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## Blanton leaves UK for Frankfort

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Jay Blanton, head of UK public relations, announced late last week that he is leaving UK to become communications director for Gov. Steve Beshear.

Blanton, 40, said his departure is something he has been considering since Beshear was elected in November.



Blanton

"I've always had an interest in politics and I've been given the chance to work in something I love," Blanton said. "I am taking this position for a large part because I have a lot of respect for Beshear. I think he is a man of real intellect and real commitment."

Blanton replaces Dick Brown, who will become spokesman for the cabinets of Energy and Environment and Public Protection and Labor.

"Jay brings a unique set of talents to a position like this," said Beshear in an e-mail to the Kernel. "He's not only got a communications background, he's a person with a lot of background in politics."

Blanton said recent budget cuts at UK, including many for faculty raises, had nothing to do with his decision to leave his position at the university.

"If you know anything about state government, you know budget cuts at the state level. If possible, have been even larger than ones at UK," Blanton said. "We're living in challenging economic times and we're all suffering."

Blanton, who has worked at UK for almost 4 years, said he will miss his work at the university.

"I love UK. I have loved every moment at this university and with (UK) President (Lee) Todd," Blanton said. "And it will be hard to leave my alma mater, especially at a time when this university is aspiring to national prominence, something the state really needs it to do."

Tom Harris, associate vice president of external affairs, will be in charge of replacing Blanton and will be making a decision regarding how to go about filling the position in the next few days.

In the meantime, Blanton's responsibilities at UK will be divided among three of his former deputies: Kelly Bozeman will handle marketing, Amanda Nelson will be in charge of the medical campus and hospital and Kathy Johnson will handle main campus, according to the office of public relations.

"In the interim, we are just going to do our best to continue day to day work," Johnson said.

Blanton said he is confident the university will be in good hands with these "three very capable individuals."

His wife, Carla Blanton, served as one of former Gov. Ernie Fletcher's communications directors but left her position during the state hiring investigation.

## UK student to serve on higher ed council

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Gov. Steve Beshear named Chris Crumrine, former chief of staff of Student Government, the student member of the state Council on Postsecondary Education this week.

Crumrine, who graduated in May with a bachelor's degree in mass communications and is currently working toward a master of public administration degree, said serving as a voice for students will be his main priority while on the council.

"Considering the budget cuts that have taken place this year and how they have effected tuition, it is impor-

tant to make sure we find ways to keep college affordable," Crumrine said.

One of the CPE's main focuses this year will be finding a way to set future tuition rates, Crumrine said.

"There won't be a huge tuition debate this year among the council because we are in the middle of a budget cycle, but determining how we will set the price of tuition in the future is something we will focus on to try to keep higher education affordable," Crumrine said.

The council will look at how universities in other states determine rates of tuition as possible influences on a policy for Kentucky, Crumrine said.

Crumrine will work closely with the Board of Student Body Presidents, a group made up of leaders from Student Governments at colleges around Kentucky, to help him serve as the students' liaison to state government.

"I'm the best way for students to communicate with state government and have a say in what goes on at the state level," Crumrine said.

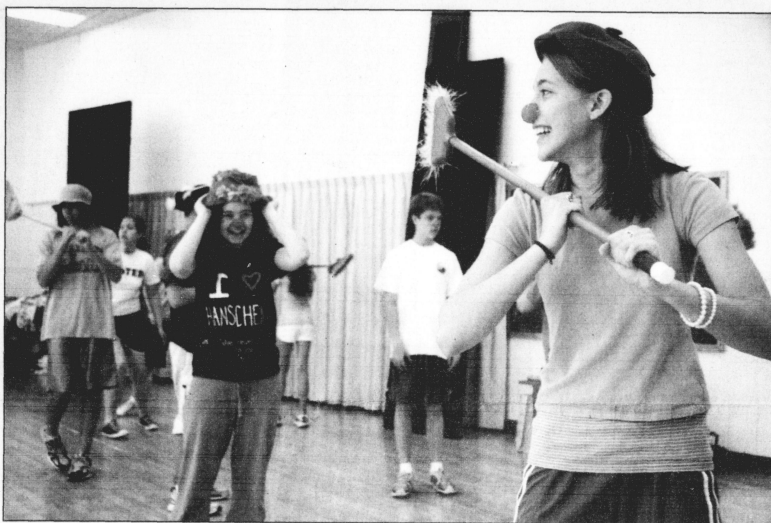
The Board of Student Body Presidents helped select Crumrine for his position as one of 16 members appointed to the council by the governor. Crumrine was nominated by current SG President Tyler Montell and was one of three candidates who met

with Beshear in contest for the position.

