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Committee gives voice to students over fees

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For the first time, students will have a voice in the recommendations made to the Board of Trustees regarding how student fees are spent next year.

Student fees are money included in each full-time student's tuition cost that is given to student organizations to help fund the groups' activities. Last year, each full-time student paid \$397 in student fees each semester.

The Student Fee Committee formed in the fall semester after Pat Terrell, vice president of Student Affairs, approached Student Govern-

ment President Nick Phelps with the idea.

The committee is made up of seven voting members, each representing a group that received student fees last year. Tyler Fleck, chairman of the committee, said representatives from groups requesting new student fee money started to meet last semester to work on the details of the recommendation.

Fleck said Terrell researched benchmark universities and found that many had groups that allowed for some student input on the use of student fee money.

"We felt it was really important to get student opinions involved," Fleck said.

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STUDENT FEES BY SEMESTER

| | 2007-08 Rate | 2008-09 Committee Recommendation Total | 2008-09 VP of Student Affairs Recommendation Total |
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| Student Activities Board (SAB) | \$9.00 | \$11.00 | \$11.00 |
| Athletics | \$14.00 | \$16.50 | \$14.00 |
| Student Government Association | \$6.50 | \$7.00 | \$7.00 |
| Student Health Fee | \$168.00 | \$177.75 | \$180.00 |
| WRFL Student Radio | \$3.25 | \$4.75 | \$4.75 |
| International Study Abroad Fee | \$2.00 | \$3.75 | \$3.00 |
| Johnson Center Fee | \$56.75 | \$58.75 | \$59.75 |
| Technology Fee | \$77.00 | \$77.00 | \$77.00 |
| Student Center Fee | \$45.75 | \$54.75 | \$55.50 |
| Student Involvement Fee | \$6.00 | \$11.50 | \$11.50 |
| Student Services Fee | \$8.75 | \$8.75 | \$8.75 |
| GreenThumb (New Fee) | \$0.00 | \$0.075 | \$0.50 |
| Total - Full-time Students | \$397.00 | \$433.25 | \$432.75 |

Service aims for stress-free dorm move

By Kellie Oates
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Many students know the hassles of moving, but one UK student is hoping to make it easier and cheaper.

Chris Sammons, a business sophomore, recently started Store-A-Dorm, which he describes as an inexpensive and hassle-free storage service for college students to use while away for the summer or other parts of the school year.

Sammons said he had the idea to start his business three or four months ago when trying to find a reasonably priced place to store his own things.

"After doing some research, I realized there weren't any student-run storage companies in Kentucky, or even in the Midwest for that matter," Sammons said.

The idea of student-run storage units has been introduced at other colleges and universities, particularly around the East Coast. One example is BoxMyDorm, a shipping company that originated at Pennsylvania State University in 2005. According to the company's Web site, it now serves students at 10 universities.

Sammons said he did not want to spend hundreds of dollars on renting a truck or a public storage unit, so he started brainstorming the idea of Store-A-Dorm. So far, his project has been a solo endeavor.

"Everything will be insured and kept in nearby warehouses," Sammons said. "The biggest issue I think students will have with this is the trust factor, but I can guarantee good service and customer satisfaction."

UK students can call Sammons to have boxes dropped off at their residences. After they load their belongings, Sammons will pick the boxes up and move them himself. Stephanie Wurdock, a business senior, said Store-A-Dorm could be helpful to students living off-campus who are between leases.

"I think this could potentially be a great idea," Wurdock said. "Especially for situations where students' leases end before their new leases start."

The service is also convenient for students moving out of dorms, said Emily Jenks, a pre-nursing freshman.

"I would look into it," Jenks said. "I'm living in Kirwan Tower this year, and I think a lot of people in the dorms keep the bare minimum because of the lack of space. But there are certain things, like my microwave, that I would like to keep here over the summer."

Sammons said he is hoping to make moving a stress-free experience not only for students but for their parents as well.

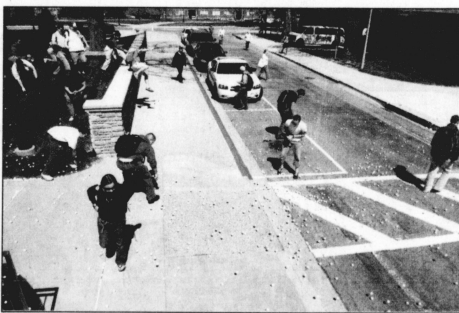
"I figured if I had this problem, then others did too," Sammons said.

Prices range from \$10 to \$85, depending on the item to be stored, according to the company's Web site (www.storeadorm.com).

DIGGING FOR A WINNER



Engineering freshman Andrea Blount watches kinesiology freshman Caton Marlowe hunt for ping-pong balls after he found a winner at arm's length in the sewer yesterday. The balls were dropped from the top of Patterson Office Tower as a part of the Little Kentucky Derby's Ping Pong Drop.



Students ran around the Patterson Office Tower yesterday after balls from the Ping Pong Drop were blown onto Patterson Drive.

Students chased 3,000 ping-pong balls dropped from the top of Patterson Office Tower yesterday as part of the Little Kentucky Derby's annual Ping Pong Drop. Prizes for specially marked balls included event T-shirts and tickets to the April 23 O.A.R. concert. Little Kentucky Derby events continue today with a campus scavenger hunt beginning at 7 p.m. in the Student Center Great Hall.

Solar team draws closer to design for national contest

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UK's Smart Blues House project is one step closer to selecting its design for the national competition next year.

The project announced various winners and honorable merits for teams of students who submitted entries of a design for the solar-powered home UK will submit for the United States Department of Energy's 2009 Solar Decathlon. The teams were awarded last night at the College of Design's annual awards ceremony at the Kentucky Theatre.

