them late to beat UK 72-61 in front of 15,316 at Coleman Coliseum.

This is the third straight game UK trailed by double digits but fell after a second half comeback. In each game — losses to Florida, Tennessee and now to

Alabama — UK cut the lead to one possession in the second half but couldn't pull ahead.

"We've just got to figure out a way not to come out and get down so far," said freshman Jodie Meeks. "We know we're going to come back, but it's just a matter of exerting so much energy to fight back, it takes so much out of you."

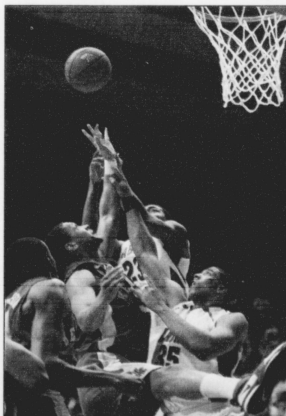
Head coach Tubby Smith and his players emphasized all week the need to get off to a fast start.

To help that, Smith inserted senior forward Shery Thomas into the starting lineup for Bobby Perry, and went to his bench early, playing nine players in the first six minutes to keep the starters fresh.

Even seldom-used freshman Ramon Harris played. He made the most of the rare chance, scoring the Cats' first points off a dunk more than four minutes into the game. Unfortunately for the Cats, it came in the middle of a 15-2 game-opening run for the Crimson Tide.

"I didn't think we were very aggressive at both ends of the court, both offensively and defensively, to start the game," Smith said. "I don't know when we're

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Junior forward Randolph Morris fights for a rebound along with Alabama forwards Richard Hendrix and Demetrius Jemison during the second half of Saturday's game.

## Calling all geeks — this week's for you

By Azra Drijevic  
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A step show and T-shirt giveaway will kick off an annual campus event aimed to bring out the geek in us all.

The College of Arts and Sciences' Geek Week begins today at noon on the Patterson Office Tower plaza.

Geek Week is designed to show students the opportunities open to Arts and Science majors, said co-coordinator of the Arts and Sciences Ambassadors Ashley McFarland.

"We want to celebrate being a geek," said McFarland, a psychology and sociology junior. "Our kick off is where we receive the most people. The give out of Geek Week T-shirts is always a big hit."

Events during the week, like the UK Career Fair and "Resumania" on Thursday, help students write their resumes and review their job options for after graduation.

"People think that if you're an Arts and Science major you'll be asking 'do you want fries with that?' and it's just not true," McFarland said.

Many faculty members are participating in events

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### Horoscopes

By Linda C. Black  
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**Gemini (May 21 June 21)** — Today is a 5 — Although you feel sure you're right, appear to be listening intently. Be respectful. Don't make wise cracks. Be watching out for a

surprise move.  
**Cancer (June 22 July 22)** — Today is a 7 — You're losing interest in making sure you have enough on hand. That's natural, because you almost do. Don't forget to wrap things up well.  
**Leo (July 23 Aug. 22)** — Today is a 5 — Continue to sort through the numbers. Pretend it's a job you like. You're actually pretty good at it now. Figure out what's really going on.  
**Virgo (Aug. 23 Sept. 22)** — Today is a 6 — Let somebody else take over the tough part, for a while. You can watch for errors and helpfully point them out. You're really good at this.  
**Libra (Sept. 23 Oct. 22)** — Today is a 7 — The work is certainly plentiful, and maybe even fun. There's not much income from it yet. This is more of a speculative nature. Don't spend more on it than you'll earn.  
**Scorpio (Oct. 23 Nov. 21)** — Today is a 7 — You're very attractive now,

and very persuasive, too. Therefore, you don't need to throw your money around. Remember that.  
**Sagittarius (Nov. 22 Dec. 21)** — Today is a 5 — You're often the life of the party, the star of the show. You have permission now to be invisible to all but your close family. You're undergoing a metamorphosis.  
**Capricorn (Dec. 22 Jan. 19)** — Today is a 7 — You're so immersed in your studies, you hardly know time's going by. Today, the startling development is found through your research. You're on the right path.  
**Aquarius (Jan. 20 Feb. 18)** — Today is an 8 — If at first you don't succeed, review your shopping list. There are several items on there that you can do without.  
**Pisces (Feb. 19 March 20)** — Today is an 8 — You're very intelligent but inhibited by tunnel vision. Rely on your own experience in a similar situation.  
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# WINSLET'S ANGRY DENIAL

Oscar nominee says she never visited 'diet doctor'

## THE DISH

After a British mag claims she visited a weight-loss guru, Kate Winslet lashes out with legal action.

