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## Revision of Party Plan now likely

By Cara Blevis  
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The current Lexington Area Party Plan may be nearing the end of its celebration.

The Town and Gown Commission met yesterday to discuss the plan and decided to review it before its next meeting, with the goal of making changes to the city ordinance.

After an hour-long and often

heated discussion, commission members were handed copies of the ordinance and will add their own revisions and discuss them at the next meeting. Regardless of personal feelings, everyone in attendance agreed that notification of the Party Plan needed revision.

"We will take your suggestions on what you wanted changed and next meeting form a model of what we need to do," said Ken Cleveland, UK's director of public safety, who is also involved with the Town and Gown Commission.

The Party Plan, which has been in effect since 2001, is intended to curb out-of-control parties.

"A party is not illegal," Cleveland said. "But the disturbance is."

Copies of the ordinance were passed out for people at the meeting and commission members will return next week with suggested revisions in mind.

One of the major issues brought up was notification about which properties had been cited for violating the ordinance.

"I didn't know I had a strike on one of my properties," said Craig Hardin, a Lexington area landlord. "I had to file an open records request to find out about the calls on the specific property."

Hardin said he feels that while a landlord has a personal responsibility, he can't be the police because it

should be expected that a resident will obey the law. He also suggested imposing stiffer fines on violators as a way to combat the lack of gravity sometimes associated with the Party Plan.

Janice Gilbert, UK alumna and resident in the Tates Creek neighborhood, expressed concern about the growing number of college students becoming her neighbors.

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### WORKFORCE DIVERSITY DAY



Members of a diversity forum in the workplace prepared to speak at Workforce Diversity Day yesterday at the James Stuckert Career Center. UK's first Workforce Diversity Day met with success from administrators, students, prospective employers and organizers.

## Diversity goes to work

Students, employers and organizers praise first Workforce Diversity Day

By Jenisha Watts  
THE KENTUCKY KERNEL

The first Workforce Diversity Day in UK history was held yesterday at the James W. Stuckert Career Center on Rose Street, with employers, students and organizers calling it a success.

"It's been a need, because employers ask how do they recruit multicultural students and minority students and alumni," said Sue H. Strup, director of experiential education and career services.

The admission for UK students, alumni and faculty was free with advance registration and admission for employers was \$25 per company. Strup said this was perfect for diversity because it relates to part of Presi-

dent Lee Todd's initiative on diversity. She said the university also paid to be part of a national "webinar" - a live, over-the-Internet seminar - led by Steve Pollock, president of Wetfeet Inc., a national job recruitment company.

"Employers want to hire a diverse workforce that brings in (different) races and genders," said Strup. "We're bringing employers to meet our students."

Some administrators at UK were moved by the similarities between workforce diversity issues and UK's diversity issues.

"I sat through the webinar and I was really shocked with how similar issues employers face and the issues the university face with respect to diver-

sity," said Phil Kraemer, associate provost for undergraduate education.

Kraemer said that given the chance to think about the two issues, he realizes he shouldn't be so surprised.

"When you do think about it, it's a social-cultural issue, pretty broad and deep," he said.

Kraemer said he also feels diversity on campus is a good thing on both sides of the spectrum.

"I think for education, diversity provides ... academic capital," he said. "It allows universities to produce social capital."

Students said the university's recent attention to diversity is well deserved.

"Diversity is becoming a major issue in the United States be-

cause of recent events that have occurred," said Clinton Carter, an agricultural economics senior. "Concerning different ethnicities, it's come in the lime-light now."

"If you don't hire diversity you will run into hiring people that have the same ideas and views on things with diversity," said Mike Hammond, a group recruiter for Enterprise Rent-A-Car. "You have to diversify with fresh ideas and fresh perspectives."

Carter also explained how he felt the career center is managed with students' best interests in mind.

"It helps getting in touch with people that I have been trying to get an internship with,"

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## Officials awaiting final word on budget

Governor's budget proposal draws mixed reactions from UK leaders

By Darush Shafa  
THE KENTUCKY KERNEL

Several UK administrators find themselves playing the waiting game again, this time waiting on the Kentucky General Assembly's decision on whether or not to pass Gov. Ernie Fletcher's budget.

Fletcher, who spoke Tuesday night, gave good news to some UK administrators with his move to fund two capital projects - the medical center bed tower and a bio-pharmacy complex. Other officials didn't get that same good news because Fletcher's budget did not provide UK with requested funds to support the Top 20 Business Plan.

But the budget still must make it through the state legislature before it becomes reality.

"This is not a done deal," said Kenneth Roberts, dean of the College of Pharmacy.