UK is one of 20 colleges invited to compete in the event. Each competing university is attempting to design, build

and operate the most attractive, effective and energy-efficient solar-powered house.

The teams will participate in a week-long competition and exhibition at the National Mall in Washington, D.C., in October 2009.

The UK project has been accepting ideas since Feb. 18 for its entry.

Last week, the project conducted the "People's Choice Awards," at Pence Hall to get students motivated to begin work on the project. Students of all majors voted for the house they found most appropriate and successful to be submitted as a contender.

UK professors and community architects made up a panel of jurors who

determined which design would be submitted to represent UK. The Smart Blues House project will enter a design made up of the various ideas awarded last night.

"We took notes and listened to other opinions, ideas, and criticisms of all the different designs and decided that the final solar-powerhouse will not be from any one design," said Hilary Bryon, an architecture professor who was not a member of the panel but was present for the judging. "We will form a melded design from several different team ideas and construct from that a final home that will be presented in Washington D.C."

Five of 25 submitted designs were

given awards, including three teams who achieved Honors Awards with a prize of \$500 and two teams given Merit Awards and \$250. The money was donated by the Kentucky Center for Applied Energy Research.

Team one won the People's Choice Award voted by students of all majors last week for their design, "45-degree Solar Home." The team was made up of eight students from the College of Design, three mechanical engineering majors and one electrical engineering major.

The team said the advantages of their solar house design are that the

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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 7 — It's good to be good at what you do, of course, but it's also nice to make lots of money doing it. That's your next assignment.

Taurus (April 20 - May 20) Today is a 7 — It's getting easier to see the path you want to take. Sketch out a rough map while you're in the mood. It'll come in handy later. Lists are helpful, too.

Gemini (May 21 - June 21) Today is a 6 — Doing a domestic job saves you a good chunk of change. Building a business from home could be profitable, too. Can you make anything you can sell?

Cancer (June 22 - July 22) Today is a 7 — Make sure the people who work for you know what you want them to do. They're providing the service, but you have to provide the directions.

Leo (July 23 - Aug. 22) Today is a 7 — Abundance is yours, through your own efforts. Nobody gave you a thing you didn't earn, including a lot of respect. You've got it, take care of it.

Virgo (Aug. 23 - Sept. 22) Today is a 7 — Love is the most powerful energy on earth. It's also the most valuable resource you can have. Count your blessings and thank those who are making you so wealthy.

Libra (Sept. 23 - Oct. 22) Today is a 7 — You want a new home office, or maybe a studio? There should be a way to rearrange your stuff to make this possible. Sell some of it too, and get new equipment.

Scorpio (Oct. 23 - Nov. 21) Today is a 7 — An older friend knows a couple of tricks you can put to good use. Don't be shy about asking for

advice. It's valuable and, in this case, it's free.

Sagittarius (Nov. 22 - Dec. 21) Today is a 7 — More work is required for the next few weeks. The pay should be good, and the job's not too hard. You're the right person for the task.

Capricorn (Dec. 22 - Jan. 19) Today is a 7 — For the next few weeks, you'll have an exceptional way with words. Use this opportunity to get all your messages across.

Aquarius (Jan. 20 - Feb. 18) Today is a 7 — Turns out you have more than you thought. Didn't you know? Keep inventorying your supplies and other resources. You're actually doing quite well.

Pisces (Feb. 19 - March 20) Today is a 7 — A trip to the mall with your very best friend is a way to improve your mood. You're getting better at avoiding impulsive spending, so it should be OK.

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HOT STUFF

Tom & Gisele visit his baby boy!

THE DISH

Brady's ex keeps her distance while the couple jet to L.A.

Despite all the baby drama between Tom Brady and Bridget Moynahan — who revealed she was pregnant with their son, John (now nearly 8 months old), two months post-split, after Brady had already moved on to his current girlfriend, supermodel Gisele Bündchen — the actress hardly put up a fuss when the NFL pro visited the tot in L.A. on April 1. "Bridget stayed busy," says a witness of Moynahan, who ran errands (including a trip to a toy store) while Brady, 30, bonded with his son during a sleepover at a private residence in L.A.'s Brentwood area.

One thing that may have helped Moynahan get through their visit? She didn't see her ex! A nanny did the handoffs, dropping off little John on April 1 and picking him up on April 2, even though Moynahan was just five miles away that morning in Santa Monica, Calif., having breakfast alone and reading the newspaper at Shatters Hotel on the Beach.

As for Brady and Bündchen, 27, bonding care of the infant may have been taxing. After saying goodbye to the boy around 1 p.m., the NYC-based couple headed to the airport — and during the ride, Bündchen fell asleep on Brady's shoulder!

Nicole & Lindsay reunited!

If not through thick, Nicole Richie and Lindsay Lohan were

certainly pals through thin when their skeletal skinniness made news in 2005. Now, after drifting apart (Lohan, 21, did three stints in rehab in 2007, while Richie, 26, stood trial for DUI and then delivered daughter Harlow in January), a source says they're getting close again. "Nicole knows she doesn't have a lot in common with the old Lindsay," the insider admits. "But she's giving her a chance." The reunion began with Lohan's visit to Richie's home on March 31, and followed with a dinner at Izaka-Ya in L.A. on April 1. Says the source, "They had fun catching up and making up for lost time."

Rebecca's big 'Betty' news

The latest surprise on Ugly Betty? Rebecca Romijn's transgendered character is going part-time! A source close to the show (which resumes April 24) says, "Everyone loves her, and she'll still have a recurring role." The insider adds that Romijn even has a twist in the works. A second show source says, "She is still a cast member, with a contract."