By Rachel Paula Abrahamson

Kate Winslet was indignant backstage at the British film awards (BAFTA) February 11 in London. Not because she'd lost the best-actress trophy to Helen Mirren, but because last week, the U.K. magazine *Grazia* had published an article that claimed the 31-year-old actress — who once said "I'll never be a stick insect, and I wouldn't want to be, either" — had visited a diet doctor.

"I am upset," she told reporters at the Royal Opera House. "It's categorically untrue, it's a complete lie."

Now the Oscar nominee's rep confirms to Us that she has "filed legal proceedings" against the weekly (*Grazia* had no comment). "She felt it was an important step," says the rep, who notes that, at 5-foot-6 and an estimated 130 pounds, Winslet considers herself a role model in an industry where women are increasingly held up to impossibly thin standards.

"She feels it's very important to put the right message out there and back it up." As Winslet puts it: "I would never want anyone to think I was a hypocrite in going to a diet doctor."

When contacted by Us, the naturepath cited in the article, Yi Pan at the Chinese Healing Institute in Santa Monica, Cali-

fornia, confirmed that Winslet had been a patient of his last year — but for a neck injury. Says Pan, "It's not true that I worked with Kate as her diet doctor."

His explanation? He spoke to the magazine about diet issues, he says, "but not regarding Kate." (Winslet's rep says she has no plans to seek legal action against the doctor at this time.)

### Ups and Downs

This isn't the first time Winslet (whose weight has fluctuated since her breakthrough in 1997's *Titanic*) has spoken out about how she's been represented.

She made her feelings clear when British GQ digitally altered her body on its February 2003 cover.

"The retouching is excessive. I do not look like that and, more importantly, I don't desire to look like that," Winslet, who admits that at age 19 she went on a starvation diet to reach 112 pounds, said in one interview.

Days later, fashion trade paper *Women's Wear Daily* reported that Harper's Bazaar had superimposed Winslet's head onto a thinner person's body for their January 2003 cover. (Both the magazine and Winslet denied the claim.)

While Winslet's suit makes a strong statement in the press, NYC-based media law expert David Korzenik is not sure it will hold up in court. "It isn't clear that going to

a weight-loss doctor is a defamatory thing," he tells Us. And, in fact, Winslet has sought professional help to lose weight in the past.

After gaining 56 pounds during her first pregnancy (daughter Mia is 6, son Joe is 3), she enlisted London-based Facial Analysis dietician Elizabeth Gibaud, who advocates a limited diet. "The weight just dropped off," Winslet said at the time.

On February 25, she will have another chance to showcase her curves when she and husband, director Sam Mendes, 41, stroll the red carpet at the Oscars. Says her rep, "They want to go and have fun."

### Other Stars Who Have Fought Back

Winslet isn't the only one at odds with reports about her weight.

Keira Knightley, 21, is taking British tabloid the *Daily Mail* to court for publishing a bikini shot of her — and comments about her slim figure — in a January 11 article about a girl who died of anorexia.

Through her lawyer, Knightley, who has publicly denied having an eating disorder, offered condolences to the teen's family but says she will "challenge the suggestion she is responsible" for the death.

She may have a case: In July, the U.K. edition of *The National Enquirer* agreed to pay undisclosed damages to Kate Hudson, 27, after calling her "way too thin."

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choice to live a heterosexual lifestyle after living as a homosexual for years.

But there are other on-campus groups that find Exodus International's policies harmful.

Susan Matsubara, a political science and gender and women studies senior, who is the director of the Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual, Transsexual and Questioning (GLBTQ) Resource Center, said the group's outlook on changing homosexuals is destructive.

"Any church or religious organization that is affirming, supportive and accepting of GLBTQ people can create a positive contribution to someone's life," Matsubara said. "However, there are some churches that claim to support GLBTQ individuals when, in actuality, the churches are encouraging (them) to believe there is something wrong with their orientation or identity and

then attempt to change the person's identity to one the church or organization finds acceptable."

Keith Brooks, treasurer of UK's Gay-Straight Alliance and journalism senior, said a person's sexual preference should be independent from outside influence.

"I think people should have the option to go to the services, however, I don't agree with (Exodus International's) mission purpose," said Brooks, who has written for the Kernel. "Ultimately I think people should have the liberty to live their lives."

Stump insisted that "Truth and Tolerance" is not about condemning homosexuals.

"This event is not about judging," Stump said. "It's an opportunity for Christians to learn more about a different perspective on the homosexuality issue: portraying Christ-like love while still standing for Biblical truth."

