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Higher enrollment leads to larger classes

Some professors fear quality of courses will suffer as UK accommodates growth

By Samieh Shalash
THE KENTUCKY KERNEL

When associate psychology professor Monica Kern began teaching in 1987, her core class was capped at 45 students. Next spring, she will teach 120 students in the same type of course — a problem she said would cut effective teaching methods from her curriculum.

"The very best features of

my classes was weekly logs I would assign," she said.

"In social psychology, when we talked about conformity I'd have them write about going along with or standing up to a peer group, then examine if the experience contradicted what we'd talked about in class."

With 120 students to teach, Kern said such interactive features wouldn't be possible.

"I just cannot do that," she said. "Things like dropping out the demos and actually collecting data from students — I used to do those everyday, but now it would take too long."

Provost Mike Nietzel said increased enrollment and a \$73 million budget cut since 2001 are responsible for the majority of increased class sizes, especially in colleges of arts and sciences and communication and information studies.

"Does it create more burden on faculty and make for crowded classrooms? It does, but it is important to look at the context,"

he said.

Enrollment is up because there was a 13 percent increase in applications, and 91.4 percent of applicants were automatically admitted under selective admissions standards.

"Should we tell applicants 'You met the criteria, but we're not going to let you in?'" he asked.

Kern said that while enrollment should be limited, a more pressing issue is hiring enough faculty to effectively teach students.

"I believe the university's hands are tied," she said. "The

vast majority of the budget goes to faculty salaries. If they don't receive enough money, they can't hire faculty."

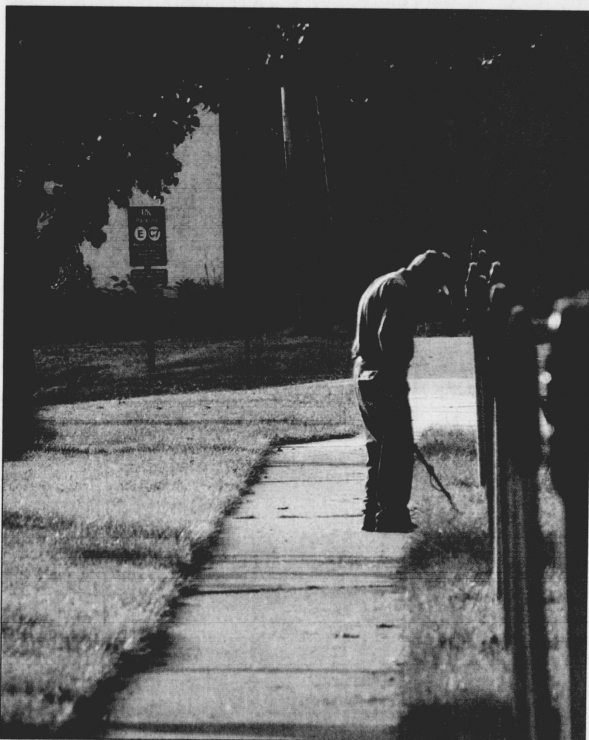
Nietzel said 10 new full-time faculty positions were funded this year, partly by the \$2.5 million to \$3 million brought in by the increase in enrollment.

"The extra resources haven't been here," he said. "There isn't any denying there's less money than there was three years ago."

Linguistics professor Lynn Guindon hasn't had any problems with changing her curriculum to accommodate more stu-

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IN SEARCH OF CHANGE



By Meghan Cain
THE KENTUCKY KERNEL

Some UK students aren't worrying about rising tuition — their tuition was paid for a few years ago.

The Kentucky Affordable Prepaid Tuition program, started in 2001 by state Treasurer Jonathan Miller, allows parents and grandparents the opportunity to pay a student's college tuition in advance.

This school year is the first year students enrolled in the program are starting college.

When a relative signs a student up for the program, the cost of tuition is locked in and remains the same until all four years are paid for, which avoids inflation increases.

"(It) guarantees the price of tomorrow's tuition at lower prices today," Miller said at a news conference at the Hardyman Building yesterday.

Undeclared freshman Megan Applegate said she was glad her parents enrolled in the program, because she will not have to worry about rising tuition.

"We have it where it won't go up anymore, so I did not have to experience the 15 percent increase," she said.

Applegate also said she thinks the program has brought her closer to her parents.

"I can now talk to my parents about my sorority, homework or

other things, but finances aren't an issue," she said.

Cynthia Collier, mother of Elizabeth Collier, a journalism sophomore in the prepaid tuition program, said the plan is even better for parents.

"It is a wonderful feeling to know that it (tuition) is taken care of," Cynthia Collier said.

"This is such a wonderful opportunity for parents with younger children. They have nothing to lose and everything to gain."

UK President Lee Todd said the program is an example of how the state is working to make education more affordable.

