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CPE funding proposal falls short of UK's request

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The Kentucky Council on Postsecondary Education will vote today on a proposal recommending a \$51 million increase in UK's share of the state's general-fund dollars, which is \$9.5 million less than the university requested for the 2008-2010 biennium.

In October, UK President Lee Todd presented UK's plans to various CPE committees. The presentations included funding amounts UK would

need to meet the goals of the Top 20 Business Plan: \$19.8 million for 2008-09 and \$20.9 million on top of that for 2009-10.

In a statement released Friday, Todd said the CPE proposal was a "positive first step" in acquiring higher-education funding. However, UK spokesman Jay Blanton declined to comment on how UK would acquire more funding if the recommendation is approved by the CPE and the General Assembly.

If the CPE passes its recommendations today and the Kentucky legisla-

ture approves them, UK would get a \$17.6 million increase over this year's funds in 2008-09 and a \$15.8 million increase over that in 2009-10.

Overall, the proposed CPE budget suggests spending \$2.5 billion in general-fund appropriations for state colleges and universities, an increase of more than 9 percent over the last biennium.

The proposal also sets a potential ceiling on tuition increases, suggesting a tentative cap of 9 percent for UK.

"When the council sets its parameters, it will say "This is the total cap, the

maximum you can raise tuition," said John Hayek, CPE's interim vice president of finance.

For undergraduates, a 9 percent tuition increase would mean about \$300 more for each semester of the 2008-09 school year.

The CPE's proposal also calls for a \$37.7 million increase in state appropriations for maintenance and operation of higher-education facilities in 2008-09 and a \$59.5 million increase in 2009-10.

The proposal lists \$117 million for

the construction of a new science research building at UK as the No. 1 funding priority in the research and economic development category. The building would include research space for nutrition science, nanotechnology, engineering and psychology, among other disciplines.

Also included is a request for \$67.5 million for construction of the Gatton Building Complex, listed as the No. 8 priority in the education and

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Law-school applications drop at UK, nationally

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Law schools are receiving fewer applications, but admissions standards continue to rise, according to a nationwide survey of 190 law schools.

The survey, conducted by Kaplan Test Prep and Admissions, reported a drop of 7.4 percent in students applying to law school in 2006. The decline follows a decrease of 4.8 percent in 2005.

"Even though fewer students are applying, the caliber of applicants is getting higher every year," said Steve Marietti, pre-law programs director for Kaplan.

Paralleling the national trend, applicants to UK's College of Law were down

last year but the median Law School Admissions Test score among applicants was a point higher, said Drusilla Bakert, associate dean for admissions in the College of Law. However, she said she wasn't sure if the trend of fewer UK law school applicants would continue this year.

"Frankly, it's too early in the process to say," Bakert said. "But it's always good to apply early because we make rolling offers that won't be available to later applicants."

Nationally, increases and decreases in the number of law-school applicants has been cyclical for the past few years, Marietti said. Kaplan has been conducting surveys for about 40 years, he said, and this seems to be just another dip in the cycle.

"What students need to understand is that the reduction we're seeing now won't last forever," he said.

Since the number of applicants has dipped, Marietti said, students should take the opportunity to apply to fill one of the 46,000 spots in law schools across the country. Last year, 88,000 applied to law school, he said, and getting applications in early might help students gain an advantage over the competition.

"They may see an edge that they may not have seen before," Marietti said. "Timing can be to the students' benefit if they take advantage of it."

Bakert cautioned that students shouldn't depend on a slack in the competition when they apply for UK's law school.

"The fact that applications may go down this year does not mean that we're going to be any less competitive," Bakert said. "Candidates still need to present their best foot forward."

Preparing for the LSAT, the entrance exam for law-school admissions, is an important way for students to gain entrance to the law school of their choice, Marietti said.

"Students need to be overall aware of what's ahead of them, but still take advantage of this dip in the cycle," Marietti said.

UK's College of Law is holding an open house Nov. 17 at 9 a.m. for students to find out more about how the application process works.

IRONING IT OUT



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UK sculpture students and members of the SCRAP student sculpture club pour molten iron into molds created by guests at the 15th annual Iron Pour on Saturday behind the Reynolds Building.

Curious onlookers oohed and ahed as UK students poured molten iron into molds Saturday behind the Reynolds Building during the 15th annual Iron Pour. Sculpture students and members of SCRAP, the student sculpture club, began the day around 10 a.m. by pounding down scrap metal to melt for pouring. Guests at the event could purchase scratch blocks to make a mold. The event also included an exhibit of iron sculptures inside the Reynolds Building.



Professor Gary R. Bibbs, head of UK sculpture, gives a talk to his students and visiting participants about safety issues before the iron pouring begins on Saturday inside Reynolds Building No. 2.

Freshman Senate elections see 50 percent voter turnout

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The polls closed at 11:59 p.m. Thursday, and the Freshman Senate election wrapped up after gathering votes from about 2,000 freshmen, roughly half of the class.

The following morning, the names of the new Freshman Senate members were posted outside the Student Government office. Of the 17 candidates, the four winners were Kelsey Hayes, Greg Robinson, Julie Colgate and George King, all of whom ran on the same ticket.

The election set a record for the number of candidates running for Freshman Senate, said Melissa Hill, the Elections Board supervisor. Last year, only seven candidates ran.

"Being part of this once makes students want to get a lot more involved,

and it's clear that the freshmen are excited to get involved since so many of them are running," said SG Vice President Brittany Langdon. "Hopefully they will accomplish more than any freshman senators before them."

At the beginning of the year freshmen have very little input, Langdon said. After the election, though, the class begins to have a voice and its outlook is known, bringing a new perspective to SG.

"The freshmen are like any other members of the Senate, able to vote on all legislations and write resolutions," said Chris Crumrine, SG's chief of staff.

"As a freshman senator, I hope to be a great representation of the freshman class," Colgate said. "I will not only let my voice and opinions be heard, but also those of my fellow classmates."

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Secrets come out in postcard display on campus this month

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A collection of more than 200 handcrafted postcards containing secrets from all over the world is on exhibit this month at UK.

The PostSecret exhibit will open at 11 a.m. today at the Rasdall Gallery in the Student Center and will remain on display on weekdays from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. through Nov. 20.

Frank Warren started PostSecret as a community art project in Maryland in 2004, when he handed out blank postcards with a return address on the back and

encouraged participants to anonymously share their secrets.

"I was fascinated with the interior lives of people," Warren said, "so I decided to create a safe, nonjudgmental place where they could reveal their secret hopes, fears, regrets and desires."

Soon, Warren's project gained attention from across the country and then all over the world. Now over 20,000 secrets have been revealed through the project, which can be seen in four books, the All-American Rejects music video "Dirty Little Secret" and on a regularly updated

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Horoscopes

By Linda C. Black

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

Aries (March 21 - April 19) Today is a 5 — Make sure the details are accurate on an item you're sending for. This advice also applies to things you're sending away. Do yourself a favor and place your orders tomorrow.

Taurus (April 20 - May 20) Today is an 8 — Again, you realize that you need to economize. Don't despair, some of your best ideas come as a result of shortfalls. You're a genius at making do.

Gemini (May 21 - June 21) Today is a 7 — Conditions are changing for the better, as you may have no-

ted. Ignore past differences of opinion or turn them into fascinations. Yes, it can be done.

Cancer (June 22 - July 22) Today is a 7 — Move a little bit slower now, and think more carefully. Imagine the results of your actions and increase your rate of success.

Leo (July 23 - Aug. 22) Today is a 6 — You can avoid financial stress in a lot of ways. Make more money, do without or build what you want from scratch. Get the family involved.

Virgo (Aug. 23 - Sept. 22) Today is an 8 — Reasoning doesn't always work to win the argument. Sometimes it's best to simply agree to disagree. Differences make life interesting, and you can still get along.

Libra (Sept. 23 - Oct. 22) Today is a 5 — A difficult situation is just about solved, partially thanks to you. You didn't let a confrontation slow you down, you forged ahead. Charmingly, of course.

Scorpio (Oct. 23 - Nov. 21) Today is an 8 — You love to take care of

others, but don't fall for a silly scheme. If you're going to invest in a charity, make sure you know how the money's spent. Get on the Board of Directors.

Sagittarius (Nov. 22 - Dec. 21) Today is a 6 — A difficult situation forces you to take a stand. Hopefully you know what you want and how you propose to achieve it. If not, make something up.

Capricorn (Dec. 22 - Jan. 19) Today is a 7 — Caution is advised. Don't even try to do everything by yourself. Send your partner out to get what you need, or have it delivered.

Aquarius (Jan. 20 - Feb. 18) Today is a 5 — Once you've cleaned up the mess, you'll feel a lot better, as usual. Then, allow yourself an outing to visit special friends.

