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UK leaders keep an eye on at-risk students

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Have you gone a few days without showering and forgotten some homework assignments? Have you passed out at the Johnson Center a couple times? Did you tell your roommate that you're going to give up on life? You might end up on UK's "students of concern" list.

Officials from seven UK departments formed the Students of Concern team in mid-March to provide students with help for personal problems and to improve campus safety.

The group gathers every other week to discuss reports they have heard from faculty, students, parents, staff and other people connected to the campus who have concerns about a student.

After sharing concerns, one of the team members is assigned to check the student's records for background information, said Pat Terrell, vice president for Student Affairs. If the follow-up reveals additional concerns, the group would ask the student to come to a meeting.

"We're looking for information," Terrell said. "Is that student going to class? Have there been recent changes

in that student's life — maybe they lost their job, or there's a family concern, their personal life changed, or they're having financial problems?"

Once those details are determined, the team will refer the student to UK's Center for Counseling and Testing, UK Health Services, an academic adviser or the Office of Student Financial Aid. The group can also help students arrange incompletes or withdrawals in their classes if it would help them through personal crises.

"It's not like you're busted; it's not like you're in trouble," said Mary Bolin-Reece, director of UK Counsel-

ing and Testing Center and a member of the group.

Most interventions follow situations where several reports were made on the same person or where the concerns involved repeated events over time, Bolin-Reece said.

"There are lots of different kinds of people — somebody might think I'm odd or eccentric," she said. "We're looking at behaviors, not whether we like pink hair or not."

Although the names will be kept on file, the information is confidential and is not included in any of the student's official records.

"Our goal is to help the students stay in school and be successful," Terrell said.

Terrell said the group was not created as a direct response to recent tragedies at other colleges, such as the mass shootings at Virginia Tech University and Northern Illinois University.

"It's not focused on violence," she said. "We're more focused on what we can do to help students. That could be a lot of different things. That could be a student not getting enough rest or sleep, a student not doing well in class, a

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PLAYING IN THE PUDDING



PHOTOS BY KRISTIN SHERARD | STAFF
Kate Hughes, left, an education freshman and member of Kappa Delta sorority, wrestles Ellie Victor, an accounting sophomore and member of Kappa Alpha Theta, in a pool of pudding yesterday at the 13th annual Pi-Athlon at Haggin Field.

The 13th annual Pi-Athlon, co-sponsored by Alpha Omicron Pi sorority and Phi Kappa Tau fraternity, took place yesterday at Haggin Field. Activities included pie throwing, a pie eating contest and pudding wrestling. The philanthropy event benefits arthritis research and children with terminal illnesses.



Jason Bridges, a public service and leadership development sophomore, has a chocolate pudding pie thrown in his face for his fraternity, Lambda Chi Alpha, yesterday at the Pi-Athlon.

Sorority asks children's hospital to promote patients to the dance

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Children in Kentucky and surrounding states who may not have been able to experience their prom will get another chance to dance tomorrow night.

Alpha Gamma Delta is hosting its second annual prom on Friday at Shriners Hospital to give children with disabilities at the hospital the experience of the popular dance they may have missed out on.

Children from Ohio, Tennessee and West Virginia will

join the patients at the Lexington hospital on Richmond Road for the event. The children, most between the ages of 12 to 18, suffer from ailments including Perthes disease and cerebral palsy.

"I think it's really brave how they're going through treatment and they still have the same interests of other kids, like going to prom," said Missy Beasley, a volunteer from Alpha Gamma Delta. "They aren't worn out by their treatment."

The children will first sign up to have their hair styled, pick out a corsage or bouton-

niere, and then stroll down the red carpet to the dance themed "Under the Sea." The event will last from 6 to 9 p.m.

Around 70 children will participate this year, up from 40 who enjoyed the dance last year, said Kristen Kearns, a representative from Shriners in Lexington.

"A lot of the kids have never danced before," Kearns said. "When I see them smiling, it makes the hard work that goes into organizing an event like this seem like there was nothing hard about it."

Alpha Gamma Delta will have 60 volunteers at the event.

"This event gives me a good feeling of knowing we're giving back," said Laura Hayman who is in charge of philanthropy for the sorority.

Shriners Hospital for Children treats children in orthopedic conditions and injuries with 22 hospitals throughout the United States, according to the hospital's Web site.

The Lexington Horseman indoor football team, Daughters of the Nile, Hair Artist's Salon, Liquor Barn and CiCi's Pizza are also sponsoring the event.

Blogger forum brings together local pundits

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As the presidential race picks up speed, UK students will get the opportunity to talk with opinionated online writers.

Tonight, UK College Democrats is hosting Bluegrass Bloggers Bash, a forum to give students the chance to ask questions and get to know local bloggers who regularly offer commentary on local, state and national politics.

Blogs are an increasingly popular way for individuals to

share comments, news, and opinions with interested parties on the Internet. Blogging has become a more prevalent tool in political circles as political candidates search for more new-age ways to get their message out, said Joe Gallenstein, a member of College Democrats.

"By using the Internet, individuals can get the word out much faster and to a wider audience," said Gallenstein, a political science and history junior. "Groups can communicate and organize faster, share important information."

Robert Kahne, president of College Democrats, said for those people who don't trust mainstream news sources because they think the outlet is biased, blogs are an alternative way to get information. Blogs put the information out there and let the readers garner the truth for themselves, he said.