Stump sees the program as more of a message for the Christian community than an

appeal to the homosexual community.

"There are many Christians who don't want to accept homosexuality as God-ordained," Stump said. "Many Christians say that they don't understand how to have a gay friend or relative without saying, 'I accept that part of your life.'"

Matsubara, however, said attempting to change one's sexuality can be damaging.

"(Those religious organizations) can be extremely detrimental to a person in terms of not only feeling rejected by their faith, but in how they feel about themselves," Matsubara said. "There are a growing number of churches that are welcoming of individuals regardless of their sexual orientation and identity and that accept people for who they really are without passing judgment."

"Truth and Tolerance" is being funded by UK's Baptist Campus Ministry and local church donations.

building up its research," Hersh said.

The spectrometer will be about six feet in length and positioned vertically.

"It doesn't take up much more space than a nice desk, but it goes up high," Beach said. The spectrometer is kept in the Proteomics Core Facility in the Center for Structural Biology.

The spectrometer, along with other proteomics services, is available to researchers across campus on a fee-for-service basis. Those interested in using the equipment can contact Beach at (859) 257-4932.

achieve the grant, involving researchers from a variety of fields, Hersh said. Many UK researchers contributed to the grant application, offering different uses for the spectrometer.

"It reflects the quality of the faculty," Hersh said. "The scientists here do good work." Hersh said grants from the NIH provide the major funding of the College of Medicine receives.

The NIH ranked the UK Department of Molecular and Cellular Biochemistry 12th in public medical schools in 2005 — up from 28th in 2000.

"The University of Kentucky has done very well in

animal bones Friday night.

"I can find all kinds of things (on a skull) indicating past trauma," Krupa said.

Involving professors is one main objective of the week.

"We want to highlight our faculty," McFarland said.

Non-UK faculty speakers are also participating in Geek Week.

Caroline Webber from Yale University and author of "Queen of Fashion: What Marie Antoinette Wore to the Revolution" will speak on the importance of fashion in politics and culture during the reign of Marie Antoinette and Louis XVI on Thursday.

Some of the events taking place are not limited to only UK students. Local elementary, middle and high school students are also encouraged to come later in the week for the final events.

"A lot of school teachers around town are giving credit to students who attend," Krupa said.

Krupa hopes Geek Week shows students that "science isn't scary," and that the programs create awareness and inform the public.

A full schedule of Geek Week events can be found at [www.as.uky.edu/geekweek/](http://www.as.uky.edu/geekweek/).



## ALCOHOL RESEARCH STUDIES AT UK

• UK's Alcohol Research Center in the Department of Psychology is conducting a number of studies involving the effects of alcohol on behavior.

• Participants should be between 21-35 years of age for alcohol studies.

• Participants ages 18-20 are also needed for other studies not involving alcohol.

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Beach said. "So it's just amazing that it could do this."

Use of the mass spectrometer is not just limited to study within the Department of Molecular and Cellular Biochemistry.

"It's not just the College of Medicine, it's people all across campus," said Dr. Louis Hersh, chair of the UK College of Medicine's Department of Molecular and Cellular Biochemistry.

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## GEEK

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throughout the week.

UK lecturer Erik Reece and biology professor James Krupa will participate in a panel discussion on mountain top removal today, as depicted in Reece's book "Lost Mountain."

English professor Kim Edwards will read from her New York Times best-selling book "The Memory Keeper's Daughter" on Thursday. Krupa will also lecture on examining