Pisces (Feb. 19 - March 20) Today is a 7 — An older person is hard to convince, perhaps for a good reason. He or she may be looking ahead at something you can't see.

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BRITNEY'S BABY BATTLE

THE DISH

She may be winning raves for 'Blackout,' but it's the judge she needs to impress

By Joey Bartolomeo

When Britney Spears arrived at the L.A. County courthouse for a custody hearing on October 26, she was promptly put-together and pleasant. "She was doing great," her pal Alli Sims, told Us that afternoon. (Spears' ex-husband Kevin Federline was also in court.)

But each time the singer left the closed courtroom for a bathroom break — three times in three hours — her emotional state seemed to worsen. On one trip, she lifted her sunglasses to reveal teardrugged eye makeup.

Less than an hour later, when an Us reporter asked her about the session, she leaned in and snapped, "Eat it, lick it, snort it, f--- it!"

Translation? It's not a good time to be Spears. Having lost joint physical custody of her sons, Sean and Jayden, to Federline, the pop star is now tracked by a parenting coach twice a week, attends a weekly counseling session to discuss her mothering skills, takes parenting classes with her ex and is subject to random drug tests. Post-hearing, Federline's attorney, Mark Vincent Kaplan, said he believes the court "will modify the existing orders that were

made on September 17." At press time, the ruling was unknown, but another court date is set for November 26, at which time the judge will review a complete report from an evaluator. (That same day, there is a hearing in criminal court relating to Spears' charges of driving without a valid California license.)

Failing grade

If Spears isn't granted more time with her kids (she had been allowed one overnight per week, plus daytime visits), it may be with good reason.

According to a source close to the custody case, the parenting coach submitted a "very damning" report to the judge and lawyers on October 22. Some concerns: Spears is unfocused, operates in her own world and ignored the coach altogether.

"It seems like Britney is adamant that she doesn't have to listen to anybody," says the source, adding, "She needs to focus on improving her parenting skills and prove that she really wants these kids." Clearly, the stress is taking its toll on Spears: On October 24, she was spotted carrying a box of the prescription medicine Provel, which can be used to treat sleep disorders.

Mending fences

Though her personal life is in shambles, Spears' music career is soaring.

Her new album, "Blackout," is receiving mostly glowing reviews (Associated Press music writer Nekesa Mumbi Moody called it "her best work ever" and "a triumph, with not a bad song to be found"), and her first single, "Gimme More," remains high on the Billboard Hot 100 chart.

Perhaps the good luck is starting to trickle over to her relationship with Federline. On October 24, the exes attended a successful court-ordered parenting class together. (They also met their parenting coach on October 29.)

"It went really well, better than Britney expected," a Spears source tells Us. "She's happy they're getting along for the kids' sake — finally!"

Her mother tells all!

For years, Lynne Spears has kept quiet about her daughter's exploits. But now a spokesman for book publisher Thomas Nelson tells Us they have a deal with the elder Spears to author a parenting book — with Christian elements — entitled Pop Culture Mom: A Real Story of Fame and Family in a Tabloid World (due out Mother's Day 2008).

A source close to Lynne, however, insists an announcement is premature: "There is a book proposal, but there is no contract. Thomas Nelson is a top contender."

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Students compete in livestock show

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Nearly 40 UK students came to the frosted countryside of Versailles, Ky., to showcase beef and dairy cows, sheep, and pigs at Saturday's Little North American Livestock Show.

UK's Block and Bridle Club, the event's sponsor, had more than 50 active members attend and 21 pledges participate.

About 75 family members and club alumni came out to watch the show, which is in its 30th year. The event brings out the competitiveness of the members, and alumni come back to be a part of it, said club president Sara Evans.

In September, pledges began working with untouched animals that they were required to show Saturday morning, said Evans, an animal science senior. Each pledge halter-trained an animal by teaching it to walk in a circle, washing it and spend-

ing time with it each week.

"There is a big-time dedication to join Block and Bridle," Evans said. "I enjoy seeing the pledges learn about livestock and making lifelong friendships."

Active members of the organization train the pledges on handling and judging tips, along with general knowledge about the animals.

At the show, pledges and other participants circled their animals in an orderly fashion around the outdoor arena while judges graded them on how well they led their animals and maintained eye contact with the judge. Some judges asked questions on bone structure and age.

Judges selected winners for each animal in a pledges division and an active members division. After the winners were chosen, they participated in a round-robin competition where they had to show all four species.

The grand champion in the pledge division was Celeste Laurent, an agricultural ed-

ucation freshman. In the active member division, the winner was Jaclyn Farris, an agricultural biotechnology sophomore.

Judges also presented herdsman awards to individuals displaying the most dedication and care for their animals.

"This club has given me experiences I would have never had with other types of livestock," said active member Curtis Coombs, an animal science sophomore. "It is a great way to meet people with a common interest."

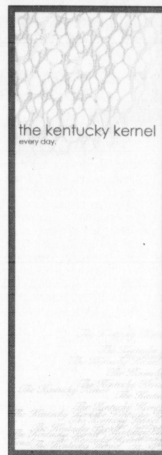
The Little North American Livestock Show offers members and pledges an opportunity to showcase their livestock skills while practicing leadership, responsibility and teamwork, said Debra Aaron, club adviser and professor of beef-cattle genetics and statistics at UK.

"It is fun to watch students with little to no livestock experience learn about their animal and take part in this event," Aaron said.



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Festival sheds light on annual Hindu celebration

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Students of all backgrounds packed into Memorial Hall on Saturday night to enjoy song, dance and theater at the Festival of Lights.

The Festival of Lights is part of Diwali Dhoom, a Hindu celebration of the victory of good over evil.

The Indian Students Association, the UK Student Government Association, the Office of Student Diversity Engagement and the Office of Multicultural Student Affairs sponsored the festival.

"It is one of the biggest fes-

tivals that we have," said Pooja Vijaygopal, biomedical engineering student and president of Indian Students Association. "We wanted everyone to come together and work together instead of being isolated in their own domain."

The festival showcased many students singing, dancing and playing musical instruments. Lamps called diyas, or kandils, were also lit to celebrate hope for mankind.

In the past, the festival was held mainly for those accustomed to the Diwali Dhoom tradition. This year, the organizers decided to spend more time publicizing the event with the

hopes of attracting a more diverse crowd, Vijaygopal said.

The festival drew a large crowd of enthusiastic participants who swayed their hands and cheered during the performances.

"I think it is more of a relaxing event rather than an informative event," said Ramakanth Kavuluru, an electrical engineering graduate student.

"I think it is a great thing for campus," said Patrick Nally, a marketing junior and marketing associate for the Office of Student Diversity Engagement.

He said he hoped the festival would help students realize that there are many international stu-

dents on campus and that even non-international students can get involved.

"I hope that (international students) get a chance to share their voice and let others know that they are here," Nally said.

The festival ended with a dinner of Indian food.

Brent Sizemore, an education graduate student, said the big winner for him was the food. Sizemore said he came to the festival because he happened to run across a flyer promoting the event and it sparked his interest.

"There is no harm in experiencing other cultures even if you have your own beliefs," Sizemore said.

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general facilities category. The total cost of the complex would be \$100 million.

"I think it's part of the committee's responsibility to help (the state) move forward," Hayek said. "So that's what this recommendation reflects."

The proposed budget also includes freezing tuition at Kentucky's community and technical colleges, including Bluegrass Community and Technical College. The intention of the freeze, the proposal says, is to increase both enrollment and the number of graduates who go on to four-

year colleges and universities.

The freeze would have an estimate cost of \$22.5 million to the state over the next two years.

Blanton said UK's funding is contingent on state funding, and the university is counting on getting money from the General Assembly to fund classroom and research space, as well as the rest of UK's top-20 plan.

In an interview last month, Blanton said UK was planning on success with the legislative session, and it was not wise for UK officials to make plans if state dollars don't come through.

"At every step of the process, institutions of higher learning, including UK, will be making their respective case," Blanton said.

cards to write out their own confessions. Students can submit their secrets to a drop box in the Rasmall Gallery or to the Student Activities Board office in room 203 of the Student Center during regular business hours.

As those cards are submitted, they will become part of the exhibit.

Warren said he receives secrets from all kinds of people, but mostly from people in their 20s and from women.

"In the exhibit at UK, students will find secrets that are shocking, funny or sexual, and then they will find the one secret that speaks for them — a confession from a stranger that would make them feel less alone," Warren said.

The PostSecret exhibit, hosted by the Student Activities Board Cultural Art Committee, is intended to benefit UK students, said Callie Hanks, the committee's cultural arts direc-

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Freshmen could vote online on the SG Web site or at polling locations. Polls at the W.T. Young Library and the Student Center were open 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. on Wednesday and Thursday. Most students voted online, said SG communications director Barb Jackson.