Christopher Rice, a political science professor, will moderate the forum, which features Kentucky bloggers Jim Fence, Sarah Glenn, Ben Ray and Ralph Long, among others. The featured blogs include Blue-

grass Roots (www.bluegrass-roots.org), and Barefoot and Progressive (www.barefootand-progressive.com).

"We've brought in the best of the best for this forum," Kahne said.

The bloggers will discuss current political issues and climates in Kentucky and national politics including the presidential race, Gallenstein said.

The Bluegrass Bloggers Bash is tonight at 7 in room 111 of the Student Center. The event is free and open to the public.

Report: State 'losing ground' on making higher ed affordable

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The average Kentucky family spent more than 30 percent of its income on one year of expenses at a public four-year institution in 2006, according to a state report released this week.

The Council on Postsecondary Education, which oversees higher education decisions including tuition, said the state is "losing ground" in three of the four areas it uses to measure progress toward making post-secondary education more affordable.

at nearly the same time as a decision by President Lee Todd to recommend the university raise tuition 9 percent for next year. The UK Board of Trustees will vote on tuition at its April 22 meeting.

In a campuswide e-mail Tuesday, Todd said he will propose that the board approve the university putting more money into financial aid for the next school year.

Overall, the report said the state is "making progress" on 17 of its 26 measurements, while "losing ground" in four areas and "holding steady" on five.

The average for all families is up 8 percentage points from 2004, and low-income families are also harder hit, the report said.

In 2006, Kentucky's low-income families needed 24 percent of their incomes to pay for one year of tuition at one of the schools in the Kentucky Community and Technical Colleges system, up from 20 percent in 2004. The average debt from student loans has also increased by about \$200 in that time period, to \$3,018.

However, no new scholarships will likely be offered in the 2008-09 year, said UK spokesman Jay Blanton. The "2020 Scholars" program, which included four new scholarships, was created for the 2007-08 school year and provided \$5.5 million in aid.

About \$1.2 million will be added to the scholarship funding, Blanton said, but those funds will go to maintaining existing scholarships as tuition increases.

The only measurement of affordability that has improved in the report is the state's investment in need-based financial aid, which increased by two points to 42 percent of federal Pell grant funding.

The report's release comes

Kentucky is making progress in some areas including increasing the average ACT scores. Between 2006 and 2007 the average ACT score went up 0.1 points, to 20.7. The national average ACT score went up 0.1 points as well, to 21.2.

Kentucky also improved in the number of GED recipients, up more than 70 in 2006, and the number of high school juniors per 1,000 passing Advanced Placement exams was up to 96 in 2006 from 84 in 2004.

The full report is available on the CPE Web site (<http://www.cpe.ky.gov/planning/statusreports/>)

Seasonal market opens with fresh produce

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Healthy eaters can get a fresh start before summer when the Lexington Farmers' Market opens this weekend.

The seasonal market will open on Saturday at 7 a.m. on Vine Street between South Mill Street and South Limestone Street, and will continue throughout the day until the last vendor leaves, according to the market's Web site. On Sunday, shoppers can visit the market on Southland Liquor Barn and CiCi's Pizza

also sells a variety of soaps and skin care products, all of which are handmade.

Blue Moon Farm is another local vendor preparing for the weekend.

"We have been busy for weeks," said Leo Keene, who works on the Madison County farm. The farm specializes in garlic products including garlic flavored bread and pastries.

"Through the season, we sell hundreds of pounds of garlic," Keene said.

Both vendors encouraged students to visit the Lexington Farmers' Market.

"Make sure to bring a cooler," said Jeff Dabbelt, Lexington Farmers' Market manager. "You'll need it to keep meats and dairy products cold. It can also double for storage of all other products."

The market's return offers an opportunity for students to meet and support local farmers, Dabbelt said. This weekend vendors will feature eggs, meats, greens, lemons, garlic, honey, breads, jams, flowers and soap products.

"I spend about four months (getting ready) before the market opens," said Abigail Keam, who runs Abigail's Honey.

Free parking is available for customers. For more information, visit the market's Web site (www.lexingtonfarmersmarket.com).

"Introduce yourself to the farmer and ask them about their product," Keam said. "They love to talk about their product and how it was raised or grown."

"Learn something — get connected to the land that supports your life. Support people who are stewards of the land by buying from them."

Dabbelt suggested first-time visitors walk around the entire market before making their first purchase.

"Look at every booth before you buy so you can compare quality and prices," Dabbelt said. "Free parking is available for customers. For more information, visit the market's Web site (www.lexingtonfarmersmarket.com).

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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 6 — You're eager to get where you're going, but something is slowing you down. Look around; you may have an anchor out, or still be tied to the dock.

Taurus (April 20-May 20)

Today is a 7 — There are a lot of options, each one with its own concerns. It's OK to hide away for a while and wait for the dust to clear. Simplify your life.

Gemini (May 21-June 21)

Today is a 7 — Finances are a bigger concern now as you start to feel

the pinch. You can't provide everything. Ask the others to contribute.

Cancer (June 22-July 22)

Today is a 6 — You're less willing to put up with things that aren't serving your needs. Don't let people walk over you. Stand up for yourself.

