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## Senate passes bill to prohibit domestic partner benefits

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The state Senate passed a bill yesterday that would outlaw health insurance same-sex couples and unmarried opposite-sex couples in all state agencies.

UK has been considering offering the benefits since a survey showed in September that staff and faculty were interested in the move. Last month, a committee commissioned by President Lee Todd commissioned to investigate the feasibility of the benefits recommended that UK implement the them.

Senate Bill 152 passed with a 27-8-1 vote and will now go before the House of Representatives for approval.

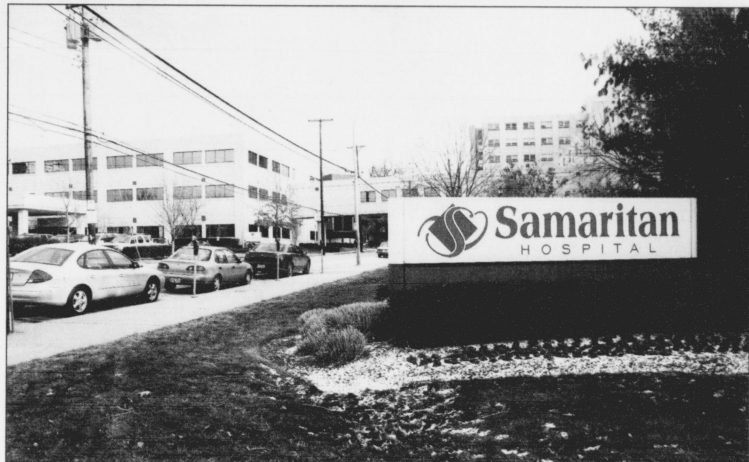
The bill, which was prompted by University of Louisville's move to add the benefits starting Jan. 1, will have far-reaching effects, said Sen. Ernesto Scorsone, D-Lexington, who voted against the bill.

"It's clear that it's another act of bigotry toward gays," Scorsone said. "But it's also so broad it covers every state agency, not just universities."

Scorsone was more skeptical about the bill's future in the House, which has 61 Democrats and 39 Republicans, compared to the Republic-

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## UK plans to purchase Samaritan



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UK signed a letter of intent with Ventas, Inc., to purchase Samaritan Hospital, located on the corner of South Limestone and Maxwell streets. UK is looking to add more space to accommodate a sharp increase in patients.

### Increase in patients higher than expected, prompts need for more space

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UK is in a position to purchase Samaritan Hospital after signing a letter of intent with Ventas, Inc., yesterday. UK hopes to have negotiations completed by May to alleviate a patient overflow at Chandler Medical Center, said Dr. Michael Karpf, executive vice president for health affairs.

"We do anticipate the deal to go through," said Chris Cummings, an official with the Ventas asset management department. "There are never any guarantees with deals like this, but a letter of intent is the first step."

Though it is undergoing an expansion, UK's hospital is operating at near-full capacity and has grown at a faster pace than what had been anticipated, prompting the immediate need for extra space.

"We predicted that we would grow at 5 percent (per year)," Karpf said. "We knew we needed to grow at 3.5 percent to financially pay for the (hospital expansion), but we have actually grown at over 10 percent."

The hospital is two to three years ahead of schedule in terms of patient growth, Karpf said. Samaritan Hospital could provide space for as many as 100 UK patients, which should be sufficient until the new Chandler Medical Center opens in 2011.

If UK purchases Samaritan, the university will run the hospital for at least 10 years, but "it could be much longer," Karpf said.

If after that time, the university decided it no longer needed the space at Samaritan, Karpf said UK might work with the city to develop the site for non-health care use.



Samaritan Hospital has an emergency room and a long-term acute care unit. UK expects to be able to house about 100 patients at the facility.

Karpf pointed out that the hospital site could be another part of the effort to link the campus to downtown.

Currently, there are no definite plans to shut Samaritan down, he said.

Karpf called Samaritan "an important community resource" that

offers many specialized programs to the area, specifically downtown and Northern Lexington. These include an emergency room and a long-term acute care unit.

"It's very important to keep (Samaritan) going for the city's sake," he said.

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## UK deal with Dell doesn't always offer best price

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UK students and employees are supposed to receive up to a 12 percent discount when buying Dell computers — but that's not always the case.

Despite the discount promise on UK's purchasing Web site, some Dell computers can be bought directly from the official Dell Web site at a cheaper price.

The price differences range from minimal discrepancies to hundreds of dollars. At one point, the model Inspiron E1505 was nearly \$400 more expensive through the purchasing portal, which can be accessed from the UK homepage.

"These concerns have been brought up before, usually from faculty," said Bill Harris, UK's purchasing director. "If we get these discrepancies, we call the Dell representative and these prices are usually fixed quickly."

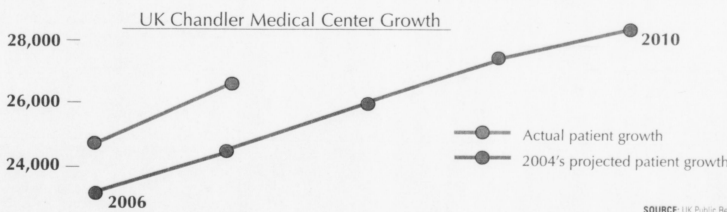
Often Dell.com is cheaper because of special sales featured, Harris said. In these cases, Dell honors the better price.

UK and Dell signed a business contract in 2005, making Dell the single provider of Windows/Intel computer equipment for UK administrative units.

In return, Dell gives UK discounted rates, including a 29 percent discount on all standard configurations, which are used for general UK offices.

"(The contract with Dell) is absolutely beneficial to UK as a whole," said Doyle Friskney, the

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SOURCE: UK Public Relations

A CENTURY OF MEMORIES

A crew from Asplundh Tree Removal Service began cutting and clearing the more than 100-year-old oak tree in front of the Main Building yesterday. The oak is being cut down because its weakened root system makes puts it at risk for falling in a storm.

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## American Legion donates teddy bears to sick children

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The American Legion is known for its work with war veterans, but one Lexington post has a soft spot for helping children in need.

