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## Birth control pill prices double, triple for students

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UK students are continuing to buy birth control pills despite prices doubling and even tripling at University Health Services, which can no longer offer the pills at a discounted rate.

Like many college health providers, UHS received oral contraceptives from pharmaceutical drug companies at a discounted price. This allowed them to sell each of the 25 different brands they offer at \$10 per month to students.

This deal changed when Congress passed a deficit-reduction bill in 2005.

Now only seven brands of oral contraceptives are offered at \$10. A few others are discounted at \$20, but the UHS pharmacy sells more than half of its birth control pills at full price, which is generally about \$30 per month.

The deficit-reduction bill concentrated on Medicaid, a federal insurance program for the poor. Previously, companies didn't have to pay more to Medicaid to give discounts to colleges, but the 2005 bill did not include colleges in the exception list. As a result, drug manufacturers have to pay more if they continue to give discounts to UHS and other college health providers.

"We weren't even aware of this impact until

we started getting the new prices," said Lucy Wells, the associate director of the pharmacy at UK Chandler Medical Center. She began noticing the new prices Jan. 1.

"I don't think anyone thought through what would happen," said Dr. Greg Moore, UHS director. "It was an unintended side effect."

Although Moore has had some patients switch brands to receive a discount, he doesn't expect this change to deter students from using birth control.

"Everyone knows it's more expensive to have a baby," Moore said. "It's kind of like gas prices; you just deal with it."

Moore suggested students could use other

forms of birth control such as the patch, the ring, the birth control shot, diaphragms or condoms. But as of yet, he hasn't seen any changes in use of such alternative forms among his patients.

Some students expressed a concern for the lack of affordable options that are effective. For students who are accustomed to budgeting \$10 a month, an increase to \$30 a month presents an obstacle.

"How many people can swing \$30 a month?" said Carrie Bass, a French and art history junior who is also the president of the Feminist Alliance

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## Annual show displays student art

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Oversized, sculpted sunglasses, snails and "happy accidents" are among the pieces of art on display starting today in the Rasdall Gallery at the Student Center.

Art studio senior Sarah Marie Miller will be displaying the happy accident. Miller calls her piece, officially titled "Seed in my Womb," an accident because it is a photograph that did not develop as expected.

Miller's picture, as well as many other works of art, will be featured from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. every day this week in the gallery as part of the Annual Spring Student Show, hosted by the Studio Major Student Council.

The council, which had its first show last spring, aims in its mission statement to "work toward the creation of and promotion of an overall environment of positive artistic and academic learning for all undergraduate Fine Art studio students."

"Students will be wowed and proud," SMC President Lee Ann Paynter said. Paynter's artwork will also be at the Rasdall Gallery from 5 to 8 p.m. at Friday's Silent Art Auction, which will donate its proceeds to renovating UK's aging Barnhart Gallery in the Reynolds Building.

Even some UK faculty members have donated pieces to the auction, including professors James Robert Foose and Arturo Alonzo Sandoval and part-time instructor Darrell Kincaid.

The auction itself is the main feature of the evening's closing reception, which ends with an awards ceremony at 7. Cash prizes for first, second and third place will be awarded.

The events at the Rasdall Gallery are a part of the larger 2007 Spring Campus Gallery Hop, which will also have art pieces on display at the UK Art Museum, Tuska Gallery and the Barnhart Gallery from 5 to 8 p.m. Friday.

Showcasing the art in numerous locations provides an opportunity for students at UK to draw attention to their work and possibly even provide some money, as most of the pieces will be for sale.

Although it is intended primarily for art majors, any student can enter to have his or her art put on display.

"This is my first show," said Laurie Appleby-Williams, an art studio junior. "I'm proud to be in a show with so many great artists."



John Allen's painting "Ridicule" is one of the pieces that will be on display in the Student Center's Rasdall Gallery this week as part of the Annual Spring Student Show.

## BACK TO BACK TO BACK FOR MAVS



Above: Steve Welch, right, of the Dallas (ABC) Mavericks congratulates emotional teammate Charles Johnson after winning the 59th Annual Division II National Wheelchair Basketball Tournament Saturday afternoon in Memorial Coliseum.

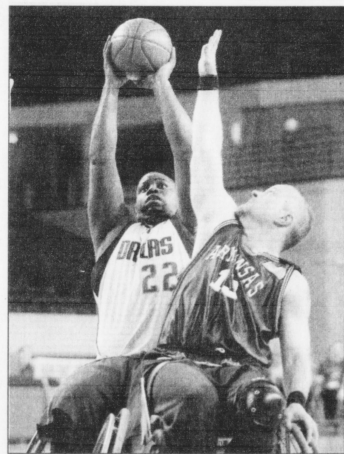
Right: Bobbie Nickleberry of the Dallas (ABC) Mavericks shoots over Grant Strohmach of the Arkansas Rollin' Razorbacks Saturday afternoon in Memorial Coliseum. The Mavericks went on to win the game, making them the champions of the 59th annual Division II National Wheelchair Basketball Tournament.

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While the Final Four played out in Atlanta on Saturday, two national basketball championships were decided in Memorial Coliseum at the 59th annual National Wheelchair Basketball Tournament.

The Dallas Wheelchair Mavericks defeated British Columbia 91-88 in overtime to pick up their third consecutive national title in Division I. Meanwhile, the Arkansas Rollin' Razorbacks fell 66-62 to the offshoot Dallas (ABC) Mavericks in the Division II championship.

Four teams from each division came to UK's campus Friday for the semifinal games, with the winners advancing to play Saturday.



## Police: six burglaries at Newtown Crossing in six weeks

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Six burglaries have been reported at the Newtown Crossing Apartment Complex in the last six weeks, said Sgt. Jody Stowers of Lexington Police Department's residential burglary division.

"Mainly electric appliances have been stolen," Stowers said. "And sometimes nothing is missing."

Police are still uncertain as to whether the incidents are related. The incidents occurred at different times of day, but each time the suspect was able to gain entry through an unsecured door or window.

Lexington police have increased patrol in that area at all times, but Stowers doesn't want residents in the area to be alarmed.

"We don't want to get people in a frenzy," Stowers said. "They don't need to worry that there's rampant crime in that area."

However, he emphasized the importance for students to practice good security, something that should be done at all times, not just after a string of break-ins.

"Students should lock their doors and windows at all times," Stowers said. "Keeping things secure is the best way to prevent burglaries."

## UK receives grant for sustainability education

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The Kentucky Department of Education recently awarded UK a \$111,000 grant for environmental and sustainability education in the university's undergraduate curriculum.

Ernie Yanarella, a UK political science professor and faculty representative on the Board of Trustees, proposed the grant because of his long-term interest in sustainable cities.

"It seemed natural to go after a large grant to educate," he said. Yanarella hopes to establish a core course with the grant that will be part of new general education curriculum.

"We are trying to integrate software into courses — software packages that will help the understanding of various aspects of sustainability and environmental protection," Yanarella said.

In addition to funding courses, the grant will help develop the sustain-

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## QUICK CHANGE TIPS

Radiant skin! Sultry eyes! A trimmer figure! Stars and their pros share the best tips for updating your look in an instant

### Go from night to day

#### 1. Wear a strong lip color

"It immediately gives you a zing of sophistication," says makeup artist Brigitte Reiss-Andersen, who works with stars like Court-ney Cox. Try a sheer lipstick in a bold hue, which has more color payoff than a gloss but is lower maintenance than cream or matte lipstick.

#### 2. Make a ponytail chic

Mischa Barton's hairstylist, Brian Magallones, likes to create a deep side-part in hair before brushing it into a low ponytail. "This instantly makes the style look more sleek and polished," he tells us.

#### 3. Apply a lip-plumper

For a full, sexy pout, Dancing With the Stars' Paula Porizkova smooths on a shimmering lip-plumping gloss before going out. "It makes me feel glamorous," she tells us.

#### 4. Add a pop of color to eyes

Smudge a rich purple shadow across lash lines to create a sultry look. Ciara's pick? "Lancôme eye shadow in Backstage Pass," the star tells us.

5. Carmen Electra's favorite day-to-night tip? "I've always liked a dramatic, smoky eye, so I just add a little more eyeliner and a strip of false lashes," the star tells us.

#### Look 5 pounds thinner

"A monochromatic look is very slimming and chic," says Shopbop.com's Alle Fister (stars

like Hilary Duff are fans of the site). Witness Jennifer Aniston's frequent head-to-toe single-color ensembles.

#### 7. Do dark denim

This ultrahip shade helps gams look longer and skinnier, says Angelina Jolie's stylist, Jen Rade. Go for a straight or boot-leg cut.

#### 8. Wear a body shaper

Stars like Jennifer Hudson wear slimming undergarments to smooth the midriff and rear, says Shopintuition.com owner Jaye Hersh.

9. Add a belt to voluminous clothing for a fresh twist and to create an hourglass figure, says Hersh.

10. Try an empire waist dress "Clothes pulled in at the smallest part of your rib cage will help slim you down if you carry your weight in your bottom half," says What Not to Wear's Stacy London.

#### One-piece wonders

11. Metallic accessories Pairing metallic shoes or handbags with any outfit is an instant way to look glam, London tells us. Go for a glitzy clutch, like Cate Blanchett does, to look hot in one of spring's biggest trends.

#### 12. Cropped jacket

Need to revamp your look fast? This multitasking piece can quickly dress up a pair of jeans or dress down a frilly dress, advises Rachel Bilson's stylist, Nicole Chavez.

#### 13. Tailored dress or top

A more streamlined fit cre-

ates the illusion of a smaller frame and helps you look better put-together, Fister tells us.

14. Invest in a big, bold piece of jewelry that can easily take your look from simple to edgy, says Rade.

#### 15. Padded bra

Instant cleavage! Eva Longoria's stylist, Robert Verdi, uses this trick on the star to fake a larger bust. Need more padding? "Try silicone chicken cutlets too," Verdi tells us.

#### Look younger instantly

#### 16. Define arches

For a youthful brow, use a soft pencil to elongate the shape just past the outer corner of eyes, says Nicole Kidman's makeup pro, Angela Levin.

17. Yunjin Kim's secret to looking fresh-faced? "I spray rosewater on my face to revive my makeup and keep my skin dewy."

#### 18. Fix tired eyes

A fuller lash line helps open and lift eyes. Renee Zellweger's makeup man, Kristofer Buckle, smudges black cream liner between top lashes.

#### 19. Soften fine lines

Kate Winslet's makeup artist, Pati Dubroff, minimizes shadows and lines around eyes and mouth with a skin-brightening concealer.

#### 20. Brighten skin

"Swirl a rosy blush on cheeks to look younger instantly," says Dubroff.

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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 6 — Don't expect to agree with your partner about everything. It may be difficult, actually, to agree about anything. That will be easier over the weekend.

**Taurus (April 20 - May 20)** Today is an 8 — You're very good at what you do, and rapidly getting better. The job is getting to be more fun, and not a moment too soon.

**Gemini (May 21 - June 21)** Today is a 6 — You're being tested on how well you can hold your

temper. Don't tell the boss exactly what you think now, either.

**Cancer (June 22 - July 22)** Today is a 8 — Take extra time to make sure your home is snug and comfortable. That extra attention to detail will be especially appreciated now.

**Leo (July 23 - Aug. 22)** Today is a 6 — You may discover an error in your accounting, if you look carefully. It's not quite so obvious if this is in your favor or not, so check twice.

**Virgo (Aug. 23 - Sept. 22)** Today is an 8 — Diving up the treasure is always one of your favorite jobs. This time, the challenge is to keep it all from disappearing.

**Libra (Sept. 23 - Oct. 22)** Today is a 6 — A confrontation now is apt to lead to a breakthrough. Both you and your adversary get to consider another option.

**Scorpio (Oct. 23 - Nov. 21)** Today is an 8 — Take a little time for yourself. Turn down an invitation.

You need to hide away in a quiet place and plan your next move.

**Sagittarius (Nov. 22 - Dec. 21)** Today is a 5 — You're an excellent talker. You can sell just about anything. Now, however, your best strategy is to listen carefully.

**Capricorn (Dec. 22 - Jan. 19)** Today is an 8 — You're in the enviable position of being able to direct the flow of wealth into your pocket. All it takes are a few choice words to the right person.

**Aquarius (Jan. 20 - Feb. 18)** Today is a 8 — Better limit your voyages to flights of fancy now. There's not quite enough time to get as far as you want to go. Not in real life, anyway.

**Pisces (Feb. 19 - March 20)** Today is a 7 — The decisions you're facing concern allocation of your funds. You'll probably decide in favor of spending, so be very careful.

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## BIRTH CONTROL

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at UK. Although some pills are still discounted, Bass said these options can be problematic also.

"I know plenty of people ... that the lower bracket of the pill does not work with their body chemistry," Bass said. "I definitely don't think that in order to avoid pregnancy you should have to go through side effects like weight gain and acne, nausea and depression."

Many of the cheaper alternative forms, such as diaphragms and condoms, are much less effective in preventing pregnancy, according to the Planned Parenthood Web site. The site's statistics are based on the typical use of the contraceptive device, which allows for error.

Condoms are 85 percent effective and diaphragms are 79 percent effective. In contrast, birth control pills are 92 percent effective. Although the ring and the shot are equally effective

as the pill, they cost just as much and sometimes more.

Bass doubted whether students would know how to use less popular alternative methods.

"If they're going to push alternative methods, I certainly hope they offer instruction courses on how to use them correctly," Bass said.

Fortunately, the pharmacy always orders large quantities of birth control pills, which is why it can continue to sell some pills at the same discounted rate, Wells said. Eventually, though, it will sell all of the oral contraceptives at full price.

"I think that will happen over the next couple of years," Wells said. "I don't think it's imminent."

The discounts were a nice bonus for the students, and this change will probably have an adverse effect on some of the population, Wells said. For most students though, it's just a matter of redistributing where their money goes.

"Students typically have many financial challenges," Wells said. "It will be a decision the student has to make."

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ability living-learning community located in Holmes Hall. The living-learning community may be refocused as a junior year program and extended past the classroom into the community, Yanarella said.

Fifteen to 20 high school teachers in Fayette County might also start including sustainability in courses, he said.

In order to achieve change, lessons on acid rain, endangered species and global warming

must be taught early, he said. To help with this, members of UK's student-run environmental club Greenthumb volunteer at local elementary schools teaching social and environmental concerns.

Greenthumb co-coordinator Niles Barnes said the members are supportive of Yanarella's efforts and plans.

"Sustainability has such an environmental connotation now," Barnes said.

Bob Wiseman, vice president of facilities management at UK, said the sustainability movement is growing.

"UK has three legs of the stool — education, outreach and business practices," Wiseman said. "It has to be the leader in all three aspects."

Wiseman is grateful of Yanarella's enthusiasm to educate students of the university and the surrounding area. Global warming and such problems are real and it is vital for people to realize that at a young age, he said.

