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Rising energy costs pinching UK's pocket

By **Haitore Kiogora**
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As energy prices are projected to increase this winter, the UK Physical Plant Division has taken precautions to keep costs low.

But despite those preventative measures, officials still expect energy spending to soak up even more university funding than last year.

"It's going to be a major hit to the institution," said Bob Wiseman, UK's vice president of facilities management.

Natural gas prices are expected to increase 40 percent to 50 percent this year, and charges for electricity and coal will probably rise too, Wiseman said.

The increase in natural gas is expected to have a total impact of \$2.5 million on the university, said Jack Applegate, director of the UK Physical Plant Division.

Natural gas and coal serve as the primary sources of heat on campus.

UK also spent more on petroleum products over the summer because of high oil prices.

"It looks like we're going to be \$1 million to \$2 million over in energy costs," Wiseman said. "We'll just take it out of our general fund."

UK has used a computer system for years as a measure to monitor and control energy on campus, Wiseman said.

The Delta System, housed in the Frank D. Peterson Building, is responsible for turning campus fans and water pumps on and off, running schedules and controlling lights on certain areas of campus.

The goal of the system is

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BY THE NUMBERS | UK's heating costs at a glance

\$2.5 million dollars more UK expects to pay for heating this year than last year

40-50 estimated percent increase in natural gas prices

15 maximum minutes per hour that campus fans turn off to save money

Meal plans driving at commuters

Plans not drawing students, but administrators hopeful

By **Sarah Flannery**
THE KENTUCKY KERNEL

Until this fall, UK hadn't changed its dining plan in 11 years. As part of the change this school year, officials are marketing specific plans to commuter students.

Two of the seven available meal plan options target students who don't live on campus, said Jeff DeMoss, executive director for UK Dining Services.

"The two meal plans zoom in for the commuters," DeMoss said.

The Blue Plan and the White Plan are meal plans available to commuter students, faculty and staff, students living in Greek residences and students living in Greg Page Apartments.

But the plans don't seem to be attracting many students.

Chip Carter, student affairs director in charge of dining and Plus Accounts, said there are 48 students with the Blue Plan and 29 students with the White Plan. Commuter students are defined as students who do not live in housing owned, operated or affiliated with the university, according to the UK Office of Institutional Planning, Research and Effectiveness.

Of the 26,682 undergraduate, graduate and professional students enrolled this semester, about 71 percent meet that definition.

"I think it has to do with the fact of marketing," DeMoss said about the low number of students on the commuter plans. Traditionally, commuters have not been marketed to, but DeMoss said he hopes an aggressive advertising plan will bring more students to join.

"We're expecting more to come on," he said. "It takes a four-year transition. It just doesn't happen overnight."

The Blue Plan offers an average of three meals per week for \$479 per semester, and the White Plan has an average of five meals per week for \$670 per semester. At campus locations other than Commons Market or Blazer Cafe, which have buffet-style dining, one meal constitutes an entree, two sides and a drink.

The Plus Account is still an option for students, which can be used at on-campus and certain off-campus venues. Meanwhile, Flex Dollars, which can only be used on campus and in the grocery areas in Blazer and Commons, are a new addition to the meal set-up, DeMoss said.

"By using the meal plans, students will save 19 to 20 percent due to

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TENNESSEE 27, UK 8

THE 21ST ANNUAL 'ROCKY STOMP'

UT extends streak on UK's Senior Day

By **Chris Johnson**
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Missed opportunities, as it turned out, defined the 2005 UK football season.

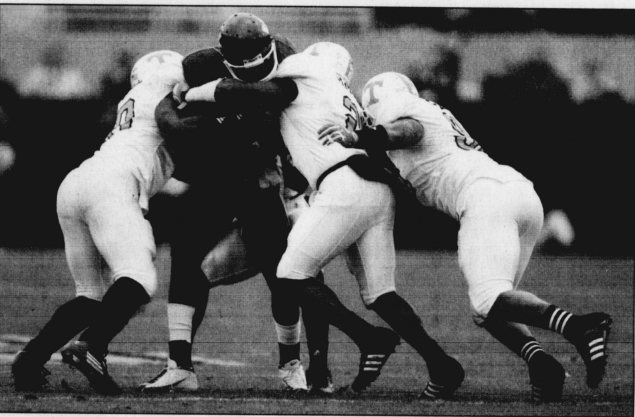
On Saturday, squandered chances were again the bane for the Cats (3-8, 2-6 Southeastern Conference). Three Tennessee turnovers and three drives into the Volunteers' red zone didn't produce one UK touchdown.

