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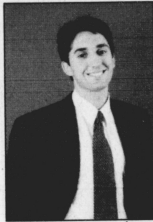
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SG prez candidates make their case

Bates: Cost of attending UK must be addressed



Andy Bates
Running mate:
Will Fuller

By Sean Rose
THE KENTUCKY KERNEL

The same reasons that led Andy Bates to run for Student Government Senate led him to run for SG president.

"For the longest time student government has never been one dedicated to the student body, truly committed to being a voice of the student body to the Board of Trustees and the rest of the administration," Bates said. "So Will (Fuller, Bates' running mate) and I thought to change that by running for senate."

But they found they weren't having as big an impact as they wanted.

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Brown: Students lack a voice in campus affairs



Jonah Brown
Running mate:
Mallory Jenkins

By Sean Rose
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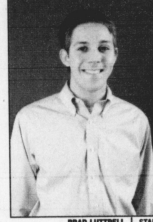
Student Government presidential candidate Jonah Brown described a separation between the students and the administration and said that he's the one who can bridge the communication gap.

"There are a lot of specific problems students face ... but the biggest problem facing them is that there's no voice representing them on campus when we talk about these different issues," Brown said.

"All of the decisions that are being made in UK's transition phase right now are being made without a student voice, and that's what Student Government's role

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Worley: UK needs greater sense of community



Preston Worley
Running mate:
Scott McIntosh

By Sean Rose
THE KENTUCKY KERNEL

One Student Government presidential candidate thinks he has the background to bring a "new vision" to SG.

Preston Worley, a history junior from Richmond, Ky., said his range of experience on campus gives him an advantage over the other candidates.

"I have a lot of experience on campus, but not necessarily with SG," Worley said. "My involvement all throughout the campus ... enables me to have that new vision and be looking forward and not be tied back to the past."

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Out with the old...



Workers move rubble tearing down the buildings at the corner of Limestone Street and Transcript Avenue yesterday as part of UK's hospital expansion.

A pile of rubble is all that remains of a building that once housed PJ's Barber Shop, the Dutch Mill Restaurant and Wheel Liquor on Limestone Street. The building was demolished to make way for a new parking structure as part of the \$150 million expansion of the UK Chandler Medical Center.

Dining, energy issues up for vote

By Blair Thomas
THE KENTUCKY KERNEL

This year's Student Government elections bring more than just candidate names to the ballot, with students voting on campus issues as well.

A renewable energy referendum sponsored by Green Thumb Environmental Club and a possible dining plan revision are up for student consideration.

The chance to speak out about the dining plan comes on a referendum, which targets the current system, in which meal plans lay out a certain number of allotted meals per semester distributed in specific dining time frames each day. The referendum outlines a change back to the plan of previous years in which students had a monetary balance to deduct from.

Students have been overwhelmingly supportive in signing petitions to get the dining referendum on the ballot according to the Election Board of Supervisions and many expressed

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UK joins effort to 'take back the night' for women



By John Morgan
THE KENTUCKY KERNEL

A nationwide event, Take Back the Night, which has the goal of raising awareness about violence against women will be held tonight, the first time it has ever been held on UK's campus.

The event will be open to the public and will include members of the community and the university, as well as distinguished figures, such as Lexington Mayor Teresa Isaac, speaking out against violence against women.

Dorothy Edwards, director of Women's Place, the host of the event, said violence against women affects everyone.

"Violence against women cuts across age, ethnicity, socio-economic status, and background," Edwards said. "We are trying to take strides for the betterment of the UK community, and one significant barrier to having a safe and respectful campus is violence against women. Take Back the Night is our way to break down this barrier by bringing awareness to the issues of violence affecting women in our community."

According to a 2004 study done by the Center for Research on Violence Against Women, one out of every five women attending UK will be a victim of sexual assault and one out of every three will experience some form of victimization.

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Expert: Rondo not ready for NBA

By Josh Sullivan
THE KENTUCKY KERNEL

Within one hour of the UK men's basketball team's season-ending loss to top-seeded Connecticut, point guard Rajon Rondo was forced to field questions about whether he would return for a junior campaign or opt for an early payday by jumping to the pro ranks.

Rondo seemed understandably conflicted in the immediate aftermath of the crushing four-point loss, saying at first he would "probably" return, then a moment later saying he would "definitely" be back.

On his final weekly radio call-in show of the year, head coach Tubby Smith indicated that he expected his floor leader to test the waters, saying Rondo would "prob-

ably" enter the NBA Draft. But Smith didn't say if that was just his guess, or if he'd had a conversation with Rondo that led to that assessment.

After the UConn game, Rondo did say advice from Smith would play a key role in his decision.

UK athletics spokesman Scott Stricklin could not confirm whether Smith and Rondo had specifically discussed the draft yet.

"Coach has had meetings with each player, but I don't know what was discussed," he said. "Those are private conversations."

Several NBA Draft Web sites have already assumed Rondo will declare himself eligible for the draft by the April 29 deadline for

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Violence against women, primarily sexual assault, is prevalent within the UK student community. Edwards said, and because of this the event has great momentum on UK's campus.

The event isn't solely aimed at women, however.

"It raises the level of awareness for all students, especially for men who play a key role in ensuring safety," said Victor Hazard, dean of students.

The event will begin in front of Memorial Coliseum at 6 p.m. and the gathered crowd is scheduled to begin a march up South Limestone Street to Memorial Hall at approximately 6:30 p.m. Once the marchers reach Memorial Hall, a candlelight vigil will be held and speak-

ers will address the crowd in a "speak-out," scheduled to last from 7 to 8 p.m., will take place.

One of the themes of the event is to give victims the chance to talk about their experiences.

"Speaking out about violence against women in our communities is important because the problem finds its power in secrecy," said Carol Jordan, director of the Center for Research on Violence Against Women. "Naming

the problem and visibly speaking out against it is a way to dissolve the grip these crimes have on communities of women across our nation."

"We want to give people a better understanding (of violence against women)," A.M. Groenwolt, a UK student and key organizer of the event, said.

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Vote

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their support for the change.

"I am completely behind the change back to the old dining plan," Chase Stevens, sophomore education major said. "I feel like I am wasting so much money with the new meal plan and I can't think of many students that I know that don't feel the same way."

Also on the ballot, a renewable energy referendum proposing a \$6 to \$9 dollar increase in student fees each semester to be used for renewable energy initiatives on UK's campus.

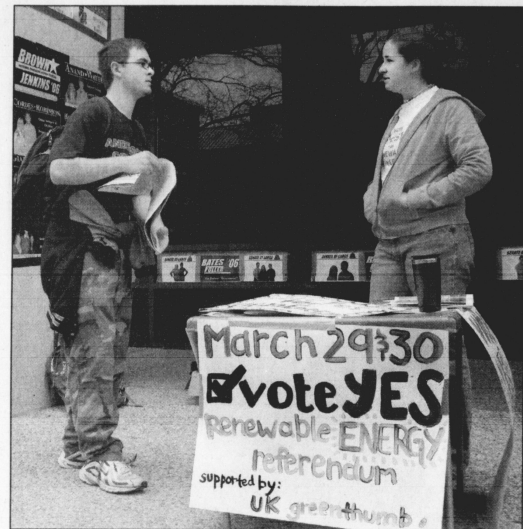
The University of North Carolina-Chapel Hill and the University of Tennessee have adopted similar energy plans and offset more than 50 percent of total electrical energy usage, according to the Green Thumb Environmental Club.

