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## With SG low on cash, groups seek other funds

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Student organizations are going to have to find funding sources other than Student Government for the rest of this school year.

SG used up the remainder of its funds set aside for student groups — \$70,000 for the year, more than a fifth of SG's \$315,000 budget — at last week's Senate meeting. The Senate voted to give around \$10,000 to fund eight Senate special projects.

Appropriations and Revenue Committee Chairman Kevin Parrott said about 10 student organizations have turned in funding requests that SG cannot afford, and he is contacting the groups to let them know there is no more money available.

The UK Forestry Club is one group that had asked for funds that are now unavailable. Club president Ryan McNetrney, a forestry senior, said SG had not contacted him yet, but he had heard that A&R had no more money to allocate.

"It's not fair, but the blame doesn't fall directly on (SG)," McNetrney said. "I think if they say they're here to fund student organizations, they should be able to offer money more than a couple months into the semester."

The club was requesting \$500 to help with travel expenses to go to a competition at the University of Florida, McNetrney said. Without SG funding, the burden will fall on the club members, he said.

The Japanese Culture in Kentucky Society also applied for funding from SG but will not receive money.

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## Birth-control affordability campaign comes to UK

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With circular postcards shaped like birth-control dispensers, Planned Parenthood of Kentucky hopes to get college students involved in its efforts to combat the rising cost of oral contraceptives.

This week, Planned Parenthood centers across the nation will be setting up tables on college campuses to raise awareness about the importance of birth control and to petition for a fix to the increase in the cost of birth control in university health centers, said Shirley Jones, CEO of Planned Parenthood of Kentucky.

"We want to make students aware that they have a voice with concern to the increase in the cost of birth control," Jones said. "We want them to share that concern."

The nationwide campaign is an effort to show Congress support for a bill that would restore affordable prices for birth control to colleges and universities, Jones said.

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## BCTC move could give UK more space

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Bluegrass Community and Technical College may be moving from Cooper Drive to Newtown Pike as part of a deal announced by Gov. Steve Beshear on Thursday.

Eastern State Hospital, a 184-year-old mental health facility on Newtown Pike, will get a new building on UK's Coldstream Research Campus, Beshear said in a news release.

BCTC could then leave its location on Cooper Drive and construct a

classroom and lab building where Eastern State is now, Beshear said.

UK could use the space now occupied by BCTC for classroom and parking space, said UK spokesman Jay Blanton. Nothing has been decided yet in what will be a long process involving legislative approval and talks among the involved institutions, he said.

"There's a lot to be done yet, but it's a win-win," Blanton said.

The deal began in September in conversations between Rep. Jimmie Lee, R-Elizabethtown, and UK President Lee Todd's legislative liaison,

Lee said. Because of scheduling, it took several months to get all of the parties involved to the table, he said.

Once everyone talked about it, they realized the benefits of the deal, Lee said. In a new facility, Eastern State patients would get treatment that is not possible in the Newtown Pike location, Lee said.

"It's 184 years old — it started out to be an insane asylum," Lee said. "It just doesn't fit what we need to do today with the mentally ill, and it hasn't for a while."

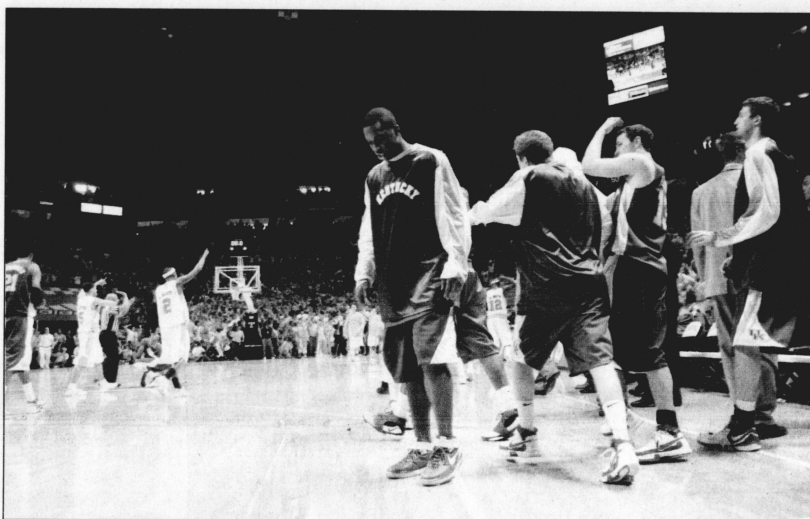
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County Government would pay \$129 million to finance the two-year construction project, according to a news release from the governor's office. The hospital would not begin to pay the bonds back until 2010.

The General Assembly allotted money for a new classroom and lab building for BCTC in 2005, and BCTC could begin building as soon as contracts are signed and the Senate approves the deal, said Lee, who worked extensively on the agreement.

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## TENNESSEE 63, UK 60



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Sophomore guard Jodie Meeks hangs his head after senior guard Joe Crawford missed a 3-pointer in the final seconds of yesterday's game that would have sent the contest into overtime. The Cats lost to the Volunteers 63-60 at Thompson-Boling Arena in Knoxville.

## Cats' gritty effort not enough

### Without freshman star Patrick Patterson, UK nearly pulls off shocking upset of top-ranked Tennessee in Knoxville

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KNOXVILLE — Without Patrick Patterson, much energy left and supposedly much of a chance against the top-ranked team in the nation, the UK men's basketball team nearly pulled it off yesterday.

With only four ticks left on the clock, senior guard Joe Crawford had a 3-point attempt from the right corner that would have tied the game. But Crawford's shot clanked off the back of the rim, and sophomore forward Ramon Harris couldn't get another shot off before time expired. The Cats had come that close to toppling No. 1 Tennessee, losing 63-60 in front of 21,628

fans at Thompson-Boling Arena in Knoxville.

"Four points away," sophomore forward Perry Stevenson said of the possible upset.

"You can never replace what Patrick did. You just have to try harder."

**PERRY STEVENSON**  
Sophomore forward

UK rode a wave of emotion, winding the shot clock down nearly every possession while consid-

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## Gillispie deserves to be SEC Coach of the Year

KNOXVILLE — This was my first thought right after UK beat

Ole Miss on Wednesday night: If the Cats were somehow able to beat No. 1 Tennessee on the road Sunday afternoon to move into a first-place tie in the Southeastern Conference, head coach Billy Gillispie

should be the unanimous selection for the league's coach of the year award.

Then Patrick Patterson was lost for the season. Without Patterson,

the Cats seemed destined to make

an empty trip down to Knoxville.

So the thought process shifted from "How could UK win?" to "How in the world could UK keep it close?"

And then a funny thing happened. Joe Crawford's jumper with 4:43 left in the game put UK ahead 57-56. UK went from being without its No. 1 player to being up on the No. 1 team in the country. If the Cats could have held on, it would have been a minor miracle.

The miracle didn't happen yesterday. Tennessee scored the next seven points and escaped with a 63-60 win in the newly renovated Thompson-Boling Arena.

But Gillispie did it. Not only

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## Believers, atheists to ponder age-old question: Is there a God?

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Humankind has yet to reach a definitive answer, but UK students will get their chance at a forum tonight to ask, "Does God exist?"

Seven panelists will represent atheism, Christianity and Islam at the forum "Does God Exist? Arguments from Both Sides," tonight at 7:30 in the Student Center Small Ballroom.

Event director Bryan Kennedy, a journalism sophomore, said he cannot guarantee the forum will provide an answer to this age-old query but said he promises it will generate discussion within a diverse community. Kennedy

is also an occasional writer for the Kernel.

"Especially in college, you're around so many different people who don't know what their feelings are for different things," Kennedy said. "Somebody going against the normal, everyday religion is pretty interesting — it's good to try to see where they're coming from."

The discussion aims to give students a better understanding of beliefs other than their own so they can build relationships with people and ideas that are unfamiliar to them, Kennedy said.

Two members of UK SHIFT, the Society for Humanistic, Intellectual and

Free Thought, will represent atheism, along with Edwin Kagin, national director of American Atheists Inc., a national educational organization for atheists.

A university campus is an ideal place to host this type of discussion, Kagin said.

"A university is the place that people should be able to have an exchange of ideas without getting harmed for it," he said.

Three students from UK Campus Crusade for Christ will speak for Christianity. Ben Hornback, a member of CRU, agreed to be on the panel because he said the Bible calls on Christians to defend their beliefs.

"It's something that a lot of Christians and a lot of people in general just don't do," said Hornback. "They don't know why they believe what they believe. They're told what to believe and they just kind of accept it."

A member of the Muslim Student Association will represent Islam.

One of the atheist panelists, UK SHIFT founder and president Adam Leedy, said his organization endures attacks from many religious angles.

"We are constantly painted as amoral, anti-American, angry militants or any other negative description you can think of," Leedy said. "We are really just normal people who happen to have our own ideas about religion."

According to the 2008 Statistical Abstract, 77 percent of adults in the United States identify with the beliefs of Christianity. Less than one percent is reported to identify with Islam and one percent with atheism.

Despite its majority, Christianity also suffers from misconceptions, Hornback said.

"Occasionally in intellectual conversations, people say, 'Oh, you're Christian. Clearly we should stop talking because it's going to be over your head,'" Hornback said.

Kennedy said he will moderate the forum but hopes the audience will have its own questions to further the discussion.

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## Horoscopes

By Linda C. Black

To get the advantage, check the day's rating: 10 is the easiest day, 0 the most challenging.

**Aries (March 21 - April 19)** Today is a 5 — Information you provide helps a great deal, so concentrate and provide correct answers. Don't forget what you promised, however, is even more important.

**Taurus (April 20 - May 20)** Today is a 9 — Something you recently learned from a friend helps you get much further ahead. You have a coach who can teach you about a new technology.