The SG Senate tries to get the freshmen acquainted right away, Langdon said. The freshmen are only in office for about a month before Winter Break, so it's often intimidating for them to be around people who feel more comfortable than they do.

"We hope that the freshman senators get involved with the Senate for all four years, this being the beginning of their roles as leaders," Hill said.

"I wanted to bring Frank Warren, along with the PostSecret exhibit, because it is such a unique and interesting idea," Hanks said. "It always feels good to let it out, 'it' being whatever your secret is."

"But you don't feel comfortable telling just anyone," she said. "The PostSecret project allows people to anonymously 'let it out.' Frank recognized this and brought this idea to life."

NEWS BRIEFS

Police arrest four on robbery charges

UK police arrested four people early Saturday morning in connection with two separate cases of armed robbery on UK's campus Tuesday.

UK police arrested and charged Lexington residents Charles Davis, 18, Kevin Taylor, 18, and Jeremy Brown, 19, with first-degree robbery and conspiracy to commit robbery. All three, none of whom are UK students, are being held in Fayette County Detention Center.

The fourth suspect, whose name was not released because he or she is a juvenile, was charged with two counts of first-degree robbery.

The first incident occurred on Keeneland Drive outside of Keeneland Hall, according to police reports. A male student reported to UK police that he had been robbed by four people at about 2:10 a.m. on Tuesday.

The second incident occurred at about 2:50 a.m. on Tuesday, according to police reports. A male student reported he was assaulted and robbed at the intersection of University Drive and Complex Drive.

Law school to hold panel on cartoon

UK College of Law will host a panel discussion on the controversial Kernel cartoon today, one month after its publication.

"When is Race a Laughing Matter? A Community Discussion of the Kentucky Kernel Cartoon Controversy," will be held at 6 p.m. in the College of Law courtroom and will focus on the Oct. 5 cartoon, which likened UK's Greek system to a slave auction.

Second-year UK law student Brad Fletcher, who drew the cartoon, is one of six panelists participating in the discussion.

The other panelists are Joel Pett, the editorial cartoonist for the Lexington Herald-Leader; Delano Massey, a reporter for the Herald-Leader; Joanne Melish, a UK history professor; Bob Houlihan, a local attorney; and Jasmine Whitlow, a UK freshman who participated in the initial protest.

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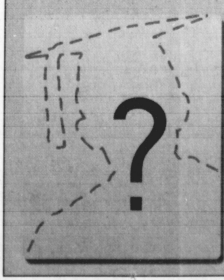
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Beshear's plan for higher education earns our support

Long before this election cycle, it was clear that the affordability and quality of higher education were not among Gov. Ernie Fletcher's top priorities.

If there were ever any doubts, Fletcher put them to rest in January 2006, when his 2006-08 budget proposal undercut UK's requested funds by about \$7 million. UK students surely would have seen two more years of double-digit tuition increases if the General Assembly had not intervened to restore most of the funding, the Kernel reported Jan. 18, 2006.

Fletcher's re-election campaign promises are as worrisome for students as his record is. Most significantly, he still has not said he will fully fund UK's Top 20 Business Plan, which lists how much UK needs in state funding until 2020 to meet the state-mandated top-20 goal while raising tuition no more than 9 percent annually.

By contrast, Steve Beshear — who is running for governor against Fletcher in tomorrow's statewide election — has promised unequivocally to push the General Assembly to fully fund UK's top-20 plan.

That's one of several reasons why Beshear deserves the support of UK students. He has realistic plans to improve the quality of higher education without sacrificing affordability and to keep students in Kentucky after they graduate. Fletcher does not.

Beshear's main proposal to reduce the financial burden on students is Kentucky First Scholarships, forgivable college loans issued to students by the state. For each year a student works in Kentucky after graduation, a year of the loan would be forgiven.

Not only would the plan give hope to students who feel discouraged by the prospect of high post-graduate debt, but it would help fight the exodus of college graduates who leave Kentucky. Instead of waiting for graduates to come to them, the high-tech employers Kentucky needs to spur economic development would start coming here.

Fletcher's affordability plan — to freeze tuition increases until the implementation of the Kentucky Covenant program, which would track students starting in middle school and give assistance to those who get good grades — would not be as effective.

The money needed for the overwhelming task of individually tracking every middle-school student in the state would probably do more if it went straight to K-12 schools and colleges instead. Kentucky should not spend its few extra tax dollars finding out students' career plans at age 12 when they are likely to change greatly by age 18 — especially when schools at all levels are strapped for funds.

Moreover, a tuition freeze may be intuitively appealing, but it will do harm overall if state appropriations do not go up. If Fletcher sought to impose a tuition ceiling on UK without fully funding the Top 20 Business Plan, the university would not be able to hire as many new faculty members as needed, meaning class sizes would increase and educational quality would stagnate. Lower tuition for a worse education is not an acceptable trade.

Beshear's plan would help graduates in both the short and long terms by forgiving their debt and spurring economic development in the state. Fletcher's plan would provide students with tuition assistance now at the expense of making their degrees worth less in the future.

Even on issues beyond college affordability, Beshear has Fletcher beat. Beshear supports letting universities issue their own bonds for money-making construction projects, which would give schools more control over their own finances and priorities. Fletcher does not.

Beshear understands that domestic partner benefits raise the quality of education by allowing universities to attract high-quality faculty and staff, regardless of sexual orientation. Fletcher does not.

Beshear supports opening casino gambling, which would raise hundreds of millions of dollars in annual tax revenue that could go toward improving Kentucky's underfunded school systems. Fletcher does not.

If Fletcher's record wasn't clear enough, his campaign positions are: He is comfortable letting state universities remain poorly funded and ranked low for four more years.

Students should not be comfortable with that — or with another Fletcher term. We urge the UK community to vote for Beshear tomorrow.

■ LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Campus construction impedes student safety

I've made do with the inconveniences of the hospital construction because I know that Lexington needs it. That being said, I have a real problem with the way that this construction is going.

During construction this semester, I have been catcalled by construction workers twice. I have had a nail go through my bike tire. I have almost been run down by countless cars confused about traffic diversions.

The closure of the last main road connecting the College of Agriculture to Central campus is just the last straw. This closure turns a 20-minute walk from the White Hall Classroom Building into a 30-minute ordeal.

The latest pedestrian walkway is an unsafe, uneven, meandering and gravel-ridden joke. As more fences were built and pedestrian walkways diverted, the student body was left in the dark to blindly grope its way across campus.

The new walkways were poorly marked, constantly changing and consistently unsafe. They were littered with debris (including nails), switched sides of the road without a crosswalk and sometimes meandered through the

heart of a construction site, rendering them completely hidden.

I refuse to accept that this is the best that UK can do for me. I don't believe I should have to fight to get to my classes on time, let alone worry about my personal safety in the process.

I found it odd that while the street was covered in large chunks of gravel, the construction crew found time to build a large wooden deck onto one of its trailers. This deck appears to serve no purpose other than to add some comforts for an extended stay on the lawn.

I will not even go into detail about the fact that UK was founded as a land-grant university primarily to teach agriculture.

Although I am not surprised by the new hospital's placement, I detest the fact that this integral part of the university is being alienated physically by this construction.

I won't be forgetting this lapse in concern for student safety anytime soon.

Cristina Brady
Agriculture senior

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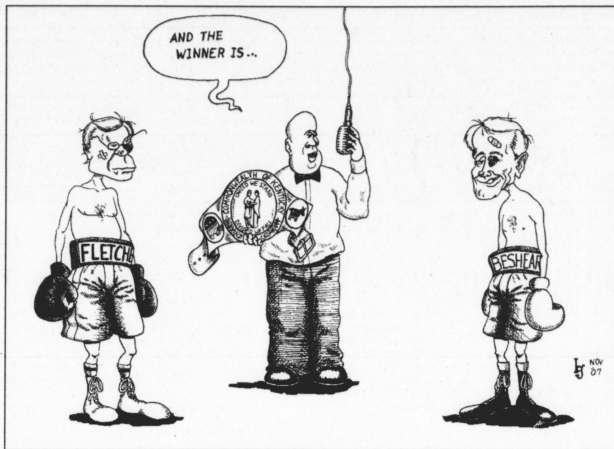
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BRIAN GOODLEY, Kernel cartoonist

KEES program needs revision to include foreign Kentucky residents

Most of you have heard of the Kentucky Educational Excellence Scholarship, commonly known as KEES.

Many of you are its beneficiaries, and deservingly so, for you worked hard for this reward while in high school. I too, worked hard in high school, but as a six-year legal resident of Kentucky, I didn't receive KEES in return.

Kentucky Higher Education Assistance Authority, the department that administers KEES, offers a number of scholarships and grants for its residents. To qualify for these scholarships and grants, however, one must be a U.S. citizen, national or permanent resident. This requirement baffles me.