Halle Berry slims fast

Start the countdown! The Halle Berry Celebrity Golf Classic, to begin on April 27, is the actress' chosen date to debut her postbaby body. Berry, 41 — who gave birth on March 16 to Nahla (her daughter with beau Gabriel Aubry, 32) — is planning to show off the results of her workouts at the charity

event. "She wants to be back in fit form for the tournament," a source says of the weekend-long affair (which benefits the Jesse Center's work for victimized women and children). "She's thrilled to start exercising again." The source adds of the star, whose dialed-back pregnancy fitness regimen included yoga, swimming and light weights. She's also been "working on her golf game," says a second source (Aubry got her interested in hitting the links). Still, for Berry, nothing these days tops spending time at home. "Halle loves being a mom," the first source continues. "She is so happy."

Katherine & Josh: Mail bonding

If you're still waiting for a thank-you note for the gift you sent to Katherine Heigl for her Dec. 23 wedding, hold tight: She's enlisted her hubby, Josh Kelley, to help get the job done. "We are both doing them," the singer, 27, tells Hot Stuff. "She wrote the ones for her family, and I did the ones for my family. It is a bigger task than I thought!" Taking orders is actually an upside to getting hitched, he explains of life with the "Grey's Anatomy" star: "When you get married, you can ask each other for things and not feel like you have to say, 'Would you mind doing that?' It's more like, 'I need you to do this!' And I am OK with that."

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“I'm friendly with Giorgio Armani, and he sends me a couple of suits every year. ... But I wore the same tux for so long, he sent me a new one recently, saying, 'Please either wear this or stop saying you're wearing Armani — your suit is all frayed!'”

— George Clooney, actor/director



Mary Tyler of Tyler Farm in Winchester, Ky., stands behind tables of produce at her booth at the Lexington Farmer's Market downtown Saturday. Tyler has been selling fruits and vegetables at the farmer's market for 22 years.

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Costs don't keep students from going vegetarian

By Jill Lester
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Something as simple as a s'more can be a problem when you don't eat animal products — the chocolate bar has milk, the marshmallow has gelatin and the graham crackers have butter.

But for some people, like graduate student Danita Hines, avoiding animal-based foods isn't as hard as it may seem.

"All of the above makes it sound like eating vegetarian or vegan is difficult, but it's not," said Hines, who is a vegan, meaning she does not eat any animal-based products like milk and eggs. "Eating whole plant foods makes it very easy to be healthy, know exactly what you are eating and save money too."

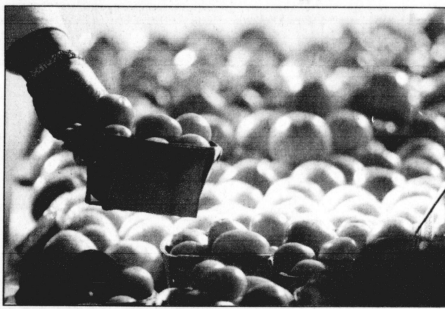
Vegetarians and vegans can learn to make do by knowing how to find substitute foods that are healthy too.

Ryan Huling, college coordinator for People for the Ethical Treatment of Animals, recommended using products that simulate meat and meat byproducts, like soy milk and veggie burgers, to make a healthy transition to meat-free products.

"It's kind of small, simple changes — like in baking, I would use egg replacements," Huling said. "Eventually it became second nature to me."

However, for some college students, the difference between paying \$1.50 for a carton of eggs versus paying \$3 for a small container of egg substitutes can add up. But it's easy to make changes with other household items, Huling said. For example, mashed bananas are a substitute for eggs. Applesauce can replace shortening or butter.

When shopping for groceries, graduate student Elizabeth Willett recommended making a meal plan ahead of time and buying in bulk at co-ops like Good Foods Market & Café on Southland Drive and Whole Foods Market on Lexington Green Circle.



Diane Alyson from Paris, Ky., selects a basket of tomatoes at the Lexington Farmer's Market Saturday downtown.

Willett also said variety counts.

"I concentrate on eating a variety of fruits, vegetables, whole grains, legumes, nuts and seeds," she said. "I focus on eating a rainbow of colors, to get all the appropriate vitamins and minerals."

Students who have scrounged up enough cash to eat out have options as well. A list from GoVeg.com gives options from more than 50 restaurants that offer vegan-friendly dishes. It recommends the vegetarian fajita burrito from Chipotle, but says to be careful how it's ordered — the pinto beans, but not the black beans, are cooked in bacon. Subway offers a "Veggie Delite" sub that's vegan-friendly, too.

Lauren Copeland, a journalism and anthropology junior, said she looks at nutritional information online or will call ahead before going

"If someone is eating a lousy diet that includes meat and then they take out the meat, they are still eating a lousy diet."

DANITA HINES
UK graduate student

to a new restaurant. Although most restaurants offer some option, she said, it isn't always possible to find an alternative.

"Usually, there's something I can eat at most places," Copeland said. "You know, if my friends go out for ice cream, I don't get ice cream, but it's not really that bad."

Copeland became a vegetarian at 12 because she kept thinking of the animals she was eating. She didn't think her parents would be too supportive, so for several months she had her sister eat the meat on her plate.

To find out what exactly to do when making the switch to vegetarianism or veganism, Copeland, Willett and Hines recommended looking at books on the subject. One of the most important things is to just be healthy, Hines said.

"Watch out for people trying to discourage you from trying to eat a vegetarian or vegan diet," Hines said. "If someone is eating a lousy diet that includes meat and then they take out the meat, they are still eating a lousy diet."

TIPPING THE SCALE

Losing weight is all about lifestyle choice

After another bad week of not following any sort of regimen, I told a good friend that I had cheated on my diet and that I was hoping to get back on track this week. She stopped and looked at me and said, "No, you didn't cheat. You just made choices."