The Man O' War Post recently gave two cancer patients at the children's hospital a not-so-typical teddy bear named Spinoza.

"Spinoza is a talking bear that comforts and entertains children during difficult times by telling stories and singing songs," said Diane Spencer, president of the American Legion Auxiliary Kentucky Department.

Sandie Kittleston, president of the American Legion Man O' War Post 8 Auxiliary, presented the bears to 1-year-old Maleek Kattara and 3-year-old Daniel Jason "J.J." LeBoeuf Jr.

"The donating of the Spinoza Bears to the hospitals was a project I started as soon as I became president of the Man O' War Post 8 Auxiliary," Kittle-

ston said. "When I found the bears I knew I had to make this my project. I saw what they could do for children who were suffering."

Spinoza comes with nine cassette tapes that, when played inside of the bear's internal cassette player, provide words and songs of encouragement, friendship and support to children who are diagnosed with chronic or life-threatening illnesses, Spencer said.

Both Maleek and J.J. have been diagnosed with cancer. Maleek has a rare form of leukemia called myeloid leukemia, and must undergo regular bone marrow transplants. J.J. was recently diagnosed with neuroblastoma, a cancer that affects the adrenal glands. He just completed his fifth stage of chemotherapy.

"Maleek just hugged and danced with his bear," Kittleston said. "You could tell he really loved it. It was just fantastic to see. These bears make such an impact on these children."

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### HOROSCOPES

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

**Aries (March 21 April 19)** — Today is an 8 — You're providing important leadership to the people you coach. They're giving you something back that's even more important.  
**Taurus (April 20 May 20)** — Today is a 7 — You're in a position to carry out your plan and advance your agenda. Promise the folks at home you'll have more time for them next week.  
**Gemini (May 21 June 21)** — Today is a 7 — You're venturing farther away from your old safety zone than ever before. Actually, what's happening is that your safety zone is expanding. Don't worry about it.  
**Cancer (June 22 July 22)** — Today

is a 6 — You're best at increasing efficiency and profits, so do that. Let other people do all the stuff you don't feel like doing. You're not as good at that stuff as they are, anyway.  
**Leo (July 23 Aug. 22)** — Today is a 7 — You're often the one who steps up to take care of everyone else. This time, lean back and put up your feet. Let them take care of you.  
**Virgo (Aug. 23 Sept. 22)** — Today is a 7 — The workload is getting even more intense, demanding more of your attention. Since you're not getting paid any more to do it, though, it could also be quite irritating. Do the best you can.  
**Libra (Sept. 23 Oct. 22)** — Today is a 6 — Consult an older family member who always gives good advice. You'll learn a much easier way to do a rather icky job.  
**Scorpio (Oct. 23 Nov. 21)** — Today is a 6 — You rarely spend a whole day in bed, but you should give it a try. Conditions are perfect for hiding

away, and watching the world go by.  
**Sagittarius (Nov. 22 Dec. 21)** — Today is an 8 — Concentrate on your studies. You're a philosopher, and what you're learning now will serve you well. Satisfaction is within your grasp.  
**Capricorn (Dec. 22 Jan. 19)** — Today is a 7 — It looks like money is coming in, perhaps more than expected. There's some kind of catch associated with it, though. Don't shop 'til the check clears.  
**Aquarius (Jan. 20 Feb. 18)** — Today is an 8 — Don't tell everybody what you have. That would cause jealousies. Quietly negotiate the best deal you can, and then get yourself a special treat.  
**Pisces (Feb. 19 March 20)** — Today is a 6 — The task is difficult, but not impossible. And, you could have an idea that suddenly makes it all sensible. Stranger things have happened.  
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## THIS MINUTE

'Grey's Anatomy' star talks about her upcoming vows

**The diagnosis for Katherine Heigl?** She's seriously cool. And the beautiful, down-to-earth actress, who plays Dr. Izzie Stevens on 'Grey's Anatomy,' isn't afraid to speak her mind. At a post-Golden Globes party January 15, Heigl, 28, stood up for castmate T.K. Knight, 33, after an antigay remark was made about him by Isaiah Washington, 43. But the L.A.-based star is trying to focus on happier topics, like her wedding to singer Josh Kelley, 27. She talks to Us.

### 'Ugly Betty' Dress Contest

The latest frock gracing the halls of Mode magazine isn't a designer creation — it's a gown made from paper clips, magazine covers and bubble wrap. Miami resident Ricardo Rodriguez, 36, won the "Ugly Betty" Design a Dress contest by submitting a sketch and a 100-word essay on his design; it was chosen by the show's cast and costume designer from nearly 1,800 entries. The prize? His dress was woven into the show's Feb. 15 episode.

The frontman of a band is almost always the lead singer. So how did bassist Pete Wentz, 27, become the best-known member of Fall Out Boy? "I have a big mouth," the Wilmette, Illinois, native tells Us. With the band's song "This Ain't a Scene, It's an Arms Race" from new album Infinity on High perched atop the charts, Wentz dishes to Us.

**Q: How did you deal when your naked pics were posted on the Web?**

There's no good way to handle that situation. I realized that anything you write or any pictures you take are fair game. You live and learn, I guess. At some point, it just becomes funny.

**Q: You've been linked to Ashley Simpson and Michelle Trachtenberg. True?**

I have ADD as far as dating goes. I've ended up having good friendships with all those people, but we haven't really had relationships.

**Q: Why the crazy outfits?**

I try to wear clothes where people are like, "Wow. That looks weird."

**Q: And the eyeliner?**

We're trying to cut back on makeup a bit!

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**Q: Finalized any wedding plans yet?**

Not I think we have to do the wedding over the holidays or around that time, just because I don't get plenty of time off. Or we might do a spring or summer wedding over hiatus. We just have to narrow it down.

**Q: What's the best wedding-planning advice you've gotten?**

One of my best friends, who is going to be a bridesmaid, was like, "It can be a really enjoyable process if you can just slow down, take it step by step, have people helping you and not feel pressure to make it happen on your own."