"This is the best value for students right now," he said.

"We are still trying to hold down tuition, but in the case where we just can't do it, this program is a salvation."

Tuition at UK has increased 37.7 percent, Miller said, and students often have to take out loans to pay for school.

"So often these days students are taking out more loans and taking jobs they do not want after college just to pay off their student loans," he said.

"(The program) allows students who do not want to take out all of these loans another way to pay for college."

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Join Bogey and Bergman at SAB's 'Classic Tuesdays'

By Ashley Graves
THE KENTUCKY KERNEL

The Student Activities Board presents a new monthly film series at the Student Center's Worsham Theater tonight.

"Classic Tuesdays" showcases films with some of the most memorable names in show business: Humphrey Bogart, Judy Garland, Frank Sinatra. The series begins with *Casablanca* at 8 tonight.

"I love old movies," said Jennifer Danhaur, SAB director of cinema. "People know the famous names and their movies, but have never seen the actual movie. Now we're giving them a chance to see it and understand why they're famous."

Casablanca premiered in 1942 and has enjoyed an enduring popularity for decades. The story takes place during the wartime conflict between democracy and totalitarianism, and follows two men fighting for the same woman's love. The political and romantic espionage features unforgettable characters and memorable lines, including "Here's looking at you, kid."

"We're trying to bring awareness of classic films and their historical role to campus," said Carly McLean, SAB director of public relations. "The messages old movies have still influence us today."

Next month, on Oct. 5, *The Wizard of Oz* will be shown synchronized with the music of Pink Floyd's famous album *Dark Side of the Moon*.

"I've never seen *The Wizard of Oz* played to *Dark Side of the*

'Casablanca'

Casablanca will be shown at 8 tonight in Worsham Theater. For more information visit www.uksab.org or call 257-8867.

Moon," McLean said. "The movie is supposed to fit exactly with the words to the album — it'll be neat to see the movie played this way."

November brings *Citizen Kane* to the screen, and *Ocean's 11* follows in December.

"I love to watch old movies," said family and consumer sciences junior Emily Grumblatt. "I especially love (the) remakes, so you can see how they change over the years."

The series will continue in the spring semester with *Some Like It Hot* in January.

Last spring, SAB organized the Creature-Double Feature and a James Dean film series. Both had a great turnout and the interest in the these series has been tremendous, Danhaur said.

"We're giving (students) the opportunity to be exposed to the difference between historical and modern movies, and the development of the film industry," said Megan Powell, SAB director of quality control.

The Kentucky Theater on Main Street has hosted a classic film series and continues to have success with it, Danhaur said.

"I've never seen many of the old classics," said Amy Lee, a business management senior. "It's great to have the opportunity to see them on campus."

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JONATHAN PALMER | STAFF
Cecil Baker enjoys killing time by scouring the ground for lost change with his trusty metal detector. Here, he searches near the parking meters on Scott Street. He says his hobby makes for good exercise. And sometimes, he says, he finds as much as 75 cents at a meter. At lower right, Baker plugs his headphones into the device, made by Garrett Metal Detectors, so he can hear the beeping of the machine better.

Enroll

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dents — she refuses to let her sections be increased.

As a professor without tenure, she implies that she will leave for another school if her classes are expanded without her permission.

"With the education and experience I have, I could be making \$20,000 more teaching high school," she said. "I teach here because it's fun."

Guindon has been teaching classes with 30 seats for 12 years, and said she does not believe that large classes teach students effectively.

"I assisted in teaching a class of 185 once, and as far as I'm concerned, it's not an education," she said. "If you're going to put 300 students in a room with one faculty member, the noise level is huge, the attention level is small, there is virtually no student to faculty interaction. The faculty member may as well type up her lecture notes, sell them to students and meet them for exams."

"Right now our dean is telling us to come up with ways to teach larger classes more effectively, which is a contradiction in terms," she said.

Elementary education senior Jessica Sanders said her largest class, a required English course for her major, has about 60 students.

"It's frustrating because it's all lecture, with

hardly any discussion," she said. "I don't feel like I'm getting much out of the class. It seems that when everyone needs a certain class, UK just adds more seats to a section."

"That is helpful in some cases, but on the other hand it robs us of being able to have discussions or go more in depth with the subject."

Guindon said a number of people in her department are yielding and teaching larger classes, which she thinks is the wrong direction to take when the mission of UK is to be a top-20 research institution.

"The administration needs to focus on getting more funding rather than passively accepting the funding cuts from the state and passing it on to their faculty and students," she said. "I think we're turning this into a diploma mill."

Nietzel said classes of 150 or more should be expected in any major state university at the freshman level.

"You shouldn't have all of your education in a class like that, and you don't at UK," he said. "I don't think there would be a single student here if that was the case."