UK's general lack of a running game led to field goals that couldn't compete with Tennessee's touchdowns and the Cats fell 27-8, on Senior Day at Commonwealth Stadium.

UK began shooting itself in the foot almost immediately, after taking possession of the ball twice in Tennessee (5-6, 3-5) territory in the first quarter. Down 7-0, UK punted, but Draak Davis forced a fumble and recovered it, giving the Cats the ball on the Tennessee 9-yard line.

"I just tried to get off the jam, then outrun the other guy that was trying to get me," Davis said of his strategy to get to the punt returner. "It looked like he didn't catch it as cleanly as he usually does, and I hit him."

"The ball fell right in front of me, like a gift from God," Davis said.



Freshman quarterback Curtis Pulley is brought down by Tennessee defenders during the first quarter of UK's 27-8 loss on Saturday at Commonwealth Stadium.

But any hope of further heavenly benevolence quickly died as sophomore starting quarterback Andre Woodson was sacked on third down. Senior Taylor Begley, one of 25 UK seniors honored before the game, hit his first of two field goals to reduce the Volunteer advantage to four.

"Draak Davis made a great play," said UK head

coach Rich Brooks. "We have to get a touchdown when we get a field position situation like that."

But touchdowns were not happening against a Tennessee defense ranked in the nation's top-20 in scoring defense and total defense.

"We weren't playing like we should, like we did all year," said sophomore tail-

back Rafael Little, who broke Derek Abney's UK single-season record for all-purpose yardage during the game and finished with 1,882 for the season.

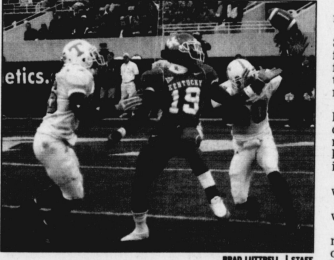
Little logged 176 total yards on the day, including 73 receiving yards on 11 receptions. He was by far the favorite target of freshman quarterback Curtis Pulley — no other UK receiver

amassed more than three catches.

Pulley exhibited the rapid progress the UK coaches had been talking about, finishing 22-of-33 for 149 yards and three interceptions. UK offensive coordinator Joker Phillips said several long possessions, especially a 18-play drive at the beginning of the second

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Lack of attack an offensive reminder of Hudson



Tennessee freshman defensive back Demetrice Morley (20) grabs a pass intended for UK sophomore wide receiver Keenan Burton while sophomore defensive back Roshawn Fellows comes in for the tackle during the fourth quarter of Saturday's game at Commonwealth Stadium.

I thought Ron Hudson resigned.

It was hard to tell on Saturday, considering the fact that UK managed two field goals and a safety in the Cats' 27-8 loss to Tennessee on Senior Day.

But despite the fact Hudson quit steering one of the worst offenses in the nation a year ago, UK looked like a Xerox copy of itself one year later.

The option wasn't working.

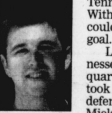
The quarterback draw wasn't working.

Even Rafael Little wasn't working. And when one of the best backs in the Southeastern Conference can't get a jumpstart he managed 43 rushing yards and led all receivers with 73

yards, the UK offense knows it's stuck in the mud. "Whether we're young, hurt, or whatever, we've got to win," UK head coach Rich Brooks said. "I can talk all I want about it, but we've got to win."

Three times, the Wildcats couldn't capitalize on opportunities in the Volunteer red zone. And it wasn't from a lack of help from the maligned

Volts.



Derek Poore
SPORTS EDITOR

In the first quarter, Wildcat freshman punter Tim Masthay punted to the Vols' 10-yard line, where senior running back Draak Davis forced and recovered Tennessee's first fumble.

With first-and-goal, UK couldn't punch it in. Field goal.

Later in the first, Tennessee fumbles again when quarterback Erik Ainge took a hit and UK senior defensive tackle Trey Mielsch recovered the loose ball. But the Cats' possession stalled just outside Tennessee's red zone. Senior kicker Taylor Begley missed a 43-yard field goal and UK again failed to capitalize on a Volunteer turnover.

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Rookies, pool sharks chalk up to raise money for HIV/AIDS awareness

By **Farra Franklin**
THE KENTUCKY KERNEL

Helping find a cure for HIV and AIDS may be as easy as chalking up a pool cue and playing some 8-ball.