**Q: Is there still tension on the Grey's Anatomy set?**

I think we're all hopeful, and we're trying hard to just move on. It's kind of what we usually do — not nearly as exciting as makeup, dating and those nude pics.

Mode tailor Christina (Ashley Jensen) — charged with designing an outfit for Sarah Jessica Parker (she's not in the episode) — is forced to use office supplies after she's snowed in at the mag's NYC headquarters. The result is a gown based on Rodriguez's design. "There was a young and coquettish feel about it," Betty costume designer Eduardo Castro tells Us of why he chose Rodriguez's work. "It felt right."

Style inspiration Rodriguez, a single aspiring clothing designer, wanted the dress to have a modern feel. "I didn't know it was meant for Sarah Jessica Parker," he tells Us. "It's a perfect look for her!"

### Fall Out Boy's Breakout Star

Pete Wentz talks to Us about makeup, dating and those nude pics.

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# 2007 BASEBALL PREVIEW



Junior outfielders Collin Cowgill, left, and Antone DeJesus, center, and senior catcher Sean Coughlin are back to lead the UK baseball team. Last season, the Cats won a school record number of games but fell short of their ultimate goal, the College World Series in Omaha, Neb.

## Swinging for Omaha's stakes

### After historic season, Cats aim for College World Series

By Eric Lindsey  
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After the most successful regular season in school history, the UK baseball team was in a position for a magical postseason run.

Having set a school record for wins with 44 to capture the school's first Southeastern Conference title, the Cats were awarded the opportunity to host an NCAA regional, yet another first in 102 seasons of baseball at UK.

But the momentum of the season failed to carry over into the postseason. The Cats suffered an early exit in the regional with a loss to the College of Charleston.

It's a setback that still stings most of the returning players.

"We were really satisfied with how our regular season went last year," said junior outfielder Antone DeJesus. "But going two-and-out at the SEC Tournament and then not playing as well as we should have in the regional was kind of disappointing."

The disappointment has made the Cats set higher goals for this season.

"I think anybody in our league would trade a league championship for the opportunity to go to Omaha," said head coach John Cohen. "I think that's what our players want to do. They want to go to Omaha."

Omaha, Neb., the site of the College World Series, is the only destination that matters to college baseball players. For the Cats, the long road to Nebraska begins today when they open the 2007 season against Furman University in

Greenville, S.C.

The Cats are ranked No. 21 by Rivals.com and No. 26 by the National Collegiate Baseball Writers Association — a sharp contrast to last year's team that was picked to finish last in the SEC.

"I think there is a climate in our program right now that we are supposed to win," Cohen said. "I'm not being critical in any way, but it wasn't that way when we got here."

"We had to figure out a way, and our players had to help figure out a way to create a climate to where they expect to win every time they step on the field. I think that is what has happened."

Establishing that winning atmosphere for the future will rest heavily on how successful the Cats can be this year, said junior outfielder Collin Cowgill.

"We have built a program to be proud of for years to come," Cowgill said. "Not just because of last year, but because of the people that Coach Cohen brings in and the confidence that we have in him, and also the confidence that he has in us."

For DeJesus, the unfamiliar expectations are something he hopes the team is ready for.

"It's definitely going to be a little bit tougher because now people respect us and are going to bring their 'A' games to try to knock off the SEC champs," DeJesus said.

Along with increased expectations, the Cats must face the daunting task of replacing SEC Player of the Year Ryan Strieby and his All-SEC teammate John Shelby, who were both lost to the Major League Baseball Draft.

Losing those two players will put a dent in the Cats' league-leading home run total — the two combined for 38 of the team's 99 long balls. But Cohen believes the Cats can make up for those losses by playing small ball.

"I think it's going to be more balanced," Cohen said. "I think we'll run more. Antone DeJesus is an excellent base-stealer, but he didn't get

the opportunity a whole lot last year because five out of the next six guys (in the lineup) hit 60 home runs."

But, even without last year's leading sluggers, the Cats still return plenty of firepower in Cowgill and senior catcher Sean Coughlin. Cowgill belted 16 home runs last year and Coughlin added another 17, good enough to earn preseason All-SEC honors this year with DeJesus.

Along with those veterans, Cohen has brought in a highly touted recruiting class that Cowgill believes could make a big impact.

The pitching staff will be led by junior Greg Dombrowski. The right-hander won 10 games last season and had a 2.83 earned run average. Andrew Albers, who had seven saves last year, and Chris Rusin, who posted five wins last season, will be the other two starters this weekend for the Cats.

Proven players like the two returning sluggers and the trio of ace arms are a big reason why the Cats have a chance to equal last season's production.

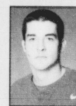
"The makeup has gotten better," Cowgill said. "Our players are more focused. We have harder workers. I feel like the people that we have now are going to, in the long run, endure longer than the players last year."

The Cats know they could have the personnel for a deep run, but they also realize the unrecruited potential of last year's tournament team.

"That's why this year, the team wants a little postseason redemption."

"If we had a chance to trade in our rings to get a chance to go to Omaha (then) absolutely, I think every one of us would have done that," Cowgill said. "It's the biggest stage in college baseball and that's where every team starting out the year wants to be and that's what we're trying to do."

## THE STARTING LINEUP



First Base  
**Sawyer Carroll (Jr.)**  
Junior college transfer expected to step in immediately and fill the shoes of departed Ryan Strieby.



Second Base  
**Brian Spear (Jr.)**  
Transfer from Wichita State. Has put on 15 pounds since arriving on campus and will also see time at third base.



Shortstop  
**Ryan Wilkes (Jr.)**  
Emerging as one of the premiere shortstops in college baseball because of his rocket arm and improved hitting.



Third Base  
**Anthony Ottrando (Fr.)**  
Redshirt freshman who earned Florida Collegiate Summer League MVP honors.



Catcher  
**Sean Coughlin (Sr.)**  
Consummate team leader looking to build upon his 17 home runs and 55 RBIs from a year ago.



Left Field  
**Collin Cowgill (Jr.)**  
Outstanding defensive outfielder with lightning-quick speed.



Center Field  
**Antone DeJesus (Jr.)**  
Disciplined leadoff hitter who is always a threat to steal a base.



