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## Tubby: Cats can still turn it around

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UK head coach Tubby Smith entered his pre-game news conference yesterday through a door he normally doesn't use. When he sat down, he tried to close the door on the statements Athletics Director Mitch Barnhart made on Monday about the UK basketball team's struggles.

After the Cats lost to Vanderbilt over the weekend, Barnhart issued a statement late on Monday saying UK fans should wait until after March — what he called "the most critical part of the season" — to judge the team.

Yesterday Smith faced questions about those comments and said he appreciated the support of Barnhart.

"We're sitting here 19-9, and with what we've done (in 10 seasons), I'm not going to defend my record or anything else," Smith said. "I guess Mitch felt he needed to make a comment. I'm sure he gets calls like everybody else does."

The Cats are 8-6 in Southeastern Conference play with tonight's final home game against Georgia and Sunday's season finale at No. 4 Florida remaining on the schedule.

Depending on how they do this week — and how Georgia, Tennessee and Vandy fare — the Cats could finish as high as second in the Eastern Division, or as low as fifth.

Regardless, Barnhart said he would not evaluate the program until after the post-season.

Both men agreed that the team hasn't lived up to its potential yet — UK has lost four out of five games after winning 14 out of 16 before that — but that the postseason gives the team a chance at redemption.

"I know this team is very capable of playing well," Smith said. "We proved that on Sunday and I think we've had glimpses of that throughout the season. Now it's time to get that done. We don't have a lot of time left."

Smith is in his 10th year at UK, where he has a record of 260-80. In that time he has won five SEC Tournament titles and five SEC regular season titles, three National Coach of the Year Awards and one national championship.

But it's his record as of late that is bothering UK fans. UK went 22-13 last season and lost to top-seeded Connecticut in the second round of the NCAA Tournament, and this season the Cats seem to be headed for another early exit from the NCAA Tournament.

Amid all of the rumors about the program's future, Smith downplayed the effect those questions are having on his players.

"They don't have to worry about my job being on the line," Smith said. "They just have to worry about playing to the best of their ability, which is all we talk about."

Apparently, that is all the team is talking about.

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As the Cats have lost four of their last five games, head coach Tubby Smith has had to answer tough questions about his program, but he said again yesterday he doesn't listen to his critics.

## Man arrested in campus thefts

By Alice Haymond  
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UK police arrested a Lexington resident yesterday morning in connection with a recent string of thefts in UK campus buildings and a robbery that occurred Monday night at the Student Center.

Between Feb. 23 and Feb. 27, seven thefts were reported, said Maj. Joe Monroe of the UK Police Department. Most of these were from the Ralph G. Anderson Engineering Building and the Kentucky Clinic.

Police think Louis Payne Jr., 33, is linked to most of the crimes, though there

is no hard evidence right now, Monroe said.

"He's been stealing easy target stuff, like cell phones and money," Monroe said. "Most reports are items laying around unattended and in offices."

A staff member in the Anderson Engineering Building called the police at 8 a.m. yesterday after recognizing a man matching the description the police had issued Feb. 26. The police were able to get there in time to see Payne leave the building with a cell phone he had just stolen.

After his arrest for the theft, a student identified Payne in a photo lineup, linking him to a robbery Monday night.

Payne tried to scam the student by asking to make change for some large bills at around 7:30, Monroe said. He had the student withdraw money from an ATM at the Student Center and convinced him to hand over his cell phone and a little less than \$200.

During this exchange, the student learned Payne's first name, Louis, which further confirmed his identification in the lineup.

Payne currently resides in Lexington, but is originally from Mesa, Ariz., where he has an extensive criminal record that goes back several years, Monroe said. His

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Payne



Michelle Webb, a biology senior, left, and grad student Whitney Young, read about the life-size paper maché Barbie Doll last night in the Johnson Center. The doll was set up with information about eating disorders as a part of Eating Disorder Awareness Week.

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## Week brings body images into focus

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A life-size interpretation of Barbie — complete with an impossibly narrow waist and balloon breasts — drew stares on the second floor of the Johnson Center last night.

The doll was on display as part of National Eating Disorder Awareness Week, as organizers hoped it would show how out of proportion the icon would be if she were a real person.

"Eating disorders are very prevalent on campus and especially important in the residence halls," said Anthony Tanner, president of the UK Student Health Advisory Council and resident adviser to Keeneland Hall. "Whether you know it or not, you probably know some-

one with an eating disorder."

As part of the awareness week, the UK Student Health Advisory Council, University Health Service and the Counseling and Testing Center have a table with information about eating disorders set up at the Johnson Center to help make UK students more aware of the conditions, especially on campus.

The central message is for people to be comfortable in their bodies.

The health service organizations also want to educate people on how to identify signs of an eating disorder and how talk to a friend that may have one, Tanner said.

A focus of the week is to get people to celebrate their bodies rather than conform to an ideal, such as that of Barbie, said Jill Kindy,

UHS health education coordinator.

Kindy said the message she wanted students to take away from this week was to "love your body and accept your body."

The Great Jeans Giveaway, a donation drive for "skinny jeans" in residence halls and other campus locations, runs through Friday as part of the awareness week activities. The goal is to encourage students to get rid of tight clothes and wear more comfortably fitting clothes, said Chester Grundy, student affairs officer for multicultural affairs.

Free screenings for eating disorders are available for students through the Counseling and Testing Center from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. all week in room 201 of Frazee Hall. No appointment.

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## Low awareness creates interracial dating barrier

By Emily Coovert  
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Much of the controversy surrounding interracial dating stems from ignorance, according to panelists and audience members at a discussion in the Student Center last night.

"It's just a fear of the unknown," said Kathryn Chastain Leon, who works in Youth Services at Lafayette Senior High School. Leon has been in an interracial relationship for six years.

"I think that people make a big deal out of things that they don't understand," said audience member Lindsey Striplin, a communications senior. "If people were aware, there wouldn't be this barrier."

Last night's discussion, titled "Breeding Between the Lines," was part of a diversity dialogue series started this semester to promote discussions about "race, ethnicity and culture," according to Mahjabeen Rafiuddin, director of Student Diversity Engagement.

"(We wanted to) shine light on what it's like to be in an interracial relationship, bust myth and stereotypes and

break down barriers," Rafiuddin said.

The dialogue consisted of a panel of seven people, including three students and one UK faculty member. The panelists represented different nationalities and sexual orientations, as well as different aspects of the interracial issue. Several on the panel were descendants of biracial parents and many were in biracial relationships themselves.

Panelists began by talking about their views and experiences with interracial relationships.

Kem Anthony French, who is African-American, talked about his relationship with his Caucasian partner.

Black homosexual men sometimes "fly under the radar," French said.

"I identify myself as African-American. My partner identifies himself as gay," he said. "(Gays in general) are seen as white party boys."

