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Pay gap divides employees

University Senate forms committee to smooth faculty-staff relations

By Sean Rose
THE KENTUCKY KERNEL

The University Senate Council created a committee yesterday in the hopes of calming unrest from staff members who are scheduled to receive a lower pay raise than faculty members next year.

The committee, which the council unanimously approved, will try to facilitate more communication between faculty and staff in an effort to avoid divisions that could emerge from different pay raises.

Staff Senate Chairman Kyle Dippery initially asked the Senate Council if it would support formally opposing the proposed differential salary increases. That support didn't exist, and the discussion moved to possible short- and long-term ideas.

UK President Leo Todd told The Kernel earlier this month that he's proposing a 5.5 percent salary pool increase for faculty and a 3 percent increase for staff. "A lot of staff members are outraged," said Kyle Dippery, chairman of the Staff Senate. "A lot of us feel that it makes us second-class citizens."

Todd has also called for \$5 million to go toward boosting benefits for the more than 12,000 staff at UK. The faculty salary increases are specifically designed to make UK pay rates more competitive with its benchmarks, in accordance with its Top-20 Business Plan.

Ernie Yanarella, Senate Council chairman, said the differing rates were a result of recruiting.

"The rationale for that, as I understand it, was that the university competes in a national market for faculty, where it competes in a local or regional market for staff," Yanarella said.

Councilman Bob Grossman said the differing pay rates reflect the fact that universities are built around their faculty.

"There is a difference between faculty and staff," said Grossman, a chemistry professor.

"I understand that there are underpaid staff, and I am sympathetic to that, so are faculty," he said. "When people look at what makes a great university, they look at the faculty, not the staff."

Grossman said staff are an integral part of UK, but he added that "without the faculty, there's nothing left for anyone else."

Other members of the council disagreed, arguing that a lower pay raise sends the wrong message to the staff members.

"I really don't feel that a university is built on any one thing," said Judith Lesnaw, a biology professor. "One of the problems we face at the University of Kentucky over the 31 years I've been here is really attracting and retaining outstanding staff."

Other council members added that some facilities, such as the UK Medical Center, truly depend on staff members to function.

The group agreed that the committee will also work on issues that could unite the staff and faculty.

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Campus groups seek improvements with self-evaluation

By Chris Miles
THE KENTUCKY KERNEL

More than 40 campus organizations and departments are currently performing mandatory self-evaluations and internal reviews in order to maintain quality and ensure that everything is running smoothly.

Under the direction of UK's internal assessment office, each of the departments is asked to examine such areas as how they spend their money, if it is being spent correctly and if the department or group needs more money in order to improve itself.

"This review looks at what the area and department typically does with its money," said Chris Thuringer, associate director of Student Activities. "We try and figure out what the area does and what it needs."

The internal review is mandatory for every department and organization around campus.

"It identifies the strengths and weaknesses of the various departments," Thuringer said.

Each department is on a five-year rotation on when it is scheduled to perform the self-study. This year, 43 different departments have been scheduled, including UK police and the Office of Student Activities, Leadership and Involvement, as well as the Office of the President.

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UK told to look beyond test scores

Oregon official shares advice on alternative admissions

By Sean Rose
THE KENTUCKY KERNEL

Instead of having high school seniors obsess over GPAs and a two-digit ACT score, one Oregon official advocates worrying about word counts.

Bob Bontrager, director of partnership programs at Oregon State, spoke to UK administrators in the Main Building yesterday as part of UK's Cultural Diversity Festival and UK's ongoing efforts to increase campus diversity.

Bontrager said most universities in the nation have had diversity on the top of their priorities since the civil rights movement that peaked during the 1950s, '60s and '70s, but he said many schools still have not met their goals today.

"The reality is, if we're honest with ourselves, we haven't done a particularly good job since that time period," Bontrager said. "We're falling short of our goals of adding the educational needs of persons from every ethnic background."

Bontrager said one of the biggest problems standing in the way of college's quest for diverse enrollment stems from their reliance on traditional performance standards such as high school GPAs and SAT and ACT standardized test scores.

"They are fine for what they are," Bontrager said. "But they only go so far in telling you what you need to know about students."

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- Bob Bontrager, director of partnership programs at Oregon State, on standardized test scores and GPAs.



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Kyle Dippery
Staff Senate chairman



Staking their beliefs

Members of UK Students for Life filled the lawn in front of W.T. Young Library yesterday afternoon with nearly 1,000 crosses to protest abortion.

The crosses in the 'cemetery of innocence' were meant to represent the number of abortions performed every eight hours.

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Above: Daniel Holthouse, journalism junior, sets up crosses in front of W.T. Young Library for an anti-abortion demonstration.

Left: History sophomore Doug Poindexter hammers a cross into the ground as part of UK Students for Life's anti-abortion protest yesterday.



Traveling on a different 'Glory Road'

Player from 1966 NCAA champion Texas Western speaks about overcoming obstacles with faith

By Jonathan Smith
THE KENTUCKY KERNEL

Nevil Shed's path to Hollywood stardom in the movie "Glory Road" was not on display last night in the Student Center Grand Ballroom. What was on display was his road to achieving glory by his definition.

Shed spent the majority of his 80 minutes on stage last night talking about inspiration, not the famous 1966 National Championship basketball game where he and his black Texas Western team defeated UK's all-white lineup, the game that "Glory Road" depicts.

Shed preached the necessity of hard work and the belief that consistent preparation leads to success. He was adamant about the importance of faith, and that dreams do come true.

"We must make the right choices in life," Shed said. "And just re-

member that no one fails in society today, particularly when we are in an environment where we try to support each other."

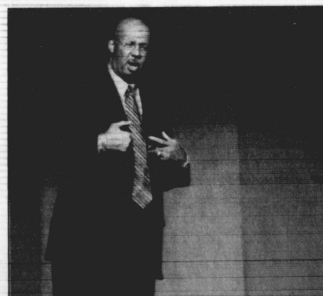
As a boy growing up in the Bronx, N.Y., Shed endured many hardships. He battled racism, gangs and drugs, but was held together by a "rock" — his grandmother Sally Jones.