"It's important to train and educate kids to become interested," Wiseman said. "All of us have to get educated. This is big. I'm very pleased."

## Lawmaker seeks posthumous U.S. citizenship for Anne Frank

By Karoun Demirjian  
CHICAGO TRIBUNE

WASHINGTON — When Anne Frank died in a German concentration camp, she was, like many Jews killed in the Holocaust, a person without a country.

Now, 62 years later, a group of American lawmakers are trying to give her a place to call home.

U.S. Rep. Steve Israel, D-N.Y., has introduced a bill in the House to give Frank, known worldwide through the pages of the diary she kept for two years while hiding from the Nazis during World War II, honorary U.S. citizenship.

"Like millions of Americans, I read her diary growing up, and it influenced me as a child," Israel said. "Now that I'm a member of Congress, I'm in a position to memorialize the lessons that she taught by giving her this posthumous honor."

Israel developed the idea with Christopher Bodkin, a town councilman from Islip, N.Y., who tried unsuccessfully to get the U.S. Postal Service to issue a commemorative stamp in Frank's honor in 2003. Bodkin, an Episcopalian whose British and Irish ancestors came to the U.S. in the 1850s, may seem an unlikely champion of Frank's legacy. But he said her story is one that should resonate widely.

"Everybody who lives here got off a boat somehow," he said. "The unique thing about Americans is that everybody has a story about how they got here. She didn't get that chance."

Bodkin decided honorary citizenship was appropriate for Frank after a proposal to erect a statue of her in the Capitol was rejected because that honor is reserved for American citizens.

Honorary citizenship, however, is difficult to procure. Con-

gressional committees are considering two proposals for posthumous citizenship: Israel's bill to memorialize Frank, and a bill by Sen. Dick Durbin, D-Ill., Rep. Rahm Emanuel, D-Ill., and Rep. Dennis Kucinich, D-Ohio.

Both bills honor the achievements of Casimir Pulaski, a Polish general and commander during the Revolutionary War who has been called "the father of the American cavalry."

The honor has been awarded to just six people in U.S. history: Winston Churchill in 1963; Raoul Wallenberg, a Swedish diplomat and Holocaust hero, in 1981; William Penn and Hannah Callowhill Penn, leaders of the colony of Pennsylvania, in 1984; Mother Teresa, in 1996; and the Marquis de Lafayette, the French general who aided the American Revolution, in 2002.

Anne Frank, Israel said, is a natural addition to those ranks. "Lafayette and Churchill both fought for freedom. Anne Frank inspired generations by writing about freedom," he said. "All of the values that we believe America was based on are articulated in her diary. ... She deserves citizenship because she wrote about freedom and died without it."

Frank began life as a German citizen but lost that citizenship, as did all Jewish refugees, under a Nazi order in 1941. She never became a Dutch citizen during the years she was in hiding in the Netherlands, and she died a stateless refugee of typhus at the Bergen-Belsen concentration camp in March 1945.

In 1949, Frank's father, Otto Frank, became a citizen of the Netherlands. That is the nationality Anne Frank would have wanted for herself, relatives say.

Anne wanted to become a Dutch citizen, because that was her home," said Buddy Elias, a cousin of Frank's who now di-

rects the Anne Frank Fund in Basel, Switzerland, which represents the copyrights of her diary. "That was her great wish."

But Dutch law does not allow citizenship to be given posthumously. In 2004, an initiative in the Dutch parliament to recognize her as a citizen failed. "They turned Anne down," Bodkin said. "I was so angry about that. How could they have taken this girl and said 'no' to making her Dutch? So I thought, by God, if they won't have her, we will."

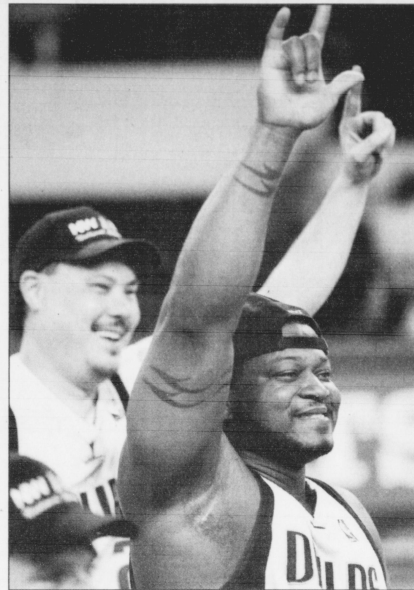
Bodkin and Israel's quest gained momentum last month, when volunteers at the IVO Institute for Jewish Research in New York released papers revealing that Otto Frank had tried unsuccessfully to get Anne and her older sister Margot to the United States in 1941. But the U.S. was turning boatloads of Jewish refugees away from its shores as early as 1939.

"He tried, frenetically almost, to get out," said Cornelius Suijk, a friend of Otto Frank's later in life who served as a director with the foundation that runs the Anne Frank House in Amsterdam, where the Franks hid for two years. "But in those years he had developed a feeling that Jews were not too welcome in the States. He said to me: 'I knew non-Jewish Dutchmen who applied for visas after I did, and they got their visas, and I didn't get it.'"

That history, some say, is why Israel's gesture is misguided.

"When the time was right to (give her citizenship), we didn't do it," said Ellen Feldman, author of the novel "The Boy Who Loved Anne Frank." "The idea of suddenly giving her citizenship is attempting absolution for our own consciences and guilt, rather than a tribute to her."

## A ROLLING WIN



Charles Johnson, right, and Paul Lanciault of the Dallas (ABC) Mavericks celebrate after winning the 59th annual Division II National Wheelchair Basketball Tournament in Memorial Coliseum Saturday afternoon. The Mavericks edged past the Arkansas Rollin' Razorbaks 66-62 to win the championship game.

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					<p><i>Sunday 8<sup>th</sup></i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• UK Ultimate Frisbee Organization, 10:00 PM, Intramural Fields</li> </ul>

## Baseball loses final game, series to MSU

### Cats and Bulldogs split first two, MSU rallies in rubber match

By Travis Waldron  
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UK entered Sunday's rubber match against Mississippi State with a chance to earn its first series victory over the Bulldogs since 1999.

But despite the efforts of senior pitcher Greg Dombrowski, the No. 8 Cats fell to MSU 5-4 yesterday in Starkville, Miss.

Dombrowski gave up four runs and struck out six in 7.1 innings of work. He left the game in the eighth inning with the score tied at four.

"Greg went out and threw awesome," junior first baseman Sawyer Carroll said. "He made one pitch that I don't even think was that bad of a pitch, and the

guy hit a home run. He competed his heart out for us."

Carroll led UK (22-4-1, 4-4-1 Southeastern Conference) on offense, hitting his first career home run in the fourth inning, a two-run shot that tied the game at two. Carroll's 3-for-5 day at the plate added to an already strong weekend after he doubled twice in UK's win on Saturday.

But in the ninth inning, MSU shortstop Brandon Turner hit an RBI single that plated the winning run and sent the Cats home with a series loss.

It wasn't UK's only tough-luck loss of the weekend.

Friday, the Cats jumped out to a four-run lead before giving up seven runs in the seventh inning, resulting in a 10-7 loss.

Senior catcher Sean Coughlin drove in his NCAA-leading 48th RBI and designated hitter Brock Wright homered to lead the UK offense, but it wasn't enough to overcome a bullpen that struggled in the late stages of the game.

UK freshmen pitchers James Paxton and Tyler Henry struggled through the seventh, combining to walk three batters, giving up the first three MSU runs of the inning.

"For some reason, we couldn't throw strike one," head coach John Cohen said. "We're pitching a lot of freshmen, and they struggled to throw it in the strike zone. They're going to need to grow up quickly because we'll need them later in the season."

Saturday, the Cats bounced back to earn their lone win of the series.

Every member of the start-

ing lineup had at least one hit, including three from Carroll. Freshman Jason Kipnis also doubled twice, and senior second baseman Mike Brown doubled once.

Brown, the SEC leader in runs scored and batting average, and the NCAA leader in on-base percentage, went 2-for-4 on the day.

Senior pitcher Andrew Albers (5-0) earned the win, throwing 5.2 innings and giving up just two earned runs.

UK will try to bounce back from the MSU series Tuesday at 6:30 p.m. when Western Carolina visits Lexington.

"I think we played well for the most part," Carroll said. "Today was a rough one to handle. It's tough to get wins on the road, but I think we should have come out with at least two wins."

## Several players absent at start of spring practice

By Travis Waldron  
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Johnson

After missing the first week of spring practice, linebacker Micah Johnson will join the UK football team today.

Johnson was one of four players suspended because of academic problems, but head coach Rich Brooks said at practice Saturday that Johnson would be reinstated to the team this week.

Offensive linemen Garry Williams and Christian Johnson, Micah's brother, and defensive lineman Jamil Paris were also suspended. Williams rejoined the team for the beginning of spring practice. Christian Johnson and Paris still have not returned.

Micah Johnson was at UK's practice Saturday, but didn't participate in any of the team drills.

Instead, he spent practice time conditioning and going through individual drills.

Even when he returns to the field, Johnson won't be a part of all the team drills because of off-season surgery to repair a sports hernia.

"I don't know what the extent of his physical participation will be to be maybe by the end of next week or the first part of the following week," Brooks said.

Johnson wasn't the only player to miss Saturday's prac-

tice, UK's first in full pads.

All-Southeastern Conference linebacker Wesley Woodyard missed practice after he returned home to LaGrange, Ga., for undisclosed reasons. Brooks said Woodyard is expected to return this week.

Safety Marcus McClinton hasn't joined the team yet this spring after his suspension for a violation of team rules. McClinton, who led UK with four interceptions in 2006, will return to practice today.

Linebacker Johnny Williams and defensive lineman Myron Pryor were both out with injuries. They are expected to be back this week, Brooks said.

The offense was also without two key players. Running back Rafael Little and wide receiver DeMoreo Ford are both rehabbing from off-season surgeries. Little is expected to return in two to three weeks, but Ford will go through only non-contact drills all spring.

### UK gets help from NFL player

Philadelphia Eagles offensive tackle Tra Thomas joined the Cats on Friday and Saturday to instruct and help the offensive line.

Thomas, a three-time Pro Bowl selection, played college football at Florida State, where he played for current UK offensive line coach Jimmy Heggins.

## Ohio State's five just as fabulous as Fab Five?

By Mark Snyder  
DETROIT FREE PRESS

ATLANTA — Ohio State has never enjoyed the "Thad Five" moniker.

But when the Buckeyes face Florida in tonight's national championship game, the comparisons might be unavoidable.

The nickname for Ohio State's current five-member, non-overclass — four freshmen, two of whom are starters, and a junior college transfer — was coined by witty media types, jumping off Michigan's revolutionary "Fab Five," the group of five freshmen who started the 1992 national championship game.

These Buckeyes sit at the same level as the Fab Five, preparing to take on a defending national champion.

For all the Fab Five did to "shock the world," as Juwan Howard kept screaming that year, they didn't win the national championship, either as freshmen or as sophomores.

That's where Ohio State can separate itself Monday night.

"We were different than that, that was long and done over with," said freshman Daquan Cook, who sits third on the attention meter behind center Greg Oden and point guard Mike Conley Jr. "We've faced that a little bit, but we didn't really listen to it. ...

"That was something that happened in the past and we're so much of a different type of team than they were. We've just got a lot more help from the upperclassmen and the coaches."

These Buckeyes are unusually reserved and humble, and never threatened the upperclassmen — far different than the brash Michigan players. It's not easy to do, especially when Oden is a first-team All-American and Conley a first-team All-Big Ten player.

"We didn't have to talk about it," Conley said. "We're humble people on and off the court."

Both junior guard Jamar Butler and senior forward Ivan Harris admitted the Buckeyes would not have reached the title game without the freshmen and they appreciate that for that reason.

"It was an easy process," Butler said. "We knew they were coming and we had open arms when they were coming in. The whole spotlight thing didn't bother us at all. We knew that getting Oden and Conley would make us a better basketball team."

The Buckeyes were without Oden until Dec. 2 and went through some rocky patches. They lost at North Carolina without him and were pounded by Florida, 86-60, with Oden limited after surgery on his right wrist.

But, like the Fab Five, Ohio State evolved as the season moved along and now

the Buckeyes are on a 22-game winning streak, the nation's longest.

The Fab Five never stayed that hot and, unlike these Buckeyes, never won a conference title. So this group already has an edge.

But Ohio State coach Thad Matta never wanted or embraced the comparison, not because of U-M's success, but because of the baggage associated with the Wolverines' NCAA A violations.

Chris Webber, the star of stars on those U-M teams, said he doesn't see many similarities between his Wolverines and the Buckeyes.

"I think it's an unfair comparison to put that pressure on them," Webber said. "Also, we were playing against seniors that could have left early now. There's no seniors who could have left early now, so it's a totally different game. There will never be a team full of seniors that could have went to the NBA but are still playing."

The Buckeyes will look to finish Monday night what the Wolverines could not 15 years ago.

Florida presents an enormous challenge because all five of its starters returned from its championship team, including two sure-fire NBA lottery picks in Joakim Noah and Grand Ledge's Al Horford.

When will college basketball see another group of star-studded young players return? "Hopefully next year," Matta said.

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# A different kind of admissions process

By Kathy Bocella  
THE PHILADELPHIA INQUIRER

PHILADELPHIA — Along with SAT scores and extra-curricular activities, college-bound students increasingly are being asked to divulge information that may not be so flattering: their arrest and discipline records.

Since late summer, the Common Application, a form used by about 300 institutions, has asked students and guidance counselors whether the applicant has ever been convicted of a crime or disciplined at school.

Kids with rocky pasts may not make it beyond 12th grade.

In an effort to weed out troublemakers before they hit campus, colleges with their own forms also are requiring prospective students to disclose behavioral black marks. More are contemplating it.

The University of Pennsylvania put its admissions policy under review after the discovery in January that a 25-year-old child molester taking graduate courses was commuting from his Bucks County, Pa., prison cell. Saint Joseph's University will ask about applicants' misdeeds beginning next year.

"It's an issue that's exploding," said Timothy Mann, dean of student affairs at Babson College, who is writing his doctoral dissertation on the subject.

The debate over whether to screen and for what is contentious. Opponents cite privacy issues and the risk of penalizing offenders twice. Education encourages rehabilitation, argues the United States Student Association, the nation's largest student group.

"Are we now putting institutions of higher education in the position of dispensing post-judicial punishment?" Barnak Nassirian of the American Association of Collegiate Registrars and Admissions Officers asked.

Offenders can still slip in. "No background check is foolproof," cautioned Stephanie Hughes, a professor at the University of Northern Kentucky and security expert who owns RiskAware, which runs background checks on college employees.

Federal law prevents most schools from releasing educational records — including disciplinary information — without a parental approval. Counselors can leave the questions blank, a spokesman for the Common Application said. And schools don't always know about the

trouble students get into off campus.