"There were a couple of good candidates for the position but Chris really stood out," Montell said.

During his time as an undergraduate, Crumrine worked "hard to lobby for lower tuition and had a good understanding of how state government works," Montell said.

Crumrine was appointed on Tuesday for a term that expires June 30, 2009. He succeeds UK law student Ryan Quarles whose term expired at the end of last month. Quarles will attend Harvard University this school year as one of 25 Zuckerman Fellows.



Nicole Van Denburg, 16, practices using a broom as a prop with classmate Katie Berger yesterday during clowning class. Students were taught an old clown exercise in which the person with the broom pivots and "hits" their companion as they walk away.

## Camp trains Lexington's young rising stars

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Middle and high school-aged students from the Lexington area sing, dance, act and clown around for three weeks during the Kentucky Classical Theater Conservatory and SummerFest.

Trish Clark, executive director of the conservatory, started the program six years ago as a training ground for upcoming actors.

"The mission of the (conservatory) is to offer a platform for artists of all ages and highlight the talent of all the ages," Clark said.

The 2008 summer intensive, entitled "Will Power," asked students to perform monologues, to improvise and to get to know other aspiring actors.

SummerFest, part of KCTC, has three shows throughout the summer. Starting the season yesterday with Anthony and Cleopatra, SummerFest will continue with Lord of the Flies and close with the musical Hair.

During the weeks in the conservatory, students work with 12 professionals from New York, Chicago and circus professionals from Cirque Du Jour and Ringling Brothers.

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Taylor Frederick practices her vocals with coach Donna Bonner during rehearsals on Tuesday. Frederick is a graduate of the School of Creative and Performing Arts and plans to attend the Chicago Institute of Art in the fall.

## Solar car to journey 2,400 miles without stopping for gas

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With gas at \$4 a gallon, it would cost about \$9,600 to travel from Dallas, Texas to Calgary, Alberta, Canada.

But this month, students from UK's College of Engineering will make the trip without using a single drop of gasoline.

Led by project manager Matt Hatfield, engineering students will compete in the North American Solar Car Challenge, where 24 cars from around the world, including one from UK, will race 2,400 miles from Dallas to Calgary.

The car, Gato del Sol III, was completely engineered by students in the College of Engineering and over the next week it will be proving its mettle by con-

tending in the 2,400-mile endurance test. Competition aside, the team's goal this year is solely to complete the race.

"I don't care if we come in dead last," Hatfield, a mechanical engineering senior, said. "If we cross the finish line we'll have done better than we ever have before."

UK entered the competition in 2003 and 2005, but both times failed to make it through the preliminary phases of the competition. The first phases, called scrutineering, include rigorous safety testing and inspections to make sure that the car is up to snuff and meets regulations, Hatfield said.

"In 2003 we never expected to make it to the race, we were just there mainly to learn from the other teams," said Scott Stephens, a professor of mechanical engineering at UK.

The new car is modified from the earlier version: the chassis has been redesigned, a significantly improved safety system has been added and new lithium polymer batteries now run the car, Stephens said.

The Gato del Sol III completed the scrutineering phase yesterday and will be the 6th best car entered in the race. Today it will be competing in a road test at the Motorsport Ranch in Cresson, Texas before finally being allowed to hit the highway on Sunday.

The trip will take 10 days and avoid major interstates. All cars will be accompanied by a lead and tail car staffed by the support team who are equipped to handle anything from a flat tire to a battery overload, Stephens said.

The Gato del Sol III is capable of gen-

erating 3 horsepower worth of energy, which can power the car to a maximum speed near 65 miles per hour.

"It's a lot of fun to drive," said Nick Such, a mechanical engineering senior, "the car doesn't have power steering, so it can be hard to turn when you're going 55, but because it's a three wheeled car it actually handles better than any other car I've driven."

Even with the advancements and modifications to the car, Hatfield said mass-producing solar cars isn't a possibility for the near future.

"Solar energy still isn't a feasible alternative for conventional gasoline powered cars right now," Hatfield said, adding that the panels of solar cars are expensive and fragile.

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Nick Such  
mechanical engineering  
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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 a 7 — Use all your players to achieve your objectives. Delegate as much as you can, but stay closely involved.

**Taurus (April 20 - May 20)** Today is a 7 — The way to get what you want becomes available today. A job needs doing and you have the talent.

**Gemini (May 21 - June 21)** Today is a 7 — Don't throw your money around, even when you're tempted. Stick with a sure bet.

**Cancer (June 22 - July 22)** Today is a 6 — It's OK to take extra naps. You're not lazy, you're letting your

subconscious mind assess the situation. Don't do it at work, however, unless you're the boss.