"My grandmother, she was the foundation in the family," he said. After high school, Shed attended North Carolina A&T. And he was in for a rude awakening during his tenure down at the historical black college in the deep South.

Shed said he wasn't allowed to use the same bathrooms or the same water fountains as whites. He had to enter the movie theaters through an alternate doorway.

"What do you mean?" he remembered. "What do you mean?" he remembered.

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KASHA STEVENSON | STAFF

Nevil Shed, a member of the 1966 Texas Western basketball team that defeated UK in the national championship, speaks about his drive to become a professional basketball player and the obstacles of racism last night in the Student Center Grand Ballroom.

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Admissions

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Bontrager advocated Oregon State's admission system, where prospective students fill out "Insight Resumes," a series of six essays that probe their background and leadership experiences in school, the community and their families.

Each essay has a 100-word limit and is scored on a scale from one to three. The overall score of the Insight Resume is considered along with traditional standards of GPA and standardized test scores.

But those test scores and GPAs account for a maximum of 50 percent of a student's future success in college, Bontrager said. The Insight Resumes are effective in showing the other half of students' potential, he said.

Bontrager acknowledged that there's no correlation between Insight Resume scores and college GPA, but he cited their effectiveness — Oregon State saw a 10 percent retention boost with the first class to complete the Insight Resumes in its admissions process.

Bontrager said this system of admissions isn't designed simply to increase minority students, but that it's a benefit from a more extensive system.

"It does happen that by being more fair you create opportunities for students who have traditionally been screened out of the process," Bontrager said. "But it's not expressly about increasing the number of minority students; it's about being fair."

Bontrager also introduced a program called the Degree Partnership Program. That system establishes more credit equivalences between area schools and would facilitate students transferring from community college to larger universities, he said.

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CORRECTION

In yesterday's article "WRFL delays GM selection," The Kernel incorrectly identified John Clark's job title. Clark is a telecommunications professor.

To report an error, please call The Kernel newsroom at 257-1915 or e-mail asichko@kykernel.com

Self-study

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well as the law, dentistry and engineering colleges. Last year, Residence Life was one of the groups scheduled to perform the same self-review.

"Depending on how it's seen and how it is presented, it could seem like the university coming down on us," Thuringer said about the review. "But that's not the case." The self-study should not be mistaken as a sign that a department is in trouble, he said.

Thuringer said the review looks to maintain the quality of the departments and examines in what areas a department needs to perform better.

"After the review is completed, the areas make recommendations on what they would like to see in the future as far as resources," he said.

Recommendations could include a bigger budget from the university or hav-

ing equipment repaired or replaced.

One of the organizations that has been scheduled for an internal assessment and is currently in the process of the self-review, is the student-run radio station WRFL-FM.

"Last August we were informed that we'd have a self-study," said John Edwards, WRFL's general manager. "We're taking a look at what we do and how we do it and if we can improve on anything."

Edwards said the internal review shouldn't be seen as something negative. "It's nothing bad," Edwards said. "It's just taking a critical look at ourselves and figuring out how we can serve the students better."

For some departments the review can take longer than a year, such as the Office of Student Activities.

No major faults have been found in any of the departments and organizations going through the self-assessment. "We haven't found anything special," Edwards said.

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Shed

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membered asking the black person who directed him to the other door.

"I didn't like that," Shed said. "I didn't like that. But I had to accept that."

At Texas Western, head coach Don Haskins had assembled a powerhouse. His team — which featured an all-black starting lineup — came full circle in 1966, completing an undefeated season with a national championship win over heavily favored, and all-white, Kentucky.

Shed said the color barrier wasn't broken during that game, but when he and his teammates were given a chance to compete.

"Society was not ready for that," Shed said.

Shed wanted to use that 1966 game as

a platform. He wanted to educate our nation, and to make lives better for future generations.

"You can tell he's a man of character," said UK men's basketball head coach Tubby Smith. "A man of a lot of pride."

Amid his newfound publicity, which includes a Hollywood movie, gracing the front of Wheaties cereal boxes and a meeting with President George W. Bush, Shed continues his dedication to sociological improvement.

"If you walk my faith, utilize the proper resources, believe in yourself," he said. "Believing that there is a spot that's going to make your journey the most straight and powerful journey in the world."

"You know, I don't believe that I'm at glory road yet," he said. "But I do believe that I will get there."

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Salaries

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ty, such as working benefits. The committee must receive approval from the Staff Senate and the full University Senate before becoming official.

Dipperly and members of the Senate Council advocated a cafeteria system where employees could pick and choose from a range of benefits that would work best for their situation.

"If there's one area where the faculty and staff could rally around, it's the cafe-

teria benefits plan," Amarelle said.

All members thought the first order of business for the committee should be to collect data from the local and regional competition for staff to see where UK stands in the local market.

Dipperly said he was "encouraged" with the formation of the committee and said it was a good first step, but he added that many staff members will not be satisfied with only long-term planning that would come from it.

"There's still a lot of resentment out there, and I don't think this going to do a whole lot to ease that," Dipperly said.

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MUSIC REVIEW

Aptly-named Dutch quartet Racoon makes pop music adorable again

By Nathan Thacher
KERNEL MUSIC CRITIC

Unless you've recently tried to pick one up and make it your pet, and thus lost the use of your face, you probably think that raccoons are precious, tree-dwelling mammals. Likewise, if you have turned on a pop-music radio station in the past twenty years, you've probably already heard some lifting, cheery pop songs that you also find precious, and Racoon is a band that sounds just like that.

Bart van der Weide (vocals), Dennis Huije (guitars), Stefan de Kroon (bass) and Paul Bukkens (drums) make up the Dutch quartet that's put together a plain, wholesome, unadorned pop record in "Another Day." It's the perfect album to use to help you forget about a headache or a failed middle-school romance.

The first five tracks struck me as being so friendly, safe and hopeful that my blackened heart couldn't help but be warmed. "Happy Family," "Love You More" and "Blow Your Tears" are rich, cozy tracks that sound upbeat, devoted and consolatory, respectively. In these languidly-paced tracks, the guitar and bass murmur to one another in predictable harmony, and the drums pace around quietly in the background.