EMILY COVERT
Kernel columnist

Choices. I know weight loss is an agonizingly slow process. When you lose about a pound a week, it can be difficult to keep yourself motivated, especially if you have a bad week every now and then and wind up gaining what it took you a week or two to lose.

It's important to remember, I think, that losing weight isn't about the number on the scale or even the size of your jeans. Losing weight is about a lifestyle change. It's about learning to make better choices.

Better choices — and even my decision to actively make those choices, rather than grabbing whatever is available — have led to my success. Since I started this column, I have lost one 18 pounds and found myself so much happier. The confidence I have gained knowing that I am no longer at the heaviest weight of my life is one of the best feelings I have ever experienced.

The summer will bring obstacles — many of them. Without school, I'll have to find a replacement for the little bit of exercise that I got walking to and from class. I'll have to accept that I will have more

downtime, which means more time sitting at home near my pantry.

But with the summer comes warmer weather, which makes me want to go outdoors, if for no other reason than to enjoy the sunshine. For me, time away from home is time away from the temptation of food, so I plan to use the weather to my advantage. The warmer weather also brings the farmers' market to Lexington, along with a wide variety of fresh, delicious fruits and veggies. I am far more likely to eat fruit in the summer than in the winter for the simple reason that it tastes better!

My summer goals when you lose the same as my spring ones: Stay focused and eat more healthfully. My job will require a lot of movement, I'm sure, so I'm excited to get things started. The summer offers a sort of fresh start to anyone presently struggling. After a tough week of finals, more time to relax might encourage excessive snacking. But instead of lounging around, take that extra time to go out and play a game with your friends. Enjoy the sunshine and reap its benefits!

All in all, this has been a great but extremely difficult semester. My roller-coaster ride on the scale has been one that I will never forget. With some newfound confidence and excitement over what the future holds, I can't wait to see what we'll all look like come fall semester.

I hope everyone has a fantastic summer. Be strong, make good choices, and I hope that I see less of you and you see less of me in August!

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10 p.m., The Dame. Tickets cost \$5.

SATURDAY, April 19
Story of the Year w/ Madina Lake and Josephine Collective
8 p.m., Bogarts, Cincinnati. Tickets cost \$17.50.

Black Rebel Motorcycle Club w/ The Duke Spirit
9 p.m., The Dame. Tickets cost \$20.

SUNDAY, April 20

Bamboozle Road Show, feat. Saves The Day
8:15 p.m., Bogarts, Cincinnati. Tickets cost \$16.50.

The Cops
9 p.m., The Dame. Tickets cost \$5.

MONDAY, April 21
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9 p.m., The Southgate House, Newport. Tickets are free.

TUESDAY, April 22
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UK keeps non-conference streak alive

By Matthew George
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The result of last night's UK baseball game was the same as it has been all season for the Cats. Another home game against a non-conference foe. Another win.

But it didn't come in typical fashion.

Junior center fielder Collin Cowgill and senior right fielder Sawyer Carroll hit back-to-back home runs in the eighth inning to propel the Cats to a 6-5 come-from-behind win against Morehead State at Cliff Hagan Stadium.

The blasts were a part of a two-inning, six-run rally that

erased a 4-0 deficit, giving UK its 21st consecutive win over a non-conference opponent.

Last night's game was a stark contrast to how things have gone for UK in its home non-conference games this season — it had been winning by an average of more than eight runs.

"Sometimes they just don't find holes for you," said Carroll, whose 11th home run of the season provided the insurance run that proved to be the winner. "That's the way the game goes."

A UK victory seemed doubtful for most of the contest.

As the Cats were suffering from the big-hit bugaboos — they stranded nine runners, six in scoring position — senior re-

liever Andrew Albers gathered his teammates, screaming at them in the dugout in hopes of motivating them.

"You could see some guys were tired," Albers said. "We had to find a way to dig down and just find a way to come together a little bit and just bring some energy."

"Even though you're on the bench, that doesn't mean you can't contribute something to the game," he said.

The Cats wasted no time responding. The first UK hitters reached safely in the seventh, loading the bases for senior first baseman Brian Spear, who delivered a two-RBI single up the middle to cut the deficit in half.

Senior second baseman Ryan Wilkes's RBI single cut it to one, and freshman shortstop Chris Wade's one-out sacrifice fly tied it.

"I would love to take credit for that, but I can't," Albers said of the rally. "We've got a bunch of great guys in the lineup. They dug down and they found a way to get it done."

Albers can take credit for his effort on the mound. The left-hander took the hill in the top of the seventh, moments after vocally rallying his teammates, and proceeded to pitch 1.2 innings of scoreless baseball to hold the lead into the ninth and earn his fifth win of the year.

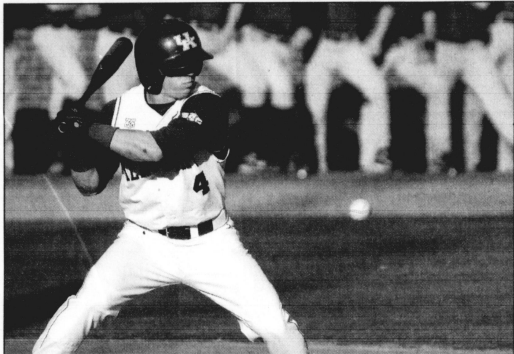
"He's an emotional guy, and he's a great leader," Carroll said. "He does a great job for us. He's not afraid to speak his mind when he thinks he needs to say something, and it's a good thing he does because everybody respects him."

Junior pitcher Scott Green, making his first relief appearance after spending the majority of the season as a weekend starter, gave up a run in the ninth before locking things up.