"We have a very good faculty here," he said. "They may have to work with students a little harder and be more creative to make sure that a class is everything it can be."

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CORRECTION

In the Inside UK special section in Sept. 7's newspaper, The Kernel incorrectly identified the UK Counseling and Testing Center and the UK Career Center as one entity. They are two separate centers. The UK Counseling and Testing Center is located in Frazee Hall room 201 and the UK Career Center is in the Student Building on Rose Street.

To report an error, call The Kernel at 257-1915.

UNIVERSITY OF KENTUCKY CRIME REPORT

Crimes reported Sept. 7 through Sept. 12

- Sept. 7: Theft at Chandler Medical Center at 9:09 a.m.
- Sept. 7: Assault at 460 Cooper Drive at 10:05 p.m.
- Sept. 7: Terroristic threatening at Chandler Medical Center Wing D at 10:22 a.m.
- Sept. 7: Suspicious person arrested at 670 S. Limestone St. at 11:03 a.m.
- Sept. 7: Terroristic threatening at UK Medical Center at 12:39 p.m.
- Sept. 7: Theft at 305 Euclid Ave. at 3:06 p.m.
- Sept. 7: Theft at 305 Euclid Ave. at 3:07 p.m.
- Sept. 7: Suspicious person arrested at Papa John's on Euclid Avenue at 5:09 p.m.
- Sept. 8: Theft of a bike at 305 Euclid Ave. at 2:51 p.m.
- Sept. 8: Theft at 460 Cooper Drive at 5:08 p.m.
- Sept. 8: Theft at 305 Euclid Ave. at 5:29 p.m.
- Sept. 9: Criminal mischief in progress at 408 Administration Drive at 1:38 a.m.
- Sept. 9: Hazardous Materials Unit called to Virginia Avenue railroad bridge, report of unknown substance under the bridge at 10:04 a.m.
- Sept. 9: Theft at Memorial Coliseum at 12:04 p.m.
- Sept. 9: Theft from an automobile at Taylor Education Building at 1:57 p.m.
- Sept. 9: Theft at Memorial Coliseum at 3:27 p.m.
- Sept. 9: Theft at 1435 Nicholasville Road at 10:32 p.m.
- Sept. 10: Theft and arrest made on Veterans Drive at 12:09 a.m.
- Sept. 10: Theft at Chandler Medical Center at 11:33 a.m.
- Sept. 10: Theft at 305 Euclid Ave. at 12:37 p.m.
- Sept. 10: Theft from an automobile at K-lot at 3:16 p.m.
- Sept. 10: Theft from an automobile at K-lot at 5:47 p.m.
- Sept. 10: Arrest made for disorder in progress at Singletary Center at 10:33 p.m.
- Sept. 11: Suspicious person arrested at University Drive near Fraternity Row at 1:15 a.m.
- Sept. 11: Suspicious person arrested at 700 Woodland Ave. at 4:47 a.m.
- Sept. 11: Burglary at Kentucky Clinic at 2:26 p.m.
- Sept. 11: Criminal mischief at 305 Euclid Ave. at 2:42 p.m.
- Sept. 12: Assault at Chandler Medical Center at 4:01 p.m.
- Sept. 12: Suspicious person arrested at 355 S. Limestone St. at 8:01 p.m.

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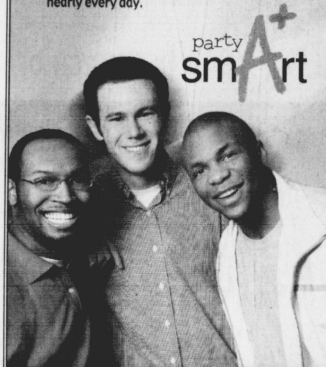
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The majority of UK students don't drink as much as you think. In fact, 88% said their friends would disapprove if they drank 4-5 drinks nearly every day.

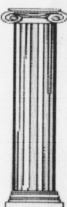


Based on the Alcohol Education Office 2003/4 random survey of 718 UK students. For more information about the Alcohol Education Office call 859-257-9667 or visit www.uky.edu/studentaffairs/health/alcohol. 1 drink = the alcohol content of 12 oz. beer or 4 oz. wine or 1 oz. distilled spirits. The University of Kentucky is an equal opportunity university.