**Gemini (May 21 - June 21)** Today is a 5 — Having plenty leads to a solid sense of confidence. Your status is going up, partly because of your attitude. Feeling like a winner

shows.

**Cancer (June 22 - July 22)** Today is an 8 — Let someone with experience coach you in a new endeavor. You don't earn extra points by doing things the hard way. Make it easy on yourself.

**Leo (July 23 - Aug. 22)** Today is a 5 — Your attitude should be pretty good, although you may be tired. Others offer encouragement. They believe you can do it. Trust them, and go on.

**Virgo (Aug. 23 - Sept. 22)** Today is a 9 — You're exceptionally lucky now, especially in familiar games. Familiar people are favored, too, especially the fun-loving kind. They'll help you with your work.

**Libra (Sept. 23 - Oct. 22)** Today is a 7 — It may be hard to pull yourself out of your snugly nest. Motivate yourself by thinking about the people you love. Do it for them.

**Scorpio (Oct. 23 - Nov. 21)** Today is a 7 — You're resolving a domestic matter once and for all takes a load off

your mind. Stop worrying about it, get it fixed. Then, on to other things.

**Sagittarius (Nov. 22 - Dec. 21)** Today is a 5 — Make sure you've done the homework before you make your purchase. You want to get the best quality, but don't pay an arm and leg for it.

**Capricorn (Dec. 22 - Jan. 19)** Today is an 8 — You're smart, but don't rely on your wits. You also do the homework. That's the hidden reason you so often have the right answers.

**Aquarius (Jan. 20 - Feb. 18)** Today is a 7 — If somebody owes you money, now's the time to ask for it. Persistence pays in cold, hard cash sometimes, even if it's been a while. Try again.

**Pisces (Feb. 19 - March 20)** Today is an 8 — Your suggestion stirs up the meeting. People who had given up on finding a solution to the problem are activated. Share your own perspective.

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## THE DISH

# ANGIE'S FINAL INSULT

After Jolie raises hopes of extending an olive branch to Jennifer Aniston, she skips out on a would-be meet-up

By Kevin O'Leary

On the must-attend list of awards-season affairs, the Night Before party at the Beverly Hills Hotel is at the top. And with both Jennifer Aniston and Angelina Jolie listed (among others) as cohosts of the Feb. 23 event, Aniston felt it was "the perfect chance," says a confidant, to finally stand face-to-face with the woman who landed her husband, Brad Pitt. "She said the stress of having to avoid them was more painful than seeing them."

For the momentous evening, Aniston decked herself out in a skintight, knee-length black sheath and Bulgari jewels and had BFF Courtney Cox by her side. "Everyone was expecting Brad and Angelina to show up," says one attendee. "All eyes were on Jennifer. You could feel it in the air — the anticipation." Indeed, guest Ricki Lake told *U.S. After*, "Everywhere you looked, there was someone famous: George Clooney, Will Smith, Jen Aniston. But I didn't see Brad and Angelina."

Alas, the Jolie-Pitts were the night's big no-shows. A year after famously telling Vogue that a meeting with Aniston "would be her decision, and I would welcome it," Jolie seemingly had

reigned on her pledge. And where were the couple? At home, uh, packing. "They wished they could have gone," their rep tells *U.S.*, "but travel plans always precluded them from being there." (Worth noting: They made time for numerous L.A. outings during the week, including a leisurely dinner with Clint and Dina Eastwood. As of press time, no reports had surfaced of them leaving the L.A. area.) Yet somehow, just hours earlier, Jolie had made time to don her own skintight dress — and a knowing, Cheshire Cat smirk — to flaunt the "Shiloh sequel" bump at Film Independent's Spirit Awards across town. (For those keeping score, Aniston broke down and looked "stabbed in the heart" when discussing Jolie's pregnancy rumors to Vanity Fair in 2005.)

**Their Cold War**

Jolie's absence was just the latest in a series of psychological barbs — deliberate or not — inflicted on Aniston. The actress told *Vanity Fair* that, shortly before Jolie and Pitt's fateful "Mr. & Mrs. Smith" shoot in January 2004, she had introduced herself to Jolie (who was visiting the "Friends" lot), saying, "Brad is so excited about working with you. I hope you guys have a really good time." And who can forget Jolie declaring to *Reader's Digest* that she and Pitt were actively trying to conceive Shiloh, now 21 months, before his marriage officially ended —

even though Jolie previously declared, "I could not, could not look at myself in the morning" if she slept with a married man? These tensions, simmering from years of estrangement, can still lead to slights, imagined or otherwise. At CAA agent Bryan Lourd's pre-Oscar bash February 22, Aniston tried to say hello to Pitt pal George Clooney. "He ignored her! She was really upset," says a friend. But the following evening, at the Night Before party, the two got on better: Clooney sneaked up behind a *Variety* photographer for whom Aniston was posing and joked, "Do you mean to make that face?" The pair "were totally joking around and laughing," says an insider.

**Angie's Motives**

Still, Jolie-Pitt sources insist they never had any sincere intention of going, and had merely sent out signals they would to avoid offending party organizer and studio exec Jeffrey Katzenberg. One source points out that other hosts, including Leonardo DiCaprio and Matt Damon, also did not go, and Pitt had only agreed to it because he supports the charity. (He last went in 2005 with Aniston.) "They don't care or think about Jen," says a Jolie-Pitt pal. "Brad has moved on." Echoes another Pitt source: "They weren't thinking about Jennifer. They are over it. They have four, soon to be five, kids together!"

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# Speaker: Think creatively about future of health care

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Watts Wacker asked students and faculty in the Gatton School of Business and Economics to give themselves permission to think big when it comes to pursuing a career.

"Curiosity is the No. 1 talent employers should look for in their employees," said Wacker, the keynote speaker at the annual Chelgren Lecture Series hosted by the Gatton School. Wacker is a futurist — someone who predicts future trends based on current trends — and founder of Firm Mattered, a think

tank based in Connecticut.

More than 100 students and faculty attended Friday's panel discussion, which aimed to show how the health care field will evolve in the future and how health care can be expanded and improved in the business world.

The discussion, titled "The Business of Life: Opportunities for Health Care," featured Wacker and a panel of accomplished UK alumni and faculty, including Scott Roeth, co-chair of Emmi Solutions' Industry Ad-

visory Board; UK surgery professor Saba; and Tom Liston, senior vice president for strategy and corporate development at Humana.

"As you pursue your future career, the health care (industry) needs your help," Roeth said. "We need every position, from hospital administrators to salesmen."

Roles that have to be filled include improvements in technology, advertising to promote healthy lifestyles and working to sustain the cost of health care, Saha said.

In technology, what people know today will change tomorrow, Saha said. The panel agreed that health care would change substantially as technology improved but said there are other elements to making improvements.

"The health care system needs to find new ways to motivate healthy lifestyles," Liston said. "Obesity and some diseases can be prevented by following a healthy lifestyle."

Gordon Holbein, a senior lecturer in the Gatton School, said the panelists helped show students that what is taught in class is not just theory, but is applied by real-world executives.

"These lectures are designed to create world-ready students that see the connections between leadership, technology, society, government and economics," Holbein said.

Many students said Wacker and the other panelists helped them realize the opportunities for business students in the health care field.

"As business students, not only can we learn to become a CEO of a company, but rather a CEO that has the ability to make a difference in the field of health care," said Colin Dempsey, a business management and Spanish freshman.



Wacker

## BASKETBALL

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ently hitting big shots down the stretch. The Cats got gritty performances from nearly every player on the court, with Stevenson (13 points, 14 rebounds), Harris (12 points) and senior guard Ramel Bradley (17 points) leading the way.

"You can never replace what Patrick did," Stevenson said. "You just have to try harder."

After trailing for the first 26 minutes of the game, the Cats took their first lead on an old-fashioned 3-pointer from Harris. The sophomore guard was fouled while hitting a jumper near the free-throw line and then made the ensuing free throw to put the Cats up 42-41.

The two teams traded baskets from then until the final buzzer, but the Cats (16-11, 10-4 Southeastern Conference) became turnover-prone down the stretch, leading to seven straight points from the Vols (26-3, 12-2 SEC). Ultimately, it was too much for UK to overcome in the final seconds.

"We looked at this game like it was the championship game (for the SEC)," said Crawford, who chipped in nine points while playing through foul trouble for most of the game. "We put ourselves in a position to win; we just didn't pull out the victory."

The loss keeps the Cats in second place in the SEC East, a position head coach Billy Gillispie said his team wasn't looking forward to. If the Cats had won, they would have been in first place

in the SEC East.

"We didn't come in here looking to be in second place," Gillispie said. "We came here to win."

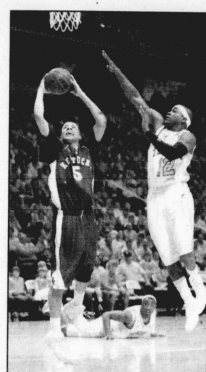
In the second half, the Cats came out attacking against the Vols, forcing Tennessee to play a half-court game. But while the Cats pulled within two points early, Crawford picked up his fourth foul just four minutes into the half. With Crawford joining Patterson and injured sophomore guard Jodie Meek on the bench, the Cats attacked the low post with Stevenson and Harris, who Crawford said played the best game of his UK career.

"I just wanted to be aggressive," Harris said. "Coach was saying I had been passive, and I just wanted to not make mistakes while being aggressive. And I just thought I couldn't be passive today, I can't just be an extra body out there."

Even without Patterson, the Cats tried to establish a post presence from sophomore forward Mark Coury and Stevenson. But both Coury and Stevenson struggled early to produce the offensive low-post game Patterson provides, with both accounting for only three points in the first half.