Right Field  
**Billy Grace (Sr.)**  
Veteran leader who batted .297 with six home runs and 28 RBI last year.



Designated Hitter  
**Tyler Howe (Jr.)**  
Left-handed bat that will come in handy because of the short distance to right field at Cliff Hagan Stadium.



Starting Pitcher  
**Greg Dombrowski (Jr.)**  
Likely to be the Cats' Sunday starter after posting a 10-2 record last year.



Starter Pitcher  
**Andrew Albers (Jr.)**  
Unlimited potential and could compete for the closer position.



Closer  
**Brock Baber (Jr.)**  
Named to the watch list for the third annual National Collegiate Baseball Writers Association Stopper of the Year Award.

## BASEBALL by the numbers

1896

Year UK fielded its first baseball team. The Cats lost their first game 12-6 to Centre College on April 3.

92

professional players have come from UK

73

Number of years it took UK to win its first Southeastern Conference baseball championship

5

Number of returning position starters from last season's team

3,529

School-record attendance during UK's first NCAA regional

12

Spot where UK was picked to finish last season in the SEC

4

Spot where UK has been picked to finish in the SEC East this season



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### 2006-2007 UK Baseball Schedule

Date	Opponent	Time	March 31	at Mississippi State	3 p.m.
Feb. 16	at Furman	3 p.m.	April 1	at Mississippi State	2:30 p.m.
Feb. 17	at Furman	1 p.m.	April 3	at Western Carolina	6:30 p.m.
Feb. 18	at Furman	Noon	April 6	Tennessee	6:30 p.m.
Feb. 21	Murray State	4 p.m.	April 7	Tennessee	4 p.m.
Feb. 23	Tennessee Tech	4 p.m.	April 8	Tennessee	1 p.m.
Feb. 24	Tennessee Tech	1 p.m.	April 11	at Louisville	6 p.m.
Feb. 25	Tennessee Tech	4 p.m.	April 13	Vanderbilt	6:30 p.m.
Feb. 27	Oakland	4 p.m.	April 14	Vanderbilt	6:30 p.m.
Feb. 28	Xavier	4 p.m.	April 15	Vanderbilt	1 p.m.
March 2	Wisconsin-Milwaukee	4 p.m.	April 20	at Florida	6:30 p.m.
March 3	Wisconsin-Milwaukee	1 p.m.	April 21	at Florida	4 p.m.
March 4	Wisconsin-Milwaukee	1 p.m.	April 22	at Florida	11:30 a.m.
March 7	Cincinnati	4 p.m.	April 25	Louisville	6:30 p.m.
March 9	Tennessee-Martin	4 p.m.	April 27	Georgia	6:30 p.m.
March 10	Tennessee-Martin	1 p.m.	April 28	Georgia	6:30 p.m.
March 11	Tennessee-Martin	1 p.m.	April 29	Georgia	1 p.m.
March 12	Cleveland State	4 p.m.	May 4	at South Carolina	7 p.m.
March 13	Canisius	4 p.m.	May 5	at South Carolina	4 p.m.
March 14	Canisius	4 p.m.	May 6	at South Carolina	4 p.m.
March 16	Arkansas	6:30 p.m.	May 9	at Evansville	7 p.m.
March 17	Arkansas	1 p.m.	May 11	at Ole Miss	7:30 p.m.
March 18	Arkansas	1 p.m.	May 12	at Ole Miss	5 p.m.
March 21	Western Kentucky	6:30 p.m.	May 13	at Ole Miss	2:30 p.m.
March 23	at LSU	7 p.m.	May 15	at Murray State	3 p.m.
March 24	at LSU	4 p.m.	May 17	Auburn	7 p.m.
March 25	at LSU	Noon	May 18	Auburn	6:30 p.m.
March 28	Morehead State	6:30 p.m.	May 19	Auburn	1 p.m.
March 30	at Mississippi State	7:30 p.m.	May 23-26	SEC Tournament (Hoover, Ala.)	TBA

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Antone DeJesus, right, congratulates junior outfielder Collin Cowgill, after his teammate hit a home run on April 5, in UK's 5-4 win over Louisville. DeJesus and Cowgill will lead at UK team picked to finish fourth in the Southeastern Conference's Eastern Division. Last season the Cats were picked to finish last in the conference and instead won their first SEC title in school history.

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STAFF

### GEORGIA 82, UK 72 (OT)

## Cats lose heartbreaker — again

By Matthew George  
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If you had to describe the UK women's basketball season in one word, "heartbreak" would be the perfect choice.

Trailing by two points with just seconds remaining, sophomore point guard Carly Ormerod hit a layup to force overtime against No. 11 Georgia last night. But the Cats once again came up short in a close game, as the Bulldogs outscored UK 16-6 in an 82-72 win in front of 7,126 fans in Rupp Arena.

"It's very heartbreaking," said junior center Sarah Elliott. "This is another game that has gone down to the wire and there is still something that is not there that's good enough to get us over the top when we are perfectly capable of winning these games."

"Why it is not there, we don't know, but it is so frustrating it almost completely deflates you."

Eleven of UK's (16-11, 5-7 Southeastern Conference) last 13 games have been decided by 10 points or less, including three games decided at the buzzer and two decided in overtime.

Elliott hit a jump shot early in last night's extra period to put UK on top 70-69. But Georgia (22-5, 9-3 SEC) answered with seven straight points to seize control and hand the Cats another close defeat.

"I'm just very disappointed once again," said head coach Mickie DeMoss. "I thought we played well enough to win the game. We just didn't have a second punch to throw at them in overtime. I think it really took all we had to get the game into overtime."

Georgia is the sixth ranked opponent UK has faced this season. The Cats have lost all six of their games against the nation's top 25.

UK fought back to tie the game before Georgia's Janese Hardick hit a pair of free throws to put the Bulldogs on top 66-64 with 10 seconds to go.