Green Thumb expects to have little student opposition to the plan.

"This is a win-win situation," Tiffany Thompson, Green Thumb member said, "so we don't expect too many students to be opposed to the issue. We are talking about a small amount of money that will have a huge impact."

Some aren't so sure about how it will work out, though.

"I support the idea behind renewable energy but I'm not sure that I think that this vote will really make any real change on campus," said senior biology major Jessica Olson. "They say it will only cost us a few dollars but I think getting the university to put such



BRAD LUTTRELL | STAFF
Brittany Zwicker, a communication disorder and Spanish sophomore, talks to Greg Cahue, a mining engineer freshman, about the renewable energy referendum yesterday outside the White Hall Classroom Building.

a big change into effect is going to be more challenging than they (Green Thumb) are anticipating."

The renewable energy referendum obtained backing from President Todd's Task Force for Sustainability which

Thompson said she believes will help them get approval from UK's Board of Trustees if the student vote supports it.

"The students now have the ability and the energy to get this movement started," Thompson said. "Their vote is

a message to the university, but it is only the first step... The UK Board of Trustees will ultimately decide how student funding is spent."

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non-seniors. He's being projected as a first-round selection in most on-line mock drafts, which would mean a guaranteed contract.

One site, insidehoops.com, predicted Rondo would fall to the second-round, which would mean the team that chose him would not be forced to offer him a contract. The site which correctly predicted center Randolph Morris would go unselected in last June's draft, NBA Draft.net, lists Rondo as the 15th overall pick.

Mike DeCourcy, senior college basketball writer for *The Sporting News*, says the first-round projections, which list Rondo as high as the ninth overall pick, are way off base.

"Right now, there's no way that he's a first-round pick," he said yesterday. "These draft sites are worthless, they aren't worth whatever someone is paying to keep them on the Web."

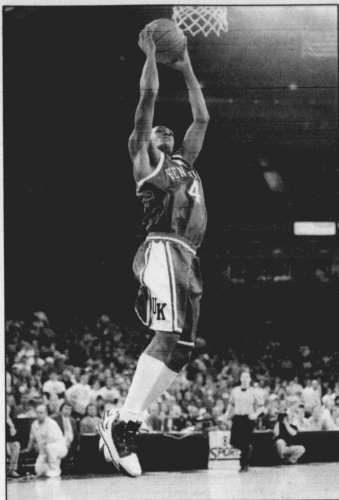
DeCourcy cited Morris' draft experience last year as evidence that the projections could not be trusted. Most draft boards had Morris listed as a late first-round or early second-round selection after his freshman season. But he went undrafted, which paved the way for his eventual return to UK for his sophomore year.

DeCourcy said Rondo would do well to learn from his teammate's failed experiment.

"Rajon Rondo is an elite athlete at the point. He's one of the best pure athletes at that position in the last 10 years," he said. "But he's not ready. He can't shoot. To be an NBA player you have to be able to shoot the ball well enough to keep the defense honest."

Rondo hit just 27 percent of his 3-point attempts on the year. Opponents often left him open near the perimeter, opting to sag back toward the paint and take their chances giving him a good look from the arc rather than giving him the room to penetrate to the basket.

DeCourcy said the NBA has a wealth of players that are quick enough on the defensive end to keep Rondo



KEITH SHIMLEY | STAFF

UK sophomore guard Rajon Rondo scores against South Carolina Feb. 18 in Columbia, S.C. Rondo said he is considering a jump to the NBA.

Season	Points	Reb.	Ass.	TO	FG%	3P%
2004-05	8.1	2.9	3.5	2.0	.510	.303
2005-06	11.2	6.1	4.9	2.3	.482	.273

from getting to the rim if they don't have to worry about him pulling up and nailing jump shots.

He suggested that another year under Smith's tutelage would help him develop a more dangerous jumper and become a better prospect.

"His mechanics aren't so bad as a shooter that they are beyond repair," he said. DeCourcy pointed to a lottery pick from last year's draft to illustrate the strides Rondo could make by returning for another year of college hoops.

"Raymond Felton (of North Carolina) shot horribly as a sophomore and had a really lackluster year," he said. "But he comes back and plays great, then he's the number five pick in the draft. Rondo has that ability, no doubt."

DeCourcy admitted that a first-round selection was not out of the realm of possibility

if Rondo were to play well during pre-draft camps this summer. But he said no matter how early the sophomore might be chosen this year, there's little chance that a return to UK would do anything but elevate his stock.

"If he's got a good head on his shoulders, he'll wait," he said.

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Where will Rondo Go?

- NBADraft.net: Round 1, Pick 15
- Hoopshype.com: Round 1, Pick 15
- Hoopsvibe.com: Round 1, Pick 15
- Draftexpress.com: Round 1, Pick 9
- Collegehoops.net: Round 1, Pick 9

SOFTBALL NOTEBOOK

Softball hoping to spring upset over No. 6 Vols

By Ryan Kuhn
THE KENTUCKY KERNEL

The UK softball team is hoping that history does not repeat itself this week as the sixth-ranked Lady Vols of Tennessee come to Lexington for a three-game series. The series begins with a doubleheader today at 3 p.m. at the UK Softball Complex.

Tennessee (27-4, 2-4 SEC) went 0-3 against No. 4 Alabama this past weekend in a clash of Southeastern Conference powerhouses, but if the past is any indicator, UK should be ready for a test.

The last time UK was swept by a league opponent they followed it up with a 16-game winning streak.

The Cats (14-16, 2-10) are 2-7 since their dominating performance in the Frostbite Classic, but they have been holding their own at the plate with a .268 team batting average. The Cats are paced on offense by senior Meghan Cooper (.381) and junior Brooke Marnitz (.330, 5 HR).

The Vols will remember Marnitz from last season, when the Lexington native hit a game-winning eighth-inning home run to upset UT 2-1.

UK coach Eileen Schmidt said the team had better be ready for the Vols.

"We need to have a solid effort in getting leadoff batters on, moving people up and raising our level of play with runners in scoring position," said Schmidt. "We did all those things earlier in the year and we need to get back to that."



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UK senior outfielder Lori Melchi crosses home plate against Ohio University on March 4. The Cats host No. 6 Tennessee in a three-game series that starts with a doubleheader this afternoon at 3 p.m.

The Cats close the series with a 1 p.m. game tomorrow.