Leo (July 23-Aug. 22)

Today is a 7 — Look out for complications at work. This is not a good time to travel. The yellow flag is on the track. Pay attention and proceed with caution.

Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)

Today is a 7 — Can you have a really good time with friends when you're on a tight budget? Of course you can, and you will. Everybody in your crowd understands.

Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)

Today is a 7 — Your career interferes with personal plans again. Make sure everybody gets at least some of your attention. You'll have time

Scorpio (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)

Today is a 7 — You're planning for

the future, and that's a wonderful thing. The fact that it's still a ways off is only a minor irritation. You're making progress.

Sagittarius (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)

Today is an 8 — A difficult situation at home can be rectified. You'll have to spend more than you planned, but you can afford the cost.

Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)

Today is a 6 — Let somebody else fight your battles for you. This other person has a special kind of command presence. Let her put fear in the hearts of your opponents.

Aquarius (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)

Today is a 7 — A jealous co-worker's snide remark turns your attention back to your job. Best not to quit in a huff. It's always best to get a new job, first.

Pisces (Feb. 19-March 20)

Today is a 7 — Not a good time to gamble or buy expensive toys. Use your imagination, not your checkbook, to get what you need.

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CARRIE & CHACE IT'S OVER!

After it got serious (she met his folks!), why Underwood and Crawford couldn't make it work

By Kevin O'Leary

What happened

Among the close-knit Gossip Girl cast, Chace Crawford has the reputation for staying upbeat, whether he's up at 6 a.m. for a photo shoot in L.A. or hanging after-hours with costars Blake Lively, Leighton Meester and Ed Westwick at NYC's Westside Tavern. But he seemed uncharacteristically somber while on location in NYC on March 28. Occasionally text-ing on his phone between takes, "he kept to himself," says an on-set source.

The actor, a pal tells US, is still getting over his painful decision to end his nine-month romance with singer Carrie Underwood — one that was largely long-distance but anchored by the rare-in-Hollywood country roots they shared. (Both red-state natives — he's from Texas, she's from Oklahoma — hold country music, family and "good southern values" in high esteem, says a source.)

Now? "Chace is incredibly heartbroken," a confidant says of the split, which another source says happened after Crawford, 22, joined the American Idol winner, 25, on her concert tour in late February. During that visit, the two broke out into arguments. Crawford then returned home to NYC, and a phone call he placed on or around February 29 made the split official. "He decided to call her to break up with her, but when they finally spoke, they mutually decided it was for the best."

to his family over Thanksgiving and flew in from Toronto (where he was doing press) for Valentine's Day, it never seemed to be enough.

"She was very needy," says the Crawford insider. "She called him a thousand times a day and wanted him to be at every one of her shows. He did whatever he could to make it work, but she always wanted more, more, more. Her view of the relationship was very Carrie-centric." Indeed, when he spent a November Las Vegas weekend without her, a fellow gambler noticed, "Chace had to keep excusing himself from the craps table to call and text her, since no cellphones are allowed at the tables."

Counters an Underwood source, "He wasn't there for her the way he could have been. He could have been on the road more with her. Or called more. It was hard on her not having the guy she liked there."

Jealousy issues

Not helping matters? During his club nights without his girlfriend, the flirtatious actor was constantly surrounded by female admirers. On December 5, he traded phone numbers with a leopard print-clad brunette at the Chateau Marmont, and on February 27, days before the breakup, he exchanged numbers — and a kiss on the lips — with a blonde at L.A. club Teddy's.

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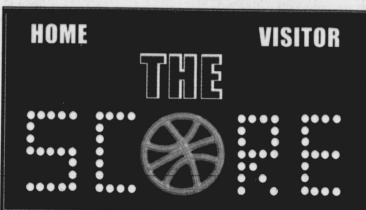
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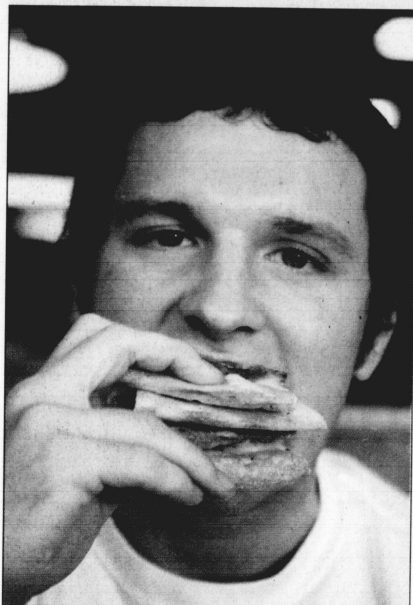
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“I could see the bugs. I could feel them. But I couldn't think about them.”

— Cleveland Indians pitcher Fausto Carmona reflecting on his playoff debut last season when he was harassed by countless insects but managed to win the game without giving up an earned run in nine innings.



Christian McCarthy poses with four pieces of pizza in his mouth during a trip to Cici's Pizza on Saturday. The kinesiology senior is the No. 1 seed for the Collegiate Nationals Eating Championship, which starts on April 18 in San Diego, Calif.

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THE NEED TO FEAST

Christian McCarthy has conquered a 72 pound steak in 15 minutes and shut down a buffet — literally. Now he's the No. 1 seed heading into a national eating competition.

