

**Making ends meet**

## Budget Woes

Departments look at impact of 4 percent cuts

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Department heads across UK are taking a hard look at their budgets as the university potentially faces a 4 percent cut in state funding, although some services may not be affected.

As soon as early next week, UK will know whether tuition hikes, hiring freezes, delayed graduation and em-

ployee cuts will become a reality, and in a campus-wide email sent late Wednesday, President Todd announced a plan has been formed with cuts to the budget due to the possible \$12.7 million cut from the state.

"The university has been working to conserve cash and reduce expenses," Todd said in the e-mail. "However, we did not get direction on the

level of cut to plan for until last week."

Devanathan Sudharshan, dean of Gatton College of Business and Economics, said it would not be easy to cut from his college.

"We have had a series of cuts and an increase in our undergraduate enrollment," Sudharshan said. "We are understaffed compared to our aspirant colleges."

For Student Affairs, which includes services such as Campus Dining and Residence Life, it is premature to discuss possible cuts, said UK spokeswoman Gail Hairston.

"We aren't going to know anything until next week," Hairston said.

Some auxiliary services may not be affected by possible cuts.

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FILE PHOTO BY BRAD LUTTRELL, STAFF  
While many university presidents are declining their annual bonus, UK President Lee Todd said it is too soon to tell whether he will be taking a pay cut. Todd's salary has risen 11.7 percent since last school year.

## Todd: No decision on bonus

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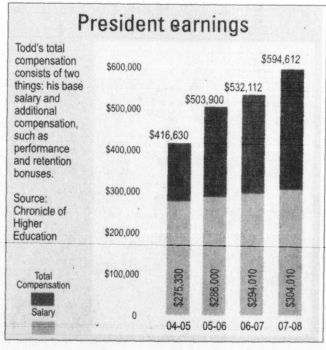
Some college presidents across the country are declining pay raises this year in the face of budget shortfalls, but UK President Lee Todd said it is too soon to tell if he will join the movement.

On Friday, the president of Kentucky Community and Technical Schools will turn down a salary increase and bonus as part of his 2009 compensation package during a regularly scheduled meeting.

President Michael B. McCall, citing the "difficult financial times for both our state and postsecondary education" as his reason for declining the bonus in a statement, joins the presidents of Stanford University, Washington State University and Washington University in St. Louis among others, the Chronicle of Higher Education reported.

While Todd returned about a third of a \$150,000 bonus from the Board of Trustees for the 2007-08 fiscal year, Todd's total compensation still rose 11.7 percent from the year before, according to figures from the Chronicle of Higher Education's salary database. The total increase in his compensation over the past four years has been 42.7 percent.

In April, Todd recommended to the UK Board of Trustees that faculty and staff not receive a salary increase for the 2008-09 fiscal year beginning in July. Todd announced the decision in a campus-wide e-mail, citing the state's budget cuts — 3 percent in midyear cuts in the



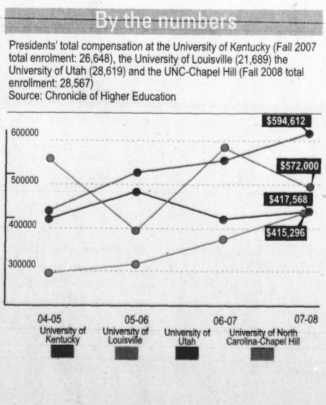
**Additional compensation**

- \$45,602 retirement pay
- \$100,000 retention bonus
- \$95,000 performance bonus
- \$50,000 foundation pay

"I did not receive a raise," Todd said. "My contract states that any raise would be the same as staff — thus, I did not receive a salary increase last year."

Why Todd did not decline more of his bonus has already been discussed several times before and UK Public Relations will offer no further comment, said UK spokesman Jimmy Stanton.

"This is a decision the president and the board made, so we're not going to revisit it," Stanton said.



## Local computer store owners strained after UK decision

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Local business owner Clarence Brewer is worried about the future of his computer store because of a recent policy decision by UK.

Brewer, a UK alumnus and owner of Computer Pieces and Parts, has relied on surplus computers from UK to build and sell computers at prices below market value.

But the university stopped selling in February 2008, when UK enacted a contract with computer company Dell to have them take all surplus computers, clean the hard drives of information and dispose of them.

He and other computer business owners such as Orville Baker, owner of Baker Surplus in Versailles, Ky., are concerned about the increasing difficulty of building used computers at a lower cost.

