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3 employees arrested in UK theft case

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Three former employees were arrested on felony charges Friday morning following a four-month investigation that revealed more than \$40,000 in missing inventory from the UK Stores department, said acting UK Police Chief Joe Monroe.

Stefan Carter, former assistant director of Stores, was arrested at his Lexington home at 10 a.m. on charges of tampering with evidence.

Stacy Crossley, former assistant director of housing, turned herself into police at 10:30 a.m. on charges

of receiving stolen property. Mark Renfro, former director of Stores, also turned himself into police at 11 a.m. and was charged with theft.

All three were released on bond from the Fayette County Detention Center Friday. Crossley and Renfro's bail was \$5,000. Carter's was \$3,000. Renfro, Crossley and Carter have been suspended without pay since the end of September. UK police received an anonymous tip on Sept. 22 that prompted an investigation and a search of Renfro's home, Monroe told the Kernel in an Oct. 4 article.

Although the three were aware of

what was going on, they were committing "individual actions" and not working together, said Monroe and Ben Crutcher, associate vice president for Auxiliary Services, which oversees UK Stores.

"Carter knew what was going on and was destroying evidence" so police would not find it, Monroe said. The missing inventory included computer hardware, software, furniture and TVs, among other items, some of which were recovered at Renfro's home.

The inventory appeared to be stolen for personal use and was not being sold, Monroe said.

UK Stores streamlines purchase orders for different university departments by placing orders for items. Stores then bills departments and delivers the purchases.

UK Stores has 20 employees. Renfro's job responsibilities included overseeing ordering, shipping and transportation of inventory, Crutcher said. Carter worked under Renfro overseeing the Stores warehouse and ensuring materials were received and distributed properly.

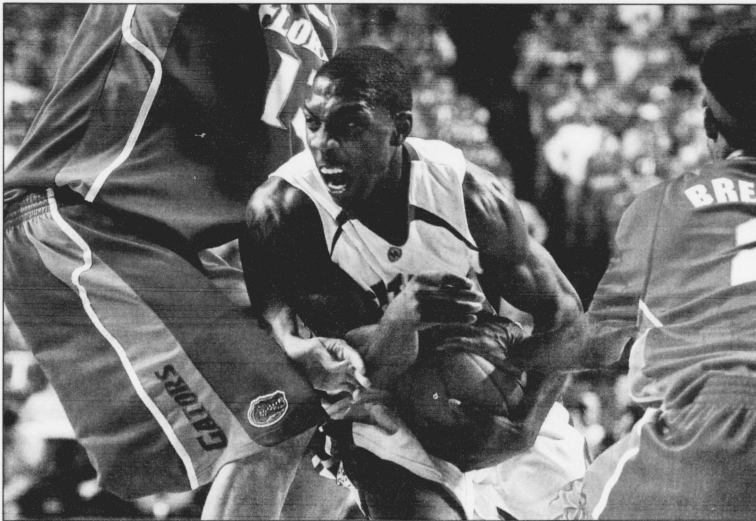
Crossley was in charge of interior design for campus housing, which included designing and purchasing for residence halls.

Monroe and Crutcher declined to comment on the specifics of the case or how the crimes took place. Monroe did say that the university is implementing new guidelines to maintain accountability within departments.

"If you don't have good checks and balances in place, things can slip through the cracks and go unnoticed like this did," Monroe said.

Crossley will be arraigned today at 1 p.m. in Fayette County District Court. Renfro and Carter will be arraigned Wednesday at 1 p.m. also in Fayette County District Court.

WOE IS THREE



Junior guard Ramel Bradley pushes past Florida junior forwards Joakim Noah, left, and Corey Brewer during the second half of UK's 64-61 loss.

UK's poor 3-point, free-throw shooting hinders comeback

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So much went right for UK on Saturday.

UK held No. 1 Florida to a season-low point total. It virtually eliminated the Gators' advantages in the low post and outside. The Cats forced Al Horford and Joakim Noah to the bench with foul trouble and suffocated UF 3-point ace Lee Humphrey.

On the surface, it appeared No. 18 UK did just about everything it could to beat the top-ranked Gators.

Except score.

"I thought we did some things well tonight other than shooting the ball," said head coach Tubby Smith. "We just couldn't make a shot."

UK couldn't muster enough offense to upset the top-ranked Gators as cold shooting throughout the game plagued the team. The Cats shot 38.3 percent for the game in a

64-61 loss in front of a Rupp Arena record crowd of 24,465.

The loss was the Cats' fifth straight to the defending national champions. Florida (23-2, 10-0) is the first Southeastern Conference team to beat UK five consecutive times since Tennessee did it from 1975-77.

Even with the poor shooting, UK (18-6, 7-3 SEC) had a chance to win in the final minute.

After two Corey Brewer free throws with 26.6 seconds left pushed Florida's lead to 63-54, Ramel Bradley single handedly manufactured a furious comeback for the Cats.

Bradley hit a long 3-pointer, and after a Florida turnover, hit another 3-pointer to pull the Cats to 63-60 with 18.4 seconds left.

After Brewer and Bradley traded free throws, Bradley forced another Gator turnover on a long inbound attempt with 9.7 seconds left.



UK fans are awestruck after junior guard Ramel Bradley stole an inbound pass and scored on a 3-point shot, bringing UK within three points of Florida in the last seconds of Saturday's game.

With the ball for one final shot, Bradley dribbled around the 3-point arc before forcing up a desperation shot around two defenders that hit off the front of the rim.

Bradley's final miss from 3-point

range was UK's 22nd attempt of the game. They only hit three.

Bradley said he thought that the law of averages would eventually take effect.

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Two inducted into Gatton Hall of Fame

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Two UK alum involved in non-profit organizations joined the Gatton College of Business and Economic's Hall of Fame Friday.