One week from today, the two largest student groups in the UK College of Medicine are sponsoring the "Cue for the Cure" pool tournament at South on Broadway to raise money for the Mashambanzou Care Trust fund in the African nation of Zimbabwe. UK chapters of the International Federation of Medical

Students Association and the American Medical Student Association are hosting the event.

The event will recognize Dec. 1, which is World Aids Day, and raise money for global awareness of HIV/AIDS treatment as well as prevention. This event was first started last year with a pool tournament at Miami University.

Teams of two people compete against others, while local bands provide other entertainment. Tables set up with information about prevention, education, and treat-

ment from local organizations Meals on Wheels will be at the event.

"We're teaming up together to work on something that is a huge problem," said Sara Thornton, co-president of UK's chapter of the American Medical Student Association. "I think that it is important to get the message across the United States and globally."

"We need to get involvement as well as have governmental support to ensure that the HIV/AIDS prevention programs meet the needs of

the community both locally and abroad," he said.

The Mashambanzou Care Trust is a grassroots organization in Zimbabwe bringing support to HIV/AIDS patients in Africa with educational youth programs, health services and by caring for children unable to receive adequate medical attention.

"We are protected from what's going on in the underdeveloped nations," Thornton said. "I think it's

If You Go
What: "Cue for a Cure" pool tournament
When: Monday, Dec. 5 from 6-10 p.m.; all teams must be registered by 6:00 p.m.
Where: South on Broadway

The tournament costs \$10 per team.

Contact Lauren Scott by e-mailing lauren.scott@uky.edu or calling (859) 468-6488 for more information.

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important for students to be informed of global issues and to know how to become involved in helping those in need.

The major goal of the event is to push testing for HIV/AIDS with 30 teams paying a \$10 donation and registration fee and local companies or organizations sponsoring each team.

"The purpose of the event is tri-fold, and that is to celebrate the events and the

efforts being made, how we can help in Lexington, and prevention," said Lauren Scott, Cue for the Cure's project adviser.

Another goal is to let different parts of the community know of the event and give them the opportunity to support the event as they sponsor each individual team, Scott said.

"I hope this event helps people take time out of their schedule to recognize and think about how any individual can make a difference and recognize the enormity of this problem," she said.

Students expressed their concern for the problem of raising awareness.

"It is important that we recognize that AIDS isn't just a problem in the U.S.," said Stephanie Wise, an English senior who was thinking about playing in the tournament. "When given the political climate surrounding sex education, we need to find a way to get the word out about how to protect ourselves."

"Whether people are there to listen to the bands play have a beer, watch Monday Night Football or show their support for a friend, the event is really about raising AIDS/HIV awareness in our local community," Scott said.

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to be energy efficient, find problems and make improvements, said Galen Tolliver, supervisor of the Facilities Management System.

"Every piece of equipment we have we monitor monthly to see how many hours it runs," Tolliver said.

Eighty percent of the buildings on campus are in the system, which runs up to 3,000 schedules that turn off fans and lights overnight and during holidays, Tolliver said. The Delta System is not used in housing dorms, patient

rooms at the UK hospital or in labs with animals.

Fans consume thousands of dollars in energy costs a month, and cycles to save money have been implemented, Tolliver said. As a result, fans are turned off five to 15 minutes out of each hour they run. Thermostats in buildings and offices are also set to have a 68 to 75 degree range of comfort as an effort to save.

This system saves an average of \$1.5 million a year, Applegate said.

According to Applegate, self-supported departments that generate revenue, such as Auxiliary Services, the UK Hospital and the Athletics Department pay a share of the cost. The UK Physical Plant

Division pays for the remainder of the cost.

Since the Physical Plant Division receives money from the state's general fund and has no money in reserve, if energy costs increase too much, UK will have to pay for the remainder of the cost.

In the meantime, Wiseman said UK is working on a "new budget to see what it will take to get through the year." He said he'll probably be presenting this information to UK's administration within the next two weeks.

To help conserve energy, students and faculty are encouraged to turn off lights and turn down the thermostat when they leave a room.

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guest pricing," DeMoss said. This mainly applies to the buffet dining style at the Commons Market and Blazer Cafe, where lunch for those not on the meal plans costs \$8.85 and dinner costs \$9.95.

Kortney Osborne, a mining engineering freshman, currently has the Blue Plan and eats lunch on campus an average of three days a week. She usually eats at the Student Center.

"I knew I could have

meals to eat without taking money on campus," Osborne said.