Where Mark McGrath, president of the New Jersey School Counselor Association, works, the few kids who have had an incident tend to admit their wrongdoings.

"We try to put it in the best light we can" on the application, said McGrath, a counselor at Lawrence High School in Lawrenceville, N.J. "We're the advocates for the child."

Access to more accurate information and increased expectations about college involvement in students' lives have spurred the trend toward pre-admission screening, Mann said.

Though campus crime has not appreciably increased since 2003, according to the U.S. Department of Education, a few high-profile crimes committed by students with rap sheets have led institutions to reexamine their admissions process. The Common Application added its inquiries at the request of schools concerned about liability, executive director Rob Killian said.

Students are warned not to omit information. If they're caught lying, they're disqualified. Administrators believe most comply.

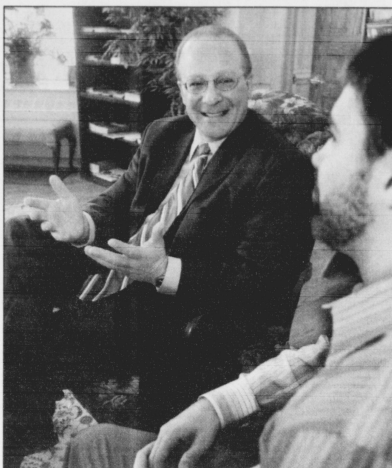
Several states have taken stricter measures. A new law criticized by privacy advocates forces Virginia colleges to reveal names and birth dates of incoming students so police can cross-check sex-offender lists. If there's a match, the school and local police are told and the offender has three days to register with authorities after moving to campus.

Virginia State Police Lt. Tom Turner said authorities expect to check 80,000 to 100,000 names annually.

In North Carolina, additional precautions have been implemented since students with rape and larceny convictions committed two unrelated murders at the state university in Wilmington in 2004.

In addition to being asked about their pasts, applicants to the University of North Carolina's 16 campuses are checked against a national database of suspended or expelled college students. Those who trigger suspicion are investigated, Leslie Winner, general counsel for the 200,000-student system, said. As a result, 84 applicants were denied entry last fall.

Schools generally ask for a letter of explanation and consult counselors and others when a problem is reported. "We look for students showing



GERALD S. WILLIAMS | PHILADELPHIA INQUIRER/RET Mark Laproziosa, Assistant Vice President of Enrollment Management at Arcadia University, left, discusses new enrollment background checks with Enrollment Management Counselor Kyle Daniels.

sealed, colleges can run criminal background checks on those 18 or older.

"There's really no need for a university to take a risk," said Joan McDonald, vice president of enrollment at Drexel University, where no more than 10 applicants a year report misdeeds. Serious offenders aren't invited to join the school's 5,000 or so incoming freshmen.

Each school has its idea of a deal-breaking offense. Hughes, the owner of RiskAware, said. Even with murder, she advises not to jump to conclusions.

"What if they were defending themselves?" Hughes said.

"We look at it on a case-by-case basis," said Mark Laproziosa, associate vice president of enrollment at Arcadia University, which uses the Common Application and which may revise its own form.

"We look for students showing

growth or having learned" from their mistakes, he said.

Pennsylvania State University, which has asked students about their criminal pasts since 1991, received an application in 1999 from a man in his 30s who noted an assault conviction. That confession and information the school received from another source prompted an investigation that revealed more time served for manslaughter and sex crimes.

The man was arrested again — on a gun charge — while the background check was underway.

Witold Walczak, legal director of the American Civil Liberties Union of Pennsylvania, worries that risk aversion may lead to overzealous enforcement. If getting arrested once was a consideration 35 years ago, he says, "an awful lot of people would never have gotten into college ... maybe even presidents."

# Clinton leads the pack in poll categories

By Helen Kennedy  
NEW YORK DAILY NEWS

NEW YORK — Sen. Hillary Clinton is not just a front-runner for president, she's also the candidate most voters pick as best high school principal, baby-sitter — and even contestant on TV's "Dancing With the Stars."

Clinton, who will pick up the endorsement of New Jersey Gov. Jon Corzine on Monday, beat rivals Barack Obama, John Edwards, Rudy Giuliani and John McCain in every frivolous category of a new Time magazine poll.

Voters think she'd be a better dancer than Obama, a better principal than Giuliani and a better baby-sitter than Edwards, who were the respective runners-up.

In more serious matchups, Democrats picked Clinton over Obama 38 percent to 30 percent, with Edwards at 26 percent — a nine-point jump in the days since his wife's cancer diagnosis became the subject of painful debate.

In a Fox News poll, voters across party lines supported his decision to stay in the race by a 2-to-1 margin.

In Time's poll, Giuliani leads McCain 35 percent to 22 percent for the GOP nomination.

In trial heats, both McCain and Giuliani would beat Clinton, with Giuliani's lead over Clinton jumping five points recently to 50 percent to 41 percent. Obama would also lose to either Republican by a hair.

It is only the latest of many polls showing the GOP with a small lead, so it's odd that the Fox poll also found that the vast majority of voters expect the Democratic Party to recapture the White House. Only 22 percent are betting on the Republicans.

A key gauge of the campaigns' financial chops comes this weekend when the candidates file their first fund-raising reports of the year.

"Unfortunately, we cannot change the fact that this is how the press, political pundits and others will look at the financial and political momentum behind our campaign," McCain told supporters.

Edwards' campaign manager, David Bonior, implored supporters. "This first test couldn't be more important. If you've been waiting to plunk down your \$50 until a truly critical moment — that moment has arrived."

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## Phelps must start fixing SG now, not in August

Now is not time for Student Government president-elect Nick Phelps to rest on his laurels. Phelps and his campaign staff have had the weekend to celebrate their well-earned victory in last week's SG elections. What they are about to face is a new task far more difficult than winning the election — making SG into an organization that truly serves the UK student body.

It starts with following through on his campaign promises.

Auditing every SG service, which was one of Phelps' top platform planks, will take a great deal of time and labor. In order for any substantive change to come out of the audits, Phelps and the new SG Senate need to start the process right away — if they wait until August to begin, nothing will happen until March.

Bringing a diverse group of students into the audit process will be equally important. Obviously, it will be valuable to talk to students who have been heavily involved with SG in general and with the specific services being audited. But the audits need to include students from outside SG as well — such people will have fresh ideas, untainted by years of hearing "That's just how SG does it."

Next on Phelps' list should be a specific plan for improving SG's output and accountability. In his meeting with the editorial board the week before the election, Phelps gave a preliminary sketch of what that will look like; he said he would post SG officials' work records publicly and even online.

That would be a significant start, but it's not enough. Phelps needs to ensure that SG's execu-

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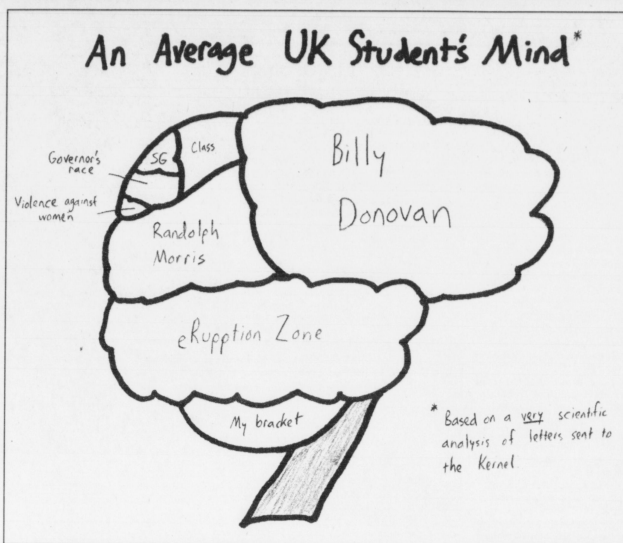
tive-branch hiring process is subject to public scrutiny and brings in students who are truly dedicated to serving the student body. Eliminating salaries altogether, which Scott McIntosh made a key focus of his campaign, won't accomplish that, and Phelps was right to reject this approach.

But that does not mean the status quo is satisfactory. Phelps and vice president-elect Brittany Langdon should try to draw a wide range of applicants for executive positions in their administration. To that end, they need to advertise job openings more publicly than past administrations have, through both flyers posted in classrooms and groups or advertising on Facebook.

Communication is another issue Phelps will need to tackle as SG president. At best, students have only a vague idea of how SG spends its budget of about \$300,000. That's unacceptable, seeing as all that money comes from mandatory student fees.

Phelps should find a webmaster who will continue the improvements that have occurred on SG's Web site ([www.uksga.org](http://www.uksga.org)) during the administration of Jonah Brown. There needs to be new content on the site every day, so that students have a reason to keep visiting it. Moreover, recent SG expenditures should be posted visibly on the site, as should videos of meetings and copies of legislation in the Senate.

It will not be easy to make the improvements SG needs right now. It's time for Phelps and Langdon to prove that they're up to the job.



BRENTON KENKEL, Kernel cartoonist

## Atheism, like any other belief, deserves Americans' respect

"As the Government of the United States of America is not, in any sense, founded on the Christian religion..."



LINSEN LI  
Kernel columnist

lieve, the United States was indeed founded on a tradition of secularism. Among the first presidents, several were deists, and some, including Thomas Jefferson, had no religious affiliation at all.

The Founding Fathers would shudder to see the current political climate in Washington and the overpowering influence of religion on state policies. We see time and time again the domination of religious beliefs in presidential elections, the most recent being George W. Bush's marginal but deciding victory over John Kerry in 2004, with the majority of Bush supporters voting based on their religious beliefs.

Three years later today, facts tell us that religious conviction is not a guarantee of a person's ability to manage state affairs — or ability in any aspect, for that matter.

According to the 2001 American Religious Identification Survey conducted by the U.S. Census, 15 per-

cent of the adult population is atheistic, agnostic or otherwise non-religious. In comparison, Jews and Mormons each constitute 1.4 percent of the population, 0.6 percent of Americans are Muslims, and 0.05 percent are Buddhists.

Yet in the U.S. Congress and Senate, the religious demographics do not match up with those of the population. Among the 535 members, only one representative — Pete Stark, D-Calif. — is publicly non-religious.

This comes to roughly 0.2 percent of the whole membership of Congress, compared to 15 percent of the public. Assuming the majority of these 535 members are an educated sample of the population, it is statistically likely that a significant number of them must be atheists. If so, they had to conceal and lie about their beliefs to be elected. What a political system the United States has — one that forces politicians to lie blatantly just to get elected!

So who's responsible for this situation? The American public, including you the readers. Don't believe me? Then take a little test.

From most acceptable to least acceptable, list these following groups according to your tolerance of them holding a political office: blacks, Jews, women, atheists, homosexuals, Muslims and Latinos.

The majority of Americans place atheists at the very bottom of the list. But why? What is it about us atheists that disqualifies us from holding a political office?

I'll tell you why — the general public still does not understand the concept of the separation of church

and state and its importance to a harmonious society.

Many Americans still hope that one day, everyone in this world will be a Christian, and then it would be heaven on earth. If only such people could see the dangers of that "ideal society!" Just look at the Christianity-dominated Europe of the medieval period, and you'll see that an ultra-dominant religion will not bring peace and prosperity to the human race.

The beauty of the human race comes from our diversity. What would the world be like if everyone were exactly the same? If there is no difference of opinions, then our conversations will only involve about two dozen sentences, sentences like "Dinner is ready," and "Terrible weather, isn't it?"

Tolerance is the true answer for achieving a harmonious society. Before tolerance comes understanding. I dare say that a large percentage of the American public does not understand the meaning of atheism. Even if you know the word's meaning from a dictionary, you have to realize that atheism is diverse and often less radical than your preconceptions.

Bias against an atheist is no better than bias against a certain race, sexual orientation or gender. Don't be a person of prejudice — learn about atheism by talking to that one atheist friend of yours or by reading about it. For the America I believe in is a country where everyone, regardless of religious beliefs, is truly equal.

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## UK basketball fans' high expectations are hardly irrational

I know more than a few people (myself included) who always believed that if former UK basketball coach Tubby Smith left his position on anything less than amicable terms — retirement or a promotion to the NBA — the resulting media firestorm would become a public-relations nightmare for UK.



WES BLEIVINS  
Kernel columnist

The national media's perception of racism in the program's history, along with the generalization of UK's fans as overzealous maniacs who demand a national championship every season, would undoubtedly propel the experts to cast UK as the bad guy in the situation.

So when Smith left UK for the same job at the University of Minnesota, the media wolves converged upon the wounded UK basketball program. Mark Bradley of the Atlanta Journal-Constitution lamented, "The Big Blue has come to believe it's bigger than the game, that a sea-

son ending without a national championship is an abject failure of coaching."

And the Washington Post's Michael Wilton lambasted UK fans and alumni for expecting any more than "winning 20 games and going to the NCAA tournament."

Right here in Lexington, the Herald-Leader's own Cheryl Truman wrote, "We drove away UK basketball coach Tubby Smith, a decent guy and generally successful coach, because he didn't give us what we're sure is our Kentucky birthright: Absolute dominance of American men's college basketball." Truman goes further: "I don't care if UK ever wins another men's basketball championship, and I don't understand why anybody else does, either," she said.

Her advice for UK fans? "Give up the college basketball obsession — or at least dial it back a few thousand notches. Grow a garden. Read a book. Do something constructive."

There's the rub. There's the perception of UK fans that so many in the media have — slovenly, uneducated simpletons who have nothing better to do with their time than to

sit around and mope about a pattern of un-Kentucky-like basketball.

For those of you who might need a refresher, UK has been at or near the top of college basketball for as long as or longer than arguably any other program. UK's 1,948 wins rank first all-time. Kentucky's seven national championships rank second behind only UCLA. And UK's dominance of the Southeastern Conference has been staggering, with 43 regular-season titles and 25 SEC tournament titles.

We're told that in today's world of college basketball, UK's dominance is a thing of the past. This is an age of parity, they say, and such supremacy is impossible. Yet the last two years have seen two teams, Florida and UCLA, make the Final Four in consecutive years. And Roy Williams continues to pull in classes full of five-star recruits on a yearly basis at North Carolina.

So why not Kentucky? With the tradition, facilities and prestige that come along with UK basketball, there's no reason that UK can't compete on the same level as North Carolina, Kansas, UCLA and the current "it" team, Florida. The problem for Tubby Smith was UK hasn't been

doing that.

College basketball ultimately comes down to recruiting. And this is one department in which Tubby has come up short in recent years. This year's senior class consisted of three players who consistently gave 110 percent effort throughout their UK careers. But not even the bluest of the true blue would argue that any of our seniors compare to Texas members of their class such as Texas A&M's Acie Law IV or Wisconsin's Alando Tucker.

