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## UK reveals proposed tuition hike today

By Adam Sichko  
THE KENTUCKY KERNEL

Students will learn this afternoon what tuition increase UK's administration wants to set for the 2006-07 school year at a campus tuition forum in Worsham Theater.

UK has held such forums for the past several years, laying out UK's budget and proposed tuition increases to students, faculty and staff, who will be able to ask questions after the presentation ends. For three straight years, UK has issued double-digit tuition increases.

UK President Lee Todd and Angie Mar-

tin, UK's vice president for planning, budget and policy, will unveil the figures that UK's administration wants the Board of Trustees to approve in its meeting tomorrow.

### Tuition Forum

When: Today, 1 p.m.  
Where: Worsham Theater (in Student Center)

At most, tuition could increase by 15.1 percent, Martin said; that is the point at which the Kentucky Council on Post-Secondary Education has capped tuition increases.

"I'm not saying that's what we're doing," Martin said. "But that's what they're (the council) giving us the capability of doing."

Martin added that much of the tuition increase depends on the final state budget,

a process that won't end until late this month or early April. "Until you really see it, it's difficult" to gauge an increase, she said.

But if last year serves as any indication, the percent increases released today are proposals that are far from final, Todd said.

"We do not yet know what final state appropriations for UK and the other public universities will be next year," Todd said in a campus-wide e-mail late last week.

"Those appropriations determine, in large measure, what we ultimately charge for tuition and fees."

Last year, UK initially proposed a 16.4

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## Building demolition starts today

### Tearing down Limestone Street strip will shift traffic patterns

By Shannon Mason  
THE KENTUCKY KERNEL

Part of South Limestone Street will temporarily close as early as the end of this week due to the demolition of properties on the strip between Transcript Avenue and Conn Terrace.

Southbound lanes — those running away from downtown — will be closed while contractors are tearing down buildings and digging foundations in preparation for the construction of UK HealthCare's new parking garage, said Jim Conner, project manager with UK's Capital Project Management Division.

Conner said traffic will be routed into the northbound turning lane. This lane is normally used to turn left onto Transcript Avenue from Limestone Street. Transcript Avenue will become a one-way street for east-bound traffic during the construction.

"It will take about three weeks to get everything torn down," Conner said. "Construction (on the new garage) will start around the first of April when they start pouring concrete."

Dr. Michael Karpf, executive vice president of health affairs at UK, said the garage will take 14 to 16 months to complete.

"The garage will be open next summer," Karpf said. "And then the old garage comes down and the new bed tower goes up."

Karpf said students will begin to notice other changes as well.

"The changes on Huguelet and Virginia will start real soon, within the next month to six weeks," Karpf said.

Virginia Avenue will be extended through part of campus to connect with Huguelet Avenue, and Rose Street will be closed from Huguelet to South Limestone. This will form a T-intersection where Huguelet Avenue meets with Rose Street right now.

Each of these projects is a part of phase one of the UK HealthCare expansion.

The three-phase project, scheduled to be finished in 2020, also includes building a new critical-care facility and an ambulance facility.

Karpf said the expansion is progressing on schedule.

"We'll have the final plans for the bed tower and a picture available within the next few months," said Karpf.

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## FLORIDA 79, UK 64



KEITH SMILEY | STAFF

A student manager comforts senior guard Ravi Moss as he walks off the court after UK's 79-64 loss to Florida on Senior Day. Moss scored 8 points in the game.

## Gators' grip silences Cats, crowd

By Josh Sullivan  
THE KENTUCKY KERNEL

Yesterday's Senior Day for UK was copied directly from the script of the Cats' first game against Florida in February.

It even ended in the same way. Just like the 98-83 loss Feb. 4 in Gainesville, Fla., the Cats battled neck-and-neck with the Gators until the halftime break before Florida sophomore forward Joakim Noah engineered a second-half rout, leading the Gators to their fourth straight win over UK, 79-64.

Ahead 34-33 at the half, Florida exploded out of the locker room with an 11-1 run and never looked back.

The Cats managed to get the margin to single digits just once the rest of the game, when Joe Crawford sank a pair of free throws for two of his game-high 21 points to close the gap to 49-41.

"We didn't really have the energy we needed at the start of the second half," said head coach Tubby Smith.

It didn't help matters that UK center Randolph Morris went to the bench two and a half minutes into the second half after picking up his third foul. Despite playing 19 minutes because of another bout with foul trouble, Morris chipped in 14 points. The Cats missed him down low where Florida enjoyed a considerable size advantage, with Noah weighing in as the lightest Gator on the frontline at 227 pounds.

Smith tried to offset the Gators' inside bulk with a smaller lineup, but the Cats remained frigid from the field, shooting 38 percent for the game.

"We didn't use (the small lineup) to our advantage," Crawford said. "We didn't get to the basket."

Noah followed his 26-point showing in the first matchup with 15 points and 11 rebounds. He wasn't nearly as demonstrative as he was during the game in Gainesville, where he re-

peatedly thumped his chest after big plays. "Kentucky has a lot of tradition; it's unbelievable," Noah said. "I have a lot of respect for that."

"When we play Kentucky, I see it in our team's eyes, we're nervous. But it's a good nervous. We say, 'We've got to be ready because they'll blow us out.'"

Yesterday marked the third time in a four-game losing streak to Florida that the Cats fell by 15 points or more. The Gators were so dominant in the second half that the second largest Rupp Arena crowd of the season was largely silent.

"This was as quiet as it's ever been," Florida sophomore forward Chris Richard said of the 24,329 fans in attendance. "This isn't the Rupp I know. You've got people jumping off the bandwagon like crazy."

Richard credited halftime strategies for the Gators' superior second half.

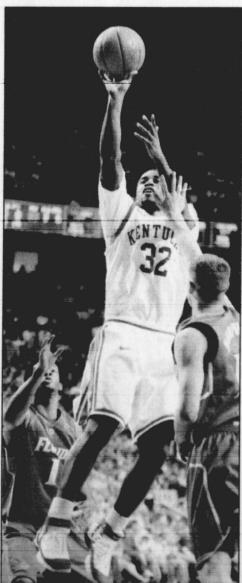
"We went in at halftime and adjusted and it just worked out," said Richard. "I think we just wanted it more. We went in and played hard because we knew what was at stake."

At stake was second place in the Southeastern Conference Eastern Division and a first-round bye in this weekend's conference tournament in Nashville. With just its second loss in the last 42 Senior Day contests, UK will play on the opening day of the SEC tournament for the first time since the conference split into two divisions in the 1991-92 season.

Senior guard Ravi Moss said the Cats are eager to take the floor and get rid of the taste of yesterday's disappointment.

"You definitely want to play as soon as possible after a game like this, so I'm not really hurt by having to play on Thursday," he said. "We've got a tall task ahead of us, winning four games in four days."

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HILLY SCHIFFER | STAFF

Sophomore guard Joe Crawford goes up for two of his game-high 21 points in yesterday's loss.

## WRFL delays GM selection again

### Originally scheduled for Feb. 27

By Darush Shafa  
THE KENTUCKY KERNEL

UK's student-run campus radio station, 88.1 WRFL-FM, is delaying the selection of next year's general manager until next week or after Spring Break.

