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THE SCHOLARSHIP STRATEGY  
PART 2 OF 3

## UK wants more KCTCS transfers

Editor's Note: This is the second in a three-part series highlighting UK's four new scholarships. The final installment will appear in tomorrow's Kernel.

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UK administrators were forced to "think outside the box" to develop an innovative scholarship aimed at increasing the number of transfer students from community and technical colleges, UK President Lee Todd said.

The new Trustees Scholars program will help the university meet its Top 20 Business Plan mandated enrollment goal of an additional 7,000 students by 2020 while also increasing the number of bachelor degree holders in Kentucky, Todd said.

"KCTCS (Kentucky Community and Technical College System) is providing critical access to education to families who might not otherwise be able to go to college," Todd told the Kernel in an e-mail. "We have a responsibility, as the state's flagship institution of higher learning, to help them continue their education."

The Trustees Scholars program targets three segments of community college students who could transfer to UK full-time, starting in Fall 2007.

■ 100 current KCTCS students who earn an Associates Degree and a 3.5 cumulative GPA can pay KCTCS tuition rates for up to two years.

■ 150 current KCTCS students earning at least 48 hours of credit, with at least 24 of those hours at a KCTCS institution, and a 3.3 cumulative GPA can receive up to \$2,000 per year for two years.

■ 275 students who have earned at least 24 hours at an accredited institution and a 3.3 cumulative GPA can receive up to \$1,000 their first year.

The \$1.8 million program will affect 775 students when fully implemented in 2011.

Easing the transition process from community college to UK is a move that will help students reach their potential through education, Todd said.

The Top 20 Business Plan calls for an "improved economic vitality" for Kentucky.

Todd said the university has a moral and economic obligation to Kentucky and its families and children to increase the number of bachelor degree holders by 210,000 by 2020.

The community college system has the capacity to positively influence this effort, KCTCS chancellor Keith Bird said.

Bird said with over 86,000 students in 55 different communities, the community college system has the responsibility to increase transfer students to four-year universities and increase the number of Kentuckians with bachelor's degrees.

"UK has a statewide mission, and our colleges have a statewide presence," Bird said. "The Trustees Scholars program is an important step in showing how our colleges can help UK become a top-20 research institution."

An online survey of 4,985 KCTCS students, sponsored by the Kentucky Council on Postsecondary Education, identified four key barriers for community college students in transferring: the financial burden of postsecondary education, doubting the benefits of higher education, scheduling difficulties for nontraditional and working students, and lack of academic planning, preparation and knowledge about completing the transfer process.

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## New equine major to start in fall

By Alice Haymond  
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Expecting to advance the horse industry while giving students more opportunities in the equine business, UK President Lee Todd and College of Agriculture Dean Scott Smith announced the beginning of the UK Equine Initiative yesterday.

As part of the Top 20 Business Plan, the program will expand research facilities by creating an "equine campus" at Maine Chance Farm off of Newtown Pike and will add an equine science bachelor's program to the College of Agriculture.

The College of Agriculture does not currently have a program geared specifically toward equine science.

"I'm proud and excited to be one of the premier students in this world-class program," said undeclared sophomore Gus Koch.

Koch has known about the program since its development started in May 2005. He said he is remaining undecided within the College of Agriculture until the equine science major becomes available in Fall 2007.

The new equine science program offers two tracks: an equine management option, which focuses on the day-to-day operations of an equine farm, and an equine business option, which deals with the business aspects of the industry.

In preparation for the initiative, UK consulted with several other Kentucky universities that have similar programs, including the University of Louisville, whose program focuses more on equine

business and trade.

"We see synergy, not competition," Smith said. "We think there's going to be a lot of crossover."

Once completed, the new facilities at Maine Chance Farm will include an education cluster for the new undergraduate program, equine health research and animal science research facilities.

"I hope that this campus out at Maine Chance will be a home to these students," Todd said. "It will be a place to take pride in."

UK's equine research, which is already well regarded, will flourish with the new containment facility, said Dr. Walter Zent, a chairman on the Gluck Equine Research Foundation Board.

"It is absolutely necessary," Zent said of the new campus. "Without it, the faculty will be

greatly hindered in their ability to do state-of-the-art research."

The university's Gluck Equine Research Center develops new vaccines for viral and bacterial diseases, researches parasitology and engages in other equine research. While some of these studies will continue at the Gluck Center, the new facilities will offer room for more growth.

With the development of the horse industry in Kentucky's economy — including the upcoming World Equestrian Games in 2010 — the developing research at UK and a growing student interest in the horse industry, Smith said it's the perfect time to launch this initiative.

"It is time," he said. "It is the moment to do it. Our students have taught us that it's time."



Bo Skovhus, right, and pianist Warren Jones, stand as the crowd applauds during their performance of Franz Schubert's Swan Song in the Singletary Center for the Arts' recital hall last night.



Opera singer Bo Skovhus has traveled the world, singing in such places as Japan, New York, Paris and now Lexington after visiting the Singletary Center for the Arts last night.

## A TASTE OF SCHUBERT

UK School of Music continued its A Very Special Opera Performance series last night with a show entitled "An Evening with Bo Skovhus" featuring the internationally-acclaimed baritone singing Franz Schubert's Swan Song. Skovhus was accompanied by pianist Warren Jones of the Manhattan School of Music.

## Social work college hopes services will expand with addition of project chair

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UK is now home to a new Early Childhood Mental Health chair with the pledge of \$3 million in financial support and a matching grant.

The H. Otto Kaak Chair in Early Childhood Mental Health was created by Michigan native R. Bruce Bacon. He decided to create and endow the chair after hearing a lecture on childhood attachment disorders and of the Comprehensive Assessment and Training Services (CATS) project.

The lecture was presented by Kaak, a 35-year professor of psy-

chiatry and pediatrics at UK's College of Social Work and the UK Chandler Medical Center.

After attending the lecture, the retired banker and his wife Barbara made three trips to Lexington to learn more about CATS, Kaak said. Late last year, Bacon committed to raising the money, which will be donated and matched by the Research Challenge Trust Fund.

"Mr. Bacon is quietly dedicated to what he wants to accomplish," Kaak said. "I feel very honored and humbled by his gift."

Kay Hoffman, dean of the College of Social Work, said Bacon's contribution was made because "his

ideas were in almost perfect harmony with what CATS was doing."

The endowed chair will attract distinguished faculty members to UK, said Ginny Sprang, social work professor, CATS co-director and principle investigator.

A national search is being conducted to find a well-qualified individual to hold the position of the endowed chair. Once the position is filled, the selected individual will have the job of furthering the work of CATS.

The CATS Clinic is a laboratory collaboration involving the College of Social Work and the College of

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## Blood drive competition against Ark. starts tomorrow

By Allie Garza  
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While the Cats prepare for the men's basketball game against Arkansas on Saturday, another competition against the school will be taking place throughout the week.

The Central Kentucky Blood Center is taking part in its 13th annual Game For Life blood drive against the University of Arkansas and the Community Blood Center of the Ozarks.

Beginning tomorrow, students will be invited to donate blood and help keep the Central Kentucky Blood Center's supply of blood at a safe level for the region.