Even after Tennessee stormed out to a 20-5 first-half lead, UK battled back late in the half. Led by Harris, the Cats struck back with a mixed attack, using 3-pointers and slashing layups and jumpers in the lane to pull within seven points at halftime.

But the Cats couldn't pull it off in the final minutes of the game and fell for just the second time in the last 11 games, putting the Cats' NCAA Tournament hopes squarely on the bubble.



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Sophomore guard Derrick Jasper attempts a layup after stealing a rebound from Tennessee forward Wayne Chism during the second half of yesterday's game.

Without Patterson, UK's automatic routine bid looks as shaky as ever.

Still, the Cats felt they sent a message to those who think UK shouldn't be in the tournament without its freshman star.

"I says that we're improved," Jasper said. "We're coming together every game. We're uniting."

## SMITH

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did he manage to keep the Cats in the game, but he put together a game plan that had his team in the lead with less than five minutes in the game.

That should be enough to make him the conference's top coach this season, but it probably won't. It will probably go to Tennessee head coach Bruce Pearl, who has the conference's best team, but also the conference's best player, Jamont Gordon.

This game, combined with the other injuries and setbacks this team has faced this year, showed why Gillispie is the conference's top coach this season.

UK spotted the Vols a 15-point lead just eight minutes into the game. But the Cats came back.

They did it without much from Crawford, who was forced to the bench with 5:33 to go in the first half after picking up his third foul. He didn't return.

Then, just 3:06 into the second half, he picked up his fourth foul. He didn't return until the 7:23 mark.

So how did the Cats do it with no Patterson, little from Crawford and after trailing by 15 points?

They took the shot clock under five seconds on nearly every possession to limit Tennessee's possessions.

They out-rebounded Tennessee 33-31 without Patterson and with three players each playing 40 minutes. They only let Chris Lofton get off two 3-point attempts. And they got career performances from Perry Stevenson (13 points, 14 rebounds), Ramon Harris (12 points, five rebounds) and Derrick Jasper (nine points, eight boards and eight assists).

Those players were good because Gillispie put them in a position to play good. And Gillispie was so good he even predicted how the game would play out.

"Coach predicted the whole game, the whole game plan," senior guard Ramel Bradley said. "He knew that they were probably going to come out and get a big lead on us and we were just going to have to fight, take it one possession at a time and claw our way back in the basketball game and continue to fight."

"Five minutes left, they were going to tighten up a little bit, and we were going to be in a position to win the basketball game."

How prophetic. Jasper's 3-pointer with 1:01 left moved UK to within three. After Ramar Smith missed a free throw with 15 seconds, Crawford had a good look at a game-tying three from the baseline. It went in and out.

After the game, Gillispie was kicking himself.

"I should have called a timeout," Gillispie said. "That's my fault."

Maybe. But everything else he did was just about perfect.

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## SG

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Ben Chaffins, the group's treasurer, said it asked for money to help pay for club trips. SG should have planned better to prevent this situation, he said.

"My view is that (SG) should have an idea of how many clubs and organizations come to them every year," said Chaffins, a biology junior. "I've never heard of them running out of money in February before."

The Japanese Culture Society will be looking for donations from places in the community to find the money that SG could not provide, Chaffins said.

Jesse Horn, former president and current member of the UK men's rugby team — which received \$1,000 for new bleachers at the last Senate meeting — said since groups cannot get any more SG funding, they could try to find local sponsors.

"If you're willing to have people tell you no, you'll end up with some money in your hand," said Horn, a community and leadership development graduate student.

However, many organizations like his depend on SG money during the year, Horn said.

"Club sports don't receive a great deal of funding from the university," Horn said. "We certainly wouldn't have been able to purchase the bleachers

without that money."

Horn said even though many organizations have membership dues, that money goes quickly. Registration dues, trips and special projects like the bleachers are difficult to fund without taking more money directly from club members.

All groups that were told that they would receive money will get it, said Todd Cox, the SG adviser, but A&R will not be accepting any new funding requests.

Since the committee cannot take any more funding requests, it will spend the rest of the semester working on other elements of the A&R committee, including the application process for funding and the amounts

of money that groups can receive, Parrott said.

"We're going to possibly rewrite some of the funding requests and maybe tweak the amounts a little," Parrott said. "I feel it might enable us to give more grants."

Cox said that in a way, it is good that A&R allocated all of its money because it reflects the efforts of the senators this year.

"I think the reality is the Senate was very visible and very vocal about helping student organizations, so more students organizations came asking for money," Cox said. "I think there were 60 to 80 groups that received some funding, and that's a good number."

## NEWS BRIEF

### Smoking-ban enforcement on trustees' agenda

Tomorrow UK's top governing body will discuss giving President Lee Todd the authority to enforce the school's smoking ban, said staff trustee Russ Williams.

The university's smoke-free policy, enacted by the Board of Trustees in November 2006, requires smokers to be at least 20 feet away from entrances, air intakes and windows of all university buildings, parking structures and enclosed walkways. UK Health Care is currently working on making the Medical Center Campus entirely smoke-free.

Tomorrow's discussion will be a first reading, meaning it will not be up for a vote until the board meeting in April.

Also on the agenda at tomorrow's board meeting is the approval of four honorary degrees. Former Gov. Paul Patton, former UK basketball coach Tubby Smith, and former UK professor and Faculty Senate parliamentary officer Gifford Blyton would receive their degrees. May 4, Former Indian President Avul Pakir Jainulabdeen Abdul Kalam would receive his degree during a visit to UK March 23 to 25.

## BIRTH CONTROL

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"Unfortunately, Congress passed a bill which unintentionally prevents us from providing low-cost birth control," said Cecile Richards, president of Planned Parenthood Federation of America. "We are working really hard to meet the expanding need for affordable birth control."

UK is among nearly 1,370 universities that have seen an increase in the cost of birth control since Congress passed a deficit-reduction bill in 2005.

The bill concentrated on Medicaid, a federal insurance program for

the poor. Previously, companies did not have to pay more to Medicaid to give discounts to colleges, but the 2005 bill did not include colleges in the exception list. As a result, drug manufacturers have to pay more if they continue to give discounts to college health providers.

Before the deficit bill, the cost of birth control ranged from \$5 to \$10 per month, but it now costs between \$40 and \$50 each month and has been continually increasing since 2005, Jones said.

Alicia Fields, a women's studies sophomore, said campuses are the last place that birth control needs to be expensive.

"I know the Nueva Ring (birth-control method) is now \$40 a

month," Fields said. "That's over a dollar a day, which is a lot of money to spend every month for a student."

When the price of contraceptives is so high, many students will now opt to just buy it, Richards said.

"I know that when you're in college, that 50 bucks a month could be all the money you have to eat on and buy gas too," Richards said. "We don't want anyone to go off of birth control just because they can't afford it."

The campaign will have tables set up in the Student Center today and in the White Hall Classroom Building all day Wednesday and Thursday. The organization's goal is to have 2,000 signed postcards to deliver to Congress, Jones said.

## BCTC

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Lee said Lexington will benefit by having BCTC on Newtown Pike.

"By improving that area, by putting a nice area in there, the interest of the city of Lexington would be having a postsecondary institution within walking distance from downtown," Lee said.

The deal would still need to be approved by the state Senate, and contracts would need to be signed by all the parties affected, including BCTC and UK. House and Senate leaders met yesterday to discuss the deal, Lee said.

"Everybody's a winner from this thing," he said. "Nobody loses."

Office of Student Activities, Leadership & Involvement

## CAMPUS CALENDAR

VISIT THE WEB SITE FOR EVENT DETAILS OR TO POST YOUR OWN UK EVENT.

The Campus Calendar is produced by the Office of Student Activities, Leadership & Involvement. Registered Student Orgs. and UK Dept. can submit information for FREE online ONE WEEK PRIOR to the MONDAY information to appear. Call 252-8667 for more information.

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## Muslim student group kicks off week of awareness-raising events

By Rebecca Sweeney  
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The Muslim Student Association is hosting a weeklong event to increase students' awareness about Islam. The week is in response to a chain e-mail vilifying Islam that Student Government President Nick Phelps forwarded to an SG list-serve in January.

The week, themed "Unity through Understanding," is designed to give students the opportunity to ask questions about Islam and debunk stereotypes, said Fatimah Shalash, vice president of MSA.

"People are afraid of the unknown or of what is different," said Shalash, a family and consumer science senior. "Combined with anti-Muslim images

and news found in the media, that creates feelings of fear or apprehension towards Muslims."

Shalash said the e-mail was a "step backward from the direction that the university was heading," but many positive changes have resulted.

"With the e-mail came overwhelming support and a new vigor to tackle the cultural divide that has climbed to the top of student leadership," she said.

MSA was established in 1971 and works to give the campus community a better understanding of Islam by lecturing in classrooms, promoting discussions about Islam, participating in volunteer activities and hosting other events, Shalash said.

Shalash said Islam should no longer be viewed as a foreign concept, but as an important contributor to society.

"It is important for students to know that Muslims make up a part of the social fabric that is UK, and that our beliefs should bring us closer, not distance us," Shalash said.

Islam Awareness Week begins today with "Does God Exist? Arguments from Both Sides," sponsored by Student Activities Board in conjunction with Campus Crusade for Christ and the American Atheists Association. The event is in the Student Center Small Ballroom at 7:30 p.m.

MSA and SG will host a charity reception tomorrow at 6 p.m. at the Department of Landscape Architecture's E.S.

Good Barn on University Drive. Free food and refreshments will be collected to help those affected by Cyclone Sidr, which struck Bangladesh in 2007.

On Wednesday, students will discuss their perspectives on Jesus and religion at "Unity: Jesus in Islam and Christianity" at 7:30 p.m. in the Lexmark Room of the Main Building.