Dell charged the university \$19 per computer and to date they have taken 4,370 computers, said Ben Crutcher, UK's associate vice president for auxiliary services. This amounts to \$83,030 spent on this program since February.

Brewer now has to buy

the parts necessary to run his business from other venues. He said last year he spent \$3,300 on computers and parts from the UK surplus auctions and this year, since the auctions stopped carrying computers, he has spent \$10,900 acquiring parts. Now he is worried that he will have to mark up his prices.

"I know the people I sell to aren't going to be able to afford my computers anymore," Brewer said.

Crutcher said UK stopped selling the computers at auction and began working with Dell to get rid of surplus computers because Dell's program ensures that all potentially sensitive data, such as student records and medical records, is removed from the hard drive.

Crutcher also said that by the time UK invests the resources and manpower into cleaning all of the surplus hard drives it ends up costing more than what Dell charges to do it.

"We found it was more cost-effective to pay Dell to do it," Crutcher said.

Crutcher found out Tuesday UK will no longer be paying Dell to take away

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## WORLD AIDS WEEK

### AIDS services restart waitlist in Kentucky

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State budget cuts on subsidized medications may affect HIV-positive patients' responsiveness to treatment.

Kentucky clinics will have to resort to waitlists next year for patients receiving HIV and AIDS medications, said Bluegrass Care Clinic Program Coordinator Elisa Klein. The waitlist raises a serious health threat for HIV-positive patients with low incomes, she said.

"With HIV medications, it's really important that you stay on them, that you don't start then stop because your body can become resistant to the medication," Klein said.

The Kentucky AIDS Drug Assistance Program (KADAP) will be experiencing a \$250,000 budget cut on all subsidized medication beginning next year, said Dan Grantz, assistant director for the Kentucky Clinic Pharmacy.

Klein recalls a previous waitlist in 2001 and said the people that need the medications will not be able to easily access them since many patients have to pay for medications and treatment out of pocket.

KADAP is a grant-funded program providing HIV medications to individuals with low incomes. Medications

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## Harris released from hospital after collision

**Staff report**

UK men's basketball junior Ramon Harris was released from the hospital Thursday afternoon, one day after colliding with teammate Michael Porter during UK's 103-61 victory over Lamar. Harris was carted off the court and taken to the UK Hospital.

Harris was kept at UK Hospital Wednesday night and underwent tests, all of which came back negative, UK spokesman John Hayden said.

The Alaskan native lay motionless on the Rupp Arena floor before being carted off. Porter received 10 stitches above his left eye and did not return to the game.

"Those are my kids out there," Gillispie said after Wednesday's game. "You feel helpless that you can't help them, but we have great people that can and we just hope and pray that everything works out for both of them."

Harris and Porter are listed as day-to-day according to a UK athletics news release, making their availability for UK's games this weekend against No. 22 Miami and Mississippi Valley State uncertain.

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### Horoscopes

By Linda C. Black  
 To get the advantage, check the day's rating. 10 is the easiest day, 0 the most challenging.

**Aries (March 21-April 19)** — Today is a 7 — Be careful. Knowing this ahead of time gives you an advantage.

**Taurus (April 20-May 20)** — Today is a 7 — You love your friends dearly, but that doesn't mean you let them make your decisions — especially in financial matters, as if you didn't know. Have fun, but don't get stuck paying more than you should.

**Gemini (May 21-June 21)** — Today is a 7 — Stay out of an argument between a hothead and a dreamer. Stay calm, cool and collected, and you'll win them over without saying a word.

**Cancer (June 22-July 22)** — Today is a 7 — New experiences and new faces help you

appreciate the old, familiar ones you've had around for years.

**Leo (July 23-Aug. 22)** — Today is a 7 — Keep punching the time clock and doing the job. You're building up your reserves. Pass on the after-work beer with the boys; you need every cent you can save.

**Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)** — Today is a 6 — Do what needs to be done and get home as soon as you can. Your frustrations will be eased by the comforts of your own hearth. Everything will turn out fine.

**Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)** — Today is an 8 — The deadline is approaching, so pick up the pace. You're doing this on speculation. You don't know what you'll get back.

**Scorpio (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)** — Today is a 6 — It's not a good day to gamble, or even to go shopping. Don't add to the confusion. Coach the younger people on budgets, but not in public, at the mall.