Born into a conservative, Christian family, Leon said things weren't always easy.

"Anybody who's anybody can

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## Student survey draws 'miserable' response rate

By Emily Coovert  
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Only about 14 percent of the seniors and freshmen asked to participate in the National Survey of Student Engagement responded to the 6,000 e-mails sent out late last month, said UK officials.

"We have had a miserable response rate," said Gail Hairston, UK spokeswoman.

The survey is important to students because it "plays a large role in the programs that the university is considering for students in the future," said Roger Sugarman, planning and assessment director in the department of institutional research.

The survey asks students about their participation in class, how often they engage in conversations with students from different backgrounds, the type of coursework they receive, the quality of academic advising and their overall experience at the university, Sugarman said.

The first e-mail, an invitation from President Lee Todd to participate in the survey, was sent out on Jan. 31. The university started promoting the surveys a few

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By Linda C. Black

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

**Aries (March 21 April 19)** - Today is a 6 - You're getting luckier. Don't let this news interfere with your critical thinking. Winning isn't the only thing. How you play the game matters, too.

**Taurus (April 20 May 20)** - Today is a 7 - You have a talent for building monuments. Construct a legacy your family can rely upon for generations.

**Gemini (May 21 June 21)** - Today is a 7 - You're looking good, but don't relax. There'll be another tough question. No flirting, drinking or wild giggling fits until after the

gig is over.

**Cancer (June 22 July 22)** - Today is an 8 - You have the natural ability to do very well in business. This serves you in whatever you do. You can manage both time and money.

**Leo (July 23 Aug. 22)** - Today is a 6 - A difficult task is nearing completion, and that's a wonderful thing. Don't let this event go by unnoticed. Plan a celebration for tomorrow.

**Virgo (Aug. 23 Sept. 22)** - Today is a 5 - Not only do you have to get the job done yesterday, but the requirements keep changing, too. Luckily, you do well under pressure. Keep telling yourself that.

**Libra (Sept. 23 Oct. 22)** - Today is a 7 - Your friends provide lots more than a few good jokes. They strengthen your resolve, improve your confidence and tease you into action. You've got to love them for it.

**Scorpio (Oct. 23 Nov. 21)** - Today

is an 8 - You're very good at keeping secrets, so do that again. Don't let anybody know who's really in charge. Put up a figurehead.

**Sagittarius (Nov. 22 Dec. 21)** - Today is a 7 - More research is required. Hit the books or the Internet. Several new questions have popped up, and you can find the answers.

**Capricorn (Dec. 22 Jan. 19)** - Today is a 7 - Better figure out what you've made, and what you've spent recently. This is one of those jobs that you're better off doing yourself.

**Aquarius (Jan. 20 Feb. 18)** - Today is a 7 - Others seek your advice, and well they should, since you're so smart. Listen to their ideas, too, and you'll prove it conclusively.

**Pisces (Feb. 19 March 20)** - Today is a 7 - It's perfectly natural to go over your decision in your mind. Don't worry, you can make adaptations as you go along, if you like.

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## THE DISH

## THIS MINUTE

Christina Ricci's racy role in 'Black Snake Moan'

In her new film, Ricci (opposite Justin!) lets it all hang out. Good thing Christina Ricci isn't shy: In the indie drama "Black Snake Moan" (out March 2), the actress, 27, spends most of her time in her skivvies. She plays a nymphomaniac who goes crazy after her boyfriend (Justin Timberlake) ships off to Iraq. She finally gets help from a religious blues musician (Samuel L. Jackson), who chains her to a radiator to help her overcome her, ahem, lust for life. The Santa Monica, California, native (whose real-life boyfriend is actor Adam Goldberg, 36) bares all.

**Q: Were you nervous about your "costume"?**  
The day before I left for Memphis, there was just a moment of going, Wow, I am going to be half-naked for the next three months.

**Q: How did you handle it?**  
If I was being myself, there is no way I would have been in my panties! But playing someone who has no sense of self, you just say, I will leave my body-image problems and self-consciousness at the door.

**Q: How was working with Justin?**  
He could do things it took me years to do. I couldn't cry on camera for a long time. It's his second movie and he does it perfectly!

-- Aimee Agresti

### Celeb Book Cameos

Truth meets fiction in new name-dropping tomes. "Dreaming of Gwen Stefani"

After watching an episode of VH1's Behind the Music featuring Stefani, 37, the quirky hot dog salesman, protagonist of Evan Mandery's new comic novel decides that he's the singer's soulmate and dedicates his life to meeting her.

**"Mergers And Acquisitions"**  
A character in Dana Vachon's novel (out in April) talks up his play based on Lindsay Lohan, 20, which features a solo from her style guru Karl Lagerfeld and an act "entirely from the perspective of her hoo-ha."

**"I'm Not Julia Roberts"**  
In this story collection by Laura Ruby, a woman is shunned from an online community for suggesting that 1998's "Stepmom," starring Roberts, 39, portrayed blended families in an unrealistic light.

-- Gabe Guarente

### Ryan's New Sin City Series

What happens in Vegas ... will be broadcast on Seacrest's reality show.

Between hosting American Idol and his weekly radio show, covering the red carpet and anchoring E! News, somehow Ryan Seacrest, 32, found time to executive-produce a new reality series, "Paradise City" (premiering on E! March 4, 10:30 p.m.). So what happens when 13 sexy Las Vegas residents - like model Willie and reporter Molly - are filmed while trying to hit it big with their careers? Seacrest fills us in on the details.

**Q: Any drama?**

It's definitely a sexy and provocative show. There are

some steamy scenes you'd expect from twentysomethings in Vegas.

**Q: Who's the standout?**  
The girls will love Rick. He's in a band and really intense. That's typical rock star package.

**Q: Do you make a cameo?**  
This is the one show on E! I'm not on. This and The Girls Next Door!

-- Eric Andersson

### Grey's Anatomy's Jane Doe Patient

Move over, Denny Duquette: there's a new scene-stealing patient at Seattle Grace Hospital, Actress Elizabeth Reaser, 31, is recurring on "Grey's Anatomy" (ABC, Thursdays, 9 p.m.) as Jane Doe - an unidentified pregnant victim of a ferry accident that has left her unrecognizable.

The single Bloomfield, Mich., native dishes to us on her at-least-nine-episode gig.

Although Reaser can't reveal much about her story line, she does tell us about the February 22 episode: "My character will be out of surgery but not out of the woods." Plus, we hear her speak! "Her jaw has been broken, so it's not easy for her, and she's in shock and freaked-out."

Since Dr. Alex Karev (Justin Chambers) pulled Reaser's character from the wreckage, they have an instant bond. "I can only imagine if someone saved your life, what you would feel toward him," Reaser says. Sounds like the makings of a love match.