**Leo (July 23 - Aug. 22)** Today is a 7 — Your schedule will get all shifted around. Try not to let it upset you. The item you had on the top of your list could be completely changed.

**Virgo (Aug. 23 - Sept. 22)** Today is a 7 — Develop a routine so that people get what they need on time. Make it simple and reliable.

**Libra (Sept. 23 - Oct. 22)** Today is an 8 — You have a knack for seeing things from many points of view. That's how you are able to help so many others get along.

**Scorpio (Oct. 23 - Nov. 21)** Today is a 7 — You'll hear it through the grapevine first. Ask a few leading questions, and your informant will sing like a canary. By the way, it's also a good time to get a good deal on canaries.

**Sagittarius (Nov. 22 - Dec. 21)** Today is a 7 — Can friends help you find a better job? Check it out. Maybe they can. Tell them what you have in mind.

**Capricorn (Dec. 22 - Jan. 19)** Today is a 7 — Your judgment is requested now, as is your experience. Do what you can to help the entire team achieve success. Ignore their complaints. They need you, whether they know it or not.

**Aquarius (Jan. 20 - Feb. 18)** Today is a 7 — You may spend most of today talking. If you have any letters to write, get those out of the way.

**Pisces (Feb. 19 - March 20)** Today is a 6 — Pretty soon you'll be able to afford some nice things to upgrade your home. Keep saving while you're deciding what to buy. Real estate is a good deal now, if that gives you any ideas.

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## JAKE MOVES IN!

How cautious Witherspoon let down her guard to deepen relationship with good guy Gyllenhaal

Every week, Reese Witherspoon and three married girlfriends have a regular heart-to-heart about their lives. On this particular week, at 11 a.m. on June 20, over a fruit plate with melon and berries at L.A.'s Le Pain Quotidien, the actress told her friends that even after dating Jake Gyllenhaal for more than a year, she still finds it hard to believe that things are going so well. Over the course of her seven-year marriage to Ryan Phillippe, she explained, she had grown accustomed to being with a man who — even on her birthday — preferred to party with friends instead of with her. Now the actress, 32, faces the enviable challenge of having a new, younger beau who can't get enough of her. "Jake will say things like, 'I'll sell my house and we'll move away together,'" she told her friends.

Well, they're halfway there already. Quietly, with the low-level fanfare typical of the couple, Gyllenhaal has moved into her \$5 million L.A. home and is already part of her fiercely guarded family, helping her raise her two kids, Ava, 8, and Deacon, 4. "They've gotten so comfortable having Jake around that they ask for him when he's not there," a Witherspoon friend says of the stand-in dad, 27, who helps chauffeur them to — and cheers them on at — Ava's horse-riding lessons and Deacon's flag football games. Though he still owns his \$2.5 million bachelor pad in the Hollywood Hills, "Jake

keeps his things at Reese's house and uses it as his home base most of the time," an insider tells Us. Indeed, Gyllenhaal stayed at the house while his girlfriend was in Japan for an Avon charity initiative in mid-June; Witherspoon, for her part, even calls Gyllenhaal's German shepherd mix, Atticus, "my dog" now.

Playing house has worked so well, says a source close to Witherspoon, whose divorce from Phillippe, 33, was finalized on June 12, that they're talking about making it official: "Marriage is definitely what they are working toward."

### Path to the Altar

At the one-hour breakfast with her friends, Witherspoon confided that when she met Gyllenhaal on the set of 2007's *Rendition*, the buoyant, boyish actor seemed the furthest thing from what she was looking for in a boyfriend, let alone a husband or potential stepfather for her kids. So while the former cheerleader debutante from Nashville may not seem the type to shack up without a wedding ring, members of her inner circle tell Us a move-in is a test-the-waters move for the couple. "She is a traditional girl, but she is happy to take her time and make sure she is doing what's best for her and the kids," a Witherspoon confidant tells Us. "Moving in together and getting remarried are not things she is taking lightly."

Indeed, after rushing into wedlock at the age of 23 with Phillippe when she was preg-

nant with Ava, the Oscar winner has every reason to take things slowly. "Marriage is hard," she has said. "It's not about expecting someone to make you happy every day, or to complete your life."

But Gyllenhaal seems to be trying hard to do just that. He's become friends with her friends, hanging out with other couples in her L.A. neighborhood, including her best pal, Jennifer Belushi, and Belushi's funnyman husband, Jim. Date nights can find them at trendy L.A. spots Comme, Mado or Pizzeria Mozza, but the two seem just as happy ordering in from their usual, The Clay Pit, an Indian restaurant.