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The thought has surely crossed people's minds. As they walk into a buffet and smell the aroma of greasy delectables, people can't help but think, "I'm going to shut this buffet down."

Christian McCarthy has done it — sort of. A few years ago, McCarthy sat down at Cici's Pizza — "an endless buffet of pizza, salad and pasta" — on Harrodsburg Road with hopes of building his stamina and speed for an upcoming eating competition.

McCarthy, a kinesiology senior, stacked mountains full of pizza, plate after plate. He chomped down on supreme and barbecue pizza. Devoured the salad and pasta bar. Gobbled the oozing cinnamon rolls — not a drop of icing could be spared — and slogged back dozens of waters. In all, McCarthy shoveled down about 40 pieces of pizza, nine salads, 12 breadsticks, two plates of pasta and too many dessert plates to count.

He estimates he ate somewhere around "15 pounds of food."

Yet, McCarthy had no intention of stopping. Not only was he not full — McCarthy believes he has a disease that prevents his brain from registering that his stomach is full — Cici's wasn't supposed to close for another two hours.

But the workers at Cici's had had enough. After slaving behind a pizza oven in a desperate attempt to keep food on the buffet line, the workers decided it was time for McCarthy to leave.

"One of the managers came over and said 'We think you've gotten your money's worth.'" McCarthy said. "Then he handed me an empty pizza box and told me I could fill it up, but that I had to go



Christian McCarthy's plate is stacked high with slices of pizza during a recent trip to Cici's Pizza on Saturday.

after that."

McCarthy hopes his gargantuan appetite will be up to the task next weekend in San Diego, Calif., for the Collegiate Nationals Eating Championship. McCarthy, seeded No. 1 in the competition, will face off against some of the rising young eating competitors in the world with \$1,000 at stake.

The competition begins April 18, but because McCarthy is one of the top-four seeds, he receives a bye in the preliminary rounds and won't have to stomach any food for competition until the following day.

The contestants will have seven minutes to scarf down as many plates of cheeseburgers, hot dogs and

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Tennis team captain preps for last outing

By Laura Popper
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As a fifth-year senior, two-year captain Marcus Sundh's time at UK means he has filled a leadership role valuable to the tennis team.

"I've been here the longest, and (my teammates) know that I have some experience and have been in the same situations, and when a couple of them have problems or whatever, I try to help them out with that as well," said Sundh, a native of Stockholm, Sweden.

Sundh's tenure at UK will come to a close Saturday against Vanderbilt at the Hillary J. Boone Tennis Complex as he plays his last regular season match at home. He has thought about the match a little.

"There are two parts to it," he said. "When the body hurts really bad, it would be nice to just take a break, but still, this is what I've been doing my entire life, and it's going to be really, really weird to lose that, and it's definitely going to be extremely sad."

On the court, Sundh helps the younger players by keeping them calm, trying to keep their confidence levels high, and taking the brunt of the pressure off of the players' shoulders so they can focus on the match at hand.

A selfless player, Sundh puts his team ahead of himself, which is something that is not often found in tennis, head coach Dennis Emery said.

"As a player, he's one of those guys that doesn't care about individual accomplishments," Emery said. "I think in our sport that's a hurdle that people have to get over. They have to get to where they place the

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Cats prepare for a challenge in the Bayou

By Jasmine Whitlow
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This season, the UK gymnastics team has experienced its share of ups and downs.

The season began with an upsetting win against No. 12 Auburn that put the Cats on pace to reach their goal of being invited to the NCAA Championship meet. But a midseason slump that saw seven consecutive losses endangered those hopes.

Now, as the Cats approach the regional meet this weekend, they have a resurgence chance to accomplishing their initial goals.

Sophomore Hillary Ferguson said the turnaround came in UK's Feb. 15 meet against Arkansas. Although the team didn't win, they found the confidence that would last them for weeks to come.

"We started off kind of slow, but the Arkansas meet turned us around, even though we didn't win," Ferguson said. "We started off rocky on bar, but we were able to completely turn the meet around. It was an amazing feeling that we could come back and overcome that much adversity and still come out well."

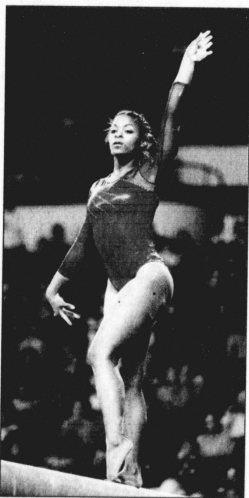
The team went on to win or place first in five meets heading into this weekend's regional which is being held at Louisiana State. Coach Mo Mitchell said that so much is at stake as his team takes the floor.

"Unfortunately our whole season will be predicated by what we do this weekend," Mitchell said. "If we go out and do a fantastic job we would have had a great season. If we go out and don't do what we're supposed to do then it's going to look like our season was not as good as it should have been."

Mitchell said that the success of this weekend will effect more than just his current teams but teams to come as well.

Because so much of recruiting in gymnastics depends on the ranking of the team, most schools are pushing to have a high final ranking. UK, which is currently ranked No. 20, can move up or down depending on their performance tomorrow.

But the Cats are confident heading into the meet, Ferguson said the team has nothing to lose this weekend.



Sophomore Hillary Ferguson performs on the beam during UK's only SEC win against Auburn on Jan. 12.