KHEAA and its funding are intended for the greater good of the state, so it is only reasonable that its priority is to make sure Kentucky residents receive the benefits. But why make the distinction between those who are U.S. citizens or permanent residents and those who aren't? Shouldn't KHEAA serve all Kentucky residents?

The Kentucky Legislature defines the term "resident" as a "person who has established Kentucky as their place of domicile" on its Web site (www.lrc.ky.gov). By definition, I have been a legal Kentucky resident since 2001 even though I am not a U.S. citizen.

While my legal status is not common, I am not alone. According to UK Institutional Research data, there were 185 nonresident aliens — meaning those without U.S. citizenship or permanent residency — enrolled as undergraduates at UK in 2006.

Granted, some of these students came to the United States for college only, but others, just like me, attended high school in the state and have been Kentucky residents for years.

There is no justification for this discrimination against students who are not U.S. citizens or permanent residents. If paying taxes give citizens the entitlement to these

educational benefits, then aliens have all the more reason to receive equal treatment. Aliens are subjected to the same taxes as citizens are: income taxes, property taxes, sales taxes, you name it.

This is not to mention that KHEAA is largely supported by the Kentucky Lottery, according to its Web site. Last time I checked, you don't need to be a U.S. citizen to buy lottery tickets in the state.

This country's forefathers once championed the slogan, "No taxation without representation," and now I say, "No taxation without equal educational benefits."

Besides paying the same taxes, aliens contribute to the state at their jobs and in research. According to UK Institutional Research data, out of 2,251 doctorate students enrolled at UK in 2006, 676 were nonresident aliens.

For the common good of the state and in the name of equality, KHEAA should drop its unjustified restriction against Kentucky residents who are not citizens or permanent residents. This would help all students who deserve and need financial aid actually receive it, and their educational success can benefit the state in return.

On the other hand, UK should be applauded for its open-mindedness on this matter. UK's policy on residency clearly states that "a person holding a nonimmigrant visa ... shall establish domicile and residency the same as another person." UK's academic scholarships are available to all students, citizen or not, with or without permanent residence.

I was fortunate to receive the Singletary Scholarship from UK, so I haven't had to worry about financing my college education. But for the other nonresident aliens who need financial help to fund their education, being rejected by KHEAA is a huge setback. Without the scholarships or grants from the state, some of these students may not be able to afford college.

For those of you who receive KEES, think about the less fortunate students who deserve the same reward but are unjustifiably denied the next time you deposit your residual check.

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Freeze tuition increases until UK students can see improvements

The absence of accountability seems inevitable whenever large bureaucracies start collecting money, and UK is no different.

Under the Top 20 Business Plan, tuition increases are set to remain at 9 percent each year. Unfortunately for those of us attending UK, this 9 percent increase in cost is unlikely to guarantee us a better education.

As UK collects more money the assumption would be that our academic experience here would improve respectively.

But I doubt this is the case. These tuition increases at UK should be temporarily frozen until we can find more efficient ways to hold UK accountable for how the money

Maybe when we see substantial change in undergraduate education, we can start talking about unfreezing tuition costs.

For starters, UK should start announcing plans to renovate older buildings on campus.

These buildings, such as the White Hall Classroom Building, Dickie Hall and many of the residence halls on North Campus, are not only an embarrassment to UK, but are unacceptable as places where students are expected to live and learn.

According to an Aug. 31 Kernel article, approximately 700 students live on UK's campus without air conditioning. How can we be expected to pay tuition increases when basic student needs like a reasonable dorm with air conditioning still haven't been met?

Students should also ask themselves if these tuition increases will have any effect on the number of graduate students teaching courses at UK. Surely we can afford to have more professors teaching undergraduate classes if we're expecting students to perpetually pay more every year they attend.

According to The Princeton Review, UK is currently ranked No. 4 as a school where "Teaching Assistants Teach Too Many Upper-Level Courses."

Although I've had some excellent graduate students teach my classes, it's preposterous that I should be expected to pay more for my education when my school is notorious for the amount of TAs who substitute for fully qualified professors in the classroom.

Many goals like the Top-20 Business Plan at UK are noble and beneficial to the university. Goals like this would make tuition increases on students reasonable in most situations.

But undergraduates at UK have too many basic problems that have not yet been fixed, and it's shameful for students to be expected to pay more for tuition until they are.

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is being spent.

Just as I don't expect the government to use my money wisely without any accountability, I'm leery of assuming that those in charge of UK's finances will act responsibly. Students and parents should not just roll over every year as UK tacks on another tuition hike with the promise of a better education from it.

I understand the necessity of tuition increases at UK, but they should not be permitted without the administration being able to demonstrate how my educational experience at UK is improving.

This issue over a steady 9 percent increase in tuition would not exist if undergraduate students at UK didn't constantly feel neglected in favor of the more attractive idea of becoming a top-20 research university.

It's becoming more apparent that undergraduate education is all but worthless at UK, and it's insulting to ask us to pay more money for the same education every year.

This isn't to say that tuition increases should be flatly rejected, but when it's clear that our money is doing little to improve our education, these increases need to stop.



BRETT NOLAN
Kernel Columnist

Crone's 2 goals lead historic upset

By James Pennington
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The odds were stacked against the Cats emerging with a victory when the UK men's soccer team faced off against Southern Methodist University on Saturday. Not only did SMU enter the match as the nation's top-ranked team, but the Mustangs had won all five previous meetings with UK.

But the Cats (7-8-2, 5-2 Conference USA) rode two second-half goals from reserve freshman forward Tim Crone to pull off a dramatic 2-1 upset against No. 1 SMU on Senior Night at the UK Soccer Complex.

The win marked the first time the men's soccer team had beaten a No. 1-ranked team in its 17-year history.

"On Senior Night, we wanted to send out our guys on a high note," Crone said. "We had to be on our best game, and the defense held it together at the end."

The Mustangs (11-5-2, 6-1-1 C-USA) galloped out of the starting gates and scored the game's first goal in the sixth minute when junior forward Scott Geppert drilled a ball from about 30 yards out that curled around UK sophomore goalkeeper Dan

Williams.

UK head coach Ian Collins commended the team for continuing to battle despite yielding the early goal to such a formidable opponent.

"After we gave up that first goal, we could have folded," Collins said. "We persevered and showed we were the better team."

Williams anchored the Cats' comeback for the rest of the game. In the remaining 39 minutes of the first half, Williams recorded five saves and provided the Cats with the spark they needed to shift the momentum in their favor.

"That's why I'm in the game: to come up with saves and help the team," Williams said.

Williams and the UK defense held SMU scoreless the rest of the way. Crone checked in the game at the 59-minute mark and provided the Cats with instant offense.

The freshman netted his first goal with a diving header on a cross by freshman midfielder C.J. Tappel just 23 seconds after entering the contest. The goal knotted the score 1-1.

"Crone is a scrappy guy," Collins said. "He's a scrappy, feisty guy that knows ex-

actly how to finish."

The goal brought the crowd of 821 to its feet and seemingly shifted the momentum in the home team's favor. Once the Cats had pulled even with the Mustangs, it took only five minutes for them to nab the lead.

In the 65th minute, junior midfielder Masumi Turnbull sent a cross to Crone in the penalty box, who headed a ball that glanced off the bottom of the crossbar and into the goal. The score gave the Cats a 2-1 lead and marked Crone's first career game-winner.

"I caught the defense off-guard," Crone said. "I was in place, and the cross was perfect. I didn't even have to move."

Four UK seniors, forward Aaron Swanson, midfielders Andrew Alexander and Adam Midkiff, and defender Nathan Marks, said their competitive goodbyes to the UK Soccer Complex during Senior Night celebrations Saturday. With his two goals, Crone ensured that their Senior Day was a memorable one.

"As a substitute player, I just tried to come in and boost the team," Crone said. "I just wanted to help."

Exhibition win shows need for improvement

By Travis Waldron
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After UK's 99-64 win over Pikeville College on Wednesday, when the Cats gave up 37 points in the second half, head coach Billy Gillispie said UK's defense must improve.

With four minutes left in the first half of Saturday's game against Seattle University, it appeared that the Cats had gotten the message. But by the end of UK's 82-63 win, the UK defense showed Gillispie that it still had plenty to work on.

"We were much improved from Wednesday night," Gillispie said. "But we have to do much better than that."

UK jumped ahead in the first half behind stingy defense, forcing 11 turnovers and holding the Redhawks to 27 percent shooting from the field. But the Cats allowed 39 points in the second half. Seattle never got closer than 15 points, but they did exactly what Gillispie needed them to do in an exhibition.