"Islam 101" will be held Thursday at noon in the Student Center to help students learn basic facts about Islam.

Thursday is also "Bring Your Friend to a MSA Meeting" day to show students what the association is about and how to get involved. The meeting will be at 6 p.m. in room 211 of the Student Center.

## Poll shows Democratic candidates in a dead heat in Texas, close in Ohio

By Steven Thomms  
McClatchy Newspapers

DUBLIN, Ohio — Hillary Clinton and Barack Obama are neck and neck heading into a pivotal primary showdown Tuesday in Ohio and Texas, two delegate-rich states where Clinton held leads just weeks ago, according to two new polls released yesterday.

Clinton leads in Ohio by 47-43 percent. Obama leads in Texas by 46-45 percent. Those standings are both within the poll's 4 percentage point margin of error — meaning that either one could be ahead in each state. And nearly one in ten likely voters remains undecided in each state, more than enough to swing Tuesday's results in either direction.

The Texas poll was sponsored by McClatchy Newspapers, MSNBC and the Ft. Worth Star-Telegram. The Ohio poll was sponsored by the Cleveland Plain Dealer. Both surveys were executed by Mason-Dixon Polling and Research, Inc.

The surveys' slightly different results reflect growing anxiety about the economy and the different and diverse demographics in the two states.

Clinton, desperate for wins to stop Obama's momentum since he's run off 11 straight victories, has the edge among voters concerned about the economy, particularly in Ohio. She also has a 2-1 lead among Hispanics in Texas, while he has a 9-1 lead among African-Americans in both states.

How the two states vote could be critical to deciding who wins the Democratic presidential nomination. Should both states go for Obama, they would stretch his winning streak to 13 and put enormous pressure on Clinton to quit. Her own campaign has called them must-win states.

If Clinton were to pull off victories in both, that would break Obama's momentum, restore credibility to her campaign and could give her new energy heading into their next big showdown in Pennsylvania, which votes April 22.

"They're both close races," said Brad Coker of Mason-Dixon. "Hillary has a little better shot in Ohio. She still has a little lead there. Texas is a tossup."

In Ohio, the New York senator has lost the double-digit lead she had long enjoyed until a few weeks ago. She clings to a small lead thanks largely to the rise of the economy as an issue. Ohio voters who ranked the economy their top concern preferred Clinton over Obama by 51-35 percent.

Also, she benefits from the state's demographic makeup, Coker said. "It's a little older electorate. White ethnic. More Catholic. There are fewer suburban liberals in Ohio," Coker said. "A lot of younger upscale late liberals that Obama's been attracting elsewhere have fled Ohio."

She also has the advantage in Ohio among health-care voters, the number two issue in the state. The two are fighting fiercely over the issue; Obama charges that she would order all Americans to buy health insurance even if they couldn't afford it, and she insists that his proposed plan would leave 15 million people out.

Clinton leads in Ohio among women,



Sen. Hillary Rodham Clinton and Sen. Barack Obama take the stage prior to the start of the Democratic Presidential Debate at Cleveland State University on Tuesday in Cleveland.

voters over 50 years old, union members, whites and registered Democrats.

Obama, the Illinois senator, has the edge among men, voters under age 50, African-Americans and independents.

The North American Free Trade Agreement — a hot issue in a state where many people blame trade for lost manufacturing jobs and 59 percent say they oppose NAFTA — is a wash for the rival candidates. Ohio voters give neither an advantage on the issue.

In Texas, Clinton and Obama split the large minority votes. Hispanics made up 27 percent of the likely voters; African Americans 22 percent; and whites 48 percent. Black Texas voters tilt overwhelmingly to Obama, 86-6 percent. He also holds leads among men (54-37 percent), people under 50 and independents.

Clinton has a 2-1 lead among Hispanic voters, as well as solid leads among whites (53-38 percent), women (51-40 percent), voters over 50 and Democrats.

"The Hispanic vote is saving her in Texas," Coker said.

She also leads among voters who say the economy is their top concern, 47-40 percent, a narrower margin than the 51-35 margin she won among economy voters in Ohio. As in Ohio, NAFTA is a draw, with neither candidate having an advantage.

The trend to watch for Tuesday in Texas is where voter turnout is heaviest.

Clinton likely will gain the upper hand if voter turnout soars in heavily Hispanic South Texas, including such cities as San Antonio and Brownsville, Coker said.

Obama benefits more if turnout is higher than usual in Dallas-Fort Worth and Houston, which would suggest that he's drawing votes from white suburban Republicans and

### INTERPRETING THE POLLS

The Mason-Dixon polls are snapshots of voter opinion at the time they were conducted. They are not a prediction of how people will vote on Election Day.

The Mason-Dixon poll of 625 likely Democratic primary voters in Ohio was conducted for the Cleveland Plain Dealer Feb. 27-29.

The Mason-Dixon poll of 625 likely Democratic primary voters in Texas was conducted Feb. 27-29 for McClatchy Newspapers, MSNBC and the Ft. Worth Star-Telegram.

Those interviewed were selected by a random variation of telephone numbers from a cross section of telephone exchanges. That means anyone in the state with a phone line had the same odds of being called as anyone else, except for people who use cell phones only. Cell phone numbers are not in the exchanges.

The margin of error in both polls was plus or minus 4 percentage points. That means that 95 percent of the time, the correct numbers could be up to 4 percentage points above our poll's percentage point findings, or up to 4 percentage points below them. The other 5 percent of the time, the correct numbers could vary even more.

The sampling margin of error does not include other variables that could affect results, including the way questions are worded or the order in which they are asked.

independents, such as those who've voted for him in other states, Coker said.

"If Dallas and Houston vote the way they typically do in a primary, she can still pull it out," Coker said. "The higher the vote goes in Dallas or Houston, the better it is for Obama."

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SOUTH CAROLINA 65, UK 57

## Gamecocks spoil Cats' Senior Day

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As the women's basketball team showcased its four seniors in front of a home crowd for the final time yesterday, Cats fans left disappointed as the home team lost to South Carolina 65-57 at Rupp Arena on UK's Senior Day.

UK (14-14, 8-6 Southeastern Conference) shot just 27.6 percent from the field, and USC forward Lakesha Tolliver posted 21 points and 12 rebounds to spoil seniors Sarah Elliott, Samantha Mahoney, Chante Bowman and Chelsea Chowning's last home game.

"It's sad for our seniors that we couldn't make this a truly special day for them."

**MATTHEW MITCHELL**  
UK head coach

"We're very disappointed in the game today," UK head coach Matthew Mitchell said. "Our team worked hard to prepare for the game, but we just didn't ever play well offensively. It's sad for our seniors that we couldn't make this a truly special day for them, but give a lot of credit to a tough, aggressive South Carolina team."

The Gamecocks (15-14, 4-10 SEC) won the opening tip and controlled the game early on. USC opened the game on a 9-0 run, and the Cats didn't score for the first 4:13 of the game until junior guard Carly Ormerod sank 2-of-3 free throws after being fouled on a 3-point attempt.

Despite the slow start, the Cats fought to get within one possession at 15-12 with 8:55 left in the half on a pair of free throws from junior forward Elsie Roddy.

However, after Roddy's free throws, the Gamecocks controlled the rest of the half, closing out on an 18-7 run. During that stretch, the Cats hit only two field goals, both by sophomore guard Amani Franklin.

In all, UK shot 3-of-22 from the field in the first half, posting 13.6 percent from the field.

"We don't play very good offense — it's been a trouble spot for us all year," Mitchell said. "And we didn't play good defense, which would've provided us opportunities for high-percentage shots in transition. We just could not get out of that funk in the first half."

Once the second half began, the Cats started chipping at their deficit. It took less than five minutes for them to cut the Gamecocks' advantage in half, using a 12-5 to bring the contest to 38-31 with 15:16 left.

However, USC quickly answered with an 8-3 run over the next four and a half min-



Senior guard Samantha Mahoney attempts a layup in the second half of UK's 65-57 loss to South Carolina yesterday at Rupp Arena.

utes, expanding their lead to 12 points, 46-34, with 10:44 remaining in the contest. Of the eight Gamecock points in that stretch, Tolliver netted six.

"Lakesha played a tremendous game today," USC head coach Susan Walvius said.

"Our post players have been wanting the ball all year, and our game plan today was to feed our players in the post. Today, the guards delivered to the post players, and the post players delivered for the team."

Despite the 12-point Gamecock advantage, the Cats did not fold. Sparked by a 3-point from Chowning, the Cats ran off 10

straight points and closed within one possession of the Gamecocks at 46-44 with 7:10 left in the contest.

The run brought the 5,803 Rupp Arena fans to their feet and forced Walvius to refocus her team's effort.

"Usually when we try to refocus in the middle of a game, we focus on defense," Walvius said. "We've learned from past years that if we can frustrate our opponent's offense, we can do a solid enough job on offense to win games."

The Cats could not get any closer than two points. Gamecock guard Jordan Jones sealed the Cats' losing fate by scoring seven straight points, expanding the Carolina lead to 59-49 with 1:28 to play.

"Jordan Jones is a competitor that comes through in the clutch," Walvius said. "When things get tight, that's her comfort zone. That's when she plays her best, and she really came through for us today."

The loss puts UK's plans for postseason play in jeopardy. A victory against USC and one win in the upcoming SEC Tournament would have made a strong argument for an at-large bid to the NCAA Tournament. Now, the Cats' postseason hopes — NCAA or WNIT — are anything but certain.

The Cats, however, secured a first-round bye in the SEC Tournament after Tennessee defeated Georgia 72-63 last night. The Cats will play the winner of the Georgia-Alabama game Friday at 7:30 p.m. in Nashville.

"We really had pressure on ourselves to win this game, but this game is over and now we have to focus our energy towards winning games in the SEC Tournament," Mahoney said, "and that's what we're going to do."