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Mitchell said the team just has to go out and do their best because unlike in other sports, defense is not a factor in gymnastics; teams just have to go out and perform.

"We have to do our job," Mitchell said. "We can't control what anybody else does, we just have to do what we do, and do it very well."

Meet offers a chance to redeem season

Everyone loves the second chance. It's the opportunity to make good on recent mistakes and it offers a chance to redeem yourself.

But most of all, it's a chance to set the record straight.

The UK gymnastics team will have the opportunity to do just that this weekend at the NCAA regional meet hosted at Louisiana State in Baton Rouge, La.

A good outing this weekend will counter a season full of struggles in the Southeastern Conference, where all teams are

ranked in the top 20.

The Cats only conference win came in the season opener against Auburn on Jan. 12. But after that meet, UK tumbled to seven consecutive losses before winning or placing first in the next five meets, providing a much-needed lift heading into the regional meet.

But at the regional meet, the Cats will face more than LSU, a perennial SEC power in gymnastics; they'll have to go flip for flip with the Pac-10 conference champion, Stanford, the Mid-American conference champion in Kent State and a host of other established gymnastics teams.

But coming off their best performance at the SEC meet since 2004, the Cats are confident, and they'll be entering the regional meet with everything to gain.

"We have absolutely nothing to lose. We're

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french fries as possible following picnic-style rules — the eaters can't dip their food in water to make it go down easier.

McCarthy, a former National Strawberry Eating Champion and record holder for the New Jersey Italian Sub, is one of the favorites heading into the competition, but said he still has room to improve.

"I'm kind of slow compared to other guys when it comes to eating at speed," said McCarthy, known as Muscog in the competitive eating world. "But in quantity, I can pretty much eat more than any of them."

Arnie Chapman, chairman of the Association of Independent Competitive Eaters, thinks McCarthy doesn't give himself enough credit considering he has to balance the competitions with school and work.

"He would have several more titles under his belt if he was able to participate more," Chapman said.

Likely so given the hours of food McCarthy has consumed over the years.

Just about every Wednesday, he ventures up to Hooters on Richmond Road for all you can eat wing special. He gets a plate of 10 wings. Eats them. Gets 10 more. Eats them. And before long, McCarthy has picked, cleaned and swallowed every bit of

what once was more than 150 juicy wings drenched in hot sauce and grease.

"It's a lot of chickens," McCarthy says. "But it isn't like he hasn't done it before."

He often eats near 200 wings, and to his knowledge, he owns the Hooters' record of 201 wings. McCarthy said he can easily eat more — he estimates he can throw back as many as 230 — but his friends usually get tired of waiting for him and the sauces usually get a little dull after so many wings.

"I rarely get that feeling," McCarthy said last week between bulldozing his way through five plates of pizza. "It takes a lot for that to happen."

McCarthy said even as a kid, he never had that feeling. His mother would get him a 20-piece Chicken McNugget, large fries and a Big N' Tasty from McDonald's, but he would still have room to finish off his sibling's meals. He could feel his stomach expanding on occasion when he went to buffets, but the pain never registered in his head to tell him to stop.

So a few years ago McCarthy challenged himself to a 72-ounce searing steak at Reno's Roadhouse in Danville, Ky. McCarthy was supposed to finish the steak and one side in 45 minutes — a feat only a few had accomplished.

McCarthy did it. In 15 minutes. He ate two sides instead of one. And he got dessert.

At that point McCarthy realized he

could compete with the world's best eaters. He decided to participate in the National Strawberry Eating Championship, won it, and was quickly labeled a professional.

He admits he doesn't eat healthy — his nutrition teacher told him a few years ago that he needed to quickly change his eating habits or else there would be severe consequences — but McCarthy is fit, muscles bulge from his T-shirt, and has never had any health problems. Now he competes in as many competitions as school and work will allow him.

Even though he's ranked as the nation's No. 10 best speed eater by the AICE, McCarthy doubts he'll pursue competitive eating much longer. Eventually his metabolism will slow down, he says, and the cost of filling his massive appetite can become expensive.

"I pretty much only do buffets because that's about all I can afford," McCarthy said. "I'm too tempted to buy everything on the menu when I go out because one thing won't fill me up."

McCarthy will have a buffet to chow down on next week in San Diego. Although the competition will only be seven minutes long, Chapman believes McCarthy will more than get his money's worth.

"Anybody who's lucky enough to see the competition is going to witness a battle," Chapman said.

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team first, and I think Marcus has done that. He's gotten to where he's placing the team first in every aspect."

"On the court, you're not fighting for yourself but for your teammates and your coaches and the whole program, the whole school," Sundh said.

The most important lesson that Sundh said he learned is to never give up and fight until the end. Despite being plagued with injuries, Sundh has set all that aside, working through two wrist surgeries and playing despite being injured.

"The thing that he does is he shows up for work every day," Emery said. "Every day he comes, every day he comes to get better, and every day he comes to compete hard. You know what you're getting

when he goes on the court, and you have a good sense that you're going to have his best effort every time."

Last season, Sundh played numerous matches with a broken left arm, pulling out key victories for UK. Emery was not even aware that Sundh was injured until after the fact.

After graduation, Sundh hopes to stay in the United States and teach tennis. Although he is still undecided about turning pro during this time, he knows that he still wants to be involved in tennis.