GREEK WEEK



24 LETTERS
7 DAYS
ONE PURPOSE



TODAY

Frats At Bat
6p-8p
Softball Complex

WEDNESDAY SEPT. 16

Kappa Karnival
4p-6p
Haggin Field

THURSDAY SEPT. 17

Jar Wars
11a-3p
Donate change to your favorite chapter in their Jar located at the Student Center Free Speech Patio

FRIDAY SEPT. 18

Meet The Greeks
3:30p-6p
Haggin Field

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"Casablanca"



tuesday
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8pm
worsham theatre

part of Classic Tuesdays

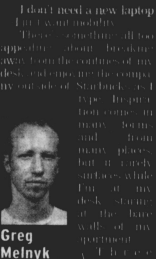
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TECH CHECK

Screening the options: laptops, PCs



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I don't need a new laptop. I just need a better one. I've been using my Dell Inspiron 1501 for a while now, and it's still going strong. But I'm looking for something that can handle more demanding tasks, like video editing and programming. I want something that's fast, reliable, and has a long battery life. I'm not sure what to look for, so I'm asking for your help.

The upgrading possibilities are endless. It's a sensible option. They'll last through your college career, and you'll have a lot of time to use them. I'm not sure what to look for, so I'm asking for your help.

Alternatively, laptops are almost to certain best investments. They're more powerful than they've ever been, and they're also more portable. I'm not sure what to look for, so I'm asking for your help.

Yet there's always hope and with enough effort, you can find a laptop that's just what you need. I'm not sure what to look for, so I'm asking for your help.

Generally speaking, there are three categories of laptops: ultrabooks, business laptops, and consumer laptops. I'm not sure what to look for, so I'm asking for your help.

The "ultra" category while good for those on a tight budget, usually sacrifice speed, hard drive space, and screen size. I'm not sure what to look for, so I'm asking for your help.

These laptops meet the minimum of tasks, computer standards, offering mediocre performance. Lack of built-in wireless, and overall sub-par features. If you must own a laptop and you're barely surviving on ramen, this is the one for you. I'm not sure what to look for, so I'm asking for your help.

"Glamor" laptops are most popular and most likely what you're used to seeing around campus. They offer more than enough power for the average user, generous hard drive space for all those video downloads, and viewable screen sizes up to 15 inches. I'm not sure what to look for, so I'm asking for your help.

Many manufacturers call this reasonably priced category "student-oriented" models. They're perfect for college students who want to stay mobile, access wireless networks, across campus, and still have enough power to play an occasional game of Halo between classes. I'm not sure what to look for, so I'm asking for your help.

Last, the "vintage" category is what has come to be known as desktop replacements. These laptops are huge and expensive. Packed with the latest and greatest technology, they rival the most powerful desktops. Features include huge 17-inch screens, DVD burners, the fastest processors, tons of memory and hard drive space, and the absolute best video cards. I'm not sure what to look for, so I'm asking for your help.

All of this comes at huge prices and packaging. These laptops are not designed to be mobile and if you attempt to disassemble, you're likely to break them. Yet, laptops aim to save space and declutter desks without sacrificing performance. I'm not sure what to look for, so I'm asking for your help.

performance. If you can afford one and don't mind the lack of mobility, these are the best money can buy. I'm not sure what to look for, so I'm asking for your help.

When you prefer a desktop, you'll find a similar deal at UK. Its models, as many top computer manufacturers like Apple, Dell, and Hewlett-Packard offer substantial student discounts. I'm not sure what to look for, so I'm asking for your help.

To receive student rates, you must make your purchase online, straight from the manufacturer or directly from the UK Computer Store. I'm not sure what to look for, so I'm asking for your help.

The latter can sometimes save you even more money, there are no shipping costs and some manufacturers offer additional discounts to the university. I'm not sure what to look for, so I'm asking for your help.

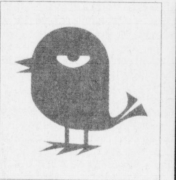
Desktops and laptops have their respective advantages, and deciding which to buy is completely based on individual needs. I'm not sure what to look for, so I'm asking for your help.

Desktops provide the most bang for your buck, and opportunities for significant upgrades, even though you're locked into a desk. I'm not sure what to look for, so I'm asking for your help.

On the other hand, laptops, while pricier, provide wireless capabilities and the ease of mobility into a dorm room or compact package. I'm not sure what to look for, so I'm asking for your help.

With that said, if you're like me, the only way to truly be happy is to own one of each. I'm not sure what to look for, so I'm asking for your help.

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Week of September 13 - September 19

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SPORTS
*UK Fencing Club, 8:00pm-10:00pm, Buell Armory on Administration Dr. **Tues 14**

ARTS/MOVIES
*UK Anime Presents "Chris Crusade", 6:00pm, Center Theater, Student Center, FREE
**"Open the Gates of Consciousness: Art Nouveau Glass and Pottery," Noon-Spm, UK Arts Museum, \$5.00 Admission
**"Con Agua de Cielo," Monday-Friday, 11:00pm-5:00pm, Radcliff Art Gallery, Student Center
**"SAB's Classic Tuesdays showing Casablanca," 8:00pm, Worsham Theater, Student Center
MEETINGS
**Cats For Christ Mtg., 7:00pm, Student Center, Room 230
**UK Fellowship of Christian Athletes Mtg., 8:00pm, Upstairs of the Commons Market, South Campus
**MCL, French Division's Table Francaise, French Conversation Group, 3:00-4:30pm, Student Center, Room 204
**Financial Management Association Mtg., 6:00pm, B&B Building, Room 213