The original delay took place after WRFL General Manager John Edwards amended the constitution, taking away voting powers of the general manager. That change added the general manager and the radio station's faculty adviser, telecommunications professor John Clark, to the non-voting advisory panel.

Now, Edwards is postponing the selection again because of scheduling conflicts among the station's staff participating in the selection process.

"I can't get everybody's schedule to coincide for this week, so we're just going to wait," Edwards said.

Because of schedule differences, Edwards also said the exact time of selection is still up in the air.

"Either we'll get something done over Spring Break or the week after," he said.

The application deadline — which passed Feb. 22 — is not being pushed back, Edwards said.

For the three applicants the wait will be longer, but Edwards said it shouldn't have any real effect on the selection process.

"I think it's going to be fine," Edwards said. "I don't think there's anything to worry about."

"It's not really a big deal," he said. "No worries." E-mail dshafa@kykernel.com

## Tuition

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percent increase, a figure that ultimately dropped to 12.5 percent after the state budget process had ended. This year, the state budget scenario has already fluctuated several times.

A difference this year is that UK is operating under its new Top-20 Business Plan, which sets tuition increases based upon how much additional general fund money it gets from the state legislature. According to Gov. Ernie Fletcher's budget proposal in January, UK would get a \$4.49 million boost next year — more than \$13 million less than what UK is asking for. That would mean between a 16 percent and 17 percent tuition increase for students.

But Friday, the House Budget Committee approved a budget that allots UK an extra \$9 million — which would equate to about a 14 percent or 15 percent tuition increase. The full House is expected to approve the budget tomorrow, which will then go to the Senate for its changes and a vote there.

The state budget process will not end until late this month or early April.

"Of course, dramatic changes in the state budget can have an impact on final tuition rates," Todd said in the e-mail. "That happened last year. Nevertheless, it is important to begin making plans and to let families and students know as quickly as possible about tuition for the coming year."

Todd said UK must establish a rate now — even if it might not be final — so that it can notify prospective students what their costs will be early enough to remain competitive with other schools. UK also needs a figure to work with to start calculating scholarships and awards, he said.

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## NEWS BRIEFS

### Gunmen attack mosques in Iraq

BAGHDAD, Iraq — Unidentified gunmen attacked at least three mosques in Iraq over the weekend, killing four people and prolonging a nearly two-week spate of sectarian violence that has deepened animosity between the country's Shiite and Sunni Muslims.

Politicians continued their efforts Sunday to form a national

unity government that they hope can help heal the rifts and end an epidemic of attacks that has left more than 1,000 dead since the bombing of a revered Shiite mosque in Samarra, north of Baghdad, on Feb. 22. But a key Shiite religious leader, the firebrand cleric Moqtada al-Sadr, indicated that he would not abandon his candidate for prime minister, Interim Prime Minister Ibrahim al-Jafari, as Sunni Muslims and Kurdish parties are demanding.

## Business plan + Idea Fair = student profit

By Blair Thomas  
THE KENTUCKY KERNEL

The deadline is fast approaching for students interested in entering the fourth-annual Idea Fair Business Concept Competition, held early next month.

The Idea Fair, hosted by the UK Entrepreneurs Club and the Gatton College of Business and Economics, is a competition in which UK students develop and present their own business ideas before a panel of expert judges.

The deadline for entrance is Friday, and nearly 40 local entrepreneurs, venture capitalists, community leaders and business development experts have been selected to serve as judges at various phases of the competition. The grand prize winner will receive \$1,500.

"Aside from how great this will look on a resume, students will get feedback from the judges, who are successful business leaders in the community and in the nation," said Gabriel Wilmoth, associate director of the Von Allmen Center for Entrepreneurship at UK and coordinator of the Idea Fair. "It is a great opportunity for students to take the initiative and really showcase their creativity."

An information session held Thursday in the Gatton College of Business

and Economics gave students the opportunity to obtain competition guidelines and to have any questions answered.

"(Thursday) was about clarifying the details of the competition for those who are interested in submitting an entry and helping them with any ideas they have come up with," Wilmoth said.

The competition is open to students in all majors and of any academic rank. Students are encouraged to enter in teams, but individuals are welcome as well.

Teams entering the competition will be offered an all-day workshop March 25 with nationally-recognized entrepreneurship experts Mack Davis and Courtney Price to help them assess their business concepts.

Agriculture economics senior Chelsy Hopperton entered the competition last year after attending the workshop.

"The workshop was an amazing experience for me," Hopperton said. "It was time-consuming, but completely worth it. We were exposed to such a diverse group of individuals all interested in learning more about business development."

Hopperton, who plans to enter again this year, said the Idea Fair encourages students to think about concepts they may have never before considered.

"Regardless of what career path they may choose, it is an experience that helps you to gain a better perspective of marketing and finance in our everyday lives," Hopperton said. "You learn how to develop a business and can get expert advice from successful people already active in the entrepreneurship market."

Wilmoth encouraged students not to let the Friday deadline intimidate them.

"This doesn't mean that the plan they submit next week will be the same one they are judged on in April," Wilmoth said. "I expect their ideas to change; they should change. I hope they get better."

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### For more information

For additional information about the Idea Fair or regarding business concept submissions, students can contact Gabriel Wilmoth at [Gabriele@uky.edu](mailto:Gabriele@uky.edu) or the Von Allmen Center for Entrepreneurship at (859) 257-1536 or by going online to [www.lexicc.com](http://www.lexicc.com).

## AT&T to purchase BellSouth

By Arshad Mohammed  
THE WASHINGTON POST

WASHINGTON — AT&T Inc. announced plans yesterday to buy BellSouth Corp. for about \$67 billion in stock in a deal that will reassemble large swaths of the old "Ma Bell" local-telephone monopoly but is likely to win regulatory approval because of growing competition from mobile phone, cable and Internet telephone companies.

The merger would dramatically expand San Antonio-based AT&T, which is already the largest phone company in the country, by extending its local phone service into 22 states and giving it full control of Cingular Wireless, the largest mobile phone company in the nation.

The deal, which was announced by the two companies Sunday, would be the one of the

largest telecom mergers in history. The new company would be a behemoth with more than 317,000 employees, 70.9 million local landlines, 54 million cell phone subscribers and 9.9 million broadband Internet users.

Taking control of Cingular, currently run as a joint venture of AT&T and BellSouth, was one of AT&T's main reasons for the deal and would give it free rein to exploit one of the fastest-growing parts of the industry — the huge demand for wireless services, company officials have said.

The merger illustrates how the U.S. telephone industry has both transformed since the government broke up AT&T in 1984, splitting its long-distance operations from the seven major "Baby Bells" that offered local-telephone service across most of the country.

In recent years, the number

of local-telephone landlines has steadily shrunk as people have switched to wireless and, albeit in relatively small numbers, have begun to buy phone service from cable companies and voice over Internet protocol providers.

The big telecom companies are increasingly vying with cable companies to offer a triple play of services — combining phone service with cable TV and high-speed Internet access into "bundles" that cost customers less than if they bought each part separately. By adding mobile phone service, phone companies would be able to offer a "quadruple play."