With Ava busy taking horseback riding and ice skating lessons and Deacon occupied with flag football camp, the twosome are also free to share workouts: starting their day with a run around L.A.'s Brentwood Country Club or yoga at YogaHop, or a bike ride out to Venice. And before Gyllenhaal left town for work on his big-budget epic *Prince of Persia: The Sands of Time* in London (and, soon, Morocco), the pair squeezed in an early-bird dinner at the sushi bar of their regular haunt Katsuya. "They have made sure while Jake is on location that they spend as little time apart as possible," the confidant says of the NYC native. While Gyllenhaal shot the comedy *Naked* in South Carolina in May, says the source, "even if he only had 48 hours off, he'd fly home because he missed her so much."

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NEWS BRIEFS

**State budget cuts mean U of L president might not get bonus**

University of Louisville President Jim Ramsey will receive the same \$700 lump-sum salary increase as all other U of L employees this fiscal year. Due to state budget cuts, he may go without a performance bonus, regardless of how he scores, according to a news release. Ramsey is expected to score high on his performance evaluations but will probably receive a raise less than the bonus given to UK President Lee Todd on June 17. Todd scored a 97 out of 100 on his performance evaluation and was awarded a bonus of more than \$145,000, the Kernel reported on June 19. Todd accepted \$95,500 of that sum and gave UK back the other \$50,000 to go toward campus programs. The U of L Board of Trustees is expected to vote in the next few days on a recommendation that

**the president would receive no additional bonus. Fraternity members plead not guilty in hazing case**

Three members of the Kappa Alpha Psi fraternity pled not guilty to criminal charges of fourth-degree assault in Richmond on Tuesday. The three men—two active members and one alumnus—are part of a hazing investigation of the fraternity at UK and Eastern Kentucky University campuses. UK suspended the Kappa Alpha Psi chapter from the Lexington campus until the issue is resolved. EKV suspended the fraternity last month for eight years. A regional director of the fraternity recommended in a letter e-mailed to the Kernel that nine fraternity members be suspended or expelled after the hazing incident. According to police, pledge Brent Whiteside was beaten with fists, a paddle and a cane.

**Internet privacy best protected by industry, FTC says**

**By Kat Glass**  
McClatchy Newspapers

WASHINGTON — The Federal Trade Commission indicated Wednesday that it would leave it to data-mining Web companies and Internet marketers to decide how best to protect users' privacy. "Self-regulation may be the preferable approach for this dynamic marketplace," Lydia Parnes, the director of the commission's Bureau of Consumer Protection, told a Senate committee. The FTC's decision not to step in — even as Microsoft and Google representatives testified

that some regulation would be helpful — means that Washington won't address the matter before a new administration and Congress take office in January. At issue is what privacy rights consumers have when data-mining companies use their Web browsing patterns to target them for ads. It's a gold mine for online advertising and Internet marketing, but consumer and e-privacy groups say it's intrusive. NebuAd, a media company based in Redwood City, Calif., has been in the hot seat for partnering with Internet service providers to deliver personalized ads to users' computer screens.

The company's chief executive officer, Bob Dykes, told the Commerce, Science and Transportation Committee that there's no privacy lost in the process. "NebuAd's systems are designed so that no one, not even the government, can determine the identity of our users," Dykes said. Leslie Harris, the chief executive for the Center for Democracy and Technology, a Washington-based civil liberties group, said that NebuAd and other data-miners shouldn't be able to track browsing patterns without advance consent from computer users.

SPORTS BRIEFS

**KY Basketball Museum moves to campus**

Kentucky Basketball Museum's board of directors and UK have decided to relocate the museum to an on-campus location this fall in an attempt to resolve the museum's financial debt. The museum, which was housed in the Lexington Convention Center next to Rupp Arena, has received a \$100,000 annual contribution from UK for the last several years, according to Rob Mullens, Deputy Director of Athletics at UK. The museum's relocation to an on-campus facility will enable the university to direct this annual

funding toward the museum's long-term debt, Mullens said. John Hayden, UK assistant director of athletic media relations, confirmed the university's commitment to the legacy of UK basketball. "When the museum was unable to go forward financially, we explored various options of how we could ensure that the history and tradition of UK basketball is represented in a manner in which our fans and supporters have come to expect and deserve," Hayden said. "In doing so, we made the decision to bring that legacy into an athletic facility, where it can be properly put on display."

**UK hires diving coach**

Gary Conelly, UK head swimming coach, announced the hiring of Ted Hautau as the new diving coach on Tuesday. Hautau previously coached at Davidson College and most recently at N.C. State where he had an All-America honorable mention diver in 2008. Hautau replaces Mike Lyden who served as head diving coach for 16 seasons before he died in early April after a long battle with cancer. For more information visit the UK Athletics Web site, (www.ukathletics.com).