-- Rachel Paula Abrahamson

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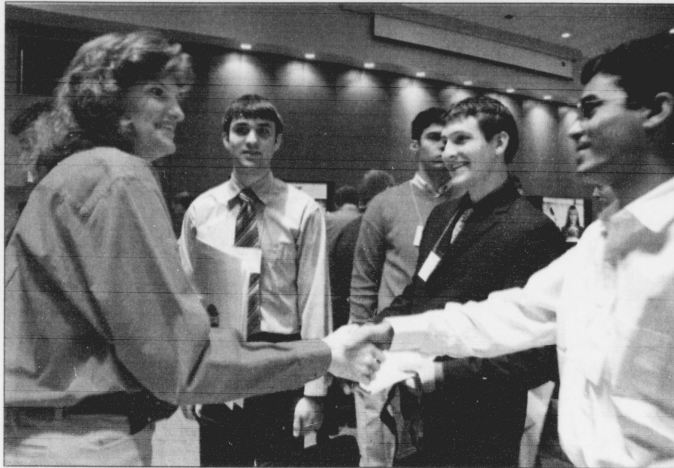
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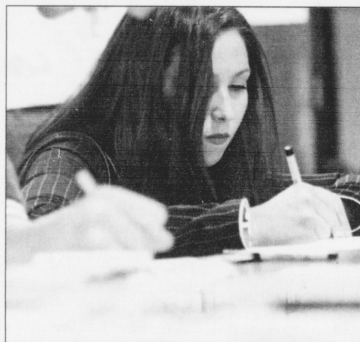
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CAREER FAIR AND EXPO



**Above:** NASA representative Chrissa Hall shakes hands with electrical engineering graduate student Kalyan Ponnala, yesterday afternoon during the Career Fair and Expo in the Student Center. **Below:** Social work sophomore, Meredith Madison, signs in for the Career Fair and Expo yesterday afternoon in the Student Center Grand Ballroom.

From NASA to the FBI, representatives were on hand to help students find the job of their dreams at yesterday's Career Fair and Expo. More than 150 companies attended the fair, which continues today in the Student Center Grand Ballroom from 10 am to 2 pm.



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## SURVEY

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days before, using flyers and lawn signs.

The university sent out a follow-up e-mail, another reminder e-mail on Monday and will send out two more, the last of which will be sent in April.

In 2005, the return rate for the survey was about 29 percent. This is the first year the survey has been entirely web-based, which could be a reason for the lower response rate.

Students who complete the survey will have the opportunity to win one of six two-gigabyte Apple iPods, six \$50 gift certificates to Best Buy, or six \$50 gift certificates to the UK bookstore, Sugarman said.

## ARREST

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record includes kidnapping, robbery, theft and burglary. Since moving to Lexington, Payne was arrested in January for burglary and was released on Feb. 14.

UK police give credit to the public for being informed. The original description of the subject, which helped officers stop Payne, came from a College of Engineering

employee. It was very detailed, including the description of a very visible tattoo on the neck, which was particularly helpful, Monroe said.

"We couldn't have done it without the public being alert and helping us out," Monroe said.

UK police believe Payne is also a suspect in other incidents around campus over the last few days.

One of these happened in K-Lot, where someone came up behind a student and

asked for money and a cell phone.

In another incident, a student picked up a man, who made him stop by an ATM. They drove around town for a while until the suspect asked to borrow the student's phone. He took the phone and about \$10, stepped out the car, around the corner and didn't come back.

Payne is in custody at the Fayette County Detention Center and has been charged with receiving stolen property and second-degree robbery.

## BODIES

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ment is necessary for screenings. UHS is also sponsoring "Mirrorless Moments" this week.

For this event, mirrors in residence halls and one in the second floor bathroom of the Johnson Center have been covered, Kindy said.

"It's to get people to spend less time focusing on how they look on the outside," Kindy said.

Some students thought it was good that people were being educated about eating disorders and suggested ways to increase awareness.

"The best way to educate people is to talk about (eating disorders) with open discussions," said Torrance Holzman, elementary education sophomore.

Kindy hopes students will learn to be more accepting of their bodies after the week's events.

"You don't have to be a size two to accomplish things with your life," said Kindy.

## DIVERSITY

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struggle," she said. "You don't have to be a particular race to go through that."

"(People tend to think) you're either black or you're white. There's no in-between."

Leon also is the mother of two biracial girls.

"A lot of people come into my office and look at my pictures and say 'Oh, you have a pretty mixed baby,' and I say 'No, I don't,' because dogs are mixed, and I don't have dogs for children," she said.

"When my children ask, I tell them they're children of God and that's all that matters to them."

Panelists then responded to questions from the audience, which included topics like what it was like growing up biracial and how parents deal with learning that their children are in an interracial relationship.

Panelist Patrick Nally, a student marketing associate for the Office of Multicultural and Academic Affairs, emphasized that interracial relationships were not for everyone because they were not particularly easy, but said they were possible.

"The only interracial relationships that are impossible are the ones that just weren't meant to be," he said. "We all come from the same group of people. We're all mixed."

Students who volunteer for Student Diversity Engagement have also started a

new effort to help increase diversity awareness on campus.

The Band Campaign, represented by a hand with a purple band, is designed around the ideal vision that "it's ok to talk about hard stuff on campus," said L'Tonya Johnson, Student Diversity Engagement associate. Johnson presented information about the campaign to audience members last night.

The volunteers have designed purple wristbands for people to wear around campus to show that they are interested in talking about diversity-related topics with other students.

The bands will be distributed at the next diversity dialogue on March 22.

"This is just the beginning," Johnson said.

## UNIVERSITY OF KENTUCKY

# CRIME REPORT

UK Police reports from Feb. 20 to Feb. 26.