"When I wake up in the morning after a lot of matches and my body is just aching, I really don't want to move, and I don't want to go pro," Sundh said. "But then the other half of me, if I don't compete in tennis, it would be weird, because that's what I've been doing my whole life ... I love competing, and it's going to be weird if I don't do that."

WILLIAMS

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ready to go out there and leave it all on the floor," said sophomore Hillary Ferguson.

Despite the rollercoaster ride this season, the Cats have spent more time at the top of the hill in the instead of the bottom of the drop.

Even when the team was losing, it still managed to maintain a top-20 ranking. Over the course of the season, UK has broken school records and received an All-SEC award for individual performance.

But for a team that set the bar so high this year, that is not enough.

The UK gymnastics team has spent most of the last two seasons ranked in the top 20. That alone makes the team noteworthy. The only burden for the Cats' success is that they run in

company with teams that are also weighed down with accolades. Therefore, in the aftermath of all their accomplishments, the Cats are always measured by the success of the other SEC schools — a system that doesn't favor UK.

A chance to compete against clubs that UK doesn't see all the time may be an advantage for the Cats, even if it just comes from the mental approach to this weekend's meet.

Because gymnastics doesn't provide opportunities to slow down the other teams with defense, UK will have to give an A+ performance on every rotation. The Cats will have to outlast the competition, and if they do as Ferguson said and "leave it all out on the floor," then the conclusion to this season will have an unexpected twist as the Cats set the record straight.

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Award-winning photographer to speak at UK

By Megan Hurt
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Whether it's a photograph capturing a carnival stripper or the genocide of Kurds by Saddam Hussein, Susan Meiselas has a passion for human rights. Through her photographs, Meiselas portrays the abuses people endure and encourages people to feel sympathy for the forgotten.

Meiselas, whose work has been shown internationally, will give a lecture on her photography as part of the Robert C. May Photography Endowment Lecture Series.

Robert C. May was a photographer, a photography collector and adjunct professor at UK, who left an endowment in 1994 to purchase photography and for photography education. The result of this endowment is the

Robert C. May Lecture Series.

The series, which is in its 11th annual year, consists of two lectures each semester, where award-winning photographers discuss their work and techniques. The lectures are in conjunction with an exhibit of the speaker's photographs in the UK Art Museum.

Meiselas' lecture is the last installment for this year's lecture series, which this year has featured Kenro Izu, John Loengard and Judith Joy Ross.

The UK Art Museum's curator and director of the lecture series, Janie Welker is in charge of choosing the photographers for the series.

"I look for photographers who are outstanding at what they do," Welker said, "and who can offer our students a rare perspective on their professions, how they craft their work, and what is

important for students to know."

Meiselas received notoriety when her innovative book, "Carnival Strippers," was published in 1976. She spent three summers following the women, becoming immersed in their lives. What resulted was a book that not only showed the women's lives through photographs but included a narrative of their stories.

"She had been an incredibly innovative and dedicated photojournalist and passionately involved in exposing abuses of human rights around the world," Welker said.

Meiselas is best known for her coverage of the Nicaraguan civil war between the Somoza dictatorship and Sandinista rebels in 1978 and 1979, where her photos resulted in a congressional investigation on U.S. involvement in the war.

In 1991, Meiselas was asked by the Human Rights Watch to document the exhumation of mass graves to be used as evidence of Saddam Hussein's genocide campaign against the Kurds. She took on the ambitious task, and spent the next six years learning about and photographing Kurdish culture.

Meiselas has won numerous awards and is a member of the international photographers' cooperative Magnum Photos. Her work has been displayed in museums such as the San Francisco Museum of Modern Art, the Art Institute of Chicago and the International Center of Photography.

Meiselas' lecture will be at today 4 p.m. in the UK Student Center's Worsham Theater. Her work will be displayed at the UK Art Museum through May 4. Both the lecture and the exhibit are free to the public.

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■ KERNEL EDITORIAL

State must reaffirm its commitment to higher-ed quickly

When President Lee Todd sent a campuswide e-mail Tuesday announcing that students would most likely pay more next year while faculty and staff will have to make do with their current pay, he should have forwarded a copy to the state Legislature.

To give it context, he should have added a preface, too. This, Todd could have written, is what happens when you put higher education on the back burner, then nearly forget about it.

Last week, the state House and Senate agreed on a budget for the next two years that includes a total 6 percent cut to higher education funding. In a way, it was a win for the universities — after all, Gov. Steve Beshear had originally proposed a 15 percent cut.

But the tone of Todd's e-mail was not that of a victorious leader.

"It will take our individual and collective best to work with this imperfect budget and continue to make progress on top priorities," Todd wrote.

Besides foregoing salary increases in 2008-09 and hiking in-state tuition 9 percent, the proposed "imperfect" budget also requires the university's deans and administrators to absorb \$14 million in reductions.

It might not be the kind of budget that wipes out progress, but it is certainly one that hampers the momentum UK has been building.

Todd's proposed budget shows the real effects of the Legislature's ongoing hypocrisy: The state mandated 11 years ago that UK grow to become a top-20 school by 2020, but since then has effectively looked for ways to impede progress toward that goal.

By being too meek to raise taxes or find other ways to generate more revenue, the Legislature is forcing one of the state's largest employers to withhold raises from its employees while simultaneously driving the cost of college even higher.