UT's Durant on the Verge of a Record

Tennessee senior Kristi Durant will look to make Southeastern Conference history during her two-day trip to Lexington this week. Durant stands just six RBI from becoming the SEC's all-time leader.

The record is currently held by former Alabama star and 2004 Olympic Gold Medalist Kelly Kretschman. Durant currently has 34 RBI

in Tennessee's 31 games this season.

A Look Ahead

UK will close out its most difficult week of the season this weekend as No. 4 Alabama comes to Lexington for a three-game series.

The Crimson Tide (29-4, 9-0) will be the Cats' third straight opponent ranked in the top 15 of the ESPN.com/USA Today Softball rankings. The Tide is currently leading the SEC.

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Recruits, returnees make future bright

By Chris DeLotell
THE KENTUCKY KERNEL

As the days pass after last week's second round NCAA Tournament defeat, disappointment turns to optimism for the UK women's basketball team. The Cats, coming off their most successful season in more than a decade, only lose to graduation former walk-on Stephanie Stumbo.

While Stumbo's departure could leave a void in team leadership, she made few on-court contributions and played sparingly. Her only significant minutes during the season came when she started UK's senior night game against Alabama.

The Cats' only other senior from this year, forward Jennifer Humphrey, will return next season. She received an extra year via a medical redshirt granted by the NCAA.

Humphrey missed the majority of her sophomore season after undergoing esophagus surgery to correct a debilitating condition known as achalasia that made it difficult for her to swallow food.

In addition to returning nearly the entire roster, head coach Mickie DeMoss has also assembled a touted recruiting class of four players.

Arnika Brown, a 6-foot-2 power forward from Hopkinsville's Christian County High School, Lydia Watkins, a 6-foot-1 guard/forward also of Christian County, Britany Edelen, a 5-foot-9 forward of Washington County High School in Springfield, Ky., and Amani Franklin, a 5-foot-11 guard from Redan High School in Decatur, Ga., have signed to play for the Wildcats next season.

DeMoss is excited about the class.

"We have signed a very athletic class as we continue to build on our athleticism, speed and quickness," DeMoss said when the players signed. "These players have the ability to play in the top conference in the na-



KEITH SMILEY | STAFF

UK women's basketball head coach Mickie DeMoss has assembled a top-25 recruiting class for next season. UK also returns all but one player from this season's team.

tion, the Southeastern Conference. They will help us be successful in this league."

The class has been rated No. 23 in the country, according to the Blue Star Index.

The crown jewel of the group is Brown, who is ranked as one of the top-50 seniors in the country.

"Arnika is a tremendous athlete," DeMoss said. "There are a variety of ways she can score. She can face up to the basket, score over you or take you off the dribble. She is so versatile and is

extremely quick. She is one of the best players to come out of the state of Kentucky."

ESPN.com women's basketball writer Graham Hays praised DeMoss for her work in recruiting.

"Signing Carly Ormerod last year and Brown this year suggests DeMoss is securing her in-state recruiting and can soon begin to compete for top national prospects," he wrote in a March 17 column.

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SPORTS BRIEFS

Women's golf captures Lady Seahawk Invitational

The UK women's golf team rallied from an 11-stroke deficit yesterday on the final day of the Lady Seahawk Invitational to claim the title at River Landing Golf Club in Wallace, N.C.

Sophomore Beth Felts and senior Ali Kicklighter each finished in the individual top 10, leading the Cats to their first tournament title of the season.

The Wildcats posted a three-round total of 906 (305-306-295), including their third-best round of the season with a 295 on the event's final 18 holes.

UK finished two strokes ahead of second-place Western Carolina and five strokes

ahead of host North Carolina-Wilmington.

"I am really proud of our team," UK head coach Stephanie Barker said. "Any time you are able to win a tournament, it is really exciting. It was very blustery, but our players showed a lot of heart and kept their focus."

"This was an important win for us and will really do a lot for our morale. It was neat to see our whole team come together and play well today."

Felts posted her second top-10 finish of the season after carding a three-round total of 220 (71-75-74) to finish in a tie for second place.

"Beth has been playing well all season for us," Barker said. "She has just been on the cusp of doing really well

in several tournaments and it was nice to see it all come together today."

Kicklighter tied the lowest round of her career with a 71 on the final day of play to finish in fifth place with a 222 (77-75-71). It marked Kicklighter's team-leading third top-10 finish of the year.

"Ali has been so consistent all season long," Barker said. "She has put together some really good scores this semester and to see her come back today and move up in this tournament was really exciting."

The Cats will next compete April 3 and 4 at the John Kirk/Lady Panther Invitational in Georgia.

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Judges support review of surveillance program

Five judges who served on the secret court that approves domestic spying warrants endorsed a proposal Tuesday that would require judicial review of the National Security Agency's warrantless surveillance program.

Judge James Robertson, who served on the secret court until he quit apparently in protest of the program, wrote Congress to support a proposal to have that court oversee the program. In a highly unusual appearance in Capitol Hill, four other federal judges, who no longer serve on the secret court, also backed the proposal.

The endorsements were the latest development in the debate over the legality of the NSA program and whether Congress should alter and monitor it more carefully — ideas the White House has largely resisted.

The proposal strikes "a reasonable" approach to meeting both the need for national security and for protecting Americans' civil liberties," said William Stafford, a federal judge in Florida who sat on the secret court until 2003.

OMB head to replace Card as top Bush aide

President Bush took the first step in what aides say may be a second-term overhaul of his beleaguered administration Tuesday as he announced the departure of longtime Chief of Staff Andrew H. Card Jr.

Card offered his resignation earlier this month, saying it would be best for the president.

Bush named Joshua Bolten, director of the Office of Management and Budget, to replace Card, and indicated that more changes are in the offing. Card's resignation comes after a series of political

missteps that have contributed to Bush's sinking approval rating and prompted some Republicans to urge a staff shake-up.

White House officials emphasized that Bolten would have the prerogative to bring in fresh staff members and revamp operations to suit his leadership style. The White House must find a replacement for domestic policy adviser Claude Allen, who resigned after being accused of stealing from retail stores, and now a new budget director. At least one or two other senior officials are expected to leave for their own reasons by the end of the school year this spring, a senior official said.

FBI Agent Says Moussaoui Tried to Make a Deal

In a final twist to an already bizarre case, the last witness in the Zacarias

Moussaoui trial Tuesday described a secret, late-night jailhouse meeting in February where Moussaoui tried to strike a deal with prosecutors to cooperate with the government in order to save his life.

FBI Special Agent James Fitzgerald, one of the lead agents in the case, said Moussaoui summoned him and federal prosecutors to the Alexandria city jail in an attempt to persuade them that he was worth more to them alive than dead.

But the bargaining in the jail law library late on the evening of Feb. 6, a month before Moussaoui's trial began, broke down when prosecutors demanded that Moussaoui provide "full and complete" cooperation and tell everything he knew about al-Qaida, not just his role in the Sept. 11 conspiracy.