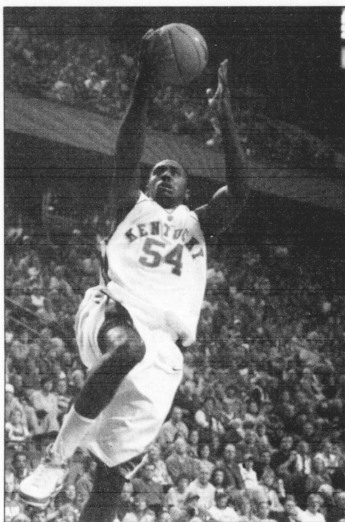
"(Seattle) definitely exposed some weaknesses for us, but that's what exhibitions are for," Gillispie said.

One of UK's main problems on defense was "way too many" fouls, Gillispie said. The Cats fouled Seattle 26 times, allowing 27 free-throw attempts.

Seattle stayed with the Cats for the opening eight and a half minutes of the game and trailed 16-10 just before the 11-minute mark. But for the next 12 minutes, the Redhawks managed just one field goal, and the Cats stretched the lead to 34-13. At that point, the game appeared to be in the books.

But the Redhawks outscored UK 13-5 in the final 4:02 of the first half to trim the Cats' lead to 39-24 at intermission. Though Seattle's run didn't cost UK the game, similar runs could in later games, Gillispie said.

"It's a learning situation," Gillispie said. "At the end of the first half, we have a 34-11 lead,



BRITNEY MCINTOSH / STAFF

Freshman forward Patrick Patterson leaps for a layup in UK's 82-63 win over Seattle University on Saturday. Patterson led the Cats with 17 points.

and they score 13 and we score 5. That's not the way you finish a half."

Apparently though, Gillispie won't have to worry about the play of freshman forward Patrick Patterson.

Patterson scored 21 points and grabbed nine rebounds Wednesday in his Rupp Arena debut, but he elicited even more excitement on Saturday. The forward didn't miss a shot — he was 6-for-6 from the field and 5-for-5 from the free-throw line — and led the Cats with 17 points.

Patterson also snagged sev-

en rebounds and blocked three shots, but his effort during one short stretch in the second half was what menaced Seattle players most.

First, Patterson spun off his man in the lane, caught a lob pass from sophomore guard Jodie Meeks and slammed it home as he got fouled, igniting the crowd. Patterson sank the free throw; then, with Seattle running the floor, he sprinted to the other end and blocked a lay-in attempt.

After the ball went out of bounds, Patterson stood on the

UK logo at center court, waving his arms and urging the crowd to get even louder. Moments later, Patterson drew an offensive foul call, giving the ball back to UK.

The freshman exited the game a minute later to a standing ovation.

Even Patterson, who was 16-for-18 from the field in two exhibition games, was surprised at how well he has started his UK career.

"Everything has been a surprise for the most part," he said. "I am proud of myself, but I'm still not satisfied. Hopefully I can carry my level of play into next week when we play our first regular-season game."

For the second time in as many games, Patterson also earned praise from the opposing coach.

"He's a jewel," Seattle head coach Joe Callero said. "I'd like to have him on our team."

The game was the first between UK and Seattle since 1958, when the two teams played for the NCAA Championship in Louisville. Players from both of those teams were honored at half-time Saturday night.

With the two exhibitions out of the way, senior guard Joe Crawford said the Cats must now focus on improving before the games start counting.

"We played well these first two games, but there's still things we need to work on," Crawford said. "The season starts Tuesday, so we have to work out those kinks. We have to play smarter."

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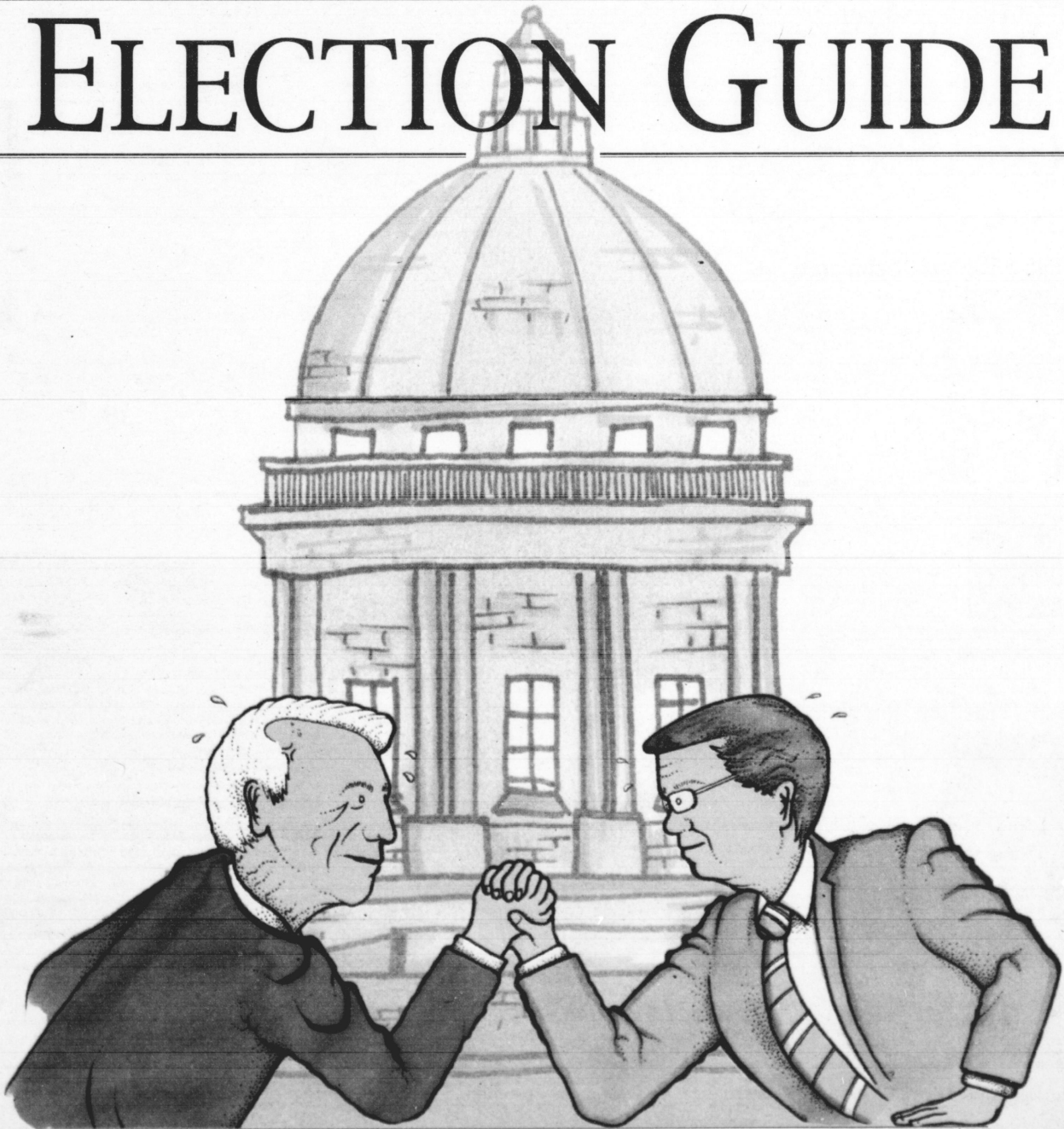
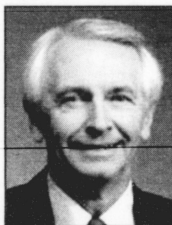


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Kentucky Governor's Race 2007

STEVE BESHEAR (Democrat)



Steve Beshear was born in Dawson Springs, Ky., in 1944 and graduated from Dawson Springs High School. He went on to receive a bachelor's degree in history from UK in 1966 and graduated from UK's College of Law in 1968. He served as the student body president as a junior during the 1964-65 school year. He served in the Army Reserve as an intelligence analyst.

Beshear has served Kentucky in the U.S. House of Representatives, as attorney general and as lieutenant governor. Following his government service, he worked as an attorney and senior executive of a multi-state law firm.

Beshear met his wife, Jane, while at UK, and they have two sons and a grandson.



Running mate:
Daniel Mongiardo

ERNIE FLETCHER (Republican)



Gov. Ernie Fletcher, the incumbent, was born in Mt. Sterling, Ky., in 1952 and graduated from Lafayette High School in Lexington. He went on to receive a bachelor's degree in mechanical engineering from UK in 1974. He then served as a commander in the U.S. Air Force during the Cold War. After leaving the military, he graduated from UK's College of Medicine in 1984 and became a family practice physician. He was CEO of St. Joseph Medical Foundation for two years.

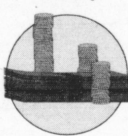




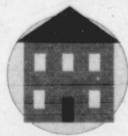
Before his term as governor, Fletcher represented Kentucky in the U.S. House of Representatives. As chairman of the subcommittee on health, he worked on several health initiatives, including the Patient Bill of Rights in 2000.

Fletcher married his high school sweetheart, Glenna, and they have a son, a daughter and four grandchildren.