# OPINIONS

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## ■ KERNEL EDITORIAL

### Louisville office gives UK chance to recruit new students, funding

Lexington and Louisville have always harbored rivalries, whether it is for NCAA championships, economic accomplishments or population growth. So when UK established an office of recruitment in the middle of downtown Louisville, some may have thought getting natives from the largest metropolitan area in the state to take an interest in UK was a lost cause.

But don't be too quick to judge.

As the Kernel reported on July 3, there are currently around 25,000 UK alumni living in Louisville and 3,000 students who make up 10 percent of the student body are from the city.

So plopping a recruitment office, called UK on Main, smack in the middle of the Cardinal City might be a key asset in helping UK expand not only in its recruitment of students but in its recruitment of financial sponsors and supporters. That is, if UK is willing to utilize its new office in every possible way.

Louisville not only is the largest metropolitan area in the state, but is also home to businesses and corporations — many of which have large financial backing that could aid UK in its post-budget cut years — that Lexington doesn't have. But asking for patrons isn't that easy. In a city that is already home to a large university, UK on Main should serve as an office that makes a viable effort in competing for financial support from companies and alumni in Louisville.

During these dark times of recession and economic trials and tribulation,

it comes as no surprise UK is suffering. After taking a 6 percent cut in state funding, making cuts in programs and faculty raises, and still managing to approve a \$2.2 billion operating budget, up from last year's \$2.09 billion, economic times are visibly hard. Tuition is higher than ever, up 9 percent, and students are going to be looking for salvation from other, more affordable, post-secondary institutions.

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Kentucky residents in Jefferson, Bullitt, Trimble and Oldham counties can attend Indiana University Southeast in New Albany, Ind. at the cost of Indiana in-state tuition. That means paying \$4,933 per school year instead

of \$7,736 at UK.

University of Louisville offers a similar reciprocity, allowing residents of Indiana counties Clark, Crawford, Floyd, Harrison, Scott and Washington to attend U of L for the price of Kentucky in-state tuition, \$7,564.

The business of "recruitment" is no longer easy to define. It means finding funding, it means instituting programs like the reciprocity opportunities between U of L and Indiana University Southeast to help bring students to UK and offer them the best for what they're paying when they are here.

Opening an office for recruitment in downtown Louisville means hiring a new staff, new expenses, new endeavors. If UK is making the effort, and spending the money, to open this extension of the university in its rival city, it better be prepared to work hard to earn its keep.

### War in Afghanistan has gone from bad to worse

The following editorial appeared in the Miami Herald on Tuesday, July 8:

When President Bush said last week that June had been a "tough month" in Afghanistan, where more U.S. and NATO troops died during the past two months than in Iraq, he was pointing to a growing problem in this country's military commitments overseas. The problem consists of having too many soldiers pinned down in one place — Iraq — and not enough devoted to fighting an increasingly difficult struggle in another — Afghanistan.

With Iraq dominating the headlines, it's easy to forget that U.S. forces are fighting on two fronts, but the spike in violence in Afghanistan sparked by a resurgent Taliban is not likely to diminish anytime soon. On the contrary, a recent Pentagon report painted a gloomy picture of deteriorating security conditions in the countryside and an isolated government in Kabul that has little reach or authority outside of the capital.

The violence has increased even though the number of foreign troops in the country is nearing its highest

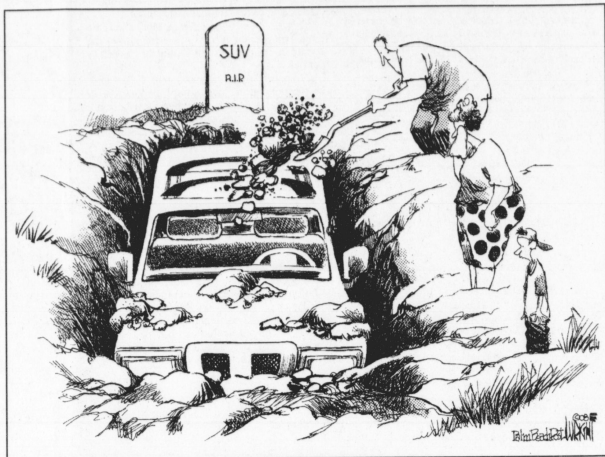
level since the invasion of 2001 — 32,000 U.S. troops plus about 38,000 more from a NATO-led coalition.

The practical reality is that U.S. forces can't fill the gap with the forces at hand. That leaves few choices.

