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3 levels of garage to open this month

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After nearly two years of construction, three levels of a new parking garage on South Limestone Street will open this month, followed by the destruction of an existing garage.

The parking structure between Conn Terrace and Transcript Avenue is one part of the \$650 million of construction projects UK will undertake over the next four years, including the new UK Chandler Hospital, the student health facility and College of Pharmacy building, said Dall Clark, UK's capital construction manager.

The plan on the parking garage had always been to open the first three levels of the seven-story structure before the rest, Clark said.

To accommodate the ongoing work, the construction company is taking additional precautions, such as installing a covered walkway out of the structure and placing barricades in openings to protect cars from falling objects. The company wanted to get the new structure open on Nov. 19 so it could start demolition of the old garage, Clark said.

Another level of the parking structure will open in December, and the remaining three levels will open in March, Clark said. The structure will have approximately 1,600 parking spaces, making it the largest parking structure on campus.

The demolition of Parking Structure No. 4 will begin Nov. 26 to provide space

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SG to look at online voting expansion

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Student Government created two ad hoc committees at last night's full Senate meeting.

One was a committee to design a proposal concerning online voting for the spring SG elections. Senate President Tyler Montell said there is a genuine need to discuss the option of online voting.

"If we're not making the most technologically sensible choice, then we are behind, and so is the student body," Montell said.

Currently the SG election act allows voting only from designated polling computers in the spring elections. Last week's freshman Senate elections, when students could vote online from anywhere, were an exception.

There might be some opposition to the proposal to possibly expand online voting, but Montell said the legislation the committee will write should reflect what is best for students.

"Some people might have problems and think it will dilute the integrity of the elections," Montell said. "But if it makes it easier for students to vote and voice their concerns, then that takes precedence."

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Frank Warren, creator of PostSecret, shares a postcard with a packed Worsham Theater last night at a lecture hosted by Student Activities Board.

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PostSecret creator divulges truth behind art

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Send a postcard to Frank Warren, and he'll be sure to "keep your dirty little secret."

Warren, creator of PostSecret, an ongoing community art project that allows people to mail their secrets anonymously on one side of a homemade, decorated postcard, talked about his project and books last night at Worsham Theater in the Student Center.

"I collect secrets," Warren said. "Some call me the most-trusted stranger in America."

Warren said he started the project in 2004 as part of Artomatic, a

five-week multimedia arts event held in Washington, D.C.

"I'm not really an artist," Warren said. "If anything, I'm an accidental artist."

Warren said he handed out 3,000 blank, white postcards to people in Washington and told them to put their secret on one side of the card.

"People put their secret on the front with a drawing or painting or picture," Warren said. "On the back is my home address and postage."

At the lecture, which was sponsored by Student Activities Board, Warren shared never-before-seen postcards and showed secrets that had been left out of his books be-

cause of potential copyright violations or shock value.

Warren, who has helped raise funds for the suicide-prevention hotline 1-800-SUICIDE, said many of the postcards deal with serious personal problems.

"Very few secrets have to do with murder, homicide and crime," Warren said. "Most have to do with body image, eating disorders and suicide."

"All of us have a secret that would break your heart, if only we knew what it was," he said.

Warren said there is a connection between the experiences that cause the most pain and the ones that have the most meaning to people.

"The children the world almost breaks become the adults who change it," Warren said.

Alexa Arnold, an international studies freshman, said she has submitted three secrets to Warren, one of which was included on his Web site (www.postsecret.blogspot.com).

"I've been following PostSecret for three years," Arnold said. "It feels more personal now that I've met (Warren). I told him which secret was mine, and he remembered it."

Warren said his project would never end.

"I truly believe PostSecret is a community art project and belongs to all of us," Warren said. "I hope the postcards never stop coming."

Med student's health blog recognized on Fox News

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Trent McBride, a third-year pathologist resident at UK, and fellow pathologists made the spotlight when Fox News' Health home page recognized their educational Web site as Best Health Blog.



McBride

"I had written a blog before that received some small attention, but I never thought it would make national news," McBride said.

The blog, PathTalk.org, started in early October as an educational tool for pathologists. Now it has 30 consistent followers and has become a small media center for McBride.

Dr. Greg Davis, senior training director of pathology, said the blog has filled a badly needed niche. There was not enough information about the practice of pathology, he said.

"Trent is doing an outstanding job,

and I don't see this project going anywhere but up," Davis said.

As a full-time resident, McBride works 40 to 60 hours a week completing hands-on experiences with lab work that will teach him about situations he might face once he becomes a certified pathologist.

"I'm the guy in the back that no one sees," McBride said. "I dissect tumors and look at things under the microscope. I basically help the doctor find out what is wrong with a patient without having to ever meet the patient."

With such a heavy workload, McBride finds it hard at times to keep the site updated, especially since each post takes one to two hours to document. Even though McBride is pressed for time, he said he still finds those hours at night to keep the site going.