Jennifer Neal, a commuting agriculture communications senior, recently visited the Commons Market for the first time since her freshman year. She does not have a meal plan, because when she does eat on campus, she avoids the Commons Market, making it cheaper to just use cash or a Plus Account.

Neal said, "It forces you to eat more than you want to."

Neal also said she'd like to see the current set-up modified.

"It's too confusing, too elaborate and needs to be simple," Neal said.

Summer Jackson, a commuting hospitality management and tourism junior, eats on campus at least once a week.

"I don't live on campus, so it doesn't affect me too much, but I liked the (cost) better," she said. "You can budget yourself, and you don't have to get food you don't want."

DeMoss said there is no plan or another major change in the works, but improvements to the current plan are an option.

I look around and see smiling faces, and no one is trying to rush out, so I think it's a good start," DeMoss said.

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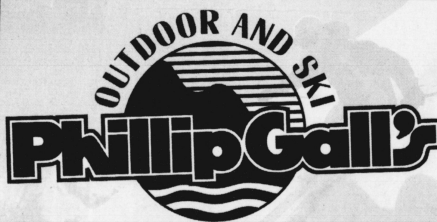
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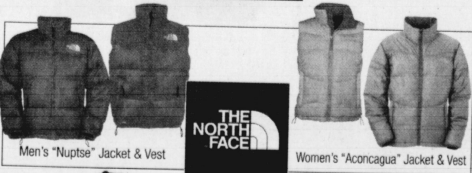


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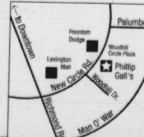


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UK diplomacy school ranked in top 20

By Brittany Herier
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UK's Patterson School of Diplomacy and International Commerce has been ranked in the top 20 international relations programs by a national magazine on international politics.

Foreign Policy magazine ranked UK's Patterson School 18th among universities in America with a master's degree program in international relations. "I am extremely pleased the Patterson School has received recognition that places it in the top 20," said President Lee Todd in a press release. "The achievement places UK in impressive company alongside some of this nation's premier institutions, like Harvard, Stanford, Princeton and (Massachusetts Institute of Technology).

"This ranking is a testament to the hard work and vigilance of our faculty, staff and students."

Graduate students attending the Patterson School are trained for international careers in the public and private sectors, including careers with government agencies such as the U.S. State Department, the Department of Commerce, the United Nations, the World Bank, international commerce and for-

sign trade and international banking, according to the school's Web site.

Each year, the school accepts between 25 and 30 students to complete the three-semester cycle of study. The Patterson School is fairly small compared to UK's other colleges, with between 85 and 100 students.

"This is quite an honor for us, in part because we are very small compared to the other schools," said Karen Mingst, acting director of the Patterson School in a press release. "We pride ourselves in bringing students to the Patterson School and engaging them in a variety of activities inside and outside of the classroom."

Sarah Stoll, a grad student at the Patterson School said it's a privilege to go to the Patterson School. She said the school has given her many opportunities, including interning for a member of Canada's Parliament, studying abroad in Russia and attending various conferences across the country and around the world.

"The simple words, 'the Patterson School,' knocks a person's socks off," Stoll said. "I am proud to know that Foreign Policy magazine recognizes the program as one of the top 20 of its kind

in the United States, and I am honored to be a part of it."

The Patterson School focuses on training in real-world and cross-cultural experiences, and required internships with international business or government bodies give students knowledge that only field experience can offer, according to the school's Web site.

Ross Lovely, a law graduate student and a student at the Patterson School, said the Patterson School's atmosphere encourages creativity and originality. "Because we are a small program in the middle of Kentucky, our students must be that much better and our professors must work that much harder so that we can compete with kids from Harvard, Stanford (and) Georgetown," Lovely said.

Foreign Policy magazine polled political scientists who teach or do research in international relations from the 1,157 four-year colleges in the nation to decide rankings, according to the news release.

The rankings appear in the November/December 2005 issue of Foreign Policy.

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COLLEGIATE KARAOKE



Ben Parks, a junior at Bluegrass Community and Technical College (formerly known as Lexington Community College), belts out the song "Wonderwall" by Oasis during karaoke last Monday in the Cats Den.

Karaoke is open to students every Monday night in the Cats Den, located in the Student Center. The singing starts at 7 p.m.

JALIE FITZPATRICK | STAFF

Former U.S. attorney general to help defend Hussein

By Ashraf Khalil
LOS ANGELES TIMES

BAGHDAD, Iraq — A prominent American anti-war activist arrived here yesterday to assist the defense team of Saddam Hussein when his trial resumes today, as reports surfaced of a plot to assassinate a top tribunal official.