- Feb. 20. Theft from UK Hospital at 2:52 a.m.
- Feb. 20. Theft of projector from Gatton Business and Economics Building at 8:55 a.m.
- Feb. 20. Sexual Assault at Kentucky Clinic at 1:14 p.m.
- Feb. 20. Theft from Cooperstown Apartments at 2:36 p.m.
- Feb. 20. Theft from College of Pharmacy building at 3:34 p.m.
- Feb. 20. Alcohol Intoxication in Parking Structure No. 5 at 6:33 p.m.
- Feb. 20. Alcohol Intoxication at Rupp Arena at 10:27 p.m.
- Feb. 21. Burglary at the Professional Development Building at 7:36 a.m.
- Feb. 21. Theft from UK Hospital Nursing Station at 8:18 a.m.
- Feb. 21. Theft of objects from purse in Memorial Hall at 12:22 p.m.
- Feb. 21. Theft of wallet from Kentucky Clinic at 3:31 p.m.
- Feb. 21. Marijuana use in Blanding III at 9:23 p.m.
- Feb. 22. Theft of computer monitor from UK Hospital at 9:28 a.m.
- Feb. 22. Alcohol Intoxication at Parking Structure No. 6. Subject walking toward railroad tracks.
- Feb. 22. Theft at UK Hospital at 5:22 p.m.
- Feb. 23. Alcohol Intoxication at Haggin Hall at 1:56 a.m.
- Feb. 23. Theft of a document and a camera reported at UK Police Department at 1:47 p.m.
- Feb. 23. Alcohol Intoxication at Parking Structure No. 4 at 2:23 p.m.
- Feb. 23. Theft of wallet from the Johnson Center at 2:50 p.m.
- Feb. 23. Theft of purse from the Agricultural Science Building at 4:37 p.m.
- Feb. 23. Robbery of wallet and phone in K-Lot at 10:33 p.m.
- Feb. 24. Alcohol Intoxication in the old Student Center parking lot at 12:52 a.m.
- Feb. 24. Alcohol Intoxication at UK Hospital at 6:35 a.m.
- Feb. 24. Theft of Chevy Silverado from Kentucky Clinic parking lot at 11:33 a.m.
- Feb. 24. Theft of Bluetooth headset from Kirwin III at 12:10 p.m.
- Feb. 24. Theft of bag with iPod reported at UK Police Department at 3:28 p.m.
- Feb. 24. Alcohol Intoxication at UK Hospital at 7:06 p.m.
- Feb. 24. Alcohol Intoxication arrest on Columbia Avenue at 11:23 p.m.
- Feb. 26. Theft of bike from Haggin Hall at 11:33 a.m.
- Feb. 26. Theft of purse from Anderson Engineering Building at 12:07 p.m.
- Feb. 26. Theft of telephone from Anderson Engineering Building at 2:46 p.m.
- Feb. 26. Theft of Coach clutch from W.T. Young Library at 3:51 p.m.
- Feb. 26. Theft of (or lost) diamond ring at UK Hospital at 4:04 p.m.

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## Q & A with Amberlee Kempf

COORDINATOR OF DANCE BLUE



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Amberlee Kempf, graphic design senior, encourages everyone to attend Dance Blue to see what it is about. The best time to come, she said, is around 3 p.m. Saturday when the children from the hospital put on a talent show and organizers reveal final amount of money raised.

This year, the Kernel has been spotlighting various campus leaders. This week we are featuring Amberlee Kempf, coordinator of Dance Blue.

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### Q. What is Dance Blue?

A. Dance Blue is a year-long fundraising event which culminates with a 24-hour no sitting and no sleeping dance marathon to benefit UK's pediatric oncology clinic.

### Q. What type of events are you planning this year?

A. This year we are planning to extend upon what was successful last year. We are going to have a "Ho-down Hour" where we have a caller and teach people how to square dance. We will have salsa, ballroom and swing dance lessons. We will also have surprise guests and celebrity video-clips that I am excited to show everybody.

### Q. What other activities besides dancing will be going on?

A. There will be many interactive crafts with the kids (patients in UK's oncology department) like visors, friendship bracelets and picture frames. We will set up a table with computers so people can check their Facebook and e-mails. This opportunity is provided through corporate sponsorships.

### Q. So are the kids actually there?

A. There will usually be one to 30 kids running around. But from 3 to 6 p.m. on Saturday is the Family Program Hour where kids, families and nurses showcase their talents. It is the highlight of Dance Blue. Last year girls got up and did cheers, and there was also a beautiful duet between a little girl and her father. There was definitely not a dry eye in the joint.

### Q. What exactly is the Family Program Hour?

A. It is the last three hours and is very special outlet for the kids and everyone, but it is clearly for the kids. That is our motto FTK —

For The Kids. The final reveal of how much money earned from this year's Dance Blue is around 5:45 p.m. Therefore the Family Talent Show, Memorial Hour and Day-In-The-Life Of, which is a video about the children in the clinic dealing with cancer, are great events leading up to the final revealing.

### Q. What is the Memorial Hour?

A. It is to remember the children who have passed away in the pediatric oncology unit in the past several years. It is very personal to us because some of the parents whose kids have passed away are there. There are children under the age of one to kids our age. It is a diverse group showing that cancer certainly does not discriminate.

### Q. Do you feel this event is inspirational?

A. Once people are at the event with the kids and families there, I think they finally get it. It is a very big event with different perspectives, commitments and involvement. Therefore, actually being there is a priceless gift. It is my most treasured memory at UK.

### Q. How did Dance Blue get started?

A. At the forefront of this is Jennifer Myneer. Her son, Jared, passed away by the age of eleven from six different types of cancer. She helped start the THON event at Penn State which is a 48-hour dance marathon. This past weekend it raised \$5.2 million. We are the model child for THON. UK is No. 1 for first year pediatric oncology fundraising in the U.S. It took THON 10 years to get to \$100,000, and we did it in the first year. We raised \$123,000 last year.

### Q. If someone has to use the bathroom while they are dancing, what are the rules?

A. There are bathroom monitors that take you up to the restroom and you are timed. You have two-and-a-half to three minutes. You don't sit down and be as speedy as possible then they come back.

### Q. When was Dance Blue started and how has it changed since then?

A. It was started in 2005. Being young, it provided a great opportunity for leadership. The most dynamic thing about it is the amount of students that are involved. It went from having a few students in the planning committee to 150. It is really cool to be able to have such a presence on campus. I think it is so successful because it is not specifically Greek and it is not affiliated with a religious organization. Last year we had 180, and this year we are going to have approximately 315. Last year we had 32 teams, this year we have 55 teams signed up. Last year we had a staff of 75, this year we have 225. The capacity of the floor in Memorial Hall is 1000, so it is going to be interesting. We are going to be a closely knit group.

### Q. How has cancer affected your life?

A. I had a friend in high school who had cancer and within six months of her diagnosis, passed away. She passed away on New Year's Day. One day she was there and the next she was gone. She was the type of person that was always like "don't worry, it could always be worse." She tried to make a change and pressed on to learn more even when she was so sick. There is even a Build-a-Bear named after her — the Nikki bear. All of the funds from it go toward pediatric illnesses. Her spirit pushed me in this direction where I found my home.

### Q. Do you ever go to the clinic?

A. Yeah. Whenever I can go to the clinic I go and interact with the kids. One thing I learned when my friend had cancer is that you lose a lot of friends when you get that sick. The kids don't go to school, so their Dance Blue friends are some of the only friends they have. We provide an opportunity for the parents to go and get a cup of coffee because they know someone is there with their kid. We try to offer emotional support to the families as well.