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Resource preservation topic of lecture tonight

By Pamela Burke
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A local environmental leader is speaking at Worsham Theater tonight about where UK stands in its efforts to become a more sustainable community.

Tom Kimmerer, executive director of the Association for the Advancement of Sustainability in Higher Education, based in Lexington, will be giving a lecture at 7:30 p.m. on current trends of sustainability across campuses in the United States.

His presentation, which celebrates the United Nations' Decade of Education for Sustainable Development, is sponsored by the UN's Division for Sustainability Development, Bluegrass Chapter, Transylvania's Student Environmental Organization; and

UK Greenthumb.

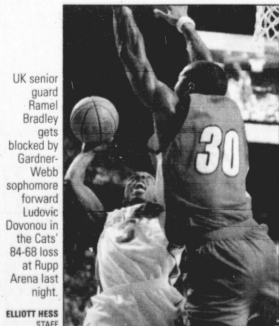
"The goal is to educate people on exactly what sustainability is," said Brittany Zwickler, coordinator of Greenthumb.

Kimmerer will talk about the UN's efforts to become a more sustainable education, and a discussion session will follow, Zwickler said.

UK recently joined AASHE, which offers member colleges and universities assistance on sustainability programming.

Because UK is now a member, its students and employees can log on to the association's Web site (www.aashe.org) for free, said Niles Barnes, AASHE's administrative and public relations assistant.

Students, faculty and staff can use their UK e-mail accounts to gain access to restricted elements of the site's resource center.



UK senior guard Pamela Bradley gets blocked by Gardner-Webb sophomore forward Ludovic Dovonou in the Cats' 84-69 loss at Rupp Arena last night. ELLIOTT HESS | STAFF

GARDNER-WEBB 84, UK 68

Runnin' Bulldogs crash Cats' N.Y. party plans

By Travis Waldron
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Gardner-Webb University apparently missed the memo.

The Bulldogs were invited to Rupp Arena for the 2K Sports College Hoops Classic benefiting Coaches vs. Cancer knowing they had a potential date with UK in the second round.

But on a night when UK head coach Billy Gillispie was supposed to be celebrating his 48th birthday — a night when Gardner-Webb was supposed to move out of the way so the Cats could advance to New York for the final two rounds of the

tournament — the Runnin' Bulldogs crashed the party.

Led by sophomore guard Grayson Flittner's 22 points, Gardner-Webb defeated UK 84-68 at Rupp Arena last night. Cold shooting — the Cats shot just 35 percent — doomed UK. Poor defense didn't help, as the Bulldogs shot 53 percent. Gardner-Webb senior forward Thomas Sanders added 21 points and 10 rebounds.

When sophomore guard Jodie Meeks scored UK's first points 4:28 into the game, Gardner-Webb had already jumped to a 14-0 lead.

Twice in the opening four minutes, the Bulldogs missed shots but

corralled offensive rebounds and scored. Two other times, they hit 3-pointers over the UK defense. And four times in that period, the Cats turned the ball over, keeping them off the scoreboard.

When Meeks finally scored, it looked as if the Cats may immediately claw back into the game. He scored twice more and, aided by freshman forward Patrick Patterson's first points, cut the lead to 17-8 by the 10:33 mark. The Cats made only two of their first 10 shots but were 4-for-7 during the run.

But turnovers — the Cats had nine in the first half — plagued UK again.

After Gardner-Webb had built the lead to 11, Flittner scored 5 consecutive points to push the Bulldogs ahead 26-10. It was Gardner-Webb's largest lead of the first half, and it seemed to wake UK up for the second time.

The Cats poured in the next 6 points, 4 of them by Patterson, and trimmed the lead to 10. A 3-pointer by Meeks shrunk the lead to 9 with 7:00 to play in the first half. After senior guard Joe Crawford scored to cut it to 7, the Rupp Arena crowd came to its feet.

But yet again, the Bulldogs held

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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 — If you go through your holdings carefully, odds are good you'll discover more than you thought you had. That ought to get you motivated.

Taurus (April 20 - May 20) Today is a 7 — There's no point in arguing endlessly with a person who's not listening well. There's no point in letting this person spend your money, either. Be firm.

Gemini (May 21 - June 21) Today is a 7 — You're getting to the place in the game where action is required. If you haven't already, quickly come up with a plan.

Cancer (June 22 - July 22) Today

is a 9 — Fantasies can turn to worries, as you add up the costs. Don't get into a tizzy about something that hasn't happened. You can change plans.

Leo (July 23 - Aug. 22) Today is a 5 — Be ready to prove your point beyond a shadow of a doubt. Gather your data together and go over it with a fine-toothed comb. Know your stuff.

Virgo (Aug. 23 - Sept. 22) Today is an 8 — A subject you find fascinating leads you to discover a way to do the job better. This is always a well-come relief. Put in the correction.