Senior center Sarah Elliott hugs head coach Matthew Mitchell during UK's Senior Day. Elliott was one of four seniors honored before yesterday's game against South Carolina.

### SPORTS BRIEFS

#### Softball team goes 4-0 at Chattanooga Frost Classic

The UK softball team enjoyed a perfect stay in Chattanooga, Tenn., this weekend, winning all four of its games in the Chattanooga Frost Classic.

The Cats (9-7) topped off their stellar weekend with a 10-5 victory over Indiana yesterday. UK also downed Eastern Illinois, Marshall and Connecticut earlier in the weekend.

Trailing by one run to the Hoosiers yesterday, the Cats played six runs in the sixth inning to improve their season-best winning streak to seven games. Sophomore second baseman Natalie Smith's double and freshman third baseman Annie Rowland's first career home run ignited the six-run sixth.

Sophomore pitcher Amber Matousek recorded her fourth victory of the season in relief, evening her record at 4-4. Matousek's 44 strikeouts for the

year is a career high.

UK returns to action Wednesday at 5 p.m., when the Cats host archival Louisville at the UK Softball Complex.

#### Gymnastics falls Friday

The No. 15 Nebraska gymnastics team downed UK 194.350-194.250 Friday night at Memorial Coliseum during the Cats Pink Meet, aimed to raise Breast Cancer Awareness.

Despite the loss, the Cats walked away with many highs on the night. Sophomore Hillary Ferguson posted a personal career high on the vault with a 9.900, good enough for second place overall and the Cats' top honors.

The Cats also tallied their second highest score of the season on bars, scoring a 48.375. Crissy Cannon stuck a 9.800, a career best, to give the senior

her first title of her career.

The Cats' final home meet of the season is on Friday at 7 p.m. in Memorial Coliseum. UK will play host to No. 18 Arizona and Western Michigan in a tri-meet.

#### Men's tennis drops match to Florida

The UK men's tennis team was dominated by Florida yesterday in the Cats' first outdoor match of the season. The No. 54 Cats (6-5, 1-1 Southeastern Conference) fell to the No. 11 Gators (6-3, 2-0) 6-1 at the Hilary J. Boone Tennis Complex.

UK's lone point came from senior Will Ward, who defeated Florida's Nestor Briceno 6-4, 6-3.

"Today we played a good match — we fought hard," head coach Dennis Emery said. "We were close to winning the dou-

bles point, but the key to the match was Florida's momentum coming out of the doubles win."

#### Medical condition forces Paris to give up football

Sophomore defensive end Jamil Paris has a medical condition that will require him to give up playing football for UK, head coach Rich Brooks announced Friday.

"I'm very disappointed for Jamil," Brooks said. "My biggest concern is for Jamil's health and for him to continue his education."

Paris, a Gifford, Fla., native, will remain at UK and will be kept on scholarship.

The sophomore played in 21 games over the last two seasons, including one start. He recorded 10 tackles and two sacks, caused two fumbles and recovered a fumble.

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## ■ KERNEL EDITORIAL

### Amend laws to avoid future disputes over trustee appointments

Gov. Steve Beshear may have created one crisis for Kentucky universities with his proposed budget cuts, but at least he's resolving another: the political imbalance on schools' governing boards.

In September, then-Attorney General Greg Stumbo sued then-Gov. Ernie Fletcher, accusing him of violating state law by appointing a disproportionate amount of Republicans to the boards of trustees at state universities, including UK. The suit was still unresolved when Fletcher, a Republican, and Stumbo, a Democrat, left office in December, so it was left to their successors.

Last week, Beshear and Attorney General Jack Conway — both Democrats — came to an agreement that would prevent trustees from having to resign, as Stumbo had demanded, the Kernel reported Friday.

Under the agreement, which is pending until the two parties appear in court Friday, Beshear will appoint only Democrats to the boards until they come into balance with the proportion of registered Democrats and Republicans statewide.

The agreement will help preserve stability amid a tough time for state universities — at least they will not have to deal with reshuffling their boards of trustees while dealing with sizable budget cuts.

However, a trustee crisis like this one could arise again in the future, and it may not be so amicably resolved if the attorney general and the governor

happen to be from different political parties. To prevent further disputes, the General Assembly needs to amend the laws governing university board appointments.

One of the key points of dispute between Fletcher and Stumbo was whether the political affiliations of elected trustees — those who are not appointed by the governor, such as student, faculty, staff and alumni representatives — should count toward the legally mandated balance.

**'When spots on the boards open up, Beshear should fill them with experts on education policy, not campaign donors and assorted political allies.'**

Clearly, the balance should apply only to the governor's appointees; a switch in affiliation within the elected seats should not force the governor to seek trustee resignations for the sake of balance. However, this point is not spelled out clearly in the laws about appointments to UK, the University of Louisville, and the regional and community colleges.

Some simple legislation could clarify the language and fix this problem. What's even more important is for the governor's office to not let political considerations drive trustee appointments. When spots on the boards open up, Beshear should fill them with experts on education policy, not campaign donors and assorted political allies.

Higher education is not just another piece of the Frankfort political puzzle — the success of state universities will play a large role in whether Kentucky can bring its economy up to speed. That mission is too important to leave to unqualified political appointees.

## ■ LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

### Smoking policy needs to go up in smoke

I am still taken aback after reading the article in Thursday's Kernel regarding the campus smoking policy and how it is often ignored and not enforced. As an avid smoker myself, I accept the laws and regulations that prohibit smoking indoors. That's fine and understandable as there is limited airflow and circulation. But to enforce rules outside — come on now.

They might as well prohibit the squirrels from going within 20 feet of a tree or homeless people within 20 yards of campus boundaries. It's absurd, especially considering that the majority of the "cigarette butt receptacles" are located right next to building entrances. It looks like a trap to me if they're going to enforce this.

Ernie Yanarella, the Board of Trustees and anyone else who may be bothered by this need to take a step back and think for a moment how fortunate they are to be living in a country and attending a university where something such as smoking within 20 feet of a building is one of the biggest problems to worry about. It seems as if they're just assuming every smoker isn't courteous enough to be considerate of other people and the only way to quash this "problem" is to write them up or fine them.

I suppose I can only speak for myself when I say that I do make an effort to make sure my smoke doesn't bother anyone and that my used cigarettes find an appropriate place to go. Regardless, what's still bothering me is the amount of effort the policy makers are prepared to put into this scheme.

Well, then again, maybe it would be good if they collect money through fining people. That way they can put effort into preventing another Northern Illinois University- or Virginia Tech-like shooting, restoring some of these classrooms, curbing an increase in tuition or even making more parking space available for students who live off campus. The list could go on. Come on now, guys.

Nick Fehder  
Psychology junior

### Incidents involving Islam reveal prejudice

Since Sen. Barack Obama announced that he would run for the presidency, I have been an avid supporter of him. A man of such charisma, intelligence and tolerance isn't someone who is hard to align with. However, recent events have made me question a man whom I have always perceived as socially progressive.

During a debate, Obama responded to a question that asked if he was in any way "hiding" his Muslim faith. Obama, clearly attempting to appeal to the Christian masses in our nation, vehemently denied any such allegation and confirmed that he was indeed a Christian. However, by responding in this way, Obama propagated the negative stigma that has unfairly been attached to the Muslim faith.

While this can be dismissed by some as Obama playing into the game of politics (he does, after all, have to win votes), it deeply disturbs me that a person who possesses such an incredible capacity for social change would perpetuate the negative connotations that many uninformed Americans associate with Islam. Being a Muslim is not shameful, and Muslims seeking political office are not a threat to our nation and should receive absolutely the same treatment and respect as their Christian brethren.

As many of us have come to discover, fear-mongering about Obama's ties to the Islamic faith has ensued, whether it be from the desperate attempts of the Hillary Clinton campaign to stay in the game or John McCain's rallying of the Republican masses.

The most disturbing part of all is that people actually buy into these ridiculous scare tactics. For example, consider the infamous e-mail that our Student Government president was caught passing along. Would that e-mail have ever been distributed throughout cyberspace with such pervasiveness if someone didn't believe it?

We cannot allow such bigotry to flourish in the United States, where freedom of religion and the equality of all people are fundamental tenets to our beliefs as a nation. Islam is not something that the American people should fear. Bigotry, racism and ignorance are the bigger issues that Americans must now confront.

Jordann Sullivan  
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BRIAN GOODLEY, Kernel cartoonist

## To restrain gaming addiction, find the solution within yourself

I have lost count how many times I've uninstalled my favorite video game from my laptop, only to find myself re-

installing it within days, sometimes hours.

Today, more than two years after I first attempted to quit my addiction to Counter-Strike, this first-person-shooter game still haunts me, tempting me to indulge in its simulated slugfest as I bathe in the glory of n00b-pwning.

Yes, I am finally coming clean. I used to be, and still am to some degree, a nerdy gamer addicted to my craft.

No, I am not proud, but at least I have admitted to having a problem and have been largely successful in my efforts to curb my addiction.

Whenever my game-quitting progress backtracks a little, I take solace in knowing that gaming addiction is a widespread problem among young people face today.

Video games have never enjoyed such immense popularity as they do today, covering themes from war-simulation to sports to music, and available on gaming consoles, PCs and Macs, and handheld devices.

World of Warcraft, the most popular massive multiplayer online role-playing game, has claimed arguably the most addicts among video games

worldwide. According to a Jan. 22 news release on its official Web site, WoW had reached 10 million subscribers earlier this year.

WoW addicts, or "zombies," are so prevalent in our society that most of us have our own stories about losing a friend to the game's dark arts.