**Sagittarius (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)**

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## THE DISH

# kernel POP Celebrities and their causes

These stars step up to help people in need; Oh, and Stephen Colbert's album

### Eva's Heroes & Padres Contra el Cancer

Eva Longoria founded Eva's Heroes, an after-school program for special needs children in San Antonio (evasheroes.org), and fundraises for Padres Contra el Cancer to help Latino children nationwide who have the disease (amihope.org).

For Eva's Heroes, the motivation was personal. "My older sister Elizabeth is mentally disabled. She is my hero," Longoria Parker, 33, tells Us. Hubby Tony Parker, 26, gets in on the act, too. "He brings the [San Antonio] Spurs players to all of our fundraisers. We've auctioned him off!"

The actress has been a spokeswoman for Padres as well, visiting cancer patients for six years. "There are so many ways people can make a difference," she tells Us. "I will donate gifts or my time at the hospital. If every one of your readers donated one dollar, imagine the impact."

"Victims were disclosing their stories to me, many for the first time," Hargitay tells Us of her Law & Order: SVU fan mail. "When I started on the show, people asked how I dealt with all of the horrible subject matter. I deal with it by doing something about it."

### The Michael J. Fox Foundation for Parkinson's Research

Michaeljfox.org has raised \$140 million for research on new therapies for Parkinson's, a degenerative nervous system disorder.

"I set out to assemble a team of people smarter than me — that was distressingly easy," joked the star, who was diagnosed with the disease in 1991. "We have one goal: finding the cure for Parkinson's."

Fox, 47, tells Us, "People use bake sales, birthday parties, pub crawls and anything else they can think of to raise funds."

to Guam on her first USO mission as a motivational speaker for youth.

### Totally unrelated: Colbert showdown with Kanye ends in loss to wait, yes, Britney

Neither Stephen Colbert nor Kanye West took first place in the album-sales duel instigated by Colbert on his show this week.

The biggest man of all, as measured by iTunes album sales, was Britney Spears.

At 5 p.m. EST Wednesday, the time Colbert had called on his fans to go to iTunes and purchase "A Colbert Christmas: The Greatest Gift of All," Spears' album was on top. And, during what iTunes has labeled "Britney Spears Week," it stayed that way throughout the early evening.

But by 8:30, Colbert's disc had surged in front of West's "808s & Heartbreak," taking over the No. 3 spot and pushing West to No. 4. (Akon was in the No. 2 spot.) In initiating the East Coast-Third Coast rap feud — if the definition of "rap" also includes "talking on TV" — Colbert said Monday that he wanted to humble West, challenging the singer's assertion that he's the voice of his generation.

"With all the Auto-Tuning on your records, you're barely the voice of your own albums," Colbert said.

Credit: Us & McClintchey

### Joyful Heart Foundation

Markiska Hargitay's foundation supports survivors of sexual assault, domestic violence and child abuse (joyfulheartfoundation.org). "Our mission is to heal, educate and empower," the star, 44, tells Us. Since 2004, more than 1,200 survivors have participated in retreat and wellness programs, which complement traditional talk therapy.

### United Service Organizations

Tennis ace Anna Kournikova, 27, has joined forces with the nonprofit (uso.org) to provide morale boosts to U.S. troops and their children. "These people keep us safe and protect the lives we are privileged to have back home," she tells Us.

In October, Kournikova, who has worked with young people since retiring from sports five years ago, went

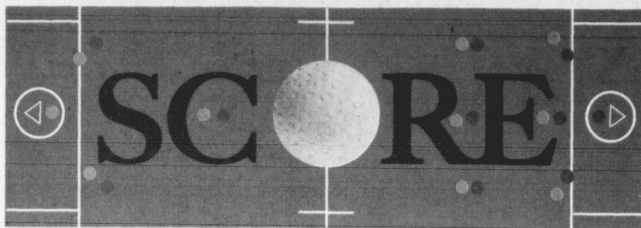
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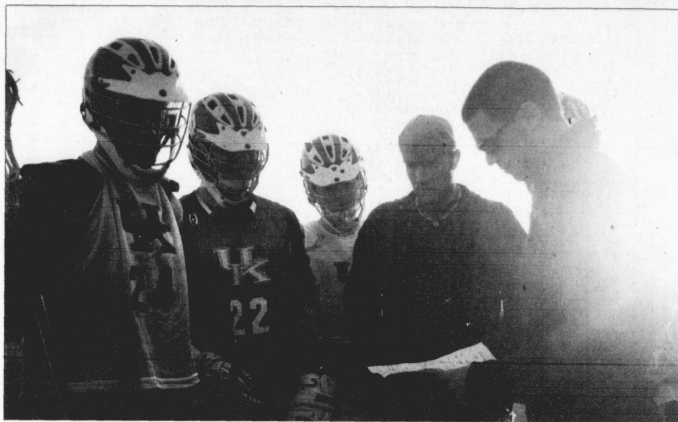
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UK men's lacrosse head coach Jacob Knight, right, goes over the schedule with his players. The club hopes they can overcome budget issues. PHOTO BY KRISTIN SHERKARD | STAFF