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Agency says Iraq violence displaces more than 25,000

By Ellen Knickermer
THE WASHINGTON POST

BAGHDAD, Iraq — Sectarian violence has displaced more than 25,000 Iraqis since the Feb. 22 bombing of a Shiite Muslim shrine, a U.N.-affiliated agency said Tuesday, and shelters and tent cities are springing up across central and southern Iraq to house homeless Sunni and Shiite families.

The flight is continuing, according to the International Organization for Migration, which works closely with the United Nations and other groups. The result has been a population exchange as Sunni and Shiite families flee mixed communities for the safety of areas where their own sects predominate.

"I definitely wouldn't say the displacement has peaked," said Dana Graber, an official of the migration agency in Amman, Jordan. "It's continuous."

The agency's figures were compiled from information provided by partner organizations working with displaced Iraqis. The government Ministry of Displacement and Migration puts the count higher, at more than 32,000.

"I was shocked to be threatened by people from the same place I had lived in for so many years," said Hussein Alwan, 53, a cafe owner who said he was driven out of Latifiyah, a mixed Shiite-Sunni city in the area south of Baghdad known as the Triangle of Death. Alwan, a Shiite, traveled with his wife, four daughters and three sons this month to the almost entirely Shiite city of Najaf, where local authorities have converted a vacant hotel into a shelter for the newcomers and say they are gathering tents for an outlying camp. Iraqi newspapers on Tuesday reported tents pitched in a field outside another southern city, Nasiriyah, for Shiite families arriving there in flight from sectarian violence.

The mosque bombing greatly escalated steadily climbing sectarian and ethnic tensions in Iraq, where the Shiite majority and Sunni Arab and ethnic Kurdish minorities have been competing for a share of power and turf since the overthrow of Saddam Hussein three years ago.

During Saddam's rule, forced transfers of ethnic group members left close to 1 million Iraqis internally displaced, and the country has experienced large flows of displaced persons since the U.S.-led invasion, said Graber, the agency official. The November 2004 U.S. offensive in Fallujah, for example, sent more than 40,000 residents fleeing the city she said.

Since the Samarra bombing, threats or killings have spurred many families to flee their homes with nothing, not even their ration cards, Graber said. "And there's no certainty as to when it will be safe again to return, when they can return without their sons getting killed," she said.

Both Shiite and Sunni families make up the displaced, the immigration agency's figures show.

Many Sunni families are leaving Shiite or mixed communities to take refuge in heavily Sunni western Iraq, and many Shiite families are heading south to the country's Shiite heartland. In some places, the last remaining minorities have left otherwise homogenous places.

Within Baghdad, many families are moving between Sunni, Shiite and mixed neighborhoods.

Baghdad has taken in at least 220 Shiite families from Anbar province, a Sunni stronghold west of the capital, according to reports gathered by the agency.

In Fallujah, an overwhelmingly Sunni Arab city 35 miles west of Baghdad, only 37 Shiite families remain, persuaded by pleas from their Sunni neighbors to stay despite threats from rebel fighters, the agency said.

UNIVERSITY OF KENTUCKY CRIME REPORT

Selected UK Police reports from March 20 to March 27

- March 20: Theft of a computer monitor reported at the UK Chandler Medical Center at 9:25 a.m.
- March 20: Theft of a box of pills reported at the UK Chandler Medical Center at 9:58 a.m.
- March 20: Bad checks and possible forgery reported at the Student Center at 3:40 p.m.
- March 21: Suspicious person reported scamming students and selling CDs at the Oswald Building at BCTC at 10:40 a.m.
- March 21: Theft of a wallet from a purse reported at the UK Chandler Medical Center at 3:47 p.m.
- March 21: Theft of cash reported at the UK Chandler Medical Center at 4:25 p.m.
- March 22: Theft of two laptops reported at the Wethington Building at 9:47 p.m.
- March 22: Theft of wallet reported at the Johnson Center at 4:22 p.m.
- March 22: Theft of wallet reported at the Kentucky Clinic at 6:14 p.m.
- March 23: Theft of a purse reported at the Starbucks in the Student Center at 10:30 a.m.
- March 24: Theft of cash reported stolen from an office in the basement of the Chemistry-Physics Building at 1:42 p.m.
- March 25: Theft of a watch reported at the Markey Cancer Center at 9:23 a.m.
- March 25: Theft of car keys reported after subject gave them to a man who said he was a security guard at the parking structure near the UK Chandler Medical Center at 2:04 p.m.
- March 25: Theft in-progress reported after subjects tried to dismantle handrails with a ratchet for skateboarding at Lancaster Aquatic Center at 3:43 p.m.
- March 26: Criminal mischief and possible arson reported at the Reynolds Building at 11:02 a.m.
- March 26: Students reported hanging banners outside the White Hall Classroom Building at 11:02 p.m.
- March 27: Theft of a laptop reported at 740 S. Limestone St. at 6:48 a.m.
- March 27: Theft of a purse reported at the Chemistry-Physics Building at 9:43 a.m.
- March 27: Harassment reported at a residence at 404 Linden Walk at 10:34 p.m.

Compiled from reports at www.uky.edu/police and the media log. Compiled by staff writer Megan Boehnke
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SG Candidates: Understanding the issues

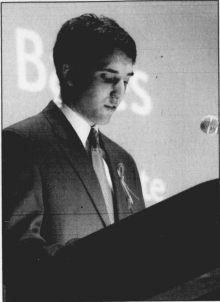
Andy Bates

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— Andy Bates, on why his independence from previous administrators makes him the best choice among the candidates for SG president



Bates

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"What we found was that as senators we could write all the legislation in the world but if the executive branch didn't execute it, then nothing gets done. That's why we want to run for president and vice president."

Bates, a 26-year-old history junior from Sacramento, Ky., said SG has not served the student body well in the past.

"It just kind of sits there and does nothing," he said of the governing organization.

Bates' ticket has no current SG members besides him and Fuller and he said this gives him an advantage over the other candidates.

"I alone can truly bring in a new vision because I do not have the old attached to it," Bates said. "In doing so, in addition to running the most diverse ticket, I think it makes me much more approachable and by definition more qualified to represent the student body because in essence our ticket is the student body."

Bates has also worked with the largest Student Min-

istry Campus Crusade, Student Activities Board and was president of Pierson Hall. Bates said the biggest issue currently facing students is the cost of attending UK, citing the need for more books and tuition hikes.

"At the end of the day, the biggest issue that affects all students is money because in order to be a student at the University of Kentucky there is a price tag," Bates said.

To fight the rising cost, Bates said he would concentrate on lobbying Frankfort rather than the Board of Trustees.

"We all know how effective that typically is," he said, noting how tuition has risen three times in the Senate.

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to bring better relations between UK and Lexington.

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"I've served the same role that the SG president has served and that's something that my opponents can't say."

— Jonah Brown, on why his experience makes him the best choice among the candidates for SG president



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President Lee Todd to improve SG as a vessel for student concerns.