One of my friends, a full-ride scholarship recipient at UK, was first introduced to WoW in high school and began playing the game unconsciously freshman year. He later admitted to clocking double-digit hours per day while skipping almost all of his classes. It was no surprise that when sophomore year came, he no longer had his scholarship.

Fortunately for my friend, he came from a well-off family and therefore didn't have to worry about paying for college expenses. For students of modest family background, however, losing their scholarships due to gaming addiction could mean an early termination of their college education.

Why are people addicted to gaming? The complete answer would qualify for a doctoral dissertation. There is not a single explanation for the question, and the answer varies to each individual addict.

A brief survey of the current video games shows us why they can be so attractive to so many people. A video game can span and unite the past and the future, blur the line between fantasy and reality, be cerebrally challenging or purely motor-control based. Through video games, one can vent anger and frustration, fulfill

dreams that are impossible in the real world, and interact in a virtual yet devoted community.

However, I am convinced that the ultimate problem, as well as the solution, lies not within the games but the addicts themselves. In other words, many gamers are not addicted to the games — they are addicted to burning their time on gaming.

Whenever I go through periods of Counter-Strike withdrawal, I cannot make myself focus on the serious tasks at hand even without the distraction of gaming. Instead, I often elect to find alternative ways to waste my time, such as surfing videos on YouTube, watching B-minus movies on TV or even playing mind-numbing, sophomore free games online. That's how I came to the realization that Counter-Strike is but an excuse for me to procrastinate — a deliciously entertaining excuse, yes, but an excuse nevertheless.

The problem for me, as well as many others, is the lack of motivation coupled with slack self-control. Identifying life's priorities and regaining self-control are the corresponding measures to the problem, though this is often easier said than done. Taking one step at a time and staying persistent are the keys to a successful recovery.

For the most part, I am now in control of my gaming addiction. Sparring gaming is now just another form of recreation, and that's the way it should be.

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## With his past record in mind, Bush's Africa tour not so triumphant

In his recent trip to Africa, President Bush basked in approval he could not get at home. But his policies toward Africa don't merit such acclaim.

He is so popular in Africa that Benin has declared a George W. Bush national holiday, and in countries such as Kenya, Ghana and Mali more than 70 percent of Africans view him favorably.

Yet his legacy in Africa will be mixed, at best, since his policies for the continent more often than not have been flawed, cynical and outright dangerous.

Bush has long been giving with one hand and taking with the other. A day or so before he left for Africa, ABC News reported that in the next funding cycle the White House plans to cut the budget for U.N. troop missions in Liberia, Rwanda, Sudan, the Democratic Republic of Congo and elsewhere by more than \$193 million.

What did make the news was his announcement while in Rwanda of a \$100 million award to the U.N. Mission in Darfur. That was a good pub-

lic relations move. But when you look at the details, he has simply reshuffled the budget, and in fact has cut funding to U.N. Africa peace initiatives by \$93 million.

On economic policies, what the United States gives in aid to Africa, it takes back — and more — in unequal trade practices.

Look at Mali, where Bush has a 79 percent favorable rating. U.S. farmer subsidies cost Malian farmers \$43 million as a result of depressed market cotton prices, according to Oxfam, an international anti-poverty group. Yet Washington gives Mali only \$37 million in aid a year.

Clearly, Mali would be better off with equal trade than with foreign aid, as would many other African countries.

Then there is the centerpiece of the Bush Africa legacy: the President's Emergency Plan for AIDS Relief. Rather than being guided by science and research, PEPAR is guided by conservative ideology. It will fund only programs that promote abstinence and will not fund AIDS prevention programs that also distribute condoms, even though public health agencies stress the importance of condoms.

AIDS is a global emergency that also ought to merit such emergency measures as loosening strict patent

laws so that antiretroviral therapy can be manufactured and sold cheaply. But the Bush administration has opposed this approach, preferring to give its friends in the pharmaceutical industry — rather than AIDS patients — a break.

On the security front, Bush claims that the new Pentagon command for Africa, Africom, will "enhance our efforts to bring peace and security to the people of Africa and to promote the development of health, education, democracy and economic growth." But even amid his friendly trip, the president ran into such criticism of Africom that he was forced to say in public that the United States would not base Africom in Africa.

When Bush has intervened in African affairs, he has sometimes made matters much worse. For instance, he supported the invasion and occupation of Somalia by neighboring Ethiopia to push out the Islamic Court, which had restored order after years of anarchy. Ethiopia now stands accused by human rights organizations of gross violations.

Bush did not deserve the warm welcome he received in Africa. Mukoma Wa Nguni is a co-editor of *Pambazuka News* and a columnist for the *BBC Focus on Africa Magazine*. E-mail opinions at [kykernel.com](mailto:kykernel.com).



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## UK 12, BUTLER 4



Senior first baseman Brian Spear steals a base during UK's 12-4 win over Butler yesterday at Cliff Hagan Stadium. The Cats swept the four-game weekend series against the Bulldogs to improve to 9-0 on the season.

## Cats' bats sweep Bulldogs

By Matthew George  
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Three Cats homered and senior starting hurler Greg Dombrowski pitched five scoreless innings to lead the No. 17 UK baseball team to a 12-4 victory over Butler yesterday at Cliff Hagan Stadium.

The win completed a four-game weekend sweep of the Bulldogs, as the Cats improve to 9-0 on the young season. UK blistered Butler pitching on the way to outscoring the Bulldogs 61-7 in the series.

Sophomore catcher Marcus Nidiffer got the scoring started yesterday with a second-inning home run. The two-run shot, Nidiffer's first of the season, helped propel the Cats to an 8-0 lead after five innings of play.

"Big inning," Nidiffer said about the second. "We got a few runs on the board, and that kind of sparked some things for us. It got our bats going, and we just went from there."

Dombrowski pitched five complete innings of shutout baseball, allowing just three hits and no walks while striking out five Bulldog batters in his second win of the season.

But the bullpen couldn't

pick up where Dombrowski left off. The Cats maintained an 8-0 lead at the time of his departure, a margin the Bulldogs quickly cut in half.

In the sixth, Butler (0-4) rallied with four runs, all charged to senior reliever Tommy Warner, cutting UK's lead to four. But sophomore Clint Tilford, senior Brock Baber and senior Tyler Howe made sure the Bulldogs would get no closer. The trio combined to throw the final 3.1 innings and yielded just two hits.

"We really wanted those four guys to pitch," UK head coach John Cohen said.

"If you don't pitch them there, then you're going all the way to Wednesday before any of those guys can pitch again," he said.

Senior right fielder Sawyer Carroll answered in the bottom of the sixth, belting his fifth home run of the season to cushion the lead to 10-4.

"I knew he was going to come with an offspeed pitch," Carroll said. "He threw a changeup and left it up a little bit, and I got it pretty good."

In the eighth, senior first baseman Brian Spear added a solo home run, his first of the year, to help produce the final

score.

Carroll finished 3-for-4 with the two-run home run and an RBI triple. Through nine games, the senior is batting .600 and slugging 1.333 with 23 RBIs. His five home runs are a team high, and two more than he hit all of last year.

Senior second baseman Ryan Wilkes added three RBIs on a 3-for-3 day at the plate.

UK has scored 10 or more runs in each of its nine games this season and is winning by an average margin of 11.1 runs.

The Cats defeated Butler 14-1 Friday, and 14-0 and 21-2 in a doubleheader Saturday.

"We played pretty well this weekend," Carroll said. "There's not a whole lot else you can say."

UK played without starting third baseman Chris McClenon. The junior pulled his hamstring in Friday's game. Cohen said he is hopeful that McClenon will be able to play by this weekend's series against Purdue.

Junior third baseman Spencer Korus was also unavailable because of illness.

"We need those two guys in our infield, because they really defend, and both of them are going to hit," Cohen said.

## Whatever it takes, Cowboys need to trade for Darren McFadden

By Gil LeBreton  
McClatchy Newspapers

FORT WORTH, Texas — On draft day at Valley Ranch 11 months ago, the son turned to the father — both giddy from the trade they had just made — and conjectured an intriguing possibility.

"Do you realize," Stephen Jones said to Jerry Jones, "that this pick could end up being (Darren) McFadden?"

They hee-hawed, or called the Hogs, or whatever it is that millionaire ex-Arkansas Razorbacks do these days, and son Stephen's suggestion — I'm guessing, was then filed away in a drawer somewhere.

But not too far away. You don't have to know how to call the Hogs to like Darren McFadden.

Some have said that McFadden, a two-time Heisman Trophy runner-up, has the size, strength and speed to be the next Adrian Peterson. And they would be wrong.

McFadden is better than Peterson. And he'll be a more valuable NFL running back because he's more durable.

I don't base this on my experience playing "Madden 2007" or the college version, like some self-styled draft gurus do. I certainly didn't come to this conclusion after watching McFadden and his poorly prepared Razorbacks teammates get drilled in the Cotton Bowl.

No, I watched him play. My TiVo has a season pass for Southeastern Conference football. I've seen McFadden play in person.

I also saw, once upon a time, Tony Dorsett run with a football. And Emmitt Smith.

And as Dorsett and Smith both did for the Dallas Cowboys franchise, McFadden can, too. He is that good.

Fast. Versatile. Explosive. McFadden gets to enemy linebackers so quickly, it sometimes appears as if he's running straight at them. Yet, he's as elu-

sive as Emmitt ever was and faster than Dorsett.

Trade up to draft McFadden? The Cowboys should consider such a deal only if ... only if they wish one day to return to the Super Bowl.

The Cowboys of the 1970s already had Roger Staubach. But drafting Dorsett in 1977 helped them to win a Super Bowl the very next season.

In 1990, the Cowboys already had Troy Aikman. But drafting Smith completed the puzzle: "The Triplets" won three Super Bowls.