Fletcher's budget favors UK in capital projects, with \$76 million going to the bio-pharmacy complex and \$130 million going to fund the new bed tower addition to the medical center. But the plan will fall short of the \$14 million recommended by the Council on Postsecondary Education and even shorter of the original \$18 million UK requested.

But UK administrators say they aren't giving up.

"This is just the beginning of the process," said Angie Martin, vice president for planning, budget and policy. "We are going to continue to press our needs."

Martin said the main thrust of their argument to the legislature will be the demands placed upon UK by House Bill 1 of 1987, which mandates that UK become a top-20 research institution by the year 2020. The fiscal needs for this were laid out by President Lee Todd in December with his Top 20 Business Plan.

"We have laid out the resources we need in our Top 20 Business Plan to improve the lives of Kentuckians, and we need to start implementing the plan next year, the fiscal year of '07," Martin said. "In our plan we've tried to lay out not only the investment needed, but also the reward."

Martin also said UK will move ahead for the time being and is sticking to the plan, which if successful would double the number of degrees UK awards by 2020. Doubling the number of degrees awarded is expected to positively influence the state's economy, among other things.

"We're going to stay the course on the Top 20 Business Plan," Martin said. "Our budget next year will reflect the investment needed to move us forward."

Meanwhile, Roberts and Michael Karpf, executive vice president for health affairs, are glad their projects are being supported.

According to Roberts, last year between 70 to 80 pharmacists from out of state took jobs in Kentucky, while his college had to turn down 300 in-state students because of lack of space.

"Isn't it a shame? Those could have been Kentucky's boys and girls," Roberts said of the jobs. "It's not because we don't want to (admit them) but because we haven't had the

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## New technology helps doctors look inside

By Shannon Mason  
THE KENTUCKY KERNEL

Sometimes being able to see through the human body is an asset, and UK physicians now have a new tool which can do just that.

The UK Chandler Medical Center hosted an open house last Friday for the arrival of the university's first Positron Emission Tomography/Computed Tomography scanner.

"It was the third Friday on site, but last Friday was the official kickoff," said Sheryl Aber-

crombie, service director of diagnostic radiology.

The scanner uses two different scanning techniques, much like an X-ray does, to look inside a patient and try to find abnormalities. The combination of a PET scan and a CT scan is efficient at detecting some types of cancer that are too subtle to be detected otherwise, Abercrombie said.

Abercrombie said the PET/CT scan has also been successful in detecting Alzheimer's

disease, but is most notable in detecting cancer or the recurrence of cancer.

Abercrombie compared a CT scan to slicing a tomato. When a tomato is sliced, all of its parts are exposed. Abercrombie said a CT scan allows doctors to see a patient's cross-sectional anatomy and to see the internal organs in detail.

For a PET scan, Abercrombie said patients are given a glucose-based isotope that is absorbed by pathologies, or tumors.

"It's a great product that is absorbed by cancer cells," Abercrombie said. "It's almost a fuel for cancer cells; it takes up in them quickly."

The pathologies that have absorbed the isotope show up in the PET scan and appear to be brighter than normal tissue in the image.

Abercrombie said the combination of the PET and CT scans allows doctors to identify a pathology (from the PET scan) and see a frame of refer-

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## Party

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"There are many students whose parents buy them a house in my neighborhood and I've seen parking problems and an increase in trash throughout the neighborhood," said Gilbert.

But Councilmember Richard Moloney, who represents the 11th District, wanted to reiterate that the Party Plan is not centralized around UK.

"I want everyone to know that this is

just not about UK," Moloney said. "Many of my constituents are Hispanic and they also fall under the Party Plan's jurisdiction."

Some students were also on hand and voiced their opinions.

UK student Keith Brooks felt seeing the party plan in writing might give more students incentive to follow it closely.

"Why not have a copy of the ordinance with the lease?" Brooks asked. "Then students could see what it says and how it correlates with their lease."

Dick DeCamp, councilmember of the 3rd District, represents the neighborhoods bordering UK and said he's seen a transfor-

mation since the Party Plan was implemented for himself and his constituents, making it largely a success in his mind and in the minds of others.

"I've lived with students in my neighborhood and they are welcome as long as they don't disturb others," DeCamp said. "Parties are assemblies, which are a right that everyone has as long as they don't break the law. If students are being smart about it then the Party Plan has been a success."

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room to do the job."

The new bio-pharmacy complex will mean an increased capacity for pharmacy students, with enough room for an annual class size of between 180 and 200, Roberts said.