Libra (Sept. 23 - Oct. 22) Today is a 7 — Share your deepest hopes and dreams with your secret confidant. If you don't know such a person, a diary works well. Sometimes, even better. Get one with a lock.

Scorpio (Oct. 23 - Nov. 21) Today is an 8 — You don't have full agreement, even though you're quite decisive. Listen carefully to the other people's considerations. That may

be all they need.

Sagittarius (Nov. 22 - Dec. 21) Today is a 6 — You have a way with words, but caution is advised. Don't imply more than you intend to deliver. Be charming, but not a tease.

Capricorn (Dec. 22 - Jan. 19) Today is an 8 — Your team is behind you 100 percent. Will that be enough to accomplish what you have in mind? Yeah, but it'll be expensive. Hold on to the purse strings.

Aquarius (Jan. 20 - Feb. 18) Today is a 6 — There's a big test coming up that affects how much money you make. Look sharp and be respectful, appearances matter.

Pisces (Feb. 19 - March 20) Today is an 8 — Some of your worries are well-founded, but that doesn't mean they get to be in control of your life. With love and faith, you can squash the one that pops up to scare you today.

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THE DISH

Gossip Girl star Chace Crawford is not letting Carrie Underwood out of his sight! "He goes everywhere with her when she's in town," an insider says of the NYC-based actor, who tagged along to Underwood's appearances to promote her new album, *Carnival Ride*, on Good Morning America and *Live With Regis and Kelly*. "They're in love and she doesn't want to hide it. She's beyond happy!" And now the 24-year-old singer (who started seeing Texas native Crawford, 22, on the down-low in July with dates in Nashville and L.A.) has gotten so serious about him that there are plans for their families to meet. What's their secret? "He's very attentive," says the source. Crawford being so generous with his time certainly bodes well for his future with Underwood, who has said: "I want someone who will spoil me a little bit. . . . Every girl deserves that."

another animated role in fall's Madagascar sequel, *The Crate Escape*. "When I try to dress them, I always overdo it. I always put the most frilly stuff on them, like ball gowns. I totally go for it!" His wife of nearly 11 years tells Us she appreciates his efforts. "He's hands-on," she gushes. "He does everything. He's wonderful!"

Christy Is Family-Focused

"It's a wild ride!" Christy Turlington tells Us of raising her daughter, Grace, 4, and son, Finn, 21 months, with hubby Edward Burns. But the actor, 39 (in January's 27 Dresses with Katherine Heigl), gives her a big hand. "He gets right in there and loves to play," says the model, 38. "He's a roughhouser and gets exhausted because he puts in so much." And the effort is all worth it in the end, she says. "You look at them and marvel that you created this thing!"

Jon Cryer's Newlywed Bliss!

Two and a Half Men star Jon Cryer and TV Guide Channel host Lisa Joyner, 40, have only been married four months, but the actor, 42, is already slightly stressed about the next milestone: kids! When asked whether they've begun baby talk, Cryer (who has a son, Charlie, 7, from his previous marriage) stammered to Us, "Not, yet, no, I don't know. We're in love!" That much is obvious, his costar Conchata

Ferrell tells Us. "He's really happy," she says. "They're very happy."

Kimora's Labor of Love


Kimora Lee Simmons' idea of a hot date? Pouring concrete! The Baby Phat CEO, 32, and beau Djimon Hounsou, 43, did just that October 22 in Long Beach, California, where they joined volunteers with The Women's Conference WE Build program and the nonprofit Ka-Boom! to build a playground at The New City School. "It was deeply gratifying for me," Simmons tells Us.

Idina & Taye Making It Work!

With his Private Practice character's romantic woes, Taye Diggs' onscreen love life is complicated, to say the least. But off camera? "Things are going really well," the actor, 36, gushes to Us of his happy home life with his wife of nearly five years, Idina Menzel. The singer-actress, 36 (who will appear on the big screen November 21 in *Enchanted* with Patrick Dempsey), has said that ever since she and her man first met while doing *Rent* on Broadway in 1996, she's known one thing for sure: "Women adore him." Still, Menzel, who won a Tony award for her role in the musical *Wicked*, insists, "I feel confident about our relationship." And her husband says she has good reason.

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The storm starts tonight

UK theater students will be presenting "The Tempest," a William Shakespeare play, at the Guignol Theatre for the next two weekends.

When "The Tempest" was originally written, it was considered a comedy, but now critics believe it falls more into the genre of romance. The tale surrounds a sorcerer named Prospero and his daughter Miranda, who have been stranded on an island for 12 years. As only Shakespeare can do, the playwright intertwines stories of love, conspiracy and murder together, creating a series of exotic and subhuman spectacles.

The show starts tonight and continues through Saturday night, and it will also run Nov. 15 through Nov. 17, at 7:30 each night. A Sunday matinee on Nov. 18 at 2 p.m. will end the play's run. Tickets cost \$5 for students, \$10 for UK faculty and staff, and \$15 for the general public.