"We're just happy we battled through everything," Carroll said. "Sometimes it's not pretty, but you've got to get a win."

Cowgill, whose go-ahead home run was his team-high 14th, said that despite the Cats' early futility at the plate, there was never a point when he thought they were out of the game.

"That's the best thing about this team," he said. "If the guy in front of you doesn't get it done, you know the guy behind you is going to get it done. If you don't get it done, somebody else will."



ELLIOTT HESS | STAFF

Senior center fielder Collin Cowgill watches a pitch during UK's 6-5 comeback victory over Morehead State last night at Cliff Hagan Stadium.

Cats quiet on first day of signing period

By Travis Waldron
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Yesterday opened the first day of the spring signing period. While day one was quiet on the UK front, the Cats are expected to receive a National Letter of Intent sometime this week from College of Southern Idaho guard Kevin Galloway.

The junior college prospect signed his LOI yesterday morning but was waiting on his mother to sign it before sending it to UK, said Barrett Peery, Galloway's current coach.

The 6-foot-6 point guard verbally committed to the Cats in February, joining Macon County's Darius Miller and Chicago's DeAndre Liggins in UK's 2008 class.

"He'll fit in well (at UK)," Peery said. "He has the talent and he'll find his niche. A

big factor in him choosing UK was (head coach Billy) Gillispie's success with point guards."

Galloway began his college career at Southern California before transferring to CSI for his sophomore season. CSI assistant coach Jeff Renegar said Galloway chose UK over several other schools.

"He's ready to move on to bigger and better things," Renegar said. "He had a lot of people wanting him, and (UK) did the best job on him. That's why he's going there."

Galloway averaged 8.4 points, 8.5 assists and 4.1 rebounds in 32 games for CSI this past season.

"He's a big lead guard that can pass well and see the floor," Peery said. "His size gives him a big advantage, and he really rebounds well for a guard."

Galloway visited UK over the weekend with teammate Juan Patillo, a 6-foot-7 forward who led CSI in scoring. But Renegar said Patillo hasn't decided on his destination yet. Patillo is visiting Oklahoma this weekend.

Miller and Liggins both signed in the fall, and both will play in the 2008 adidas Derby Festival Basketball Classic, a high school all-star game, in Louisville on Saturday.

Galloway isn't on the Derby Classic roster, but UK does have interest in one of the game's two undecided prospects. Ater Majok, a 6-foot-10 center from Australia, lists UK among the schools he is interested in as he nears a decision, according to Rivals.com.

Majok is also considering Connecticut, Baylor and Kansas.

Brooks: QB picture to clear up after Saturday

By Eric Lindsey
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Throughout spring practice, head coach Rich Brooks has head-armed any hints of who the starting quarterback will be when UK heads to Louisville on Aug. 31 for the 2008 season opener.

Brooks still didn't name a starter yesterday and said the battle between junior-to-be Curtis Pulley and sophomore-to-be Mike Hartline is as close as ever. But he did say somebody will be the starter after this weekend — even if only for a short time.

"Somebody will be first-string after Saturday," Brooks said. "Whether that'll change in the fall, I don't know."

The battle appears to have come down to Pulley and Hartline. At the beginning of spring practice, Brooks said Will Fidler was in the mix as well, but the sophomore-to-be has been limited in practice because of should-

er stiffness, likely hindering any shot he had.

No matter who the quarterback has been this spring, the offense has struggled at times. Brooks voiced his displeasure with the offense after last week's second major scrimmage, but acknowledged that it's tough to get any offensive rhythm with the lack of depth and inexperience the Cats have at wide receiver.

Brooks is hoping, though, that he can put the quarterback situation to rest after Saturday's scrimmage, at least for a little while.

"That position will take care of itself one way or another," Brooks said. "Somebody will step hold and take a stranglehold on it, or it'll be close and competitive. I just hope it'll be close and competitive on the upside rather than on the downside."

UK adopts draft format for Blue/White Spring Game

Offensive coordinator Joker

Phillips might get a little taste of what it's like to be an NFL general manager with the No. 1 pick in the NFL Draft before Saturday's scrimmage. For the first time since Brooks arrived at UK, the Cats will adopt a draft to divide the teams for the annual scrimmage, and Phillips will have the first pick.

In past years, UK used an offense versus defense format with a scoring system to decide the winner. But because of the depth and talent of this year's team, Brooks has decided to institute the draft format and split the players into two separate teams.

"It gives you a more competitive game and a better evaluation of your players in a competitive situation than we've been able to do in past years," Brooks said.

Phillips will coach one team and defensive coordinator Steve Brown will coach the other. Phillips beat Brown in a friendly coin toss Tuesday to gain the

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STUDENT FEES

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After returning for the spring semester, Fleck said the committee met and started voting on specific fee requests.

"We spent a lot of time discussing the fees and there would be a large consensus on who should receive what before official voting took place," he said. "This is the first time we've had the opportunity to decide on our student fees. Everyone took the job very seriously."

Terrell created her own recommendation to be sent along

with that of the committee's to the board for vote. Her proposal totaled to 50 cents less for student fees than that of the committee's allotment, at \$432.75 per semester to be distributed among 12 organizations. The committee's proposal totaled \$433.25 per semester, a \$36.25 increase from last year.

The Office of Student Involvement was added to the list of organizations receiving money from student fees for this school year and added to the 2008-09 list is the environmental club, UK Greenthumb.

Both recommendations will be presented to the Board of

Trustees at the meeting Tuesday. Once voted on by the board, the Council on Postsecondary Education must approve the fees before they go into effect, Fleck said.

Phelps served on the committee as the SG representative, and said the committee has opened the lines of communication about how student fees should be spent.