"The benefit to the university is that it's in a much better position to serve the entire state of Kentucky because we are the only college of pharmacy in the state," Roberts said. "It will also increase our capacity for research capabilities."

The medical center's bed tower also got support, with \$130 million out of the requested \$150 million to the capital project.

"We're pleased that we're most of the way there," Karpf said, adding he's still

hoping for 100 percent of the requested funds.

"Getting a first-class medical facility will help the university not only clinically but (also) with research," he said.

Karpf's attitude in the wake of Fletcher's budget speech is one that several of UK's administrators have or are trying to have.

"I'm optimistic," he said.

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## Scanner

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ence (from the CT scan).

Abercrombie said UK's medical center has needed the scanner for some time. Previous patients who needed a PET scan had to travel off campus. The new scanner is provided by Diagnostic Radiology Systems Inc. and is available at the medical center on Fridays from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Abercrombie said this is an interim step for the university, as it is in the midst of getting a permanent PET/CT

scanner. PET/CT scanners cost "a couple million dollars," Abercrombie said.

She said a tractor-trailer from DRS comes to the hospital on Thursday nights to set up the unit and get it connected with the hospital's infrastructure.

"And then the patients come in on Friday morning," she said.

Abercrombie said a PET/CT scan takes about 90 minutes. The patient is given the glucose-based isotope and is asked to sit quietly in a room for about an hour, she said. This allows the patient to have time to relax and gives the material time to move through the body.

"It gives it time to be where it needs to be," Abercrombie said.

She said the imaging part of the procedure takes about 30 minutes and the cost of the PET/CT scan can range from \$3,000 to \$4,000.

Abercrombie said 11 patients have been screened for the scan, but only five of those have had it done. The others have either found out that the scan would not be as helpful to them or their insurance companies would not cover the cost, and they have opted not to have the procedure done, Abercrombie said.

Abercrombie advises those who think they may need a PET/CT scan to confer with their primary care physician to see if the scan is right for them.

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## Diversity

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he said. "Now they have a face to attach with my resume."

Companies were just as enthusiastic for the opportunity to come out and meet the students.

"I value the importance of this type of event," said Rhonda Jackson, a UK alumna and Enterprise Rent-A-Car hu-

man resources supervisor. "I feel it's very innovative idea to allow employers, students and UK staff to gather to help advance the future of our workforce."

Another company in attendance was the public accounting firm Deloitte & Touche, which has recruited with UK for more than 20 years, Strup said.

"We look for the best talent regardless of who you are or where you come from," said Perry Wiggins, a guest speaker from Deloitte & Touche. "Diversity is important because you want the best people to work for you. The best comes in different races, different genders and dif-

ferent states."

"You want to be able to pool from all those pools of talent, not just white and male," Wiggins said. "If you're the best, we are going to get you."

The workforce is also changing. "Fifty years ago the face of the workforce was totally different than it is today, and 50 years from now it will be totally different than it is today," Jackson said. "Therefore companies that want to be successful must be flexible with the changing times."

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## UNIVERSITY OF KENTUCKY CRIME REPORT

UK Police reports from Jan. 10 to Jan. 17

- Jan. 10: Alcohol intoxication reported at WI. Young Library after the subject verbally and physically assaulted a library guard at 2:19 p.m.
- Jan. 10: Theft from auto reported to the police station at 4:24 p.m.
- Jan. 10: Suspicious male reported following women around the Business and Economics building and ran across the street when he saw security at 6:30 p.m.
- Jan. 11: Suspicious person reported looking into windows at Wildcat Lodge at 10:52 p.m.
- Jan. 12: Subjects soliciting with a petition reported refusing to leave Kentucky Clinic at 4:03 p.m.
- Jan. 12: Theft from auto reported at LCC south campus on Regency Road at 5:11 p.m.
- Jan. 12: Keeneland Hall resident reported his roommate had marijuana at 7:14 p.m.
- Jan. 13: Marijuana use reported at Haagin Hall at 1:58 p.m.
- Jan. 13: Domestic dispute reported at 424 Avelsford Drive at 2:23 a.m.
- Jan. 13: Theft from auto reported at R6 parking lot behind Wildcat Lodge at 9:53 p.m.
- Jan. 13: Suspicious person reported sitting in his vehicle behind a dumpster on East Maxwell Street at 9:43 p.m.
- Jan. 14: Marijuana usage reported at Blanding II at 10:37 p.m.
- Jan. 15: Criminal mischief reported at Reynolds Building after damage was done to a door in the basement at 3:58 p.m.
- Jan. 15: Theft of a coat containing a wallet and cell phone reported at the Johnson Center at 8:26 p.m.
- Jan. 15: Drugs reported in possession of a patient in a bed in trauma in the UK Chandler Medical Center at 9:58 p.m.
- Jan. 15: Marijuana usage reported at Greg Page Apartments at 9:57 p.m.
- Jan. 16: Burglary reported at Reynolds Building at 8:25 a.m.
- Jan. 17: Theft from auto reported at the UK Chandler Medical Center at 7:43 p.m.
- Jan. 17: Theft of electronic equipment reported at Patterson Office Tower at 8:59 a.m.
- Jan. 17: Marijuana usage reported at Greg Page Apartments at 10:05 a.m.