Marian F. Guinn and Gerald R. Benjamin are both UK graduates and make up the 14th class of inductees into the college's Hall of Fame.

"Induction into the Gatton Hall of Fame has become a prestigious honor for our business school alumni," said Devanathan Sudhar-

shan, dean of the Gatton College. "Mr. Benjamin and Mrs. Guinn are most deserving of this recognition."

"They represent integrity and hard work in the business world and in the greater community in which they live," he said.

Benjamin is the managing director and head of investment banking with Navigant Capital Advisors, LLC, an NASD broker-dealer.

Benjamin came to UK on a full-tuition music scholarship, and earned a bachelor's degree in accounting in 1979. He co-founded Casas, a

national restructuring, merger and acquisition advisory firm in 2000. Benjamin currently serves on the boards of numerous non-profit organizations.

"I have developed a real appreciation for the strides (this) university has made not just athletically, but academically as well," Benjamin said.

"I enjoyed some of the best times of my life (here)," he said. "The good education served me well."

Guinn, a Louisville native, holds a bache-

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BOT votes to negotiate real estate purchase

Health care-related property may include Samaritan Hospital

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The UK Board of Trustees voted unanimously to pursue the purchase of real estate related to UK Health Care's expansion, at a special BOT meeting Saturday afternoon.

Details of the transaction are being withheld.

UK spokesperson Jay Blanton said the "delicate negotiations" will be private until definitive terms are reached because public discussion of the transaction could impact the value of the property.

Saturday's BOT meeting was held one day after the university Hospital Committee and the Executive Committee held meetings "to deliberate on the future acquisition or sale of real property."

University officials recently determined the transaction is in UK's best interests, according to a Board of Trustees statement.

Fifteen of 20 board members deliberated in private for almost two hours before voting

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Staff rallies against increase in health care premiums

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More than 50 current and retired UK staffers protested changes in health care benefits outside the Student Center on Friday.

The staff members joined UK College Democrats near the free speech area to voice frustrations over the changes, which will raise the cost of the benefits for retirees who have put in fewer years of service working at the university.

"We were all made promises when we were hired in that, with 15 years of service to UK, we would have paid-up retiree health care," UK staff member Terry Olson said. "I just hope and pray the administration will hear our cries and needs for these promises to be kept to our employees."

On Jan. 7, 2005, the Retiree Health Benefits Committee (RHBC) began deliberations on how to revise the current healthcare plan for retired UK staff.

The current plan allows a single retiree to pay a \$23 a month healthcare premium if they have met the Rule of 75 — meaning his or her age and the number of years they worked at UK total at least 75, with a minimum of 15 years of service.

The new plan, which will go into effect July 1, requires employees to pay a higher percentage of their premium depending on their age and years of service.

If a retiree is younger than 60 and served

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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 — The job's not easy, but you have the support you need. You love a challenge, and this is a game you can definitely win.
Taurus (April 20 - May 20) Today is an 8 — You're not being selfish when you provide first, for yourself and your family. It's good sense and of course, you're famous for that. Don't give it a second thought.
Gemini (May 21 - June 21) Today is an 8 — Your problem has been that you haven't known how to find the secret door. There is one, in one of those seemingly solid walls you've been bashing into.

Cancer (June 22 - July 22) Today is an 8 — Continue with your project, which is to stash away more than you'll need. That will keep you busy during the day, and you'll sleep well at night.
Leo (July 23 - Aug. 22) Today is an 8 — Continue to listen and learn, being careful not to fall for your own publicity. You're not as bad as some think, but you're not as holy as others think, either. And, they love you.
Virgo (Aug. 23 - Sept. 22) Today is a 5 — An amazing discovery changes nearly everything. This is a beneficial, if somewhat startling development.
Libra (Sept. 23 - Oct. 22) Today is a 7 — You'll find the answer you've been seeking. Check another chore off your list. Allow yourself a brief celebration, and then get back to work.
Scorpio (Oct. 23 - Nov. 21) Today is an 8 — Looks like you've hit the jackpot, but this isn't from a gamble.

This is the payoff for work you've already done. You get extra for waiting.
Sagittarius (Nov. 22 - Dec. 21) Today is an 8 — The farther you go, the more you appreciate what you left back home. The more you study at home, the farther you'll be able to go.
Capricorn (Dec. 22 - Jan. 19) Today is a 7 — Recycling is good for your conscience, of course, in this day and age. It is also good for your business and your personal pocketbook. Find more ways to sell junk.
Aquarius (Jan. 20 - Feb. 18) Today is a 7 — If you inspire others to follow and help achieve your objective, you win much more easily. You also save lots of money. Work on your communication skills.
Pisces (Feb. 19 - March 20) Today is a 5 — Consider taking on more responsibility. You won't get any more money yet, but you'll be indispensable.
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HOLLYWOOD'S REVENGE DIETS

Heal heartache with Haagen-Dazs? Not these sexy stars, who channeled their breakup hurt into healthy eating and working out

Reese Witherspoon

After the humiliating demise of her seven-year union with Ryan Phillippe in October, the 5-foot-2 actress, 30, fine-tuned her diet and workouts. The result: She lost 10 pounds and shrunk from a size 6 to size 2.
DIET The mom of two (daughter Ava is 7, son Deacon is 3) "didn't eat a lot the first few weeks" after the stressful split, says a friend, but now the star typically eats a high-fiber muffin at breakfast, chicken salad for lunch and salmon and veggies for dinner.

WORKOUT "Reese used working out to help with post-split anxiety," says the pal. Witherspoon starts every day with a three-mile run and often hits classes at YogaHop in Santa Monica, California, as well as Burn 60 in L.A.'s Brentwood area. "She's so dedicated that even when she does yoga or a class, she runs afterward!"