AT&T chairman and chief executive Edward E. Whitacre Jr., who will become head of the merged company, said he planned to market Cingular under the AT&T name and was confident the deal would pass

muster with federal regulators.

"Competition is everywhere. We have to be efficient, we have to bring good value to consumers, and in this case, that translates to going from three networks — BellSouth's, Cingular's and ours — to one," Whitacre said in an interview.

"It's an efficiency move," Gene Kimmelman, senior policy director at Consumers Union, decried the merger, saying it would inevitably push prices higher.

"This will end the era of falling long-distance and cell phone prices, leaving consumers paying inflated charges due to lack of competition," Kimmelman said.



Under the deal, BellSouth shareholders will receive 1.325 shares of AT&T stock for each BellSouth share in a transaction the companies valued at about \$67 billion.

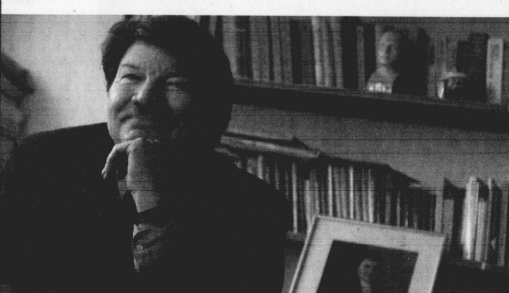
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# Iran: Enrichment of uranium will go on

By John Daniszewski  
LOS ANGELES TIMES

TEHRAN, Iran — Iran's chief nuclear negotiator Sunday said his country stood ready to increase the scale of its uranium enrichment if its nuclear program was formally put before the U.N. Security Council this week.

Appearing relaxed and confident during a Tehran news conference despite mounting pressure from the international community, negotiator Ali Larijani said that Iran was willing to talk about many aspects of its nuclear program but that it would not suspend the small-scale enrichment activities it began this month.

He spoke on the eve of a key meeting of the International Atomic Energy Agency in Vienna, Austria, and on the same day that U.S. Ambassador to the United Nations John Bolton said Iran faced "tangible and painful consequences" if it did not bow to the wishes of the international community and cease enrichment.

Fielding questions for nearly two hours, Larijani insisted that Iran's program was for peaceful purposes permitted under the Nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty and

that Iran was not harboring secret aims to produce nuclear weapons.

"Nuclear research is Iran's right, and we are not going to give that up," he said.

Iran has been seeking to convince the international community that negotiations under the rubric of the IAEA should be given more time to succeed before the issue is referred to the Security Council.

Once the issue is at the Security Council, the five permanent members — the United States, Britain, France, Russia and China — could work to impose sanctions on Iran's government, although diplomats say that is not expected to take place right away.

Such measures would be counterproductive, Larijani argued, saying they would compel Iran to reduce its cooperation with the IAEA and step up its fledgling enrichment activities.

"If the nuclear dossier is reported... we will certainly resume uranium enrichment. We wished to reach conclusion and eliminate the ambiguities through dialogue and understanding. But if the other side resorts to force, we will use our own approach,"

he said.

Larijani hinted that Iran might react by restricting its oil exports to drive up international prices.

"If conditions change, this may become effective," he said.

In spite of Iran's show of calm, the country has been in overdrive to convince the international community that it does not deserve to be put under a sanctions regime. Larijani held talks in Moscow and Vienna in recent days, and President Mahmoud Ahmadinejad toured Muslim countries in Asia to drum up sympathy for Iran's position.

Iran says it is willing in principle to accept a Russian offer to have uranium enriched on an industrial scale on Russian soil at a joint facility, as long as Iran will eventually be allowed to do so on its own territory. It accuses the United States of trying to sabotage the Russian plan.

Western countries say they do not trust Iran to limit enrichment to the level needed for energy production. With a few adjustments, the enrichment process that produces civilian fuel can be used to make weapons-grade material.

# Calif. concert turns into riot

By Arin Gencer  
LOS ANGELES TIMES

SAN BERNARDINO, Calif. — Five people were injured and 15 were arrested Saturday night after police responded to a stabbing at a San Bernardino punk-rock concert and ultimately clashed with concertgoers. San Bernardino authorities said.

The stabbing victim, whose name has not been released, remained in the hospital Sunday, said Sgt. Dale Blackwell of the city's police department. Four officers and another concertgoer also suffered injuries, Blackwell said. The officers were treated at a hospital and released, he added.

Two police cars were destroyed, Blackwell said, and

four others had minor damage. Nearby businesses also experienced "significant damage," he said, as concertgoers smashed windows and ransacked some establishments.

Officers arrested people for offenses ranging from public drunkenness to assault with a deadly weapon and burglary, Blackwell said.

The concert featured several popular bands, including The Adicts, Vice Squad and GBH.

San Bernardino police received a call reporting a beating at the concert, Blackwell said. That was quickly upgraded to a stabbing, he said. When six officers and a supervisor arrived at the scene and attempted to reach the victim, the crowd, estimated at several thousand, turned

"hostile toward the police," he said, and they were forced to retreat.

"Officers started receiving rocks and bottles," and took a defensive position, Blackwell said. "The crowd just kept surging on."

San Bernardino police called for assistance from neighboring agencies. More than 190 officers ended up at the scene, the sergeant said, representing ten different agencies, including the California Highway Patrol and the Claremont, Fontana and Pomona police departments.

San Bernardino police shot tear gas outside, Blackwell said, and officers from other departments also shot bean-bag rounds, which are less lethal than regular bullets.

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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>*Solar Car Team Meeting, 4:00 PM, DVT Engineering Building</li> <li>*James W. Stuckert Career Center Drop-In Hours, 3:30 PM, James W. Stuckert Career Center 408 Rose Street</li> <li>*Deadline to Apply Via CyberCAT to interview with Total Quality Logistics at the Career Center, 408 Rose St</li> <li>*Feminist Alliance Meeting, 7:30 PM, Gaines Center for the Humanities 232 E. Maxwell St.</li> <li>*KARAOKE, 7:00 PM, Student Center Cats Den</li> <li>*Swing Dance Lessons, 8:00 PM, Tates Creek Ballroom, 1400 Gainesway Dr.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>*BINGO!, 7:00 PM, STUDENT CENTER CATS DEN</li> <li>*Alpha Phi Omega Active Meeting, 7:30 PM, Student Center, Room 859</li> <li>*Reformed University Fellowship (RUF), 7:30 PM, student center rm. 357</li> <li>*Soc. of Telecom. Scholars Meeting, 5:00 PM, Maggie Room, Graham Building</li> <li>*College Democrats Weekly Meeting, 7:30 PM, Rm. 211 Student Center</li> <li>*Cheap Seat Tuesdays presents Walk the Line, 8:00 PM, Worsham Theatre</li> <li>*Horiculture Club Meeting, 5:30 PM, Greenhouse classroom</li> <li>*Fencing Club Practice, 8:00 PM, Buell Armory</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>*Internship Information Sessions, 1:00 PM, 408 Rose St</li> <li>*James W. Stuckert Career Center Drop-In Hours, 3:00 PM, James W. Stuckert Career Center 408 Rose Street</li> <li>*Comedy Caravan, 8:00 PM, Student Center Cats Den</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>*RSA General Assembly Meetings, 5:30 PM, 359 Student Center</li> <li>*Reformed University Fellowship (RUF), 7:30 PM, Student Center rm. 357</li> <li>*Mad Hot Ballroom, 10:00 PM, Center Theater in the Student Center</li> <li>*Arts &amp; Sciences Majors: Exploring Careers &amp; Internships, 3:30 PM, 408 Rose St</li> <li>*Spring Break Bluegrass Airport Shuttle, Pick-up limited to campus</li> <li>*Job Search Strategies for International Students, 3:30 PM, 408 Rose St</li> <li>*Fencing Club Practice, 8:00 PM, Buell Armory</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>*James W. Stuckert Career Center Drop-In Hours, 3:00 PM, James W. Stuckert Career Center 408 Rose Street</li> <li>*Spring Break Bluegrass Airport Shuttle, Pick-up limited to campus</li> <li>*ICF Free Dinner and Fellowship, 7:00 PM, CSF Building (across from Cooperstown Apt.)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>*Swing Dance, 8:00 PM, Arthur Murray Dance Studio, 1801 Alexandria Dr., Lexington, KY</li> </ul> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>GO CATS!</b></p>