Giving blood right now is critical for

students, said Dan Dickson, director of communications at the Central Kentucky Blood Center.

"We need students to rally together, step up and do important community service," Dickson said, adding that the blood level for the area is critically low, and the Blood Center is "barely holding on."

"It's tough, because during the holidays the colleges and high schools we rely on are closed," Dickson said.

"Business slows down, people leave on vacation," Dickson said. "Our blood count suffered, and with the state officially labeled as wide-spread flu, we're needing healthy students to come in now."

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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 — You're facing one of those questions that requires mulling over. Don't be impatient. Wait, and the answer may come to you in a dream.

**Taurus (April 20 - May 20)** Today is a 7 — Ask questions and listen carefully. Friends can show you what needs to be done. No need to re-invent the wheel. Use one you already have.

**Gemini (May 21 - June 21)** Today is a 9 — OK, you can proceed. Ask for exactly what you want. Let them know what you can provide. Create a new position and new opportuni-

ties for yourself.

**Cancer (June 22 - July 22)** Today is an 8 — You're in a more powerful position now, but don't get cocky. Make contacts with somebody who's far away to provide whatever's needed.

**Leo (July 23 - Aug. 22)** Today is a 7 — A carefully calculated move now puts money in the bank. Don't broadcast your intentions; just do what needs to be done.

**Virgo (Aug. 23 - Sept. 22)** Today is a 7 — You know a lot but you don't have to know everything. Thankfully, you have other people who can do what you can't, or won't.

**Libra (Sept. 23 - Oct. 22)** Today is an 8 — Be especially polite to an important person now. You could get a very interesting assignment for your efforts.

**Scorpio (Oct. 23 - Nov. 21)** Today is a 7 — Set the hook. Don't hesitate, thinking about it. Take action. Positive attitude is not an option, it's required.

**Sagittarius (Nov. 22 - Dec. 21)**

Today is a 7 — Pay your bills in such a way that you have a little left over. You need to get a special item for your home, and family. It's one of life's small luxuries, and you know what it is.

**Capricorn (Dec. 22 - Jan. 19)** Today is a 7 — Show lots of appreciation to a person who's helping you. Leave bigger tips to the people who work to serve you, too. You need them.

**Aquarius (Jan. 20 - Feb. 18)** Today is an 8 — More work needs to be done, and this is the hands-on kind. That also includes writing proposals and applying for grants. Make more money come in.

**Pisces (Feb. 19 - March 20)** Today is a 7 — You're lucky now, and could make a very important connection. You're very attractive, too, so go for what you want. Don't just sit there, thinking about it. Take action.

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## HOT STUFF

Britney Spears' man always had a thing for her

### THE DISH

Isaac Cohen called his high school girlfriend "Britney"

While shopping at the Christian Audigier store in L.A. on January 17, Britney Spears' man, model Isaac Cohen, 25, gushed to Us about his new squeeze. "She's the ultimate sweetheart," he said, while picking up four bags of clothes for her. Turns out, his feelings for Spears, 25, go back to his teen years.

Cohen's high school girlfriend, Jennifer Sypal, 24, tells Us he used to call her "Britney" because she resembles the pop princess. "He thought she was hot," Sypal, who dated Cohen on and off in 1999 and 2000 after meeting in summer school, tells Us. "He was into her music, too."

And now, Cohen is into Spears. The day after his shopping spree, the pair hung out at her Beverly Hills pad and met up the next night at L.A.'s Cabana Club.

Is this the real thing? Cohen tells Us, "I'm taking it one day at a time."

**Sienna Miller Love Triangle**

Sienna Miller has the Sundance film Festival abuzz with her performance in the Steve Buscemi-directed drama *Interview* — and with her offscreen carnoolding. On January 19 at Lotus Lounge in Park City, Utah, a source spotted James Franco, 28 (her costar in the upcoming film *Camille*), with his arm around the actress, 25, and

"in deep conversation."

Two nights later, another source saw Miller and Josh Hartnett, 28, acting "flirty" at the Alliance Heineken karaoke party at The Village at the Lift. But the actress insists both men are just friends. "There's nothing to make of any of the people I'm linked with," Miller tells *Hot Stuff*. "If I'd slept with that many men, I'd have 20 children!"

**Brangelina — Happy in the Big Easy**

Since Angelina Jolie confirmed to Us on January 15 at the Golden Globes that she, beau Brad Pitt and their family were settling in New Orleans ("We love it there," she said), the *Big Easy* has opened its arms. "The community is thrilled," former city council member and realtor Jackie Clarkson (mother of Oscar-nominated actress Patricia Clarkson) tells *Hot Stuff*.

Though the pair bought a \$3.5 million mansion in the French Quarter and enrolled son Maddox, 5, in school, sightings of the Jolie-Pitts have been rare since Jolie's January 12 dive-bar outing. Why? After the Golden Globes, Jolie headed to Vietnam to work with a charity (not to adopt, despite Internet rumors to the contrary) and Pitt has been busy filming *The Curious Case of Benjamin Button* in his new hometown.

But locals, while curious of their new neighbors, aren't frenzied. Times-Picayune

writer Kate Moran tells Us. "People are far from starstruck. The city has a live-and-let-live vibe."

**Eva Longoria & Tony Parker — 1 Do Details!**

Eva Longoria has never been secretive about her love for fiance Tony Parker, 24, but she has been trying to keep one thing quiet: the duo's nuptial plans.

*Hot Stuff* has learned that the Desperate Housewives star and San Antonio Spurs guard (who got engaged in November after a rocky two-year romance) will wed on July 7, 2007, at Chateau de Chantilly, a fairytale-like castle north of Paris. According to a source, "Tony is extremely superstitious and thinks 07-07-07 is the day most lucky to get married on." Longoria, 31, will be traveling to France in February with event planner Mindy Weiss to finalize details for the reception, including ordering the flowers, food and cake. And, since Parker has family in France, the couple will also have plenty of help from the groom-to-be's mother, Pamela.

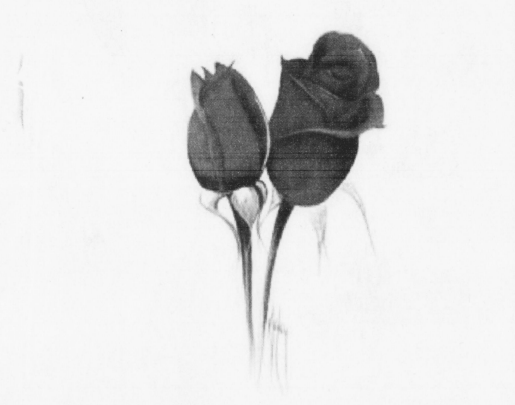
"Tony wants her to feel that it's her day as well as his and Eva's," says a source. And to top it all off, designer Monique Lhuillier will create Longoria's dress for the big day, a source says. Longoria's rep tells Us, "She's still working out all the details. Nothing is confirmed."