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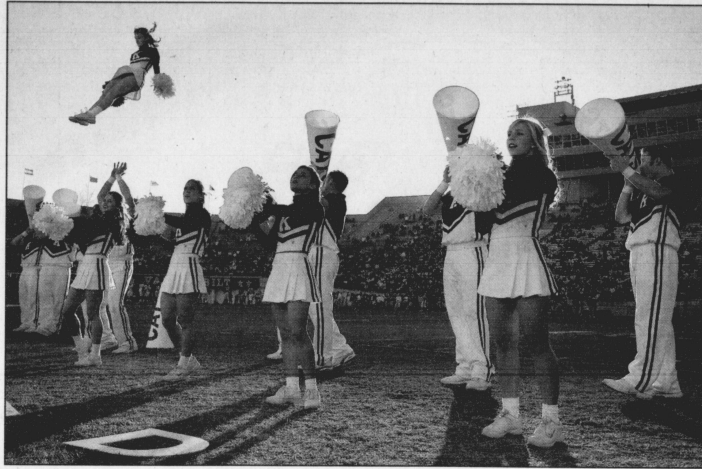
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## Dynasty continues dominance



UK cheerleaders perform on the sidelines during a UK football game against Vanderbilt on Nov. 12 in Nashville, Tenn. The team won its 15th Universal Cheer Association National Championship—its third in a row and 11th in the past 12 years—last weekend in Orlando, Fla.

By Eric Lindsey  
THE KENTUCKY KERNEL

One word seems to best describe the recent success of the UK cheerleading team: Domination. For a record-setting 15th time, UK's cheerleaders won the Universal Cheer Association National Championship Sunday at Disney's Wide World of Sports in Orlando, Fla. It's their third title in a row and the 11th in 12 years. "It never gets old," said head coach Jomo Thompson. "Every year we start the process new. We recruit (and) we train and set forth on our goal which, of course, is to win another national championship."

That goal has become a yearly expectation for junior Kelly Dupree, who said winning has become addictive for her.

"I think winning is the reason we all came here," Dupree said. "We expect to win year in and year out and so far we've continued to do that."

The secrets to the Cats' unmatched success since 1985 are recruiting and a tradition of excellence, Thompson said. "Before I was even at Kentucky, we had a great tradition of winning," he said. "The backbone that we stand on is that tradition, and with that, we get the best-of-the-best recruits to come here and prove themselves."

Thompson's recruiting is a big reason why the Cats continue to rake in national titles year after year. Thompson said he looks for recruits who are not only gifted athletically, but who also

are active in the community since only a portion of the time is spent preparing for the national competition.

"That's what a lot of people don't realize is how much our team does," Thompson said. "Not only do we prepare for the competition, but we also cheer at most of the events, like basketball and football and volleyball and more."

Those recruits had to prove themselves more than ever in a season that was riddled with injuries. After suffering no major injuries last year, the Cats had to overcome many this season, forcing the team to compete with seven cheerleaders without experience at an elite level.

Despite the bad string of luck, the Cats were still able to pull through in a year

that Thompson calls one of his most special.

"We just refuse to settle for anything short of the best," Thompson said. "I think that's what makes us so special is that when we do fall short, we pick ourselves up and work even harder and come back better the next year. We just refuse to give in to pressure."

The Cats' success comes as no surprise to the team because of the talent level and depth they enjoy.

Dupree said they look at the national competition as a battle against themselves rather than a contest against all other squads.

"We're not trying to be cocky," Dupree said. "But we just know we're the best."

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## SPORTS BRIEFS

### Hayes signed by Houston Rockets

The NBA's Houston Rockets signed former UK standout forward Chuck Hayes to a 10-day contract yesterday. Hayes, the captain of the 2004-05 Cats, originally signed with Houston as a rookie free agent on Oct. 3, and was released on Oct. 25.