Ramsey Clark, a former U.S. attorney general, was accompanied by Najeeb Nuiami, a former Qatari justice minister.

"Our plan is to go to court in Baghdad on Monday morning representing defense council as defense support," Clark told reporters before departing from Amman, Jordan. "A fair trial in this case is absolutely imperative."

Clark was at the center of international efforts to prevent the March 2003 U.S.-led invasion of Iraq. Along with British Parliament member George Galloway, he was one of the most prominent Western critics of the invasion.

In the northern city of Kirkuk, police officials announced the arrest of eight men accused of plotting to kill one of the top judges in the Saddam trial. Since their arrest four days ago, the men have been confined to planning to kill Raed Juhli, the investigative judge responsible for assembling the case against Saddam, police said.

Juhi has been the most public face of the trial and one of the few officials with the Iraqi Special Tribunal willing to appear on camera.

When their trial resumes today, Saddam and seven co-defendants will face charges in the deaths of about 150 people in the southern village of Du-Jail. The killings were allegedly revenge for a failed 1982 assassination attempt against Saddam there.

Under tribunal guidelines, cases are structured around incidents, such as the Dujail killings or the 1998 poison gas attacks in the Kurdish city of Halabja, rather than around any one individual's crimes.

The Dujail trial opened for one day on Oct. 19, then was delayed to give the defense team more time to prepare. The next stage of the trial is expected to last several days before adjourning until after Dec. 15 parliamentary elections.

Clark, who served as attorney general under President Johnson, has worked for months as an adviser to Saddam's legal team. But it is unclear whether he will be allowed into the specially designed courtroom deep inside Baghdad's walled-off Green Zone.

Intense security procedures have surrounded the trial, including retinal screening and sometimes aggressive questioning for observers and journalists.

Lawyers for Saddam and the other defendants, who include the former president's half-brother Barzan Tikiiri and former Vice President Taha Yassin Ramadan, have complained that inadequate security has made it impossible for them to do their jobs.

Two members of the defense team were slain in separate incidents shortly after the trial opened, prompting the remaining lawyers to threaten a boycott. They agreed to participate last week after the Iraqi government offered them personal security details and lodging inside the Green Zone.

The team is expected to mount a dual defense — challenging the authority of the tribunal while also justifying Saddam's deeds as the legitimate acts of a sovereign president seeking to maintain Iraq's stability and national unity.

If convicted, Saddam and his co-defendants could face the death penalty. But several other trials could follow for incidents ranging from the Halabja gassing to the 1990 invasion of Kuwait and the subsequent 1991 suppression of Kurdish and Shiite uprisings.

That process could take years, but several prominent Iraqi politicians have suggested dropping the remaining charges in favor of a quick execution on the Dujail charges, if the defendants are found guilty.

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EDITORIAL NOTEBOOK

■ Students living in most residence halls had to leave them by 5 p.m. last Wednesday — even before all of that day's classes had ended. Those who had to attend night classes were essentially forced to choose either to skip them or to haul their luggage around campus.

Of course, it would be nearly impossible to find desk workers for every hall over the break, and so it's understandable that only certain "nine-month" dorms remain open. But there is a solution that would ease the burden on students who live on campus: Extend Thanksgiving break to include Wednesday.

Perhaps UK administrators believe that the current policy on when residents must leave doesn't harm anyone because most instructors cancel class that day anyway. But not all classes are canceled that day; in fact, some have tests. University policy cannot rely on the de facto cancellation of classes — and that's why, at least for on-campus residents' sake, it's time for UK to make the cancellation official.

■ The Kernel reported last week that UK's Center for Poverty Research has received a \$1.48 million grant from the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services after winning a competition of written proposals. Similar centers, research centers at the Universities of Michigan, Wisconsin-Madison and Washington-Seattle competed for that funding.

"The money will show what programs work and how to redesign them to be more effective, also to alleviate the cause of poverty, such as food assistance and disability," said James Ziliak, a professor in the Gatton College of Business and Economics and director of the research center.

Large research grants like these are just what UK needs to become a top-20 research university. But what's more important than how the grant affects the university's goal is the effect it could have on the state and nation as a whole. With 14.4 percent of its population in poverty, Kentucky is the ninth-poorest state in the nation, and any effort UK can make in improving the state's fortunes is a worthwhile one. The research funded by this grant will help show what sorts of programs effectively fight poverty, and state lawmakers will do well to heed its conclusions.