The G-8 countries have vowed to help Afghanistan's government increase its own military and police capabilities, but NATO countries have been unwilling to make a greater commitment, despite pleas from Secretary of Defense Robert Gates. Looking for increased help from allies does not hold the promise of great success in the immediate future.

Another possibility is pressuring neighboring Pakistan into stopping cross-border raids into Afghanistan, but so far Pakistan has rebuffed U.S. efforts to step up vigilance against militants in the hostile border regions.

As a result, a drawdown of U.S. forces in Iraq is the most likely source of future military manpower to finish the job that began almost seven years ago in Afghanistan. This is one more compelling reason to urge the Iraqi government to accept greater responsibility for its own security.



Don Wright, Palm Beach Post

### Todd ignores pleas of those who make up UK

If you've been keeping up with my writing the last few weeks, you probably have a good idea about my beliefs regarding our university's lack of regard for students. As of yet, I still lack contrary evidence to show that my rebukes of UK are ill-informed or misplaced. Last week's letter to the editor by David Lautzenheiser, a UK employee, highlighted an equally important problem on our campus — the administration's disregard for its employees.

The university should take a lesson from its cross-state rival's current predicament. Former University of Louisville Dean of Education Robert Felner is currently being investigated by the FBI, Secret Service and US Postal Service on a number of charges — primarily those regarding the misuse of several million dollars of funds received from a federal No Child Left Behind grant. This investigation has shown, however, that administrative incompetence is not exclusive to UK. Apparently, it is a statewide epidemic. Accusations against Felner have included intimidation of faculty and staff, sexual harassment and unfair hiring practices. These charges have been known for

years to those within the university administration and yet, they allowed him to continue to manage a large college within the university and continue his heavy-handed tactics to maintain personal power. And now, because of another misstep, the rest of the public is learning about Felner's long history of impropriety — dating back to his stints at the University of Illinois and the University of Rhode Island.

So why would the U of L administration cover up the wrong-doings of one of its own at the risk of the current debacle with the federal authorities? I won't even venture a guess. Regardless, it seems UK President Lee Todd has taken a play out of U of L's book — just ignore any wrongdoing and let like everything is fine, take a 50 percent bonus and half-heartedly thank students and staff for their willingness to sacrifice. Does President Todd not recognize that such behavior only exacerbates the problem? Does he think that his wrongdoings will be forgiven if only he continues to create the appearance of improvements on our campus? When, in reality, UK has made few tangible improvements in the last few years, toward its "top 20" goal — unless you count the never-ending construction site that is our university's campus as progress on those goals — while continually forcing faculty, students and staff who don't work in the more lucrative academic disciplines to make significant cuts in their real wages and personal lives

in order to make the university function.

President Todd has been too wrapped up in building new facilities and taking home one of the largest bonuses per year of any American university president to worry about the people that make UK work. Perhaps President Todd doesn't recognize that without 27,000 students and 11,000 paid employees that he is forcing pay cuts and tuition raises upon, the university would not only cease to function, but would lack any purpose whatsoever. We, the students and the workers, are the reason that this university exists. And yet, the university administration continues to ignore the complaints of the everyday student or worker — from the past efforts of UK Employees United to create a staff union that were blocked by the administration and ever-unreliable staff trustee Russ Williams to the long-lasting and unfruitful efforts by UK Greenthumb to make the campus more sustainable.

The moral of this story is that, while it may seem expedient to do so, ignoring the pleas of people who make it possible for you to pull in a handsome six-figure salary and bonus isn't such a good idea. Robert Felner and the rest of the U of L administration thought it was okay to intimidate and force out any "troublemakers" who didn't buy into their ideas, or to ignore the vote of no confidence taken by faculty against Felner in the past couple years. What goes around comes around.

**TAYLOR SHELTON**  
Guest columnist

A senior noncommissioned officer at Fort Lewis, Wash., in the late '70s had the unenviable task of guiding soldiers through the discharge process. He would face a roomful of GI's eager to begin civilian life and methodically review a mountain of paperwork and a mostly forgettable list of do's and don'ts. The NCO reminded the soldiers that though they could leave the base, they were technically in the Army until midnight. Then he added: "Don't do anything to disgrace the uniform. A lot of good guys did wearing it." It was good advice for impatient GI's then. It's good advice for presidential candidates and their surrogates now.

### McCain's brave and he's honest

Kevin Ferris  
Syndicated columnist

Of course, retired Army Gen. Wes Clark has a right to oh-so-subtly denigrate the service of junior officers he deems unprepared for the office he failed to achieve. He is free to spin a war hero's record in a hapless effort to make Barack Obama a more commanding-looking commander in chief. And if Obama thinks shooting spitballs at John McCain from behind a general's uniform looks presidential, go for it.