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<p><i>Monday 19<sup>th</sup></i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Yates Elementary School Tutoring, 4:00 PM, Yates Elementary School</li> <li>• Swing Dance Lessons, 8:00, Tates Creek Recreation Ctr Ballroom</li> <li>• Solar Car Team Meeting, 7:00 PM, DVT Engineering Building</li> <li>• FUEL, 6:30 PM, 508 Columbia Avenue (UKWF)</li> <li>• College Democrats Meeting, 7:30 PM, 211 Student Center</li> <li>• Saul Williams, 7:00 PM, Student Center Ballroom</li> <li>• UK Budo Karate Club, 8:00 PM, Barker Hall Dance Studio</li> </ul>	<p><i>Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup></i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• UK Students for Life Meeting, 8:00 PM, 115 Student Center</li> <li>• Cheap Seat Tuesdays: "Bobby", 8:00 PM, Worsham Theater (Student Center)</li> <li>• YMCA Center For Achievement Tutoring, 5:00 PM, YMCA Center For Achievement</li> <li>• Students Taking Action Globally (STAG) Meeting, 5:15 PM, 211 Student Center</li> <li>• BBBS Bowl 4 Kids Sake, 9:00 PM, Southland Bowling Lanes</li> </ul>	<p><i>Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup></i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• University Christian Fellowship, 8:00 PM, 230 Student Center</li> <li>• Comedy Caravan with Sparky Brown, 8:00 PM, Student Center Cats Den</li> <li>• Bryan Station Middle School</li> <li>• L.E.C.M. Food for Body and Soul, 5:05 PM, St. A's (472 Rose Street)</li> <li>• UK Budo Karate Club, 8:00 PM, Barker Hall Dance Studio</li> <li>• Late-Night Film: "Freestyle: The Art of Rhyme", 10:00 PM, Center Theater (Student Center)</li> <li>• Evolution of Black History (from past to present), 8:30 PM, Ingles Hall</li> <li>• Helping Hands Meeting, 7:30 PM, Student Center Room 115</li> <li>• Helping Hands- Dinner at Catholic Action Center, 5:15 PM, Catholic Action Center</li> <li>• The Beatnik Ball: The Dialectics, 8:00 PM, Student Center Grand Ballroom</li> </ul>	<p><i>Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup></i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Family Fun and Learning Nights, 4:30 PM, Carnegie Center</li> <li>• Responsibility of the Media in Time of War, 7:00 PM, Temple Adath Israel, 124 N. Ashland Ave.</li> <li>• Late-Night Film: "Do the Right Thing", 10:00 PM, Center Theater (Student Center)</li> </ul>	<p><i>Friday 23<sup>rd</sup></i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Late-Night Film: "In the Heat of the Night", 10:00 PM, Worsham Theater (Student Center)</li> <li>• LSAT Prep Weekend, 6:30 PM, 208 CB</li> <li>• UK Budo Karate Club, 4:30 PM, Barker Hall Dance Studio</li> </ul>	<p><i>Saturday 24<sup>th</sup></i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Saturday Morning Clinic Project Health, 9:00 AM, Dental Clinic</li> <li>• LSAT Prep Weekend, 10:00 AM, 208 CB</li> </ul> <p><i>Sunday 25<sup>th</sup></i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• UK Ultimate Frisbee Organization, 10:00 PM, Intramural Fields</li> <li>• Ignite UK, 6:30 PM, Worsham Theater</li> </ul>

# SPORTS

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## Men's tennis finishes weekend with wins over Ball St., Butler

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Dennis Emery isn't shy about playing the best teams in the country.

That's why the UK men's tennis coach scheduled matches against three of the nation's best teams — No. 2 Ohio State, No. 5 Baylor and No. 44 Middle Tennessee State — hoping it would better prepare the Cats for the rest of the season.

"It does no good in having a weak schedule to pile up wins," Emery said. "And I've always said an elite program plays an elite schedule."

After losing to those three ranked teams, the No. 34 UK men's tennis team swept a doubleheader against Ball State and Butler University Saturday at the Hilary J. Boone Tennis Center.

In the early game, UK edged Ball State 4-3 behind strong singles play from the top three positions. UK junior Will Ward defeated Jose Perdomo in the No. 3 position in straight sets, 6-2, 6-2 and senior Marcus Sundh finished Aaron Phillips in straight sets as well, 6-3 and 6-4. Senior Peter Bjork, playing in the No. 1 singles, needed three sets to defeat Joe Epkey, 6-4, 5-7, 7-6 (7-5).

The Cardinals rallied in the No. 4 through No. 6 positions, a problem spot all season for the Cats. Sophomore Shane Collins and freshman Roman Ogarkov and Jorge Jorge all lost in straight sets to put the Cats in a 3-3 tie. The Cats stumbled early in doubles when Bruno Agostinelli and Kenny Hodge lost No. 1 doubles to Epkey and Perdomo, 8-5. But the Cats roared back winning No. 2 doubles behind Ward and Bjork, 8-4. The Cats clinched the match behind No. 3 doubles Sundh and Ogarkov winning 8-6.

"(The team) really was clutch in the end against Ball State," Emery said. Sundh, the team captain, was a little more outspoken. "The Ball State match was tight, but we should have killed them," he said. The nightcap was a little easier for the Cats, as they

downed Butler 5-1, without even playing doubles.