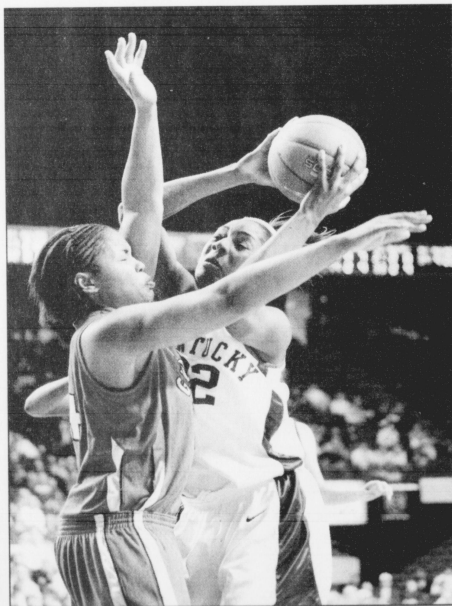
That's when the Cats found Ormerod, who slashed to the basket to hit the game-tying layup.

But the Cats were unable to carry that momentum into overtime.

Still, DeMoss found a lot of positives from last night's defeat to the Bulldogs. She called the game one of the Cats' best defensive efforts of the year.

Four Cats reached scored in double figures, with junior guard Samantha Mahoney leading the way with 23 points. Elliott scored 17 points for the Cats and Ormerod added 14.

Senior forward Jennifer Humphrey



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UK senior Jennifer Humphrey tries to shoot over Georgia freshman forward Angel Robinson in the Bulldogs' 82-72 overtime win last night at Rupp Arena.

grabbed nine rebounds to go along with her 13 points. The rebounds moved her up to second on UK's all-time rebounding list behind Valerie Still, UK's all-time leading scorer, rebounder and the only female athlete to have her jersey retired.

But despite the positives, DeMoss said that UK can no longer claim moral victories at this point in the season.

"In one sense you are proud of the way your team played," DeMoss said. "But we are over the point where we are just proud

to play somebody into overtime. We obviously wanted to win this game."

The Bulldogs, fueled by Tasha Humphrey's 28 points and 10 rebounds, led by as many as 11 in the second half, a lead the Cats overcame, but in overtime, the Bulldogs were too much.

"It hurts," Mahoney said. "We just don't know what it is or why we are struggling to close games out."

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## Matchup problems plaguing UK's defense

By Jonathan Smith  
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UK freshman guard Derrick Jasper looks to dish a pass in the Cats' 78-69 loss to Georgia on Jan. 24. While Jasper is making strides on offense, he and his teammates are struggling on defense.

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Chris Lofton is a really good shooter. So good, in fact, that all he has to do is stand 25 feet away from the basket and his teammates become open under the basket. "Once Lofton got on a roll, we concentrated more on that and it threw us out of our game plan," said UK junior guard Joe Crawford. "Then they were able to make easy baskets."

Lofton, Tennessee's junior sharpshooter, was a threat wherever he was on the court in the Volunteers' 89-85 win over UK on Tuesday.

The Maysville native hit four 3-pointers, including back-to-back bombs in the middle of a Tennessee stretch in which the Vols hit five consecutive 3's, en route to a UT high 23 points.

But Lofton's most important contributions probably came when he didn't have the ball.

Lofton spends most of the game running around. Down the baseline. Through the paint. Around the arc.

This creates problems for defenses because they are so concentrated on him not receiving the ball. Often times, they will switch and run different guys at him, only to leave other players open.

This led to many dunks and layups for UT big men Duke Crews and Wayne Chism. The two finished with a combined 34 points and were constantly open underneath.

Chasing around Lofton — and teammate Jaluan Smith — was the main reason for all of the traps in the defense.

"Smith and Lofton are great shooters and we wanted to get out on them and take away their shots," Crawford said. "It was tough to stay out on them and protect the basket. I think they took advantage of that."

Lofton and Smith weren't the only reasons why UT had success down low.

UK junior center Randolph Morris took some of the blame. He said he could have done a better job preventing entry passes and wide open lanes.

"I personally let the ball in the post too easy," Morris said. "I didn't play physical when I needed to."

In the first matchup, Lofton sat out with a sprained ankle. His absence led to fewer easy baskets and a 76-57 UK win.

But it hasn't just been Lofton and the Vols collapsing UK's defense.

Outside of allowing Florida, the nation's top offense, to only 64 points, the Cats have been pretty generous with opponents' point totals lately. South Carolina scored 89 points. Before that, Arkansas dropped in 74. And two games before that, Georgia poured in 78 points.

Now the Cats are fourth in the Southeastern Conference in scoring defense, which is uncharacteristic of a Tubby Smith-coached team — whether Lofton is in the lineup or not.

"We haven't really defended well over the last few games," Smith said. "We've got to figure out why we're not defending better, especially in the post where people...are getting a lot of easy baskets."

...When they just throw the ball to the post and score on us without being challenged, that makes it tough."

### Fans put their stamp on Gameday

UK fans trekked to ESPN's College Gameday Saturday with all their Cats paraphernalia — including an array of posters, mostly dogging Florida's Joakim Noah. Some favorites:

- Two enormous hands with the letters "U" and "K" on them that the creators slid together to make the "roc" sign that Ramel Bradley has made famous during games.
- A giant pair of scissors, presumably hinting at Noah to get a hair cut.
- A sign that said "The Good" with a UK logo, "The Bad" with a Florida logo, and "The Ugly" with a picture of Noah.
- A sign that said "Florida girls are ugly" with a picture of Noah on it.
- A sign that said "Playing basketball for Florida is so easy even a caveman could do it" with a picture of Noah on it. There were several variations of this sign.
- And, perhaps the best sign, which read "Doug Gottlieb stole my wallet." The sign was in reference to ESPN analyst, who was caught stealing a teammate's credit card during his freshman year at Notre Dame.

## Cats need to freeze out NCAA Tournament trip to Buffalo

When the NCAA Tournament starts in less than four weeks, I don't want to be in Buffalo. And, I presume, neither does UK's basketball team. But right now, that's a distinct possibility.

Unlike last year, when the Nation was mired in hand-wringing horror with the Cats potentially on the Big Dance Bubble, these Cats don't have that concern. But they will play this pivotal six-game season-ending stretch for NCAA Tournament seeding — and location.