### Q. How can people still get involved?

A. You can still donate at danceblue.org. And you can come out on Friday or Saturday to show your support.

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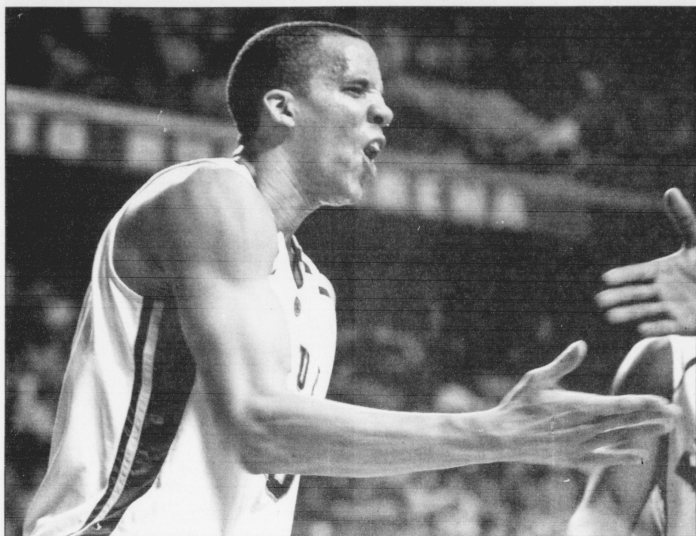
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## Unfinished Business



Senior forward Bobby Perry celebrates with teammates during UK's victory over Tennessee in Rupp Arena on Jan. 28. Perry has struggled since his breakout performance in last season's NCAA Tournament. KEITH SMILEY | STAFF

### Cats seniors say ultimate goal eludes them

By Jonathan Smith  
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Each UK senior basketball player had a coming out party during their career.

For Bobby Perry, it came in last season's NCAA Tournament. For Lukasz Obrzut and Sherya Thomas, it came in wins over rival Louisville.

Tonight, after those career highlights, they'll have their going away party.

The Cats will honor their three seniors against Georgia at Rupp Arena in the trio's final home game.

As their final games as Cats approach, the seniors have acknowledged that their time at UK has been special.

They have won 96 games, a Southeastern Conference title and a SEC Tournament title.

But they also said something is missing.

"We're going to do everything in our power to get to the Final Four," Perry said. "We need to do what we're going to do and get turned around."

No one had to get things turned around more than Thomas.

During the 2004-2005 season, Thomas, a 6-foot-8 forward from Montreal, Quebec, had a benign tumor removed.

The injury forced him to miss seven games, but its effects lingered throughout the season.

"It was pretty much kind of like a life-or-death situation," he said.

If injuries like that were hard for Thomas, basketball would seem to be the perfect refuge.

Not exactly.

On more than one occasion this season, Thomas has been booed by the Rupp Arena crowd. For some reason, the fans never warmed up to Thomas like some of the other players.

But that has never been a problem for him.

"I know I'm not the first person probably to go through it," Thomas said. "I know when I was here as a freshman they booed a couple of other players and they boo every now and again, but I guess that's the high expectations and you've got to live up to those."

To his credit, he quieted those jeers much earlier in the season.

Obrzut, on the other hand, has received a much warmer reception.

When Obrzut enters the game, fans can be heard cascading him with long chants of "Woo," his nickname among players and coaches.

Obrzut has always responded by gesturing to the crowd during a big play, or

during one of the team's runs.

"They are just something that pumps me up that I know I'll have the crowd behind me," said Obrzut, who has made 16 career starts. "I try to do everything in my power to get them excited and to enjoy the game and show them that I'm somebody who is going to make the hustle play."

Making hustle plays is something that all three players said is part of their game.

None of the players was highly recruited out of high school — Perry grew up in Durham, N.C., but ended up at UK — and they all knew that the only way they were going to succeed was by out working the competition.

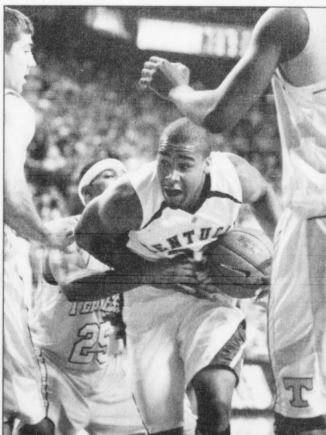
"Every time I step on the floor I give it all I have," Perry said. "That's all I ask of myself. Every game, every practice, I've given it all I had."

And Perry said he would give it all he had — including his 45 points in last season's NCAA Tournament — to get to the Final Four.

"We all want our last year to be the best year," Perry said. "It's not over yet, hopefully we're saving our best for last."

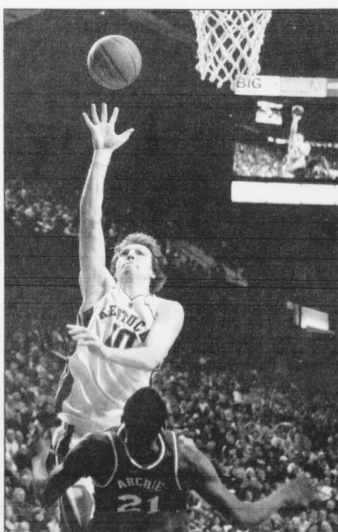
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**BOBBY PERRY**  
UK senior forward



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**Above:** Senior forward Sherya Thomas attempts to break through three Tennessee players during UK's 76-57 win in Lexington. Thomas has battled injuries and fan pressure to be a contributor to the Cats. **Right:** Senior center Lukasz Obrzut puts up a shot against South Carolina's Dominique Archie in UK's 95-89 win on Feb. 7 at Rupp Arena.



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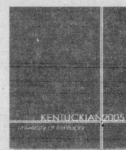
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## TUBBY

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Senior forward Bobby Perry and junior center Randolph Morris both said yesterday that they hadn't heard anything about Barnhart's comments.

When told of the statement, both players said Smith is under extreme pressure and that even they are feeling some of the scrutiny.

"Every day we do," Perry said. "We can't help but to see it in the papers here. Everywhere, the fans talking, going around

town, it's just something we can't get past."

And it's something that likely won't leave the program unless the Cats turn this season around and make a deep post-season run.

"It doesn't help at all," Smith said of fans' gripes. "It al-

ways comes around this time of year whether it's Tubby's going somewhere" or this and that and there's always that faction you have to deal with.

"I don't really listen to anything. I can't. I don't have time for it and I don't know what it can do for me."

## Cats fans offer thoughts on Tubby debate

By Travis Waldron  
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On UK head coach Tubby Smith's radio show Monday night, only two calls were taken from fans asking Smith questions. Instead, Smith took calls from former UK players. Off the air, the Cats' recent woes remained a hot topic.

The show capped a day during which UK Athletics Director Mitch Barnhart issued a statement asking fans to hold their judgment on the program. Barnhart said that he would evaluate it at the end of the season.