Brown also talked about the importance of strengthening SG's voice not only with the administration but with the city of Lexington as well. Working to improve SG and the student presence in Lexington city government was a priority of his as well, by seeking the current relationship between UK and Lexington.

"There's not really concern about us because we haven't been active downtown," Brown said. "We just don't have any influence down there. I would say in the student perspective."

Brown said increasing student participation in local government through voter registration drives and charismatic students on issues is important to his campaign.

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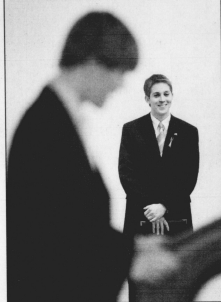
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— Preston Worley, on why he is the best choice among the candidates for SG president



Worley

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"I have very close personal and working relationships with many UK administrators and I think that something I can bring to the table that the other candidates can't," he said.

Worley said he was loosely involved with campaigns last year and the experience showed him problems on campus that SG needs to address.

"I kind of got me involved to step up and try to lead and make those changes. I thought that I was the right guy for the job," Worley said.

Worley was the vice-president of public relations for the Intergovernmental Council this past year, as well as a tour guide at the visitor's center and a participant in the University Leadership Summit.

He's also involved in the Fraternity Lambda Chi Alpha.

The number one problem Worley said he sees facing students today at UK is a lack of community which stems from several specific problems.

"UK students ... there's not a cohesion and a pride of being on campus," Worley said. "And that stems from a

need to improve women's safety, a bad dining program, bad community and police relations and there's a lot of bad communication. Student Government doesn't communicate well with the student body."

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A LOOK AT THE BALLOT

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- Ryan Smith
- Megan Stanley
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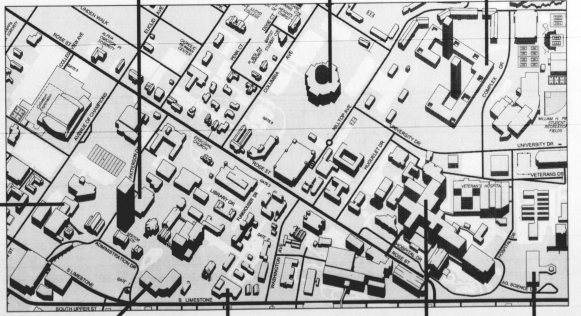
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The Los Angeles Police Department is considering a second option of removing tent camps, but opponents have said doing so at this point would only push many homeless people elsewhere. **LAWRENCE H. HO | LOS ANGELES TIMES**

L.A. looks to clean up Skid Row

By Cara Mia DiMassa
LOS ANGELES TIMES

LOS ANGELES — Leaders from the ACLU and downtown business interests have joined Mayor Antonio Villaraigosa in backing a cleanup plan for Skid Row that involves cracking down on crime but not sweeping up homeless people from their tent cities.

The consensus gives a decisive boost to the plan and comes after years of debate and competing visions about how Los Angeles should tackle crime and blight in Skid Row.

It also marks the first time two of the main adversaries in the Skid Row debate — downtown business and civil libertarians — have agreed on an approach.

The united front arrives at a key moment, amid a new push by state and local offi-

cial to improve conditions in a district that has the largest homeless population in the Western United States. State legislators are considering several bills to address Skid Row's ills, including the so-called dumping of criminals and patients in the area.

The various parties are lined up behind a plan put forward by criminologist George Kelling, who has called for the LAPD to crack down on the drug dealers, prostitutes and other criminals on Skid Row. His strategy would put dozens more officers on the streets of Skid Row, with an emphasis on experienced beat cops rather than rookies. In addition to the heavier uniformed police presence, there would be more undercover officers assigned to target the area's drug bazaars.

But the plan would leave in place for now the homeless encampments that stand near

the increasingly gentrifying sections of downtown where historic buildings have been converted into upscale lofts and condos.

Police Chief William J. Bratton is considering Kelling's plan as well as a second, more aggressive proposal that calls for a campaign of sweeps designed to move homeless people from the streets. Bratton is expected to make a decision in the next few weeks after consulting with various officials including Villaraigosa.

Downtown business interests, traditionally the biggest advocates for a "take back the streets" approach to cleaning up the area, say they support Kelling's plan even if it would allow homeless people to remain in their tents for now.

"We've come to the sad conclusion that most of it is a drug problem," Central City Assn. President Carol Schatz

said. "You may be getting a huge number of people off the street by simply enforcing the law."

The American Civil Liberties Union of Southern California, which has long criticized the Los Angeles Police Department for being too aggressive in its actions on Skid Row, has come to a similar conclusion.

Ramona Ripston, the organization's executive director, said she has in recent months gone on police ride-alongs, met with homeless services providers and realized that above all else, Skid Row needs more police.

"Sometimes," said Ripston, "you reach a moment where we have to do something. We can't let that continue to go on down there. ... One of the steps we need to take is to try to purge that neighborhood of the criminal element."

Expert: U.S. not guarding against dirty bombs

By Gwyneth K. Shaw
THE BALTIMORE SUN

WASHINGTON — A leading expert on cargo security told a Senate subcommittee Tuesday that America is "not acting like a nation at war" when it comes to working to protect the country from radiological or nuclear materials.

Stephen E. Flynn, a fellow at the Council on Foreign Relations, said that even the monitoring systems being installed at border crossings and seaports around the country won't catch everything a terrorist might try to smuggle in. Laying out a harrowing scenario in which a single weakness in the global supply chain could allow a dirty bomb to end up in a

container traveling from Indonesia to Chicago, Flynn said "we are living on borrowed time" when it comes to cargo security.

"We have a version 1.0," Flynn said of the efforts so far to tighten security. "We need a version 2.0."

Former Sept. 11 Commission chairman Thomas M. Kean, sitting beside Flynn, said that of all the panel's recommendations, the most important had to be keeping nuclear weapons out of the hands of terrorists — since a nuclear attack, while not the most likely scenario, would have the most devastating consequences.

"We still do not have a maximum effort against what everybody agreed is the most urgent threat to the

American people," Kean said.

As administration officials defended the improvements made in border and port security since Sept. 11, senators from both parties said more must be done.

Sen. Norm Coleman, a Minnesota Republican and chairman of the Senate Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs Investigations subcommittee, said the problems highlighted by Kean and Flynn as well as those listed in three Government Accountability Office reports released Tuesday — were "a massive blind spot" that must be fixed quickly.

Cargo security — particularly at seaports — has been in the spotlight in recent weeks, after the outcry over

Dubai Ports World's efforts to assume control of some port operations at several major U.S. ports. The company effectively bailed out earlier this month, but shoring up security remains a priority on Capitol Hill. Coleman's committee will hold a second hearing Thursday, and legislation is also taking shape.

The GAO studies found potential weak spots in efforts to keep nuclear weapons out of the country, including the potential for corruption among local officials overseas — where the U.S. has been installing portal radiation monitors in an effort to combat the problem from afar — and limitations of older technology that hinder the usefulness of some monitors.