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TONIGHT

Robyn Hitchcock w/ Sean Nelson
8 p.m., The Southgate House, Newport. Tickets cost \$15 in advance, \$18 at the door.

Lucero
9 p.m., Headliners, Louisville. Tickets cost \$13.

FRIDAY, Nov. 9

Dallas Alice
8 p.m., Phoenix Hill, Louisville. Tickets cost \$10 in advance, \$12 at the door.

Paul Thorn w/ The Kentucky Struts
8:30 p.m., The Southgate House, Newport. Tickets cost \$17 in advance, \$20 at the door.

Fulcrumpoint w/ Silk Abrasion and One Finger Grip
9 p.m., Madison Theater, Covington. Tickets cost \$5 to \$7.

SATURDAY, Nov. 10

The Clarks
8 p.m., Bogarts, Cincinnati. Tickets cost \$15.

Ann Rabson w/ Martijn Schok & Greta Holtrop, Christoph Rois and Ricky Nye
9 p.m., The Southgate House, Newport. Tickets cost \$20.

SUNDAY, Nov. 11

Joe Bonamassa w/ Crosby Loggins
8 p.m., Madison Theater, Covington. Tickets cost \$25 in advance, \$28 at the door.

Paul Thorn w/ Tim Krekel
9 p.m., Headliners, Louisville. Tickets cost \$16.

MONDAY, Nov. 12

The Spill Canvas w/ Meg and Dia, Playradioplay!, Treaty of Paris and Ellison
7 p.m., The Mad Hatter, Covington. Tickets cost \$13 in advance, \$15 at the door.

Casper & the Cookies w/ Pat Fleming
9 p.m., The Dame. Tickets cost \$5.

TUESDAY, Nov. 13

Dropkick Murphys
7:30 p.m., Bogarts, Cincinnati. Tickets cost \$20.

Chevelle
8 p.m., Headliners, Louisville. Tickets cost \$26.

David Bazan (Pedro the Lion frontman) w/ All Smiles

9 p.m., The Southgate House, Newport. Tickets cost \$8 in advance, \$10 at the door.

WEDNESDAY, Nov. 14

MC Chris
9 p.m., Headliners, Louisville. Tickets cost \$13 in advance, \$15 at the door.

Ben Lee
9 p.m., The Southgate House, Newport. Tickets cost \$10 in advance, \$12 at the door.

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MAKE YOUR WEEKEND PLANS

1. Vets go marching on

A parade in commemoration for local veterans will take place Saturday in downtown Lexington at 11 a.m. The parade begins at the Thoroughbred Park on Main Street and ends just beyond Cheapside. For more information, call 281-4877.

2. So you think you can dance?

The top 10 finalists from this summer's hit series "So You Think You Can Dance?" will be performing a move Saturday at Rupp Arena. The finalists will be busting live and slurring their skills with audience members. The show starts at 8 p.m., and tickets cost between \$35 to \$54.50. For more information, call 233-0044 or visit Ticketmaster's Web site for ticket information (www.ticketmaster.com).

3. Grand of beastie

The Lexington Humane Society will be hosting its grandest event of the year Saturday. The Beastie Ball is a red-carpet event; black-tie attire is optional. The event starts at 6 p.m. at the Griffin Gate Marriott Resort. For more information, call the Humane Society at 233-0044 or visit its Web site (www.lexingtonhumane.com).



Buyers look at displays of stuffed toys at the Shanghai Toy Fair, the biggest in China, on Oct. 18.

TIM JOHNSON | MCT

Teddy bears getting a new look as toy plants retool after recalls

By Tim Johnson
McClatchy Newspapers

SHANGHAI, China — Coming soon to a toy store near you: plush teddy bears with altered noses.

Reeling from global recalls, China's toy factories are scrambling to ensure the safety of their products, down to the venerable teddy bear. Most gone are the old-style black vinyl or plastic noses, which contained chemicals. Now, the noses on most stuffed playthings coming out of China's factories in this pre-holiday season are stitched or embroidered.

"Before the recalls, some European companies asked for the embroidered noses, but we ignored them," said Emily Cao, a sales representative for the toy division of the Jiangsu Guotai International Group, a major producer of stuffed playthings.

Few are ignoring safety issues anymore. Toy retailers and manufacturers are hurrying to

contain the fallout from recalls that terrified parents, damaged toy companies and gave Chinese toymakers a black eye. Bad publicity has sobered toy manufacturers, which now strive to show that they've improved quality, even if it means costs will rise.

At the Shanghai Toy Fair, producers eagerly demonstrated design changes. They tugged on seams of stuffed toys to show double stitching and pried at plastic eyes to demonstrate how they wouldn't fly off. Materials such as artificial leather, which can contain noxious chemicals, no longer appear. Sales agents pulled out certificates to prove that paint they used was found free of toxic lead content.