■ Last week, UK began airing 60-second radio ads highlighting the school's diversity in Lexington and Louisville. The spots, which feature UK students and a parent discussing academics and campus life at UK, are part of an effort to make UK more diverse in the wake of this year's 40 percent drop in black freshman enrollment.

This is the sort of concrete step toward increasing diversity that UK should be taking. The ads demonstrate the university's commitment to making campus more diverse, which may assuage the fears of students who view UK as too homogeneous.

But UK needs to back up its words with actions — an advertising campaign is not enough. If students who visit UK see a campus nothing like the one they heard about on the radio, the ads won't have done any good for diversity here. For starters, the university must recruit black faculty and administrators aggressively; it's doubtful that black students would want to come to a school where a disproportionate percentage of instructors are white. In the meantime, however, the radio ads at least show that UK's complacency about diversity is ending.

■ The 1985 job application that got Supreme Court nominee Samuel Alito into over the top in the confirmation in the document, he expressed his view that abortion is not constitutionally protected — has begun to raise other stir.

In the application, Alito also listed his membership in Concerned Alumni of Princeton, a group that was founded in 1972 to oppose the admission of women to Princeton. The group also urged Princeton to admit more children of alumni and fewer blacks and Hispanics. It faded away in 1987 amid internal strife.

Alito made note of his membership in the group in the section of the application asking about his "philosophical commitment" to Reagan administration policies. He did not play a large role in the funding or operation of the group, however; according to *The New York Times*.

Concerned Alumni's agenda was certainly anachronistic, even in the late 1970s, obviously, women and minorities deserve fair treatment in college admissions. But Alito's confirmation should rest on his qualifications and judgment, not his political or social views. If the Senate finds that Alito's judicial philosophy is prejudiced in respect to race or gender, that would be a clear case of concern, otherwise, Alito's membership in a group that disbanded 18 years ago is irrelevant.

■ The day after Thanksgiving is the ominously titled "Black Friday" when crazed shoppers go to malls and stores early in the morning in search of good deals and high-demand products. According to a Reuters report, sales were down 0.9 percent from 2004 this Black Friday, although mega-retailer Wal-Mart was reporting strong sales that exceeded its own forecasts.

Of course, not all was rosy — even for Wal-Mart — on Black Friday. There were numerous reports of people being trampled at Wal-Marts early that morning; many customers were after a \$376 Hewlett-Packard laptop, though CNNMoney.com reported that many Wal-Marts ran out of them within the first hour of sales. In any case, it's disturbing to see people shoving and stepping on each other in a season meant to celebrate a spirit of giving and selflessness.

A final interesting note: The origin of the "Black Friday" name may not actually be a reference to the terror retail workers and shoppers feel at the chaos on the morning following Thanksgiving, though it has gained that connotation in recent years. According to a Lexis-Nexis transcript, Dan Crodz said on ABC's World News Tonight in November 1982 that "some merchants label the day after Thanksgiving Black Friday because business today can mean the difference between red ink and black on the ledgers."

■ Looks like those boots were made for walkin' after all. After three years of marriage, former "Newlyweds" Jessica Simpson and Nick Lachey called it quits over Thanksgiving break, adding yet another notch in America's divorce-rate belt, currently a this-shouldn't-be-impressive 38 percent.

Rumors of an impending split have plagued the couple since Simpson starred as Daisy Duke in this summer's "The Dukes of Hazzard." Pressure from the gossip-mongering press and the stress of so-called private moments broadcast in a weekly half-hour segment on MTV have been cited as reasons for marital strife.

No matter how much we'd like to rail at these two pretty people for inviting cameras into their homes, effectively setting themselves up for failure, we can't.

We're just sad — and wondering if this divorce truly came about because of irreconcilable differences, or because the American public just can't get enough of their celebrity gossip, even if that same brutal rumor mill drove Simpson and Lachey apart.

Now, we're certainly not saying it's the complete fault of the media or the US Weekly subscribers, but it raises an interesting question: Does the celeb-centric press reflect our culture, feeding us what we want, or is our celeb-centric culture a result of the interests of the press?

We don't know, but *People* magazine probably does.

— Kernel Editorial Board

IN OUR OPINION

Meal plan still hard to swallow

On Nov. 16, the Student Government Senate passed a resolution criticizing UK's new meal plan, calling the price of a single meal "outrageous" and saying "the variety of meals provided is nonexistent."

The resolution is representative of student sentiment — and the stance of this Editorial Board. UK needs to seriously reconsider its approach to on-campus dining and the meal plan.