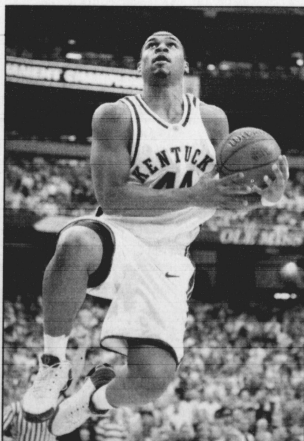
Hayes had averaged nearly 12 points and 12 rebounds per game this season for the Albuquerque Thunderbirds of the NBA Development League.

Hayes started 110 consecutive games in his career at UK and was named consensus first team all-SEC and league Defensive Player of the Year last season.

Hayes finished his collegiate career at Kentucky ranked 35th in scoring (1,211 points), seventh in rebounding (910), ninth in blocks (128), eighth in steals (170), and 16th in assists (292) in school history.

He led UK to three Sweet 16 finishes and two NCAA Elite Eights.

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Former UK forward Chuck Hayes goes for a layup during the SEC Tournament Championship game last year in Atlanta, Ga.

## Cats adjust to new role as favorites

By Chris DeLottell  
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On the heels of a four-game winning streak and the program's first Southeastern Conference road win in nearly two years, the UK Women's basketball team has new theme entering tonight's game against Auburn at 7 at Rupp Arena.

"Fear no one, but respect everyone," sophomore center Sarah Elliott said, as the team stressed the need to avoid overconfidence after back-to-back road wins at No. 25 Florida and Georgia Tech.

Third-year head coach Mickie DeMoss, who has led the Cats (13-3, 2-1 Southeastern Conference) knocking on the door of the top 25, is guarding her players against the problems presented by the team's recent success.

"If they get big heads now, I don't get it," she said. "I've had a lot of teams that had trouble handling success more than they did handling losing because they just don't know how to handle it. We've just got to keep doing what we've been doing well."

One thing the Cats have been doing well has been rebounding. UK has out-rebounded its opponents in five consecutive games. Forwards Jennifer Humphrey and Eleia Roddy dominated the boards last week, pulling down 19 and 14, respectively, against Florida. Roddy added 10 points, recording the third double-double of her career.

"Eleia does a nice job for this team," DeMoss said after the Florida win. "She was able to catch and finish in some post moves. She was awesome on the glass. She had the attitude that 'this is my rebound get out of the way.' A lot of her points were from put

backs and finishing around the basket really well."

Humphrey, Roddy and Elliott may play a big role tonight for the Cats, as Auburn (9-8, 0-4 SEC) is strong in the post. The Tigers are paced by the SEC blocks leader, Marita Payne, who averages nearly four rejections per game, and freshman forward DeWanna Bonner, who leads the team with almost 13 points per game.

"[Payne's] timing is really good on her shot blocking," DeMoss said. "She has good size, and we are certainly going to have to be mindful of turning and shooting right into her. We're going to have to protect our shots and go up strong."

With Auburn in the midst of a four-game losing streak, it would be easy for the Cats to take the Tigers lightly. The players swore that would not be the case.

"No matter who we play, we've got to go out there and do our best," Elliott said. "We have a gameplan and we have to execute it and come out with a win. If we don't respect [Auburn], we won't get a win."

DeMoss noted that there is somewhat of a new attitude on this team that was not present in the past two years. "There's a little different air about them," she said. "There's a sense of pride that we're doing something. But there's such a fine line with that not affecting your ego in any way."

Elliott noted that she and her teammates are prepared to walk that line.

"We feel like we can accomplish things," she said. "We have to stay focused on what's important. We can't let confidence and ego get in the way of that."

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IN OUR OPINION

## Thanks (again) for nothing, Ernie

Just before the Cats ended their losing skid on the court, Gov. Ernie Fletcher presented his budget recommendation to the Kentucky General Assembly on Tuesday night. His proposal meant another streak likely would continue — the fourth straight year with a double-digit tuition increase for UK students.

In his speech, Fletcher proposed continued funding for two of UK's biggest capital projects, \$75 million going to the new bio-pharmacy building and \$130 million to the new hospital patient bed tower.

His proposal for funding for UK and the rest of Kentucky's colleges, however, fell far short of what President Lee Todd and the state's Council on Postsecondary Education asked for.

And that could be a pain in the pocketbook for UK students.

Fletcher committed \$50 million in general funds to Kentucky's colleges over the next two years — UK would see \$11 million, far less than what UK's Top 20 Business Plan called for.

The plan says that if UK were to stay on pace for top-20 status, the school needed \$18 million in additional funding to keep a tuition increase to nine percent.

"Frankly, this is an area where I would like to do more," Fletcher said.