The spate of recalls began in June when 1.5 million Chinese-made Thomas The Tank Engine wooden railway toys were pulled off shelves because of a lead-poisoning hazard. In August, Mattel Inc., the world's biggest toy retailer, recalled 21 million toys, some containing

lead paint. Also recalled were millions of Polly Pockets and Batman action figures with tiny magnets in them that could be harmful if swallowed. Mattel later apologized to China for the trouble the recalls had caused.

The toy industry hurtles along faster than most sectors, reacting to changing consumer tastes with short product cycles. It takes 14 to 15 months between a toy's conception and the time it can arrive on a store shelf. Buyers roaming China now are preparing not for this holiday season, but for Christmas 2008.

"There are about 35,000 toys on the shelves at any given time around the world," said Ian J. Anderson, a veteran toy industry executive who oversees consumer testing of toys for SGS, a Swiss-based company. "About 70 percent of the product changes every year. ... Innovation drives the toy industry."

Anderson said the recalls are forcing factories to conduct

more testing on their products.

Testing companies check for flammability, safety of materials, ingestion risks for small parts and other perils, and they say business is booming.

"Applications for lead testing are at their highest in four years," said Sarah Cui, the senior marketing executive for CMA Testing and Certification Laboratories, a Hong Kong-based company.

But as toymakers pay for additional testing, shun cheaper paints with lead in them and adopt other methods to enhance quality, costs will rise. Expect retail prices to inch up, but not right away, experts say.

"If there is a price increase, it will probably show up in the spring of next year," Riggio said, adding that he doesn't think U.S. consumers will find price increases objectionable. "For the knowledge and comfort that you are getting a safe product ... you're not going to argue over paying an extra dollar."

Classic, funky fashions offered at new vintage boutique

By Margaret Barr
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Calypso is the mythical daughter of Atlas, the name of Jacques Cousteau's famous ship and the title of a John Denver song. It's also the name of a new store in Lexington run by a UK graduate.

UK accounting alumna Ann-Michael McCalister opened Calypso, a women's boutique on East Maxwell Street, on Oct. 13.

"I've always been into fashion, and

I wanted to open a business near downtown that targets college girls and women in their 20s," McCalister said.

McCalister, who graduated from UK in 2004, said fashion has always been important to her. When she found a store for rent in the area, she decided to open her boutique with help from her parents.

"My dad has always told me that if I could come up with a business idea and give it to him, he would back me," McCalister said. "So he paid the first few months' rent and bills to get me

started on 'overhead,' as he called it."

The boutique offers everything from jeans and tops to hand-painted wallets and colorful tights. McCalister said offering a wide selection while keeping prices reasonable is important to her.

"I've realized that for boutiques and specialty stores, there are numerous middlemen involved in the supply chain," she said. "So keeping pieces moderately priced is a real challenge. I've just done my best to only pick items that are relatively inexpensive but

still have good quality."

Vintage boots and jewelry, as well as purses, are Calypso's niche, McCalister said.

McCalister said she finds her vintage pieces through estate sales, thrift shops and any other venue she can find. She said she likes to mainly offer classic pieces to her costumers, but she likes to dress a bit funkier.

"I just like to dress uniquely," McCalister said. "I've always been a thrift shopper and worn clothing that represented other time periods."

McCalister wants the clothing she offers to be timeless.

"I think anything can be timeless," she said. "Just a piece of clothing, jewelry, shoes, hat that could be worn now, 20 years ago, or 20 years from now."

As of now, McCalister is the only employee at Calypso.

"I plan to have one employee eventually and will hire someone that I trust," she said.

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■ KERNEL EDITORIAL

Delay of USP vote good opportunity for student input

The decision last week to take more time for discussion before voting on the proposed changes to the University Studies Program was the right one to make. Students should use the delay as an opportunity to get more involved in revising UK's general education requirements.

The proposal that is currently under discussion represents a radical change in USP requirements and is an attempt to move the focus of UK's general education program to developing critical thinking and emphasizing students' roles as global citizens.

The USP requirements are certainly due for an overhaul, as the current program has been in place for 20 years with only minor revisions. Several committees have studied the program in recent years, and it's encouraging to see that the USP Reform Steering Committee did not shy away from radical changes.

However, sweeping changes to a program that will affect all new students at the university should be studied.

Originally, the committee that created the proposal had hoped for a vote by the University Senate to come as early as December, with implementation starting as early as the Fall 2009 freshman class. However, after a series of faculty forums in late October, the vote was pushed back until at least next semester.

Though the desire to implement changes quickly and not let them become mired in debate is understandable, USP reform warrants a more deliberate pace. We commend the administration for taking faculty concerns into consideration and realizing that more discussion is necessary.

Faculty members, especially those already involved in teaching classes that fulfill the current USP requirements, will undoubtedly discuss the proposal in depth in the coming months.

Ultimately, the proposed changes are meant to benefit students, who should be taking an active role in the reform process.