Drew Barrymore

After her January split from her beau of five years, Fabrizio Moretti, the 5-foot-4 Music and Lyrics star began to get leaner. "Drew always looks good. Now that she's single, she's trying to keep it up," says a pal of the actress, 32, who has shed an estimated 20 pounds.

DIET "I eat lightly, but believe me, I pig out and I pay for it the next day," she tells Us. A typical day? Cereal in the morning, a chicken sandwich lunch and fish with veggies at dinner.

WORKOUT Barrymore jogs five miles and strength-trains at Crunch in L.A. up to

five days a week. "She's gotten a lot of compliments lately about how great she looks," the friend tells Us. "She loves it!"

Carmen Electra

"I'm not the kind of person who dwells on the past," the actress, 34 — who ended her nearly three-year marriage to rocker Dave Navarro in July — tells Us. Indeed, the 5-foot-3 ex-Pussycat Doll has bounced back from her breakup an estimated 10 pounds lighter!

DIET "I eat a little bit all day long," says the Epic Movie star, who avoids salt, oil and butter — but still allows herself a "junk day."
WORKOUT "I'm getting back into yoga and going to the gym," the belly dancing and ballet fan tells Us of the regimen she rededicated to post-split. "You just feel good after working out and it starts to become addictive."

Sweating through a split

"Daily exercise is a great catharsis," says trainer Harley Pasternak, author of The 5-Factor Diet who has coached recent split survivors Mandy Moore and Sophia Bush. "It's medically documented to be a healthy stress release — and remember, there's no better way to feel better than coming out of a relationship looking fitter and more marketable for your next relationship!" His tips:

Burn off the bitterness "Try compound exercises that involve more than one muscle group — squats, lunges and dead lifts," suggests Pasternak. "They take more energy so

you're blowing off more steam per rep."

Don't just slug it out "I'm not a fan of combative arts, like kickboxing," he says. "They promote muscle imbalance and poor posture, which translates into slumped shoulders outside the ring."

Keep it simple "It's important not to choose activities that are too detail-oriented," he says. "Because you'll be so focused on figuring out how to do it that, you won't get the intensity or raise your heart rate. Workouts now are less about acquiring a skill than about blowing off steam!"

Gaining after the breakup

Not long after Jessica Simpson separated from her husband of three years, Nick Lachey, in November 2005, the body the 5-foot-3 star, 26, had proudly flaunted in happier days (remember those Daisy Duke short shorts?) began to look a little less sculpted. Putting on pounds in the wake of a split is a common phenomenon, says Emotional Eating author and psychologist Edward Abramson. "A breakup involves loss and that sometimes triggers depression. People will eat to soothe themselves, to fill the void that is created when they don't have any companionship in their lives." What's a girl to do? Stave off depression by acknowledging the sadness and loneliness — but not thinking of it as a permanent sign of inadequacy, says Abramson.

— Jennifer O'Neill

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UK for 15 years, they will pay 80 percent of their health care premium. Previously, since their age and years of service would total 75, the same retiree would have to pay only \$25 a month.

Employees who retire or are eligible to retire by July 1 will pay \$60 for their premium. Employees who become eligible to retire after July 1 will pay between \$90 and \$480 depending on their age and experience status in the new system, according to the RHBC's final report.

The most a retiree would pay is 80 percent. The least an employee would have to pay is 10 percent for those who are older than 65 and spent more than 25 years at the university.

The revisions were needed to create more structure to the benefits plan and save UK money with more accurate cost projections, said Kyle Dippery, staff senate chair.

"It was necessary for UK to make changes because it was always pay as you go, and there was no money set aside for retiree health care," Dippery said. "With the new plan there is money being set aside."

According to the RHBC's final report, submitted by RHBC chair Michael Teamey, the new plan has a projected cost of \$15.7 million dollars a year, whereas the previous plan, according to Dippery, could have cost a projected \$30 million.

"I think the plan is the best compromise based on the university's commitment to its retired employees and its current employees," Dippery said. But for some retired UK staff, this is simply too much, and many blame the administration and UK President Lee Todd for the increase.

"When I retired, I was told I would be grandfathered into the previous healthcare system," said Doralee Williams, a retired UK employee who worked for the UK Chandler Medical Center from 1962 until 2004. "Come this July, I will be paying more than double my healthcare premium. I just don't see how President Todd sleeps at night, I just

really don't understand it. I just don't understand."

Along with the UK College Democrats, gubernatorial candidate Gatewood Galbraith spoke on the staff's behalf, and letters of support from various Kentucky political figures were presented as well.

The rally also gathered signatures for a petition to request the Kentucky General Assembly to help pay retiree healthcare.

But some don't see much worth in the petition. "They were asking the General Assembly to do this and state government has the same problems with money as the university has," said Russ Williams, staff representative to the Board of Trustees. "The state does not have extra money to support a request such as this; the math just doesn't work out."

"There was a lot of faulty financial logic at work here. The people were asking for restoration of their benefits but they are not asking where this money would come from," Williams said.

"Does Dr. Todd think free healthcare is important? Yes, he does, after all he included free healthcare after retirement for him and his wife as part of his new contract of employment signed recently by the Board of Trustees," said Ann Livingstone, staff member of 18 years.

However, Williams responded to this idea as irrelevant stating that executive compensation benefits are an entirely different world. Dippery agreed.

"They are being short-sighted, and not looking at the whole picture," Dippery said of those at the rally Friday. "I am glad to see people get organized, but I think the aims of the rally were misguided. I think they were certainly asking for too much."

At the end of the rally, the petitions were taken to Frankfort, where the General Assembly was in session, in hopes for those in office to hear their needs.