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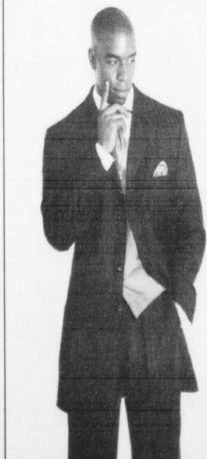
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Medicine. The clinic completes assessments of at-risk children and families. The assessments are then provided to social workers, judges and state agency administrators who are working on cases involving abuse, neglect, parental rights or adoption eligibility, according to the CATS website.

"We are about providing services to traumatized and maltreated children, training and disseminating services to mental health professionals

and child welfare workers and research on violence against children," Sprang said.

The CATS Clinic, located on Blazer Parkway near Man O' War Boulevard, is also a teaching site for social workers, lawyers, adoptive and foster parents, and students. In 1999, the state of Kentucky gave a \$1 million grant to start this project, which Hoffman labeled an absolute necessity.

Sprang said she and the three other principle investigators — Kaak, Allen Brenzel, of the psychiatry department, and Jim Clark, a social work professor — were asked to create the "Mercedes-Benz of assessment programs."

Since its inception, the CATS project has trained and

assessed over 1,500 children.

Kaak served as the training director of UK's Triple Board Residency Program, which certifies pediatricians and adult and child psychologists, for 15 years and is the founding member of the Kentucky Attachment Project, which offers training for professionals working with children who have attachment disorders.

Sprang said Kaak is the top expert in Kentucky on childhood mental health and Hoffman noted that he is an exemplary person.

"I am rejuvenated," Kaak said about his experience working with CATS. "I love my work. This is a good way to end a career."

## DRIVE

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Students will be able to give blood at many locations across campus starting tomorrow, including Commons Market, Blazer Café, the Student Center and the UK Chandler Medical Center. The blood drive will continue through Friday.

The donations given by students and faculty have impacted the lives of many in the UK community, including former UK Homecoming Queen Amelia Brown.

Brown, a graduate student in the College of Education, was on the waiting list for a liver trans-

plant for four and a half years; she didn't think she would ever need blood because she wouldn't survive long enough to get a new liver. When she did get a liver transplant in 2006, she needed 49 pints of blood during her 12-hour surgery to stay alive.

Brown said students should realize the importance of giving blood and saving a person's life — especially because they don't know who will need help next.

"It could be anyone they know (that needs blood)," she said.

If students plan on giving blood, Dickson recommends that they do not come on an empty stomach.

"Eat a meal before you arrive, and drink plenty of fluids," he said. "We'll have snacks

available as well."

Students should also bring a photo ID. Donors must be at least 17 years old and weigh at least 110 pounds. Those who plan on giving blood will have to pass a health screening; Dickson calls the screening a "mini-physical."

"We'll ask some questions about the person's health history before they're able to give blood," Dickson said.

Dickson said the blood that is donated at the drives goes to 67 hospitals in the region. Dickson also said that the top user of blood in the region is the UK Chandler Medical Center. The Medical Center uses an estimated 20,000 pints of blood per year.

## Ky. economy subject of annual conference

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Economic issues are important to all areas of the world — Central Kentucky included — and they will once again be the focus of an annual conference co-sponsored by UK.

The Gatton College of Business and Economics will be hosting the 18th Annual Economic Outlook Conference at the Lexington Convention Center today to assess Central Kentucky's economy and to look into the state's 2007 expectations.

"This time investment of one morning will pay dividends throughout the entire year for those who attend," said Devanathan Sudharshan, Dean of the Gatton College.

Attending the outlook conference will provide business and government leaders in Central Kentucky with valuable information regarding the economic well-being of the state and country, Sudharshan said.

The half-day conference, which is also co-spon-

sored by the Greater Lexington Chamber of Commerce, the Kentucky Association of Manufacturers and The Lane Report, a Kentucky business magazine, will feature speakers discussing issues pertaining not only to Kentucky, but also the entire nation.

Merlin Hackbart, associate dean for Administration and Academic Affairs of the business college, has been a part of the Gatton College for over 30 years and will give the introductory speech.

Other focuses of the conference run the gamut of short-term advice to long-term ideas. Kenneth Trosek, director of the Gatton College's Center for Business and Economic Research, will present a speech titled "The Economic Outlook for the United States and Kentucky." Michael Childress, executive director of the Kentucky Long Term Policy Research Center, will focus on the future in his speech, "Current Trends and Future Public Policy: What's in Store for Kentucky."

Also featured at the conference will be a presentation of individual concern about managing investment portfolios by Donald Mulineaux, director of the Gat-

ton College's school of management, and a worldwide economic view by Dave Ziebart, director of the Von Allmen School of Accountancy, about global capital market economies.

"We always attempt to provide some special topics which tend to supplement the discussion of the economic outlook," Hackbart said.

In past years, the conference has seen as many as 200 participants. This year, organizers expect to see a similar turnout of business leaders, government officials and citizens of central Kentucky. A large student participation is not expected, Hackbart said.

This year's registration fee, which includes a continental breakfast and materials, is \$95. For group registration of five or more, a special rate of \$80 per participant is available. The suggested registration is between 8 and 8:30 a.m. The continental breakfast begins at 8 a.m. in the Thoroughbred Rooms 1-3 of the Lexington Convention Center with programs running from 8:30 until 11:45 a.m. For more information, call (859) 257-8746.

## SCHOLARSHIP

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Bird said KCTCS hopes to change these barriers.

"The whole financial aid process is overwhelming, and this is a national problem," Bird said.

The most disturbing survey finding, however, showed that students did not perceive the personal and economic benefits of obtaining a four-year education, Bird said.

"We need a much more educated workforce," Bird said. "We applaud UK's efforts to create more accessibility for transfer students."

In addition to UK's Trustees scholarship, KCTCS students looking to transfer to a four-year institution will soon have access to another financial assistance program.

KCTCS received a \$1.5 million state grant recommended by the CPE in January 2006 to provide financial assistance for transfer students.

Bird said the new program will begin once KCTCS can match the legislature's grant with private funding, which could be as early as next year.

Jim Applegate, vice president for academic affairs at the Kentucky Council on Postsecondary Education said the creation of the Trustees Scholars program was a "state move on UK's part."

"This is a very positive step for UK because they have been having trouble with their transfer numbers," Applegate said.

## California strawberry crop finds silver lining in frost scare

By Jerry Hirsch  
LOS ANGELES TIMES

Maybe the Beatles were right — strawberry fields are forever.

It turns out that instead of destroying California's crop, this month's freeze might have saved it.

Farmers were harvesting an unprecedented amount of strawberries until the freeze. The pending surplus could have sent prices for early-season fruit crashing.

"We were probably headed for an economic disaster," said

Bill Reiman, a major Oxnard, Calif., grower and secretary-treasurer of the California Strawberry Commission.

He estimated that the big chill could cut winter production by as much as 70 percent by destroying flowers and immature fruit that would have ripened in February. Assuming mild weather in coming weeks, Reiman said, most farmers should be able to overcome that expected dip and end the season with a harvest at least as big as last year's.

Bad weather always de-

stroys some fruit each winter, he said, noting: "Usually it is rain; this year it was the freeze."