Ultimately, though, the changes are meant to benefit students, and students should be taking an active role in the reform process. While no one who is currently enrolled at UK will have to complete the new requirements, current

students are in a position to comment on the benefits and shortcomings of USP in a way that faculty members cannot.

With the University Senate's vote delayed, students have more time to make their voices a part of the discussion. We encourage all students, whether they're seniors who have had time to reflect on their undergraduate experience or freshmen who are still in the middle of USP courses, to do just that.

More information about the changes and a copy of the reform committee's proposal are available on the UK's Web site on general education (<http://www.uky.edu/GenEd/>).

■ LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Campus parking burdensome for students

A couple of weeks ago I left the W.T. Young Library to discover a boot had been placed on my car. I was not parked illegally, as any person is allowed to park there, permit or not.

There is an hourly charge that one must pay before exiting the lot. After having been in the library a mere 10 minutes, I walked toward my car and saw a Parking and Transportation Services vehicle behind it. I asked the woman in the green and yellow truck why I was being towed, and she responded that I had overdue citations. In order for the boot to be removed from my car I had to immediately pay a fine of over \$120.

I am not simply someone who is angry for having to pay for parking citations. I was clearly in the wrong when I had parked illegally in the past. I am someone, though, who believes revisions need to be made within PTS in order to better serve the community. Currently, I am an independent student attending UK. I am 24 years old and struggling to make it through school without any financial help from my parents. I work nights as a server

to pay my bills, and I am lucky if I have enough money for food with gas prices the way they are now.

I receive student loans, but I still cannot afford to get a parking permit at the beginning of each semester. Having one, it seems, is a luxury. Tuition is always on the rise, and it is ridiculous that a student must pay more than \$200 extra to simply be able to park on campus.

There is already a shortage of parking near campus, and this is frightening for female students like myself who have evening classes. I refuse to walk two miles across campus in order to avoid a citation, especially when it is for my own safety.

What is more important to UK, receiving money for parking citations or the well-being of students? The PTS is not serving the community, but rather is there to simply give out tickets.

And I thought UK was supposed to be a university that caters to its students.

Sandy Dee Martin
English sophomores

Judge Gillispie on coaching, not clothing

With a bit of astonishment and some amusement, I recently read a comment in the Kernel's sports section concerning the attire of men's basketball head coach Billy Gillispie. It seems some folks were upset that for one game he chose to wear a yellow tie and charcoal suit on the sidelines as opposed to "being blue."

We should not care if he wears a

purple coat, chartreuse slacks and a paisley tie as long as he wins games. I am a diehard Wildcat supporter, but this criticism of the new coach is ridiculous. We are supposed to be basketball fans, not the fashion police.

Roy Lee Lawrence Jr.
Journalism alumnus, class of 1988

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With state elections finished, prepare for the long presidential run

Politics is a never-ending cycle: Just when you think that you can sit back after Election Day and reflect on



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Kernel Columnist

the success or the loss, another year comes, and another slew of candidates come crawling out of the shadows. The 2007 election is over, and while it will be wonderful not to be pummeled by automated phone calls and canvassers, or

not worrying about the polls, I know that it will be a short-lived pleasure. Because as soon as the dust clears and governor-elect Steve Beshear takes office, larger campaigns will begin their endless journey into our living rooms.

The presidential primaries begin in only a few months, which is baffling to think of when you consider there is an entire year to go until we elect the next president. The Iowa caucuses are scheduled for Jan. 3, and at least 20 states will hold primaries Feb. 5.

Presidential campaigning will be slim to none in Kentucky though, thanks to the fact that our primary falls in May, followed only by Oregon, Montana and South Dakota. Idaho and New Mexico have their Republican primaries after Kentucky; their Democratic primaries are earlier. So you can see that while Kentucky

may not receive the full force of the 2008 political storm, many others will.

Kentucky does have a senatorial seat up for election in 2008 — one that is currently held by U.S. Sen. Mitch McConnell, a Republican. It seems McConnell isn't going to waste any time with his campaign: His campaign has already purchased ad time during UK basketball games, a WKYT blogger reported Oct. 26.

Because McConnell has so much power in Congress, you can almost bet that this will be a long, drawn-out and possibly messy race.

As I sit and write this, I'm tired of elections. Being a political science major and being active in the world of politics, I understand the importance of politics and know what needs to be done.

That said, however, I empathize with those who are apathetic or even those who care but just don't center their lives on the latest poll numbers or the most recent debate. It's something that dominates our culture now and will only worsen with time.

After all, the 2008 presidential race started almost two years before Election Day.

It seems hard to imagine that anyone in a political office could get actual work done if he or she is spending massive amounts of time trying to get back into office. With the media constructed how it is currently, every election an official votes for or does is recorded and can come back to haunt him or her. It's impossible for a politi-

cian to do something unpopular and not have a struggle when it's time to run again.

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In the 2004 election, Social Security was a major issue, and now it seems that it's been pushed to the side, apparently unimportant. Because no one was willing to do anything dramatic to shake things up, nothing is being done at all. No one was willing to do anything radical because they knew that, come November, they would pay.