The songs are all straightforward, and have a

very tidy, listener-friendly sound. You can listen to this with your little sister or your parents — it'll be tolerated in either case. There are four people in the band, and you can hear all four of them, nothing more and nothing less. There is an occasional harmonica or some sparse taps on a piano, but little else. No harsh noise, no loops, no beep-boop-boop; Fleetwood Mac would

daintily good-will and up-beat hoopla starts to fade into more angst-ridden pop that's not quite angry enough to be taken seriously. "If You Know What I Mean" and "Kingsize" offer trudging drum beats that try desperately to stomp, but van der Weide's safe, timid voice hampers and confuses the songs.

The album ends rather weakly with "Hanging With The Clowns," where the band does its best Audionet impression, and again, the musicians sound rather indecisive as to just what kind of tone they'd like to convey. It's still got that clean, straightforward sound, but it tries to be harsh or worrisome, and it ends up being about as tense as a curling match.

I think Racoon might be the most aptly-named band on Earth. Like our ring-tailed forest friend, the band's sound is adorable and has a familiar image. And like the raccoon, this band has a bit of a bite to it, but this angry side seems pretty comical and inappropriate in lieu of the house cat cuteness of most of their songs.

Near the end of the album, "Another Day" starts to run out of gas. All of the



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GO CATS!

WRFL head explains constitution changes

Campus radio station to select GM Monday

By Brandon Cannada
THE KENTUCKY KERNEL

A regularly scheduled meeting of WRFL-FM's staff directors last night provided a public forum for General Manager John Edwards to clarify his recent changes to the station's constitution.

The changes came after English senior Mark Kidd created a Web site that critically questioned many of the student-run campus radio station's operating procedures — including the general manager selection process. Kidd had applied to interview for the general manager job for next school year but he recently withdrew his application Saturday.

Edwards amended the constitution to take away the

general manager's voting powers. He also added the general manager and faculty adviser John Clark to the non-voting panel that advises the selection committee.

"These changes were made because Mark felt there was a bias in the GM selection process," Edwards said. "In the new process, the general manager will not have a vote."

"I am confident that the selection board will select the right person," Edwards said.

During the meeting, two directors spoke out against the changes, and several staffers said they liked the change. Travis Pierce, the station's production director, said the changes clarify the selection process.

Kidd said the way the constitution was changed illustrates broader problems with WRFL.

"No one is arguing that

the change isn't better," Kidd said. "The problem is that he (Edwards) did it a way that didn't allow a lot of the general staff to even know about it, let alone comment on it."

"My fundamental question is about how the general manager appoints the people involved in selecting the next GM," he continued. "They should wait until they have a process that picks a qualified manager before they proceed with selections."

WRFL had previously scheduled its general manager meeting for last night, but Edwards postponed that in order to fully and formally brief all directors on the constitution changes.

The selection meeting has been rescheduled for Monday night.

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NEWS BRIEFS

Coast Guard warned Bush over Dubai company

WASHINGTON — The U.S. Coast Guard, in charge of reviewing security at ports operated by a Dubai maritime company, warned the Bush administration it could not rule out that the company's assets could be used for terrorist operations, according to a document released yesterday by a Senate committee.

State-owned Dubai Ports World plans to complete its takeover of London-based Peninsular and Oriental Steam Navigation Co. (P&O) on Thursday, assuming ownership of operations at six major U.S. ports even as it pledges to hold off on asserting control while the Bush administration reviews the national security implications of the deal.

The White House has strongly argued that a preliminary review showed that the sale would pose no threat to national security.

Saddam's return to court comes at sensitive time

BAGHDAD, Iraq — Saddam Hussein is to return to the defense box as his trial resumes today after a two-week recess.

Iraqi authorities decided to press ahead with the trial of the former leader and seven co-defendants despite the waves of retaliatory killings and mosque vandalism that swept the country after the bombing last week of one of the Shiites' most sacred sites. Hussein is charged with crimes related to reprisals against the Shiite Muslim village of Dujail.

Violence slowed yesterday and tempers seemed cooler. A small spot of hope also appeared in the search for Jill Carroll, the freelance journalist who was kidnapped in Baghdad in early January. Her captors had threatened to kill her if their demands were not met by Sunday, but the deadline passed without word.

Jeeves, you're fired

NEW YORK — Jeeves, the butler mascot of the Ask.com search service, got the boot yesterday from the Web site's new owner.

After 10 years, Jeeves had outlived his usefulness, or so his new owner decided. IAC/Interactive Corp. bought the search engine last year and relaunched it yesterday with a new name, Ask.com; a new suite of search tools; and a big marketing push designed to persuade people that Ask's search results are as good as or better than Google's.

Despite what experts regard as its impressive Web-indexing technology, Ask remains a minor search player, ranked fifth in the volume of online queries handled, after Google, Yahoo, MSN and America Online.

Google's market share is estimated to be between 40 and 60 percent.

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Authors allege 'Da Vinci Code' author copied their themes

By Kevin Sullivan
THE WASHINGTON POST

LONDON — Author Dan Brown copied the central themes of his best-selling thriller, "The Da Vinci Code," from a 1982 book, a lawyer for two of the book's three authors argued in a London courtroom Monday.

But a lawyer representing Brown's publisher, Random House, dismissed the claims as "scandalous" and "wild allegations, completely unsupported by facts" on the opening day of a copyright infringement trial involving one of the best-selling novels of all time.

The case could potentially involve millions of dollars in royalties and profits from "The Da Vinci Code," which has sold tens of millions of copies worldwide and has been made into a major Hollywood film, starring Tom Hanks, which is scheduled to open in May.

Brown, who generally shuns public appearances, sat in the front row of the small courtroom with

neatly cropped blond hair, dressed in his trademark tan blazer, black turtleneck and khaki pants. Brown is not a defendant in the case, which is being brought against Random House, but he is expected to testify.

Both "The Da Vinci Code" and "The Holy Blood and The Holy Grail," which was also published by Random House, center on the idea that Jesus Christ married Mary Magdalene, they had a child together and the bloodline survives in secret to the present. Brown's book is work of fiction; the earlier book, which was also an international best-seller, was presented as historical non-fiction.