According to the commission's preliminary figures, California farmers harvested 2.1 million trays of berries this month. That compares with 2.8 million trays picked in January 2006.

January and February are the lowest-producing months for California strawberries, which account for more than \$1.5 billion of the state's annual \$32-billion farm output.

"When you look at the big

picture, these months are just a small part of the harvest period, but because it is early in the season, the fruit has the highest margins," said Mark Murai, president of the Watsonville, Calif.-based strawberry commission.

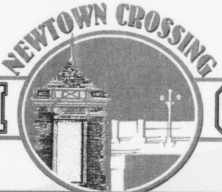
Unlike citrus and many other fruits that have only one crop annually, strawberry plants produce throughout much of the year.

They also can benefit from the cold: Chilling temperatures slow growth of the plants aboveground for a time. But the roots continue to de-

velop, creating a more vigorous plant that will produce more robust fruit when the weather warms.

"We are going to have some great berries just full of sugar," Murai said.

Citrus farmers took the biggest hit from the freeze. Icy nighttime temperatures for as many as five consecutive nights in some parts of the state damaged an estimated \$800 million of California's \$1.5-billion citrus crop. The cold also destroyed about \$100 million of avocados.



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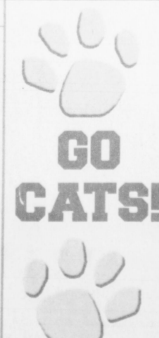
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# Total smoking ban is new frontier in tobacco law

By Maria L. La Ganga  
LOS ANGELES TIMES

BELMONT, Calif. — When the City Council of this San Francisco suburb voted to consider what could be the most stringent tobacco regulation in America, anti-smoking activists cheered. The proposal to ban smoking everywhere but in single-family detached homes and their yards was a big step forward that captured worldwide attention.

Then the blogosphere erupted. Side-by-side portraits of Councilwoman Coralin Feierbach and Nazi SS chief Heinrich Himmler were posted on a smoking-rights Web site. Threats were e-mailed to City Hall, and police and prosecutors were called in to investigate.

A strict new ordinance is still set for more public discussion and an eventual vote. But instead of the flat-out ban on smoking in apartments, condominiums and public places, City Attorney Marc Zafferano said the first draft would be a

menu of restrictions from which council members could pick and choose.

"I don't know where the boundaries of a truly legally defensible ordinance are," acknowledged Councilman Dave Warden, who is pushing to pass "the strictest law possible."

Nearly two-thirds of Americans have smoke-free policies in their own homes, according to the 2000 census, but restrictions on smoking in multiunit buildings, in one's own living room, constitute a new frontier in tobacco law.

The Belmont City Council is "breaking new ground," said Jim Bergman, director of the Smoke-Free Environments Law Project, who has advocated for smoking bans in multi-family buildings. "I think the folks in Belmont have to be very careful in what they do on this one... There is always a question of how fast do you move."

Twenty years ago, a proposal to prohibit smoking in condos and apartments "would have been a radical and crazy idea," said Matthew Myers, presi-

dent of the Campaign for Tobacco-Free Kids. "Today, it's an idea that's gaining growing acceptance, precisely because the science has evolved and changed."

Although the U.S. surgeon general declared last year that there is no safe level of exposure to secondhand smoke, acceptance may not be yet.

"People of this country need to wake up before all of our rights are diminished by these small interest groups and elected officials," wrote one reader on the San Mateo Daily Journal Web site.

"You go right ahead and get that deadly smoker, and ignore the biggest killer of all, Boozie," responded another.

Postings to smokers-rights Web sites like www.speakasyforum.com were far angrier. Some likened elected officials in Belmont, population 24,522, to Nazis. Others suggested that residents flood the Police Department with "possible smoking violation" calls (contact information included) or e-mail Feierbach en masse (ditto).

The push for a smoke-free Belmont began last fall, when an elderly resident of a senior citizens housing complex called Bonnie Brae Terrace wrote to the City Council. He wanted it to pass an ordinance proclaiming secondhand smoke a nuisance.

Ray Goodrich, 82, got the idea earlier in the year when the East Bay city of Dublin passed such a measure, which makes it easier for people to take their neighbors to civil court but is not enforced by police or code officers.

With his daughter, Becky Husmann, and a dozen or so neighbors, Goodrich went to City Hall to ask for help. The anti-smoking activists, along with the City Council, have become targets of the vitriol.

"I've gotten e-mails: 'That's an old man complaining. He's lived long enough,'" recalled Feierbach, who is now mayor.

Another wrote, "If I want to smoke next door to some people who happen to have lung problems in an apartment, I don't care. They're old. They deserve

to die."

Warden argues that local sentiment is running "a little more positive than negative." But smoking-ban boosters were in short supply one recent afternoon in this hilly, wooded community of ranch homes and apartment buildings nestled between San Francisco and the Silicon Valley.

Of a dozen shoppers and owners interviewed at Carlinwood Village Shopping Center, only two expressed total support for the proposed ordinance.

"I'm a nonsmoker, and I'm all for it; I have asthma," said Alice Larson, 51. "We have a right to breathe clean air. I think it's a great ordinance... I'm sure I'm in the minority."

In 2003, a cigarette-caused fire destroyed 29 units at the Bonnie Brae complex. Management has since declared the apartments smoke-free for all new tenants, but previous residents can smoke. The anti-smoking residents want the "nuisance" ordinance so they have legal recourse if others' smoke makes their lives miserable.

# Shocking prices force reality check on families' college plans

By Kathleen Day  
THE WASHINGTON POST

WASHINGTON — College sophomore Carli McGoff could have attended the University of Maryland directly from high school, a decision her parents could afford and would have supported. But the Silver Spring resident opted instead to attend Montgomery College on a merit scholarship for two years and live at home.

Her parents calculate the decision to attend a two-year community college saved them \$26,000, money her father Chris McGoff says will now help pay for her to graduate from a four-year institution — she has applied to be accepted as a junior at Georgetown University, Gettysburg (Pa.) College and Franklin & Marshall College in Lancaster, Pa. Wherever she goes, she'll get a diploma at a deep discount from what four full years at any of those institutions costs.

"That's the idea," says McGoff, joking that he fears publicity will make the strategy so popular it will be harder for his three younger children to

use. "I admit I had a stigma about community college. Not anymore."

As the price of college has skyrocketed, millions of middle- and upper-middle-class families like the McGoffs have juggled to find ways to keep pace. These families earn too much to qualify for need-based scholarships, but few can afford to spend tens of thousands of dollars a year without a significant hit to their finances.

Saving early, as soon as a child is born, is the obvious and best strategy. But financial planners and college experts say for those who couldn't or didn't save enough, there are many ways to ease the pain of paying for a higher education: pushing students to apply for merit awards, choosing less expensive schools, taking classes at community colleges, even beefing up IRA contributions to reduce the annual income admissions folks will use to calculate aid.

Financial advisers say crafting an effective strategy to pay for college requires three mindsets that some middle-class parents may find tough to

embrace: being realistic about what your family can afford; being honest about what the goal of college is; and being willing to choose value over prestige.