## Mogwai made me deaf – and I love it

By Nathan Thatcher  
KERNEL MUSIC CRITIC

As I was walking into the Dame Friday night to see Mogwai and Growing, purely out of habit, I silenced my cell phone. And thank God for that, because a phone ringing would have entirely overpowered the performance and ruined everything (insert sarcastic smirk).

Actually the only things getting ruined at the Dame were the fans, or their hearing, anyway. As one of the unfortunate, partially deaf souls to disregard the earplug salesman, I can confidently say the show was just a *little* on the loud side. But if Mogwai created the last sounds I ever heard, I think I'd be comfortable with that. Dominic Aitchison (bass), Stuart Braithwaite (guitar), Martin Bulloch (drums), Barry Burns (guitar/keyboards/flute) and John Cummings (guitar) of Mogwai played to a stuffy throng of peacefully-inebriated ladies and gents on Friday, and the crowd adored them.

The quintet ventured all the way from Glasgow, Scotland, on an extensive U.S. tour to promote their new album "Mr. Beast," which goes on sale tomorrow. Joe Denardo and Kevin Doria of Growing, an impressive instrumental guitar band from Washington state, perfectly set the table for Mogwai with their very own synthetically enhanced guitar assault/lullaby, which vacillated between dreamy echoed melodies and furious salvos of explosive noise. They came and went without saying a word, but left an impression (and a constant ringing sound) with the audience.

And then there was Mogwai. Braithwaite curiously introduced the band, and they immediately started to roar with "Glasgowmegasnake," a fast, violent new track from "Mr. Beast." But if you're unfamiliar with the sound, don't let the noisiness frighten you away, because this group offers much more than the uber-loud guitar and drum sound that you'd find in this song.

Mogwai manages to create a thoughtful balance between very loud, blunt-force movements and very quiet, subtle movements within each song. The next song to follow the noisy opener was "Yes! I Am A Long Way From Home," a song as gentle and innocuous as a warm blanket, which features some taps on a xylophone that would've been all but inaudible if used in a different song.



Members of Mogwai perform Friday night at the Dame. The Glasgow, Scotland-based quintet stopped by Lexington as part of their U.S. tour to promote their new album, "Mr. Beast."

There is no real overall sound of Mogwai, only some enduring tones and rhythms that are shifted around and patched together in different ways, and many of the songs on Mr. Beast sounded very reticent of their past songs. Though it's hard to tell the difference between some of their songs, the familiar flavor is still a very good one, and as the old adage goes, if it ain't broke, don't fix it.

During a quiet spot in between songs, one of the fans, obviously a Rhodes Scholar and geography expert, hollered out at the quiet, intently focused band, (which hails from Scotland, by the way), "Hooray for Dublin!" Braithwaite smiled, either entertained or insulted by this brilliant remark, and cheered back at the fan, "Spain!"

Dublin, as we all know, is in France. After a brief intermission, Mogwai closed with "I Know You Are But What Am I?" and "Rattle of the Capital," two old favorites from "Happy Songs For Happy People." The fans thus fell out of their entranced, jelly-necked reverie, and on the whole seemed very impressed by Mogwai, who played a set that was well-rehearsed and spotless, aside from some minor audio problems.

"Well, yeah, they're pretty good, but they're not as good as the L.F.U.C.S.," said local musician Michael Marcks (of the L.F.U.C.S.). "It was a drone; they had a definite drone."

"I really liked it, and I thought that they should have had some sort of a visual show, an LCD screen or something like that. And because they're not the kind of band that you can dance to, that would have been nice to have," said UK anthropology senior Julia Taylor. "I thought it was great; it reminded of stuff I'd want to put to a contemporary ballet."

Mogwai and Growing both put on great sets that could have been heard for miles, and the fans obviously appreciated the chance to see such prominent musicians, and hear some new music as well.

And rest assured, when my hearing returns, "Mr. Beast" will be the first thing I hear to re-damage my pitiful ears.

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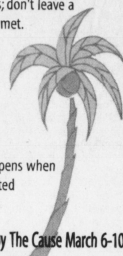
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### Spring Break Safety Week March 6th-10th

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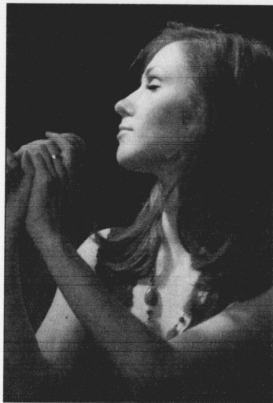


## PETTICOAT, PETTICOAT



**ROBIN BAKER | STAFF**  
Bassist Jackson Silvanik and vocalist Kristin Messina (also pictured below) of Petticoat, Petticoat perform at the Dame last night in downtown Lexington. The band was recently signed to Kalmia Records, an independent label founded by two current UK students.

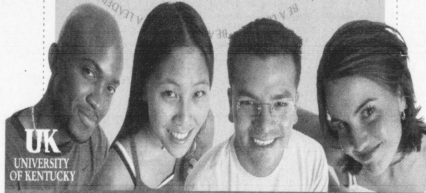
Petticoat, Petticoat, a Lexington-based folk-pop quartet comprised of guitarist Dickie Haydon, vocalist Kristin Messina, bassist Jackson Silvanik and drummer Scott Overall, performed with Page France at the Dame last night. They are the first band to be signed by local independent label Kalmia Records and will release their album "Every Mother's Child" later this year.



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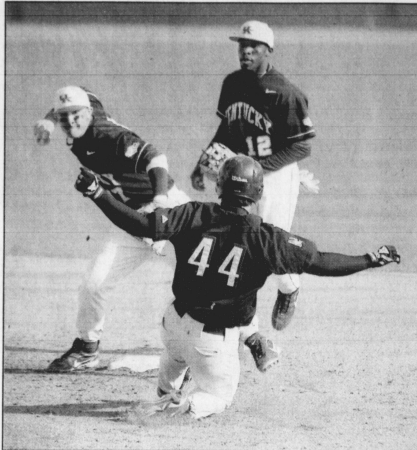
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## Forty-one runs earn Cats sweep



Sophomore shortstop Ryan Wilkes throws to first as Northwestern senior outfielder Anthony Wyclendit slides into second base during UK's 12-7 win on Saturday.