Christian leaders have furiously rejected the books' central themes, and several books have been written to offer counter arguments to theories advanced in Brown's book.

Lawyers who specialize in intellectual property law here said the case could clarify aspects of British copyright law. While it is clearly il-

legal to plagiarize from copyrighted material, it is less clear how much an author can make use of research and ideas presented in others' work, they said.

Brown has publicly acknowledged using "The Holy Blood and the Holy Grail" as part of his research in writing his book, but he has described it as a minor resource. John Baldwin, the lawyer for Random House, argued in court that the book "did not have anything like the importance to Mr. Brown" asserted by authors Richard Leigh and Michael Baigent.

Their book is mentioned in "The Da Vinci Code." The name of one of Brown's key characters, Leigh Teabing, combines Leigh's name and an anagram of Baigent's.

The third author of "The Holy Blood and the Holy Grail," Henry Lincoln, is not a party to the lawsuit.

In his opening arguments, Jonathan Rayner James, a lawyer for Baigent and Leigh, said Brown

did not copy words from his clients' book but had taken "the idea you are left with when you've read the book."

James said the case was "not about stultifying creative endeavor" or "seeking a monopoly on creative ideas" or historical facts. He said it was about Brown appropriating the "architecture" and central points of his clients' work.

Baldwin, who is scheduled to make a formal opening statement Tuesday, told the judge during arguments Monday that the story told in "The Da Vinci Code" was markedly different from the earlier book. He said Baigent and Leigh had provided only "vague" arguments about how they believe Brown used the "architecture" of their book.

"It would be sweet if they told us," said Baldwin.

Random House Group chief executive Gail Rebuck, in a written statement, said she was "saddened" by the case. "Random House takes no pleasure in defending legal action that it believes is without mer-

it and we are confident that we shall prevail," she said.

In August Brown won a similar case filed against him in the United States, when a U.S. District Court judge in New York dismissed claims that he had infringed on the copyrights of two books by Lewis Perdue, "Daughter of God" and "The Da Vinci Legacy."

Speaking to reporters outside the courtroom Monday, Brown noted that, unlike his book, "The Holy Blood and the Holy Grail" theorizes that Christ did not die on the cross, as millions of Christians believe, but rather survived and later lived in France.

"Suggesting a married Jesus is one thing, but questioning the resurrection undermines the very heart of Christian belief," said Brown, who said he was raised Christian and sang in his church choir.


"The resurrection is perhaps the sole controversial Christian topic about which I would not desire to write," Brown said.

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In the N'awlins muck, they're yukking it up

By Linton Weeks
THE WASHINGTON POST

NEW ORLEANS — Cringe-inducing, really, some of the edgy humor that is creeping back into this city six months after Hurricane Katrina.

Like the float in the Krewe du Vieux parade (Theme: C'est Léveé) that depicted Hurricanes Katrina and Rita as naked lesbian lovers, or the T-shirt that shows two strategically placed satellite photos of swirling Katrina and Rita with the words "Girls Gone Wild." Or several floats in separate parades referring to the Corps of Engineers.

If humor is the best medicine, storm-shocked New Orleans is still tinkering with the dosage. It is funny that women are fashioning dresses out of blue tarps, like the ones that now cover the roof holes where

trapped people chopped their way to freedom? Is it OK to make fun of toxic debris? Can you mock the agencies of first responders and relief workers?

The jury's still out. Maybe it's too early, or too late, for Katrina-based humor. Some people are trying, though, in this town famous for not taking itself too seriously.

At umpteen T-shirt stores, you can buy across-the-chest messages that read: "Where Is FEMA? Federal Employees Missing Again." Or "NORFD," which stands for "Not Our Problem, Dude" instead of New Orleans Police Department. Or "I Stayed in New Orleans for Katrina and All I Got Was This Lousy T-Shirt, a New Cadillac and a Plasma TV" — which makes light of the looting. At his night club, TV star-turned-civic activist Harry Ander-

son told looting jokes before performing magic. "If we learned anything from Katrina," he says, "it's that plasma TVs fit through doors too easily." Not many laughs.

He assures us later that another joke works better: "The looters did so well that if you buy a \$20 Rolex on Canal Street now, you get the real thing."

The city's boosterish slogan, "New Orleans — Proud to Call It Home," is the source of much satire. Omnipresent bumper stickers read "Proud to Crawl Home" and "Proud to Swim Home." Now there's a new white T-shirt, one with a red sketch of a FEMA trailer that reads: "Proud to Call It Home."

Some funny moments are unintentional. A tour guide said that she heard a TV reporter ask a New Orleans woman if she was devastated by the destruction of

all the churches in the area and the woman replied: "Not really. I eat at Popeyes."

That's a local fried chicken reference. If you don't get it, ask a New Orleansian.

On Decatur Street Sunday, Mike Tschirhart of San Antonio was wearing a fuzzy purple hat, carrying a rubber chicken on a long stick and sporting a green and white T-shirt that read, "Throw me a trailer, Mistah."

He said he had wondered if New Orleans was ready for some poking-fun humor and decided it is. "We were going to come in hazmat suits," he said.

When asked if he had ventured out past the high-ground touristy spots to see the vast devastation, he said he hadn't. "We were given a chance to take a tour of the Ninth Ward but decided not to," he said. "We thought that might kill our buzz."

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—Mike Tschirhart, a San Antonio tourist in New Orleans for Mardi Gras

Small infant's heart grants new life

By Kurt Streeker
LOS ANGELES TIMES

CINCINNATI — Jordan York, 4 months old, gave Nick Draper, 7 months old, the gift of life.

Hour after hour, Jordan lay still and silent, his tiny heart beating valiantly against the odds. His doctors declared him brain dead.

So it happened, said Jordan's mother, Tracey York, 27, that her baby's heart was flown from Pensacola, Fla., to Los Angeles, where it was transplanted into Nick Draper's chest Feb. 16 at the University of California, Los Angeles, Medical Center.

Nick would have died without it. Now, with Jordan's little heart beating in his chest, doctors said Nick should live a normal life, at least until he is a teenager and might have to have another transplant.