The great recruiting class of 2004 has been decimated by the early defections of Randolph Morris and Rajon Rondo. And the sophomore class was an injured Jared Carter. The freshman class showed promise throughout the 2006-07 season, but they couldn't rescue the Cats from another double-digit-loss year.

UK fans have become used to success in college basketball. Winning is expected, and losing is barely tolerated. But the vast majority of Kentucky fans are perfectly reasonable people. We don't expect national championships every year. We don't expect a Final Four trip every year.

What we do expect — year in and year out — is one thing: Kentucky basketball. We expect to be competitive in the SEC, ying for a bye in the SEC tournament on a yearly basis. We expect to make the NCAA tournament every year, a trip to the Sweet 16 most years and a Final Four run every few years.

That's not unreasonable. That's UK basketball. The brand of basketball in Lexington over several of the previous 10 years has not measured up to traditional UK standards.

Fans shouldn't be expected to apologize for expecting greatness out of an elite program. Media "experts" who are quick to condemn UK's fan base for their expectations are obviously largely ignorant of UK's stature and tradition.

UK fans know what they want; and any coach — black or white, nice or not so nice — is going to receive the same enduring scrutiny that his predecessor experienced.

And if successful, Smith's successor will experience a love from fans unfamiliar to any other basketball coach in the nation.

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# SPORTS

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## Men's tennis overmatched by Tennessee, Georgia

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The UK men's tennis team had trouble winning sets, much less matches, this weekend as the Cats won only six sets in two matches in losses to No. 1 Georgia on Friday and No. 22 Tennessee yesterday.

On Friday, the Cats were outmaneuvered by the Bulldogs, winning only one set all night while losing 7-0. UK fared slightly better yesterday, winning five sets against Tennessee, including one singles point, but still lost 6-1.

"There's no excuse losing to Tennessee 6-1," junior Marcus Sundh said.

The Volunteers opened yesterday's match by winning the doubles point — their sixth doubles point win in eight matches in Southeastern Conference play.

UK freshmen Jorge Jorge and Roman Ogarkov lost 8-2 to Bo Hardegree and Bobby Cameron to start the match at No. 2 doubles. UK sophomores Bruno Agostinelli and Shane Collins lost a close match at No. 2 doubles, 8-6 to Kaden Hensel and Kiril Tchernveniachki to seal the point for Tennessee. But UK spoiled the sweep when Sundh and senior Peter Bjork upset No. 55 Adam Hubble and Ben Rogers at No. 1 doubles.

The Cats couldn't gain any momentum in singles when Jorge quickly lost at No. 4 singles to Rogers, 6-1, 6-1 to help the Volunteers out to a 2-0 lead. After Ogarkov lost at No. 5 singles 6-2, 6-2 to Tchernveniachki, Sundh recorded his second upset of the day by defeating No. 120 Davey Sandgren in two sets, 6-2, 6-3 to keep the Cats close.

But at No. 6 singles, Collins fell in two sets, 6-0, 7-6 to Christopher Racz.

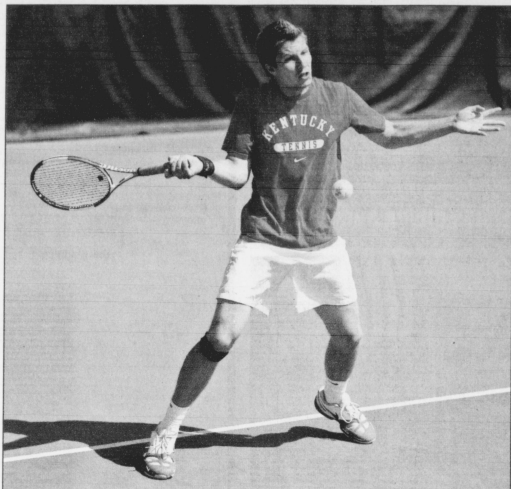
"The second set tiebreaker at No. 6 was key," head coach Dennis Emery said. "We didn't play well in that breaker and that gave them the win."

Even though the outcome was no longer in doubt, Agostinelli and Bjork, both tied 1-1 in their matches, went to third set tiebreakers to 10 points. But neither player could capitalize, with No. 88 Agostinelli falling 7-6, 3-6, 10-7 to No. 36 Hensel at No. 1 singles. Bjork, who battled back after losing the first set, lost 4-6, 6-2, 10-6 to No. 29 Cameron at No. 2 singles.

"We played good at 1 and 2," Sundh said. "It would have been different if the sets would have played out."

On Friday, Georgia swept the doubles point, winning all three matches 8-1 over the Cats. UK struggled in singles as well, with five players falling in straight sets.

Agostinelli fell to No. 1 and reigning SEC



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Junior Marcus Sundh returns the ball during a doubles match against Tennessee yesterday. Sundh won his singles match 6-2, 6-3 giving UK its only point.

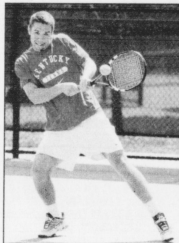
player of the year John Isner, 7-5, 6-4. The Cats lone set win over the Bulldogs came when Sundh won the first set against No. 11 Travis Helgeson. He went on to lose in three sets, 6-4, 2-6, 3-6.

"You have to give Georgia credit, they are very good," Emery said. "They have no holes in their lineup."

It doesn't get any easier for UK, who is seeking its 13th straight NCAA tournament appearance. The Cats' five remaining games are all against ranked opponents, with only one match coming at home.

UK travels to No. 8 Illinois Thursday before hosting No. 58 South Carolina on Friday. The Cats end the regular season with a three-game road trip against No. 15 Florida, No. 5 Notre Dame and No. 38 Vanderbilt.

"It's an uphill battle from here," Emery said.



Senior Peter Bjork returns a serve yesterday against Tennessee during an 8-6 doubles match win over No. 55 Adam Hubble and Ben Rogers.

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## SPORTS BRIEFS

### Women's tennis drops two

The No. 23 ranked UK women's tennis team lost to Tennessee 5-1 yesterday in Knoxville.

UT jumped out to a 1-0 lead by winning the doubles point. The Volunteers went on to win the first four singles points. UK's only point came at the No. 6 spot, where Whitney Spencer beat Zsafia Zabor 6-1, 6-0.

With the loss, UK dropped to 15-3 overall, 6-2 in the Southeastern Conference.

On Friday, the Cats lost to No. 5 Georgia 6-1, ending its nine-match winning streak.

The Cats play South Carolina on Friday in Columbia.

### Gymnastics finishes 7th at SEC

Despite its best score in the event in four years, the No. 25 UK gymnastics team finished in seventh place at the Southeastern Conference championships Friday night in Fayetteville, Ark.

The Wildcats finished with a final score of 194. No. 1 Florida won its first title since 1989 with a score of 197.325.

UK freshman Emilie Rymer led the Cats in the all-around with a score of 39.025. She has now topped 39 in five consecutive matches.

The Cats will now have to wait to see if they've done enough to earn a bid to the NCAA regionals, which begin April 14.

### Softball swept by Arkansas

Arkansas swept the UK softball team this weekend, knocking the Cats down to 17-14 overall and 4-10 in the SEC.

UK managed just five hits in yesterday's 2-0 loss. The Cats lost 11-8 and 5-2 on Saturday.

UK set two school records in the first game on Saturday: hits allowed and home runs in a season.

With Ashley Fertic's second home run of the day, UK set the single season record with 38. The previous record was set in 2004.

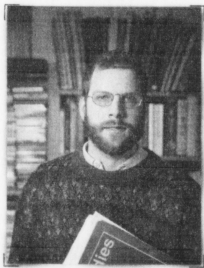
The Razorbacks banged out 19 hits, one more than Alabama had in a game in March of 1989.

Yesterday's shutout loss marked the fourth time this season that the Cats didn't score.

UK plays a doubleheader tomorrow against No. 6 Louisiana State in Baton Rouge, La. The first pitch is scheduled for 5 p.m.

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## Kennedy's loses management of UK Bookstore

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After a five-year lease, Kennedy's Bookstore will no longer manage the UK Bookstore in the Student Center.

Barnes & Noble is suspected to be in negotiations with UK over the space, said Kennedy's Bookstore owner Carol Behr.

UK told Kennedy's yesterday that the university was looking for other companies to operate the store, Behr said.

"We had a five-year lease on the UK Bookstore," Behr said. "That lease is up and UK told us we would not continue to operate it."

Kevin Stevens, a UK Purchasing Director Associate confirmed that UK has sent out requests for proposals (RFPs) but would not confirm if any companies involved.

"UK went out for RFPs for operation and management on the bookstore," Stevens said. "We do not have a contract yet. We are reviewing and evaluating proposals now."

He said that a decision could be made next week.

Another Kennedy's controlled bookstore was taken over by Barnes & Noble in 2005. Behr ran the store at Bluegrass Community and Technical College (BCTC) before it became a part of the Kentucky Community and Technical College (KCTC) System.

Kennedy's operated the then-Lexington Community College store for five years, Behr said, but when the school became BCTC, the KCTC System had a contract with Barnes & Noble to operate all of its bookstores. Once the college joined the state system the store was under Barnes & Noble control.

"When UK and BCTC split, the community college became a part of the KCTC system," Behr said. "Our original lease was up and we had to hand it over to Barnes & Noble."

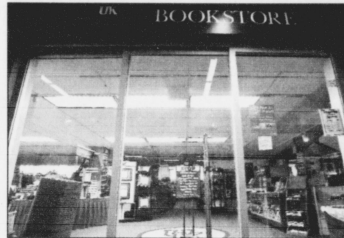
Barnes & Noble could not be reached to comment on the possibility of operating the UK store.

Kennedy's is still looking to add a store to its operations and submitted a proposal to operate and manage the bookstore at Eastern Kentucky University, Behr said.

"We had a presentation today and we hope to take over the ECU store," Behr said.

Kennedy's would be open to taking over the UK store again in the future, Behr said.

"It's a possibility," she said. "It wouldn't be for a long time, but we would probably bid for it again."



UK Bookstore in the Student Center has been managed by Kennedy's Bookstore for the past five years. Kennedy's owner Carol Behr thinks the university is negotiating with Barnes & Noble to take over the store.

## Back on track

After earning six regional qualifying marks in two days at the Yellow Jacket Invitational in Atlanta last weekend, the UK track and field team was back at the Shively Outdoor Track yesterday practicing for Friday's meet at Auburn. The team pulled in five marks in the last day of the Georgia Tech meet — one from the men's 4x400 relay, two from the men's 400-meter dash, one from the women's 400-meter dash and another one from the men's 4x100 relay.



Sophomore sprinters Gordon McKenzie, right, and Brandon Austin launch off the block after hearing the starting gun during track practice yesterday afternoon at the Shively Outdoor Track. The team was preparing for the Auburn Tiger Track Classic this Friday in Alabama.

## Alumni Assoc. starts new tradition with T-shirts

By Erica Mitchell  
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If a new tradition catches on, matching T-shirts will be the unifier between Wildcats of past and present.

The UK Alumni Association is sponsoring a design competition for a T-shirt to be worn at athletic events to visually unite students, alumni, faculty and fans. Students will be able to submit designs for a T-shirt then vote for the winner from among up to five final designs chosen by a selection committee.

Melissa Newman, associate director for membership and programs for Alumni Affairs hopes the project, called Traditions T, will become a new and lasting tradition that will provide a united look at all athletic games.

"Our goal is for the stands to appear as a sea of blue, with everyone wearing the Traditions T to intimidate our opponents," Newman said.

Enrolled students can submit a design through Friday. Designs should incorporate and reflect the spirit and tradition of UK, Newman said. Since students will be encouraged to wear the Traditions T to all athletic events the design should not be sport specific.

The student with the winning design will win a \$500 stipend and two UK men's basketball student season

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## Police: possible link between burglaries, sex assaults

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The suspect in the recent burglaries at Newtown Crossing apartment complex may be the same one police are looking for in the sexual assaults that occurred in October near University Avenue, according to Lexington police.

"It's just something we're looking at," Sgt. Jody Stowers of Lexington Police Department's residential division. "We can't say for sure if they're related or not."

Police are looking for a black man between 20 and 25-years-old, about 6 feet 1 inch tall and 180 pounds.

A victim gave this description to police after a confrontation with the suspect, who broke into her apartment on March 28 shortly after 5:30 a.m. This burglary was the most recent in a string of six over the last six weeks at Newtown Crossing.

One of the sexual assault victims described her assailant as a black man in his early 20s, about 5 feet 5 inches tall and 140 pounds.

Both sexual assaults occurred after the perpetrator broke into the victim's home.

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## Film links oil dependency to end of suburbia

By Jennifer Miles  
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The world as we know it may be coming to an end.

But not because of asteroids or earthquakes — it's suburbia's heavy reliance on fossil fuels coupled with declining oil production, according to a film showing at 7 tonight at the Student Center.

UK geology professor Paul Howell will lead a discussion after the screening of "The End of Suburbia: Oil Depletion and the Collapse of the American Dream," which was written and directed by Gregory Greene.

The showing is part of Earthdays in the Bluegrass, an environmental promotion of responsible global citizenship.

"This film deals with the potential impacts of dwindling global oil supplies and rising prices on the suburban American lifestyle," Earthdays organizer Shane Tedder said. "It focuses primarily on the last 60 years, and then lays out several possible scenarios for the coming years."

The current generation, including UK students, will see the end of cheap oil and the transition to an alternate energy source, Tedder said. "End of Suburbia"

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## Health class to cover topics 'everyone needs to know'

By Kenny Colston  
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From herpes to heart attacks, no health subject will be out of bounds for a new class being taught by Dr. Greg Moore, director of Student Health Services.

"A lot of my patients have expressed a lack of knowledge about the subject," Moore said.

Moore hopes a new class will help with that problem.

Starting this summer, the College of Public Health will offer Personal Health 100 to be taught by Moore and teaching assistant Amy Hanson. The course is open to all students and will cover a range of topics including infectious illnesses like sexually transmitted diseases, chronic diseases like diabetes, injury prevention and mental health.

"It's very important," Moore said. "Everyone needs to know these topics and others, like how to talk to doctors and about health insurance."

The course will feature several guest speakers including many of the doctors who work at University Health Services, a professor from the School of Public Health and doctors from UK Chandler Medical Center. In addition to the guest speakers and lectures by Moore, students will have

the option of taking an online survey allowing them to pinpoint risk factors in their lives and what behaviors they could personally improve upon.

"Students will probably increase their understanding of medicine and human biology and what to expect to go through as they age," Moore said.

Enrollment for the summer class is limited to 50 students, but Moore said that if the class is successful, enrollment will expand to 200 for the fall 2007 and spring 2008 semesters.

"If (the class) takes off we'll find a bigger place," Moore said. "But right now we want a small class for discussions."

Some students weren't necessarily interested in the class but still saw value in it.