UK swept Northwestern over the weekend, winning all three games in the series.

The Cats continue their 16-game homestand tomorrow when it hosts Western Kentucky at 4 p.m.

KETH SMILEY | STAFF

By Ryan Mabry  
THE KENTUCKY KERNEL

A word of advice to all future UK opponents: don't pitch around hitters batting in front of Ryan Strieby.

Northwestern starter George Kontos learned that lesson yesterday.

After Sean Coughlin's two home run performance on Saturday, Kontos (0-3) pitched very tentatively to him Sunday, intentionally walking Coughlin with first base open and two out in the third inning to get to Strieby. Strieby obliged him, popping out to end the inning.

However, after Kontos walked Coughlin again in the fifth — throwing two wild pitches in the process — Strieby launched a three-run bomb well over the wall in center field.

"(Coughlin's) been swinging it great lately. He's been hitting everything hard," Strieby said. "I had it in the back of my mind that they might put him on, so I'd have to come up big in that situation if they did."

That hit opened the floodgates for the Cats, who had been struggling offensively in the game up to that point. Northwestern brought in Dan Schwartz to try to stop the bleeding, but the UK hitters continued pounding away, racking up seven runs before Schwartz induced a fly ball from Ryan Wilkes and picked

off Antone DeJesus.

The big inning sealed UK's first series sweep of the season, as they defeated Northwestern 10-3 yesterday at Cliff Hagan Stadium.

Head coach John Cohen was impressed with what he saw from the opposing starter before the Cats were able to get to him.

"The kid who pitched against us today is a projected first- or second-round pick," Cohen said. "He's as good as anybody you'll see in our league, so it's great preparation for us. Early on, we set up innings like we have all year long and we just didn't put the barrel in the right spot at the right time."

"I think Kontos got to about the 80-pitch mark, maybe he lost a little bit of velocity, and we found some barrels," Cohen said.

The home run wasn't the only offense provided by Strieby. He went 4-for-5 on the day, driving in four runs and hitting two doubles to go along with the homer. He went to the plate in the eighth inning needing a triple for the cycle, but doubled down the left field line.

Sophomore pitcher Greg Dombrowski (3-0) had another solid outing, going seven in-

nings and allowing one run on ten hits for his third quality start in as many appearances. He struck out three and hasn't walked a batter this season.

"For me, it's just trying to throw strikes continuously and make the hitters put the ball in play and not get free bases," Dombrowski said. "Coach preaches every day to throw at the strike zone and eliminate the walks."

Cohen was pleased with Dombrowski's performance. "His velocity is not what you'd expect out of an SEC-caliber pitcher, but his sink and his movement and his deception are," Cohen said. "That's what we want him to do. We want him to get ground balls."

John Cohen  
UK head baseball coach,  
on pitcher Greg Dombrowski

up two hits and two unearned runs. Albers has been struggling with tendonitis.

"The problem with Albers right now with the little injury he has is not while he's pitching, it's 24 hours later," Cohen said. "We'll see how he is tomorrow."

"Our season's going to go as his progress goes in a lot of ways," he said.

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## Softball ices opponents in Frostbite Classic

By Ryan Kuhn  
THE KENTUCKY KERNEL

As hard as it was to stay warm in Lexington this weekend, UK softball just couldn't seem to cool off.

The Cats beat Belmont 13-1 in five innings Sunday to complete a perfect weekend and win the inaugural Frostbite Classic at the UK softball complex. The team won all four of this weekend's games to improve their record to 11-6 on the season.

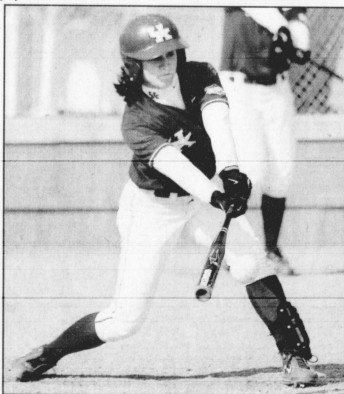
Gina Florence, Megan Glenn, Lori Melchi, and Alli Ray combined to hit .405 for the tournament and accounted for 13 of UK's 24 runs while batting near the bottom of the lineup. Coach Eileen Schmidt was proud of the way her team responded following a poor showing last weekend at the Aztec Invitational in San Diego.

"The bottom part of our order really played well this weekend," she said. "We really didn't have any offense from our last few batters in San Diego and that helped us out a lot."

UK has been bitten by the injury bug early this season, with the most recent victim being catcher/outfielder Alli Eckman, who is out for the season with a torn ACL. Schmidt felt that the injuries weighed heavy on the players' minds last weekend.

"We finally got over the 'poor me' attitude," Schmidt said. "The players realize now that we won't be getting some girls back from injuries and we need to be able to win without them."

UK showed early in the tournament that they could do just that, beating Morehead State 9-1 on Friday afternoon. Senior Meghan Cooper hit her first home run of the year in



KETH SMILEY | STAFF  
Junior infielder Brooke Marantz makes contact during UK's 6-3 win over Ohio in the inaugural Frostbite Classic tournament Saturday.

the top of the first to start the UK scoring, which didn't stop until the last out Sunday.

The Cats went on to defeat Ohio 6-3 and Youngstown State 9-0 on Saturday before facing Belmont on Sunday afternoon. Coach Schmidt was impressed with her team's performance at the plate.

"We were very productive on offense this weekend," she said. "A lot of players stepped up their game and played really well."

UK came out of the gate quickly against Belmont and went up 11-0 after two innings. Freshman Lydia Pierce pitched two perfect innings before weather became a fac-

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### TV JUMBLE

by David L. Hoyt

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TURTIEB Clue: Appreciative show

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RCLOTON Clue: Remote influence

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UK junior guard Natassia Alcius chases down a loose ball during UK's game against Alabama on Feb. 26 in Rupp Arena.

Alcius led the team in scoring with 14 points during UK's 79-52 loss to LSU over the weekend in the women's Southeastern Conference Tournament in North Little Rock, Ark.

The Cats (21-8, 9-5 SEC) will have to wait until Sunday to find out if they made it to the NCAA Tournament, their seed, and where they are headed.

KEITH SMILEY | STAFF

## LSU tops Cats in SEC semifinals

STAFF REPORT

UK averaged a late-season loss at the hands of the Florida Gators Friday at the Southeastern Conference Women's Tournament.

Then they ran into a buzz saw in the form of No. 3 LSU, the tournament's top seed.

Seimone Augustus scored 29 points, including 16 of her team's first 26, as the Lady Tigers (27-2) used speedy and aggressive defense to stifle UK's attack and cruise to a 79-52 victory.

UK (21-7) played as a top-four seed in the tournament for the first time in

school history.

Natassia Alcius led the Cats, finishing with 14 points. Sarah Elliott added 10.

The closest the Cats got after LSU opened up a 21-4 lead was 31-21 with 3:26 left in the first half. They wouldn't score until after intermission, and went into the locker room trailing 37-21.