## Club attacks competition

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In the game of lacrosse, players are constantly charging toward a goal, stick in hand, hoping to score that one crucial point to put their team in the lead. For the UK men's lacrosse team, reaching its goal this season is as tough as scoring in a competitive match.

The team's goal? Legitimacy. The team is vying for NCAA accreditation — the chance to become a Division I men's sport program at UK.

Accreditation brings major benefits, one of which is funding from UK. Men's lacrosse head coach Jacob Knight, who is also the advertising adviser for the Kernel, said becoming a Division I program would help the team develop, giving players the chance to concentrate on the sport, not money.

"If the university offered

scholarships or fully funded the program, then guys wouldn't have to have jobs to pay to play, and those issues might not be as big of a deal," Knight said.

The team has already posted some impressive accomplishments at the club level, making it to the playoffs the past three years, advancing as far as the quarterfinals, and recently joining the SELC (Southeastern Lacrosse Conference). This allows the team to play a sharp upgrade in competition, including Georgia, Vanderbilt and Tennessee.

The major hurdle for the lacrosse program is Title IX, a fair-education law enacted in 1972 that has been extended to prevent discrimination based on gender within college athletics. UK already uses a majority of their scholarships on men's sports, making the leap up harder for the lacrosse team.

The men's lacrosse team currently has a budget between

\$40,000 and \$50,000, and Knight said that UK only provides \$300 for the club, or less than 1 percent of their budget.

"It's difficult ... but we make our way by fundraising," said club president Andrew McCarthy. "What we don't make by fundraising is supplemented by player dues."

The team thinks new marketing strategies will produce a larger fan base and help increase the popularity of the game, giving them an edge on other club sports when scholarships become available. McCarthy said the club has "decent" attendance, but hopes tougher competition will help increase crowds at games.

"We've put fliers out there to try and get fans in the crowd," Knight said. "We've run ads in the paper, too, but I think the best way to get people out to our games is just to make sure they know that we're playing tougher competition that includes SEC schools that every-

one around here is familiar with."

In the spring, the team will play home games against Purdue, Vanderbilt and West Virginia and will finish the season against Louisville on April 18.

"There are nine away games this season. Sometimes we take big 15-passenger vans and sometimes we charter a bus from Centenary Methodist Church, just depending on how far the trip is," Knight said. "If the game is close enough, say if it's in Nashville, we'll make a day trip out of it but for our longer trips, we'll stay overnight and that comes out of our budget."

Despite its budget and roster problems, the club has not let its morale fall heading into its spring season.

"This year is a big step forward for this program and we're excited to see what we can do," McCarthy said.

Staff writer James Pennington contributed to this story.

## Annual carousel starts again

The regional fair is something a town can look forward to.

The unlikelihood of winning the carnival games, the chance to eat funnel cakes and of course those cheap but stomach-twisting rides.

In what is considered the country's most powerful football conference, there is such a ride that has grown men in power positions shaking in their boots before frantically running to the exits.

It's called the coaching carousel, and it gives me motion sickness just looking at it. Already, three notable Southeastern Conference head coaches have "resigned" from their post: Tennessee's Phil Fulmer, who won the SEC Eastern Division five times and captured a National Title in 1998; Mississippi State's Sylvester Croom, who became the conference's first African-American head coach in 2004 and won the Associated Press's SEC Coach of the Year last season and now Auburn's Tommy Tuberville, who led the Tigers to an undefeated season in 2004, but was left out of the BCS title game.

"What have you done for me lately?" That seems to come out of the mouths of athletic directors around the conference. Fortunately for Rich Brooks, that question is not being tossed around at UK — yet.

But the debate these coaching changes raise is whether an athletic department's release of coaches after a stretch of rocky seasons is justified.

In the last four years, where Tennessee and Auburn have slumped, they had excellent recruiting classes. According to the College Sports Network, Tennessee has landed three top-10 recruiting classes. Auburn has landed two.

The consensus is that the combination of the right crop of players on the field with the right coaching will result in more wins than losses at season's end. A look at USC proves that. They landed the top recruiting class four straight years and have a record of 44-6 during that time.