SPECIAL EVENTS
**Comedy Caravan Presents Alex Raymond, 8:00pm, Cats Den, Student Center, FREE

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**Creative Writing Corner, 6:00pm-8:00pm, W.T. Young Library, Writing Center, 5th floor Westside, for more information call the Writing Center at 257-1356

MEETINGS
Wesley Foundation Focus Worship, 7:30pm, Student Center, Center Theater **Thurs 16
**Resident Student Association General Assembly Meeting, 6:30pm-8:30pm, WTY Library Gallery
**"Christian Student Fellowship presents "Synergy", 8:00pm, CSF Building on the corner of Woodland and Columbia

SPORTS
*UK Fencing Club, 8:00pm-10:00pm, Buell Armory on Administration Dr.

SPECIAL EVENTS
**"Hoeser Daddy II," 7:00pm, Stroll Field
**Patterson School of Diplomacy presents Defending Against Catastrophic Terror, 8:00pm-9:30pm, William T. Young Library, Auditorium
**"Gone With the Wind," 7:00pm, Student Center, Cats Den, FREE FOOD!

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SPECIAL EVENTS
Campus Invasion 2004, Campus Ministry International, 7:00pm, Worsham Theater, Student Center **Fri 17

ARTS/MOVIES
**Friday Anime "Miyazaki Night", 6:30pm, Center Theater, Student Center
**"Open the Gates of Consciousness: Art Nouveau Glass and Pottery," Noon-Spm, UK Arts Museum, \$5.00 Admission
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ARTS/MOVIES
"Open the Gates of Consciousness: Art Nouveau Glass and Pottery," Noon-Spm, UK Arts Museum, \$5.00 Admission **Sat 18

SPORTS
UK Football vs. Indiana State, 7:00pm, Commonwealth Stadium

ARTS/MOVIES
"Open the Gates of Consciousness: Art Nouveau Glass and Pottery," Noon-Spm, UK Arts Museum, \$5.00 Admission **Sun 19

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IN OUR OPINION

Dorms need tighter security

Scam artists have targeted students in their residence halls in recent weeks, according to UK police.

The appearance of this type of con men on campus is not surprising — this scam is a common one, seen everywhere. The scary part is that these criminals gained access to UK's dorms, that they could attack students outside their rooms.

UK police chief Fred Otto said at least three incidents have been reported, including one in which a female student reported being physically bullied by a solicitor into writing a check.

Otto said the frequency of reports has decreased, yet he still urged students to be on guard against possible scams.

If these common crooks can get to

students, so can other, far more dangerous ones.

With the right warnings, UK students can protect themselves against fraudulent magazine subscriptions and other cons. But they shouldn't have to fight them off inside their dorms.

The safety of students has to be UK's highest priority and UK should do anything necessary to guarantee it.

Con artists might not be the most frightening threat to students on campus. Still, the fact that some scammers have made it past resident advisers and desk workers into dorms is a cause for alarm.

Students must be able to feel secure within their dorms. If they do not, then UK is failing them.

Resident advisers and desk workers

should be strict about who gets into the dorms, even if it means hassling students for a few seconds. The possible delays might be annoying, but they are a small price to pay.

Students should be patient and accept any inconveniences along the way, and they should be watchful about who gets into the dorms, too.

If anyone can get into a dorm, then there is a problem. And if it means students must wait a few more seconds to walk to their rooms to fix that problem, fine.

A warning about scam artists will not raise anyone's eyebrows, but the real problem — the ease with which anyone can enter a dorm — should attract the attention of UK officials and students.

President Bush's domestic record exposes failures

Not since President Andrew Johnson stymied positive Reconstruction efforts and callously disregarded the executive branch's obligation to the newly freed has one leader perpetrated so much damage. For all his crudeness and shamelessness, at least our 17th president did not make a mockery of foreign policy and gutlessly saddle our youth with the burden of tomorrow, like our 43rd.



Edward Guest
KENNEL COLUMNIST

President Bush is from another place and time, an era far divorced from those who spent their formative years in the Clinton administration. The disagreements that liberals have with the president should surprise no one, but President Bush could have dissented from the left's agenda and still might have proved a competent, if not great, president.

Prior to the president's arrival, the congressional Republicans had already wavered and distanced themselves from the 1994 ideals that toppled the Democrats in the first place. But under the leadership of Bush, all pretenses of a legitimate difference of opinion crumbled, replaced by sleight of hand economics and crass irresponsibility.