You don't need superstars to win in today's NFL. It is, however, still the smart way to build your team.

Superstar quarterback Tom Brady had superstar receiver Randy Moss to throw to last season, and the New England Patriots went 16-0 during the regular season. Anybody want to guess what the Cowboys' record would have been had they played half the season without star Terrell Owens?

McFadden, in other words, is worth trading up for. He is worth four high draft picks, just as Dorsett was 31 years ago. He is worth two No. 1 picks. He is worth, yes, whatever the Dolphins' new vice-president, Bill Parcells, fishes for.

Well, almost whatever.

The draft choice that Stephen and Jerry Jones were chortling about 11 months ago, Cleveland's 2008 No. 1 pick, was destined to be devalued. Congratulations are in order for the Browns, who had a surprising 10-6 season.

The Cowboys, as a result, have the first round's 22nd and 28th picks, and two schools of thought have emerged. They could wait their turns, keep both picks, and draft the best cornerback and wide receiver that falls into their laps.

Or they could trade both first-round picks — and more — for the chance to move up in the draft and select McFadden.

The most frequently men-

tioned third party on the Cowboys' end has been running back Marion Barber.

Let the teeth-gnashing begin. Cowboys fans love Barber. They love his style. He runs with conviction. Tony Romo might have provided the magic behind the team's 13-3 regular season, but Barber, they say, helped the soul.

True, Barber is fun to watch. And let's all hope that he had fun at the Pro Bowl.

But he's no Darren McFadden. Just as Indiana's Anthony Thompson, who finished second in the Heisman Trophy voting in 1989, was no Emmitt Smith, who placed seventh.

If Parcells wants the two No. 1s and Marion Barber for the chance to select McFadden, the Cowboys need to be prepared to shout yes. It's pricey, yes, and if the Cowboys can somehow hold onto Cleveland's No. 1 and substitute their own 2009 first-round pick, they need to.

But passing up the once-in-10-years chance to select a McFadden, just because you like Barber's grit? You're fooling yourself.

The last time I attended a Pro Bowl, Mike Boryla was at quarterback. Never heard of him? That's my point.

Barber might never make another one. McFadden is probably going to play in at least 10. If you prowl the Internet, there are highlight clips aplenty that star McFadden. Go see for yourself.

Cheaper alternatives at running back are said to be available in Illinois' Rashard Mendenhall, Oregon's Jonathan Stewart and McFadden's Hogs teammate, Felix Jones. But didn't Jones learn anything from drafting Julius Jones?

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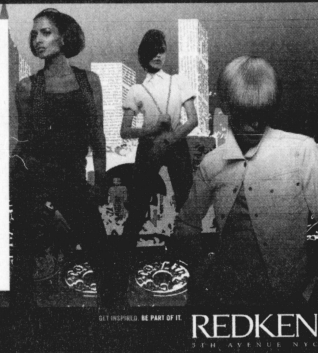
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### Landlord Q&A

Jillian Rogers | Kernel PR

Moving into your first house can be a little intimidating and overwhelming. You spent all this time searching for the right house, or even just an available one, and once you found your new house there are a few things you need to know. Some things are common sense but it's amazing what you can overlook such as what day does the trash get picked up or when is rent due. When it comes to leasing a house from someone, there are no stupid questions; better safe than sorry.

According to LivingApartments.com, there are essential things you should ask your landlord before signing the lease. Here are the top seven questions you should ask:

**1. How long is the lease?** No brainier, right? As oblivious as this question is, it's probably the most important. You need to know how long you are committing to the lease because if you want to study abroad one semester or travel over the summer, then you need to plan accordingly. Sometime leases overlap which can be a hassle and the last thing you want to do is pay for two houses.

**2. What other fees are involved?** We would like to think that all we pay is one monthly due but usually that's not the case. Most every landlord charges a security deposit fee which takes care of any damage to the residence that occurred while you were there. The upside to a deposit is if you took care of your house and nothing broke, then at the end of your lease you will get that money back. Also when signing a lease, be very clear on application fees, lease breaking fees and fines for late payments.

**3. Are utilities included in the rent?** Every house is different when it comes to utility bills especially depending on if heat is electric or gas powered. At some places



utilities are all inclusive in the rent and at others you pay for utilities separately. Utilities are deceiving because they can vary from an extra \$25 to an extra couple hundred dollars. So if rent sounds like a deal, it might not be. So ask the landlord how much the utilities usually cost so you can better predict what you will be paying each month.

**4. What about parking?** If you will be living close to campus, parking will probably be limited. Make sure you know where your parking area is. Some places have assigned parking spots. In this case, you should know which one is yours and who you notify if someone is in your spot. In other cases you may have to pay for a spot so find out how much a parking pass costs (hopefully you covered that while asking question #2).

**5. Is sub-leasing allowed?** If you do decide to study abroad for a semester or travel over the summer, then you need to know if sub-leasing is allowed. Sub-leasing is when someone else takes your spot in the house and pays your portion of the rent. Some landlords allow it and others don't.

**6. What are the decorating restrictions?** To make your house feel like a

home you will probably get the urge to decorate it. Before you go "Extreme Home Makeover" on it, make sure you know what you can and can't do to the house. The things landlords are usually concerned with are the walls, floors and ceilings. Some would prefer that you don't paint the walls or make big nail holes. If you have a flat screen television that you wish to hang on the wall, check with your landlord first. If they do allow it, then they may want a professional to mount it because the last thing you want is a smashed TV and your security deposit spent on the giant hole in the wall.

**7. Are pets allowed?** This is a big one. Once we move out of the dorms, we seem to get the urge to own a dog or a cat. Some landlords don't want you to have a pet because they're a messy liability and other landlords could care less if you were running a bunny farm. If you are allowed to have a pet, then there may be a fee. Pets are expensive and a lot of responsibly comes with owning a cat or a dog. So seriously think about everything that comes with owning a pet especially your landlord's restrictions.

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Most students don't live in the small dorm rooms all four years of their college experience. Many will upgrade to apartments or homes throughout Lexington and hopefully get to improve their residency each year. Keeping this in mind, there are "must haves" for all college homes and apartments. Many of these items are required to enjoy the full effect of the college experience. A certain number of these items will come from a few trips to the local hardware store, Target, Bed Bath & Beyond and the Dollar Store.

One of the most exciting things about moving out of the dorms is having your own things. No more public bathrooms, kitchens or twin beds! Now, depending how much you like to clean will depend on whether you choose to wear sandals in the shower. "One of my best purchases for my first house was a mildew free, shower curtain," explained Lisa Recher, a communications junior.

Getting your own mattress will relieve your

worst fears of getting the dreaded bed bugs. Make sure you get your perfect mattress (size and comfort), they are expensive, but they can last a long time. Other necessities of this nature include making sure to stock up on cleaning supplies, especially toilet paper, trashcans and paper towels.

If you have roommates, make sure you all decide what each of you will be contributing, for example posters, frames, televisions, couches, George Foreman and other important items.

One of the first things is to establish the "atmosphere" of your home with your roommates. This will be very important when it comes down to whether or you're house will be a party house. If so, many other necessities might be important to your college experience. This can involve the purchase of tubing, a funnel and a grip. This is where one of mans greatest inventions comes into play, from mending exposed car lights to holding up banners. You can never have too much duck tape, plus it never goes bad.

Other party necessities for 21 year-olds can include a beer pong table, shoe clothes and/or cards. Also, for those nights you can't stay up till all hours of the night, make sure to purchase a pair of earplugs, so everyone in the house ends up happy.

After the weekend and school is in full force, you will need something to help you get through the week and help you relax. This magic someone is Nintendo. This can range from Mario Kart on 64 to Guitar Hero PS2. These are great ways to waste time before the dreadful thought of actually doing something productive and not being a drain on the society and the economy (which rumor has it, most of us college students are). Also make sure there is an extra T.V. in the house in case someone is trying to break gaming hour records. This can be used as an additional screen when house is divided and two games are on at the same time or when the girls have to watch Gray's without interruption.

Additional things

that are essential for doing well in college include study materials. An iPod can help you to focus on studying by drowning out surrounding noises and is also great for the walk to class. Always have needed medicines on hand, especially Tylenol for after a rough weekend of partying or a long day of studying. Make sure there is a comfortable place in your home for studying with good lighting. Keep snacks stocked for studying, whether you prefer an energy boost, candy, chips or 12 cent easy ramen.