The Cats' only loss was at No. 4 singles, when Hodge lost to Evan West, 7-5, 6-3. No. 89 Agostinelli, coming off his upset of the nation's No. 1 ranked player, needed three sets to defeat James Low, 6-1, 1-6, 6-3. Sundh, playing in the No. 2 singles, improved his record to 6-1 in singles play by beating Eric Breitenbach, 6-4, 5-7, 6-2. Bjork, No. 2 singles, and Ward, playing in No. 5 singles, both earned their second wins of the day in straight sets. Collins finished the match with a win at No. 6 singles, 6-2, 6-3.

"It's hard to play good against weaker talent and hard to keep the intensity, but a win is a win," Sundh said.

The UK schedule remains tough this week — just how Emery likes it — as No. 63 Indiana comes to the Boone Center to face the Cats Thursday at 5 p.m.

"If we can get wins it'll boost our confidence for the SEC, where we need to be on fire every match," Sundh said.

## Cats sweep season opener

By Eric Lindsay  
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John Cohen has spent a lot of time indoors lately.

Due to the cold winter weather, the UK baseball team and its head coach stayed indoors over the last 30 days — something that concerned Cohen.

But the UK baseball team overcame its outdoor inactivity to sweep Furman University this weekend in its season opening series. They outscored the Paladins, 41-8 in the three-game set, capping it off with a 13-4 victory Sunday afternoon.

"I was really worried with how we would perform on the field but we did a great job," said head coach John Cohen. "Our kids really focused. They showed a lot of energy and we ended up having a really great weekend."

Junior pitcher Greg Dombrowski notched the win in the series finale, going six innings while giving up just two earned runs.

"I wanted to go out and throw a lot of strikes today and that's what I did," Dombrowski said. "I made a few mistakes but my

guys were there to back me up and we came through with the win."

Cohen was impressed with Dombrowski's ability to limit runs, despite allowing eight hits.

"Dombrowski was really good today," Cohen said. "They had seven or eight hits off of him but few of them actually left the infield surface."

The Cats played the series without junior outfielder Collin Cowgill, who sat out with a minor wrist injury. Redshirt freshman Jason Kipnis filled the void during the weekend going 5-for-9, which included two home runs on Saturday.

"He came through for us in a big way this weekend," Cohen said. "We really needed some people to step up and he was definitely one of those guys. For a kid who is playing his first weekend of college baseball, he couldn't have had a better weekend."

The Cats resume play on Wednesday at 4 p.m. for their home-opener against Murray State, where they hope to keep the momentum going from their hot start.

"I was really impressed with the business-like approach our kids had," Cohen said. "Getting off to a good start is crucial being in the Southeastern Conference so it's important to build some confidence with the early non-conference part of the schedule."



Cohen

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going to get it. We'll just have to keep working at it until they do."

In the second half, Crawford and his teammates began their run.

After a Mykal Riley free throw with 10:17 left pushed Alabama to 45-35, UK went on an 8-0 run to cut the lead to two points.

Ronald Steele answered with a 3-pointer on the other

end, but freshman Jodie Meeks came back with an acrobatic layup while being fouled. He completed the three-point play, which he thought would be the turning point for UK.

He was wrong, as the Tide answered with a 9-0 run to force the lead back to 11.

Crawford led the Cats on one final push when he hit a 3-

pointer with 1:11 to play to make it 65-61. Steele made two free throws for Alabama after the play, and UK appeared to trim the lead back to four again on a shot by guard Ramel Bradley. But as the ball was on its way down, Randolph Morris

bumped it back through the net, wiping away the score on basket interference.

"We can't make mistakes like that. That's just uncalled for," said Crawford, who scored a game-high 17 points. "The ball was already in the basket. It was only about a five point game. We just can't have those kinds of mental lapses."

Morris said afterward that his "head wasn't into the game."

Still, he scored 15 points and grab seven rebounds, but he also allowed Alabama big man Richard Hendrix to pour in 16 points and pull down nine rebounds.

Bradley said after the game that the Cats have hit rock bottom, and that he hopes this is the low point of their season.

To avoid bottoming out, the Cats agreed they have to get off to a better start and finish games strong.

Then they might have a better chance.

"It's very depressing," Meeks said. "It's the third game in a row that we could have won."

"Each one of the three we just didn't execute down the stretch. It's tough but we just have to bounce back and forget about it."

### UK 87, ARKANSAS 60



Senior guard Nastassia Alcius leaves the court on Senior Day after beating Arkansas 87-60.

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## Senior trio wins final game at home

By Matthew George  
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Typical reserves Nastassia Alcius and Jenny Pfeiffer heard their names announced in front of a Rupp Arena crowd yesterday when UK played Arkansas.

The two, along with fellow senior Jennifer Humphrey, made the most of the rare start on Senior Day.