When running for governor, Fletcher said he would do more for higher education in Kentucky. He hasn't, and if this budget passes, it means he won't be doing anything anytime soon.

The Kernel endorsed Fletcher in part because of his promises to cut waste and funnel the savings back into higher education; he has not done that.

Thanks to Kentucky's mandate

that UK become a top-20 university by 2020, the burden of additional funding will fall on UK students — unless Kentucky legislators can fight for more money for higher education.

"If we can't get a better budget, it's going to be very disheartening," said State Sen. Ernesto Scorsone. "We just have to do better."

In Kentucky, there are always tough choices when it comes to crafting a budget. This state just cannot have it all. It can't have low taxes, cheap tuition and a top-20 public research university. That just doesn't add up.

If Fletcher and Kentucky lawmakers don't fund higher education, especially UK, they cannot expect such dramatic results to happen magically.

With its new business plan, UK is serious about moving forward. Now, the path looks a little steeper — definitely for UK students. They'll be the ones signing the checks to pay for improvements.

We believe becoming a top-20 university is worth the investment up to a point. But merely wanting it won't make it happen — major funding is necessary. Fletcher and the legislature can't possibly expect UK to adhere to House Bill 1 of 1997, which mandated UK to become a top-20 school by 2020, if they're unwilling to fund the university as set out by its recent business plan.

Fletcher's proposal continues to defy his campaign promises of funding higher education, so students should not forget him if (more like when) their tuition goes up.

At least we can enjoy that new downtown arena in Louisville that Fletcher wants to give \$75 million, if we can afford the trip.

Since Gov. Fletcher has decided to underfund UK's top-20 goal, higher tuition will be paying for it instead

## Hang up on false telemarketing rumors

Around the end of January for the past few years, a rumor has floated around e-mail accounts and college campuses concerning the release of personal cell phone numbers to telemarketing agencies.

If you've heard the rumor this year, don't trip over anything getting logged into the national Do Not Call list. The legend comes around this time of year because Jan. 31 is usually documented in the panic-inducing e-mails as the last day to register with the Do Not Call list.

It's a fabrication. What is true, however, is the upcoming national cell phone 411 directory service. Alltel, AT&T Wireless, Cingular, Nextel, Sprint PCS and T-Mobile have joined together with QSent, Inc. to produce the directory. It would be only on an opt-

in basis; if a customer wants to be added to the service, he or she would have to specifically consent. Those who don't want to be added should just do nothing.

As of press time, Verizon Wireless, U.S. Cellular Corporation, Sprint Corp. and Alltel Corp. have said they are not going to participate in the service.

The list will not be sold to telemarketers or printed in any tangible form. It will be available in a 411 service, like calling information now. It's also not scheduled to be available to anyone until later this year.

It is a law that companies using auto-dialing services, which most telemarketers do, are not allowed to call wireless numbers.

Don't be fooled.

## Terrorists don't threaten our liberty — we do

The debate over President Bush's use of the National Security Agency to spy on U.S. citizens without obtaining warrants has taken a familiar form: recognition of the timeless tension between civil liberties and national security. Opponents of the NSA program think the president shouldn't meddle in citizens' lives without oversight, while Bush's defenders maintain that the need for national security during the war on terrorism allows for — or even dictates — an expansion of executive power.

But this supposed argument takes too narrow a view of the meaning of "national security." If we relinquish our centuries-old values for the sake of temporary security, aren't we destroying the foundations of the nation that we're supposedly trying to protect?

One might object: "But if terrorists destroy our country, we'll lose all of our liberty, so why not trade a bit of it for ensured security and freedom in the future?" Indeed, Bush said so much in his Dec. 17 radio address defending the Patriot Act and the NSA program, when he described terrorist attacks as a threat to "our freedom and way of life" and said expanded government powers are necessary to protect "American liberty."

Frankly, this line of reasoning makes no sense. Terrorists may pose a threat to our lives (though most likely not to those of us outside the nation's major urban centers), but they cannot take away our liberties — that would require military power capable of invading and maintaining control over the United States. No other country, let alone a loosely organized group of

a few thousand radicals, has that right now.

Inssofar as they could potentially take over the United States, the Axis powers were actually a threat to American liberty in the 1940s, as was the Soviet Union throughout much of the Cold War. But today, only one factor must be kept in check to ensure our freedom: our own willingness to surrender civil liberties to the Orwellian national-security state.

Moreover, eradicating terrorism would require a literally infinite effort, leaving World War II and the Cold War modest by comparison. Any world power is bound to step on some toes at home or abroad, and some of the malcontents — for reasons often unknown or bewildering to the rest of us — inevitably decide to vent their rage through terrorist attacks. Their course of action is horrendous and deplorable, but it's impossible to deny that terrorism has been a feature of modern society since at least mid-19th century Ireland and Russia.