Bracket experts — mathematical geniuses like Joe Lunardi of ESPN and Jerry Palm, owner of collegeapi.com — are already in full projection mode for the tournament. Lunardi has the Cats as a No. 5 seed, while Palm — whose most recent projection was made before UK's back-to-back losses to Florida and Tennessee — has the Cats as a No. 4. More importantly — and more sickeningly — both men have the Cats playing their first two tournament games in Buffalo. I'm sure it's a wonderful place — if you like snow, bitter cold and waterfalls — but it doesn't strike you as a nice Spring Break destination, or a fun trip to make.

That's why this brutal second half of the conference schedule is huge for UK. It's even

more so now that the Cats have begun that stretch with consecutive losses.

With the recent NCAA innovation of the pod-system, which tries to keep tournament teams close to home, the higher a team is seeded, the better chance is has to be rewarded with a playing site near its campus. For the Cats, that would be Columbus, Ohio, or Chicago, or even Winston Salem, N.C.

Not Buffalo.

But more importantly than location, the Cats are playing the rest of February with an opportunity to earn a top-four seed in the Dance. As we've seen in this team's past two games, UK is far from invincible. The Cats can't climb up to a No. 1 seed, and probably can't rise to a No. 2 either, but a strong finish could garner a No. 3 or 4 seed. That would set up a real opportunity for the Cats to make a run to the Sweet 16, which, for this team, would be a building-block accomplishment.

So the Cats need to start winning, and they need to start winning soon. Like tomorrow, when they face an anxious Alabama team in Tuscaloosa, Ala. The Tide has struggled in conference play and are desperate to pique the NCAA Tournament committee's attention with a marquee win over UK. But the Cats can't afford a third consecutive loss as the season winds down. With the desperation in Tuscaloosa, the Cats would certainly rather be playing at Rupp Arena.

But this is all the motivation they should need: They could be in Buffalo.



CHRIS DELOTTELL  
Kernel columnist

## HOSPITAL

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Samaritan will not run as an appendage to Chandler Hospital, but will operate as an independent facility — although some UK doctors will work there.

"It will be maintained as a separate licensed facility," Karpf said.

No lay-offs are expected and Karpf said he would encourage the community physicians who work there now to continue to practice at Samaritan. He also said UK will probably hire more staff to work at Samaritan.

UK will use the facility to treat patients with less severe ailments.

## BEARS

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"No illness is a simple illness," Karpf said. "But these will be patients who don't need intensive care units or high technology. It will be more routine. There will be no transplants, no trauma."

UK's purchase of Samaritan would be a win-win situation for both parties, Karpf said.

"(Samaritan) hospital needs an infusion of resources and programmatic development and we can bring it to them," Karpf said.

Cummings said he thinks both sides found a good fit.

"UK has a need to expand with the Chandler Hospital, and Samaritan had the space," he said.

## DELL

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associate vice president for information technology. "It has been a major saving to UK, and it has improved customer service."

According to Harris, UK saved over \$1 million on computer equipment last year with the Dell contract.

Students can also purchase the standard configurations with a 29 percent discount. However, these discounted configurations come with Windows XP Professional, a three-year warranty and other options designed for office use that college students may not want.

"The contract was drafted to meet the needs of university faculty and staff, it was extended to students," Harris said.

"It's really rewarding, and the kids just love it," Kittleston said.

The Post does other community projects including clothing drives and organizing special events for veterans. Donating the bears, however, is one of the most rewarding projects.

"This is an extra special project," Spencer said. "The ALA in Kentucky really enjoys working with children and youth. Giving these bears is one way we can do that."

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"It's not mandatory for students to buy computers through this contract," Friskney doesn't think there is a large market within the college population for computer purchases.

"The truth is, most of students have bought their PCs before college, from high school or as graduation presents," Friskney said. "By the time they've come to school, they've already owned a computer."

Usually college students buy computers when they feel the need for an upgrade, Friskney said. He estimated that less than 30 percent of the students buy new computers.

"We just want to give you (UK students) the best deal on Dells," Friskney said. "I would advise students to shop around for the best price instead of relying on the UK purchasing portal."

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## KERNEL EDITORIALS

### State shouldn't regulate schools' partner benefits

In the Capitol in Frankfort, two votes over the past two days have brought the state much closer to stripping away some of UK's independence.  
On Wednesday, a bill that will prevent any "public agency" — including UK — from offering domestic partner benefits to unmarried couples passed through a state Senate committee.  
By the end of the day yesterday, the rest of the Senate had registered its support for Senate Bill 152, passing the act with only eight dissenting votes.  
Given the recent focus that state universities have placed on domestic partner benefits — a committee recommended last month that UK offer the benefits and the University of Louisville began offering them at the beginning of the year — the bill is clearly an attempt to preempt public schools' ability to make its own staff decisions.  
This bill is similar in its consequences to one Rep. Stan Lee, R-Lexington, prefilled in October. We opposed that bill and its attack on domestic partner benefits, and we certainly oppose this bill.  
When that bill was filed, Lee told the Kernel that it was morally irresponsible for a public university to promote domestic partner benefits.

"Another reason is these are institutions of higher learning and to teach this to college students undermines the value of marriage," Lee said. "Like it or not, this country was founded on the values of marriage."  
While marriage certainly has played a role in the growth of the nation, offering domestic partner benefits will not lead to the dissolution of the United States. The benefits are meant to attract and retain top-quality faculty and staff — a crucial part of UK's top-20 goal — not to encourage same-sex relationships.

State Rep. Kathy Stein, D-Lexington, told the Kernel in October the state should not "be in the business of micromanaging our postsecondary education institutions." Indeed, laws such as Senate Bill 152 seem to intrude on the territory that schools' boards of trustees have traditionally had power over.

"Unfortunately, domestic partner benefits ring the bell of homophobia and we should be beyond that by now, but many of my legislative colleagues will milk it for all it is worth," Stein said about Lee's prefilled bill.  
Hopefully Stein's expectations of her colleagues will prove wrong, as the Senate bill will now go to the House for consideration.