It is one thing to espouse limited government, to argue for a tightening of spending in conjunction with lower taxes. That, at least, is a credible debate.

What is not credible, however, is to continue to spend (disproportionately in the "red" states, as opposed to where most Americans reside) recklessly while reducing federal revenue (i.e. taxes) to dangerous levels.

Republicans won the tax-and-spend question from Democrats a decade ago, but have cheated on the issue ever since, to the degree of driving '94 idealists from Congress.

President Bush does not care whether the next generation will be afforded Social Security or whether Medicare can survive 2010s-era budget crunches, nor is he truly interested in reducing American dependence on foreign petroleum or protecting the environment.

His willful neglect of the American middle class is matched only by the chutzpah required to send their sons and daughters — dutiful practitioners in the National Guard — to Iraq, as though they volunteered for such hazardous duty.

In fact, all but one of Al Gore's ominous warnings has come to fruition, but that would surely change in a Bush second term. Despite having a far superior success rate with federal judicial appointees than Bill Clinton in his 1997-2001 administration, Bush has charged Democrats with "obstruction," when he is not castigating "liberal activist judges."

If George W. Bush is re-elected, his damage to this country will nearly be complete, as the critical Supreme Court seats of John Paul Stevens and Sandra Day O'Connor will be passed to far more conservative "strict constructionist" jurors. If so, the president will use the high court as a club to whack the opposition, legitimizing further PATRIOT Acts and rolling back the rights of women, minorities and those of "non-traditional" lifestyles.

The foreign policy mistakes of this president can be rehashed in another debate on another occasion, yet it is possible that Bush's historic gamble on Iraq may pay off quite handsomely — thus causing the records to ignore or overlook his disinterest in international principles (Kyoto, Anti-Ballistic Missiles, the United Nations, etc.).

However, on his domestic record, the president has nowhere to hide, no trump card to play. Americans need to understand that the gross negligence or pernickitous hardness of Bush's domestic policies holds consequences for us all, perhaps providing the impetus for a form of radical politics somewhere down the road that once seemed unfathomable before Jan. 20, 2001.

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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Editorial wrongly pointed to BOT as cause of fiscal problems

I wanted to respond to your editorial suggesting that the UK Board of Trustees should have had its retreat at Patterson Office Tower rather than Shaker Village. I agree with the sentiment that the university is in difficult financial straits, but there, in my view, by the inability or unwillingness of the state of Kentucky to adequately fund higher education.

I would suggest that you might consider editorials asking students and their parents to contact the Kentucky legislators responsible for the reduction in state funding from more than half the budget not so long ago, to less than a quarter today.

Here are some facts you and your readers should be aware of. The BOT is ultimately responsible for the income and expenditure of almost \$1.5 billion per year. The 20 BOT members serve without pay. Many of them live in locations away from Lexington.

They give their time and pay their own travel expenses to come to BOT meetings, which are usually scheduled for a couple of hours on a single day, eight times a year.

Having these bright and talented people together for many hours in a retreat setting that encouraged conversation among themselves, the president and the provost, would have been cost-effective at ten times the price.

The exchange of ideas on how best to develop policy for the university, including how to deal with its financial problems, was invaluable. Further, many trustees are heavy contributors to the university, including its scholarship programs.

I suppose we could ask the out-of-town BOT members to find and pay for their own housing in Lexington for a retreat at POT, but less would have been accomplished in that setting, and I really think that would have been counter-productive. I would guess that the unifying experience of the retreat resulted in a large net gain to UK that could be directly measured in dollars.

Again, if you are concerned about students, money and the welfare of the university I suggest that future editorials take aim at the governor and the legislature who have cut almost \$75 million out of UK's budget over the last three years, rather than the BOT which is grappling with the problems of running the place with insufficient funds.

MICHAEL KENNEDY
UK Board of Trustees

Q&A with Rachel Watts

Student Government President



JONATHAN PALMER | STAFF

Assistant Opinions Editor Ben Roberts sat down with Student Government President Rachel Watts to discuss issues pertaining to Student Government.

Q. What are SG's top goals for this year?

A. I see them in three categories. Communication is huge. To make sure we're communicating with the students, administration, the city of Lexington.

To make sure that we're really hearing what students want, the next big thing is advocacy. There's so many situations where students just need a representative, someone that can come and speak and give their opinion.

The final thing and the one that probably will affect the most students is accountability. Coming back for a second term, one of my main goals is to really hold people accountable.

Since I already know what projects different groups are working on, I'm in a position where I can hold those people accountable to promises they made to students.

Q. Why did you want to become a part of SG?

A. I really wanted to meet a lot of different types of people. I really wanted to experience that part of UK. It's easy to stay with the same group and types of people, but I wanted to make sure that I really took advantage of being around so many culturally diverse people.