"If it was a feel good rally I hope people got out of it what they wanted. However, I hope they weren't telling people they could actually make a significant difference," Williams said.

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lor's degree in marketing from UK, as well as an MBA. She currently serves on the National Council of America's Second Harvest, The Nation's Food Bank Network and has been with God's Pantry, a member of America's Second Harvest, since 1997.

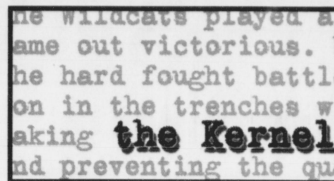
Guinn also chairs the Kentucky Association of Second Harvest Food Banks, is vice chair of the Kentucky Food Security and Nutrition Partnership, and is a board member of the Nation Commodity Supplemental Food Program Association.

"My advice (to students) is to identify what you feel passionate about and make a living doing it," Guinn said.

"UK taught me to work as a part of a team," Guinn said. "And, as a leader, to see strengths and use those strengths to move forward."

Rob Schenkfelder, an accounting and international business senior, made opening remarks at the ceremony.

"It is great for students to be able to see people that have been through the same college as us and emerge as successful leaders," Schenkfelder said.



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Vice mayor wants art to spur city growth

By Autumn Harbison
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There are many theories on how to move Lexington forward, and vice mayor Jim Gray thinks art will be a driving factor.

As part of the "Visiting Artists and Scholars" lecture series, Gray addressed a UK arts professions class and discussed the connection between the arts community and city government Friday.

Art would bring life into the downtown area, which Lexington could benefit from, especially with the upcoming 2010 World Equestrian Games, Gray said.

"We have the opportunity to, if not put downtown on steroids, at least give it a shot of (vitamin) B12," Gray said.

He believed that bringing in art from established artists would benefit Lexington by bringing more attention and prestige to the city attracting growth with it.

Gray said this issue of using art for growth has seen significant interest in the Urban County Council and the current administration.

Some students were thankful to have an arts advocate in city politics.

"It's inspiring in a sense that we have someone in government who cares about the arts and wants to bring attention to it," said Nick Bow, an art studio senior.

Other students thought more art would propel Lexington further as a city.

"I've always followed the development of art and architecture in Lexington and we're on the verge of being an important center in Kentucky," said Caitlin Heinz, an art studio senior. "It's important there's a dialogue between students and government."

Gray told students that art is valuable and important. It is not frivolous because it illustrates a commitment in a community to move forward, he said. Art becomes a defining

point for history.

The lecture lasted longer than the art professions class typically ends but many stayed and continued to listen to Gray speak. "After being in this class for three years, this is the only time students have after a long time (to) ask poignant questions," said Griffin VanMeter, a senior art studio major.

When asked how students could help spread the arts in Lexington, Gray promoted going to performances and shows on campus and downtown.

"When the downtown master plan starts running into roadblocks, which it will, rally to support it. Because if it works, the arts economy will flourish. That means more art and music venues for everyone," Gray said.

"Buy student art. It's a big deal for young artists to sell their work. You're helping their careers, educating yourself, and improving your living conditions. And student work is affordable."

Students share lives in Teach for America

By Megan Hogan
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More than 50 students gathered in the Student Center Friday night to hear first-hand accounts from three UK graduates who are now corps members with Teach for America.

TFA is a national organization that sends high-achieving college graduates to teach for two years in a rural or urban public school system. Recruitment Director Eric Isham, along with former UK students Will Nash, Silvia Timmerding and Brian Johnson, emphasized the impact of TFA on underprivileged students.

"I'm doing something about it, by no means am I fixing everything, but I'm chipping away at the unfairness some people face," Timmerding said, who teaches high school Spanish in rural Littleton, N.C.

The corps members related both successes and failures to the crowd at the "Fair Education for All" panel. All three graduates said they questioned their decision to join TFA.

"I knew it was going to be hard to move my students to where they needed to be in one year," Nash said, who teaches sixth and seventh grade math in Baton Rouge, La. "This has probably been the hardest year of my life, but because of the Teach for America opportunities, I have seen the potential I have, but more importantly that others have."

Despite the occasional discouraging moments, all agreed the experience was worth it.

"It was a challenge sometimes, but I still loved it," Timmerding said.

Isham said the mission of TFA was bigger than any personal experience.

"This is our generation's

civil rights movement and our nation's most pressing problem," Isham said.

Isham encouraged UK students to apply to TFA and not to be intimidated by the competitive selection process. Only 16 to 19 percent of applicants are accepted. But he emphasized that, UK had the same acceptance rate as Yale — 43 percent — last year.

"I don't want anyone to think they can't compete," Nash said. "Don't let anything scare you from applying."

Isham went on to explain why the program and UK were a good match.

"Teach for America fits in with Kentucky's mission, their commitment to social justice and diversity," Isham said.

Isham was encouraged by the number of people who came to hear the panel.

"The turnout was very good," Isham said. "The best

event at Kentucky."

Some students who came to hear the discussion were not sure what they wanted to do with their lives, but felt this was another opportunity to make a difference.

"I'm thinking of taking a couple years off before grad school, and I thought it'd be a good way to spend it," said Lauren Biggs, a history and classics junior.

Others left inspired with the hope they would be able to join.

"It's good to hear people from UK with similar experiences," said Raquel Goodwin, a psychology senior. She said it was an opportunity for her to make great improvements in the lives of young kids."

The TFA application and information about the application process can be found at teachforamerica.org. The next deadline is Feb. 18.

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UK sinks in SEC tournament

Women's swim team takes 4th, men place 8th

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It takes only seconds in a lot of sports to claim victory. In swimming, the difference between a win and second place can be in the time it takes to blink an eye.

During the Southeastern Conference Swimming Championship, the UK swimming team found out those milliseconds matter.