"It made sense to bring everybody to the table and have one recommendation," Phelps said. "It's important to know how (the money) is being spent and how we could better use it."

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home is foldable and able to be transported in one piece without requiring a permit, and it maximizes solar energy production.

The design for "Passive Meets Active," and "Solar Decathlon — Sustainable Living," also received recognition.

Merit Awards went to the designs, "Living-in-Between," and "House Lab."

More information on UK's entry in the competition is available on the team's Web site (www.uky.edu/solar-house).

NEWS BRIEF

Beaux Arts raises thousands more than last year

The Beaux Arts Foundation and the College of Design raised \$23,000 at its annual Beaux Arts Ball on April 5, up \$9,000 from last year's earnings.

"It's super exciting," said Kristi Buchler, director of the Beaux Arts Foundation. "We raised \$14,000 last year and \$3,000 the year before. It's definitely an exponential increase."

Of the earnings, \$10,000 will be donated to the Hospital Hospitality House and \$10,000 will be given to the Bluegrass Domestic Violence Program, Buchler said. The remaining \$3,000 will be put back into the College of Design in scholarship money.

Pope says clergy sex scandal was mishandled

By Michael Amon
Newsday

WASHINGTON — Pope Benedict XVI began the first full day of his U.S. visit being serenaded by thousands of spectators at the White House and ended it with a sweeping speech to the nation's bishops in which he admitted the sex abuse scandal was "very badly handled."

With Washington in a celebratory mood, President George W. Bush invited the pope — just the second pontiff to visit the White House — for an elaborate ceremony on the South Lawn and then the two leaders privately discussed issues ranging from immigration to the Middle East. Thousands filled the streets of downtown Washington as Benedict shuttled between events in the popemobile.

Much attention was focused on the pope's highly anticipated speech to 350 American bishops Wednesday evening. Echoing introductory remarks by Cardinal Francis George, president of the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops, Benedict said the sex scandal was "at times very badly handled."

"It is your God-given responsibility as pastors to bind up the wounds caused by every breach of trust, to foster healing, to promote reconciliations and to reach out with loving concern to those so seriously wronged," Benedict told the bishops at the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception in Washington.

Papal observers said the pope, who said Tuesday that he was "deeply ashamed" by the abuse scandal, was trying to tackle head-on the most impor-

tant issue facing the American church.

"This is the first time there has been a public acknowledgment by a pope that sometimes the bishops handled the sex abuse scandal very poorly. ... This is a mea culpa by the church," said the Rev. Thomas Reese, a Jesuit priest and author of books on the Vatican.

Benedict did not directly address the conduct of some bishops accused of sheltering pedophile priests from scrutiny, nor did he propose concrete steps for reform. The speech was "a middle way" that likely will not satisfy all lay Catholics and abuse victims, said Stephen Pope, a professor of moral theology at Boston College.

"The issue that hasn't been dealt with here is that of accountability," the pope said.

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■ KERNEL EDITORIAL

Online evaluations will save money, but may lack incentive

The announcement that UK will experiment with collecting end-of-semester course evaluations online instead of through the traditional paper forms could not have come at a more appropriate time.

While budget cuts are the buzz of the university and every department is being asked to trim spending, the Office of Institutional Research reports that moving the whole evaluation system online would save about \$5,000 each semester. It's certainly not enough to fix UK's financial woes, but at a time when every dollar counts, any cut is relevant.

Meanwhile, with Earthdays in the Bluegrass in full swing, the benefits of paperless evaluations should not be overlooked.

Moving teacher evaluations might have a snag, though: It might make them irrelevant.

To be effective, the responses to the questionnaire need to represent a cross-section of the students in the class. In each class, instructors must often try and appeal to students with widely varying educational interests and backgrounds. Some students might have taken the course because of a genuine interest in the topic; others will have only registered because the class does not meet on Fridays or before noon.

The key to making evaluations work with a diverse set of student opinion is to make sure all views are recorded. Moving the system online will make this difficult.

Currently, many students most likely fill out course evaluations because it

is convenient to do so — they are already in the classroom and have the forms, so the choice is between filling out the questionnaire or sitting idle.

The online evaluations, however, will start with an e-mail, the Kernel reported April 8. Students will then complete the evaluation online — that is, on their own time. It won't take long to do, but at the end of the semester when stress levels are already high, course evaluations are unlikely to take priority.

The exception is the students who are either extremely pleased or extremely upset with their experience in the class; the students at either extreme will likely want to register their feelings.

Even with the existing paper system, statistics from course evaluations tend to be skewed. The Office of Institutional Research warns readers on its Web site to examine the numbers closely because "student ratings are often inflated." Without an incentive for filling out the online questionnaire, the results could easily become even less reliable.

This semester's test — which involves about 90 courses in four colleges — will help gauge whether enough students are willing to make the jump from evaluations as class work to evaluations as homework.

But with many students already overloaded with work that actually affects their grade, the answer is likely to be no. UK can make online course evaluations work and reap the benefits of them, but only if administrators find ways to make the process seem worthwhile.

Obama disappoints voters on campaign-funding issue

The following editorial appeared in the *Philadelphia Inquirer* on Tuesday.

Voters who don't see Barack Obama as your typical politician must be disappointed by his squirming to get out of a commitment to public financing in the presidential campaign.

In an interview with *The Philadelphia Inquirer* and *Philadelphia Daily News* editorial boards Monday, Obama again refused to commit to accepting public financing.

He said it's "a judgment I'm going to have to make" in talks with likely GOP nominee John McCain. Last fall, Obama said he would participate in public financing in the general election if his Republican opponent agreed. No ifs, ands or buts. Since then, he has been giving strong hints that he doesn't intend to honor that commitment.