Running mate:
Robbie Rudolph

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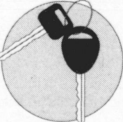





Steve Beshear	Ernie Fletcher
<p>To help jobs in Kentucky grow to their full potential, Beshear has a three-part plan:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Provide incentives for the kinds of businesses with growth potential in high-wage jobs, such as a tax credit to cover a portion of Kentucky businesses' research expenses. 2. Restore government integrity with an ethics reform package that will make Kentucky government an engine for progress. 3. Improve Kentucky schools, modernize the workforce development and training system, and make higher education a viable option for more Kentuckians. 	<p>Economy</p>  <p>Kentucky has supported entrepreneurship and increased the number of high-tech startups in the state by 240 percent.</p> <p>Kentucky has gained over 100,000 jobs between January 2004 and July 2007. During Fletcher's administration, total farm income surpassed \$4 billion for the first time, the state has increased teachers' pay, the state has reformed healthcare in favor of practitioners and the tourism industry has increased by 24 percent.</p>
<p>To get the education reform process back on track, the state needs to expand education for children under 5, encourage a firm foundation in basic concepts, value teachers and involve parents, modernize schools and classrooms and put more funding into education to promote academic excellence.</p>	<p>K-12 Education</p>  <p>Has increased education spending by 25 percent, which has gone to improving teachers' salaries, investing in better tools and technology, expanding preschools and constructing new facilities. Since 2003, average reading test scores have improved, and so have elementary math scores.</p>
<p>Expanding gaming in the state would generate extra revenue without raising the tax burden on working Kentuckians.</p>	<p>Casino Gambling</p>  <p>Casinos would have a negative effect on Kentucky's families and communities through an increase in crime and new social burdens on our communities.</p>
<p>Kentucky needs to expand health care coverage and address rising health care costs. That includes covering all children, allowing young adults to keep family coverage up to age 25, helping small businesses to cover employees, and maintaining and strengthening the Health Care Safety Net for those who can't afford or don't receive employer-provided coverage.</p>	<p>Health Care</p>  <p>Has directed changes in several laws designed to bring choice and competition back to Kentucky's insurance market. There are now more insurance companies in Kentucky than before he took office. Competition means lower costs to Kentucky families and a more vigorous marketplace for health insurance.</p>
<p>Kentucky can be an Adventure Tourism destination, especially for all-terrain vehicle (ATV) riders, hikers, hunters, horseback riders and outdoor enthusiasts from across the country. Some of the initiative the state needs to work on include calling for landowner protection laws, exploring moving the Department of Tourism to Cabinet Level, converting former rail lines and connecting corridors to public trails and developing youth mentoring and introductory programs on outdoor activities.</p>	<p>Tourism</p>  <p>Tourism spending in Kentucky in 2006 crossed the \$10 billion mark for the first time, according to new statistics compiled by the Travel Industry Association. That growth represents a 6.6 percent increase over 2005. In addition, tourism spending in Kentucky during the first three years of the Fletcher administration increased 23.8 percent and added more than 6,000 new jobs to the state's economy.</p>
<p>Universities should be free to design their own benefit programs for their administrators, faculty and staff.</p>	<p>Domestic Partner Benefits</p>  <p>Domestic partner benefits will increase health-care costs by expanding the risk pool. People who may not otherwise be able to afford insurance because of high-risk diseases could obtain it — and thus increase costs — by signing onto a domestic partner plan. The real solution is to make health care more available for everyone.</p>

SOURCE: STAFF REPORTS, CAMPAIGN WEB SITES

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GETTING TO KNOW THE CANDIDATES

The candidates for the next governor of Kentucky have been on the campaign trail for months, and their views on many issues—casinos and ethics, anyone?—are fairly well known. Here are their responses to some more personal questions.

	Steve Beshear	Ernie Fletcher
If a CD were to get stuck in your CD player, which one would you hope it would be?	Any Frank Sinatra CD 	Best Hits of the 60s
What was your first car?	The family hand-me-down 	'63 Dodge Dart
If you were going on Spring Break this year, where would you go?	Destin, Fla. 	Bahamas
Which TV character do you think best resembles you and which best resembles your opponent?	I don't have enough time right now to watch TV to know 	I'd have to ponder this a while. My opponent reminds my staff of Mr. Burns from "The Simpsons"
If you were at a wedding with an open bar, what would you order?	A glass of wine 	I would actually hit the dance floor with Glenna
If you can only have one dessert for the rest of your life, what would it be?	My mom's lemon pie 	Chocolate ice cream
What sports teams do you cheer for in these categories?	Pro football: Cincinnati Bengals Pro basketball: Miami Heat, because Pat Riley played for UK while I was in school Out-of-state college: None In-state college: I root for all Kentucky teams, but my alma mater is UK. 	Pro football: Cincinnati Bengals Pro basketball: I mostly just follow UK Out-of-state college: None In-state college: UK and U of L

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SOURCE: E-MAIL INTERVIEWS WITH CANDIDATES

VIEWS ON HIGHER ED

Both candidates graduated from UK, so the Kernel asked them about their time in college. Here's what they said.

What was your favorite class at UK?

Beshear: Kentucky History, taught by Dr. Tom Clark

Fletcher: Independent Study in Aerospace

What class was the biggest threat to your GPA?

Beshear: First-year chemistry

Fletcher: Classic Literature

What was your worst/most awkward date in college?

Beshear: On my first date with my future wife, Jane, I took her to dinner at the upscale Levas' Restaurant in downtown Lexington. Jane was wearing a coat, and as I helped her out of the car, her bracelet got caught and we couldn't get her coat off. We both laughed, and that broke the ice. From then on, there was no pretense between us.

Fletcher: A blind date

Who did you vote for governor when you were in college?

Beshear: Ned Breathitt (the Democratic candidate who served as governor from 1963 to 1967)

Fletcher: Tom Emberton (the Republican candidate in 1971)

What's your favorite memory of college?

Beshear: Meeting my wife, Jane

Fletcher: Delta Tau Delta Spring Trip to Kentucky Lake

What was your favorite hangout in Lexington?

Beshear: Adam's Restaurant

Fletcher: It varied from year to year. Two Keys was the big hang out.

Any other memory or experience that jumps out at you?

Beshear: As Student Government President, being on the stage with President Lyndon Johnson during the graduation ceremony

Fletcher: Making lieutenant in the Air Force at graduation

Summaries of the candidates' stances on topics affecting UK.

On keeping Kentucky college graduates in the state:

Beshear — The Kentucky First Scholarships program will pay off one year of student loans for every year that student works in the state after he or she graduates. The state should create more jobs that will stimulate the tax base and should create the kind of jobs that need Kentucky college graduates.

Fletcher — To keep Kentucky college graduates in the state, Kentucky should diversify its economy by drawing more high-tech jobs in addition to the agricultural, mining and manufacturing positions that already exist.

- Start making commercial opportunities from existing research.

- Provide incentives for companies that convert coal into liquid fuel

- Make cities more livable to help attract and retain college graduates.

On keeping college affordable:

Beshear — The Kentucky First Scholarships program would not only keep graduates in the state but would make higher education more affordable. Expanded gaming would also bring in \$500 million more in tax revenue for Kentucky. Those additional funds will make college more affordable by allowing the state to more fully fund universities and scholarship programs.

The state should also expand dual-credit options so that high school juniors and seniors can earn college credit through community colleges or Advanced Placement programs.

Fletcher — A "freeze" on tuition increases should be in place until the implementation of the Kentucky Covenant program, which would work with middle-school students and guarantee tuition assistance for students who prepare for college and get good grades.

There should also be a loan-forgiveness program for college graduates going into professions where talent is needed, such as teachers.