The championship concluded Saturday at Lancaster Aquatic Center with the women finishing fourth and the men finishing eighth. Auburn's men and women won both titles.

Junior Jenny Bradford placed second in the 50-yard freestyle and broke a UK record during her preliminary swim with a time of 22.03 seconds.

But second wasn't enough for Bradford, who was expecting to do better. Bradford came into the final heat of the 50-yard freestyle as the first seed with a lead of .47 seconds.

"I was really looking for a first place, but I just wasn't in the race. I was too worried about who was next to me and I wasn't focused," she said.

Bradford also finished sixth in the 100-yard freestyle and fourth in the 100-yard butterfly.

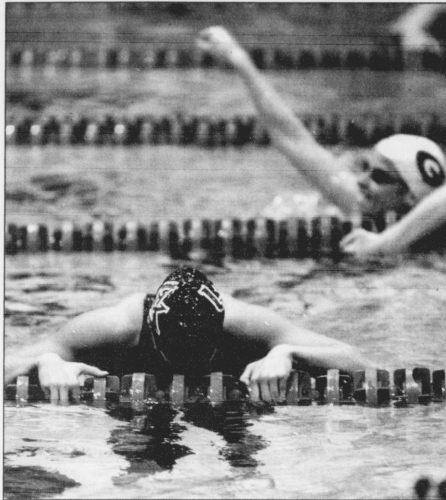
While Bradford took second in freestyle, her sister, Heather Bradford, made her mark in butterfly.

Junior Heather Bradford set a UK record with her time of 53.31 seconds in the 100-yard butterfly swim. She took second in the race.

The Bradford sisters were also part of the first-ever UK relay title.

The sisters, along with senior Nikia Deveaux and junior Lauren Willis, took first in the 200-yard freestyle relay, setting a UK and Lancaster Aquatic Center record.

"This is my senior season, so finally getting the gold medal means so much to me," Deveaux said. "I was able to swim with fab-



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Junior Jennifer Bradford is disappointed after placing second in the 50-yard freestyle finals with a time of 22.05 seconds at the SEC Championship in the Lancaster Aquatic Center. The women placed fourth in the tournament, while the men's swimming team placed eighth.

ulous girls, and I was confident in my team."

The Bradfords each automatically qualified for the NCAA Championships in the relay and in their respective individual events.

On the men's side junior Will Vietti broke the 100-yard breaststroke UK record with a time of 53.73 and clinched a second place victory.

"He's really stepped up this year," Conely said. "I'm sure it's been his goal to be the best breaststroker on the team, and now he is. That's pretty exciting."

Sophomore Warren Grobbelaar showed his potential by placing in the top 10 in both

the 50-yard freestyle and 100-yard butterfly. Grobbelaar said he finally feels like a competitor and someone for competitors to watch out for.

"This is the first meet since I've been in the U.S. that I felt like I'm on par with the rest of the guys, where I should be, and I'm up to my talent level," Grobbelaar said. "It definitely feels good."

Several UK swimmers qualified for 'B' time cuts, which could qualify them for the NCAA Championship.

The women's NCAA Championship begins March 8 and the men's on March 14.

Season-high point total not enough for Cats as they fall to LSU

By J.D. Williams
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A season-best performance wasn't enough for the gymnastics team Friday night.

Despite scoring 194.325 points — their highest all year — the No. 24 Cats couldn't

overcome its miscues to beat No. 12 Louisiana State University in Memorial Coliseum.

The loss extended UK's Southeastern Conference losing streak to four, and gave them a 1-4 record on the season.

"We had some mistakes," UK gymnastics coach Mo Mitchell said. "It was tough

on bars, and we're ripped on the beam." Still, the Cats were able to make some accomplishments.

"We went into the meet wanting to be able to finish, and we did that on floor," Mitchell said.

The floor exercise was the only event in which the Cats cracked the 49-point mark, scoring 49.1. Consequently, it was the only event in which the Cats outscored the Tigers, who scored 49.025. UK freshmen Emily Green, Emilie Rymer, and Hillary Ferguson tied for third place in the event.

All three posted a 9.850.

"I was on cloud nine because I finished the meet and didn't fall. I was so happy that I was done," Green said following her performance on the floor. "I'm happy with the team, especially on the floor, it shows how far (the freshmen) have come."

Senior Lacy Burgin also had a strong performance, as she was the only Cat to perform well on the uneven parallel bars. She finished second with a score of 9.875, which was the highest individual score of the night for UK in any event.

"It's an awesome feeling when you see all the hard work in the gym pays off," Burgin said.

Mitchell said Friday's meet is going to pay dividends as the season continues, and that the team can learn from their outstanding performance in the final rotation of the night: "Never give up."



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Lucy Burgin performs on the uneven bars against No. 12 Louisiana State University Friday. Burgin scored a 9.875 on the uneven bars.

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The Whirling Dervishes of Rumi consider dancing to be a spiritual journey that brings them closer to God. The Dervishes will have their first of seven U.S. performances at the Singletary Center tonight.

Spiritual spinning enlightens Dervishes

By Ellie Fairbanks
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Rarely are Lexingtonians the first to see major arts performances. Movies are released in New York and Los Angeles, and big-name concerts come to Nashville and Cincinnati.

But tonight, Lexington will be one of the first cities in the world to host the Whirling Dervishes of Rumi, a spiritual performance dedicated to the 13th century poet, Rumi.

The Whirling Dervishes will only perform in six other cities in the United States, said Mehmet Saracoglu, the president of UK's Interfaith Dialogue Organization and one of the organizers of the event.

"This event is so significant to Lexington because this performance won't be in many other places in the U.S.," Saracoglu said. "Lexington is a central area to host the performance, and having this at UK gives a younger generation a chance to learn about Rumi."