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6:00 pm — 8:00 pm

Wednesday, March 29, 2006

Student Town

Room 206 Student Center

6:30 pm-8:30 pm

Thursday, March 30, 2006

Anna S. Cooper Address 10:00 am — 11:30 am

Speaker: Dr. Linda James Myers, Dean of the Graduate Psychology Program at New College of California

Title: "Realizing the Goddess Within: Weight Training for the Heart, Mind, and Soul from the Will-to-Do-It-Myself to Do"

Center Theater - Student Center

Tickets: \$15.00

Luncheon - 12:00 noon - 2:00 pm

Speaker: Dr. Lynda Brown Wright, Chair of Educational and Counseling Psychology at the University of Kentucky

Title: "Life Ain't Been No Crystal Ball: Strength, Challenges and Mental Well-Being of Black Women"

Grand Ballroom - Student Center

Tickets: \$15.00

Black Women and Mental Health: A Round Discussion - 2:30 - 4:30 pm

Moderator: Dr. Tamara Brown, Associate Professor of Clinical Psychology

Center Theater - Student Center

Tickets: \$15.00

Following Book - 4:30 pm - 5:00 pm

Speaker: Dr. Ramona Shorter-Gooden, Professor and Coordinator of the Multicultural

Community/Clinical Psychology Emphasis at the California School of Professional Psychology (Los Angeles Campus) of Alliant International University

Title: "The Making of Somatid: How Racial St. Gender Bias Impact Depression in Black Women"

Center Theater - University of Kentucky Student Center

Reception Immediately Following in Room 206 Student Center

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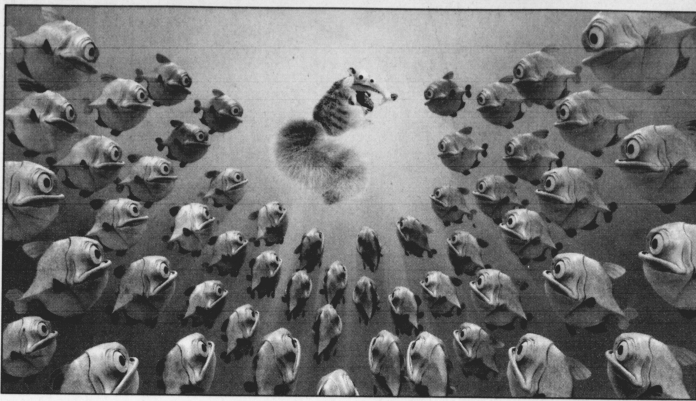


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The follow up to the 2002 hit "Ice Age," throws everyone's favorite computer generated prehistoric animals into deep trouble as the world around them quite literally falls apart. "Ice Age: Meltdown" opens Friday at Regal, Woodhill and Lexington Green.

IN THEATERS

ICE AGE: THE MELTDOWN

Everyone's favorite cute and cuddly computer generated friends die horrible deaths as they drown, overhear and murder one another over dwindling resources as the world's first encounter with climatic shift wreaks havoc. Just kidding (I think). The sequel to the 2002 hit, "Ice Age: The Meltdown" features the original trio of Ray Romano, John Leguizamo and Denis Leary and some new voices including Queen Latifah as a woolly mammoth and Sean William Scott as a possum. **Opens Friday at Regal, Woodhill and Lexington Green.**

SLITHER

Yes! Finally a horror film that doesn't take itself seriously, thus making it bearable and entertaining instead of the usual stroke-inducing boredom and uncomfortable-to-sit-through dialogue. The directorial debut of screenwriter James Gunn (2004, remake of "Dawn of the Dead"), "Slither" features absolutely ridiculous levels of gore and innumerable gross-out situations. As such,

"Slither" is going to be the best thing ever. **Opens Friday at Regal, Woodhill and Lexington Green.**

BASIC INSTINCT 2

This film's predecessor ushered me into manhood. Seriously, I remember sneaking to watch "Basic Instinct" on late night showtime when I was 8 years old and whispering to my friends at the cafeteria table all the salacious things I saw. One can only hope this one's up to par. One can also hope Sharon Stone doesn't get naked; the last 14 years weren't kind. Actually, Stone is still pretty attractive in that "unshowered, smoking older woman who drinks a high ball of whiskey on an hourly basis" kind of way. **Opens Friday at Regal and Woodhill.**

ON DVD

KING KONG

Peter Jackson's justifiably hyped remake of the 1933 classic is a masterpiece of computer animation mixed with live action. Even those who saw this behemoth film in theaters will find a plethora of DVD extras including a 3-hour docu-

mentary narrated by Jackson that details every bit of minutia involved in post-production filmmaking.

GET RICH OR DIE TRYIN'

Curtis "50 Cent" Jackson's acting debut was a dud at the box office, but that's mostly because it was so full of down-and-dirty original gangsta action few people could understand his genius. I got to interview Jackson in advance of the film's release (see the Nov. 9, 2005 edition of The Kernel.) We're friends now.

MEMOIRS OF A GEISHA

An absolutely gorgeous and riveting adaptation of novelist Arthur Golden's 1997 best-selling book of the same title, "Memoirs of a Geisha" follows the story of a young Japanese girl, Sayuri, who is torn from her family to work in a geisha house. Played by Zhang Ziyi, Sayuri falls in love, a forbidden act in the geisha world. Yeah, it's a chick flick, but it's pretty.

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Maury's DNA tests net ratings

By Chip Crews
The Washington Post

NEW YORK — "Niko, when it comes to 10-month-old Princess —"

Onstage, the young man and woman, warring over the infant, hang on the host's every word. The mother, Sanquetta, has insisted that the man, Niko, is the father; he is adamant that he is not. They've come to this TV studio to tell their conflicting stories and insult each other, to the great amusement of a live audience.

All that remains is the payoff: the results of a DNA paternity test.

Welcome to "The Maury Show." The man opening the envelope containing the test results could only be Maury Povich, the program's genial, somewhat controversial host. Each day, the program presents an array of guests united by their life-dramas, which are generally sex-dramas. Show titles — always heavy on exclamation points — range from "Secret Sex Videos ... Ruined Lives! Caught on Tape!" to "I Think I Got Our Babysitter Pregnant ... Don't Divorce Me!" to "I'll Prove My Baby Is Your 14th Child!"

The paternity show, though, is the program's signature format and its highest rated, helping "Maury" (3.8 million viewers daily) rank fourth this season among daytime talk shows, behind "The Oprah Winfrey Show," "Dr. Phil" and "Live With Regis and Kelly."

Only minutes ago, Paul

Faulhaber, the syndicated program's executive producer since it began in 1998, warmed up the crowd of 150-plus at a recent taping. ("Is Brooklyn in the house? Let me hear it, Brooklyn!") When he announced that the day's theme was paternity, the audience turned red-hot, shrieking with delight.

Paternity segments vary in the particulars, but the outline is almost always identical: A woman accuses a man of fathering her child, and he denies it. They state their cases, often savagely, then Povich reads the DNA results. That settles the genetic question, although often it does little to bring peace between the parties.