The effects will not necessarily be immediate. UK employees have not spent the last few days packing up for a mass exodus. Indeed, hopefully most faculty and staff members will find ways to weather a year without a raise because they believe in the university's mission.

But in future years, even if more money is funneled to higher education, UK could feel the sting of the 2008-09 budget.

Potential hires will certainly hesitate at coming to UK when they see a history of 0 and 1 percent raises. A university trying to attract top faculty and staff to help improve educational quality needs to be able to show future employees that it is not just during the years when the Legislature is feeling generous.

Officially, Todd's proposed budget still must be approved by the Board of Trustees at its April 22 meeting. Similarly, the state budget bill still needs the governor's signature. But given the continuing doubt about the economy, it's unlikely that either budget will improve before taking effect.

This is not the first time UK and other public universities have had to enact millions of dollars in cuts to counter reduced state funding. So far, legislators hardly seem to have noticed.

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■ LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Column glorifying marriage supports inequality

In response to Natalie Glover's column in Tuesday's Kernel, I feel compelled to explain why the columnist's assertion that "unlike a permanent (or not-so-permanent) shack-up, a good marriage will produce more happiness, contentment and fulfillment than any other bond on earth" is not only ignorant, mean and ridiculous, but it perpetuates inequality.

First of all, Glover fails to recognize the harm produced by marriage. The rights of marriage are currently exclusive to groups of people whom fit outside normative intimate standards. I'm talking about cohabitating couples, single parents, the Gay, Bisexual, Lesbian, Transgendered and Questioning community, and so forth. Glover's kind of thinking, intentional or not, keeps rights out of these persons hands because she ranks non-married lifestyles and relationships as less meaningful and thus less deserving.

Further, Glover says that the legal sanctions keep marriages together, and I agree, but why is this a good thing? Shouldn't relationships be based on care, love and happiness, and not a tax break? And, if you feel so strongly about marriage as a religious institution anyway, why would you want to tangle that tradition up with legal concerns? A better solution would be to keep marriage a religious, not legal, practice.

It's also terribly offensive when Glover writes: "If marriages were treated with more honor and entered into with more foresight, far fewer would be bad and broken." A more accurate assessment would be this: If more people could love who they wanted to, how they wanted to, without constantly being forced to conform into social and legal standards like institutional monogamy, more people would be happy. In case she doesn't realize, many non-married people are happy too.

Glover's religious beliefs drive her to cherish married relationships above all else. Fine. Clearly, she assumes relationships that follow the code of ethics from the Bible are better than those that don't. I just wish Glover would just cut out all the talk about professional athletes and say so. But why doesn't she? Because that would be blatantly hateful and intolerant.

So Glover muddles up what she says with a lot of talk about contracts and basketball players. Glover may have distracted herself, but I hope readers aren't.

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Gender and women's studies senior

Correction

Yesterday's Kernel editorial misidentified the source of a study showing that taxpayer financing does not speed economic growth. The study was published in the Journal of Urban Economics.

To report an error, call the Kentucky Kernel at 257-1915 or e-mail editor@kykernel.com.

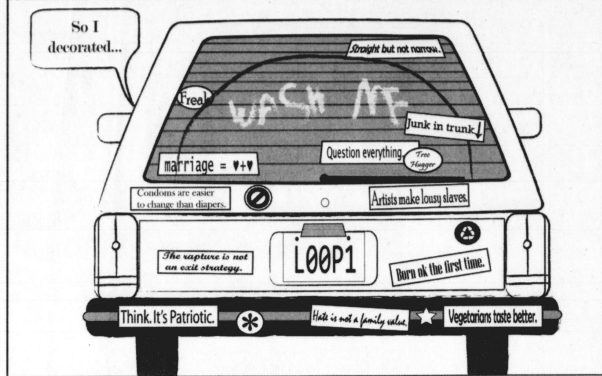
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Neurotica.

by Matt Layson



MATT LAYSON, Kernel cartoonist

Cherish subtle moments in life, for they may influence you forever

As I'm sure everyone else graduating in three weeks does, I was thinking about my years in college the other night.

Specifically, I was thinking about the last few days before the Winter Break of my junior year.

Everyone has a series of counterweights that pull their lives in one direction or another — a situation or interest whose sense of what's right and required for growing up.

I've always felt — barring catastrophic circumstances — the most prominent life-changing experiences are those realized long after they occurred.

Which brings me back to the counterweights in my life. Of course after my internship last summer I realized the experience would be useful for any job I would seek in the future. Of course after seeing the poverty of a developing country I realized I could never think about wealth and luxury in the same way. Of course after the first time holding all 9 pounds of my niece I realized what commitment actually was, in this case the hopes and future this child didn't even know were floating behind her wide, dark eyes.

When compared to the list above, the fleeting hours ending a semester with friends seems trivial

in shaping a life. But the lack of immediate epiphanies doesn't negate a moment's impact. Often, influence seeps from simple moments, just more subtly, and it affects those willing to listen, which, unfortunately, are few.

If people slow down and take the time to examine where they've been, what they've done and the people they've met on a more personal level — not simply the road trips or the eternal Fridays or the passing visits of summer — they will realize how many simple interactions have shaped them.