Q. Why do you think the students re-elected you to a second term?

A. I think the main reason is I went out and was visible with the students. Making sure that they didn't just read about me in the paper and didn't just see me in the spring when it was time for elections.

Seeing me around campus and seeing me at events lets them know my commitment to UK and makes them feel comfortable with me.

Q. Do you have any further political aspirations?

A. I don't have any political aspirations. I could see myself helping a candidate if I believe in the candidate. To be honest, I wasn't planning on running for SG President when I first got involved.

I just want to follow whatever plans God has for my life. Whatever God's will is and whatever He wants me to do, that's what I want to do.

Q. How do you feel about UK's drive to become a top-20 institution?

A. I think it's a great dream and we have to be realistic about it and set goals.

It's definitely something that we should not give up but I think also we need to be sure that we're not just looking at some abstract idea but that we're setting tangibles.

I also think that we have to make sure that we don't neglect undergraduate studies in the process to become a research institution, that we continue the great tradition of undergraduate studies we have.

Q. Do you think an emphasis on research draws away from in-class instruction?

A. I don't think it draws away from it. I think it can really enhance it and allow students to really learn a lot on their own.

But definitely we need to make sure that we never prioritize that over the value of the traditional college experience that UK offers.

Q. Whose responsibility do you think it is to set goals toward becoming a top-20 school?

A. I think it's definitely not just

the administration's job to set those goals. Most of the goals you look at involve student progress and behavior.

We're such a huge component of that. So whatever issues we need to look at to get students motivated to reach those goals are what we need to look at.

Q. Why do you think students are so reluctant to participate in SG?

A. I think some of it is intimidation or uncertainty about how they can get involved.

A lot of students will believe in certain issues, but I think they are reluctant to actually get involved.

I think more than anything students need to realize if you have a problem with something or if you want to change something, instead of complaining about it, get out and run and be proactive.

Q. How do you plan to attract non-UG students to get out and vote in SG elections next spring?

A. I think the main way to do it is to encourage candidates who aren't Greek to run for office.

That can be done through student organizations, ones that may traditionally have very few Greek members.

Q. How do you plan to get students to vote in the November elections?

A. One of the main things we're doing is distributing mail-in voter registration cards. We want to encourage student organizations to come in and pick up the cards and encourage their members to get out and vote and hold them accountable, go to the polls with them.

We're also having Rock the Vote, which is going to be a huge non-partisan political rally. It will be a chance for students to come together and celebrate their right to vote and hopefully encourage students that it's the cool thing to do.

Because it is cool to vote. That's a right that we have and I think we need to start embracing that attitude.

Online poll question

Do you agree with the decision to withhold victim information in UK Police incident reports at the victim's request?

Yes: I believe it's important to protect the victim's rights and it's really none of the public's business.

No: Disclosing information about the accuser is fairer to the accused and assists students in making important decisions about their safety.

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FOOTBALL NOTEBOOK

Cats looking for solution in backfield

By Jeff Patterson
THE KENTUCKY KERNEL

Cross Rafael Little off the list of potential starters at running back for UK's game against Indiana Saturday.

He's not ready, yet. At least that is what head coach Rich Brooks is saying.

"He's rusty right now trying to get back in the groove of football," Brooks said of the freshman, who missed much of fall camp recovering from an off-season knee surgery.

"It's hard to throw a guy in, unless you are talking about an NFL guy who has played for 15 years, and comes in late in training camp and jumps in the fray."

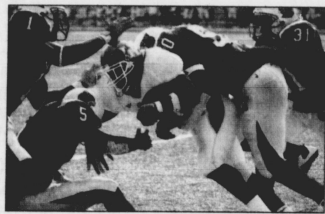
Even though Little — who rushed for 1,501 yards and 33 touchdowns at T.L. Hanna High School in Anderson, S.C. last year — will not start, he has been playing many snaps with the first-team offense during the last week of practice.

"He's got a very good burst," said running backs coach Ron Caragher. "He sees a hole; he can hit it and accelerate through it. There are very few on this football team who can."

Late in Monday's practice, Little flew through fourth quarter conditioning drills while many of his teammates were gassed.

Considering Little has practiced with the team for a couple of weeks, that is encouraging to UK's coaches.

Couple that with UK's lackluster offensive perfor-



CHRIS REYNOLDS | STAFF
Freshman running back Tony Dixon rushed twice in UK's 28-0 loss at Louisville. Dixon rushed for seven yards in his first carry.

mance in its season-opening 28-0 loss at Louisville on Sept. 5, and that may be good enough reason to play Little.

"The way we're going, the way he's been practicing, I would expect him to get in there," Caragher said.

Little said he has no problem with that.

"I feel that I'm ready," he said. "If they call me, I'll be ready."