Smith thanked Barnhart for the support at his news conference yesterday, adding that he didn't need to defend himself from fans, even after UK has lost four of its last five games.

"We've stayed in those games and had chances to win," Smith said. "That's why I'm ex-

cited. I'm not happy but I'm not ready to jump off a building and no one else should either.

"There are a lot worse things I could be doing. I know I have a great job here."

UK's struggles have not gone unnoticed on campus, either. From freshmen to graduate students, UK students have an opinion on Smith's future in Lexington.

"It's definitely in decline," said political science graduate student Adam Butz of the basketball program. "At least from past years."

But Butz placed all the blame on Smith.

"Is it really Tubby?" Butz said. "I think it's further down the chain. I feel like the (assistant coaches) aren't doing their job."

Freshman Mike Kelly, an international politics and Spanish major, agreed.

"I think some changes do

need to be made," Kelly said. "I don't know as far as Tubby being fired, but I think maybe some (assistant coaches) may need to be changed."

The problems with Smith go deeper than simply not winning games, Kelly said.

"There are some underlying reasons," Kelly said. "Especially with stuff like (Barnhart's comments) coming out, I think he's been thinking like this since early in the season, just because this team hasn't come out as strong as teams in the past."

Kelly also said that UK basketball isn't interesting to him right now, adding that a new coach may invigorate student interest.

"I haven't been to a game yet this year because I haven't felt the need to go," Kelly said. "Students go because of the eRruption Zone and the hype of the game, but as far as the team,

it's not exciting."

Butz went on to say that UK fans are too demanding and that there always would be "an inevitable letdown."

Fellow political science graduate student Cyrus Karimian agreed with Butz, adding that UK has struggled because other SEC teams have improved.

"Other SEC schools and other schools around the country have gotten better," Karimian said. "It's going to be harder to build consistent winners."

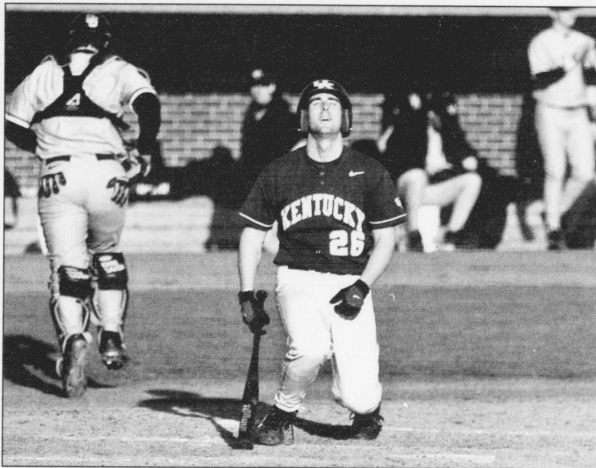
But if UK doesn't improve soon, Barnhart will be forced to look elsewhere, political science graduate student Michael Fix said.

"I don't think we should can Tubby," Fix said. "But it reaches a certain point where you say, 'If next year isn't better, we've got to start looking elsewhere.'"

"I think eventually you have to draw a line in the sand."

UK senior third baseman Matt McKinney reacts after striking out in the opening innings of last night's game against Oakland.

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## Seventh inning heaven for Cats

By Eric Lindsey  
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Once again, it took a seventh-inning surge for the UK baseball team to secure a victory yesterday.

"We came out and did what we had to do to win," said senior catch Sean Coughlin. "We had that big inning like we've been having all year."

Tied at three through six innings against Oakland (Mich.), the No. 21 Cats scored five runs in the seventh

yesterday to defeat the Golden Grizzlies 9-3 at Cliff Hagan Stadium. A crowd of 1,675 fans was on hand to see the Cats move to 8-0 and match the second-best start in school history, which was set in 1987.

After a quick start stalled in the middle innings, the Cats used a little bit of everything to plate the go-ahead runs in the seventh inning.

After Coughlin walked to open the inning, junior second baseman Brian Spear doubled to left center. Junior shortstop Ryan Wilkes followed with a

sacrifice fly, scoring freshman pinch runner Keenan Wiley to make it 4-3.

After advancing to third base on the Wilkes sacrifice fly, Spear scored on a wild pitch to make it 5-3.

Junior center fielder Antonio Defesus added another run with an RBI single and then scored when senior right fielder Mike Brown doubled down the right field line. Brown would later score the final run of the inning after Oakland catcher Kevin Carkeek committed a throwing error trying to catch Brown on a steal attempt.

In all, the Cats managed five runs and three hits in the inning by capitalizing on timely hits and mistakes by Oakland.

"That's what we're going to come to expect of us this year," Defesus said. "I don't think we're going to hit as many home runs as we did last year, but we're going to put some guys on base, put them in motion, steal some bases and just put pressure on the defense."

Defesus stole two of the Cats' seven bases, bringing the UK total in the last two games to 13 stolen bases.

"Their pitchers were pretty slow to the plate tonight and that's something we tried to take advantage of," Defesus said. "We knew we could get some stolen bases and we did."

The Cats didn't waste any-time scoring the game's first

runs.

Coughlin knocked his third double of the season in the first inning to bring in the Cats' first two runs. Brown and junior first baseman Sawyer Carroll scored on Coughlin's RBI double.

The Golden Grizzlies cut the deficit to 2-1 in the fourth inning but the Cats answered back when junior Matt McKinney cracked an RBI single up the middle to make it 3-1.

The Cats blanked Oakland the following two innings, but the Golden Grizzlies tied the game at 3-3 on a 2-run home run by Carkeek.

After a scoreless sixth, the Cats put together the five-run seventh inning and added another in the eighth inning.

Picking up the win for the Cats was pitcher Scott Green. It was first win of the year for the sophomore right-hander, and his since coming off "Tommy John" surgery on his elbow.

"My arm felt good," Green said. "It's been tough because it's so cold but the training staff kept me warm and I was able to come out and get the win."

Green pitched three scoreless innings and gave up just one hit.

"You get him fired up and he really seems to fire back," Coughlin said. "He does a great job on the mound for us and he's really coming into his own right now."

The Cats host Xavier University at 4 p.m. today.



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UK senior right fielder Mike Brown is called out at first base after hitting an infield ground ball during last night's game against Oakland.

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## Online updates could increase interest in SG

This is the third installment in a series revisiting the governing philosophy that the Kernel Editorial Board set out for Student Government last year and looking at how much progress the organization has made. This final installment will look at SG's communications efforts.

Last year's SG officials had serious troubles connecting to students. Actually, it was students who had trouble connecting — specifically, to SG's Web site, which was barely maintained throughout the school year and went offline altogether in April.

The Internet fiasco was one of the many symptoms of SG officials' basic inability to inform students about what the organization was doing and how to get involved.