The performance, which involves music, prayer and dance, culminates with the act of whirling, Saracoglu said. Whirling is literally spinning while wearing a traditional costume. The Dervishes — through dancing, playing music and reciting poems and hymns — spread the word of God, Saracoglu said. They are followers of the prophet Mohammad and perform to spread

Rumi's message.

"The performance uses music that defines the soul and brings us closer to God," Saracoglu said. "Rumi preached about understanding, friendship, love and peace between cultures."

The performance will begin with music played with traditional Turkish instruments, followed by a prayer, Saracoglu said. After an intermission, the whirling will begin.

Whirling is a spiritual journey for the dervishes, Saracoglu said. At a young age, Rumi followers learn to whirl and learn about the harmony and music. The performers, all Muslim, think that whirling brings them closer to God. Even though they are constantly spinning, the performers will not get dizzy.

"They have no distractions," Saracoglu said. "The performers find somewhere in their soul and stay connected with this inner spot, bringing them closer to sort of a meditative state."

The Whirling Dervishes are performing this year because UNESCO has named 2007 the "Year of Rumi," to celebrate the anniversary of the poet's 800th birthday. Saracoglu thinks that even though 2007 is the anniversary of Rumi's birth, it is also a year that needs Rumi's message.

"We're all at war," Saracoglu said. "The world is fighting, and we need something like this that represents love, tolerance, peace and charity. Everyone is talking about

war, and we want to show that this is about love and peace. It's what we need right now."

Many people in the United States don't know much about the dervishes, Saracoglu said. The Interfaith Dialogue Organization chose to help with this event because it increases knowledge and acceptance, Saracoglu said.

"We want to bring more action and events like this to UK and the Lexington community so that people can learn more about other cultures," Saracoglu said. "We don't want to leave anyone out; this is what I DO does, and this is what Rumi was doing."

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to "negotiate the terms and conditions of the Transaction first identified in the closed meeting of the University Hospital Committee on February 9, 2007."

Frank Butler, executive vice president for finance and administration, and Sergio Melgar, vice president for health affairs and chief financial officer for UK health-care will head negotiations of the transaction.

The negotiations will be subject to final

approval by the BOT.

James Holsinger, UK professor and former UK Medical Center chief, said the prospective purchase could be in relation to a number of properties close to campus, including Samaritan Hospital, Central Baptist Hospital and land on South Limestone across the street from the UK Chandler Medical Center.

UK looked into purchasing Samaritan Hospital about ten years ago but decided the timing was not right, Holsinger said.

"We didn't need the (hospital) beds at the time," Holsinger said. "We looked at it for a variety of uses, but couldn't make any of those work financially."

Holsinger said UK is "chalked to the

walls" with patients and can think of many reasons why it would "make sense" to purchase Samaritan if it is on the market.

Last month, the BOT approved UK Chandler Hospital administrators' request to apply for a state certificate of need to build two extra floors on both of the new hospital's planned bed towers. The additional floors will house 192 patient beds.

The additional beds are needed because the hospital is growing at a high rate, said Dr. Michael Karpf, executive vice president for health affairs, in a Jan. 23 Kernel article.

Karpf said the current hospital is running at about 85 percent capacity. "We're maxed out," he said.

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Safety task force should focus on drinking, violence

In five of the last six years, a UK student has died in an alcohol-related incident.

Three UK students have reported rapes — including one on campus — this school year. And 19 sexual assaults have been reported to UK Women's Place this semester. Women's Place director Dorothy Edwards said in an interview in Friday's Kernel.

These are most pressing student safety issues on UK's campus right now.

While it's important that the university's physical structures — including dorms and classroom buildings — are safe, the focus of the Governor's Task Force on Campus Safety should be on issues like women's safety and underage drinking.

Gov. Ernie Fletcher commissioned the 15-person task force last summer to assess the safety and security of public and private campuses around the state.

The task force will review if, and then how, universities are complying with the Michael Minger Act, which passed in 2000. The law requires college campuses to keep a public crime log, report crime statistics each year and immediately report all fires.

But if there are such laws in place — and there have been for the last seven years — UK and other universities should already be abiding by them. And while universities need to be held accountable for these laws, the task force should have the ingenuity and authority to consider all issues regarding the safety of stu-

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den's. Every campus surely has its own safety concerns. At UK, recent history has singled out underage and binge drinking as a major problem for university officials and students.

"I think it's probably one of the top concerns of the administration," UK's director of alcohol education Andrew Smith told the Kernel in a Nov. 13 story. "This falls under the safety of students, and they (UK administrators) want to take care of students. Not only that they graduate, but that they graduate healthy, both mentally and physically."

Also on the minds of university administrators is violence against women. Last week a UK soccer player was accused of raping a 17-year-old woman visiting her sister. Last semester, a woman reported that she was raped by a man who broke into her home on Conn Terrace. Another rape by an intruder was reported a month earlier on University Avenue.

"My hope would be that the conversation best reflects the facts we have on violence against women," Edwards said in an article in Thursday's Kernel. "I think it's arguably the biggest concern."

We hope UK students are safe from infrastructural weaknesses like fire hazards, but we also hope that UK and the state realize what have proven to be the most prevalent and serious threats to student security on and off campus.



BRIAN GOODLEY, Kernel cartoonist

Government shouldn't protect us from our own stupidity

When a politician says something like "government has an obligation to protect its citizenry," it could mean something very influential and beneficial is going to happen or that something radically stupid is.

In this case, the words come from New York state Sen. Carl Kruger — and, as you may have guessed, he's describing yet another insane legislation idea. Kruger has proposed a bill that would prohibit pedestrians from using gadgets — including iPods, Blackberrys, video games, and cell phones — while they cross the street, according to a Feb. 8 MSNBC.com story. Apparently there is a "national problem" of people stepping in front of "speeding buses and moving automobiles," Kruger said in the story.