But don't pretend that this Democratic misstep was an attempt by McCain to question his opponent's patriotism. He would never do that. Besides, the issue isn't patriotism. It's judgment. And character.

McCain's own character and judgment were certainly influenced by his naval career and his years as a POW.

Start with courage. That was the first answer I got at last week's town-hall meeting when I asked a supporter why he backed McCain.

There have been no modern-day presidential candidates who were tested under such extreme circumstances as McCain during his years of imprisonment. The only other former POW who was president was Andrew Jackson, held as a teenager by the British during the Revolution.

In Hanoi, McCain's integrity and honor passed the tests. He fought back against his captors, despite repeated torture and solitary confinement.

Here's a man who saw evil face to face and stood up to it. He understands and appreciates freedom as few can. That courage has carried over into his political career, with his willingness to stand up for what he believes in.

He said the country must secure its borders — the lesson he says he learned from last year's failed attempt at passing immigration legislation. That very morning, conservative radio host Laura Ingraham and her guest were decrying McCain's bid for

the "pro-amnesty vote." "He's honest," said Karin Ingerman, a supporter from Washington Crossing, Pa. She's glad to see the Democrats have nominated Obama, but

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he believes he's too inexperienced for the presidency. "I'll feel safer with McCain," she said.

Clearly, courage and integrity demonstrated over a lifetime of service have their appeal, even if they aren't the only qualifications for high office. So why did Clark bring it up?

Perhaps this was an example of the new kind of politics we've heard so much about. Define McCain by highlighting his strengths: a fierce commitment to serving his country, heroism in wartime, and political courage that leads to bipartisan accomplishments.

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## Celebrity crossover to music 'not all bad'

By Taylor Shelton  
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**She & Him — Volume One**  
Although most celebrities have some trouble with crossing over into the music industry, the debut release from She & Him proves that not all crossovers are bad. She & Him is comprised of actress Zoë Deschanel, whose voice you will recognize from the movie "Elf," and notable indie singer-songwriter M. Ward. Their collaboration, "Volume One," is one of the past several months, and can easily be likened to that of west coasters Rilo Kiley. Although the album starts on a high note with "Sentimental Heart," the quality drops off significantly thereafter. Stylistically, "Volume One" straddles the indie-pop and folk line, definitively showing Ward's influence on the backing music. Some tracks, however, remind the listener more of a 50s all-girl doo-wop act than a 21st-century dream hookup between an actress and notable

out-of-the-mainstream songwriter. Even if you don't consider yourself to be the essential hipster music-lover, She & Him definitely offer up a CD worth listening to.

**My Morning Jacket — Evil Urges**  
It has been nearly three years since My Morning Jacket released a studio album. Their last effort, "Z," was released in the fall of 2005 and was critically acclaimed as the type of record that would allow MMJ to become the American equivalent of Radiohead.

"Evil Urges," released just a month ago, has already crawled into the Billboard Top 10 albums. It is unfortunate, however, that this album will be the impression that many first-time listeners will get. Rather than the classic ingenuity of singer-songwriter Jim James, "Evil Urges" reeks of complacency and a less-than-good simplicity. James has always been known for his unique voice that can span a couple of octaves more than the av-

erage singer for an indie band. His strong falsetto had always been used in appropriate proportion to a more common voice, lending power to songs at just the right moment. But the title track on "Evil Urges" finds James singing in a falsetto for the entirety of the song, to the point of it being annoying.

Of the disc's 14 tracks, I find myself with only three that remind me of classic My Morning Jacket — innovative, enjoyable and balls-to-the-wall. All in all, I find "Evil Urges" to be gravely disappointing. Skipping from one musical genre to the next with every song creates a discontinuity in the album that doesn't help the disc's already lacking style. Regardless, "Evil Urges," like every other album the band has previously released, is better than 99.9% of the music being released these days. So, if you want something new, give it a try.

**Bonnie 'Prince' Billy — Lie Down in the Light**  
Another Louisville native, Will Oldham has

one of the longer musical resumes of any local musician. Most of Oldham's 14 full-length albums have drawn considerable praise from music writers of all stripes. They have generally been known to be somber and, in some cases, downright depressing. "Lie Down in the Light" is Oldham's latest release and represents a dramatic shift in tone, but the same usual excellence expected of Oldham.

In all honesty, I can find no flaws whatsoever in Oldham's new release. It is, hands-down, one of the absolute best records to come out in 2008. "Lie Down in the Light" also posits itself to challenge previous Oldham opuses "I See a Darkness" and "Viva Last Blues" as one of his most spectacular works yet. The gem of this album is the closing track, "I'll Be Glad," which serves as a reinforcing anthem to the uplifting tone of the record. From start to finish and everywhere in between, "Lie Down in the Light" is a must-have for any true appreciator of the songwriting craft. Mr. Oldham has outdone himself, and has certainly done Kentucky proud.