Of course, I'm not advocating throwing our hands up in the air and saying, "An attack is inevitable, so we may as well just get it over with!" That would be foolish and dangerous, especially when sensible law-enforcement measures can be taken to prevent attacks that could kill large numbers of people. But we should adopt such policies on two conditions:

First, we must recognize that the intent of anti-terrorism law enforcement is to save lives, not liberty. For the reasons I've already stated, the terrorists pose a threat to Mom, but not Apple Pie, and we have to come to grips with the fact that we really just want to preserve our own short lives (which — don't get me wrong — is a fine goal in itself), not Lofty National Abstractions.

Second, and most importantly, there has to be a limit. North Korea

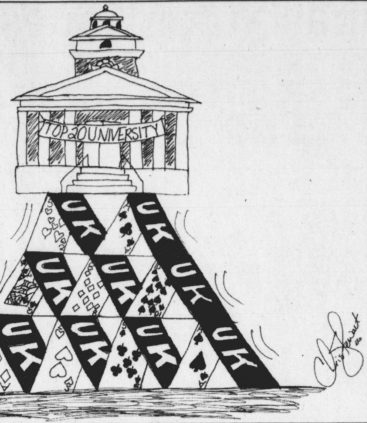
was at the bottom of the World Market Research Centre's 2003 rankings of countries' vulnerability to terrorism not because of Kim Jong Il's huge public-policy successes, but rather because his totalitarian methods have made any sort of dissent unthinkable. That's where we'll end up if we keep following the path of "anything that could possibly deter a terrorist attack must be done." There are many steps that should be taken, but we're going to have to accept some amount of risk in exchange for our liberties.

In a way, it's similar to traffic laws: If we wanted to, we could seriously cut down the number of automotive fatalities by reducing all speed limits to 25 mph and punishing violations with a mandatory minimum of five years in prison. Fewer — perhaps even far fewer — people would die on the roads, but getting around would be a lot more inconvenient. And so America has chosen to accept the greater risk of fatal crashes for the sake of being able to get places faster. We've found an acceptable balance between live-and-let-die anarchy and total-security authoritarianism on the roads; we must do the same with anti-terrorism policy.

When fear dictates our decisions, we surrender ourselves to the protection of the police state. Doing so, we end up feeling secure — but it's the false security of knowing our own probability of dying tomorrow has decreased, not the true security of refusing to surrender the liberties that make life worth living even when faced with a terrorist threat. The sort of security we need now is the second type, but it seems to be hopelessly lacking in an America overrun with fear, all too quick to give up civil liberties at the president's whim.

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## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

'Brokeback' was too explicit, but not in the way you'd think \*

I write in response to Crystal Little's Jan. 17 column about "Brokeback Mountain." As a moviegoer who rushed to the theater to see this film on opening day and an avid supporter of its innovation and courage, I have been faced with the same "circular conversations" that plague Little. I, too, am frustrated with the general straight, male population. However, I am more frustrated with the filmmaker's attempts to attract this very crowd.

While Little argues that the sex scenes in the film are "tastefully done," she overlooks one of the biggest flaws in "Brokeback Mountain." Yes, I agree that the sex scenes between Ennis Del Mar (Heath Ledger) and Jack Twist (Jake Gyllenhaal) are tasteful. But when it comes to the scenes between the cowboys and their respective female love interests, I am thoroughly irked. Though there are

only one or two of these scenes, both women manage to bare their breasts. In each instance, one can easily determine the point and mood of the scene without this visual. Yet the makers of the film show more blatant female nudity than male in a film based on two homosexual men.

The sex scene between Jack and Lureen (Anne Hathaway), which includes a close-up of Lureen removing her bra, does not even exist in Annie Proulx's story, on which the film was based. Similarly the book includes but one scene in which Ennis has a sexual encounter with his wife. The filmmakers added an additional scene in which Alma (Michelle Williams) exposes her breasts. These two additions to the film do not contribute to the story as it was meant by the author.

These intimate scenes, perhaps an attempt at including a little eye candy for the few straight men who do venture out to see "Brokeback," overcompensate for the underlying message, which is bound to offend

some, and ultimately undermines this incredible film a great deal.

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English senior

It's not homophobia — I just don't like love stories

This letter is in response to Crystal Little's Dec. 17 column about "Brokeback Mountain."

Little writes that all straight males are inherently homophobic. She supports this claim on the basis that straight men such as myself are scared to go see "Brokeback Mountain." She purports that straight males are afraid that we might actually end up liking the movie, and in essence make ourselves (straight males) feel less masculine. I find a major flaw in her argument.