Last week, the Illinois Democrat contorted the definition of public financing thusly: "We have created a parallel public financing system where the American people decide if they want to support a campaign, they can get on the Internet and finance it," he said.

Only if we've entered a parallel universe is that public financing. What he describes is a traditional fund-raising effort, albeit one that has been fabulously successful. To date, his campaign has raised nearly \$230 million. Admirably, about half of that has come from donors who gave \$200 or less.

Public financing, in place since the 1970s, gives candidates federal dollars in exchange for their agreeing to limit their campaign spending. The system is financed by taxpayers who check off a \$3 donation on their tax returns. This fall, the Democratic and Republican nominees would be eligible for about \$85 million each.

It creates a more level playing field, reduces chances for corruption

and helps to ensure the campaign is about ideas, not who can raise the most money.

But Obama has been doing so well at raising money — \$40 million in March alone — that he obviously is having second thoughts. If he wins the Democratic nomination, accepting public money could very well blunt an advantage in campaign wealth over McCain, who also hasn't made up his mind on public financing.

Even if Obama does accept public financing, he would be free to spend the money he's raised up until the Democratic convention in late summer. He could also boost donations in the fall to the Democratic National Committee, which would spend the money in support of his candidacy.

One reason Obama has done well in the party primaries is that he's seen as a reformer. But now that he's raising money prodigiously, he's trying to change the definition of "reform."

He argues that his small donors "will have as much access and influence" over his campaign as the wealthy and powerful usually exert. But there are plenty of wealthy and powerful donors in Obama's camp, too.

At least 79 wealthy "bundlers" have each raised \$200,000 for him — including Oprah Winfrey. And 27,000 donors have given the maximum \$2,300 for individuals.

We already have a parallel universe of campaign financing out there — the so-called 527 groups — that raise and spend money on behalf of candidates without regulation. In the last presidential election, billionaire George Soros and the Swift Boat Veterans for Truth did the dirty work. Similar groups are raising money again. We don't need another parallel universe. The nominees for president shouldn't redefine public financing to gain an advantage.



DON WRIGHT, The Palm Beach Post

As the world faces a food crisis, the pope stays rich, comfortable

Much has been made over Pope Benedict XVI's visit to the United States this week, because the pope is important.

The man is incredibly rich and powerful. He is, according to what I was taught to believe in Catholic school, infallible.

Benedict is a proponent of conservatism within Catholicism. He has spoken out against gay

rights, women's rights and other religions.

For full disclosure, I personally identify as post-Catholic. I never quite bought that whole "infallibility" thing. The pope is not only human, he's elected by other humans (exclusively male humans, of course). Various popes have made some very bad decisions over the course of the long history of Catholicism, and they have contradicted each other.

The most useful aspect of Catholicism, in my opinion, is the value of social justice that I was taught in high school. So many Catholics, including those in my family and those who have been my classmates, are good people who consider their religion a moral guide in this sense.

I have witnessed activism rooted in the idea of Catholic social justice: feeding the poor, educating the uneducated, clothing the naked and sheltering the homeless. I have also seen those efforts founder from lack of

funding from the Church, and I've seen them abandoned.

The frenzied coverage of the pope's visit makes much of Benedict's Prada shoes but stops short of mentioning the shocking hypocrisy of the Vatican and the Catholic Church. When the pope says goodbye to President Bush and flies back to his throne in Vatican City, he'll be sitting on billions of dollars, all during an ever-worsening food crisis that affects people around the world.

While Vatican City is in control of an unspeakable amount of money — literally unspeakable, since the Vatican is so secretive that it is difficult to gauge its actual worth — food prices are increasing at a crushing rate. People of many nations are unable to provide for themselves and their families.

Again, I was a bad student of Catholicism, and I'm generally the last person you'd expect to see referring to the Bible in a column, but I seem to recall something about a camel having an easier time passing through the eye of a needle than a rich man through the gates of heaven.

I'm not sold on the idea of an afterlife, but it seems like more "good" Catholics should be doing some talking about this. Prada shoes before feeding the poor? A priceless Vatican art collection when people are starving to death? Where has social justice gone?

The pope's fortune and his open reception by the Bush administration during the same week that the food crisis has come to a head and that people are rioting for help should make Catholic Americans question their highest religious leaders' abilities

to make truly moral decisions.

Don't the clergy take a vow of poverty? At what point does too much become void? The incredible privilege of the highest officials in the Catholic Church is the tip of the iceberg. I'm not getting into the selling of indulgences, the use of forced and unpaid labor during World War II, the more recent sexual abuse scandals, or the persistent sexism and anti-gay bigotry of the Church.

But it is not individual Catholic people that I take issue with. My family is mostly made up of Catholics, and they are some of the most moral, humane people I know. The power-abusing leadership is what needs to be held accountable, but I see how it's pretty hard to question someone who claims one's own infallibility as a tenet of the religion.

It is inhuman to hoard a ridiculous sum of money while people are starving to death, unable to meet their most basic needs. Those among us who are considered the closest to divine are doing just that, and mentioning the papal Prada doesn't do the issue justice.

The timing of the pope's visit to the United States should wake us up to the wrongness of the distribution of wealth and power. As the leader of a religion that espouses social justice, the Pope should be working to curb poverty and hunger instead of touring one of the world's richest countries to have his hand kissed by the richest and most empowered people in it.

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Boycotting the Olympics in China is the worst way to help Tibet

The competition is being called off early this year. The worst idea of the 2008 has already been put into play. No vote will be necessary.

In recent weeks, as the Olympic torch began to move through parts of the United States, large protests broke out wherever it went. Many people took this opportunity to protest. The United States, large protests broke out wherever it went. Many people took this opportunity to protest.