On funding for the Top 20 Business Plan:

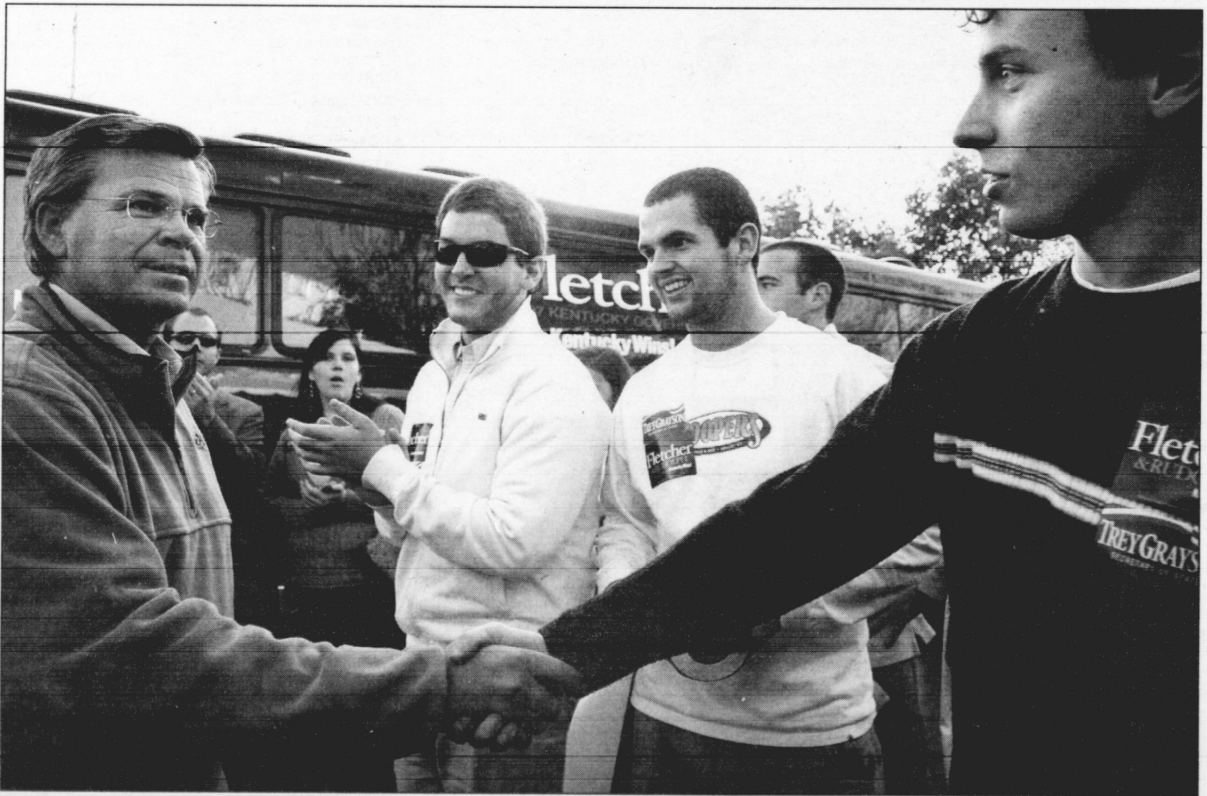
Beshear — The state should push for fully funding the plan. The current administration has failed to fund the Bucks for Brains program and the Top 20 Business Plan, which has accounted for increasing tuition. Tuition is too high now, and it is not the universities' faults.

Fletcher — State funding for higher education has increased about 20 percent during the Fletcher administration, and UK has received a large share of that. UK's Top 20 Business Plan rightly recognizes that there aren't enough jobs for college graduates in this state.

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Last days on the trail

UK students hit the streets to stir up support for Fletcher, Beshear



Above: UK College Republicans President Thomas Roberts, a political science and economics senior, knocks on a door while canvassing a neighborhood in Lexington on Saturday afternoon.

Right: Gov. Ernie Fletcher, left, shakes hands with Jonathan Bryant, a politics and government senior at Bryan College, during a rally at the Kentucky Horse Park on Saturday evening.

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By Juliann Vachon
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Robert Kahne and Thomas Roberts know the poll numbers: Steve Beshear has a commanding double-digit lead over Gov. Ernie Fletcher in the SurveyUSA poll for tomorrow's gubernatorial election.

But in the final 72 hours of a campaign, each party must make contacts

and mobilize registered voters so that the decisive poll — Election Night results — swings its way, said Roberts, president of UK College Republicans, and Kahne, president of UK College Democrats.

Each organization is out meeting and talking with potential voters today and tomorrow as members knock on doors, work the phones and wave signs confidently for their party while making the fi-

nal effort for victory in the 2007 election.

About nine UK students stood shivering in the cold with other Democrats, young and old, at the Louisville Democratic Party headquarters on Saturday morning waiting as the oversized vans rolled in to take them out for a morning of door-to-door campaigning.

UK's College Democrats spent the day in Louisville canvassing with Kentucky College Democrats and about 45

students from throughout the country.

Meanwhile, the Kentucky Federation of College Republicans was taking a different approach, spreading its canvassers throughout the state to reach more potential voters, Roberts said.

About 18 UK Republicans and 10 out-of-state students ready to tackle precincts in Fayette County gathered for breakfast at the organization's Victory Office in Lexington, where Roberts said

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Democratic candidate Steve Beshear, center, and his wife, Jane, prepare to take pictures with students who had been out canvassing earlier on Saturday morning in Louisville.

each person was assigned a route for the day.

The canvassing process is similar for both parties: Knock on registered voters' doors, remind them to vote for the party's candidates and hand them door hangers with the candidate's name in big, bold letters. If a voter is not home, leave the sign and move on.

College Democrats and Republicans are also making targeted phone calls to potential voters, reminding them of the party's candidates for elected positions and their stances on key issues.

Kahne called the Democrats' unified effort in Louisville a "great party-building activity."

"This is the only race (in the nation) that's somewhat competitive, although it's not as competitive as the Republicans would have hoped," said Kahne, a political science and economics junior. "But we're not taking any chances."

Beshear, the Democratic gubernatorial candidate, delivered the same message to enthusiastic supporters, including the student volunteers, at the Louisville party head-

quarters on Saturday afternoon.

"You've done everything in the world to make sure people come out and vote," Beshear said. "These next 72 hours will bring us home."

Corey Shepherd, a marketing senior at Auburn University, was among the students from outside the state rallying support for Beshear in Louisville this weekend.

"Louisville hasn't run an effectively coordinated event in years," said Shepherd, national membership director for the College Democrats of America. "but this year there is good momentum, and it's really going to give the Democrats a good starting block for future elections."

Richard Becker, co-chair of the College Democrats of Kentucky, said the Democrats are "the party that has the interests of young people most at heart."

"It's a no-brainer for college students to come out and help these candidates," said Becker, a history and political science junior at UK.

The Republicans had help from out-of-state canvassers as well. Jonathan Bryant, state chairman of



UK College Democrats President Robert Kahne, a political science and economics junior, leaves a home in Louisville on Saturday after reminding the resident to vote on Election Day.

the College Republicans in Tennessee, said he had knocked on at least 100 doors as of Saturday in support of Fletcher.

"I've been out knocking on doors all day and talking to voters, and people are giving (Fletcher) a chance," said Bryant, a politics and

government senior at Bryan College. "They're not closing the door."

After putting up signs leading to a white tent at the Kentucky Horse Park, Roberts and other College Republican members handed out stickers to those arriving at a rally for Fletcher.

Brent Burchett, president of the Kentucky Federation of College Republicans, said Fletcher's 62-county, 13-day bus tour that ended Saturday helped bring out more Fletcher supporters.

"Everybody's been concerned with the poll numbers, but this weekend has changed the momentum of the race," said Burchett, a public service and leadership senior.

At his rally, Fletcher stood before a crowd of supporters that was chanting "four more years" as other Republicans running for office stood on stage behind him.

Fletcher compared his need for support in the final days of his campaign to a Kentucky Derby winner, reminding the crowd that "every one of those horses turned it on in the final stretch."

Roberts agreed that turnout efforts could determine the outcome of the race.

"It doesn't matter where you are in the polls because the only poll that matters is the one on Election Day," Roberts said. "Even if he was up by 20 in the polls, these last few days would still be critical."

other statewide races

attorney general

The attorney general is Kentucky's top law-enforcement official, whose duties include both supervising all state prosecutors and writing advisory opinions for government officials when legal questions arise. The attorney general also supervises other law-related agencies, including the Office of Consumer Protection, which helps mediate disputes between customers and businesses, and the Kentucky Bureau of Investigation, which investigates the drug trade and public corruption.



Jack Conway
D-Louisville

Conway wants to increase the attorney general's role in environmental protection by focusing on tougher enforcement of state environmental laws. He hopes to refine and strengthen the state's prescription drug-tracking system, which is supposed to alert investigators of potential cases of prescription abuse. Conway supports creating an Internet Crimes and Fraud Division to investigate sexual predators and consumer scams online.

Web site: www.jackconway.org



Stan Lee
R-Lexington

Lee supports creating a Rapid Response Identity Theft Unit to cut down on identity theft and a Child Predator Unit to fight online sexual predators. He opposes gay marriage and abortion, and he believes state agencies should legally be able to post the Ten Commandments. As attorney general, Lee wants to continue the anti-drug efforts he has worked on as a state representative (he supported bills to toughen drug laws and fight meth labs).

Web site: www.stanlee2007.com

secretary of state

The secretary of state oversees the incorporation of businesses in Kentucky and all matters directly pertaining to those corporations, such as mergers, dissolutions and relevant public records. The office holder is also Kentucky's chief election officer, responsible for managing voter registration, candidate filings and vote counts. Finally, the secretary of state supervises the State Land Office, which deals with land grants, warrants and surveys.