"I probably wouldn't take the class unless my friends liked it," said Matt Hamlin, a civil engineering freshman. "But a majority of the campus would like it and would probably find it interesting."

Jameelah Henderson, a secondary education junior, said she didn't plan on taking the class.

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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 6 — Maybe if you put your heads together, you'll find a solution. It might help to put your money together, too.

**Taurus (April 20 - May 20)** Today is an 8 — The more you enjoy what you're doing, the more others enjoy your work. Give up the struggle and let yourself really get into the fun part.

**Gemini (May 21 - June 21)** Today is a 6 — You and your sweetheart love to imagine romantic excursions. Move from the fantasy phase by imagining what you'll do to get there.

**Cancer (June 22 - July 22)** Today is a 6 — A splash of color in a tablecloth or a bouquet of flowers, and your home wears a happy face. So, of course, do all who come through. It's magic.

**Leo (July 23 - Aug. 22)** Today is a 6 — You may discover an error in your accounting, if you look carefully. It's not quite so obvious if this is in your favor or not, so check twice.

**Virgo (Aug. 23 - Sept. 22)** Today is an 8 — You'll have to keep your wits about you, and maybe a pair of scissors. Out coupons to stretch your bounty further, and trim unnecessary expenses.

**Libra (Sept. 23 - Oct. 22)** Today is a 6 — The situation is not all wrapped up. The only thing that's certain is that there will be surprises. Watch what's going on around you.

**Scorpio (Oct. 23 - Nov. 21)** Today is an 8 — There's more to be gleaned from the rich field that

you're harvesting. Do it now, this opportunity won't be around forever.

**Sagittarius (Nov. 22 - Dec. 21)** Today is a 5 — Your team may be enthusiastic but they don't have an easy path. Teach them to be persistent if they don't at first succeed.

**Capricorn (Dec. 22 - Jan. 19)** Today is an 8 — Somebody in a position of power relies heavily on you. Don't wait to be asked if you see that one struggling with a decision.

**Aquarius (Jan. 20 - Feb. 18)** Today is a 6 — You're frustrated by your inability to achieve your goals. Get used to it. That's a side effect of setting really big goals. Learn to use frustration as motivation.

**Pisces (Feb. 19 - March 20)** Today is an 8 — Using what you've recently learned, you can change old habits. Get what you want while increasing your savings. Yes, it can be done.

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## LOVE LIVES

Christina & Jordan — why she's so crazy about him

"He's the greatest!" Christina Aguilera tells Us of her hubby, Jordan Bratman. "He's my backbone."

The music exec, 29 (who visits the singer, 26, weekly on her 41-city tour for her album Back to Basics), proved as much while stuck to her side at a March 21 NYC bash toasting her Nylon cover and the magazine's eighth anniversary.

"Whatever she does, he is totally en-amored of her," says a fellow partier at the Hotel Gansevoort.

Their secret? "When you have an amazing person in your life," she says, "you recognize all the beautiful things around you."

### The Office's Jenna Fischer — meet my man!

Just like real people who toil at a desk all day long, The Office star Jenna Fischer tells Us she daydreams about ditching it all and jetting to paradise with her beloved, screenwriter James Gunn, 36 (he wrote the 2006 thriller Slicher).

"My husband and I have our eye on Bora Bora," says the actress, 33, who costars with Will Ferrell in the figure-skating comedy Blades of Glory. "It's remote. It's relaxing. It's quiet. It's private. It's a little exotic."

What's on her to-do list if the twosome (who married in 2000) do manage to get away?

"Sleep. Read. Relax with my husband."

But who needs a tan anyway? Gunn says of first meeting Fischer, "She had this glow about her."

### Jeffrey opens up about Mary-Louise!

"Fantastic!" is the word Jeffrey Dean Morgan tells Us describes his romance with girlfriend of more than four months Mary-Louise Parker.

But with both actors so busy working, finding time together can be a challenge (he just wrapped the romantic comedy The Accidental Husband with Uma Thurman, while Parker, who stars in September's The Assassination of Jesse James with Brad Pitt, starts filming the new season of her Showtime hit, Weeds, in April).

"Hopefully we'll get out of town before she starts Weeds again," says the actor, 40. Until then, there's always opportunity for fun at home with the actress, 42, and her son, William, 3 (with ex Billy Crudup).

"It's great," Morgan gushes about spending time with the pair. "We just hang out and giggle. We watch him play. That's what we do."

Not that the tot requires much entertaining. "He likes to read," he says. "He's got every book that there is, as far as I know!"

### Nick & Vanessa's daytime date

It's been almost a year, and Nick Lachey, 33, and Vanessa Minnillo, 26, are still going strong!

"Nick has been wanting a long weekend away with her," a source tells Us.

But when Minnillo's busy schedule kept them in the L.A. area March 24 and 25, they sneaked away to Long Beach's The Reef on the Water restaurant.

A witness tells Us, "They were holding hands when they came out."

### Sanaa Lathan scores a cutie!

Former Nip/Tuck star Sanaa Lathan, 35, just wrapped filming on the ABC special A Raisin in the Sun, but thanks to a blind date, she has something else to keep her busy: Chicago Bears defenseman Adelewe "Wale" Ogunleye, 29.

"When they met, she thought he was down-to-earth, gorgeous and totally her type," a source tells Us. He's even met her best pal, Gabrielle Union!

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is important because it will help students realize how their lives will be different than the lives of their parents, he said.

Tedder hoped the film would push students to consider what they can do to help promote a high quality of life despite difficult energy transitions.

Niles Barnes, a member of the student environmental club Green Thumb, agreed that dwindling oil production should be a concern of UK students.

"We are currently living through a period of peak oil and the way we go about our daily lives will be drastically different in the future," Barnes said. "It will be up to us to ensure that the transition to a new sustainable way of life is a smooth one that leaves no one out. It will be up to us to create a new sustainable

'green collar' economy that can accomplish this transition."

The discussion that follows the film will focus on the theory of peak oil, one of the central concepts of "End of Suburbia." Peak oil refers to the point at which production of crude oil peaks and then begins to decline. Since world demand for oil is increasing rather than declining, the impacts of peak oil will be enormous, Tedder said.

"In a more immediate sense, the economic impacts are the most obvious," Tedder said. "Summer gas prices will likely make this very clear."

However, Tedder is quick to reassure students that the film is not all doom and gloom.

"Despite the very serious subject matter the film is very entertaining," he said. "The film makers use a wry sense of humor and some great, quirky vintage footage from bygone decades to present one of the greatest challenges this generation will face."

**TRADITION**

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tickets. Students who participate in the voting will be entered in a drawing for a \$100 prize.

Each August during the welcome week the Traditions T will be unveiled for that school year and given to all new undergraduate students. All returning students will be able to purchase the T-shirt for \$10. Profits from the T-shirts will be allocated to the UK Alumni Association Scholarship Fund.

Agriculture communications sophomore Diane Dawson said she will buy a shirt in the Traditions T and is willing to "support organizations that are in turn helping others."

Newman is confident the Traditions T will grow in popularity each year and realizes it will take widespread student participation to make it a success.

Some students are skeptical about the pressure to purchase

more additions to their UK wardrobes.

"I don't believe students, in the face of rising tuition and fees, will be willing to pay for another UK shirt when they probably already own 10 or 20," said anthropology senior Donald Handshoe.

But Newman is optimistic and said she knows that students will come up with fantastic, unique designs that will make each Traditions T a collectible piece.

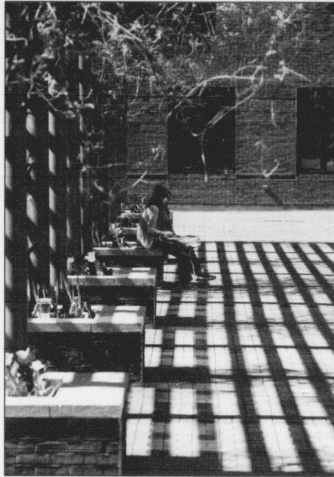
"We want the Traditions T to become a lasting, enduring tradition that alumni pass down to their children," Newman said.

More information is available at the Traditions T Web site ([www.UKTraditionsT.com](http://www.UKTraditionsT.com)).

**T-shirt Deadlines**

- April 6: Last day to call for design entries
- April 12: Traditions T Selection Committee determines up to five finalists
- April 16 - 27: Voting open to UK students
- Aug. 18: Traditions T selection revealed

*Shades of gray on a sunny day*



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Second year computer science graduate student Bei Bei Li, left, talks with a friend in the engineering courtyard yesterday afternoon. Many students wore out enjoying the sunny, 70-degree weather. Despite all the recent warm weather, temperatures are expected to drop below 50 later in the week.

**HEALTH**

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has nothing to do with my major," Henderson said. "Besides, I already learned all that in high school."

Moore is optimistic that once students take the course, its popularity will increase.

"No one knows about the course yet," Moore said. "Students will like it and word of mouth will spread."

Moore hopes Personal Health 100 will soon become a favorite among students.

"I hope 10 years from now students tell me they saved one notebook from college and that was from my class," Moore said.

The class for the summer session will be held on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 1 to 3:30 p.m. in the College of Nursing building, room 511. The summer session lasts from June 7 to Aug. 17.

**The HookUp: new relationships can be so... sickening**

By Bridgette Williams

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We have a friend who constantly has a new guy. Our friend claims to love everything (!) about getting involved with a new guy. It makes her all giddy, happy and, quite frankly, a bit sickening.

But we also think it makes her a bit insane. Sure, there's tons to love about new relationships. There's the first time he calls, the first date and the first make-out session.

But we've ID'd the top new-relationship factors that get on our last nerve and make us prefer the company of TiVo, Netflix and cats to pain-in-the-butt boys or high-drama divas. They are as follows:

1. Is this a date? We saw a nice young couple in the Wal-Mart check-out line and he was talking about how nervous he was "earlier" when he "finally met her in person."

Normally, we like Wal-Mart, and maybe the young lady did, too, especially if she had been wearing ratty sweats, no makeup and her hair in a ponytail.

She did not, however, look like she was loving it while wearing her tiny top, skinny jeans and 4-inch heels.

But that's the thing with new relationships. You have to assume that every time you're together is a date. Therefore, you have to look your best, even if you only

end up at Wal-Mart.

2. Deciding when to get rid of Plan B. Admit it. When you start up a new thing, you give it a few dates before considering whether to stop seeing that other cute with, if not potential, then at least a good sense of fun.

The second most annoying thing about new relationships is finally deciding it's time to put all your dating eggs in one basket. You don't want to be left alone if one chick or the other doesn't work out, but at the same time, part of dating a new person is the willingness to go all out.

1. Don't ask, don't tell. We saved the worst part for last. The DADT stage starts from "Hi" and lasts pretty much until right before you break up. In its most common form, it goes down like this:

Out of the blue she morphs into Pissy Penny. When you actually can get her to talk, all she says are single words such as "nothing" and "whatever."

Your immediate reaction? Because you are a smart man, you don't even go there. If she's not going to tell you what her problem is, you're not going to ask.

Likewise, ladies, if he doesn't ask what's wrong, it's sort of unspoken that we're not going to tell him.

Man, we can't wait to be married. That will get us out of, what? Maybe one of these? If we're lucky? Sigh.

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# Influx of immigrants alters game

By Jeff Gammage  
THE PHILADELPHIA INQUIRER

PHILADELPHIA — Zaineb and Faizal Zekeria don't look like the living evidence of a potentially nation-altering trend. They look like two newlyweds in love.

But their year-old union is hand-holding proof of how a massive influx of immigrants is changing who marries whom, and why, and challenging the idealized notion of America as a multicultural melting pot.

Increasingly, a new study shows, U.S.-born Asians and Hispanics are choosing to wed foreign-born members of their own ethnicity. At the same time, greater numbers of new immigrants are marrying among themselves.

Some sociologists believe the shift could signal a widening gap between the races. Or, in another view, it could reflect growing pride among minority peoples.

There's no question what has fueled the trend. The 11 million immigrants who arrived in the 1990s dramatically increased the same-ethnicity pool of potential mates. Hispanics are the country's fastest-growing minority group, Asians the second-fastest.

The rationales for choosing a husband or wife of the same background, say couples interviewed for this story, are practical and emotional. Having a foreign-born mate offers an American a deeper connection to his or her ancestry. The opposite also occurs, with American partners helping to ease their spouses' transition to a new world.

The former Zaineb Ainsuddin, 29, and Faizal Zekeria, 30, found both to be true. She was born in Chicago, he in Bombay, India. The Philadelphia couple met in 1997 as undergraduates at Temple University.

"I'd undergazed myself brought up in an American household," said Zaineb, whose father arrived in the States in 1965, when he was 37. "I was the unusual one who broke away and married an Indian."

The number of interracial marriages in the United States has been growing since the 1970s. Now two researchers, Zhenchao Qian, a sociologist at Ohio State University, and Daniel Lichter, a policy analyst at Cornell University, have documented an important change.

Using census data from 1990 and 2000, Qian and Lichter identified "unprecedented declines in intermarriage with whites, and big increases in marriages between native- and foreign-born members of Asian and Hispanic ethnicities." Their study findings were recently published in the *American Sociological Review*.

In 10 years, the percentage of Hispanics who married outside their ethnicity fell to 19.9 from 26.9. The decline among Asians was even greater, 33.2 percent compared with 41.7 percent.

Meanwhile, among marriages between

people of the same ethnicity, pairings between native- and foreign-born rose 50 percent for Asians and 9 percent for Hispanics.

Scholars wonder how the trend could affect race relations. For decades, Lichter and Qian note, people have tended to view rising rates of intermarriage as a sign of growing acceptance between peoples of different color and culture.

"You could argue that recent immigration is creating a kind of balkanization," Lichter said.

Others say the decline in intermarriage is a non-issue.

"Most people prefer to marry someone with whom they have a lot in common — heritage, culture, values, customs, habits, language and appearance," said B.J. Gallagher, an L.A. sociologist who specializes in diversity issues.

"It's not a bad thing. It's a natural thing."

Marc Lamont Hill, who teaches urban education at Temple University, sees the increase in same-culture marriages as "absolutely a good thing."

"We've been taught that white people, and particularly white women, are the standard for beauty and attractiveness," Hill said. Marrying within ethnicity is a way of moving beyond that, he said.

Debbie Wei, who was born in New York, now is principal of the Folk Arts Cultural Treasure School in Philadelphia, said that when she was growing up, "there was a lot of pressure not to date Asian men. Some of it was internalized racism."

Back then, in the late '60s, the Asians she saw in the media were cartoon figures like Hop Sing, the Cartwright family's cook on "Bonanza," or exoticized sexpots like Suzy Wong.

It was during a trip to Hong Kong, taken to recover her lost language and culture, that she met the man she would marry, Ming Chau. The couple, both about to turn 50, celebrated their 25th anniversary this year.

Chau said he never imagined he might wed an American, and never saw Wei as being one.