"There's a feeling in the middle class that we want our kids to go to the very best school and that that means yearly expenses of about \$40,000, no matter what," says Everett Orr, head of Orr Financial Planning in McLean, Va. "I'm alarmed by the debt people take. They think everyone's doing it. They think it's normal — parents and kids — and it's not."

In big cities, many people who think of themselves as relatively well off feel the pinch. That's because higher-than-average living costs push the range of a middle-class income for a family of four to anywhere from \$80,000 to \$200,000, depending on many factors, such as the number of other family dependents, financial planners say.

In the past 10 years, tuition, fees and the cost of room and board have increased 31 percent at private four-year colleges and 42 percent at public

four-year institutions, according to the National Association of Student Financial Aid Administrators. For the 2006-2007 academic year, for example, living on campus at a private university such as Georgetown in Washington costs more than \$180,000 over four years. Four years on campus at a state school can also be daunting — \$68,000 over four years to attend the University of Virginia for state residents, \$130,000 for out-of-state students.

Those spiraling costs mean parents ideally should start thinking about college when their children are born. The first step for parents is to agree on how much they're willing to pay: Should they foot the bill for everything or just tuition? Should the student be required to work or take on debt, or will her sole requirement be to perform academically? No matter what, financial advisers unanimously agree that parents should not short-change their own retirement savings to help pay for a child's education — parents who do will only end up a burden to their children in the end.

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# Barbaro gave a good run at an almost impossible recovery

By Childs Walker and Bill Ordine  
THE BALTIMORE SUN

Barbaro's death illustrated both the great advances and continuing mysteries that surround the treatment of horrific thoroughbred injuries.

"I think the veterinary profession, from owners, to trainers, to doctors, should be proud of the way that horse was treated," said Gregory L. Ferraro, director of the Center for Equine Health at the University of California-Davis.

"The day of the injury, there wasn't a vet out there who thought he had much more than a nil chance of surviving. The fact that they came very close to saving him is an example for other vets to follow. I can't think of a case where more was done to save an individual horse."

University of Pennsylvania surgeon Dean Richardson was able to piece together Barbaro's right hind leg a day after he pulled up during the Preakness Stakes at Pimlico in May. But veterinarians and trainers worried about the very complications — laminitis in the left rear hoof, an abscess in the right rear hoof and new laminitis in both front feet — that made it necessary to euthanize the Kentucky Derby winner Monday.

They knew the horse would have trouble maintaining even weight distri-

bution and that the imbalance would expose his healthy legs to laminitis and abscesses. As predictable as those problems are, veterinarians can't do much to prevent them.

"They're designed for speed, not necessarily to be ill and recover well," said Kimberly May, a veterinary surgeon and spokeswoman for the American Veterinary Medical Association.

Laminitis, a painful inflammation that causes separation of the hoof, has always plagued racing. References to it can be found in books on lameness from the 1800s, May said. Barbaro's laminitis developed from uneven weight distribution, but other horses might contract the disease from infections, exposure to chemicals or an imbalanced diet.

The disease's pathology is uncertain and that's part of the reason it's so difficult to prevent or manage. Veterinarians said they hope Barbaro's case will draw attention to the mysteries of laminitis and will inspire greater funding for research.

"Even though the result was not positive in this case, I think it will have a lasting effect on the treatment of racehorses and on veterinary medicine in general," May said.

Veterinarians said that despite the extensive measures devoted to saving Barbaro over eight months, his doctors

and owners should be credited for giving up when the horse's suffering eclipsed his chances to get better.

Rick Arthur, a racetrack veterinarian at California's busy Santa Anita course, compared Barbaro to the early human recipients of heart transplants, who often survived only a few days but heralded the coming of remarkable advances.

"We're at a stage in the profession where saving a horse with an injury as bad as Barbaro's is possible," Arthur said. "Despite the outcome, this was a very, very near miss, and that's amazing."

But the case illustrated the enormous difficulty of working with 1,200-pound animals that support themselves on spindly legs and can't remain off their feet for long periods.

"It will always be a serious complication to what we do, because basically, the horse has to be standing within an hour of surgery and has to bear that weight relatively evenly," Arthur said. "That's what mother nature has given us. If you or I had the same break, we'd be resting in bed for weeks."

Arthur said it's too early to know what breakthroughs might spring from the case. But he said veterinarians worldwide will analyze the pain management and weight distribution techniques applied to Barbaro's recovery.

"When the ultimate story is told, I think we'll gain tremendous knowledge in those areas," he said.

The same physical equation that makes recovery difficult — such powerful bodies supported by such delicate legs — makes injuries inevitable as well.

"There's a certain implied risk and we hope each time we do it that we don't get hurt," said Mike Trombetta, a Maryland trainer whose Swoonermansaint opposed Barbaro in the Preakness. "With this horse, he had a misstep and a terrible injury and it didn't work out. The same thing goes with any professional athlete. You can see a football player run down the field and without anyone around him, get a hamstring injury or something else happen to him that turns out to be career-ending."

That comparison is one animal rights activists may never accept.

"They're just pawns and treated as such, and while Barbaro was going through his treatment, many horses were dying on tracks around the country and no one cared about them," said Jackie Vergerio, a spokeswoman of People for the Ethical Treatment of Animals.

Veterinarians cited several technological leaps that helped Barbaro to survive as long as he did: from the stronger plates and pins that held to-

gether the horse's shattered leg to the better anesthesia that allowed him gentler transitions into and out of surgery.

"The fact that they were safely able to get him down, work on him and get him back up so many times is a great tribute," May said.

She pointed to the 1975 case when an undefeated filly, Ruffian, suffered a leg injury at New York's Belmont Park and was euthanized shortly after. Veterinarians managed to repair Ruffian's leg but couldn't keep the horse from reinjuring it while coming out of surgery. Barbaro's greater success showed how much smoother the process has become, May said.

She and others were amazed at Richardson's ability to reconstruct a leg broken in three places.

"Repairing that leg was almost in violation of the laws of orthopedics," she said.

Jockey Jerry Bailey noted that Barbaro was a remarkable patient as well.

"What's amazing is how good of a patient he had to be, keeping proper balance of weight, being in the sling, and allowing himself to receive the help," he said. "To do that, he had to fight everything that's bred into him because these animals are so high-strung. To be so calm, it was such an anomaly."

## Vista, for better and worse

By Rob Pegoraro  
THE WASHINGTON POST

Windows Vista lands in stores Tuesday, more than five years after its predecessor Windows XP made its debut. With that much time for Microsoft to rewrite its operating system, you might expect it to be a sharp break from the Windows we've known.

It isn't. For all the ways that Vista looks and works differently from XP, it remains recognizably Windows underneath.

And that's not always good. In a week that I've been using Vista full-time on two laptops and one desktop, I've seen many things that I hated in XP: error messages that don't offer any advice on how to correct them, programs that inexplicably fail, annoying stalls and one "blue screen of death" crash.

Vista is not a cheap or easy update. The version most

home users will want, Home Premium, sells for \$159 if you upgrade from an older copy of Windows. But Vista needs far more power under the hood than XP: 15 gigabytes of free disk space and a gigabyte of memory.