Brooks said he likely would not name a starter until game time. So who gets the call?

"There's a couple of guys I'd feel comfortable with going in as starters," Caragher said. Freshman Tony Dixon has looked solid in practice all fall. He rushed for seven yards in his first carry against UoL, but then fumbled the next. He didn't touch the ball after that.

"When I went to the sideline, everyone told me to put it behind me," Dixon said. "I got to thinking about why they didn't put me back in. I should have held on to the ball though."

He said he has put in behind him.

The incumbent starter, junior Arliss Beach, looks to be the favorite to start. He has favored his shoulder in recent weeks. But changes to his

shoulder pads have helped. "He's back to the Arliss Beach-type running style — lowering his pads and running with authority — and he's done that," Caragher said. "I think it hindered him a little bit when he had that pain. Hopefully he has put that behind him."

Injury updates

Junior linebacker Dustin Williams is doubtful for Saturday's game. He hasn't practiced with the team since having surgery to repair a slight tear of his hamstring.

Sophomore linebacker Durrell White missed Monday's practice with a minor ankle injury but is probable for Saturday.

Junior tackle Ernie Pelayo continues to be hampered by injuries. After recovering from a knee injury, he will sit out with a weak shoulder.

Schedule change

UK's game at Florida on Sept. 25 will be broadcasted live on ESPN2 at 6 p.m.

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Young golfers set to lead Cats

By Kyle Hamilton
THE KENTUCKY KERNEL

Beth Felts and Elizabeth Dotson don't play like other freshmen golfers.

The two young golfers proved they were different by qualifying for UK women's golf team's five-player traveling team, which finishes play in its first event of the season today in Charleston, S.C.

The two freshmen were able to qualify for the squad and compete in the College of Charleston's Cougar Classic, even though 10 other upperclassmen were vying for spots.

"To be able to qualify with the depth we have on the team, it really says a lot about those two," said UK head coach Stephanie Martin-Barker.

Martin-Barker said the duo make up UK's "best recruiting class in the last 15 years."

Dotson, the more highly touted player of the two, was considered one of the best junior golfers in the country during her high school days. Dotson won three Tennessee state Class AA titles for White Bluff's Creekwood High School.

She is ranked 81st in Golfweek's list of the top women's amateur golfers in the nation.

In addition to the accolades, Dotson also has gained a lot of competitive experience. Dotson has competed in three U.S. Junior Amateur championships and also in one U.S. Women's Amateur.

In two of the events — the 2003 Junior Am and Women's Amateur — Dotson was paired up with Michelle Wie.

Playing with Wie, a teen-age girl who has already competed on the PGA tour with men, provided a lot of valuable experience for Dotson.

"She was a little better than me," Dotson joked.

But with Dotson having that level of competition in her background, she has had no trouble becoming an impact player early in her UK career.

Martin-Barker said.

"Elizabeth has an incredible amount of experience playing competitively at such a high level," Martin-Barker said. "And that experience really helps."

While Felts does not have the national experience of Dotson, she has proved herself to be quite the player in state competitions.

During her high school days, playing for Baylor School in Chattanooga,

Felts won two state titles in Tennessee's private school division. Felts helped her school capture a team state title every year she was there.

Although both players were very successful in high school, the two freshmen refrain from making any predictions of winning college titles. Instead, both players just want to contribute to the team as much as they can.

"Elizabeth and I have seen the talent on this team, and we just hope to help out," Felts said.

The team welcomes the help. Last year, the Cats failed to get into the post-season and also finished last in the Southeastern Conference Championships.

The team returns sophomore Marissa Muir, juniors Emily Cubertson and Erin Faulkner and senior Katie Dixon. Each competed in at least eight tournaments last year.

In addition, Faulkner gained a lot of competitive experience as she qualified for and competed in the U.S. Women's Amateur this summer in Erie, Pa.

Martin-Barker said last year's shortcomings were a result of youth and a lack of the mental toughness needed to play solidly in every tournament.

"We just need to somehow be mentally tough and remain focused," Martin-Barker said. "If we can do that, then maybe we can walk away from the bad holes with a bogey instead of a double or triple."

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UK men win golf invitational

Led by senior John Holmes, the UK men's golf team won the Inverness Intercollegiate Invitational Saturday in Toledo, Ohio.

UK team posted a 25-over-par 877, two strokes shy of the tournament record held by South Carolina in 2000. Second-round leader Michigan State finished second with 855 after a four-shot lead going into today's play.

Tying the tournament record with a three round score of 213 (74-65-74), Holmes claimed the individual title.

Senior Mark Blakefield finished second for the Cats with a 251 (73-71-71) for a third-place finish overall. Senior Brandon Waldrop followed with a five over-par 218 (74-73-71) to tie for fifth.

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