"I didn't think, 'She's foreign-born,'" he said. "She's Chinese."

Nicholas Torres was born and raised in Santa Fe, N.M., home to a large Latino community, but he spoke mostly English at home.

"In my parents' generation, culture was what you grew up with, it wasn't something you sought," he said. "In my generation, it was something you lost along the way."

Torres, 36, is president of Congreso de Latinos Unidos, a leading Philadelphia social-services agency. Three years ago, he married a woman born in Colombia, prodded partly by "my thirst for connection, for

a more in-depth connection to Latino culture."

Paula Navas, 33, who had been in the country about seven years, said she was attracted to Torres for more than his intelligence and good looks.

"He could understand my culture," said Navas. "None of the things I did or said were weird to him."

Yet differences abounded. For instance, the American concept of "family" generally encompasses mother, father, sister, brother, she said. To a Hispanic, it includes aunts, uncles, cousins, distant relations.

"The American mind-set and Latino mind-set are just different," Navas said.

Torres has noticed that while his wife's ties to Hispanic culture are strong, and his have strengthened, the influence of U.S. society is inescapable.

"The longer she's married to me, the more Americanized we become," he said. "We still eat arepas, but maybe a little less, hamburgers a little bit more."

Zaineb Ainsuddin-Zekeria's mother was of German descent, raised in Milwaukee, but she embraced the customs of her Indian-born husband. She converted to Islam and taught

the religion to her daughter.

Zaineb's father encouraged his daughter to assimilate, suggesting she use her more American middle name, Cordelia.

When she was a girl, imagining whom she might marry, Zaineb saw herself with someone who was like, well, herself. With a man from an Indian background, she wouldn't always have to explain — her dress, her food, her prayers.

For Faizal, who came to the country in 1995, the idea of marrying a woman of his choice was initially out of the question. His grandfather is a big landowner, and Faizal expected to enter an arranged marriage with a bride of similar stature.

But, Faizal said, he didn't look forward to a traditional Indian relationship, in which he would resign as unchallenged head of the household.

"I wanted a wife who would be more of an equal," he said.

Even after falling in love with Zaineb, he wondered if the match was right. As the eldest grandson, he carried a weight of familial expectation. To select his own wife, an American, was "a big step, a huge step, for the whole family."

"I couldn't see myself getting married to (someone like) her sister, though she's great, because she's too American," he said. "Zaineb has made the effort to keep in touch with her Indian side."

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## EPA given authority to regulate vehicle exhaust

By Justin Hyde  
DETROIT FREE PRESS

WASHINGTON — Calling global warming a serious threat, the U.S. Supreme Court on Monday said the Environmental Protection Agency has the authority to regulate the fuel economy of cars and trucks to slow the release of greenhouse gases.

The 5-4 decision is a defeat for the U.S. auto industry, which had argued that the EPA incorrectly ruled in 2003 that it should not regulate carbon dioxide emissions from vehicles. But the ruling also could provide automakers with new ammunition in battles against California and other states trying to set their own mileage standards.

White House spokeswoman Dana Perino said the administration would study the decision to see what its next steps should be. Sen. Barbara Boxer, D-Calif., said she would call the EPA to Congress later this month to ask how it would begin to address the challenge of global warming.

Environmental groups hailed the decision, which could add to momentum in Congress

for tougher fuel-economy standards. The EPA "should place limits on greenhouse gases from new cars and trucks as soon as possible," said Norm Dean, executive director of Friends of the Earth.

The debate troubles the auto industry because the only way to reduce carbon dioxide emissions from vehicles is to reduce the amount of fuel they burn. Detroit automakers long have chafed against federal fuel-economy standards, and all automakers oppose recent efforts in Congress to raise mileage rules by 4 percent a year or more.

Environmental groups first asked the EPA to regulate carbon dioxide from vehicles in 1999, arguing the agency was required to do so under the Clean Air Act as manmade carbon dioxide was speeding global warming. U.S. cars and trucks account for about one-fourth of all U.S. carbon emissions, and about 6 percent of global output.

After years of deliberation, the EPA said it did not have the authority to make such a move. Even if it did, the agency said, it wouldn't use its powers be-

cause global warming science was uncertain, the benefits would be minimal and other government agencies already oversaw fuel-economy standards.

In the majority opinion, Justice John Paul Stevens cut down each objection. Saying vehicles emit "an enormous quantity" of carbon dioxide, Stevens ruled that, just because another agency sets mileage standards "in no way licenses EPA to shirk its duty to protect the public health and welfare."

"While it may be true that regulating motor-vehicle emissions will not by itself reverse global warming, it by no means follows that we lack jurisdiction to decide whether EPA has a duty to take steps to slow or reduce it," he said.

Writing for the minority, Chief Justice John Roberts said the court was overstepping its powers. He said Massachusetts and other states should not have been allowed to sue the EPA simply because it was losing coastline to rising oceans, and that the agency was right to reject new rules on vehicles, because they play a "bit part" in global emissions.

The ruling will require the EPA to reconsider its decision but does not say what the EPA has to decide.

The Alliance of Automobile Manufacturers, which filed briefs in support of the EPA, said it would work with federal agencies on any future regulations. The alliance has been fighting laws in California, Vermont and 10 other states that want to set their own fuel-economy standards, a move automakers contend violates federal powers. The Vermont case is scheduled to go to trial April 10.

California has argued it has the power to set fuel-economy standards under federal laws giving it authority to control air pollution, and that carbon dioxide qualifies as a pollutant.

But one section of Monday's decision could bolster the auto industry's case. In finding that Massachusetts had the right to bring its case, Stevens wrote that "in some circumstances the exercise of its police powers to reduce in-state motor-vehicle emissions might well be pre-empted" by federal law.

## 2 shot and killed on Washington campus

THE SEATTLE TIMES

Two people were killed in an apparent murder-suicide at the University of Washington Monday morning, police said.

At about 9:30 a.m., police received reports of six shots fired at a female administrative assistant, said Ray Wittmier, assistant chief of the University of Washington Police.

When police arrived at the fourth-floor office in Gould Hall, they found the woman and a man dead. A handgun was found in the office.

While not immediately revealing the motive for the killing, police said they were not looking for any other suspects.

The shooting occurred during spring quarter classes and students in the building were locked into their classrooms during the shootings.

Hendrik Voll, a visiting grad student from Estonia, was on the fourth floor when the shots rang.

Voll said he heard three or four shots, then a pause, fol-

lowed by three or four more shots. He said it wasn't sure it was gunfire at first. But within about four minutes, he said police rushed into the building with guns drawn.

Gould Hall houses the College of Architecture and Urban Planning. It's located at the corner of 15th Avenue North-east and Northeast 40th Street.

On June 28, 2000, UW pathologist Rodger Haggitt, 57, was shot in his office by medical resident Jian Chen, 42, who turned the gun on himself. Chen was on the verge of flunking UW's pathology program.

In July, 1989, a California man, Azizalla Mazooni, shot and killed his ex-girlfriend, Marjan Moshennia, and her friend, Abraham Sharif-Kashani, in a UW parking lot. Mazooni had hired a private detective to locate Moshennia, who was a summer student at the university. Mazooni was later convicted on two counts of second-degree murder.

## Arabic moves to head of class in foreign languages

By Erik Lacitis  
THE SEATTLE TIMES

SEATTLE — After the 36 spots for Arabic 101 were filled at Bellevue (Wash.) Community College this past quarter, there was still a waiting list of 14 students. An additional 21 students were signed up for Arabic 102.

Robert Foulk was one of the lucky ones who got into the introductory class. He showed up recently wearing his Air Force ROTC fatigues.

"I'm planning to be a pilot, and if I'm staying in the Middle East, it's a huge language to learn," said the Maple Valley, Wash., 19-year-old.

The Arabic-language class is a first for Bellevue, a reflection of the growing interest in what's called "critical languages" — those languages that basically cover the world's hot spots, from the Middle East to China, Africa and Russia.

The need for proficient linguists in these areas is so great that the FBI ran a recruitment ad in the 2006 Super

Bowl. And four years ago, Congress established the National Virtual Translation Center to recruit at-home linguists to translate documents for various intelligence agencies.

At BCC the class is funded by the U.S. State Department through the Fulbright Foreign Language Teaching Assistant Program, the first time the Fulbright language program has extended its reach beyond four-year universities. BCC and Quincy College in Massachusetts are the only two community colleges in the nation offering the class, but more are planned.

"We want to make sure we are able to open the minds of all U.S. students," said Marsha Frith, senior program officer for the Fulbright program.

The program brings in native speakers from foreign countries who teach both language and culture.

At Bellevue, the Arabic instructor is Fahad al-Balushi, 28, of Oman, an oil-rich monarchy of 3.1 million that borders Saudi Arabia and is across the Gulf of Oman from Iran.

As scholar-in-residence, al-Balushi lives in a college-owned home close to campus. He graduated from college in Oman with a degree in English and is married, with a young daughter. His family now is visiting here for a month, although al-Balushi will remain for the full school year.

Dressed casually and using words like "cool," al-Balushi relates well to the class.

"I think he's a great teacher. He really cares about his students," said Brent Knopp, 28, of Burien, Wash. Knopp was in the Navy for two years and says he wants to be a translator for a government agency, or perhaps in military operations.

Others have different goals. Diane Haugsvar, 35, of Seattle, is a notary who wants to work in diplomatic relations.

Mohamad Nasution, 21, of Bellevue, grew up in Indonesia and thinks knowing Arabic will help him in the business world.

Shrina Sami, 18, of Kent, Wash., whose ethnic heritage is Colombian and East Indian, is majoring in business and marketing and thinks Arabic would be a plus.

Nathan Tillotson, 18, who graduated last year from Bainbridge High School, wants to travel. "I'd like to be able to go to places, and speak the language," he said.

Given the response this year, Arabic 103 will be offered next quarter, and the college is looking for an instructor who can continue the classes next year.

On a recent morning, al-Balushi listened patiently as Foulk stood in front of the class and haltingly read in Arabic a paragraph telling about himself.

He stumbled when trying to talk about one of his hobbies — snowboarding. There is no direct translation into Arabic for that term.

"I don't think there is a whole lot of snow in Oman," Foulk said.

Al-Balushi suggested he use the Arabic term for "ice skating."

Besides the cultural differences, Arabic is a language with a completely different alphabet, with writing done from right to left. Books begin at the last page and end at the front. Many words are sounded out with throat muscles English speakers would use for coughing or gargling.

One of the most prestigious language centers in the country — the U.S. Army's Defense Language Institute Foreign Language Center at the Presidio of Monterey, Calif. — puts Arabic as one of the toughest languages it teaches.

Col. Tucker Mansager, commandant of the center, said that at the end of 18 months, taking six hours of class five days a week, with an additional three to four hours of homework a night, students are expected to read an Arabic document, understand basic facts and be able to verbally "discuss concrete topics."

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## Ethiopia, the birthplace of coffee

By Colleen Mastony  
CHICAGO TRIBUNE

**JIMMA, Ethiopia** — Inside the coffee plant's corrugated metal fence, men look more like mules as they lug 100-pound sacks of coffee on their backs.

But as midday nears, a heavenly scent wafts from the corner, where Ahmed Achoumeto, 25, pounds a pile of black coffee beans in preparation for the noontime break.

"I am terribly addicted. If I don't get coffee, I can't see properly," he said, standing barefoot in the dirt, grinding the beans with a primitive 3-foot-long wooden pestle and a mortar made of a hollowed tree stump. "Almost everyone here is addicted."

Ethiopia is the birthplace of coffee. And in this caffeine-addled corner of the world, coffee is a blessing and a curse swirled together in a cup.

Amid the lush hills and misty valleys, peasants endure bleak conditions and back-breaking labor to bring the beans to the world market. While nearly every worker detests the process — the picking, sorting, washing, shelling and drying — they are also helplessly hooked on the sweet and delicate flavor of the black elixir.

Here, comfort comes from the very thing that causes so much pain: the little brown bean.

People sip the brew morning, noon and night, calling together large groups of friends and neighbors, burning incense while they roast the raw beans, brewing the drink in a black pot with a narrow spout and serving it in small handle-less cups. This is not a quick cup of joe, but a coffee ceremony — a slow, sensual process that soothes aching bodies and revives minds.

"Coffee is the backbone of our country," said Frew Demeka, 40, a former official at the Coffee and Tea Development Authority, as he sipped a steaming cup in a local restaurant. Ethiopia is among the poorest countries in the world. But as another patron, noted, "even the smallest coffee shop has an espresso machine and milk frother."

The coffee plant — a woody perennial evergreen shrub that can grow to 12 feet — was first cultivated in this region of southern Ethiopia.

The Arabica strain, which today accounts for at least 75 percent of the world's production, originated in these green, rolling hills.

A popular legend dating to as early as the 8th Century claims that a shepherd discovered the coffee buzz when he noticed his goats rearing and bleating. The goats had just eaten the leaves and berries of a nearby bush, and so the shepherd tried some berries too. Feeling a strange euphoria, the shepherd ran to a nearby monastery to share his great find.

Thus, a global obsession was born. The monks began chewing coffee beans before lengthy prayer sessions, and the custom spread throughout Christian Ethiopia. Coffee traveled along spice routes to Yemen, Turkey and Europe. Along the way, someone began brewing the beans to make a hot drink.

Today, the French call it cafe and the Italians call it cafe. Whatever the language, the word for coffee points to its birthplace: the ancient region of Ethiopia called Kaffa, a highland area with rich soil and cool temperatures that make for the perfect conditions to grow Coffea arabica.

In the central square in Jimma, one of the largest cities in the Kaffa region, a 6-foot decorative coffee cistern dominates the central square. A huge panoramic mural shows a woman picking coffee among the hillsides.

Little has changed over the centuries. People still live in mud huts, bathe in open streams and transport coffee on the backs of donkeys. And while people here don't have much — there is no running water, and electricity arrived only recently — they do have coffee. Lots of coffee.

The plant accounts for more than 50 percent of Ethiopia's exports, 95 percent of which is grown by small farmers. About 700,000 households are dependent on coffee, and another 15 million are partly dependent on coffee for their livelihoods, according to Oxfam, the British-based charity, which has worked to increase living standards for coffee workers around the globe.

On small family-owned farms, every hand is needed in the coffee harvest, which means that children as young as 4 years old will pick coffee with their families. The place is so tied to the little beans, that when coffee prices rise on the world market, thatched roofs on the mud huts here begin to disappear, as people can afford to replace their roofs with tin.

Every morning, just after sunrise, people walk the rough dirt

roads toward the coffee processing plants — long, rustic buildings with corrugated metal roofs.

Inside, large shelling machines roar and belch clouds of dust. Dozens of women and girls — some as young as 12 years old — use large white pans to sift the beans, throwing them in the air in a continuous rhythmic action that fills the room with a shh-shh-shh sound like one hundred maracas shaking in unison. Dozens more crouch on the ground picking impurities from the beans. And every few minutes a barefoot man drags another bag of beans inside for processing. Outside, piles of coffee beans are spread on the ground to dry in the sun.