Many PCs meeting those requirements still can't run Home Premium, since their graphics cards are too slow to draw its slick "Windows Aero" interface.

Once installed — after on-line "product activation" to tie your copy to your computer — Vista may then require you to upgrade some of your old programs. Most software that I tried worked fine in Vista (including iTunes, Firefox, Quicken and Skype), but some needed updates.

Nobody should think of buying Vista without first running Microsoft's free Windows Vista Upgrade Advisor ([microsoft.com/windowsvista/getready](http://microsoft.com/windowsvista/getready)) to see if

his hardware and software measures up.

The obvious reward for putting up with all that is Vista's visuals. Like the Aqua interface of Apple's Mac OS X, Vista's Aero front-end teems with transparent effects that lend a sense of depth — such as when you can see through the edges of windows and the Start Menu to spot what's behind them.

Aero further simplifies things by replacing generic icons with live previews of windows. For example, when you shuffle through active programs (by clicking on the taskbar, hitting the Alt and Tab keys or using the Windows-icon and Tab keys to bring up a nifty "Flip 3D" view), you get a thumbnail view of each window, not the usual abstract symbols.

In an equally helpful trick, folder icons include tiny previews of their contents.

## American presidents, for a dollar

By Jesse Leavenworth  
THE HARTFORD COURANT

A new dollar coin promises more jingle in the purse and pocket and extra heft to the legal tender dropped on bars, restaurant tables and retail counters.

The U.S. Mint is launching its presidential coin series Feb. 15. The mostly copper currency is meant for collecting and spending. Millions of coins are to be circulated throughout the country.

Golden-colored bucks to be issued this year feature George Washington, John Adams, Thomas Jefferson and James Madison. New coins in the series, all of which display the Statue of Liberty on the reverse, are to appear about every three months in order of the presidents' service.

Mint officials say they hope the presidential coins will shine as brightly in the public eye as the state quarter series, which was launched in 1999 and ends next year.

Each coin will feature a president's image, along with his term of service (two Grover Cleveland coins are planned because of his staggered terms in the late 19th century). The changing presidents make the coins collectible as well as educational, U.S. Mint spokeswoman Cynthia Meals said.

The coins are the first since the 1930s to bear inscriptions on the edge, rather than the face. Inscriptions include "IN GOD WE TRUST" and "E PLURIBUS UNUM" along with the year of issuance.

Series designers are drawn from Mint staff and a pool of contract artists, Meals said. Primary sources for the images are White House portraits, prints from the federal Bureau of Engraving and Printing and presidential medals.

The featured president must be dead for at least two years before a coin is released, so the series is slated to end with Gerald Ford in 2016.

"Once we catch up with a living president, the program will conclude," she said.

Most vending machines and other devices that accept coin payments will take the new dollars, Meals said, because the machines were revamped to accommodate dollar coins released over the past 28 years — Susan B. Anthony in 1979 and Sacagawea in 2000.

Slightly larger than 1 inch in diameter, each presidential coin will have the same weight and metal composition as the Sacagawea dollar — 8.1 grams and made of 88.5 percent copper, 6 percent zinc, 3.5 percent manganese and 2 percent nickel. Manufacturing cost per coin is 18 to 20 cents, according to the Mint.

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## Changes to stadium will affect Cats, opponents

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Fans attending games at Cliff Hagan Stadium this year will notice a slightly different ballpark than the one that hosted the UK baseball team last year. Following a record-breaking year for wins in a season, head coach John Cohen approached the UK administration about renovating the stadium. As a result, several changes were made

in the off season to improve the 38-year-old ballpark.

The changes include a new scoreboard, a viewing deck in right field and a taller wall in right field. The renovations are the first changes since 2002, when the stadium underwent a major overhaul to replace the previous facility that was part of the Bernie A. Shively Sports Center.

"It's going to do a lot for our fans," Cohen said about the

newly installed scoreboard at UK's annual media day on Monday. "It really dresses up the ballpark. It has a video monitor that's really going to be nice."

The 10-foot wall in right field has been raised to 30 feet by adding netting. The dimensions of the ballpark — which range from 310-feet down the right field line to 350-feet in right center — won't be affected by the change.

"We feel like it makes the right side of our ballpark play a little bit more fair or a little more normal, like the rest of the league," Cohen said.

The added height in right field could affect the homerun total that was beneficial for the Cats last season. UK was third in the nation with 99 homeruns.

Senior catcher Sean Coughlin, who was named to the pre-season All-SEC team on Monday, doesn't expect the new wall to put a dent in the Cats' offensive output this year.

"I don't think it's going to cause any effect on us," Coughlin said. "We went to a couple of fields last year like Auburn and Vanderbilt and they had 'Green Monsters' and it didn't really affect us down there because we hit three or four homeruns a game."

The changes to the right field wall will also add an element on the defensive side as well.

"It's just going to add a little bit more difficulty to that right side," said junior centerfielder

Antone DeJesus. "It's going to play a little different actually bouncing off that netting out there and having to play it."

DeJesus, who was named second team All-SEC on Monday, believes the Cats will have to do small things this year to make up for homeruns that will be lost as a result of the wall.

"Our team is not going to hit as many homeruns this year, so we're going to have to do it different ways like bunting and stealing bases," DeJesus said.

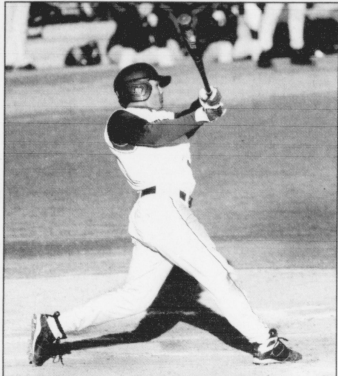
Even if the homerun total does drop, Coughlin believes the stadium will have a better home-field advantage than ever because of the renovations.

"The modifications to the field obviously are going to affect some teams because there's a deck out there now where people can stand a little bit closer to the field (and yell)," Coughlin said.

The home-field advantage will be an important element in the beginning of the year for the Cats when they welcome a 20-game homestand from Feb. 21 to March 21.

Cold weather is expected to be a factor during the month-long stretch, and Cohen believes the Cats can use that to their advantage, much like they did last year when they went 31-6 at home.

"If we have clubs coming from the South, we've always felt like that's an advantage," Cohen said. "And I don't mind saying that out loud."



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Junior centerfielder Antone DeJesus swings against Xavier on March 22, 2006. DeJesus said UK will have to adjust to the changes to its stadium.

## For baseball team, walking the walk leads to results

It made sense that baseball coach John Cohen, before his first two seasons at UK, forced his players to walk door-to-door selling season tickets throughout Lexington. After all, the Cats — who will never, ever be referred to as the Bat-Cats in this space — had struggled near the bottom of the Southeastern Conference for years. As bad as the baseball program had been, it made sense that they'd have to beg fans to come to games.

Last year, all that changed. The Cats made the most storybook of leaps — from last (preseason prediction) to first (conference champions). It was a magical season and remarkable turnaround of the program.