To Jordan's parents, Nick's life was a consolation for their baby's tragic death. He suffocated accidentally, the family said, when he pulled a pillow — or it fell — across his face on a bed at the home of his grandfather and step-grandmother in Panama City, Fla.

"If his heart is still beating, even in someone else, in our eyes he is still there," Tracey York said as she was interviewed with her husband, Russell, 26, at the home of her brother in Cincinnati.

Meanwhile, Nicole Draper, 32, her husband, Mike, 33, and their three older children, prayed for a second new heart — this one for Nick's identical twin, Nate.

The organ of Nick's gift began the day before Valentine's Day.

After seeing their daughter off to school, Jordan's parents left their small home in Panama City and drove him to the home of Larry and Jane York, his grandfather and step-grandmother.

They took care of him every day while his parents worked. Jordan's father managed the kitchen at a Panama

City restaurant. His mother was the cashier.

A bit after 10 a.m., Larry York said he fed Jordan, and the youngster laughed and played, just as he always did.

Jane York said that she picked him up and took him to a bedroom. She lay him on his back on a queen-sized bed. Jordan had a hard time going to sleep on his stomach.

She turned on a television to cartoons. Under his head, she said, she placed a small pillow. Then she covered him with a blanket, up to his chest.

Along both sides, she tucked bigger pillows, she said, so he wouldn't roll off the bed.

"It just didn't look like he could get to them," she said.

She said she joined Jordan's grandfather in the kitchen for 15 minutes. When she returned to the bedroom, she saw a horrible sight: One of the pillows from the stack was lying across Jordan's face.

He wasn't moving.

She picked up the pillow. Jordan had turned blue. He must have reached up and touched the stack of pillows, she and Larry York said, and one of them had come tumbling down on top of him.

When paramedics arrived, Jordan barely had a pulse. They took him to a hospital in Panama City. Not long after his parents got there, Jordan was airlifted to a hospital in Pensacola. His parents followed in their car. The two-hour drive, they said, seemed to take two days.

Jordan's father, Russell York, said his own heart raced. His stomach turned, and he began suffering dry heaves.

Jordan's mother said she did not want to let go, even when doctors said there was no hope: Jordan was brain dead. Organ transplant specialists arrived. Could Jordan's heart be taken so that some other baby might live? Could his other organs be saved, as well?



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says Tracey York, holding their baby's blanket, with her husband, Russell.

"I looked at them as if they were the Grim Reaper," Tracey York said. "I tried to avoid them. I told nurses to get them out of my face."

As it neared midnight, the chaplain arrived for Jordan's baptism.

Tracey York knew what she and her husband had to do. After the baptism, they told the doctors to take Jordan off life support and give his heart to another child. They offered his other organs, as well.

On Valentine's Day, doctors and aides consulted a national transplant list and tried to match chest sizes and blood types.

Jordan's family held him. Wires cascaded from his body, and a breathing tube reached down his throat.

Finally, on Feb. 15, the transplant specialists found a match.

Organ donation laws kept the Yorks and the Drapers from knowing much about each other. Unless both families wanted to learn more, they had to be satisfied with basic information: Gender, Age, Region.

Russell and Tracey York were told that the match for Jordan's heart was in Los Angeles, that his heart would go to a boy, and that the boy and his family had received

public attention.

In the days that followed, they said, they searched the Internet for reports from Los Angeles about a heart transplant. They found stories from the Los Angeles Times about Nick and Nate.

When Tracey York read about Nick's transplant, she said, she felt a twinge of envy, even anger: Someone else had her baby's heart; if doctors could transplant a heart, why couldn't they have saved Jordan?

At the same time, she said, she felt glad that the part of Jordan that symbolized his soul was alive.

The Yorks happily discovered that the Drapers were a family of humility, strength and religious convictions. More than that, they were Mormon. So was Russell York.

There were other similarities. Both Mike Draper and Russell York had grown up in the South. Both loved football.

The families said they were eager to meet.

"We've talked so much about wanting to meet them," Nicole Draper said. "There's an intimate connection we feel. We're so grateful and in such awe. In their time of difficulty, they gave us a chance. I want them to know that."

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IN OUR OPINION

Keep fighting for UK's best professors

Too often, UK's most popular and productive professors have been lured away to greener pastures. Schools show them the money, and they're gone.

UK cannot afford to lose its best, and so the school has been using a "fighting fund" to help retain faculty. It's a small step that matters, because UK has to keep its strongest teachers on campus.

This fiscal year, \$726,800 was set aside for the fund, equal to one-half percent of the faculty salary base. A dean of a department can request extra funding for a faculty member who is being pursued by another university. That request is approved or rejected by Interim Provost Scott Smith.

Smith said the bonus for a faculty member's salary typically has ranged from several hundred dollars to several thousand, depending on the amount of the other school's offer.

"It's a pool that we have set aside to counter offers from other universities that are essentially how should I put it? Stealing our faculty," said Associate Provost David Watt.

Last year, the fund helped retain 31 faculty members, so it is working. Under the Top-20 Business Plan, the school is also proposing salary increases — 5.5 percent next year for faculty and 3 percent for staff. Still, UK must work to compete with lucrative offers from other campuses.

Far too many students have

seen their favorite professors ride to other schools, and so UK must do something. The "fighting fund" is an important start.

As yet another tuition hike looms for students, they deserve to know they are being taught by the best. They deserve to know they are getting the most out of their tuition. They deserve to know their favorite professors won't be jumping for a better deal at any moment.

"I think there will always be competition," Smith said. "The more distinguished UK becomes, the more a target our faculty becomes."

"I don't think the issue will go away; we'll always need to compete for the best people."

In the quest for top-20 status, retaining outstanding faculty must remain a priority. The "fighting fund" must be maintained at the very least, as it remains a valuable tool in holding onto the best UK has.

"It's been a very useful tool in enhancing the quality of the university," Smith said.

But UK should not just worry about those faculty members whom other schools are seeking. Its best classroom instructors — the ones who consistently score well with students — must be kept happy.

What happens in the classroom is the heart of this university, and so UK must continue fighting for the ones who do the work there.

Lofty goals are good, but no substitute for funding

When it comes to education, Kentucky is good at knowing where it wants to go — though that's no assurance it'll get there.