Povich's audience members tend to sympathize with mothers, and when he announces that Sanquetta "made the mistake of her life when she met a man named Niko," they murmur with understanding.

"I'm not 100, I'm not 1,000, I'm a million percent sure he's the father of my baby," Sanquetta says. "Maury, this is the first and last time you're gonna see me on your show."

That last statement alludes to some of Povich's more notable female guests, who have made a staggering number of appearances in seeking to establish first this man, then that one, then still another as their children's fathers. (A woman named Georgetta has attained legendary status by appearing 12 times to test 15 men.)

When Sanquetta told Niko she was pregnant, "he said, 'Have an abortion,'" she reports to the audience. Since Princess' birth, he has provided "nothin'. No Pampers, no diapers, nothin'."

Next, a taped interview shows Niko saying: "I'm 100 percent sure I'm not the father. ... I used a condom. Sanquetta's trying to (bleep) me off and ruin my life."

He's then roundly booed as he enters the studio, arms raised in mock triumph.

After securing a pledge from Niko to participate in Princess' life should the test show that he is the father, Povich opens the envelope and reads: "Niko, when it comes to 10-month-old Princess — you are the father!"

Sanquetta dances triumphantly. Niko exits, looking frustrated. And the audience exults.

The paternity question is "a very edgy subject," Povich, 67, says in his office after the show. "It's a subject that some people — I don't want to say condemn, but they look at it as exploitation. And I just don't see it that way. I've always believed that there is a certain goodness in doing these."

Of course, his is far from the only show to have trafficked in tawdry personal revelation. During each "Maury" program, viewers are urged to contact the show's staff if they have similar stories. Faulhaber says each paternity show generates about 1,000 such

calls. "Maury" callers are screened for credibility and the power of their stories, which are assigned to one of the show's seven production teams.

The team wins the stories to 10 or 20, then DNA tests are administered. About half the 10 cases are selected to air, and Povich and Faulhaber insist that the DNA results do not influence that decision.

Of his critics, Povich says: "I don't want to argue with them anymore because they just put up a wall, but when people say 'You don't care about these people' — we do care about these people. We do. And I can't — if you're not going to believe me, then don't believe me. But we care about them. And this is how we demonstrate it."

Povich shakes his head amusedly. "There's no way I thought I could be doing this at 60," he says. "And to be doing it at almost 70 — it's ridiculous!" Earlier this year, he increased his workload by inaugurating a new MSNBC show, "Weekends With Maury and Connie," with his wife, Connie Chung.

All this reflection leads him to a story about a golf game with CBS golf analyst Gary McCord. "He always likes to get in my head," the host says. "He's a gamesman. ... One day recently he said, 'You know, Povich, I've watched your show. I wouldn't do your show for 5 million dollars a year.'"

"I said, 'Neither would I.'"

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IN OUR OPINION

Bring students into USP conversation

Last week, UK's General Education Reform Assessment Committee (GERA) canceled its forum due to a lack of student interest.

In fact, few students had even heard of the committee when it announced it would not be holding its forum. GERA is in charge of investigating the present University Studies Program — an issue that demands student involvement — and so its members must find a way to get the word out.

Six students responded to the committee before the forum was canceled, and that is not going to give anyone an accurate picture of undergraduate opinion about such a key topic.

The committee is made up of faculty members who are Provost and Senate Council nominees, and their task is to start a campus-wide conversation about the strengths and weaknesses of USP requirements.

If they want to spark any discussion, they are going to have to reach out more to students.

Deborah Moore, director of assessment, said the group plans to offer another student forum but is looking for better ways to inform students.

"We will go through Student Government next time to reach as many groups of students as possible," Moore said. "We hope that students will become active in this cause."

Perhaps with more advertising and information, more students will show up for a forum on USP but there must be other means of gaining student input.

Realistically, GERA must bring the discussion to students and not the other way around.

Students currently in USP classes

could be surveyed in class to learn how they feel about the present system.

Over the past few years, there has been talk of restructuring undergraduate education, and this is a discussion that needs to continue.

Last November, the USP external review committee proposed five core modifications aimed as a roadmap for change. The changes aimed to create a curriculum that would help students (1) understand their place and purpose in their ever-changing world, (2) engage in the process of inquiry and reflection, (3) think from multidisciplinary perspectives, (4) meet the new demands and challenges of life in the 21st century, and (5) discover and examine the ambiguity of human knowledge.

At the time, University Senate Chair Ernie Yanarella called the proposal a "golden opportunity" for change.

"It's the last best chance for several years to undertake significant reforms to the general education core of this university," he said.

"It behooves this university to establish a new foundation for liberal arts education that is in keeping with these emerging 21st century realities," he said.

He is right. UK must fashion a curriculum that will help students succeed in a changing world. Changes to USP must occur in real, progressive ways, not just a repackaging of the same system with a better slogan.

USP is ripe for an update, and it must be done with students in mind. Those involved in examining USP must reach out to students, and they must do more than host an empty forum.

Sex offender law missed the mark

The Kentucky legislature is pushing the state to crack down on sex offenders, with both houses of the General Assembly unanimously passing a bill that would impose harsher penalties for repeat offenders and would restrict where registered sex offenders can live, the Associated Press recently announced.

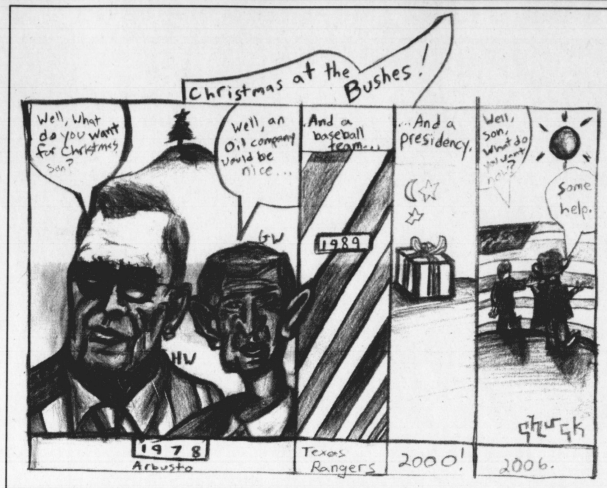
The tougher penalties for persistent offenders — up to life in prison with no possibility for parole for at least 25 years — are a no-brainer. People who repeatedly prey on others, especially children, deserve to be kept out of society for a very long time.

But the living restrictions, which would forbid registered offenders from living within 1,000 feet of a school, playground or day care facility, are questionable. First, not all sex offenders are child molesters. Those who have raped adults are no more dangerous near a school or playground than near a grocery store or shopping mall.

Second, it seems that if sex offenders are too dangerous to be allowed to return as fully functioning members of society, perhaps they shouldn't be released from prison in the first place. After all, 1,000 feet of distance are hardly going to be enough to deter someone who is intent on committing a sex crime.