But SEC coaches have a disclaimer: other schools in the conference bring in just as many good players too.

UK, Vanderbilt, Mississippi State or Ole Miss don't always get five-star recruits. For that reason, Croom's exit from MSU is different. Coaches at historic cellar-dweller schools have to work with what they've got, and Croom worked well, but still announced a shocking resignation on Nov. 29.

Coaches that struggle with some of the best athletes in the nation should move on. It's that simple. It's not just the question of "What have you done for me lately?" but a question of "what have you done with all you have at your disposal?"

The answer should determine whether struggling coaches go for the carousel ride or not.

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### THIS WEEK'S GAMES

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Alabama vs. Florida in Atlanta  
Missouri vs. Oklahoma in Kansas City, Mo.  
East Carolina at Tulsa  
Arizona State at Arizona  
South Florida at West Virginia



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## Cats can't overcome Michigan, lose in NCAA first round

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For the second year in a row, the Cats couldn't get over the hump.

Despite accomplishing so much this season, UK found itself at the end of a very familiar road — losing in the first round of the NCAA tournament.

This season had brought many positive things to UK (26-6), including its first Southeastern Conference Player of the Year and their first time hosting the NCAA tournament since 1993, but

when everything was finished, the same ugly face showed itself against the Cats as the Michigan Wolverines (25-8, 12-8 Big Ten Conference) defeated the Cats 3-2 (24-26, 25-16, 19-25, 25-19, 15-13).

The Cats started out the season with a 3-2 record and questions swirled around as to whether UK could live up to expectations. Those questions were quickly answered as the Cats rang off 19 wins in their next 20 games and found themselves in the American Volleyball Coaches Association top 25 for the

first time since 1993.

"(Change) is what got us to the next level," UK head coach Craig Skinner said. "The accomplishments we made were very impressive and being in four straight NCAA tournaments as a program is a record, some of the wins we had were off the charts and it's a credit to these players for buying into what we're doing."

With both teams closely ranked — UK came in ranked No. 20 and Michigan is ranked No. 19 — it was no surprise that the match

teetered back and forth from the first set to the last and the teams seemed to be as evenly matched as they could have been.

"Without a doubt in my mind, both of us should at least be playing in the second round if not further," Skinner said. "But it was what we were dealt, and Michigan came out on top."

It was the fourth time in as many years the Cats found themselves in the NCAA tournament. Only once in those four tries have the Cats won a game. Only two players on the team have been a

part of those four tournament runs and have seen the program truly become a contender in the SEC landscape — middle blocker Queen Nzenwa and defensive specialist Alisa Pierce, both seniors.

"They've been to four straight NCAA tournaments, so I don't think you can thank them enough for the commitment, teamwork and sacrifice they've made to get this program where we are now — a top-20 program," Skinner said.

The Cats will return 18 of 20 players next season, in-

cluding Sarah Rumely, the SEC Player of the Year, and three other All-SEC selections. While the end to the 2008 campaign is still very fresh, the Cats are already preparing for next season, and according to Skinner the mindset stays the same for this program.

"I think you saw the beginning of some great things to happen for this program," Skinner said. "... We have the talent to get there, and I'm just going to promise our fans that we will come back and get to the next level."

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## ■ KERNEL EDITORIAL

### New Greek recruitment setup would be welcome

Before some women have ever stepped foot into a classroom at UK, they have made up their minds what sorority they want to be a part of for the rest of their college careers.

UK has traditionally held its sorority rush the week before the Fall semester of the academic year. It does not offer it in the spring. But according to a Kernel article Tuesday, the UK Panhellenic Council recently considered moving sorority recruitment two or three weeks into the Fall semester and possibly adding one in the spring. They ultimately decided to keep the traditional recruiting period.

Reviewing the timetable of sorority rush was a wise choice, but sticking with the original plan is not the best decision for this university or its students.

After visiting Purdue University to see how its Greek system recruited, UK concluded that a change would be "detrimental to the current recruitment system," Panhellenic Council President Julie Meador said in Tuesday's Kernel.

Detrimental seems to be to the Greek system's success at recruiting, and not a new member's ability to make an educated, less pressured decision. Part of the reason for keeping the system as it is now is for already active fraternity members, and not potential members.

"There would be conflict with academics and other UK community events such as football games, women's sports and leadership summits," said Susan West, director of Fraternity and Sorority Affairs.