## Flowy dress a summer dancing must-have

At this very moment, sitting on my couch at God-Knows-What-Hour-In-The-A.M. (as my mum would call it), my fingers are excitedly striking the keys. I find myself listening to The G o ! Team's "Huddle Formation" and being inspired to write what I'm sure is another enthralling installment of my formidable fashion column.



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"Huddle Formation" is an upbeat, crazy, kick-your-sandals-off-and-dance-with-your-hands-in-the-air-while-sweating-profusely-due-to-extreme-fun-times kind of song that immediately reminds me of every drop of summer and makes me want to guzzle it all down again. Thus, this week's fashion column is about what clothes are best to dance wildly in.

First and foremost, as can be imagined, there is nothing better to dance in than a summer dress.

■ DON'T: wear strapless dresses, you'll have a hard enough time checking your flailing arms from slapping those huddled close to you, let alone have the time to watch for your little (or large — we don't discriminate!) ladies from making an appearance.

■ DO: wear a free-flowing dress that hangs a fair amount of inches above the knees to show off those bronzed legs and

yet still has enough cloth to twirl and jump up and down in.

■ JAM TO: "Mount Wroclai (Idle Days)," by Beirut.

Second, a necessity not only for the summer (and also for the upcoming fall) is a high-waisted skirt.

■ DON'T: wear skin-tight high-waisted skirts. Yes, they show off those incredible curves — but gracious! — those things don't breathe and you have a very limited range of motion for well-deserved dancing after a long day's work.

■ DO: wear high-waisted skirts that drape or float away from the body (ballerina-style, ya know?) that show off your moves when sashaying about the room.

■ DIG ON: "O Pobre Das Dentas De Duros," by Cidadao Instigado.

Finally, to add some spice to your moves, try some bracelets on for size.

■ DON'T: wear multiple bangles. Though they are fun, they are also quite loud when dancing wildly, and are actually (according to my close friends Elle and Harper's Bazaar) going out of season.

■ DO: wear multi-stranded bands of beads or leather. They are not only easy to throw on (in singles or multiples) but they stay in place when you're dancing with your one-and-only on a hot, summer night.

■ SWAY SLOWLY TO: "The Very Thought of You," by Billie Holiday.

So there you have it: the best styles to dance in and the best music to do it to. Enjoy and I hope to see you on the dance floor!

## THEATER

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"We do a lot to bring in professionals and guest artists so the kids can get exposed to everything that's out there," Clark said.

KCTC students are able to use the theaters and practice rooms in the Fine Arts building for classes such as Clowning Around.

Joel Jeske from Cirque Du Jour taught students different

clowning techniques that he has acquired from his 15 years of experience as a clown.

Jeske led and encouraged his students while they brought laughs to their class. From utilizing broomsticks to their red noses, students worked together for laughs.

Working from morning until early evening, students will leave the three-week session with experience that will prepare them for college, Clark said.

"There's a reason we call it an intensive."

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**TONIGHT**  
**Squires Tavern Karaoke Contest**  
Signups at 9:30 p.m., contest at 10 p.m., Squires Tavern. Prizes every night with grand prize trip to Las Vegas.

**Social Junk and Cadaver in Drag**  
8 p.m., The Void Skateshop. Donations suggested.

**FRIDAY, July 11**  
**Contra Dance with caller Darlene Underwood and band Chicory**  
8 p.m., ArtsPlace. Admission is \$6 for adults and \$4 for students and first timers.

**Brad Paisley with special guests Jewel, Chuck Wicks and Julianne Hough**  
7:30 p.m., Riverbend Music Center, Cincinnati. Tickets cost \$15.50-\$54.25

**SATURDAY, July 12**  
**Louisville Ghost Tours**  
8 p.m., starting points vary, call (502) 339-5446 for more information. Tickets cost \$15 for ages 12+, \$8 for ages 7-11 and are free for ages 6 and under.

**SUNDAY, July 13**  
**Steeley Dan**  
7:30 p.m., The National City Pavilion, Cincinnati. Tickets cost \$76-\$147.

**MONDAY, July 14**  
**Animal Portraits: Paintings by Ken Hoffman**  
8 a.m. - 5:30 p.m. Gloria Singletary Gallery at the Living Arts & Science Center. Admission is free.

**TUESDAY, July 15**  
**Grete**  
9 p.m., Natasha's Cafe. Admission is free.

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