Jobs for the Future, a non-profit group based out of Boston, recently ranked Kentucky and Texas as the best states in the country at setting goals for public higher education institutions, the Lexington Herald-Leader reported earlier this month.

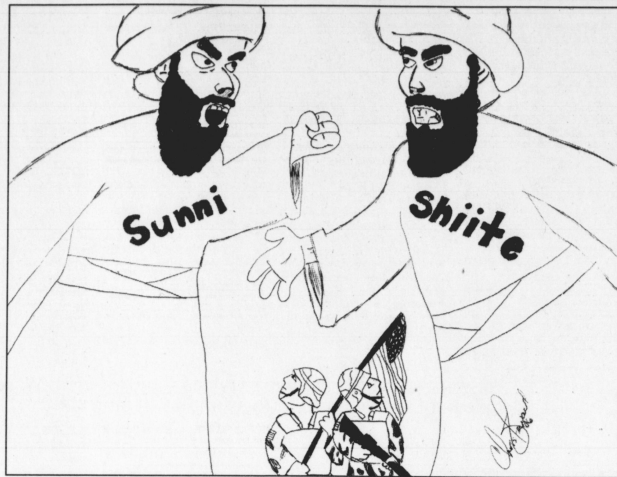
Without a doubt, this is good news for the state. Universities don't rise up in quality at random — improvement occurs mainly as a result of setting and following through on specific goals. If Kentucky didn't set good goals, it would be folly to expect its colleges to make significant progress.

But state officials shouldn't pat themselves on the back too much upon hearing about the high ranking. Good goals mean nothing unless the state gives its institutions the resources necessary to meet them.

Since House Bill 1 of 1997, UK has been expected to become a top-20 public research university by 2020. But in recent years, the General Assembly has failed to provide the university with the funding it needs in order to reach that goal. Even in January, after UK released its Top-20 Business Plan, Gov. Ernie Fletcher's proposed budget added only \$11 million to the university's general funds over the next two years — \$25.3 million less than what the plan called for.

Luckily for UK, 96 state legislators said last week that they supported the business plan. We hope that translates into sufficient funding for UK — enough for the university to meet its goals without double-digit tuition increases — in the House's proposed budget this week.

As the Jobs for the Future rankings show, the goals Kentucky has set are laudable. But those goals won't be met by wishing them so. It will take effort — and funding.



CHRIS STEWART, THE KENTUCKY KERNEL

Suicide is no joke — just ask Trent Reznor

The patron saint of inner demons has finally slain some of his own.

"I stopped trying to kill myself a year and a half ago, and realized that music is what it's all about," the Nine Inch Nails demigod told the 6,100-strong crowd in Rupp Arena Friday night. "You (expletive deleted) people are what makes it worth it."

His words, which indirectly referenced his battle with heroin addiction, were met with vociferous shouts.

I didn't cheer — my brain was still registering the implications of Reznor's words. They were a melancholy reminder that even the brilliant — the talented, the rich and the famous are just like everyone else: prone to bouts of depression and darkness and abject dissatisfaction. Even the perceived golden gods of our entertainment-driven society can fall from grace. Even the man who is Nine Inch Nails has bad days; his lyrics alone attest to that inner darkness, and conflicted teens and adults around the world worship at his altar of angst (this columnist included).

And as much as I'd like to

make some snide remark about natural selection taking its course when people choose to kill themselves, that kind of reaction is just crass, and completely debases the seriousness of the matter.

More people die from suicide than homicide, and suicide is the third leading cause of death for 15- to 24-year-olds, according to the suicide awareness Web site www.save.org.

Seen in that somber light, it doesn't exactly merit any kind of thoughtless, sarcastic aside. Instead, it calls for compassion and understanding. I'll be the first to admit that I don't have a lot of personal experience with the issue — in fact, I'm one of those people who can't decide if killing yourself is the ultimate act of courage or cowardice. I know I could never take my own life; in the end, I couldn't bring myself to swallow the pills, pull the trigger or leap from the bridge. Of course, I'm also somewhat of an (admittedly reluctant) optimist — as bad as the situation might seem to be, I don't think it could ever justify such irrevocable surrender.

But one of my closest friends has struggled with depression for a long time, and a few years ago, she nearly committed suicide by accident. After a particularly bad argument with her parents, she roared herself in her room, put on some depressing music (no, it wasn't NIN) and decided to cut

herself — it used to be her form of escapism. Thanks to her dulled motor skills and distorted illumination from her blackout, she

Suicide isn't simply evolution taking its course. It's a serious matter, even for the rich and famous

didn't see just how deeply the razor slashed her wrist until a few minutes later, when she was losing more blood than she should have been.

She called me — and I didn't make jokes. Instead, I rushed to her house, helped her bandage the wound, and, more importantly, I listened.

Reznor's words and the raucous reaction from the crowd left a Care Bear-esque glow in the pit of my stomach that wasn't merely from seeing an amazing live show.

Vindicating suicide in such a manner is tantamount to affirming that it's acceptable behavior. Unfortunately, that's an unacceptable message — and I'm ecstatic that Reznor has publicly admitted to his potentially impressionable fans that it's not a viable solution.

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As the war on terror hits Ohio, it's time to seriously discuss privacy and security

Without a doubt, Ohio is one of the most boring states in the union. Home to the Rock 'n Roll Hall of Fame and some other stuff (I'm sure), Ohio is about as exciting as its professional football team.

Jonathan Meador
KERNEL COLUMNIST

Yet this conventional wisdom was challenged last Tuesday, when the Buckeye State became the latest battleground in America's Global War on Terrorism (formerly known as the Global Struggle Against Violent Extremism).

Marwan Othman al-Hindi and Wassim Mazloum were arrested in Toledo (along with a third man, Mohammed Zaki Amawi, arrested while "conducting business" in Jordan) and are facing a five-count indictment that runs the gamut from your basic charges of conspiracy and weapons-training to the decidedly more sexy plot to assassinate

the president.