The point of SG isn't to pad the resumes of future politicians and public servants — it's to get students involved to improve campus life and fight for students' rights. That can't happen if students' sole source of information about SG is the Kernel's weekly reports on SG Senate meetings.

To that end, the Kernel encouraged SG to make drastic improvements to its Web site, such as adding a calendar of events on campus and posting records of bills and other legislative activity. In addition, we encouraged SG to publicize its student services better — why spend student fee money on a DVD service and legal counseling if no one knows about their availability?

The improvements to the SG Web site ([www.uksga.org](http://www.uksga.org)) under current SG President Jonah Brown have been considerable. For starters, the site is now well-designed and user-friendly. That level of professionalism is necessary to get visitors to stay on the site and come back again.

Perhaps more importantly, the site now contains information about SG's activities and legislative proposals are available as Adobe PDF documents on the site, and there are also copies of the minutes for some meetings. This resource makes it much easier for interested students to keep track of what their elected student representatives are doing.

In addition, the site contains information about starting a student organization, descriptions of services that SG offers, a guide to protecting parties from police interference, and links to other potentially useful resources on campus. It's a useful repository of in-

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formation. The problem is that, as of now, once a visitor has the information he or she is looking for, there's little reason to come back to the site. New content is posted sporadically, and few people are interested in wading through meeting minutes or formal legislative language anyway.

Next year's administration should make an effort to put interesting new content on the Web site multiple times per week, if not daily. The site should include a blog where the SG

president and other officials discuss things that are happening within SG and on campus that they think are noteworthy but that most students may not have heard about. Then SG's communications team should advertise the site to the UK network on Facebook.com, in order to get students thinking about why they're already sitting at their Web browsers.

Politicians can greatly improve civic engagement and public morale when they directly speak to the public — U.S. President Franklin Roosevelt's "fireside chats" on the radio are the paradigmatic example — and SG officials are no exception. Providing a well-maintained source of writing and information would help connect the campus community with its student representatives, and the increase in interest would likely lead to greater participation in SG functions and elections.

There are avenues other than the Web site for SG to get in touch with students. Next year's administration should try advertising the biweekly Senate meetings, which are open to all students, through posters on campus and in classrooms. Few students attend these meetings, but the reason may well be that they are known when and where they are, rather than that the campus community is simply apathetic. SG ought to at least make an attempt at advertising the meeting more heavily before chalking low attendance up to sheer lack of interest.

Over the past school year, SG has brought its efforts at communication up from nonexistent to adequate. If the organization wishes to become an integral part of everyday student life at UK, this year's progress should merely be the groundwork for something more comprehensive. Otherwise, SG will remain at the periphery of campus consciousness.

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## Not all pretty women are dumb. Why does this shock the press?

Aging journalists always bemoan how young people get more news from "The Daily Show" and the Internet than from traditional print sources.



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They're right: You can learn a lot from the papers that you don't get from John Stewart. For instance, in recent weeks, U.S. newspapers have taught me many things I had never known about women.

The first lesson I've learned is that an attractive woman can make no contribution to society that is more valuable than her own looks. In fact, the thought of a beautiful woman doing something socially or politically important causes great cognitive dissonance.

Hence the New York Post's Feb. 25 story "Angelina a Babe Amid Brainiacs," about Angelina Jolie's recent admittance to the Council on Foreign Relations, an exclusive and influential Washington think tank.

You see, there is no chance that Jolie is a "brainiac" herself. How could the star of "Tomb Raider" be anything more than an empty head attached to a gorgeous body? It's inconceivable. Luckily, the Post is aware of all this, as the first line of their story makes clear: "The prestigious Council on Foreign Relations is about the get a jolt of sex appeal."

It's not a jolt of activism on the part of genocide victims in the Darfur region of Sudan, nor a jolt of expertise about the numerous other humanitarian crises in Africa and other developing areas. After all, Jolie's figure is much more interesting and newsworthy than those other qualities. Or so the Post thinks.

Maybe instead of babbling about Jolie's relationship with Brad Pitt throughout 2005 and 2006, the press could have sent more reporters to Darfur to cover the ongoing genocide there. Then journalists might understand why Jolie's admittance to the Council on Foreign Relations is about much more than providing "eye candy" for Henry Kissinger.

The second, related lesson the press has taught us lately is that sexual activity destroys women's brain cells. From a Dec. 24, 2006, Washington Post story by Libby Copeland titled "From Thong to Thesis: Monica Lewinsky Flashed Her Intellect!" "There are moments that make you question your fundamental assumptions about the world. One of them took place a few days ago, when news emerged that Monica Lewinsky had just graduated from the London School of Economics."

To Copeland, finding out that a woman who once performed oral sex may also be smart enough to get a prestigious degree is as surprising as "finding a rip in the time-space continuum." Yes, how could a mere White House intern be such an intelligent, qualified woman?

Easily. Anyone who's applied for

an internship with the federal government knows it's no walk in the park — to be successful requires a strong record and high intelligence, especially at a high-demand agency like the White House. Lewinsky's White House internship is strong evidence that she possesses these qualities.

For Copeland, however, Lewinsky's private sexual behavior outweighs her record of success. She thinks it is absurd that a woman best known for performing oral sex can amount to anything more than an oral-sex performer, and Washington Post editors think this argument is serious enough to warrant publication.

What the aforementioned articles show is that for all the complaints about the "liberal, politically correct" press, reactionary and misogynistic myths about women still hold plenty of sway in national newspapers. To be taken seriously, a woman has to abandon her appearance and her sexuality.

Yet the reading public doesn't consider this a scandal. Either the stereotypes are so widespread that we figure it's a hopeless cause, or we implicitly agree that women are mostly stupid.

I know we can't expect journalists to completely abandon their intuitions about society and culture in favor of empirical, statistical research — they're not social scientists, after all. But if your intuition about women is that they ought to be portrayed as dumb children, please just stay out of America's newspapers.

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## Have fun this Spring Break, but don't forget basic safety tips

As Spring Break gets closer, college students start to shut down more and more. But when you finally do leave for Spring Break, don't let



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loose too much. Although I have no money and am just going home for Spring Break, I am going to attempt to enjoy my days off. Even if you are going home or somewhere for a little "fun in the sun," you can get into serious trouble anywhere.

I'm not trying to be your mother or father, but when you do go somewhere for Spring Break, don't do anything stupid or something you might regret.

Spring Break stories seem to take one of three forms: Someone got into a fight, met his or her soulmate, or just had fun getting wasted for six straight days. Acting stupid for a week can be fun, but bad things can come from it.

First off, ladies, let's try to not make a cameo in the next "Girls Gone Wild" special. Solely to protect your dignity and your reputation, it would be in your best interest to not go crazy for the cameras, even if they promise you a shirt or a hat. Also, six straight days of one-night stands is never smart. A University of Wisconsin study showed that the majority of Spring Break hook-ups don't involve

using protection. Have fun, but remember not to do anything you will regret for the rest of your life.