Spending time in politics can make anyone cynical. Then again, reading anything about politics can make a person distrust the system. But this is how our country functions — and how it will continue to function.

Enjoy the aftermath of election 2007, and brace yourself for a long 2008.

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Innovative teaching methods can help solve classroom language barriers

A diverse faculty and student body are crucial aspects of any first-rate university. Diversity not only provides a multicultural environment in which to learn; it encourages and nurtures a tolerant atmosphere as well.

However, diversity will always present its challenges. For instance, some professors who speak English as a second language can seem quite hard to understand in the classroom.

"I had an international professor, and I literally could not understand her through her accent," said Heather Norbuccit, a hospitality management and tourism major at UK. "It was frustrating and I wound up having to drop that class and take it this year."

Obviously, one's accent has no bearing whatsoever on one's intellectual achievements. Nonetheless, it can present problems for the untrained ear.

While there are no quick fixes for such complicated matters, small measures can be taken to alleviate the confusion caused by language barriers. Clearly, the answer does not lie in limiting diversity within schools.

University of Louisville student Hannah Gill put it this way: "Honestly, it's good practice for the real world, because no one is guaranteed strict communication with people

from a similar culture. And even if we were, who would want that?"

Luckily, there are methods available to ease the culture shock of experiencing a new accent.

Alyson Barnes, a chemistry and biology major at U of L, said teaching assistants can help out with this type of situation. She suggests that teaching assistants draft, edit and distribute copies of the class notes.

"Less confusion would result from straight-forward notes," Barnes said. "Plus, students would be able to relax knowing that they will be provided with a general outline of the upcoming lectures."

Mofakkhar Rahman, a Bangladeshi professor at Howard University in Washington, understands the accent dilemma. He distributes comprehensive study guides before every exam, allowing students to learn from the textbook or an online resource, rather than relying solely on his lectures, according to a Nov. 9, 2005, article in The Hilltop, Howard's student newspaper.

Rahman's students consider him a good professor because "he makes sure that he can answer any question a student would have for him," the article said.

Communication among students, professors and the teaching assistants will hopefully bring about some clarity.

It is unfair to hinder someone's education because he or she cannot understand a professor. But at the same time, it is both unfair and harm-

ful to a university to limit diversity on campuses.

In March 2006, Bud Heidergen,

Communication problems should not hinder the quality of education, but they should not be a reason to limit diversity on university campuses.

A Republican state representative in Minnesota, proposed a bill that would require a stricter hiring process for international professors.

Could this set the stage for discrimination? According to the bill, each professor would have to complete an oral interview before being hired. Furthermore, it states that if 10 percent of a professor's students complain about him or her, the faculty member would be reassigned to a non-teaching position.

How many disgruntled students does it take to equal 10 percent?

"I think foreign professors aren't really hard to understand, but hard to get used to," Gill said.

This seems to sum up the general consensus of the students. Understanding can be facilitated with a little effort and the use of some refined resources.

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Cats should never judge book by cover

Aaron Linn is the best player on Gardner-Webb University's basketball team. He averages a team leading 18.6 points per game, and he scored 15 last night against UK.



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You know where Linn perfected those moves? The Johnson Center. Every person who's ever played ball at the Johnson Center knows who Linn is. You've seen him plenty of times.

He's the dude at the JC with the funny shot, the funny socks. But by the end of the game, he's dropped 11 of his team's 15 points on your team because you thought it would be smart to make your team's third-best player guard him.

That's not exactly the case. But the moral of the story is this: Don't judge a book by its cover. Or a Gardner-Webb Runnin' Bulldog by the release and spin of his jump shot.

That's what the Cats did, and it cost them. Gardner-Webb went into Rupp Arena and beat the Cats 84-68 for its first win against either a Southeastern Confer-

ence team or a top-25 team. After suffering such an embarrassing defeat, the Cats should do two things: Watch the tape, and then watch it again. Because UK could learn a lot from Gardner-Webb.

First off, the Cats could learn a lesson in getting off to a good start. Gardner-Webb jumped out to a 14-0 lead on the Cats. During that stretch, UK turned the ball over four times, and the Runnin' Bulldogs hit two 3-point baskets.

They could also learn a lesson in fighting through adversity. Granted, the Cats battled back from a huge early hole to make it 34-27. But guess who scored the next seven points? Gardner-Webb, two coming from Linn on a 10-foot fade away baseline jumper as the halftime buzzer went off.

After that, the Runnin' Bulldogs' lead fluctuated the entire night, but every time the Rupp Arena crowd got loud, Gardner-Webb quieted it with a big play on offense or a big rebound on defense.

UK could also learn a lesson or two in toughness. Midway through the first half, UK sophomore forward Perry Stevenson gave Gardner-Webb's Nate Blank a bloody nose with an elbow to the face.