What's more, these arrests were made in conjunction with federal raids upon a Toledo-based charity, KindHearts for Charitable Humanitarian Development, Inc., which has (ironically) been tied to funneling money to Palestine's Hamas organization, a perennial Axis of Evil favorite.

According to The Washington Times, KindHearts is accused of "donating" \$4 million a year to Lebanon, including an earmarked \$250,000 to the Sanabli Association for Relief and Development, or what the U.S. Treasury Department has dubbed a "Hamas-affiliated entity in Lebanon."

I know what you're thinking: Why don't I, an informed citizen and frequent reader of The Kernel, know about any of this? Why haven't I seen the following headlines: HOLY TOLEDO, MR. PRESIDENT! or the less sensationalistic CLEVELAND ROCKS COUNTERTERRORISM. Well, why not? If Toledo is a hotbed of al-Qaida activity, shouldn't that be a boon for an otherwise slow news day? (We are talking about Ohio, after all.)

Naturally, the loudest voice in

this coverage-vacuum has been Toledo's own Blade, which carried half a dozen stories the day after the arrests and has emerged as the de facto source for information regarding the arrests.

And while performing the grueling ritual of research that precedes the writing of this weekly column, I can safely say the national rags have remained silent on the issue, offering none of their usual wisdom to their eager, bewildered audience.

So let's be the first to go down the rabbit hole, shall we?

While refusing to say if domestic wiretapping played any part in the Toledo arrests, Attorney General Alberto Gonzales said, "This case stands as a reminder of the need for continued vigilance in the war of terrorism."

A potential salvo in the debate concerning President George W. Bush's Big Brother tendencies has gone virtually ignored by the national press gurus. One could argue that because of the "sensitive" nature of this case, details ought to be limited in scope and availability, but that's no excuse for this lack of national discourse upon a topic

where terrorism and warrantless wiretapping have met head-to-head.

Let's assume that Amawi & Co. were detained on the grounds of a warrantless wiretap. Some could then argue for the justification of this unlawful practice, alleging that it saved lives, and so any illegalities can be ignored. But if you boil this situation down, you must face the nut of this problem: How do you equate trampled civil liberties with potentially saved lives? Can you?

I don't know the answer — and I assume that Bush doesn't, either — but my point is that this question is virtually absent from the national discourse, supplanted in recent weeks by a gun-crazy vice president and wanton mosque destruction.

Between episodes of "Dancing with the Stars," we're too busy pummeling Iraqis into the 21st century to notice that the real battleground might be our own backyard. And if we don't start connecting these dots now, we could have serious trouble on our hands.

The United Arab Emirates, a state allegedly guilty of funding terrorism, is making a bid for a Port Newark container terminal in New Jersey. Airport security protocols

remain uneven and somewhat tenuous.

And a final — perhaps admittedly less sane — possibility concerns the current proposal of a \$500 million bio-terror laboratory to be constructed in south-central Kentucky.

According to last Sunday's Lexington Herald-Leader, the national Bio- and Agro-Defense Facility would be charged with "working with deadly pathogens ... studying foreign animal diseases ... that can be transmitted to humans."

I can see it now. All it would take is an entrepreneurial terrorist to operate a fleet of KFC franchises, and before you know it, al-Qaida had added a twelfth herb and/or spice to the Colonel's famed recipe: H5N1, better known as avian bird flu.

First Ohio, but then what? My Old Kentucky Home?

If that is to be the case, we need something better than the current non-existent public dialogue to combat this tide of rising paranoia.

For they can take our land, but they'll never take our crispy chicken strips.

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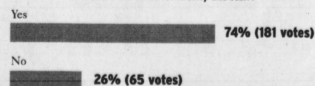
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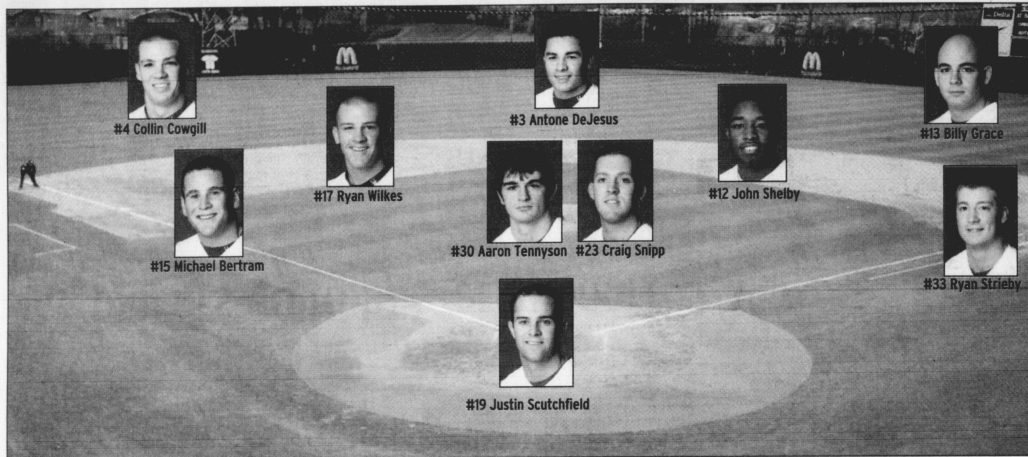
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KENTUCKY KERNEL Baseball Preview

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A farewell to pitching fits THE WILDCAT LINEUP



Aggressive UK hurlers aim higher by going 'right after the hitter'

By Ryan Mabry
THE KENTUCKY KERNEL

After slogging their way to a Southeastern Conference-worst 5.23 ERA overall and 6.81 ERA in league play, the pitchers for UK's baseball team know they have to improve.

And they all have the same plan for doing it.

"Basically the first thing that I, and pretty much everyone on the team, do is try to go right after the hitter," senior starting pitcher Aaron Tennyson said. "You have to realize that it really is a difficult thing to get a hit, so we just try to get ahead by throwing strikes."

"I like to attack and really throw up the strike zone," said junior college transfer Zach Dials. "I don't like to pick and nibble around hitters. I like to just go straight at them."

The plan is the same up and down the team's pitching staff. Head coach John Cohen is proud that his players have adopted his strategy, but knows that he can't expect to succeed in the conference if his players don't stay healthy.