"Purdue had many scheduling conflicts for both their recruiters and potential members," she said. "Recruiters missed class to prepare for the recruitment events and got behind in their studies."

West's assessment is acceptable. But there are better alternatives than doing sorority recruitment before students have even begun their studies.

Moving recruitment two or three weeks into the Fall semester would only jeopardize students' studies during the budding weeks of their college careers.

The most beneficial proposal would be to move both sorority and fraternity rush to only the Spring semester (fraternities at UK do recruitment for the Fall and Spring semesters), or to require students to be in at least their second semester to be eligible for recruitment.

This seems radical, but it's not. It would benefit the university, the students and actually, the Greek system.

By pushing the recruitment period back, students would have a better opportunity to concentrate on their grades and get acclimated to the university. They could explore other organizations this campus has to offer and meet people outside of the Greek community.

"Moving into the dorms, starting classes and making new friends is a lot to handle without adding the pressure of joining a sorority," said Christina Criollo, a merchandising and textiles senior.

And if a student decided he or she wanted to join the Greek system, they would be better prepared to make that decision because they would have more time to develop relationships, said Emily Perrin, vice president of recruitment for Centre's Panhellenic Council. At Centre, students are required to be in at least their second semester to be eligible for recruitment.

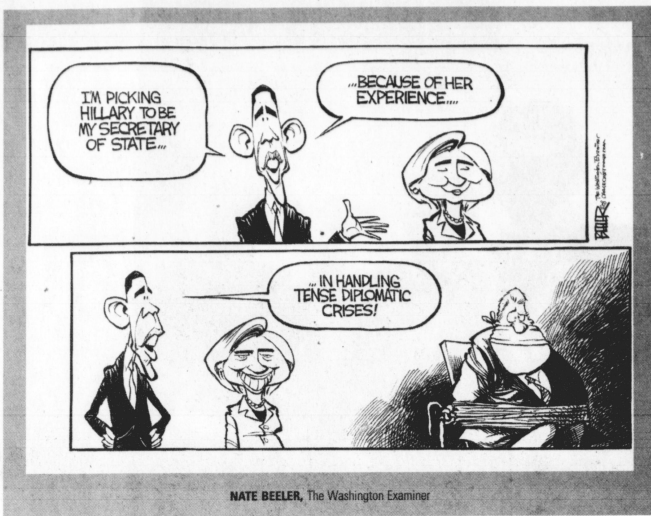
"Choosing a sorority isn't a gut decision based on the few nights you spend in that house; it's based on the women you know," Perrin said.

Plus, the sororities and fraternities could look at students' grade point averages and determine if they're ready for the commitment based on how they did the first semester. It's a win-win situation for everybody involved.

Joining a fraternity or sorority has numerous advantages and everybody should consider becoming a part of the Greek system. But there is more to UK than Greek life.

The university should either push recruitment back to the week before school starts in the Spring semester or require all students to be in at least their second semester before joining a fraternity or sorority.

Changing tradition is never easy, but it's a change worth making.



NATE BEELER, The Washington Examiner

## ■ LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

### Kentucky hospitals working to remove "tobacco state" image

On Nov. 20, UK Hospital went tobacco-free, along with 13 other hospitals and clinics in the Lexington area and over 40 hospitals across the state of Kentucky. They are recognizing that the health care industry should be promoting health and that healing the sick goes far beyond the periphery of our own medical campus.

Missing from the Kernel article is that nicotine-replacement products are available to patients, visitors and staff. All can buy gum and other over-the-counter replacements from the gift shop and the pharmacy. Patients can be prescribed nicotine replacement products while they are in the hospital. There are alternatives to putting on a

parka and taking a 10-minute walk across campus. Perhaps the Kernel could follow up on those in subsequent articles.

Someday, Kentucky will not bring to mind the image of a woman who has been in and out of the hospital for years with emphysema but still shivers in the cold to smoke, ensuring that she will never get far from the doors of a hospital. In going tobacco-free, UK Hospital is nudging the "tobacco state" toward a better future.

Karen Arrowood  
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### Hooks story was an eyesore and offered nothing constructive

It could have been some specific journalism assignment on sub-culture. It could have simply been a subject that genuinely interested Whitney Waters. Whatever the reasoning may have been, there was no real intellectual justification for the Kernel's article on body suspension.

That article was an exercise in the use of mindless shock factor and nothing more. I have never witnessed such an unashamed piece of pointlessness in the Kernel. I learned all of the following: how you can hang yourself from hooks, how much it can hurt and that there aren't a lot of people who like to do it. It was an epiphany, to say the least.