In its deliberations, Kentucky's representatives should protect equality and the legislation-making power of public universities and reject the Senate bill.

Heart attacks run in my dad's family, so it has always been something worrisome in regards to my future health. But thanks to a recent survey that appeared in Archives of Internal Medicine, I am going to have the healthiest heart in the world.  
The survey is making the rounds on nightly television because it proclaims that a short nap in the middle of the day reduces the chances of fatal heart problems. Apparently naps work better for men, but that's beside the point — the medical community has just sanctioned my daily naps. No longer will I feel guilty for sleeping instead



MEGAN VAZMINA  
Kernel columnist

of writing a paper or reading a book; I can proudly proclaim that I was only maintaining the health of my heart!

Whenever medicine somehow proves that something we love is somehow healthy for us, we believe them. After all, if one survey says that eating dark chocolate helps your heart, then you bet I am going to be eating my chocolate. And my favorite thing to do in the world is sleep.

If there was ever a time when sleep is needed more, it's college. Unfortunately, it's also hard to get the recommended eight hours of sleep. With tests, papers, readings and presentations, college is non-stop work. I admit to taking naps instead of doing assignments; the worst thing I have ever done is in the midst of complete frustration with studying for a final, I gave up and went to bed at 2 a.m. (which everyone knows is early during finals week).

College is stress, and stress is college. To me, sleep is the ultimate escape. But I have friends that can pull all-nighters like it's their job. The key is finding middle ground.

For instance, because I was having major issues with writer's block while writing recently, I decided to take a nap. It was short and I woke up more exhausted than before. And the writer's block was still there.

But that's not the case in all situations. Sometimes a little catnap can give someone just enough energy to finish that paper or to make it through to the next class. Sometimes it's a nap on the couches in the Singletary Center or the most preferred location to sleep: class.

The medical survey may have found that sleep can be beneficial to your heart because it reduces some stress, but it's more than just reducing stress, it's preventing it.

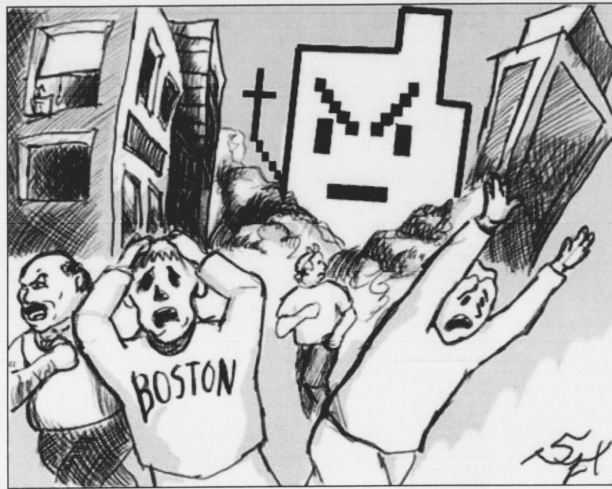
If doing the sudoku in the Kernel allows you to relax, then go for it (I'm still in denial of the fact that sudoku exists and is more popular than the crosswords). College is as much about having fun as it is learning because, before you know it, all you will be doing is working. Take the nap if you want to; just make sure you also do the paper. Most importantly, don't fall asleep while studying unless you have the alarm set before you begin studying, because waking up late isn't the best way to make a professor happy.

So after spending more time than normal writing this column, and using a nap to try and cure my writer's block, I leave you with this advice: sleep in whenever possible.

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## Don't feel bad about napping — apparently it's medicinal

SATRIO HUSODO, Kernel cartoonist



### Tree saw history, but removal is needed for safety

All good things must come to an end, and that unfortunately includes the life of the pin oak that has called the Main Building's front lawn home since the 19th century.

For more than 100 years, the oak tree has been as much a part of campus as any student, faculty or staff member has been. It has watched over a century of UK history.

Bigger usually means better, but as this tree has grown old, a fungus has set in and compromised the root system. Rotting roots mean that soon the tree could be coming down on its own, and given its size, the oak crashing down is a potential hazard and could cause serious injury or death. Also, the tree's falling could pose a threat to the Main Building itself or any vehicles in the area.

The responsible thing to do is to minimize or completely remove the risk to the university population and any property in the area. Simply yelling "timber" and felling the tree wouldn't exactly be safe, so by taking the tree down a piece at a time and keeping the area clear of cars, faculty, staff and students, the risk has been minimized.

While it's a shame for such a magnificent tree that has witnessed the growth to have to come down, the university should be commended for acting in the best interest of public safety.

### Students should be aware of what rape really is

Silence has never been helpful to me; in fact, it's made me bitter, scared and angry at myself and the world. I will no longer be silent if only because the woman on my left and the one on my right do not have the energy to scream.

Look around you — one in four women on your campus has been raped. Let me make this clear so you can look around the classroom as you are reading your Kernel, ignoring what is going on around you.  
If you have 10 women in your class, two have already been raped. Now think of all the lovers, friends, sisters and neighbors that you know who are female.

Rape is defined as sexual penetration without clearly stated consent. Sounds a lot like what many misinformed UK students call a "hookup," doesn't it?

Unreported rape happens all the time. Simply by taking stats collected by the university, you can do the math and reach the same horrifying conclusion I have.

According to Dorothy Edwards, director of UK Women's Place, 19 assaults have been reported this semester; assume that these are all against women and all sexual, as they likely are. Keep in mind we've been in school for one month, and there are four months in a semester, so at this rate, there will be roughly 80 reported assaults this semester.

However, 90 percent of rapes and sexual assaults go unreported. If the 80 that will be reported equal only 10 percent of all cases, 720 women will remain silent. That means that in two semesters at UK, almost 1,500 sexual assaults and rapes will take place.

While you could volunteer at Women's Place and become an advocate, most of you won't. I simply suggest you be brave enough to ask yourself if it was a "hookup," if you were taken advantage of or if you were being taken advantage of someone else.

For those of you that realize your "hookup" wasn't your choice, I will help lift your burden with my voice — I will

forgive you for what you have not forgiven yourself for. I will be your friend and your biggest fan. You are very much not alone.