Alcius, Pfeiffer and Humphrey scored a combined 27 points in the game's first 20 minutes as the Cats shot 60 percent in the first half, all on their way to an 87-60 win.

"I just wanted to do my part," Pfeiffer said. "I was finally starting, and I was excited about that and I think Nastassia was too. We just wanted to get off to a really good start, especially since this was our last game at home."

Leading 21-13, UK (17-6, 6-7 South-eastern Conference) went on a 15-1 run to take a 36-14 lead. Pfeiffer, Humphrey and Alcius combined for 12 of the 15 points during the run. Pfeiffer hit four 3-point shots

and scored 14 first-half points to help UK to a 47-35 advantage into halftime.

But UK boasted more than just a fast start yesterday, continuing to shoot well in the second half.

The Cats shot a season-best 60 percent from the floor and made 50 percent of their 3-point shots.

Humphrey finished the game with 16 points and 16 rebounds for her sixth double-double of the season. Alcius scored seven points and had three assists.

Arkansas (18-10, 3-9) came as close as six points late in the first half, but UK never relinquished the lead. Midway through the second half, the Cats were back on top by 20 points, this time for good.

"I'm just very impressed with the way we were able to maintain that lead," DeMoss said. "We had a few let ups, but nothing to really speak of."

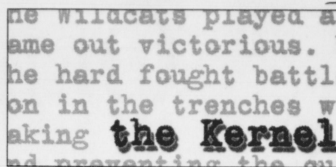
Sophomore point guard Carly Ormerod scored a career-high 23 points on 9-for-12 shooting.

Ormerod had started in every game this season before giving way to the seniors. DeMoss said when she announced her decision, Ormerod and junior guard Chante Bowman, who also came off the bench, were excited for the seniors who took their place.

"I just really wanted to get this win today for the seniors," Ormerod said. "I think that they have laid the foundation for where this program is headed and have been a huge asset on the court and off the court."

After yesterday's win, UK has a week to prepare for its season finale at Florida. A win in Gainesville would put the Cats at 7-7 in the SEC. UK hopes that a 500 conference record and a strong showing at the SEC Tournament will be enough to earn an NCAA Tournament bid.

"I feel like we still have a shot," Pfeiffer said. "Today was a good win for us. We need to go down to Florida next weekend and prove something there and then hopefully luck will be on our side."



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## Health changes should apply to new hires only

As health-care costs go up nationwide, it's become much harder for UK to pay for retired employees' health plans.

Instead of devising a solution to this problem, the university has opted to take the easy way out: Under a new program, retired employees will have to pay a significantly higher portion of their health-care costs starting July 1, according to a story in last week's Kernel.

The current plan uses the "Rule of 75" to determine how much a retiree has to pay: If a retiree's age and term of service at UK add up to 75, he or she has to pay a health-care premium of just \$23 a month.

The new plan is much less generous. A 60-year-old retiree who has worked at UK for 15 years, who would have met the Rule of 75 under the current plan, will have to pay 75 percent of his or her health-care premium, according to the new Age-Service Table released by UK's Retiree Health Benefits Committee (www.uky.edu/HR/benefits/retiree-health/). That would mean a \$432 a month premium for UK's most popular health plan, according to a table on the RHBC Web site.

Now only those who retire at age 65 or later will pay the lowest possible premium, which is 10 percent. Even those who have worked at UK for 25 years or more but retire early will have to pay between 15 and 40 percent of their health-care costs at retirement.

UK employees and retirees are understandably upset at the changes. More than 50 of them showed up in the free-speech area

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Feb. 9 to protest the health-care changes, the Kernel reported last week.

"We were all made promises when we were hired in that, with 15 years of service to UK, we would have paid-up retiree health care," UK staff member Terry Olson told the Kernel.

It is understandable that UK needs to cut costs. The current plan will cost UK as much as \$30 million annually, whereas the new program will cut that figure to about \$15.7 million a year, according to figures cited in last week's Kernel story.

But many employees have started and continued working at UK under the impression that doing so would allow them to retire without worrying about health-care costs once they satisfied the "Rule of 75." It is not fair for the university to renege on this implicit promise, especially when the cost is so high.

Obviously, some change in the retiree benefit plan was necessary in order to maintain the university's long-term financial health. But that change should not have affected employees who were hired before the new plan was announced.

The Board of Trustees should extend the current retiree-benefits plan — at least for employees who were hired before the changes were made. University employees should not have to suffer because UK administrators were too late to realize the health-care costs posed a looming financial problem.