The new meal plan works on a meal-by-meal basis, rather than a declining-balance system like the old plan. Before, students had a certain amount of money at the beginning of the semester, and purchases were simply deducted from their total. Now, students pay for a total number of meals, and each purchase is counted as one meal.

The plan doesn't take the size of a meal into account. Whether someone buys a late night snack or a full course dinner, it counts the same. The least expensive plan allows students eight meals per week, at an average of about \$6 per meal.

If you just want a bag of chips and a drink between classes, it'll cost you one of your eight meals. What would amount to a \$2 purchase at a gas station ends up costing you roughly \$6 under the new dining plan.

The system actually encourages overeating. The old meal plan was far from perfect, but it at least allowed students to grab a cup of coffee without sacrificing an entire meal.

What would be even better would be for UK to lease its current facilities to private vendors. Students would

pay with cash or the Plus Account rather than being forced (as students living on campus are now) to purchase a plan that doesn't really meet anyone's needs. And the money from the leases — which would be quite lucrative, considering the eating habits of college students — could be used for the scholarships currently funded by UK Dining revenues.

But until UK pursues such a sensible solution, it should at least allow students to use the meal plan at the Chick-fil-A opening in the Student Center tomorrow, as the SG resolution also urged.

A good model for a future plan would be the recent expansion of the Plus Account to off-campus eateries — a praiseworthy effort on the part of UK. Students can now get meals at Papa John's

and Qdoba, as well as other nearby restaurants, using the Plus Account.

But the options still remain pretty limited, as students are mostly restricted to fast food, pizza or one of two very similar Mexican food diners.

We hope that Dining Services officials will continue working to draw a better variety of food choices into the Plus Account fold. Beyond being overly homogeneous, the dining options available right now make it difficult to maintain a healthy diet — a task made tough enough as it is by the typical college lifestyle.

While UK is making strides to improve on-campus dining, there's still a long way to go. Students deserve more options, and a meal plan that actually gives them value for their money.



Cats

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half, showed signs of Pulley's skill.

"With all the youth on this team, it's hard to put together a long drive in this league," Phillips said. "It's hard for a young team to stay focused for 16 plays."

In UK's first drive of the second half, Pulley led the team to five first downs — almost one-third of their eventual game total of 16. UK converted all four third-down opportunities on the drive.

But UK again squandered a chance to cut into the 17-6 Tennessee lead. Tennessee's Parys Haralson — who finished with two forced fumbles and two sacks — hit Pulley on a quarterback keeper, causing him to fumble and end the 16-play, 63-yard drive.

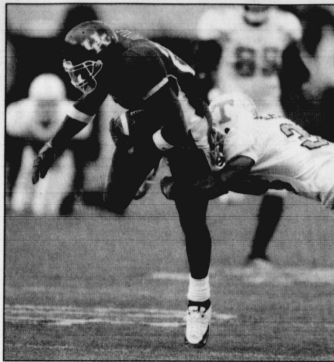
"We gotta preach ball security," Phillips said. "We've got an improved run game, a good pass game, but we gotta improve on ball security."

Woodson's separated shoulder forced Pulley to play most of the game.

"It helped and made me nervous," Kentucky's 2006 Mr. Football said. "I knew I had to lead the team. I've never done that in college."

I joked with him when he got here, with the red balls he was throwing, we thought he was left-handed and he was playing a joke on us."

Missed chances aside, UK



KEITH SHULTZ | STAFF
Sophomore tailback Rafael Little is tackled by Tennessee sophomore defensive back Jonathan Hefney during the third quarter of Saturday's game at Commonwealth Stadium.

still was within 11 points of Tennessee until the end of the third quarter, when Volunteer defensive tackle Justin Harrell deflected one of Pulley's passes. The ball bounced off Pulley's helmet and up in the air, where Harrell snagged it and ran into the end zone, dragging Pulley the entire way for a touchdown.

"That let the wind out of our sails," Phillips said.

One positive note for UK was a fourth-quarter safety on an intentional grounding call. The two points resulted in the

final tally and an end to a season Brooks termed as "disappointing."

"I'm extremely disappointed that the whole year hasn't been better and particularly this game," Brooks said. "I was hopeful (the seniors) could leave Commonwealth breaking the streak."

Instead, the Cats' losing streak to the Volunteers reached 21 games, the second longest of any team streak in the nation.