As for guys, I would rather you not have your own segment on "Cops: Spring Break." Just because you're with all of your friends and having fun doesn't mean you have to help continue these good times by doing something stupid. When you're intoxicated, doing some things may seem hilarious, but when you're sitting in the drunk tank of your nearest police station with a charge of public intoxication or alcohol intoxication on your record, what used to be so funny probably isn't too funny anymore.

As college students, we tend to drink until we can't drink anymore. For six days straight, this could have a very bad ending: Alcohol poisoning can lead to death. To prevent this, choose the days you want to drink and just how much you plan on drinking.

Sporadic drinking can lead to you getting into an every day and potentially getting very sick. Having sober buddies around can also go a long way to help this — your friends can not only monitor you when you're drinking, but they can also cut you off when you start to cross that line of having too many.

Make sure to keep track of how much you drink; limiting yourself can not only keep you from getting sick, but it can also help you to have more fun. There's no fun in drinking all night and vomiting all day.

Also, don't drink and drive. This

may be driven into your head and you may be tired of hearing it, but people are seriously injured and killed every day by drunk drivers. With the elevated number of intoxicated people over Spring Break, the threat of drunk driving rises drastically.

Even though some people may try and limit themselves, sometimes you might just party too hard and have a few too many. Once again, if you notice your friend has had too much, cut him or her off. I'm sure your friend won't like this too much, but the next day, he or she will definitely love you for it.

Also, if your friend has had too many, don't leave him or her alone — otherwise, your friend will be vulnerable to theft or sexual assault. With so much drinking going on, both women and men may not be sober enough to fend off an attacker. If you choose to be the sober one for the night, try your best to keep track of all your drunken friends; this can go a long way in keeping them safe. So as you start to pack the car for the long road trip ahead or begin to get your plane ticket ready, don't forget about safety. Even though you may think you're smart and know how to be safe, you might not always be aware of everything around you — drinking impairs you mentally and physically. Keeping these common-sense tips in mind can go a long way in protecting you and your friends.

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## LETTER TO THE EDITOR

### 'N-word' is the symptom, not the problem

As a middle-class white male who was born and raised in Kentucky, I'll admit that I'm a little ignorant of other cultures. With a grand total of three black students (maybe) in my graduating class it should suffice to say that I had no real exposure to African-American culture prior to my arrival at UK.

But due to my sublime ignorance, I also had no real conception of the racism that plagues our country even to this day. The idea of someone shouting profane racist slurs out a car window seems so perverse and barbaric that I can hardly believe that it happens — and still happens. I believe that racism is still one of the biggest problems facing America, and it is a problem that we as a society need to confront.

So, then why are we still talking about the "N-word"? Should we "ban" it? Can white people say it? Is it inherently derogatory?

Who cares? A word is a word, and no matter how many we ban, people will still discriminate. Instead of bantering over a few syllables, why not address real and important issues? While diversity on campus is on the rise, it is a long, long way from perfect. I'm not bashing the "History of the N-Word" lecture. In fact, I think the event was a great way to spark cross-cultural thinking. But the "N-Word" is not the problem; it's only a symptom.

Last Saturday, Greek Sing took place in Memorial Coliseum and was highly regarded as the most popular Greek event with every fraternity and sorority on campus competing. That's interesting to me, because I was there in the front row, and I didn't see a performance from Iota Phi Theta, Or Alpha Kappa Alpha, Or Omega Psi Phi. It's not really common knowledge, but the reason is that the social fraternities and sororities on campus are divided into two separate categories: black and white.

And that's just one of many race issues that our campus is plagued with. Instead of getting hung up over a single word, we need to come together and address the whole problem.



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WOMEN'S SEC TOURNAMENT

# Three wins in three days could secure NCAA birth

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UK will likely face its first SEC tourney foe without starter Samantha Mahoney. The junior guard is listed as day-to-day after aggravating a bruised hip during the Arkansas game last week.

The Cats, whose NCAA Tournament fate relies on how they perform in the Southeastern Conference tournament, take on the Razorbacks again tomorrow in the first round.

"It's hard to predict what's going to happen when you're on the bubble like we are," said head coach Mickie DeMoss. "I think we need to get at least two more wins."

After suffering a loss to SEC bottom-feeder Florida on Sunday, the Cats dropped to 6-8 in conference play and 17-12 overall. This earned the team a No. 7 seed and a match-up with No. 10-seeded Arkansas at 3:30 p.m. in Duluth, Ga.

Despite manhandling the Razorbacks 87-60 in Rupp Arena on senior night on Feb. 18, DeMoss said that Arkansas is a threat to the Cats.

"They are a dangerous team and I'm looking for them to be very motivated to play us after losing to us in Lexington a week ago," DeMoss said. "We will certainly have our hands full."

Arkansas head coach Susie Gardner agreed with the assessment of her team, pointing to the shooting disparity between the two teams as the difference during the first match-up.

In that game, UK shot 61 percent from the field while the Razorbacks shot just 27 percent.

Starting tomorrow, DeMoss said the Cats have a chance to erase an what has so far been an underachieving season by making a post-

season run.

"We're looking ahead to Arkansas and seeing what we've got to do to take care of business," DeMoss said. "That's got to be the focus. It can't be about yesterday."

If the Cats do advance, they'll face the No. 2 seed Georgia. The Bulldogs are one of four teams that received a first round bye based on their conference record. Tennessee, Vanderbilt and LSU received the other top seeds.

No. 1-seeded Tennessee comes into tournament play seeking their 13th SEC Tournament title. The Volunteers ran the table in the SEC, with a 14-0 record that included an 84-62 drubbing of the Cats in Knoxville, Tenn., earlier this season.

Though Tennessee is considered the hands-down favorite, DeMoss said anything can happen in tournament play.

"There certainly are no guarantees," DeMoss said. "It has been a really interesting year for the SEC, with teams beating up on each other. Tennessee did go undefeated but I felt like they were challenged in several games."

Fortunately for the Cats, they are on the opposite end of the bracket from Tennessee.

A match-up with the Volunteers would require three wins in three days — a task that could give the Cats their second consecutive NCAA tournament birth.

"So much of it when it gets to tournament time is match-ups and who do you match-up well against," DeMoss said.

If the Cats are looking for a formula to reach the finals, they might want to listen to Tennessee legend Pat Summitt's recipe for tournament success.

"To win it, you really have to have the ability as a basketball team and as a coaching staff to maintain your focus and have the will to win," Summitt said.

**UP NEXT:**  
**UK vs. Arkansas**  
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Women's head coach Mickie DeMoss said her team needs at least two wins in the SEC tournament to get NCAA tournament bid.

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