Most of the factory workers are girls and women. Boys go to school, and men work in the fields. Anyalem Bekele, 14, in a Calvin Klein T-shirt and a bandanna around her head, sometimes wishes she were a boy because, she said, "they are free."

The grueling process leaves the workers with little more than aching backs, stiff joints and — if they are lucky — \$1.50 a day in wages. At the end of the day, the workers shuffle out of the factories and back to their houses. They gather together around the fire to take their share of comfort from the coffee.

In a rustic one-story house, with dirt floors, earthen walls and a papaya tree outside the door, nearly 30 friends and neighbors gather for their evening cup. Mekonnen Leka, 78, the half-blind and elderly homeowner, sits on a wooden stool, waiting for his daughter to make the coffee. "The smell, the taste, the feeling it gives you," he said of the drink. "When we come home tired, it makes us strong."

His daughter, Elnesh Mekonnen, 35, tends a small charcoal fire in the center of the room. She roasts the green coffee beans on a metal pan until they turn dark and oily. The charcoal glows red and gives off a soft light. Smoke fills the room, which feels warm and cozy. On benches along the walls, people chat and take in the aroma.

She pours each cup with flourish, not spilling a drop. The first cup goes to Leka, the eldest in the room.

Everyone in the room watches as Leka brings the small cup to pursed lips. He blows on the coffee. And then he takes a sip. His whole body seems to relax. He snacks his lips and then smiles.

"Very good," he says.

## New Web site helps diner choose healthier dishes

By Mike Zapler  
SAN JOSE MERCURY NEWS

**SACRAMENTO** — Super-sized fast-food combos. Piles of pasta. Dessert. Dining out can be a disaster for those waging war against the waistline.

But a new Web site — healthydiningfinder.com — allows consumers to plug in a city or zip code, and up pops a list of restaurants in the area with a selection of menu items that meet certain healthy criteria, such as lower calories and fat content.

The site was produced by a San Diego company in tandem with the National Restaurant Association, and so far it's dominated by chains — Chevy's, Domino's and even Burger King — that pay a fee to be listed.

But the California restaurant association, which opposes current efforts by lawmakers to force its members to provide nutritional information on menus, is encouraging others to participate.

Dieticians and health advocates called the site a welcome development in the fight against obesity and diabetes, among other growing health epidemics. But some skeptics question how many people would bother to log online for a research session before heading to Chili's. Others suspect a public relations stunt by the restaurant industry to fend off tougher government rules.

"The timing surely isn't a coincidence," said California Sen. Alex Padilla, D-Pacoima, the author of legislation to require chain restaurants to post nutritional information on their menus, which the Senate health committee approved last week in a 6-2 vote. "People deserve to know what they're eating when they're making their choices in a restaurant."

But Jot Condie, chief of the California Restaurant Association, said the site strikes a balance between giving health-conscious diners nutritional information, and trusting that information at others who just want a happy, guilt-free meal. He said the timing of the launch had nothing to do with the proposal in the Legislature.

Some people know that eating a "deep dish cheese pepperoni pizza isn't necessarily the path to becoming a runaway model," Condie said, "but they're doing it because they want good food."

Jumpstarted with a grant from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, the San Diego company Healthy Dining has been working on the site for more than a year, but officials just began

promoting it in California this month. It's clearly a work in progress.

Many of the restaurants listed on the site are fast-food spots, such as Burger King — think Whopper Junior, hold the mayo and cheese, garden salad and bottled water. A search for restaurants in San Francisco, one of the top dining destinations in the world, turns up establishments such as Chevy's, Bucco di Beppo, Domino's and Hooter's. Several restaurants (including Hooter's) actually have no menu items listed; the site says they are "coming soon."

A presentation on Tuesday to promote the Web site drew a top aide to Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger, Health and Human Services Secretary Kim Behshe, who said it jibes with the governor's crusade to promote healthier lifestyles. Afterward, people nosed on chicken tortilla soup from El Pollo Loco and pizza topped with sun-dried tomatoes and kalamata from Buca di Beppo.

Whether the site can attract the people who would benefit from it most — and not just hard-core health junkies — remains to be seen.

Two diners who were digesting lunch at a P.F. Chang's — one of the Healthy Dining's participating restaurants — debated that question Tuesday afternoon. Count Denise Brown, a retired state worker who tends her own herb garden at home, as a fan of the idea.

Had she looked at the site beforehand, Brown said, she might have ordered the mixed veggies or the asparagus. Instead she and her husband, David, shared the calamari and the moo shoo pork.

But both also said that having the health information at the restaurant would be preferable to looking it up online.

"I'd like to have the information on the menu," David Brown said, "even though I might not pick it."

Another lingering question is whether those inclined to check out menus ahead of time might come away disappointed with healthydiningfinder.com's heavy offerings of fast food and chain restaurants.

But the site's backers say they expect the listings to grow exponentially in the coming months, as word spreads, to include smaller independent restaurants. Currently about 250 restaurants — with 30,000 locations — are listed.

"Our vision is to include one-unit independent restaurants to large chains," said Erica Bohm, a Healthy Dining vice president and director of strategic partnerships, "and everything in between."

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## The front page: feeling exploited?

By Bill Gibron  
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In a little less than five days, maverick directors Quentin Tarantino and Robert Rodriguez will unleash their long awaited double feature phenomenon in the making, "Grindhouse," onto an unsuspecting motion picture marketplace. Starring Kurt Russell, Rose McGowan, Rosario Dawson and a cadre of filmmaking friends (fake trailers for the presentation have been crafted by the likes of Rob Zombie and Eli Roth), the diabolical duo are hoping to open the eyes of tenderfoot film fans everywhere. It is their goal to bring the good old days of onscreen exploitation back to the masses.

For his part, Rodriguez is serving up the splatter spots, offering a zealous zombie stomp entitled "Planet Terror." Tarantino, on the other hand, is exploring the seedier side of things with his psycho stuntman on the prowl, "Death Proof." Together, they guarantee the classic concepts celebrated by drive-in film critics Joe Bob Briggs — beasts, boobs, and blood.

But is it really exploitation — or better yet, do these two ineluctable genre efforts guided by a pair of exceptionally talented men really warrant the true "grindhouse" label? Signs are sketchy at best. It remains a fact that, scattered throughout the legacy of the taboo-busting genre, there are movies that explore similar themes. Harry Novak's "The Child," for example, was a great example of the living dead dynamic, and crazed killers stalking and splattering unwitting innocents ("Booby Traps," "A Scream in the Streets"), were an industry mainstay.

Even when you move beyond the outer fringes of the genre and into the more obscure examples of filmed filth, there are enough examples of the horror/crime/drug sex standard to fulfill the retro raincoat crowd title. But the question remains, what about these new films in particular. Are they fact or fad, real attempts at recreation or, as one suspects, a gimmick used to serve an already attention-grabbing release?

It is obvious that no filmmaking duo — or dozen directors, for that matter — could sum up the exploitation genre in a single set of films. There are far too many subjects and subsets, aspects and approaches involved to allow for such an easy dissection. But the main issue with any supposed grindhouse offering is the purpose behind the production.

Money was the motivating factor for these carnival barker like showmen. The main distributors and producers of the old school product even had a self-effacing nickname for themselves — "The Forty Thieves." Running around the country playing drive-ins and gritty downtown theaters, they purposefully positioned their product like inventory in a warehouse. In his exceptional book, "A Youth in Babylon," Mighty Monarch of the Exploitation World David F. Friedman argued for what is, in essence, a post-modern Hollywood film production ideal to the creating

and commercializing of controversial cinema.

Whenever they began a project, the smart schlock filmmaker always took the temperature of the times. He (or in rare cases, she) sampled the pop culture landscape, looked to see what was making headlines (violence, sex crimes, drugs, etc.) and then made sure their movie stayed true to said subject's more sensational elements. But beyond the narrative, producers recognized that through a clear demographic decision, they could almost predict where certain types of movie would be best received. Rowdy sex farces usually did well in the South, while far more mean-spirited or satirical fare drew better in big cities. Finally, they would work up a mock budget, and determine a maximum amount of advertising and distribution monies to be spent. If all the salesmanship stars were aligned, they would then figure out the potential profit (these movies were NEVER made without a clear indication of the possible success) and maintain a strict adherence to this limited fiscal plan.

As a result, most exploitation films were not hits, but solid returns on precisely planned out investments. The artistic nature of a release was never considered, nor was the inevitable entertainment value to an audience ever gauged. In essence, the men making grindhouse fare were playing a masterful game of bait and switch. They would lure in curious crowds with their tantalizing, taboo subject matter, and then once the coinage was carefully concealed, roll out their less than exceptional effort. For anyone familiar with the long lineage of this kind of moviemaking, the vast majority of the interchangeable offerings are quite forgettable. Aside from their time capsule qualities, and ample depictions of nudity, they tend to be boring, unexceptional, crass and without merit.

So where exactly do "Planet Terror" and "Death Proof" reside? Well, for one thing, it's clear that the entire premise for this double feature extravaganza comes from the drive-in dynamic which in turn, represents a late in life adjustment made by the exploitation gang. When theaters could no longer guarantee audiences, and mainstream movies started limiting available screens, the passion pit was instantly targeted. Not only was this done because of the guaranteed audience (remember, couples weren't necessarily coming for the movies) but also out of a firm financial desperation.

After the initial craze in the '50s, drive-ins started losing their luster. By tapping into the need to compete with the major chains and growing Cineplex movement, the independent owners of these venues would purposely look for something weird or unusual to enhance their visibility. And it usually worked.

Herschell Gordon Lewis, the godfather of gore, once described his trepidation when his slice and dice epic, "Blood Feast," was premiering at a rural outdoor theater from off the beaten prosperity path.

Unsure of the location, his fears were quelled when he saw a mile long line of cars all waiting to pay for admission. So the bravura or bawdy b-movie found a second life playing to teenage audiences looking for a little psycho-sexual privacy as well as a place to pet.

Certainly, there aren't specific requirements mandated to make a movie meet the grindhouse distinction, but its fairly obvious that Tarantino and Rodriguez are using the moniker to make their standard scare fests appear far more scandalous than they are.

One is fairly sure that these will not be the envelope-pushing perversion of something like "Let Me Die a Woman" (Doris Wiseman's surreal sex change drama) or Lewis' harrowing horror comedy precursor, "The Gore Gore Girls." In fact, when faced with gaining a dreaded MPA rating, the only required snips came at the expense of Eli Roth's slasher spoof trailer, "Thanksgiving." Like William Castle before, or some of the more famous members of the "Forty Thieves" (Dan Sany, for one), our mainstream directors are going retro for a reason.

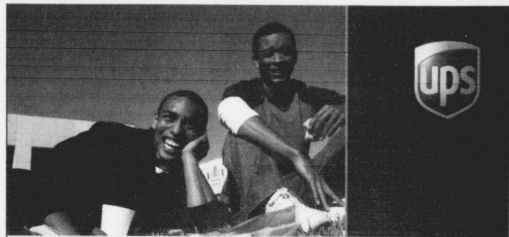
Sure, it could be for a love of the genre — and it can be very addictive once you recognize how important the industry was to shaping the modern movie going experience. They could also have a far more obsessive fascination with the cinematic category, resulting in an understanding that's more in touch with the basic tenets and expectations of the exploitation ideal than the casual fan may have. And indeed, they've never said their movies were all inclusive, reveling in any and all aspects of the miscreant movie model. But when you call your offering "Grindhouse," and spend countless weeks pimping your product as same, you better be able to support your shilling — and right now, all this film has going for it is a great deal of geek goodwill.

Early buzz has been positive, if not necessarily loaded with the flagrant fanboy pontifications that one comes to expect (especially when its QT and RR at the helm). And with "300" stealing some of the movie's pre-summer publicity, including its rating as a must-see cinematic happening, we could be looking at a case of bad timing accompanied by limited appeal. Finally, we are dealing with a clear critical bias here — horror-oriented movies made with a kind of craven creativity that jaded journalists no longer respond to.

So in the end, Grindhouse will live and die thanks to its artistic more than its artificial elements. But one thing's for sure — it really isn't a throwback to the days when ballyhoo controlled the box office. There's nary a shout out to the pioneering picture makers of the past, and many of the more important facets that formed the genre are all but absent. Until it officially opens, it will remain a crafty concept expertly rendered by a couple of extremely sharp anti-establishment icons. It's a shrewd marketing ideal that even an old roadhouse huckster would envy.



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## Barnhart's past hires should give fans faith

Mitch Barnhart is about to make the biggest decision of his career.

And there's little doubt that it will be a good one.

In the wake of former head coach Tubby Smith's departure from UK to the midwest, nowhere in the college basketball world (Minnesota), Barnhart issued a statement telling the multitudes of UK faithful that his search for the team's next head basketball coach would be a strenuous and through one. The search will no doubt define his career.

In few other places is a college basketball team so revered as it is in Kentucky, and, more so, in few other places do rumors of who will be its next head coach spread so quickly. Word is, it will be Florida's Billy Donovan — there have been sightings of his wife buying a house — or maybe it is someone even more familiar with UK, like former coach Rick Pitino. Whoever it is, the common consensus among the Wildcat faithful is that the coach will have to be a good one. A real good one.

Good enough to lead the Cats back to the Final Four, where they have been absent for nine years now, a sin for many fans. The weight of the Big Blue Nation's demands rest on the shoulders of Barnhart. And fans shouldn't be disappointed.

Barnhart has a pretty flawless record with hiring coaches who help turn programs around. He brought Mickie DeMoss to head the women's basketball team, a program that was considered the exact opposite of its male counterpart. DeMoss led the women's basketball team to its most wins (22) in seven years — and one of its biggest wins in school history against then No. 1 Tennessee.

Barnhart also hired John Cohen, who led the baseball team to its most successful season

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ever last year as it won the Southeastern Conference. Cohen was also named SEC Coach of the Year and National Coach of the Year by collegebaseballinsider.com, something that would have been comical to even dream of before Cohen's arrival, when the Cats repeatedly had losing seasons. Now fans pack Cliff Hagan Stadium to cheer on one of the most potent offenses in the nation.

The volleyball team's Craig Skinner was also pulled in by Barnhart, and after only two years at UK has made his squad one of the best in the nation. In his first year, Skinner led the Cats to their first NCAA tournament appearance since 1993. In his second year Skinner led the Cats to another tournament appearance and was named the 2006 SEC Coach of the Year.

Women's tennis head coach Carlos Drada, a former UK player picked to lead an already-strong team, as only made the Cats better. In only his second season, Drada has already led his team to a school-best 26-match win streak and the SEC title in 2006. This year, Drada is coaching a top-five doubles team in the nation.