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Second quarter: same story. With injured sophomore quarterback Andre Woodson on the sideline, freshman Curtis Pulley tried a sneak on fourth-and-one at the Volunteer three yard line. Stuffed. Another field goal by Begley, who should have been between the hash marks booting extra points, not trying to soften failed red zone opportunities.

"Despite (Tennessee's) record, they still have a lot of great players and great athletes," Begley said. "When you have opportunities, you have to cash them in."

Tennessee coughed it up (three turnovers), and UK gave it right back (four).

The UK defense came out of the halftime locker room and tried to clamp down. Tennessee's offense went the en-

tire quarter without scoring, but after UK missed another opportunity (the Cats fumbled inside the Tennessee 10-yard line), the Vols' defense showed UK how to turn a turnover into a touchdown.

Around the UK 7-yard line, Tennessee defensive lineman Justin Harrell tipped Pulley's pass into the quarterback's own helmet. The UT tackle then bobbled the ricochet and carried it — and Pulley — the few remaining yards into the end zone.

If that explains you reading it, imagine how UK felt.

"It really got us down," senior wide receiver Glenn Holt Jr. said. "Those turnovers really discouraged us."

Sixth-year senior Tommy Cook deserved better than this. Senior receiver Scott Mitchell deserved better than this. Muhammad Abdullah, Antoine Huffman — all two dozen or so seniors deserved better than this.

Next year, the soph are juniors and the juniors are se-

niors.

"I don't want to feel like this anymore," sophomore receiver Keenan Burton said. "I don't want to feel like I didn't do my job. These seniors are really emotional. Being around the receivers who are seniors has taught me a lot. With them leaving, it's taught me that I have to step up and teach players who are younger than me how to play the game."

UK came into November like a lion — after beating Mississippi State, and an offensive explosion against Auburn, the Wildcats hung 48 points on the Vanderbilt Commodores in a win at Vanderbilt — but they're leaving like a lamb.

And with next season being the last make-up for Brooks, that sure is a bad taste for the offseason.

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SPORTSBRIEFS

Volleyball dancing in NCAA's

The UK volleyball team is headed to its first NCAA Tournament since 1983. UK (17-11, 10-6 Southeastern Conference) was one of a record six SEC teams making the 64-team field. The Cats will travel to the Louisville Gardens Friday at 5 p.m. to face Maryland (27-4, 18-4 Atlantic Coast Conference), who won a share of the ACC regular-season championship and lost to North Carolina in the conference tournament championship.

Men's basketball rolls to fourth win of season

A career-high 22 points from junior forward Bobby Perry and a 10-minute, 23-4 run in the second half added up to an 81-51 UK victory over Liberty Friday night. Sophomore guard Rajon Rondo added 13 points, tied for the team lead with seven rebounds and dished out nine assists in the rout in front of 22,717 at Rupp Arena. Perry, who had a second career-high night in three games after putting up 12 against Iowa last weekend, had 14 in the

game's first 12 minutes as the Cats built a 21-14 advantage. The Cats' defense crested in the second-half run, which saw the Flames shoot just 1-of-13 and commit eight turnovers. Junior forward Rekalin Sims tied Rondo with seven rebounds as the Cats won the battle of the boards 35-35. Rondo has led or tied the Cats in rebounding in every game this season, averaging a team-high 11 per game. The Cats return to action tomorrow night against High Point.

Women's basketball wins Thanksgiving tourney

Most Valuable Player Sarah Elliott had 11 points and played a team-high 31 minutes to help UK to a 67-54 win over Hofstra in the finals of the 2005 Pepperdine Thanksgiving Tournament. Sophomore guard Samantha Mahoney led UK back from a 10-point first-half deficit with 13 points, while junior guard Jenny Pfeiffer chipped in 12. The Cats used their superior rebounding effort to climb back from their double-digit deficit, snagging

46 rebounds to Hofstra's 33. The Cats also used their superior depth, winning the bench-scoring battle 31-2. The next home game for the Cats is Thursday night at 7 against Florida International.

Shelby on Player of Year list

UK junior John Shelby was one of 120 collegiate baseball players named to the 2006 Wallace Watch List for the Brooks Wallace National Player of the Year Award given by the College Baseball Foundation. Shelby, from Lexington's Tates Creek High School, led the UK baseball team in hits, home runs, runs batted in, slugging percentage and stolen bases last season, while finishing second on the team in batting average and triples. He was one of two players in the SEC to finish with double-digit home runs and over 20 stolen bases.

The 120 selected will be trimmed to a pool of 12 semi-finalists in May. The winner will be announced after the NCAA Super Regional championships in June.

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