But while UK's place in the SEC hierarchy has changed, one thing has not: The Cats will still sell tickets door-to-door this

season. Cohen announced that to media yesterday, when the wind-chill was about five degrees. You could forgive his players if they had rolled their eyes in protest — after all, they were league champs last year; shouldn't people want to come watch them play? — but the players took it in stride. You see, they enjoyed walking around town.

"We had a lot of fun with it," said Lexington native and Henry Clay High School graduate Colin Cowgill, UK's starting right-fielder. "We were skeptical at first, but we met a lot of amazing people. We met people who opened their doors to us and let us come into their houses and play with their kids."

They also met their fans. And, perhaps more importantly, their fans met them. Cohen's ticket-selling strategy did more than just put butts in the seats; it helped instill UK baseball as part of the community. In a small way, it gave Lexington — which Cohen calls "a great baseball town" — a feeling of ownership in UK's team. Cohen never considered abandoning that just because his team rose in the standings. He sees it as a learning experience for his players.

"As long as I'm the head coach at Kentucky, we'll continue to do that," he said. "Some of our guys aren't going to play professional baseball, and at some point, they're going to have to sell themselves (for a job). Going door-to-door is all part of that, and we're going to do it."

In addition to all of that, going door-to-door sets the workman-like tone Cohen wants for his program. It is the head coach's way of telling the players that their work ethic can't change, even though the perception of the program has.

"Top or bottom, you've got to do things to help the program," said senior catcher Sean Coughlin. "Last year we went from last to first, but we're still going to do the things that make us better and stronger as a program."

Just as with everything else Cohen has brought to the program in his three years at the helm, the players have bought in to being salesmen.

"We've just got to keep doing the same things over and over," said centerfielder Antone DeJesus. "If it worked last year, we might as well do it again."

Makes sense.



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## Ticket prices to increase next season, student prices remain unchanged

By Jonathan Smith  
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The UK Athletics Association approved a ticket price increase over the next three years for single game ticket and season ticket holders in both football and men's basketball yesterday.

Starting in the fiscal year 2008 — July 1, 2007 to June 30, 2008 — prices will jump anywhere from \$1 to \$30 for football tickets, depending on the game, and from \$6 to \$108 for basketball. Prices have not been raised since 2003.

Student tickets, which cost \$5 at both football and basketball games, will remain the same.

"I know fans don't want to pay more money, and we have no desire to be first on the (ticket price) list," UK Athletics Director Mitch Barnhart said about his athletic program that currently ranks 11th in the Southeastern Conference in annual seat fundraising. "We have no desire to be first in ticket prices. We have no desire to be No. 1 in fundraising. We have one desire, and that's to give our program the resources necessary to compete in, I think, the best league in college athletics."

There will also be an increase in K Fund donations. The K Fund, which is money raised for student-athlete scholarships and athletics facilities upgrades, will increase by \$100 annually per seat at

men's basketball games only. A breakdown of the changes:

■ In the fiscal year 2008, season football tickets will increase \$5 based on seven games. Public sideline seats will increase from \$214 to \$219. Public end zone seats will increase from \$172 to \$177. All single game tickets will be \$30. Currently, single-game sideline seats are \$29 and end zone seats are \$22. Season ticket holders will continue to pay the \$29 and \$22 rates for the single games, except for the Louisville game, which will cost \$70 because it has been labeled as the season's premium game. When Louisville visited Lexington two years ago, single game tickets cost \$40.

■ In the fiscal year 2008, season basketball tickets will increase \$108, assuming UK maintains an 18-game home schedule. Public lower level seats will increase from \$486 to \$594. Public upper level seats will increase from \$396 to \$504. Single-game lower level ticket prices would increase from \$27 to \$33, and single-game ticket prices for upper level would increase from \$22 to \$28.

■ The K Fund for basketball season ticket holders will increase \$100 annually. The increase will generate more than \$675,000 in new revenue, bumping the fund's current total of \$7.9 million to \$8.5 million. The annual K Fund for football

season ticket holders will remain flat for the third consecutive year.

On top of football season ticket holders not having to pay extra K Fund money, their season ticket prices will not increase as dramatically.

In fiscal year 2009, season tickets will increase \$11 to total \$230 for sideline seats and \$195 for end zone seats. But individual ticket holders will have to pay \$35 for non-Bowl Championship Series opponents and \$40 for BCS opponents on the schedule, the total ticket amount for single game seat will be \$265.

In fiscal year 2010, the BCS and non-BCS game prices will be the same for single game tickets. The season ticket prices with increase \$5 based on a seven game schedule, which means sideline and end zone seat season ticket holders will be paying \$235 and \$200, respectively.

Barnhart said the move was to give the football fans more incentive to be season ticket holders.

"I think it all comes back to demand," Barnhart said. "Obviously, our football program has gone through some very difficult times. All of our fans have been loyal — both programs have been loyal — that's not to say that one is more loyal than the other fan base. There's a consistency in basketball that doesn't go away, and the demand in that sport is very much different than in football."



Barnhart

## UK Athletics approves Brooks' contract extension

By Jonathan Smith  
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The UK Athletics Association approved a four-year contract extension for head football coach Rich Brooks yesterday that will pay him \$1 million annually, UK football spokesman Tony Neely said last night.

Brooks' current contract pays him \$725,000 annually. His new contract — which extends through the end of 2010 — will pay him a base salary of \$250,000 with \$750,000 in broadcasting and endorsement deals.

The contract also includes several performance incentives:

■ A \$50,000 bonus if UK wins five games in the Southeastern Conference and another \$50,000 if the Cats win six SEC games.  
■ A \$75,000 bonus if the Cats win sev-

en SEC games, and \$75,000 if the Cats win eight.

■ A \$100,000 bonus if the Cats win the SEC's Eastern Division.

■ A \$200,000 bonus if UK wins the SEC Championship and earns a spot in the Bowl Championship Series.

■ A \$100,000 bonus if the Cats reach the BCS without winning the SEC Championship.

■ A \$75,000 bonus if the Cats play in a non-BCS bowl game and the payout gives the SEC more than \$2 million.

■ A \$50,000 bonus if the Cats play in a non-BCS bowl game and the payout gives the SEC less than \$2 million.

■ If the team's gross ticket revenue exceeds the gross ticket revenue from the previous season, Brooks will receive an amount equal to 10 percent of the increase

in the gross football ticket sales revenue over the prior year's gross ticket sales revenue.

■ A \$25,000 bonus if the team's grade point average is higher than a 2.75.

■ A \$15,000 bonus if the team's Academic Progress Rate is a minimum of .925.

■ A \$15,000 bonus if the team graduates 67 percent of their players in a given year.

The extension and incentives come after Brooks and the Cats finished 8-5 and wrapped up the season with a 28-20 win over Clemson in the Music City Bowl. It was Brooks' best finish at UK. In his four years as head coach, Brooks is 17-30.

Although the deal was approved, it has yet to be finalized, and Brooks has not yet signed the contract.



Brooks



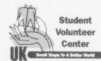
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## New election rules will help prevent another SG fiasco

Violating Student Government campaign spending limits just got a lot more confusing.

Last week, the full SG Senate passed an act to set the rules and penalties for this spring's elections. The act sets new standards in light of the implementation of online voting and the violations that have marred past elections.