Barnhart's track record with hiring great coaches shouldn't be overlooked as he hires a coach for UK's flagship program.

Barnhart knows what he is doing. He's done it before, and he's done it well. Whoever he picks, UK fans should rest easy knowing that he will meet the program's expectations and hopefully surpass them, as he has with coaches in other UK sports. And, after the chosen one has been named, fans should believe in Barnhart and the decision he's made.

## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

### Kernel has failed to cover accomplished Equestrian team

Here's an interesting fact for the day: Did you know UK has an equestrian team? Many students at UK are involved, including both males and females. Did you know we practice every week year round, compete with regional schools and have successfully hosted our own horse show for the first time in years?

We have done very well this year, coming in first against six teams at nearly every competition, and we are sending a team of nine individuals to nationals.

Did you know this is a huge deal, since fewer than 20 teams from around the nation are invited to attend?

Of course not. The Kernel doesn't feel the need to write about these accomplishments by a club team, a team not sponsored by the school and run mainly by four or five highly motivated members. Thank you for the endless write-ups on our basketball team, however.

**Louise Cincala**  
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### Spend money on what's needed at library — not widescreen TVs

I began reading "New study area designed to give students more flexibility" (March 27) with a nod of approval and delight that money was finally going toward an endeavor that would improve academic productivity taking place in the W.T. Young Library.

The new computers, Mac lab, mobile furniture and overall attitude change toward group work in a library allow the Young Library to be seen as a haven for conducting research, holding study group sessions and completing class assignments.

The point in the article at which I stopped nodding my head in approval was the mention of a 42-inch flat screen television that will run library announcements. I did a price check and found that 42-inch flat screen televisions cost between \$1,000 and \$3,600. This dollar amount may only be 1 to 3 percent of the total \$95,000 grant awarded to the renovation; but it is enough to show that whoever decided to order the television for that specific purpose is poorly representing the university's priorities and ideals.

Some might argue the television is a great marketing tool that will pay for itself by impressing potential students and parents touring the library. If that is the case, why does UK want students who value a university that spends money on televisions, even though online journals cannot be accessed because the university will not purchase a subscription?

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## Support workers, human rights by buying American-made goods

BRENTON KENKEL, Kernel cartoonist

Over the past 80 or so years, there have been a lot of things Republicans and Democrats have disagreed over. However, there are few things that we have disagreed over so vehemently and passionately than economic policy and the role of unions in the United States.

Democrats (with possibly the exception of Bill Clinton) have been fighting for working people for dozens of years, in the hopes that a fair wage and a decent living are things which all can obtain.

Twenty-five years ago, things took a turn for the worse for the working person. In 1980 Ronald Reagan was elected, beginning 12 years of anti-union policy. We then elected Bill Clinton, whom most consider a corporatist Democrat. Clinton worked very hard with Robert Rubin, his secretary of the treasury, to pass NAFTA, which cost the United States (officially — the actual number is much higher) 525,094 jobs in only eight years. Now we are in the sixth year of the most labor-unfriendly administration of the past 80 years.

This has netted us all sorts of problems. News broke last Wednesday that Circuit City is laying off 3,400 workers for one reason — they made too much money. Eight percent of Circuit City's labor force is being laid off because, in the words of Circuit City spokesman Jim Babb, "All companies at one time or another need to go through and make sure their cost structure works with market conditions." On Wednesday, Circuit City's stock jumped a half point.

As I have already stated, there has been a concerted effort over the past 25 years to destroy unions and to free up corporations to track down profits all over the world. Currently, there are plans to

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build a huge superhighway between Mexico and Canada, passing through several major cities between the three countries. The reason this highway is being built is to allow corporations to exploit cheap Mexican labor (especially longshoremen) and transport goods cheaply to the United States and Canadian markets, netting record profits.

In addition to these problems, Americans are buying against their interests in huge numbers. Instead of buying American-made goods, we typically buy cheaper goods made in places where there is no such thing as workers compensation, environmental controls or workplace safety regulations.

This is not typically the consumer's fault — the option of buying American has all but disappeared for us unless we actively seek American-made goods. Do this for a test. Look at the tag of the shirt you are wearing. After you see that it has been made in Sri Lanka, Guatemala or some other poor country, go look at every other piece of clothing in your wardrobe.

Unless you specifically buy clothing with the intent of buying sweatshop-free labor, the clothing you own was made in a foreign country. It is estimated that half of the clothing made in the United States is made in factories that qualify as sweatshops.

These are only symptoms of a bigger problem. We are in the middle of a race to the bottom for wages, environmental protection and worker's safety as far as our systems of production are concerned. No longer are countries that have high stan-

dards for labor rewarded for their strict requirements with trade deals. Instead, we have "free trade," which rewards the lowest wages, the worst environmental protections and the fewest worker protections, in order that corporations can have the highest profits imaginable.

The problem can be summed up in the fact that unions and other groups who favor workers have more or less exited the political scene since the 80s in large part due to greedy corporations and poor leadership among major unions. However, there appears to be hope on the horizon.

Nearly the entire freshman class elected to Congress last November on a platform of economic populism. Instead of furthering the "free trade" deals, Congress has recently rejected the president on a new bilateral deal involving Vietnam (which is still run by a communist government). Hopefully we will see more progress on these deals, with all future trade pacts being passed after rigorous checks for fair wages, strong environmental protections and the strictest worker's safety regulations.

On campus, you can make a difference as well. If you are a member of an organization, encourage the group you are a member of to buy its products from unions. In College Democrats, our business cards, t-shirts and bumper stickers are all made in America by union labor. Also, buy your food from fair-trade or local producers. This will ensure it is equitable in more than just price, but also in human rights as well.

The most important thing you can do, however, is pay attention. These groups are being perpetuated on us without many people even knowing or caring. Now, you have no excuse. Start caring that nearly everything you buy is "Made in China." Buy American whenever possible; and when it's not possible, find out why. It's patriotic, and it's the right thing to do.

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## Give new SG administration a chance to set things right

I think I speak for the student body when I say that I am certainly glad Student Government elections are finished.

With more than 3,000 students turning out to vote, this year's election was one of the most successful in UK's history. There is still a lot of room for improvement within SG however, and this year is the perfect time for changes.

Nick Phelps and Brittany Langdon have a lot of work ahead of them. They had an honest campaign, which is reassuring for the coming year. Phelps and Langdon have experience in SG — which in this case, is a good thing. They have seen the mess that SG has been in years past, and also the potential that it has with the right people in place. They have a talented group of senators who appear dedicated to making SG more than it has been in the past, and hopefully time will show that dedication to be true.

Phelps and Langdon have taken on tremendous amounts of responsibility, and they need to take that job seriously. Representing the entire student body of UK is no small task, especially in light of recent SG administrations that have not been nearly as effective as promised. Because they are taking over an organization that is not as healthy as it can be, there will be many changes that need to be made, and

Phelps and Langdon will need to remember that they were in office because they were elected by students, and that the students need to be their top priority.

This year's candidates were honest, and both had ideas for change that will help the student body in big ways. Students have the right to hold SG accountable, and need to do so. Too many individuals did not vote in the elections last week; we've all heard classmates saying that they just don't care, or it just doesn't matter. If Phelps, Langdon and the rest of SG are going to make any changes, this attitude has to go. It is impossible for them to create positive change on campus if the majority of the people they are serving are so apathetic that they won't take five minutes to vote in the election.

SG is no longer a popularity contest, as evidenced by this year's close results. I find it hard to believe that either Phelps or Scott McIntosh has more than 1,000 friends — rather, students voted based on their platforms. Students have placed their faith in the candidates they felt would be the most effective, and it is the responsibility of those elected to maintain that faith.

To the newly elected senators: Please do not miss Senate meetings, committee meetings or any other SG events. The student body has placed its faith in your ability to create change, but you cannot do that if you are not attending meetings. Sponsor or co-sponsor legislation that means something to groups of students. Attend student organization meetings and ask what these groups need — trust me, it goes far beyond money.

To Nick Phelps and Brittany Langdon:

The student body believed that you will lead SG toward positive change, something that will be difficult, but is achievable. Maintain your relationships with other student leaders, and assess what changes will be best for the UK community as a whole. Make sure that SG's budget is spent helping student groups, not just putting on concerts and pep rallies. You have taken on a tremendous amount of responsibility, but with hard work you will be able to meet the challenge.

To the student body: Give SG a break. We need to hold them responsible, but don't punish the Phelps-Langdon administration for the sins of their predecessors. Give them a chance to make change. Jonathan Brown and Mallory Jenkins have done their best to move this organization in a more positive direction, but cleaning up the political mess SG once was is more than a one-year job.

If you'd like to see something different on this campus, contact a member of SG and work with them to introduce legislation. Attend SG events and form relationships with SG members; ultimately, as voting students at UK, we are all members of Student Government.

Give this new administration a chance to create positive change before you write off SG as an organization with too much money and misplaced priorities. The Phelps-Langdon administration has a lot of work ahead of them; and without student support, it will be nearly impossible to fix the mess that previous administrations have left behind.

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## Tamme shines in senior's first 100-percent healthy spring practice

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On a warm Saturday afternoon last weekend at Commonwealth Stadium, UK tight end Jacob Tamme crossed the middle of the field, caught a pass from quarterback Andre Woodson and raced toward the end zone.

This may not have been unusual if it was a Saturday in November. But it was the senior's first opening weekend of spring practice. He is 100 percent healthy during spring practice for the first time in his UK career.

That may be bad news for UK opponents next fall, considering that Tamme was named to the All-Southeastern Conference team by SEC coaches and the Associated Press in 2006 without the extra workouts during spring practice, and he now has more practice time to hone his skills.

"He's clearly faster, more athletic, and stronger than he was a year ago," said head coach Rich Brooks. "His blocking has improved because of that strength gain, too."

Aside from his All-SEC selection last season, Tamme also caught a touchdown in UK's Music City Bowl win, was named to the SEC Community Service Team and the National Good Works Team and earned a selection to the SEC Academic Honor Roll for the third straight season.

His offensive numbers have improved in each of his three seasons — he led SEC tight ends with 32 receptions as a junior — but he has never had the benefit of a healthy spring practice.

He missed all of last spring after having surgeries on both shoulders. The spring before, he transitioned from wide receiver to tight end and missed parts of practice due to injury.

"Last spring was terrible, not being able to get out there with the guys," Tamme said. "Being on the sidelines just eats at you."

Though Tamme has improved each season without spring practices, being healthy for spring is irreplaceable, he said.

"It's very important," Tamme said. "I got to get in the weight room this year and shed some bad pounds. I'm not where I want to be yet, but my body feels good, so I'm looking to keep going in that direction."



Junior tight end Jacob Tamme glances back before being pushed out of bounds during the second half of UK's 17-12 loss in Knoxville, Tenn., on Saturday, Nov. 25. This is Tamme's first fully-healthy spring practice.

At a press conference before spring practice began, Brooks emphasized the importance of individual improvement for each player. For Tamme, it's clear what he needs to improve.

"I want to keep getting faster," Tamme said. "The last couple years, I didn't improve my speed much. I need to try to get my core strength and flexibility up a little bit too."

"It's exciting to be able to do that." But Tamme's health isn't just helping him. It's helping UK's defense too.

"He's making our linemen work," UK linebackers coach Chuck Smith said. "He puts a lot of pressure on the defense, because not only can he play tight end, he can flex out (as a wide receiver) too."

UK will face a brutal conference schedule in 2007, but after a month of practice against Tamme, at least the linebackers will be ready, said Smith, who coached the tight end at Boyle County

High School in Danville.

"By the end of the spring practice, if we can cover him, we can cover anybody in the SEC."

Tamme's presence will benefit the offense too, Woodson said.

"It's very important (to have him healthy)," Woodson said. "He's very swift with his routes, so you do have to get time to get adjusted to the way he plays. If you don't, you won't be on the same page."

Though the beginning of the season is still five months away, Tamme is focused on using this spring to boost the UK program to new heights during his senior season.

"I've been working my butt off, and everybody on the team has been too," he said. "We've got a lot of seniors that want to do some special things for the program. This could be a big year for Kentucky football."

## Cats call on freshmen pitchers to offer boost

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As the UK baseball team gets deeper into conference play its freshmen pitchers are being called upon by head coach John Cohen to pitch more innings and come up with big plays.

Five UK freshman pitchers have seen action this year, helping UK to a Top-25 national ranking throughout the season.

"They've showed signs of brilliance," said head coach John Cohen. "That's all we're asking for. We want them to gain as much consistency as they can."

Like most freshmen, the pitchers for the Cats have had plenty of ups and downs.

"We feel like these kids are going to be good," Cohen said. "The issue with them is attacking the strike zone, which is an issue with all young freshmen."

Out of the 258.2 innings pitched by UK pitchers this year, 66.1 of them have been by the freshmen — an unusually high number in college baseball.

"When you have as many kids as we do, you have to make a decision whether you're going to redshirt them or are you going to give them experience," Cohen said. "If you're not going to redshirt them, you need to get them out there as much as possible to get that experience."

According to the numbers, the transition from high school to college has been a smooth one.

The five freshmen hurlers have combined for 47 appearances while posting a 4-1 record and three saves. Two of those three saves have been recorded by freshman pitcher Tyler Henry who leads the freshman group with 13 appearances.

"The game moves at a much faster pace," Henry said, contrasting college with high school baseball. "There's a lot more things going on. You can't just overpower people. You have to think about your pitch selection and outsmart your opponent."

Senior pitchers Greg Dombrowski and Andrew Albers' leadership is a big reason why the freshmen pitchers have made such a smooth transition, Henry said.

"They've been a tremendous help," Henry said. "They've taught

me to have the right mindset going up against the kind of guys we face everyday."

Duran Ferguson has been a strong force for the Cats, who have turned to their young guns.

Ferguson, a Kingsport, Tenn., native, has posted a 1.50 earned run average — tied for best on the team — while earning a 1-0 record. Ferguson has split time between reliever and starter, starting three games in his 10 appearances.

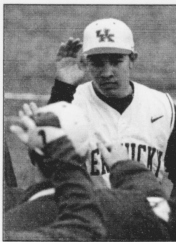
"Duran's development has been really good," Cohen said. "He's developed a really good curve ball. Duran is very athletic and he has good arm strength."

Although the freshmen have experienced success early in their collegiate careers, they still have plenty of room for improvement, according to Cohen.

"I think the biggest improvement we're looking for out of those guys is throwing strikes at the bottom of the strike zone," Cohen said. "So many of them are going through things that they've never been through."

"They have to learn on the fly, playing in front of 10,000 people like we did this week against Mississippi State. I can guarantee you not one of those freshmen has ever experienced anything like that in their lives before."

The Cats will look to bounce back from their series loss to MSU when they host Western Carolina tonight at 6:30.



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Freshman pitcher Duran Ferguson high-fives teammates as he walks off the mound against Murray State on Feb. 21.

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