So I applaud the Kernel staff for approving and allowing the publication of an article that gave me a crash course in how one hangs their body from hooks in various forms and

fashions. I'll try it when the opportunity presents itself. I also applaud the staff for their apparent enthusiasm for graphic images that, in all honesty, made me very uncomfortable.

I know. I did not have to read the article or look at the images. However, the whole thing just happened to appear without warning, giant meat hook and all, on the page right next to my other favorite exercise in mindlessness, the daily horoscope. Thanks! Perhaps the article wouldn't have been so obnoxious if it were actually thoughtful and well written? Too bad it wasn't.

John Smolka  
biology junior

### Students should realize they can still have fun without alcohol

How many times do I have to see phrases like, "Alcohol a possible factor in (insert bad thing)," before people realize that excessive drinking probably isn't a good call? It seems like every time there's a rape, car crash, someone getting hit by a car or someone doing something generally stupid on campus, alcohol is involved. I do realize that this isn't always the case, but more often than not it is.

Supposedly we've all come to college to learn, and that learning shouldn't be limited to a classroom. We, as intelligent people, should be able to see the mistakes of others and learn from them. Yet time and time again I read in the paper about how someone did something stupid because they were drunk at 3 a.m., and thought they should try to stumble or drive home, or thought the guy at the bar really wanted to go back to his place just to stay up all night and talk.

I see this in the Kernel and I hear people on campus talking about how they woke up with someone they didn't recognize, or failed an exam because they got wasted the night be-

fore. Or in some cases, they had to go get tested because the person they took home just found out that it wasn't "just a cold sore." And how do they forget about all the trouble alcohol just caused them? By drinking of course!

Everyone always says, "That won't happen to me." Did you catch that? Everyone says it won't happen to them, but it does happen to some of them. I'm sure everyone you've read about or heard about who let alcohol screw up their lives and the lives of their loved ones said, "That won't happen to me."

As a concerned UK student, I want you to ask yourself this the next time you're about to go out and get plastered with your friends: what good has alcohol ever actually done me? You can have fun without alcohol, trust me I've done it before; and I didn't fail an exam or get tested for STDs afterward.

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## Shopping locally helps the environment in many ways

As I read the news last week of the Wal-Mart greeter who was trampled to death by a stampede of Black Friday shoppers, I realized that the holiday season has degenerated into one of the more disgusting times of the American year. It is the pinnacle of human greed and competition.

And worst of all, more often than not, the money to be earned from it lands in the hands of retail Goliaths like Wal-Mart.

On Nov. 26, "Business Lexington" ran a story called "Local Locals," which detailed the community benefits of shopping locally (www.bizlex.com). It is becoming increasingly important to the economic security of our community that we pay attention to this kind of rhetoric.

For example, according to a study conducted in Grand Rapids, Mich. (population 200,000), if only 10 percent of chain-store

shoppers shifted their spending to local businesses, it could add as many as 1,600 jobs to the community, totaling \$53 million in locally earned wages. Lexington's population is currently estimated around 280,000, which means shopping locally could potentially create an even greater impact.

To help you think of ways you can buy locally this season and after, I have compiled a list of some of my favorite local businesses that are close enough to campus to walk or bike, so you don't have to burn fossil fuels to get there.

**For music, go to CD Central or The Album**, both located on South Limestone across from Holmes Hall. They sell a wide range of music, movies and gifts suited to different tastes. The Album (next to CD Central) specializes in hip-hop records, many of which are on vinyl. The Album's owner and his employees are Lexington's undisputed experts on hip-hop and its history, so if hip-hop is what you're looking for, buy from them.

**For books, go to Black Swan Books, Glover's Bookery, Unique Books, Special**

**Media, Morgan Adams Books or the Morris Book Shop**. Avoid Barnes & Noble Booksellers at all costs. Each of these shops has its own ambiance and special focus, so what you can't find at one store, you may easily find at another. Black Swan (Maxwell Street and Woodland Avenue) and Glover's Bookery (South Broadway) specialize in rare and used books. Unique Books (Woodland at Maxwell) specializes in used books, and their selection of paperbacks is fantastic and cheap.

Special Media (South Limestone) offers a variety of knick-knacks (incense, jewelry, toys, journals, etc.), and though books aren't their specialty, their selection and prices are decent. Special's owner also owns Morgan Adams Books, located on Leestown Road, which has similar prices and a better selection, even if it is a little farther away. The Morris Book Shop, the new independent bookstore located on Southland Drive near the Co-op, has an extensive local selection, among other things, and an extremely knowledgeable staff.