If the law passes, violators would be fined \$100, according to the story. Since September, three pedestrians in Kruger's district have died from stepping into traffic while using one of the aforementioned devices, the MSNBC.com story said. His district happens to be in Brooklyn, N.Y. So, in the last five months, three people have died. Not to make light of anyone's tragic death, but only three deaths from this issue hardly seems like the pandemic Kruger is making it

out to be. This law now tops my list of the most useless pieces of legislation ever. If a person isn't smart enough to focus on traffic and follow his or her parents' advice to look both ways before crossing, what makes Kruger believe a law would change things? Drinking and driving is extremely dangerous and against the law, but people haven't stopped that either.

Besides the comical essence of this proposed legislation there is a very important implementation problem. Just how can New York monitor every person who crosses the road? If you take only New York City, which has a population of about 8 million people, according to the U.S. Census Bureau, and a city grid that features countless blocks and crosswalks, it would be impossible to catch violators. Police would be forced to stop paying attention to the speeding buses and instead focus on the people dashing across the street. It simply isn't practical.

UK has even tried to enforce jaywalking rules. For a time, UK police would issue citations to students if they crossed the street anywhere other than at a crosswalk. Judging by the continual presence of students strolling across Euclid Avenue, Rose Street and Limestone Street anytime there is a break in traffic, things haven't changed too much.

There was no way that UK could monitor all students and even less of a chance of catching a jaywalker in time to issue a citation. It may have slowed things for a time period, but let's face it, people don't always act

in the wisest manner. The government is supposed to protect its citizens to some degree.

A New York lawmaker's bill would ban pedestrians from using iPods and other devices while crossing the street. If passed, it would be the dumbest law ever.

The state of Kentucky passed mandatory seatbelt laws recently to prevent traffic deaths and injuries. Putting children in car seats is also mandatory. There have been many ways that the government has regulated our behavior to protect us from each other. But Kruger has taken it a step too far with the gadget law — it is not the responsibility of any government to protect us from our stupidity.

More importantly, the more the government regulates our everyday behavior, the less actual freedom we have. I don't want laws telling me that I can't listen to my iPod while walking to class or saying that if I get an important phone call I can't answer it until I am clear of all traffic.

Legislation like Kruger's proposal could affect the whole nation. It's the "slippery slope" effect: If New York can try to make it illegal to talk on the phone while crossing the street what's next?

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Leniency is best policy for attendance when bad weather strikes

The weather outside — as the song goes — has been pretty frightful as of late, and while UK isn't in any hurry to shut down campus, a certain portion of the student body has an additional anxiety to face when it comes time for classes each day.

According to UK's Office of Institutional Research, slightly more than 27,000 students enrolled at UK in the fall of 2006. Of that number, UK's dorms and apartments only have room for slightly more than 5,700, according to the dorm capacities housed by the office of UK Housing. That leaves more than 21,000 students who live off campus, and while many of those live within walking distance of campus, there's also a large population that does not.

When inclement weather strikes, those students are left in a quandary. The first option is to stay at home and rack up unexcused absences, as the weather is not a valid reason a student can miss class and be granted an excused absence according to the university handbook. The other

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option is to take the risk and try to make it to campus, putting life and limb in jeopardy.

Institutionally, it would be possible for UK to include inability to drive in inclement weather as an automatic excused absence, as is currently the case with personal illness and religious holidays. But that would generate a glut of illegitimate claims, and the burden would be on professors to decide which students were in true danger, and which were just trying to get out of class.

Instead of institutional ham-handedness, the solution is more communication in the classroom. Students who may be affected by weather issues — especially those who live far off campus — should discuss potential problems with their professors at the start of the semester in order to avoid looking opportunistic later on. And professors should be empathetic and lenient rather than forcing those students to choose between their safety and their attendance score.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Kernel interview misrepresented UK Women's Place

I am always appreciative of efforts to raise campus awareness of issues regarding violence against women, and the Kernel has often used its reach to the benefit of the campus community on safety-related issues.

However, the Feb. 9 interview entitled "Women's Place moving forward, but increased awareness is vital" misrepresented in both tone and content some of the core values and beliefs of Women's Place. It is important that several clarifications be made.

First, although there was not a coordinated effort to address violence against women at UK prior to the creation of Women's Place, there were many, many heroic and determined units and individuals who worked to bring awareness and support around these issues.

Second, though we all have more work ahead, Women's Place has been extremely pleased with the level of support and active participation from faculty and staff partners around campus. Responding to the call to "do your part within your sphere of influence," faculty, staff, administrators and students are informing themselves and integrating messages of intolerance of violence and support of victims throughout the campus community.

Third, while we will not successfully begin reducing the perpetration of violence until a critical mass of UK community members lend their voices and actions, I am inspired daily by the voices that have joined together demanding change: faculty and department heads who show up in person at Women's Place to pitch in; a growing group of men determined to make Men Against Violence and Rape at UK a leading voice on campus; survivors of violence transforming their pain into fuel to make the campus safer for those who come after; and an ever-growing group of students giving their time, energy and vision because they refuse to believe that a 36.5 percent is the best UK can do.

Finally, a factual correction: According to a 2004 study by the Center for Research on Violence Against Women, 36.5 percent of women students reported being victims of physical assault, sexual assault and/or stalking while stu-

dents at UK. Of those, 20.8 percent are victims of sexual assault.

If you want to lend your strength to eradicating violence on UK's campus and are wondering "Where the heck is everybody else?" — stop by Women's Place and we'll point you in the right direction!

Dorothy J. Edwards
Director, UK Women's Place

Women are just as qualified for presidency as men

I am baffled and confused by the debate about whether or not the United States is "ready for a woman president."