Bruce Hendrickson
D-Pineville

Hendrickson wants to extend civics education for high-school students so they are as informed about the voting process as college students are. He seeks to defend voters' rights and ensure that people are not wrongly disenfranchised. Hendrickson also would have the secretary of state's office do more advocacy for small businesses, including working with the General Assembly to reduce their tax burden.

Web site: www.hendricksonforsecofstate.com



Trey Grayson
R-Park Hills

Grayson, the incumbent, supports measures to fight voter fraud and to make elections more accessible for U.S. service members and for people who have disabilities. He wants to boost public engagement in Kentucky by promoting civic education in Kentucky classrooms. Grayson also emphasizes that he has made Kentucky's business laws more clear and has increased online access to business-related documents and forms.

Web site: www.treygrayson.com

treasurer

The treasurer, Kentucky's chief elected fiscal officer, heads the Kentucky State Treasury and serves on fiscally oriented state boards, such as the lottery board, the state investment commission and the Kentucky Teachers' Retirement System. The treasury manages the finances of all state agencies, which includes paying state employees' salaries and depositing checks written to state agencies.



Todd Hollenbach
D-Louisville

Hollenbach wants to increase efficiency and cut spending at the treasury by using technology to streamline its functions where possible. He supports reviving Kentucky's Affordable Prepaid Tuition Program, through which families can establish tuition savings accounts. Hollenbach wants to increase public knowledge about finances by holding a summit to form a plan to improve financial literacy in Kentucky.

Web site: www.hollenbach-treasurer.com



Melinda Wheeler
R-Georgetown

Wheeler's top priority is the abolition of the office of state treasurer, which she says is unnecessary when most revenue matters can be handled electronically. Wheeler considers the treasurer's office too expensive, with a budget of \$3 million for only 25 employees. She hopes to work with the General Assembly to make a constitutional amendment that would abolish the office of treasurer and give its duties to other state agencies.

Web site: www.melindawheeler07.com

other statewide races

commissioner of agriculture

The agriculture commissioner heads Kentucky's Department of Agriculture, which makes and enforces agricultural regulations, works to control communicable animal diseases, and helps state farmers market their products and expand their consumer bases. The department also oversees state shows and fairs, farmland preservation, and education on agricultural literacy and farm safety.



David Lynn Williams
D-Glasgow

Williams, who does not have a campaign Web site, said in a questionnaire by The (Louisville) Courier-Journal that he wants to promote locally grown organic food, especially as a means of fighting higher energy costs. Williams also wants to see more minorities hired in state government and fight discrimination in the program that provides health care to state employees, he said in the Courier-Journal questionnaire.

Web site: N/A



Richie Farmer
R-Frankfort

Farmer, the incumbent, wants to make agriculture in Kentucky more diverse by researching how to use crops as energy sources, which would promote energy independence. He says he has increased the Department of Agriculture's output despite funding cuts and hopes to continue making the department more efficient. Farmer also boasts of his efforts to protect consumers from low-quality motor fuel and to increase funding for county fairs.

Web site: www.richiefarmer.net

auditor of public accounts

The auditor's main duty is to monitor the accounts and financial transactions of all state agencies, fighting waste and corruption. In recent years, the auditor has taken on some duties beyond finances, such as audits to ensure that state computer systems are secure or to monitor the performance and effectiveness of state public programs. The auditor's office is also Kentucky's chief tax-collection agency.



Crit Luallen
D-Frankfort

Luallen, the incumbent, focuses on her record as auditor since she took office in 2004, as well as her other public-service roles in Kentucky since 1974. She boasts of exposing government-fraud cases totaling millions of dollars, resulting in several public officials being prosecuted. She also says the auditor's office has expanded its role under her leadership by taking on more performance audits and other special investigations.

Web site: www.critluallen.com



Linda Greenwell
R-Taylorsville

Greenwell boasts of her management experience in the private sector as a business owner and operations management specialist for UPS, emphasizing that she is not a career politician. She hopes to look into measures that would ensure the solvency of the Kentucky Retirement System, and she plans to encourage Kentuckians to report wastes of tax dollars through a "Citizen's Hotline" system.

Web site: www.lindagreenwell.com

voting in lexington | Polls open at 6 a.m. tomorrow

■ Registered voters can find out their polling place on the Kentucky State Board of Elections' Web site (<http://elect.ky.gov>) by entering their full name and date of birth.

■ Polls will be open from 6 a.m. to 6 p.m. tomorrow, though all registered voters who are in line by 6 p.m. will be able to vote.

■ Voters must bring a form of identification or be known by a precinct officer to vote. Valid methods of identification include a driver's license, Social Security card, credit card or another card bearing both a picture and signature. Those without identification will not be able to cast provisional ballots in tomor-

row's election because provisional ballots are only available for federal races.

■ On Kentucky's electronic polling machines, voters turn a wheel to highlight names and press "enter" to make selections. There is a "straight party" option to select all Republicans or all Democrats in every partisan race. Voters may choose to enter no vote in any race, and they can also enter write-in candidates in any race. Sample ballots are available at all polling places.

■ Voters who are blind, have a disability or cannot read English may receive assistance from someone they select or from the two precinct judges. The

voter's employer, agents of that employer, or an officer or agent from the voter's union may not act as an assistant.

■ Those who suspect vote fraud or other violations should contact the election officials at their precinct's polling place; the county clerk, at 255-8683 for Fayette County; the State Board of Elections, at (502) 573-7100; or the Attorney General's Election Fraud Hotline at (800) 328-8683.

■ A full Voter Information Guide and list of voter rights and responsibilities is available on the State Board of Elections' Web site (<http://elect.ky.gov/registrationinfo/>).

SOURCE: KENTUCKY VOTER INFORMATION GUIDE



Two men meet outside the Capitol after the 2005 Rally for Higher Education in Frankfort.

STAFF FILE PHOTO

Candidates weigh in on low student turnout



By Blair Thomas
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Alex Lyons does not plan to vote in tomorrow's gubernatorial elections because he has better things to do.

"I voted when I was 18; that's the last time I've been to the polls," said Lyons, an economics senior. "I have no reason to vote. Politicians don't listen to the needs of young people, and I have better things to do."

Out of 169,243 people registered to vote in Fayette County, only 400 are registered in the Towers precinct, the area including UK's campus, according to the Kentucky State Board of Elections' Web site (<http://elect.ky.gov/stats/>).

Republican Gov. Ernie Fletcher, who is running for re-election, said he agrees that many college students feel like they don't have an influence in government.

"Many people feel removed from the political process," Fletcher said in an e-mail to the Kernel. "Too many people (think) they don't have influence on the policy choices made by their government, or that those choices have little impact on their lives."

Democratic challenger Steve Beshear said low voting numbers on college campuses are a result of the behavior of people in office.

"Too many politicians set a bad example, which causes our young people to lose confidence in government," Beshear said in an e-mail to the Kernel.

Past incidents of "less than admirable behavior" from politicians are another reason Lyons said he doesn't "bother with following candidates' campaigns."

"If I want to see someone cheat on their wife or steal money from their workplace, I can go back to my hometown," Lyons said. "I don't need to watch campaign commercials reminding me of what goes on in the government."

Lyons said instead of waiting in line at the polls, he'll be in one of his four Tuesday classes, waiting tables at Brooklyn Pizza or studying for a test he has at 8 a.m. on Wednesday.

"I have too much to do, maybe if I was just working or just going to school, or maybe if we had a day off from classes, then I'd go vote," Lyons said. "But in all honesty, I don't have a free second in my day."

Not having free time shouldn't be an excuse, said political science teaching assistant Josh Hargrove.

"We're talking about the future," Hargrove said. "Voting means having a hand in electing the future leaders, people who will hugely impact all of our lives, including students. There is absolutely no excuse for not wanting to take part in that."

Alise Mayer said she has voted in every election since she registered on her 18th birthday and will vote tomorrow.

"People who think voting isn't im-

portant frustrate me," said Mayer, a political science sophomore. "I vote every chance I get. People who don't vote are cheating themselves and the rest of us out of having leaders who really represent what the public wants."

In the Clifton precinct, which includes UK's sorority and fraternity houses along Rose Street and Rose Lane to Woodland Avenue, 610 residents are registered.

"These numbers are embarrassing," Mayer said. "We're sending the message to politicians that we don't care about anything, so why bother trying to address issues that might concern us?"

The issues that should be important to college students include the creation of high-wage jobs and keeping the "best and the brightest here in Kentucky," Beshear said.

Fletcher agreed that students should be concerned with what jobs are waiting for them after graduation.

Lyons said that even with what he thinks is an improved focus on concerns of college students by Fletcher and Beshear, he doesn't think the number of students who vote tomorrow will increase.

"I'd like to be optimistic; I'd like to say that students are going to get out there and vote and start being concerned with the political process," Lyons said. "But the truth of it is, we all have too much to worry about and too much to do. We're too busy focusing on today to focus on tomorrow."



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For polling information and times, turn to page B7