Six-foot-5 LSU center Sylvia Fowles sprained her right ankle during the second half of the contest. She didn't play in the tournament's championship game, which Tennessee won over the Lady Tigers 63-62.

Friday, the Cats took apart the Gators 88-70 behind a pair of 20-point efforts by Elliott and Samantha Mahoney.

The Gators built an early 17-16 lead, but hit just two of their next 17 field-goal attempts as UK built an insurmountable lead.

Florida finished 24-of-75 from the field.

The Cats finished with four players in double figures. Alcius scored 13 points and Jenny Pfeiffer added 11. Jennifer Humphrey added 10 rebounds in the win.

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## SPORTS BRIEFS

### Men's tennis gets two wins; Hume named SEC Player of the Week

UK senior Alex Hume was named SEC Player of the Week last week after defeating the nation's No. 4 player, Lars Poerschke of Baylor, in the Cats' loss to the Bears.

Hume responded by winning his career-best 10th straight match, 7-5, 7-6 (10-8) over Auburn's No. 83 Robert Lathouwers to lead the No. 39 Cats to a 5-2 win over No. 40 Auburn Friday. Hume also was part of a point-clinching doubles victory, teaming up with fellow senior Nate Emge to top Auburn's Terence Nugent and Alex Schweizer 8-4.

The Cats defeated No. 52 Alabama 4-3 yesterday, winning four consecutive singles matches after falling behind 3-0. Hume, Emge, freshman Bruno Agostinelli and sophomore Marcus Sundh each won matches with the Cats' backs against the wall to take the match from the Tide.

### Gymnastics falls to No. 1 Georgia

No. 1 Georgia (13-0, 6-0 SEC) jumped out to a slight lead and held it for the match, turning back the No. 19 Cats (7-5, 1-5) 196.625 - 194.450 in front of 9,823 fans at Stegeman Coliseum in Athens, Ga., Friday. Junior Krystle Cook, who is in the national Top-20 in all-around scores average

with a 39.044, posted a 39.050 to lead UK. The score was good enough for fourth in the meet, as Georgia placed the top three gymnasts.

The Cats close out the regular season at home this Friday against Ball State and Air Force.

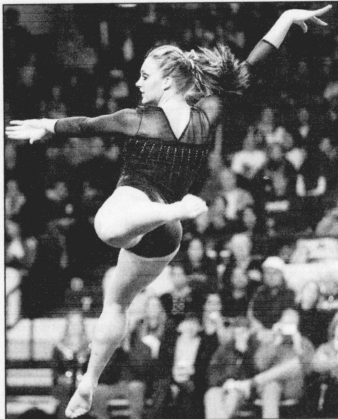
### Track hits several provisional marks

Seven UK runners and the men's 4x400 relay team set personal bests or hit provisional NCAA qualifying marks this weekend at a qualifier at Iowa State University. The 4x400 team had all four runners set personal bests, led by Justin Harrison's 46:96, which is good enough to land a provisional mark.

The team's time of 3:07.01 won first place at the meet and is more than likely good enough to earn an invitation to the NCAA Championships next week in Fayetteville, Ark. The Cat team will wait for selections to the championships, set for March 10 and 11 at the University of Arkansas.

### Women's golf cards ninth-place finish in bayou

UK finished ninth at the LSU/Cleveland Classic in Baton Rouge this weekend. Senior Erin Faulkner led the Cats, finishing in 21st place with a three-day total of 225. Senior Ali Kicklighter and Samantha Dotson finished tied for 44th with 228. Auburn won the event at 9-over-par, fol-



Junior Rachel Riley performs her floor routine during gymnastics Excite Nite Jan. 14 in Memorial Coliseum. UK lost to No. 1 Georgia Friday.

lowed by the host Tigers. Six SEC schools finished in the tournament's top nine teams.

### Women's tennis crushes Auburn

UK (8-5, 1-0 Southeastern Conference) opened SEC play with a 7-0 win over Auburn Friday at the Hilary J. Boone Tennis Center.

The Cats took two of

the doubles matches and all of the singles matches in the win. Danielle Petrisko, Lara Maurer and Joelle Schwenk each won doubles and singles matches; Maurer and Schwenk won their doubles match 8-6, as did Petrisko and Caroline Winebrenner.

In the No. 1 singles spot, Kim Coventry defeated Auburn's Alex Haley 6-4, 6-2.

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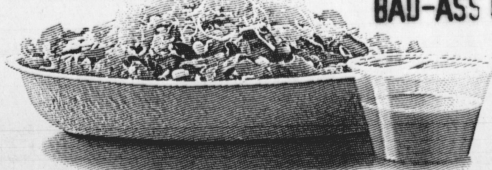
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## IN OUR OPINION

### Student voices needed in Frankfort

Students have a way to make their voices heard in Frankfort, thanks to the efforts of Student Government.

And as state budget decisions — which essentially determine tuition increases — loom near, it's especially important for students to let legislators know how they feel about education funding.

Last Tuesday, SG sponsored "Listen Up Legislators," which provided laptops in the White Hall Classroom Building for students to e-mail their state legislators in support of giving UK sufficient funding, as prescribed by the Top-20 Business Plan. And this Wednesday, SG is providing buses that will take students to Frankfort for a rally about higher-education issues.

Efforts like these are sorely needed. Students are poorly organized and rarely vote, allowing legislators to cut higher education funding with little to no political cost. Sending e-mails and rallying shows the General Assembly that students are paying attention and won't complacently accept heavy tuition increases.

SG is also the right organization to lead UK students in political action.

No other organization matches its funding and visibility, not to mention that (at least in theory) its officials are directly elected by the student body and therefore represent students' interests. Seeing as SG is uniquely capable of advocating for students, this editorial board is glad to see it filling that role.

The success of these efforts, however, depends on more than SG's leadership — student involvement is necessary too. Unfortunately, this crucial ele-

ment has been sorely lacking. SG President Becky Ellingsworth told The Kernel that about 80 students participated in last week's e-mail drive.

That means that if the participants were evenly distributed across districts (since students sent them to legislators from their home districts), the 38 state senators got about 2 e-mails each, and only three-fifths of the 100 state representatives got a single e-mail.

In a state of 4 million people, that's not going to make much of a dent.

We're not trying to denigrate those who did participate — it's better for 50 e-mails to have been sent than none at all. But until legislators start getting hundreds of e-mails and understand that students are watching their votes, it is unrealistic to expect them to change their voting behavior.

Moreover, SG's efforts to affect legislative behavior need to become a year-round campaign, not just a brief spurt of activity around when budgets are drawn up and tuition raises are decided.

A good start would be to evaluate the actions of the legislators who students have tried to sway. SG could compile and distribute a list of how legislators voted on higher-education funding, so that students can make informed decisions about how to vote in upcoming elections.

Finally, there are still ways for students to get involved in swaying the General Assembly.

They can participate in Wednesday's rally in Frankfort; transportation is being provided by SG. And those who can't go to the rally can still send e-mails to their legislators — a list is available online at <http://www.lrc.ky.gov/whoswho/whoswho.htm>.

### Overhaul Dining Services to suit student needs

Last week's meeting of Dining Services administrators and students exposed many shortcomings in the UK dining system.