Finally, pushing released sex offenders to the outskirts of society may wind up with high numbers of them living in the same neighborhoods and/or even buildings — as has happened in parts of Iowa since that state passed a similar law, according to a New York Times story earlier this month. Not only will that make it harder for released offenders to assimilate back into society, but it will make those areas far more dangerous for the people who live there.

It is good that the state legislature wants to get tough on sex offenders, but it needs to do so in the right way.



CHUCK CLENNEY, THE KENTUCKY KERNEL

Diversity means attitudes, not numbers

Take a look at the front page of today's Kernel.

Odds are, somewhere there, you'll find a story about diversity at UK.

In the wake of last fall's drop in enrollment among black freshmen, it seems that everyone from President Lee Todd to UK's janitorial staff is searching for ways to ensure such paltry figures don't repeat themselves.

Proponents of diversity claim that it's beneficial for UK students to matriculate in an environment that's representative of the "real world" — one that fosters a significant number of scholars from various ethnic backgrounds.

Students who graduate from diverse institutions, they claim, are better prepared to enter the job market, where they will encounter coworkers and even superiors who are not representative of those students' own backgrounds.

That's true enough. But let's be realistic and say that a majority of UK students will obtain jobs in Kentucky upon graduation. According to the 2000 Census, Kentucky is approximately 90 percent white and 7 percent black, with Hispanics, Asians and other various ethnicities making up the other 3 percent.

In the fall of 2005, 26,439 students were enrolled at UK. Of those, 18 percent were minority or international students. Clearly, 18

percent is higher than the state's percentage of minority residents. However, of the 3,855 entering freshmen, only 4 percent were black.

I'm going to go out on a limb and say last fall's drop in black enrollment was a one-year anomaly. In fact, up until last year, black enrollment had been steadily increasing over the previous several years.

So, with UK's minority enrollment rate at almost double that of the state, why have UK administrators — and the campus newspaper — seemingly hit the panic button?

For administrators, the main reason is UK's top-20 agenda. Realistically, no matter how many top professors are lured to Lexington, no matter how many research dollars UK programs pull in, UK can't break the top-20 plateau without a diverse student body. And, in truth, 18 percent likely won't cut it.

But what more can the administration do? With UK's percentage of minorities already well above that of Kentucky, short of giving all accepted black students full scholarships, the university has to rely upon out-of-state and international students to close the gap.

Being competitive on a national level for top students is all about academics. When we compete with regional universities such as Ohio State, Indiana, Illinois, Virginia and Vanderbilt, we're already at a disadvantage. Todd is on the right path by ensuring funding for academic programs and increasing faculty pay.

Improving UK's academic standing will make more top students, minorities included, want to come to UK.

So what about The Kernel's motives? For the past year or two, The Kernel has championed diversity on the front page more times than anyone can count. It's gotten to the point that we have received at least one letter to the editor asking, "What's with all the talk on diversity?"

Surely such an advocate of campus diversity would be one of the most diverse organizations at UK, right? One might reasonably come to that conclusion. But come down to the Kernel newsroom at any given time, and you'll find, at most, one minority student.

Perhaps there's a simple explanation. Maybe most black students aren't interested in becoming journalists. Maybe I'm in the newsroom at all the wrong times.

There's a difference between being a champion of diversity because it will improve the standing of the entire university community and being a champion of diversity to make yourself look good. I think the administration falls under the former category. I'd like to think The Kernel does as well.

But, as we all know, actions speak louder than words. Todd's administration has taken the initiative and tried to find out why black students did not enroll at UK. Hopefully, for the good of all UK students, last fall's numbers will be nothing more than a blip on the screen in the grand scheme of things.

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Top-20 push leaves students behind in favor of research

The administration may be celebrating the prospect of getting a \$24 million appropriation from the General Assembly for its Top-20 Business Plan, but I suspect the students aren't exactly dancing in the streets.

Paying for college and its associated costs isn't getting any easier. Even if the budget ameliorates the situation by reducing the tuition hike down into the single digit range, students are still reeling after three straight years of double-digit tuition increases.

Consider that in-state tuition for the 1996-97 academic year was \$2,676. This year, it's \$5,812 — doubling in roughly nine years. And of course, tuition will be even higher next year. No other commodity — not even gasoline — has increased in price so

drastically.

Running through this annual financial gauntlet, laid down by people far removed from the consequences of their actions, is very taxing.

If parents are unwilling or unable to make greater sacrifices for continuing their children's college education, then the student must decide how to make financial ends meet. They must take out more loans, work more hours (sacrificing study time), take fewer classes, opt for community and technical college instead of enrolling in a university or perhaps just give up on pursuing higher education altogether.

There's a whole culture of student financial dilemmas. Just look at the types of benefits some local employers offer students, such as paying a percentage of their tuition. I'm sure part of the story of UK's horrid four-year graduation rate has to do with the financial burden of college, which forces students to take fewer hours or perform more poorly in the classroom because they have to

work 30 or 40 hours a week.

And enrollment in the Kentucky Community and Technical College System has skyrocketed, expanding by 62.7 percent since fall 2000. Granted, some of the discrepancy involves the transfer of Lexington Community College to KCTCS from UK, but I would venture some of that increase is from students who decided to go the community college route for two years before transferring, with four years at a university being just too much.

Administrators conveniently remind us of House Bill 1, the 1997 law mandating that UK become a top-20 university by 2020. Because of this legislative fiat, we must remain faithful to the goal of becoming a research monolith. Besides, the commonwealth will gain health and education benefits as a result, and the university has an obligation to them.

Although I ultimately don't buy it, the preceding argument has its virtues. But those who find this line of thought meritorious have either

substantially underestimated or ignored its costs.

As a result, research now receives more funding than instruction at UK. So after more than a century of making teaching the primary function, the university has become a research-centric multiversity.

More than half of UK students graduate with debt. And the average graduation debt for 2003-04 students was \$16,687. That's easier to pay with some jobs than others. For people with journalism, teaching or marketing degrees, making an average of \$25,000 to \$30,000 a year, it's much more difficult than a student who gets a job as an investment banker or engineer making \$50,000 a year. Yet students earning degrees in all these disciplines pay the same amount of tuition.

Making ends meet after college is just as difficult, if not more so. And all of these actualities take their toll on students who struggle to tread above water.

Those who struggle the most fi-

nancially are disproportionately minorities. Does the UK administration believe its elitist focus and desire for more diversity are mutually attainable without bulk scholarship programs? And can such programs be funded to the extent that they are effective, and not just token shows of good will?

The realm of choices for the administration is wider than they'd have you believe. There's more ways to reduce student tuition hikes than simply lobby Frankfort for more money. Less spending on research and research infrastructure, service programs, residence halls and food service — just to name a few — would reduce costs; however, it would require amending UK President Lee Todd's utopian vision.

But since striving toward an unrealistically high goal has become categorically more important than maintaining affordability, students must be left to deal with the real consequences.

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