## 'Condom week' helped break silence about safe sex and STDs

Last week UK celebrated National Sexual Responsibility Week with a campus-wide student awareness campaign aimed at promoting safety and explaining important sexual issues.

To speak about the problems with unprotected and unsafe sex, UK Health Services set up booths around campus handing out flyers and free condoms.

The sponsors of Condom Week at UK deserve commendation for their efforts. It may seem frivolous, but safe sex is a serious issue.

According to the University Health Services Web site (www.uky.edu/StudentAffairs/UHS/), 17 million people get a sexually transmitted disease each year in the United States, and people under 25 are the source of most infections.

And these diseases are no laughing matter. For instance, HIV, which causes AIDS and can be transmitted sexually, killed about 16,000 Americans in 2005, according to the Center for Disease Control.

Preventing pregnancy is an-

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other important function of condoms. According to the CDC, condoms are as much as 98 percent effective against pregnancy when they are used consistently and correctly.

Short of outright abstinence from sexual activity, using a condom is the best way to prevent against HIV and other STDs, and it significantly reduces the chance of pregnancy. It is the height of irresponsibility to potentially expose yourself or your partner to these risks by refusing to use a condom during sex.

Safe sex should not be a taboo subject — it needs to be a topic of open discussion, so that as many people as possible understand the risks involved in not using a condom. To that end, we hope UK continues to celebrate National Condom Week every February.

According to the University Health Services Web site, students can get free condoms by calling 323-5823 (ext. 280).

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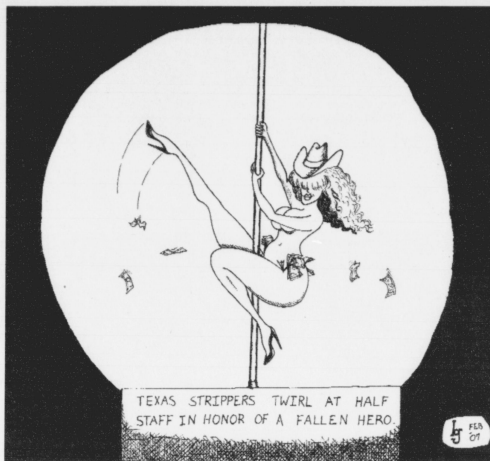
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BRIAN GODDLEY, Kernel cartoonist

## Giuliani's record as NY mayor shows his political aptitude

With less than two years remaining of the George W. Bush presidency, the focus of the media has shifted to who will run in 2008 and who will not, along with electability of those candidates who make it through their parties' primaries to become the eventual nominees.



WES BLEWINS  
Kernel  
columnist

For years, Republicans have fruitlessly searched for the "next" Ronald Reagan, a candidate who can win over disaffected Democrats while solidifying the core of the GOP — often religious conservatives who believe in smaller government, at least for the most part.

This year has seen George W. Bush assume the position of a true lame-duck president, with a hostile Congress sitting on the other end of Pennsylvania Avenue. And although GOP leadership — at least in the Senate with Sen. Mitch McConnell of Kentucky as minority leader — can thwart any dramatic leftward shift in the Democrats' legislative agenda, it's become ultimately important for Republicans to nominate an electable candidate in 2008. The prospects of a liberal triumvirate of Hillary Clinton, Harry Reid and Nancy Pelosi setting the national agenda might be enough to alter a significant change in Republican strategy.

For Republicans, Ronald Reagan was a once-in-a-lifetime candidate, similar to Democrats Franklin Roosevelt and John F. Kennedy and Republicans Dwight Eisenhower and

Theodore Roosevelt before. He had charisma, affability and conservatism that Republicans grew to love and — unfortunately — expect in future candidates for president.

It seems to have taken many Republicans 20 years to realize that Ronald Reagan isn't running for president anymore. And for 2008, there are no true viable conservative candidates for the office.

Instead, the leading candidate for the GOP nomination at the moment is former New York City Mayor Rudy Giuliani. In three recent polls (Fox News, Rasmussen and CNN/Gallup), Giuliani leads Sen. John McCain, Ariz., by 12, 14 and 16 points, respectively.

One benefit that serves Giuliani well is that in a field crowded by candidates promising what they will do if elected, he can point to what he did as mayor of the nation's largest city.

According to Giuliani's official exploratory committee's Web site (www.joinrudy2008.com):

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■ Giuliani turned an inherited \$2.3 billion deficit into a multibillion dollar surplus.

■ New York's welfare rolls shrunk by more than 640,000 during Giuliani's administration.