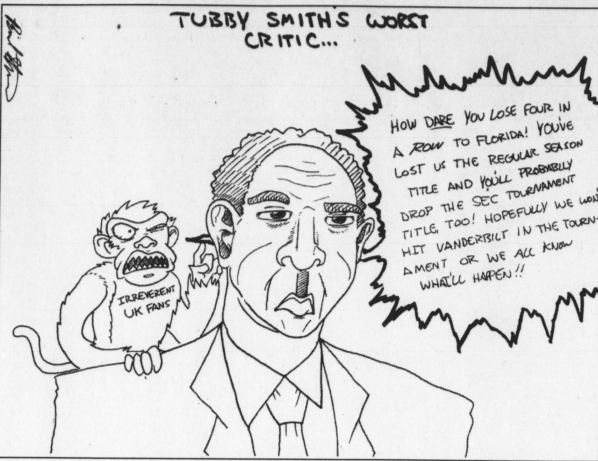
In addition to grievances concerning the recently revamped meal plan, which has found both proponents and enemies among the student body, the need for renovations and the condition of cooking appliances were also discussed, making it clear that changes need to be made.

Considering the ever-increasing amount of money that students pay for on-campus dining, the food should live up to the bill. This means not only improving the quality of the food, but also the quality of the equipment it is prepared on and the way it is prepared. Ovid's and Intermzzo are two on-campus establishments where these principles have been successfully applied.

Although the primary roadblock to improving UK's dining services is the lack of priority given to it by the state legislature, there is no reason why UK cannot look elsewhere to alleviate its culinary woes.

Nowhere is this more obvious than in the opportunity to allow more private vendors on campus. As we've mentioned before, the competition between private vendors would drive down the costs of food services on campus, allowing students to buy more affordable food and Dining Services to focus more on renovating their facilities.

If UK cannot meet the needs of students, there is no reason they should hesitate in letting private vendors bear part of the burden in order to better services for students.



BRAD STURGEON, THE KENTUCKY KERNEL

### Look out world, I'm slowly becoming my father

I woke up on Feb. 2, my 22nd birthday, and immediately a thought entered my brain, surprising considering that I'd had no caffeine yet.

The thought, which was little more than a single concept enclosed in the brain's equivalent of a flaming napalm canister, etched itself in my mind.

"I'm 22 ... This could signal the end of my coolness."

At 21, everyone and everything is glorious. Teenagers look at you in awe and ask you to buy them beer. When someone asks you how old you are, you no longer have to make the lame joke "But if the cops ask, I'm 21."

You are the master of creation and all other forms of life pale in comparison to your awesomeness. You are Chuck Norris on roller skates.

At least, that's how I felt. But then I shook my head and shrugged. It must be a fluke, probably a result of having Taco Bell the night before. I was still awesome and nobody could change it.

Except my dad. Anyone who has previously read any of my columns can tell you that my father has been both my best friend and the bane of my existence. He has been there for me countless times (friend and has also passed onto me his

genetics (bane).

When I was a child, and a hyperactive, ADHD-infused little demon of a child at that, my mother uttered the words that will probably prevent me from ever having children.

Many children hear this growing up. My sister, the good child of the family, never did but it still happened to her, perversely enough.

"When you grow up, I hope you have kids JUST LIKE YOU." What was laughable for me as a child has become terrifying, not just for me but for the world. The thought of several little versions of myself should be enough to send UN peacekeepers to prevent me from having a love life.

What my father said, however, was even scarier than that. "No matter how badly you don't want it to happen, you will be like me, because you are my son."

"It sounds sweet, doesn't it? It sounds sweet because you haven't met my dad."

As a child, I was very much into books. My father was very much into knocking them out of my hands and giggling. He has confessed to wanting to light a newspaper on fire, while it's in my hands and while I'm reading it, if for no other reason than to see me lose my mind.

He also used to send me into the basement of our old house to retrieve things for him, and when I was down there, he would turn off the lights and do this creepy laugh that would scare me so bad, I'd cry like Nancy Kerrigan. I'm still scared of the dark to this day. Seriously.

So, last Friday while preparing my mp3 player for a road trip, I figured I'd load up one of my father's all-time favorites, "On the Road Again" by Willie Nelson.

Then I realized that what I'd feared a month ago had come true.

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"At 21 ... you are the master of creation and all other forms of life pale in comparison to your awesomeness."

The transformation from the cool me to being my weird dad was well underway.

The to-do list includes listening to copious amounts of ABBA, screaming in French at hockey games and wandering the house in nothing but a pair of boxer shorts, which bear chili peppers in stocking caps (I have photographic proof that these exist, after my dad fell asleep in front of the fireplace six years ago).

The logical explanation for this is that I've been freebasing Metamucil or Prozac or something, but I haven't. Sleep deprivation also doesn't account for it. There's really only one thing that explains it.

The curse came true. I am going to be just like my dad.

God help us all. Darius Shafa is a journalism senior. E-mail [dsafa@kykernel.com](mailto:dsafa@kykernel.com)

### Let legislators know how students feel

Year after year, students at the University of Kentucky have been facing double-digit tuition hikes. This coming

Wednesday, March 8th, the student body will have an opportunity to voice their opinions and let their voices be heard on this important issue.

This opportunity comes in the form of a "higher" education rally in Frankfort, which UK Student Government is co-hosting with every other public institution in the state.

This year will mark the rally's third appearance during the Kentucky legislative session, but it is also imperative that student attendance is higher this year than in the past.

The budget that both the Kentucky State House of Representatives and the State Senate pass in the 2006 session will ultimately affect the increases in tuition that occur over the next two

years. As a result, it is vital that students, no matter what their stance on the issue is, attend the rally and let legislators know what the implications of tuition hikes mean to them.

All too often, I have heard legislators tell me that they are continuously contacted by parents of students who are enrolled in UK about funding issues, yet it is a rare occasion when they are contacted by a college student about tuition. To me, this is disappointing, because each year students complain about the rising costs of education, yet never take the initiative to do something about it.

Student Government does its part each year, by providing opportunities such as Listen Up Legislators, lobbying in Frankfort ourselves, and of course working with other institutions to put on the rally.

However, SG's efforts can only go so far, and if students are serious about tuition hikes, they need to seize the opportunities provided to them. Whether at the state or local level, students need to keep everyone, from Frankfort down to UK's administration, accountable.

As mindful as every student should be about the state legislature's allocations of public funds to the University of Kentucky, it is incumbent upon all students to be equally certain that these funds are allocated at the university-level in a proper way.

It is not enough that we just ask for more money. We must be sure that every penny of our tuition and fees as well as public funds are appropriated in a way that best benefits the university and our great Commonwealth.

Please join me on Wednesday March 8, 2006 at 12:45 p.m. in the Capitol Rotunda and let no one be mistaken that students across the Commonwealth of Kentucky are serious about the necessity for greater funding of postsecondary institutions, especially UK, and we intend to make our voices heard.

UK Student Government will be providing free shuttles to Frankfort for students in the Student Center Parking lot on March 8th. Buses will leave at 11:30 a.m. and should return no later than 4 p.m.