No matter how one feels about the independence of Tibet, an Olympic boycott would harm many people and would waste an excellent opportunity for a meaningful statement to be made by those who freely choose to do so.

It would not be unprecedented for the United States to refuse to participate in the Olympics. A large contingency of countries refused to attend the 1980 games in Moscow because of the Soviet Union's invasion of Afghanistan. However, today's Tibet situation is different from what happened at that instance. The idea of an

independent Tibet is not new. China did not recently invade that territory as the Soviet Union did in Afghanistan, and we are not engaged in a Cold War with the Chinese as we were with the Russians. Obviously, though, the mere fact that this situation is different does not immediately disqualify it from having the same relevance.

But history would suggest that a boycott is the last thing a pro-Tibet activist would want. The Olympic Games are an international stage that cannot be matched in any other way — it is the perfect place for statements to be made if people feel strongly about an issue.

No matter how you feel about the Black Power salute that took place after the 200-meter race in the 1968 games, it made a statement much more powerfully than simply not showing up could have. Instead of a few people remembering that few circumstances, they should not be compelled to do so by any interest other than their own, except under the most grave of circumstances.

There is a time when the beliefs of people in a country on an issue must take precedent over any of their other actions, but this is not that time. If people believe strongly on this issue, it is time they quit supporting the worst idea of the year and start searching for the best.

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Students practice manners at annual business dinner

By Lindsey Simon
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Students filled the Paddock Room at the Crowne Plaza Hotel last night to meet future employers and to learn the appropriate way to act in a professional setting.

More than 75 students and 20 Lexington employers attended the annual Gatton Etiquette Dinner. The occasion gave students a chance to grow comfortable with interacting in a social business setting and to make a positive impression on prospective employers, said Azeeta Williams, assistant director at the James W. Stuckert Career Center, which also helped plan the event.

"You need to know how to carry yourself in a business setting," Williams said. "The students that stand out are the ones that do follow-ups."

Each table was set up so students could sit with employers in their area of interest. The dinner not only taught proper business and dining etiquette but also allowed the students to show off their networking skills.

"When you're in a professional situation, it's important to have good skills so you can present yourself well," said Ashley Jones, an employer for the CGI Group.

Organizers suggested eating at a similar pace to the people at the table, using utensils from the outside of the setting to the inside, being polite in conversation and avoiding topics like religion and politics.

"A lot of the tips they give I think I knew, but they weren't things I'd ever think to worry about when out to dinner," said Alex Thompson, a business junior who attended the event. "Like how fast to eat. I never thought I'd get or lose a job over how fast I stuff my face."

AMERICAN ETIQUETTE TIPS

n After the completion of a formal dinner, place the knife and fork parallel to one another across the plate with the knife blade facing inward. Position the knife and fork in the position of 10 o'clock to 4 o'clock.

n A woman should never cross her legs at the knee, but should keep the ankles together with feet slightly to one side and knees together whether in skirts or pants. Crossing legs at the ankles is also acceptable.

n When passing food at the dinner table, always pass to the right, or counterclockwise.

n It is acceptable to point fingers at objects but not at people. Instead, gesture with an open hand when directing attention to a person.

n When eating meat, always cut one piece, put your knife down, and then eat the piece before cutting the rest. You may switch hands before placing the food on the fork in your mouth.

The annual event was the end of the Professionalism Series, workshops put on by the Gatton College of Business, Williams said. Five to eight workshops are put on each semester including lessons that teach important business skills like networking, dressing in business attire and creating resumes. The etiquette dinner is one of the most popular workshops, Williams said.

"This is the yearlong wrap-up of the Gatton Business Series and is an encouragement for the students to attend the other workshops," Williams said.

The dinner had 25 more stu-

n A gentleman always removes his hat when entering a home, restaurant, theater or church.

n It is always polite to offer to pay for the meal and it shows good will, however it is customary for the individual who extended the invitation to cover the check.

n If you sense a sneeze or cough coming on, cover your nose and mouth with a tissue in your left hand (if right-handed), leaving your right hand clean for shaking hands or opening doors.

n When ordering takeout food from a restaurant by telephone, it isn't necessary to tip.

n In the case of a broken engagement, regardless of who calls off the relationship, the ring should always be returned to the giver.

n It is considered good manners to wait until you have finished chewing and have swallowed before taking a sip of your beverage.

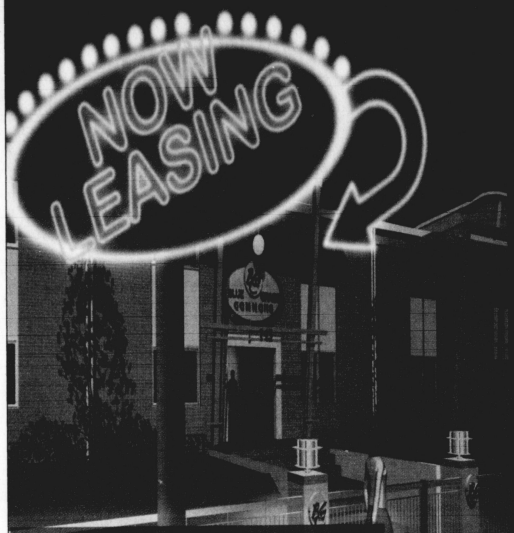
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dents and five more local employers attend this year's dinner than last year. Students who attended said the dinner helped them feel more comfortable around people they could work with.

"I think there's always that level of nervousness when you sit down to dinner or in the office of a future employer," Thompson said. "But with enough practice, hopefully I'll remember where to place my fork at the end of my meal and I'll be able to focus on what we talk about instead of what I'm doing."

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