**For yarn and other supplies, go to ReBelle or Maggie Yarn**. Both specialize in

yarn and crochet/knitting, but each has its own unique atmosphere. ReBelle, located on S. Limestone, appeals to a younger, edgier clientele and has a wider selection of interesting pre-made gifts. Maggie, on East High Street, is simpler and quieter, but it has beautiful yarn and a nice nook where shoppers can sit and knit.

While the stores I have described are my favorites, there are so many others that I highly recommend: Pedal Power for bikes; Black Market and Helen's Boutique for women's apparel; Lucia's for global, fair-trade goods; Third Street Stuff for trinkets and coffee; Common Grounds and Coffea for coffee and gift certificates; AP Roots for local food; and Good Foods Co-op for groceries and beauty products.

Don't forget to shop early. Smaller, local stores can't shelve as much merchandise as Wal-Mart, but with enough notice, they can order a lot of what you need. Good luck, local shoppers. And as always, remember to reduce, reuse and recycle by wrapping gifts in newspaper or old grocery bags.

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## BUDGET

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he cuts, however. Director of Parking and Transportation Services Don Thornton said they were not affected by previous cuts made this school year. Parking and Transportation is not a general fund organization and runs on auxiliary funds, he said.

"We have to live with what we make," Thornton said. "Over 60 percent of our revenue comes from permits."

UK has previously said anything and everything could be on the table in terms of budget cuts. According to UK's plan, available online at a link on [www.uky.edu/webuk/subpages/administration.html](http://www.uky.edu/webuk/subpages/administration.html), that could mean cutting as many as 70 faculty and 80 staff positions.

Todd said it is unknown where those cuts would be made.

"Those numbers represent what would be needed to manage such a cut, but no specific areas have been identified at this point," Todd said in an e-mail. "Many of those decisions may be determined by individual departments and colleges."

The plan UK would put into action if given the word from the governor for the 2008-09 school year would be the following as outlined in UK's impact report:

- Sweeping all available funds, including those designated for classroom and student laboratory improvements and for additional scholarship awards.

- Eliminating UK's program improvement fund designated to expand substantially UK's investment in P-12 teacher preparation in Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math (STEM).

- Freezing all faculty searches.
- Freezing all staff hiring.

- Requiring all departments and administrative units to absorb additional operating budget reductions.

Todd said he doesn't know any more specifics other than what is outlined in the report.

Possibilities of cuts have the university thinking ahead to freezing salaries, increasing tuition by more than 10 percent, reducing operating budgets and reducing scholarship budgets if more cuts are to be made for the 2009-10 school year as outlined in the report.

Todd said he and Provost Kumble Subbaswamy are still making students a priority during this difficult situation and they hope to minimize impact on students.

"We can't afford this proposed cut without significant impact," Todd said in an e-mail. "Every cut means additional loss of programs, positions and our ability to move the university forward."

## AIDS

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tions for KADAP are approved by the Food and Drug Administration and determined to prolong HIV-positive patients' quality of life and to prevent the deterioration of health among those individuals.

The BCC currently provides free treatment for an estimated 600 people across 32 counties, but medication funds are in jeopardy.

"KADAP is planning to meet soon to discuss scenarios that may reduce the cost of HIV medications for 2009 and says no one will be cut from the program," Grantz said.

## COMPUTER

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surplus computers. UK will begin using Creative Recycling Systems Inc. to get rid of surplus computers, a company Kentucky already uses to get rid of surplus computers. Creative Recycling has facilities in several states including one in Louisville, according to the company's Web site.

Creative Recycling will take the surplus computers from UK, clean the hard drives and ensure that the computers are disposed of in an environmentally friendly manner, Crutcher said. They will also pay UK for the computers.

Jim Kristof, Creative Recycling's vice president of

sales and procurement, estimated Creative Recycling would pay UK about \$7 for each computer they take. He went on to say that they are able to pay for the computers because they recover some of the money from the precious materials the computers are broken down to. They also reuse some computers.

Brewer said the news of Creative Recycling's policy of paying for the computers helps mitigate the issue somewhat for him but he still has concerns.

"It can't hurt because at least they're not paying someone to (take the computers)," Brewer said.

When told about the \$7 price Creative Recycling would be paying, Brewer said jokingly, "I'll give them \$10."

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