Women are now going to college in much greater numbers than men, scoring higher on standardized tests than their male counterparts and single-handedly juggling their careers with raising children within the home. Anyone who has ever seen a mother of three also serve as the breadwinner in a family would not question a woman's ability to run a country. Equality of the sexes is one of the areas in which America continues to lag behind other developed countries. Germany was ready for a female leader. Israel and Great Britain had female prime ministers while the women's liberation movement was finally taking hold in America.

Citizens who say that America just "isn't ready for a woman president" don't really own up to the real problem with our country and its inhabitants: Socially, we're regressive. Historically, there are scores of socially progressive movements our country "wasn't ready for" — the abolition of slavery, for example. That's an ugly piece of history that we're still grappling with over a century after its end.

Being progressive is not about voting for Hillary Clinton or Condoleezza Rice; it's about admitting we've allowed anatomy to become a more important presidential requirement than intelligence, compassion, and strength of character.

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BASKETBALL

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"I realized we were missing shots, but you kind of get this feeling that if you're not hitting now, we'll turn it on in a minute," Bradley said. "We just couldn't hit them."

On top of shooting 13.6 percent from 3-point range for the game, the Cats went 12-for-21 from the free throw line, including Bradley's 3-8 effort as he came into the game shooting 85.5 percent to lead the SEC.

"You're not going to win many games shooting 57 percent from the free-throw line," Smith said.

Florida coach Billy Donovan said after the game that his team never really got into the flow of the game.

The Gators were without Horford and Noah for most of the first half; the pair played a combined 14 minutes before halftime.

Even without their second and third leading scorers playing a full 20 minutes, the Gators built a 30-14 lead after Taurean Green hit a 3-pointer with 7:38 to go in the first half.

UK rallied at the end of the half to cut the lead to nine, but Smith said some of the damage was already done.

"Always, when you're coming from behind, it takes a lot more energy," he said.

Bradley led the Cats with 20 points on 7-of-17 shooting. Junior center Randolph Morris added 18 points and nine re-



ED MATTHEWS | STAFF
Tim Bentley, a 1994 ECU graduate, and his wife Cathleen, a 1994 Florida graduate, joke about their favorite teams Saturday night in Rupp Arena.

bounds. Brewer paced the Gators with 16 points and seven rebounds.

As hard as the Cats pushed trying to get back in the game, they could never get closer than three points in the second half. But still UK had a chance to tie the game at end.

Some of that could be attributed to the fact that the Cats out rebounded the much bigger Gators 40-33. Or because UK

held Florida to 18 points below its league-leading scoring average of 82 points per game.

But as the Gators didn't score, neither did the Cats.

"I think that's really the story of the game," Morris said. "If we had just hit a couple more outside shots, the game would've had a different outcome. Those shots are not always there for you."

Cats had everything going for them — except the win

It was so easy, even a football coach could find it out.

As some of the media who were banished to Rupp Arena's upper level piled onto the elevator to go downstairs after the game, we were greeted by UK football coach Rich Brooks, on his way down from his seat.



CHRIS DELOTTEL
Kernel columnist

"Boy oh boy," he said. "Free throws and 3-point shots, huh?"

He's right. Sometimes sports fans have a tendency to crave deep, insightful analysis.

And sometimes, sports writers attempt to give it. There's talk about chemistry, pressure, attitude and a number of other immeasurable platitudes. But little analysis is needed after UK's three-point loss to Florida.

It came down to not making shots. In a game where everything that needed to go UK's way went UK's way — foul-plagued Joakim

Noah scored only six points, sharpshooter Lee Humphrey shot a mortal one-for-six on three — UK's simply could not make 3-pointers and free throws.

"We just couldn't make a shot," head coach Tubby Smith said. "Their veteran players made shots and free throws and we didn't."

While Florida's veteran players certainly didn't shoot Rupp's lights out, they did do just enough to hold the Cats at bay the entire game. Despite battling back from a 14-point first-half deficit, UK never tied the game or took the lead. In floor-bouncing Rupp Arena, that was immensely important. Had UK ever clawed back even, the crowd would have become a major factor.

"When you're not making outside shots, you have to expend so much more energy," Smith said. "It's hard when you're always trying to catch up."

It also prevented you from ever believing that UK was going to win the game. As long as Florida clenched the lead, there was no reason to think UK could pull the upset. If the Cats had been able to tie it — and they had chances — doubt would have crept into the Gators' minds, and hope into the Cats'.

But that didn't happen, and that's why the Gators are No. 1, and that's why they won the national championship last season. Even on a night when Noah and Humphrey did little, other guys stepped up. Chris Richard carried Florida early in the post, and big-shot Corey Brewer came through every time UK got close.

"We couldn't guard him," Smith said of Brewer. "We just didn't have an answer for him."

Meanwhile, the Cats showed that's what separates them from the nation's elite. On a night when Ramel Bradley struggled shooting until his late flurry, other guys weren't able to get it done. Bobby Ferry missed six of seven shots. Joe Crawford stunk, shooting three-of-12. And UK shot just 12-21 at the foul line. That's a good percentage for a third grade team.

And even with all of that — with horrendous 3-point shooting and can't-handle-the-pressure bricks at the foul line — UK had a shot at the buzzer to tie the game. That inspired a mixture of confidence and frustration.

"We feel like we can compete with anyone," Smith said. "I think our guys realize if we'd have shot the ball a little better and done a few things differently, we could have won the game."

But they didn't shoot the ball a little better, and they didn't win the game. And, to twist the favorite phrase of a certain football coach, a loss is a loss is a loss.



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Freshman guard Jodie Meeks dunks in Saturday's game against No. 1 Florida. Meeks scored six points.

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