Which is perhaps the best reason to come to college, regardless of a person's studiousness: It puts you in a world where, at least for a few years, everyone around you is reachable. Meeting and learning from people's backgrounds may never be easier or more accessible.

Instead of seeing Paris or living out of a van for a week, we should savor more subtle moments of influence as well.

The all-too-many nights spent on Transylvania Park looking for an excuse to avoid homework, hoping some valuable conversation will follow. Waiting the last few hours before heading home for Winter Break with a few close friends whose faces I know better than my own. Knowing that at some point, we won't have the luxury of meeting in mutual abandonment of everything outside the apartment door.

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Term 'genocide' too serious, hurtful to be abused by anti-abortion group

There are no catchy introductions today, no pop culture references.

I am sapped of all humor and tolerance by the appearance last week of the Genocide Awareness Project for the second time in my college career.

I can find nothing humorous or even remotely positive about the choice of GAP and its sponsor, UK

Students for Life, to exploit the horror of genocide for their political purposes.

I am in awe of the insensitivity that GAP and Students for Life have displayed toward those with personal experiences with actual genocide, those with close relationships with survivors of genocide, women who have chosen or may in the future choose abortion, the medical and non-medical supporters of women seeking a safe abortion, and the general student population that was subjected to such openly violent imagery.

That is right: using scare-tactics and relying on shocked reactions is nothing short of a violent campaign that constitutes a mental and emotion-

al assault on the viewers.

I have no problem with explicit or "realistic" images; however, the GAP campaign does not use "realistic" images, but instead images that have been constructed specifically to produce a reaction of fear and psychological turmoil in the viewer. These are not educational images; they do not convey information relevant to the issue of abortion.

In my opinion, the GAP campaign is comparable to the overly graphic violence used to disguise a poor plot in an action movie and completely void of any essential purpose.

I support the right of each individual's choice: the choice to have an abortion, the right to carry a fetus to term, the right to identify as pro-choice or the right to identify as anti-choice.

Yes, I hope to convince people in my columns and in my conversations to be pro-choice, but I recognize and respect those individuals who choose to be anti-choice as a result of serious consideration.

In the heat of a particular moment, I may even utter the words "ignorant" or "selfish" regarding anti-choice extremists, but I would never compare anyone to a perpetrator of genocide.

Genocide is far too serious and hurtful of an accusation that is tossed around by GAP and Students for Life with no regard to the long and painful

history of the word.

For those of you who are curious, genocide is defined by Merriam-Webster (and every other legitimate source) as the "deliberate and systematic destruction of a racial, political, or cultural group."

It is so distressing to me that a group that claims to care about the welfare of women, of mothers, and of women who have received abortions is willing to accuse women who have chosen to have an abortion of committing genocide, of systematically killing a race of human beings.

I will finish by reminding all of you who have taken the time to read this column that whatever claims the GAP and the greater anti-choice movement may make concerning freedom and liberty, they are ultimately concerned with the restriction of individual liberties.

Once the right to choose abortion has eroded away, groups like the GAP and Students for Life will then go after prescription birth control (preventing the egg and sperm from meeting is an abortion, too!) and then non-prescription contraception.

Take a good, long look at the door you are opening before you decide that you want to cast aside an important civil liberty.

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STUDENTS

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dent sleeping in their car."

But the group helps the university take an active approach to preventing a campus tragedy, said interim police chief Maj. Joe Monroe, a member of the team. A lot of previously known information about the Virginia Tech shooter was not disseminated to the proper people, he said, and Students of Concern should help UK avoid those communication gaps.

"Virginia Tech was the 9/11 for college campuses," Monroe said. "It woke up college administrators."

In the case that a student is considered a threat to other students, or to him or her self, the dean's office can make it a judicial matter, Terrell said. That could include a student engaging in university conduct violations, such as stalking, or a situation where someone's life was at risk immediately or in the foreseeable future. But Terrell said most of the situations the Students of Concern discuss will not fall into that category.

NEWS BRIEFS

Memorial service to honor UK professor

A memorial will be held on Saturday for Ross Scaife, a UK professor who died March 15. The service starts at 1 p.m. in Memorial Hall, and a pre-service slideshow will begin at 12:30 p.m. A reception in the common area of Ralph G. Anderson Building will follow the service and will last until 4:30 p.m.

Scaife, 47, taught in UK's Department of Modern and Classical Languages, Literatures and Cultures for 17 years. He continued teaching after he was diagnosed with cancer in January 2007.

Golf club offers discounted rates to students, faculty, staff

The University Club of Kentucky is offering discounted golf rates to UK full-time students, faculty, staff and members of the UK Alumni Association. The

2008 University Associate membership dues are \$300 a year, and members pay \$35 a round, which includes a golf cart. The club is located at 4850 Leestown Road. For more information, call (859) 977-1252 or (859) 977-1235.

Writing symposium celebrates writers, offers sessions

UK is holding a writing symposium Monday with sessions on essays and presentations from award-winning student writers. The symposium, which will focus on 100-level student writing, will be in the Gaines Center on East Maxwell Street.

Three sessions will run between 9 a.m. and noon, and again between 1:45 p.m. and 4:30 p.m. The symposium will feature Kentucky author Bobbie Ann Mason as the keynote speaker. For more information call the UK Writing Center at 257-7002.

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PORTRAIT TIMES:

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