"They've improved a lot, but two key components from last year aren't with us right now, in Scott Green and Andrew Albers," said Cohen.

A sophomore, Albers was expected to hold a key role in the starting rotation before he developed tendonitis in his el-

bow. Cohen said that he expects to have him back in a few weeks.

Green had Tommy John surgery to repair a ligament in his elbow about six months ago and will miss the season. That's where Dials comes in.

"I think I'll have the opportunity to come in and save a few games this year," Dials said. "I think that's what they brought me in for, so hopefully I can come in and do my job."

Cohen didn't seem quite as sure on whether Dials would assume the closer's role.

"We haven't even gotten to use our bullpen yet."

John Shelby
UK second baseman, on the starting pitchers' prowess

"I think we're looking at more of a committee-type situation ... we've got some really viable options in the eighth and ninth inning," Cohen said.

Tennyson and sophomore Craig Snipp, who has gone 2-0 with a 0.60 ERA in two appearances this year, lead the starters.

"There were one or two games that really inflated my ERA (last year)," Snipp said. "If you take back one or two batters or games, it'd be a totally different story."

Snipp uses a different approach from most of the team's staff.

"The way I go after hitters is with location," Snipp said. "I try to locate my fastball down in the zone, and I feel like I can throw any one of my pitches in any count. I really try to throw off batters' timing and locate. It's not a velocity thing."

Cohen has obviously been impressed with Snipp's progress but was again non-committal on his role.

"Craig Snipp has pitched very well, and we're not sure if we're going to use him in the bullpen or as a starter," Cohen said. "We haven't even gotten to use our bullpen yet, but we've got that experience coming back."

Junior second baseman John Shelby had good things to say about the entire slate of arms the Cats have lined up.

"Just by looking at our starters like Snipp and Tenny, they've done a great job so far," Shelby said. "We haven't even gotten to use our bullpen yet, but we've got that experience coming back."

"I definitely think we have a good group of guys. I'd say by far it's the best pitching staff we've had in the four years that I've been here," Tennyson said.

Of course, Snipp knows that games aren't won by pitching alone.

"I'll take our offense up against anybody else's in the nation," Snipp said. "We have 14 players that can play every day. I really like our offense, especially with the speed we have."

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DATE	OPPONENT	TIME/RESULT
Fri. 2/17	Army#	W, 9-0
Fri. 2/17	Texas-San Antonio#	W, 10-4
Sat. 2/18	Army#	W, 9-2
Fri. 2/24	Arkansas State*	L, 7-3
Sat. 2/25	Lamar*	W, 6-1
Sun. 2/26	Michigan State*	W, 9-2
Today	Evansville	3 p.m.
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Fri. 3/3	Northwestern	4 p.m.
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Tues. 3/7	Western Kentucky	4 p.m.
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Fri. 3/10	North Dakota State	4 p.m.
Sat. 3/11	North Dakota State	2 p.m.
Sun. 3/12	North Dakota State	1 p.m.
Sun. 3/12	Cleveland State	6:30 p.m.
Wed. 3/15	Cleveland State	3 p.m.
Fri. 3/17	Louisiana State	6:30 p.m.
Sat. 3/18	Louisiana State	noon
Sun. 3/19	Louisiana State	noon
Wed. 3/22	Xavier	6:30 p.m.
Fri. 3/24	at Tennessee	7 p.m.
Sat. 3/25	at Tennessee	2 p.m.
Sun. 3/25	at Tennessee	2 p.m.
Wed. 3/29	Morehead State	6:30 p.m.

Fri. 3/31	at Auburn	8 p.m.
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Sun. 4/9	Florida	1 p.m.
Fri. 4/14	at Arkansas	TBA
Sat. 4/15	at Arkansas	TBA
Sun. 4/16	at Arkansas	TBA
Wed. 4/19	at Louisville	6 p.m.
Fri. 4/21	South Carolina	6:30 p.m.
Sat. 4/22	South Carolina	6:30 p.m.
Sun. 4/23	South Carolina	1 p.m.
Wed. 4/26	Murray State	6:30 p.m.
Fri. 4/28	at Vanderbilt	7 p.m.
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UK, players go to bat for support

By Ryan Mabry
THE KENTUCKY KERNEL

The forecast for Gainesville, Fla., today is sunny skies and a high of 74.

In Lexington, players will be greeted with mostly cloudy skies and 65-degree temperatures.

The weather is a large part of the uphill climb the team faces every year in getting fans to attend games.

"We are the northern-most SEC school, and we are competing against southern schools like Florida, LSU, and Georgia that have much warmer weather, much more of the year than we do," said Leslie Bray, the director of marketing for UK Athletics.

"People have a difficult time

coming out when it's 30 degrees and cold and windy at a baseball game in March."

Marketing is trying to get fans to come out despite the harsh conditions. Bray spoke of a three-pronged approach that includes three target audiences: UK students, Little League baseball teams, and elementary school children and their families.

Junior second baseman John Shelby knows the last part of that plan well. He went to a local elementary school over the winter to interact with the students.

"Me (Michael) Bertram, and Collin Cowgill went to Cassidy and we read to a few kids that were in Coach (John) Cohen's daughter's class," Shelby said. "Hoped-

ly, a few of those younger fans will come out to support us."

Cohen says progress has already been made on the attendance front.

"We've gone over the 600 mark for season tickets for our stadium for the first time ever," said Cohen.

Cohen attributes this success not only to community-related events, but also to a support group called "Heart of the Order" that congregated at the Campbell House Hotel two weeks ago.

The Cats also took an active role in ticket sales.

"Our players actually went door-to-door to sell season tickets, and we sold a bunch of them," Cohen said.

Shelby said that it helps

to have fans in the stands, no matter their attitudes.

"Definitely, it helps, and sometimes I even like to get criticized down on the bench once in a while," Shelby said.

"It'd be nice to have a home-field advantage. It could help us win games, just because we feel comfortable at home."

Bray said that she believes Marketing's plan for UK Baseball will work get Shelby the atmosphere he and his teammates desire.

"We think we'll be successful but you never can guarantee anything until the end of the year," Bray said.

"But we have a very good plan in place, and hopefully it'll go well."

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