Perhaps the most common criticism of Giuliani's candidacy has been

the prediction that he won't fare well in early primaries, primarily in states like South Carolina. But he has been received well in Alabama and other Southern states, and he leads in several polls taken in the region.

To be sure, Giuliani's positions on abortion, gay marriage and gun control conflict with those of traditional Republican voters — but 2008 won't be a traditional election. With no foreseeable end in sight, Iraq will continue its dominance of national politics. And more and more conservatives seem willing to compromise their typical stances on social issues to support a candidate who will provide strong leadership on national security issues.

Giuliani already has demonstrated his abilities during a crisis situation, and to this day, he is best known for his handling of the Sept. 11 attacks. California is moving its primary up to Feb. 5, so the Golden State could provide Giuliani with a huge and early stash of delegates.

The first primaries are a lifetime away in political time, so nearly anything could conceivably happen. But for now, it looks like Rudy Giuliani has a commanding lead on the rest of the field.

Whoever wins the GOP nomination will be the first nominee of the non-Reagan era Republican Party. It's a detriment to the GOP, I believe, that six years of a George W. Bush has unraveled much of what Reagan built up in the 1980s.

Bush Republicanism has not worked out, so the 2008 nominee will have a unique chance to become the party's standard-bearer for years to come.

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## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

### In debate over trans fat ban, don't forget the facts

One of the most important lessons that can be learned in college is not to believe everything you read. The letter to the editor "Trans fats danger outweighs any civil liberties issues" in the Feb. 16 Kernel is another example of this.

The first issue is that the stated roles of HDL and LDL in heart disease are completely reversed in the letter. HDL is the structure referred to as good cholesterol, not LDL.

The next issue is the statement that "50 percent of Americans will succumb to heart disease" would seem to be implying that heart disease is killing off half of the population annually. However, according to the American Heart Association, heart disease is responsible for around 452,000 deaths each year, or one in five (20 percent) of deaths in the United States.

While I would agree that there is scientific evidence that trans fats are not healthy for you, I don't know if the issue currently deserves the level of hysteria that it has stirred up. I believe menu labeling is a better solution to the issue than banning trans fats altogether until more evidence is presented.

I think that arguments should be based on solidly reviewed scientific evidence not just the initial emotional reaction of the moment. I would caution people to be slow to give up any of their civil liberties, no matter how small, until all of the evidence is in on any issue.

Frequently facts and statistics are manipulated or incorrectly presented in the support of a position on an issue, so I would encourage everyone to check up on the facts for yourself before believing everything that you read.

Jonathan Ampsacher  
Fourth-year medical student

### UK must do more to recruit students from other states

This letter is commenting on Ali Cicerchi's Feb. 14 letter, "UK should help out-of-state students too."

I realize that UK is making new scholarships for Kentucky residents who may not be able to afford tuition. I am glad that UK has pride in Kentucky residents, but it is first and foremost a public institution.

The out-of-state students here have to pay a lot more to come here; therefore, they are at a disadvantage that is similar to that of the Kentucky residents who would like to attend UK.

If anything, UK needs to equalize the scholarship distribution. There is not much diversity here because of two reasons: Prospective out-of-state students do not know much about the university, and they simply cannot afford to leave their home state. If we do not have many out-of-state students, then we surely will not be able to see more scholarships created to benefit them.

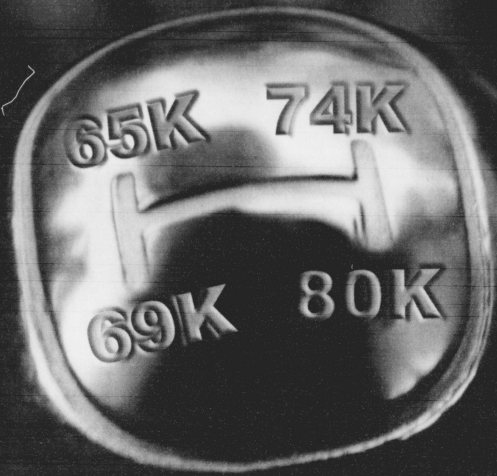
As most of us should know, UK President Lee Todd is striving to place UK in the top 20 of all public research universities in the country. While I applaud his efforts, UK also needs to work on improving the recruitment processes.

UK's campus would be much more diverse if we recruited more out-of-state students. Outside of athletics, many of the out-of-state students do not know what UK has to offer because it was not advertised to them.

I would like to see more recruiters going to different states and letting high-school students know UK is a great institution. Unfortunately, there really are not enough programs here that target out-of-state students.

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