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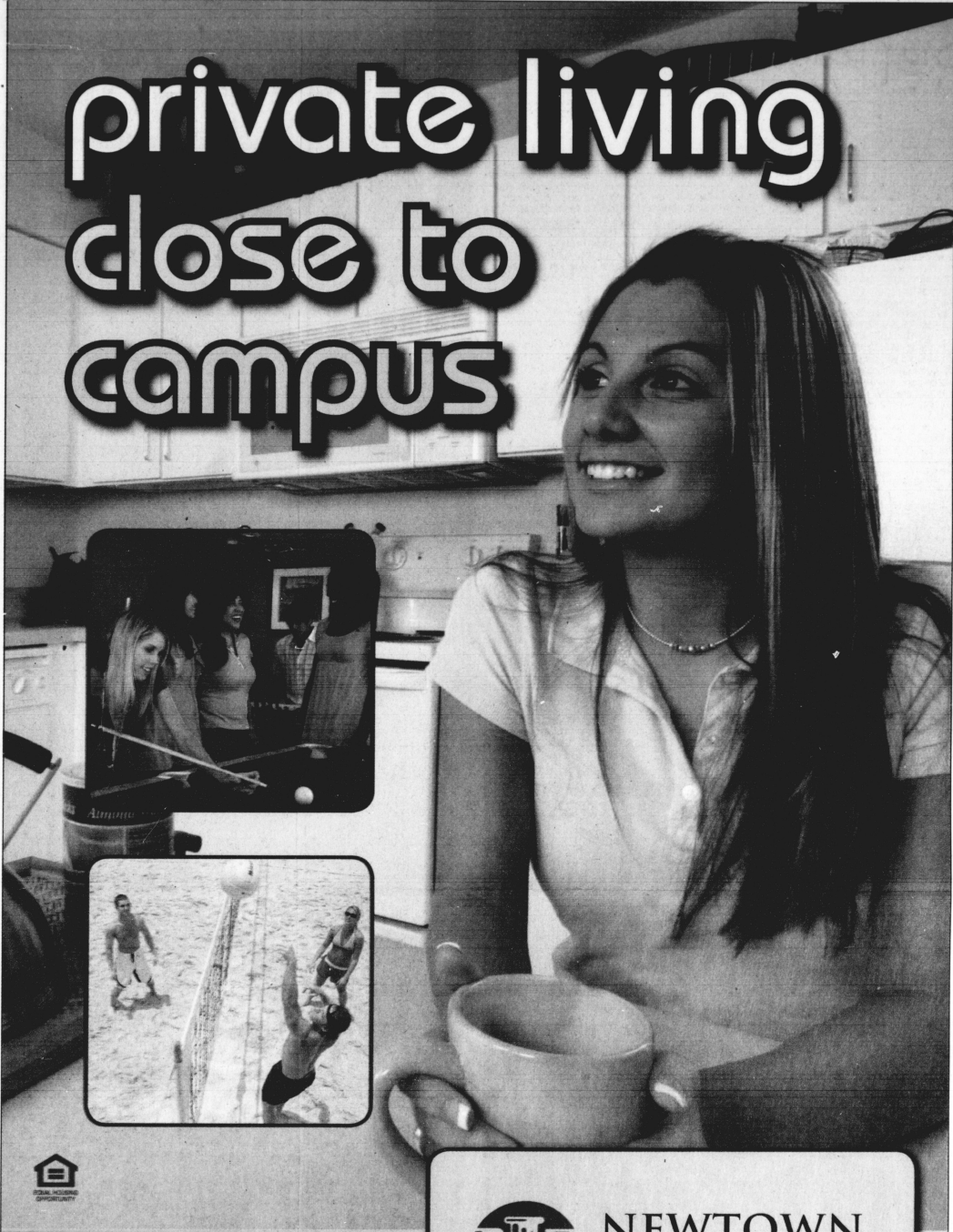
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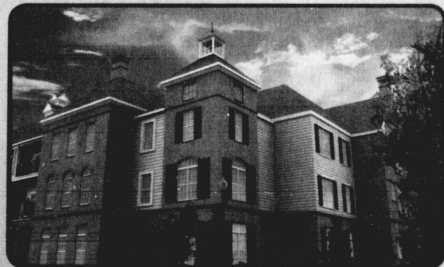
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


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# Rules of a Good Roommate

David Kirk | Guest Writer

Each person dreams of the ideal roommate at some point their life. Having a roommate is something most people have to deal with: whether it is sharing a room with a sibling, moving in with a friend or the famous random roommate assigned at college. So, what exactly distinguishes the difference between a good roommate and a bad roommate?

There are many rules for a good roommate that generally follow. Most of them are simply common sense things people should not do when they are living with another person, such as throwing a house party when your roommate has to work the next morning at 6 a.m. Here are five main rules most people would agree upon when sharing your room with another.

**Rule #1** Do not have company over if your roommate has to go to bed early because of a test or work the next day. You have just laid your head on the pillow to get a good night's rest so you will be alert and fresh for your test the next day, when in comes your staggering roommate with a brigade of drunken friends. Of course, they feel the need to engage you in

conversation, completely ignoring the fact that you are attempting to sleep. Who cares if you have to get up in five hours and take a final exam? Your roommate is just celebrating because his finals are finished; so who cares about you, right?

**Rule #2** If your roommate is trying to sleep, do not turn on the light. Most people, maybe not all, sleep in the dark. Our minds tell us that when it is dark outside, we should go to sleep. We then turn off the lights because it is easier to sleep in the dark. The last thing you want to do is close your eyes, then wake up to your roommate turning on the light. Of course, he had to turn on that light to find that particular item at that very time. Heaven forbid he just waits until tomorrow to finish his search in daylight. Why could he have not just used his cell phone light to conduct the search? And while we're on the subject, keep the television off too. Everyone has had that experience of falling into a peaceful slumber, only to be awakened by the Sportscenter highlight reel because the roommate had to complete his daily ritual before retiring for the night.

**Rule #3** Do not use your roommate's things without asking. Personal items magically disappear all of a sudden. The shirt you were going to wear the night of your hot date is suddenly missing. The leftover pizza in the fridge mysteriously vanished. But, of course, your roommate didn't eat it; the pizza grew legs and crawled off on its own. Even worse, you go to take a shower and the shampoo bottle is puzzlingly empty. Then you must buy more shampoo even though your previous bottle was half full. That favorite bottle of cologne you have is slowly diminishing, when you have not applied it in weeks. Your roommate denies using it even though he curiously emits the same odor as your cologne.

**Rule #4** Clean up after yourself. You do not have to be a neat freak, but at the same time you need to clean up after yourself. There may be times when your roommate eats and just leaves his trash just lying out on the table. Sometimes the trash will remain there for days, your roommate hoping you will clean it up. People, we are in college now. We should not rely on our roommates to

clean up our mess. A popular issue with guys is when their roommate dips and leaves their spitters all over the room. Seriously, who wants to look at bottles of spit lying around the room?

**Rule #5** If your roommate has a person of the opposite sex visiting, give them a little privacy. Now, this does not mean that you have to vacate the room when your roommate brings his girlfriend over, but let them have a little one-on-one time every now and then. Whatever you do, if your roommate is sitting on the couch with his or her significant other, do not, under any circumstance, sit on that couch. It just makes things awkward and usually freaks the girl out. If you are the one with the significant other, do not have them over every minute of every day. It just gets annoying after a while, especially if you are the one who has to deal with your roommate's annoying girlfriend every day.

Look, no one is perfect. Ideally the perfect roommate does not exist because no two people are exactly alike. However, if you follow these five rules, both of you will live to see another day!

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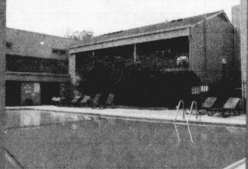


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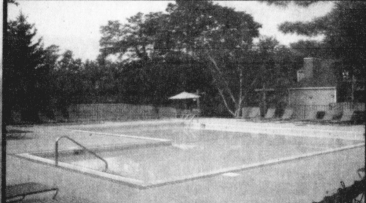



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# A New Best Friend

Jennie Liebman | Guest Writer

Have you ever thought about what it would be like to have a new best friend? How about a new friend who can cuddle up in bed with you ever night and wake you up with a big wet kiss? Or perhaps you want a new friend who is low maintenance and won't argue with you about where to go on Thursday nights. If so, the Lexington Humane Society wants to help you adopt your new best friend.

With six locations in Lexington that sell animals from the Humane Society, it is convenient for you to go and meet some of the pets. Whether you are looking for a cat, dog, or even a small animal such as a bunny or a guinea pig, the Humane Society will help you make sure you take home the best animal for you.

Each year, the Lexington Humane Society cares for more than 11,000 pets.

Unfortunately, not all find homes. But for a student, the Humane Society provides the perfect place to find the right pet. The prices range from \$49-\$98 for all puppies, dogs, cats and kittens. The animals have been wormed, received their rabies shots, and are anxious for someone to love them.

Candra Douthitt got her new friend, Annie, at the Lexington Humane Society last year. When commenting about her new cat she said, "My cat definitely isn't a fancy pet I bought from an expensive breeder. I adopted my Blue Domestic Shorthair on a whim last summer at 8 weeks old from the Lexington Humane Society for \$68 plus tax, named her Annie, and fell in love. Not a cat person at the time but still wanting a kitten, I knew she was coming home with me the second she purred when I picked her up. For the price and things she came with, I figured she was a great deal. More than a great deal now, I wouldn't trade her for the world. Although I'm

somehow turning into a cat lady with just one cat, I recommend the Humane Society to anyone looking to give a second chance to a new companion. I still visit every month or two, wishing I could adopt all the cats and dogs, and know that I will find my second pet there as well." It is obvious that Candra has found the perfect new friend.

Buying a new pet is a big commitment, which is why it is important for you to be selective about the animal you choose. It is important to consider how much time you will be able to put into taking care of your pet when deciding. Do you want something big, or small? Do you want something high maintenance or low maintenance? Cats require a litter box that must be changed often, but dogs need you to take them on walks, even if it is cold or raining outside. These factors should all contribute to your decision. Your pet is going to be around for a while, so make sure you chose the best match for you.

Junior Stacey Elder adopted her bunny, Bella, from PetSmart located in Hamburg Pavilion, which is one of the six locations that sell Lexington Humane Society animals. She said, "Stella is my roommate. She has a four floor cage and is spoiled rotten. She is probably the sassiest animal I have ever owned in my life." She chose a bunny because it was small and easy to take care of.

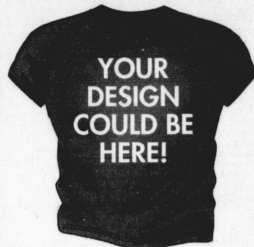
You can visit the Humane Society's website at <http://www.lexingtonhumanesociety.org/> to find adoption tips and articles that will tell you if you are a responsible pet owner, and ways to protect your pet after you adopt it. You can also look at all available animals on their website before even going to the store. Good luck in your search for your new best friend.



Photo by Margaret Lies  
This little black puppy is looking for a good home, you can find him and many other loving pups at the Humane Society.

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