First and foremost, I am by no means homophobic. I have no problems at all with homosexuality in our society, and I fully support gay marriage, gay rights and equality for all people regardless of sexual orientation, race or religion.

Furthermore, I am an avid fan of movies, but for the most part I enjoy the genres of science fiction action, or comedy over other films. I am not ignoring "Brokeback" because I am homophobic. I am choosing not to go spend \$8 to \$9 on a movie that really doesn't interest me. I realize that it is controversial and that it portrays a love story that can speak to all people.

But my point is this: If I'm not interested in other movies revolving around a love story why should I be more interested in this romance film? Little's argument shows that basically she wants straight men to go see this film so it will open our eyes, but my eyes are already open to the world. This is just not a movie I want to spend my money to go see. I wouldn't spend my money on a romance movie about a guy and a girl, so I choose not to spend my money on a love story about two homosexual cowboys.

Simply put, love stories don't interest me, and I find it offensive for Little to denigrate straight males with a blanket statement saying we are all ignorant homophobes.

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## WHAT'S THE DEAL? | Demystifying campus trends

# Don't get hung-up when destiny calls

I may not have all the answers (believe it or not) but I do feel confident enough telling you that everything happens for a reason.

If you've ever noticed, it's very tough to complain whenever something extra-

ordinarily great occurs in your life, such as winning scholarship money or meeting someone you know to be special. And it seems as though the only time you hear the dreadful moan of someone crying "Why me?" is when an unfortunate disaster suddenly appears in their life.

**Kenny Moyer**  
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Whether either of these cases becomes reality for you, the bottom line is that some things you just can't predict. In hypothetical fact, life is made up of about four or five things that change everything.

We may not have the ability to create these things or even predict when they are coming, but what we can do is prepare. Especially when it comes to our careers. You always hear the question: "Where will I be in five years?" Unless you just called Ms. Cleo, you may never exactly know.

I once heard a theory that after graduating high school, one should spend a year or two traveling or doing whatever else it takes to figure out what they want to do for the rest of their life. Once everything is put into focus, then it would be time to attend college and actually study away in a meaning-

ful manner. That theory tends to make sense when you sit back and realize you are a junior taking "Dinosaurs and Disasters" and have no intention of becoming anything near an archaeologist, let alone being hungover from last night's 2-for-1 special at Two Keys'.

With all of this in mind, how about we take some of your free time (which I know you have) and try laying out plans for your future. You need not get into specific detail, such as saying you want to become the CEO of Victoria's Secret, just yet. But, rather, figure out what it may take for you to eventually get there. Whether it's attending graduate school, studying abroad or working an internship, everything you have the opportunity of doing now, essentially has an impact on where you may be in "x" number of years.

Picture this: When you are sitting down with potential employers and explaining how you lived in Europe for a few months or took on a big business project as an intern, they will not only be impressed, but you may have a significant advantage over all other candidates.

If graduate school is the route you believe to be right for you, it is never too early to start researching schools and taking the specific admissions tests geared toward your interest. Just like taking the SAT or ACT for undergraduate entry, most all graduate schools, such as those for law, business, and medicine, require specific scoring on the LSAT, GMAT or MCAT, respectively, to be admitted into a future class.

The earlier you figure out what profession you see

yourself in, the easier it will be for you to consider options, retake tests and apply to more prestige schools. On top of making a successful score on a standardized test, you may also be required by some schools to have at least a year or two of "real" work experience to even be considered.

All the more reason to take on a summer internship position instead of spending it playing Marco Polo at the nearest public pool.

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This is the one time in your life you are able to focus on yourself and not be considered selfish. Take advantage of it now and lay out a foundation for future success. You may not have all the answers pertaining to where you will be in five years, but by taking the right courses and talking with peers and mentors, you may become more comfortable with what lies ahead.

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### Attention: Pre-Pharmacy Students Pre-Pharmacy Club Meeting



Monday, January 23  
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College of Pharmacy, Room 220

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## VAGINA MONOLOGUES



Christina Marvsek, social work sophomore, reads a section of "The Vagina Monologues" at last night's audition in the Fine Arts Building.



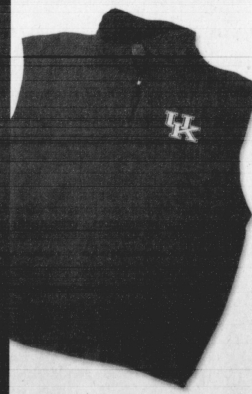
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