Blank fell to the floor, but soon recovered why he came to UK with a reputation as a jump-shooter.

Legion made his first three shot attempts, all 3-pointers, and made two steals, pulling the Cats within 55-42 at the 11:40 mark. The freshman finished with a career-high 13 points.

UK then cut it to 55-46 with 4 straight points by senior guard Ramel Bradley, but a 3-point play by Flittner — he made a lay-in, was fouled and made the ensuing free throw — pushed

the Gardner-Webb lead to 12. The Cats wouldn't make another shot.

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Nevada were no longer a reality for the Cats. Bradley led all scorers with 24 points. The UK senior made all 14 of his free-throw attempts. Gillispie had complained about UK's early start to the season, saying his Cats needed more time to practice. Now he has it — the Cats won't return to the court until Nov. 21, when they take on Liberty at Rupp Arena.

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They didn't want the Cats anyway. They don't play enough like Gardner-Webb.

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BASKETBALL

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of the UK rally.

Junior guard Aaron Linn poured in 6 of the Bulldogs' final 8 first-half points, including a fade-away at the buzzer that pushed the lead to 38-27 at the half.

In the second half, it was freshman guard Alex Legion

proved why he came to UK with a reputation as a jump-shooter.

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PARKING

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for the construction of the new hospital.

Clark said the completion of the garage is critical to the construction of the hospital, which is being built in two phases.

"Right now we're really hustling to get done (with the parking garage)," he said. "It is the footprint of the patient care facility."

Once the hospital is complete — with patient-care units, a new emergency department and new operating rooms — an elevated pedestrian walkway across South Limestone Street will connect the new parking structure to the hospital lobby. Until then, a shuttle service will run between the garage, Kentucky Clinic and the hospital.

Phase one of the hospital construction should be completed by 2011 and phase two by 2018, Clark said. Decisions about whether the old hospital will remain standing will be made closer to those dates, he said.

Another major construction project on campus is the new student health facility, which will feature student clinic spaces, a pharmacy, a conference room and department administrative offices. Construction of the facility should be completed by the end of April, and the building will be ready to use by the summer, Clark said.

The new College of Pharmacy building, once completed in December 2009, will be the largest pharmacy education building in the world.

UK also plans to replace central steam and condensate piping systems by mid-November, said Bob Wiseman, UK's vice president for facilities management.

BLOG

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"We try to make at least two updates per day," he said. "If one of us sees an interesting case, then we simply document it on our Web site."

McBride said he wants to continue the blog not for his own fame, but as a source of information to anyone who wants to learn about pathology.

McBride said he will be satisfied whether his site gains more recognition or simply remains a local student reference.

"The site is still in its infancy," he said. "Until we get more writers and more time to devote to the site, I see it staying the same."

SG

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The other committee formed last night would be responsible for planning the next Southeastern Conference Exchange, which UK will be hosting. The planning committee will work to create an agenda for the event, a three-day conference of student government members from universities in the Southeast.

Four SG members attended the SEC Exchange at the University of Mississippi in the last weekend of October. The Senate unanimously passed a resolution thanking Ole Miss for hosting the program. Sen. Jackie Colgate sponsored the resolution and said the program was a great experience.

"It was a really unique opportunity," Colgate said. "About six or seven other SGs were there exchanging ideas and talking about the way things work."

Another piece of legislation on the agenda was an act confirming Beau Baustien as the SG attorney general. Baustien, a first-year law student, was unanimously confirmed for the position.

The Senate passed a Senate special project granting \$861,200 to the UK Student Nurses' Association. The project will pay for representatives from the association to attend a conference in Kansas City, Mo.

Sen. Jacob Adams sponsored the project and said the conference was a "helpful tool" to assist the group's members in advancing in their field.

NEWS BRIEF

Nursing school raises enrollment

Incoming undergraduate enrollment doubled in the College of Nursing for the 2007-08 school year, increasing the total to 480 students in the program compared to 352 last year.

The college is now accepting 80 students per semester compared to 40 in the past, said College of Nursing Dean Jane Kirschling.

The college had been

turning away qualified students for the program because of an enrollment cap, Kirschling said. The college decided to raise that cap to respond to a national shortage of nurses across the United States.

To cope with the additional students, the college has hired 10 new faculty members and expects to add five more, she said.

SPORTS BRIEF

Women's soccer out of tourney

The top-seeded Florida Gators defeated the UK women's soccer team 4-0 in the first round of the SEC Tournament in Orange Beach, Ala., yesterday.

The Cats were trying to defend their conference title, which they won by knocking off the Gators in the SEC championship game last year. But UK was unable to score against No. 22 Florida, which

closed the regular season with eight shutouts during a school-record nine-game winning streak.

After losing their first six SEC games, the Cats won four of their final six contests to earn the eighth and final seed in the tournament. By making its 15th consecutive appearance in the field, UK became the only team to make every SEC Tournament since its inception in 1993.

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