Arianna Knufl  
Education junior

### Trans fats danger outweighs any 'civil liberties' issue

I would like to personally commend Mike Moll for his enlightening letter to the editor in Thursday's Kernel. Finally, someone who has some knowledge of the trans fats issue has attempted to spread his knowledge to the masses.

Since I have personally been campaigning against trans fats for over a year, I would like to make a few points of clarification. Moll was referring to high-density lipoprotein (HDL) and low-density lipoprotein (LDL) levels of cholesterol, with HDL being commonly referred to as "bad cholesterol," and LDL commonly known as "good cholesterol."

High levels of HDL are proven to cause serious heart problems, and the correlation between trans fat and high levels of HDL is so strong that it is as sure of a link as the connection between smoking and lung cancer.

Cardiovascular activity and the consumption of omega-3 fatty acids and unsaturated fats help to combat HDL by raising LDL levels, but the effects of trans fat are too great to be countered by otherwise healthy living. The fact that 50 percent of Americans will succumb to heart disease is a strong testament to that.

Furthermore, the public is sorely lacking information about trans fats to begin with; I personally knew nothing of them until college. And yet, every time I ate at McDonald's, the trans fats were making a silent assault on my heart.

This country needs to be rid of the worthless practice of hydrogenating oil, and the only way for this to happen is for trans fats to be banned altogether.

New York City has instituted a citywide ban on trans fats, and I can assure you that

the people there are coping with the ban just fine. In fact, anyone who has been to New York can confirm that the fast food there tastes no different from the fast food here.

In summary, this is not, as Moll said, a civil liberties issue. If it is in the government's power to tell me what drugs I can and cannot take, then I certainly think it is also within their power to enforce a ban on trans fats, which do not have the euphoric effects that drugs have and add no taste (unless, of course, you would argue that hydrogen has a taste).

Whatever costs you think are being saved by using trans fats are being offset ten-fold by the health care cost that will result from their use. So please, I implore you for once to take the time to learn about your "civil liberties."

Danny Amon  
Psychology senior

### Kernel should be more than just basketball

Kudos to the Kernel for putting in more and more articles that keep students up to date on the political and social controversies that surround us every day rather than just basketball news.

I was surprised and gratified to see the rally for House Bill 385 covered on the front Wednesday, and on Thursday, there were articles covering two other highly-charged political movements that are going on in Kentucky right now. The Kernel also did a nice job covering the recent struggle between students and the UK administration over the green energy fee.

It's articles like these that make me want to pick up the Kernel and take the time to read it because I feel like it will give me the chance learn something important.

Students need to be aware of these issues so they can take a stance on them and get involved.

Brittany Zwicker  
Communication disorders junior

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### "Hannibal Rising" with Gaspard Ulliel

Sixteen years after "Silence of the Lambs" introduced the bone-chilling villain Hannibal Lecter, the latest film in the horror series reveals why this wicked character has a taste for torture — literally.

Early on in the dramatic thriller, we learn Hannibal's (Ulliel) parents were both killed in a freak accident. After the death of his parents, another horrifying and traumatic experience changes Hannibal forever.

The film's entire plot is told in the first 30 minutes, when the audience finds out the root of Hannibal's menacing mind. "Hannibal Rising" revolves around torture, murder and little else. A predictable finish, few thrills and little plot make this movie a sleeper.

"Silence of the Lambs," one of the greatest thrillers ever, stood out because of its complexities — it made a psychological impression that forced audiences to think.

"Hannibal Rising" doesn't even come close.

This film can't really be called a horror film because it isn't scary. It's not a thriller either because it has no thrills. At best, "Hannibal Rising" is a very dark drama with few truly memorable moments.

Though the "Silence's" first prequel, 2001's "Hannibal," grossed \$58 million its first weekend, "Hannibal Rising" barely made a dent in the weekend's pool of box office dollars. "Rising" opened to a dismal \$13.4 million and was slaughtered by Eddie Murphy's slapstick comedy "Norbit," which grossed \$33.7 million.

After 2002's "Red Dragon," which was actually much better than "Hannibal," I thought there might be hope for this franchise



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In an effort to save his dying father, Johnny Blaze (Nicolas Cage), sells his soul to the demon Mephistopheles in "Ghost Rider." Blaze has to become Ghost Rider and kill Mephistopheles' son to return to himself.

after all. But "Hannibal Rising" shows that you still cannot squeeze blood from a turnip, even if you are Hannibal Lecter. Now showing at Cinemark-Movies 10, Hamburg Pavilion and Cinemark-Fayette Mall.

**"Ghost Rider"**  
with Nicolas Cage and Eva Mendes

The Marvel Comic adaptations keep coming. Here, Johnny Blaze (Cage) makes a deal with the devil, which leaves him as a demon-like vigilante defending the mortal world from underworld creatures. Let's hope this is a hit like "Spider-Man" or "X-Men" and not another "Daredevil" flop.

Opens tonight at Cinemark-Movies 10, Hamburg Pavilion and Cinemark-Fayette Mall.

**"Bridge to Terabithia"**  
with Josh Hutcherson, Anna-Sofia Robb and Zoey Deschanel

From the mind of famed children's writer Katherine Paterson, this is a storybook tale with fantasy characters and magical surprises. Two children stumble into a secret world where there is no limit on imagination.

Even though "Terabithia" looks similar to "The Chronicles

of Narnia," this should be another Disney moneymaker.

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**"The Prestige"**  
with Hugh Jackman, Christian Bale and Michael Caine

Two magicians battle to create the perfect act, but one wants to be the best so badly that he resorts to murder. A plot filled with secrets and lies makes this film interesting and exciting.

This is one of the most entertaining films of the year and keeps you thinking until the very end.

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**"Babel"**  
with Brad Pitt, Cate Blanchett, Adriana Barraza and Rinko Kikuchi

"Babel" is, without a doubt, the most overrated film of the year. It is boring and slow with little plot and small amounts of developed characterization.

"Babel" simply tries too hard to make a statement but falls flat on its face. Don't be fooled by the Hollywood hoopla, "Babel" is a disappointment.

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