Becky Ellingsworth is 2005-06 SG President. E-mail [raell12@uky.edu](mailto:raell12@uky.edu)



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### LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Diversity discussions much ado about nothing

What is with all this talk of diversity? Is UK currently turning away blacks? Is the university actively selecting whites over blacks when it comes to admission? If not, then what is the deal?

What I am hearing is, we need to go out and recruit more black people. Are we looking to start the college admissions equivalent of affirmative action? Why do we have to spend time and money begging a particular race of people to come?

I just do not understand it. Somebody please explain it to me. If I read one more "diversity" article in the Kernel I think I will spontaneously combust.

What does the White Student Union think about this endeavor? Oh, that's right, that would be racist to have one of those.

Are there any programs on WET (White Entertainment Television) that cover this issue? No. There is no WET; that would be racist and cause uproar and riots.

Does anybody else question these things? Seriously, am I the only white dude that thinks it is just plain old rude that blacks have their own own TV channels, student organization, and beauty contests, and we would be labeled as racist if we tried that?

CHUCK SANDBURG  
UK class of 1996

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## A SPOILED SENIOR DAY



For the second time in the past 42 Senior Days, UK's veteran players left the court with a loss. But there's a quick turnaround — the league tournament starts Thursday.

### Next Game

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Left: Florida sophomore guard Taurean Green blocks a shot by senior guard Patrick Sparks during UK's loss to Florida yesterday.

KEITH SMILEY | STAFF

Below: Senior guards Preston LeMaster and Patrick Sparks hug after leaving the game for the last time during their last game in Rupp Arena yesterday.

HILLY SCHIFFER | STAFF



## Youth no excuse for apathy

Noah-esque fire nowhere to be found from headlining stat leaders

It's a young team. Three of the top four in minutes played are sophomores, including the leading scorer and the leading rebounder.

The juniors, besides the two-headed Bobby Perry and Sheray Thomas forward combo, are a non-factor.

The class of 2006 has produced two starter-quality players and two rotation guys, but the

**Chris Johnson**  
SPORTS EDITOR

stats ain't lying.

The nucleus of the team is young. Which isn't entirely a bad thing; young people are faster, they have more energy, they have more emotion.

Supposedly. These young players, at least yesterday, didn't play faster, with more energy or with more emotion, even in a Rupp Arena that was so electric it would've gone up in flames if someone had flicked a Zippo.

These young players play old. "I think they just outworked us," said senior guard Brandon Stockton. "We gotta work on rebounding."

Good call. The Cats were

out-rebounded by Florida 39-27. Joakim Noah — the most recent target of immature, obnoxious, lazy Rupp Arena trash talk — had 11 rebounds to go with his 15 points and numerous bursts of emotion.

The Gators were bigger, true. Rebounding has always been a problem for these Cats — double true.

But they've been matched up against teams that have played bigger lineups before, and didn't get worked as bad as they did yesterday.

At home. On Senior Day. With a first-round bye in the Southeastern Conference tournament on the line.

They got down 10 points and deflated.

Florida pulled away slowly, over several possessions, yanking down rebounds for easy putbacks.

It wasn't one of those runs that Rick Pitino disciplines like to go on; the Gators assembled an 11-1 run in the first four minutes of the second half, then added a 13-4 run to stretch their advantage to 18 with 5:43 left.

Rebounding, the Cats have said in the interview room all season long, is about wanting it.

Rajon Rondo, the team leader in boards, said it yesterday.

But a skill achieved by desire isn't going to get done if there isn't any.

"It's been a big problem for us all year long," head coach Tubby Smith said, "the energy and enthusiasm that we need to have to play good teams."

It's hard to imagine, especially on such a young team, that energy, enthusiasm and emotion is hard to come by.

It's hard to imagine that any group of guys who claim to be good friends can have such disrespect for their senior teammates to not show up for the most important game of the year.

"I want them to give me a sign that you're ready to play," Smith said, "that you're gonna be hungry and not give up dunks."

Being young means making mistakes. Students prove that almost every weekend at the bar.

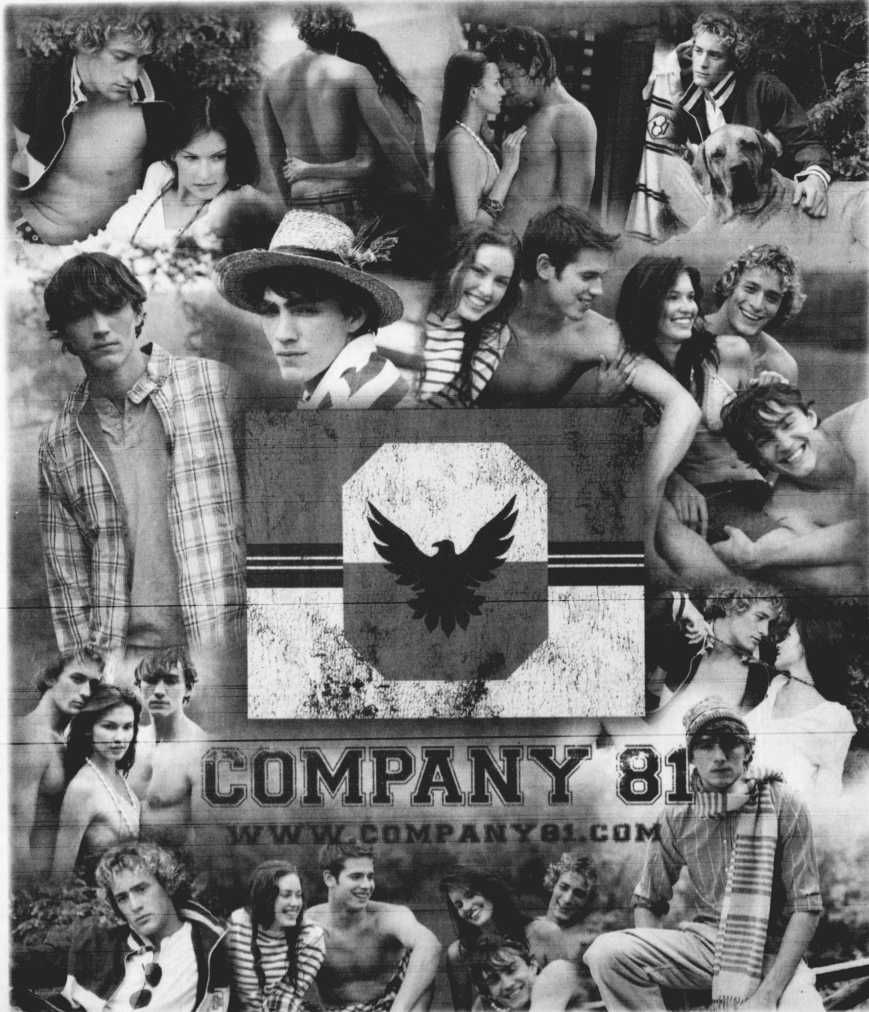
But energy, enthusiasm, emotion — these aren't qualities that you can practice, or work on, like a midrange jumper or left-handed dribbling.

It takes fire, like that displayed by Ravi Moss, Patrick Sparks, Joe Crawford from time to time, and New York's own Rameel Bradley.

But, perhaps most tellingly yesterday, from another New York product and young player: sophomore Joakim Noah.

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