Most notable is a formula for deducting votes from candidates who go over the spending limits. In previous years, minor overspending was punishable by a fine. That didn't really deter candidates from the practice, so long as winning was more valuable to them than the fine amount.

The new rules, by contrast, assess penalties in terms of votes, making it so that candidates won't be able to overspend without increasing their risk of losing. Moreover, the equation for subtracting votes from candidates who overspend less than 25 or 5 percent of the limit — anyone who goes over won't be known until after the polls close, potential violators won't even be able to predict how many votes they will lose if they overspend.

That formula is confusing on purpose. Since the total amount of spending and the overall turnout won't be known until after the polls close, potential violators won't even be able to predict how many votes they will lose if they overspend. It's safe to say that anyone running for SG office can't afford to lose votes than money — these campaigns aren't easy on the pocketbook. With that in mind, it's good to see new regulations that punish spending-limit violators by taking away what matters most to them: their vote count.

The new rules also keep punishments proportional to the crime. The will of the voters won't be overturned in cases where candidates win by large margins but accidentally overspend a couple of bucks.

Finally, violations and their punishments are well-delineated in the recently passed act, in stark contrast to the system in place during the 2005 elections, when the SG presi-

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dency ended up hinging on whether Will Nash's overspending was a "misdemeanor" or a "felony" under the SG constitution. If the new regulations had been in place then, the SG Supreme Court would only have had to apply the formula to determine whether Nash's overspending outweighed his margin of victory.

There is, however, a disappointment in another section of the election-rules act: Online voting will be accessible only from certain computers, meaning that students will still have to traverse to designated polling places in order to vote.

If students cannot access the voting site from any computer, the increase in turnout from online voting is likely to be minimal. Going to polling stations is just as inconvenient as it was before, even if the clunky voting booths have been replaced by laptop computers.

The justification for restricting access is understandable: If students can cast their vote from anywhere, it is impossible to ensure that all votes were cast privately and without outside coercion. Under such a system, student-organization leaders — such as fraternity presidents or chairs of political groups — could watch and make sure their members voted "with" the organization, which would seriously violate the integrity of the election.

What's necessary now is for SG to make polling stations well-staffed and ubiquitous. Since any laptop can be a polling machine, there is no excuse not to set up dozens of them in easily accessible locations around campus. Voting hours should be long, especially at the Commons and the library, which are full of students at night.

As in past years, the onus is on SG to increase voter turnout. Although their reasoning is understandable, SG officials have made that job much harder by turning down a plan to allow voting from any computer. Therefore, it is essential that the executive staff and senators work together this spring to plan to put as many voting-enabled computers as possible on campus for the spring elections. Any less would be a disservice to the student body.

## Family group's survey was underhanded, even if it was legal

With UK officials considering offering domestic partner benefits to eligible employees, it shouldn't be too surprising that many staff and faculty members had a survey on the subject waiting in their UK e-mail inboxes last week. After all, UK should seek input from the people who will be most affected by the benefits.

Except the survey was not actually commissioned or approved by UK — an important bit of information that the e-mail did not clearly state.

The survey was sent by the Family Trust Foundation of Kentucky, an organization that focuses on public policies related to family life, and asked recipients to rank domestic partner benefits by importance in relation to other benefits that UK could offer. The organization has previously publicly declared its opposition to offering domestic partner benefits.

Family Trust certainly did nothing legally wrong by sending out the survey — the e-mail addresses were collected from directories available on UK's Web site — and we understand the organization's desire to gather information on a topic that it has taken a stance on. But Family Trust should have made

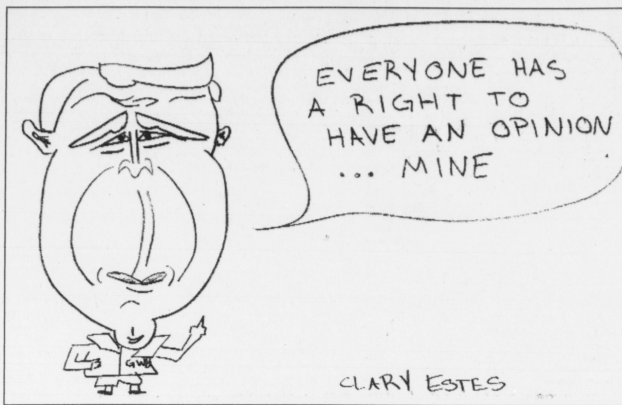
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a stronger effort to ensure the survey's recipients understood that UK did not sanction the survey.

UK officials seem to be handling the survey correctly, though. After learning of the survey, administrators sent an e-mail to all faculty and staff only to explain that the survey was not endorsed by the university; employees were not discouraged from taking the survey.

"We basically just wanted to let people know that this was not a university-sanctioned survey," UK spokesman Jay Blanton said in a Kernel article last week. "We were not telling people what they should do; we were just advising them that the survey was not from the university."

Although this editorial strongly supports domestic partner benefits for UK employees, we do not take issue with the Family Trust Foundation surveying UK employees. We simply believe the organization should have been more explicit in stating that it is not connected with the university. Survey-takers have the right to know who's asking the questions before they answer.



CLARY ESTES, Kernel cartoonist

## What creates a Hillary hater? It all starts with sexism

Now that Hillary Clinton has officially put in her bid for a 2008 presidential run, everyone is buzzing. It seems like everyone is talking about her, and people are ready for a female president.



TARA BONISTALL  
Kernel columnist

They're talking for a reason: Having a female president could radically change the political climate of our country — in a really good way. Unfortunately, it seems like many individuals in our society refuse to acknowledge the positive changes this could bring.

One interesting aspect of Clinton's political history is the way she tends to polarize voters, even those within her own political party. Generally, people have very strong views about Clinton — they either love her or they hate her.

Clinton was the first First Lady to have her own staff in the White House, demonstrating that she considered her role to be more than just a pretty face. An ardent supporter of women, education, children and families, Clinton spent much of her time as First Lady advocating for health care and education access for all children in our country.

Admittedly, her actions were not perfect, and her proposed health care plan left much to be desired, but Clinton dedicated her political self to helping those who could not help themselves, something not often found in a politician.

As a New York senator, Clinton has been tremendously popular among her constituents. Over the past six years, Clinton has fought hard for women's rights, higher-education access for nontraditional students, and benefits for those who were affected by the Sept. 11 attacks. She has more than convincingly demonstrated her ability to stand up for those issues that touch her and her constituents.

Why, then, is opinion surrounding Clinton so polarized? Perhaps it is because people are unsure how to handle her intelligence, political savvy and aspiration for high-profile positions. But all of these characteristics sound rather appealing — exactly like the characteristics we usually admire in a political figure. Could it be that the reason many people don't like Hillary Clinton is because she handles her political power like a man?

Most female political figures try their best to maintain their femininity, not wanting to be mistaken for cut-throat male politicians. For example, Nancy Pelosi, our nation's most powerful female politician, is often photographed with her grandchildren. She never fails to remind people that she is a mother and grandmother, and that

she spent much of her life as a homemaker. Pelosi, who arguably has more political power than Clinton, is not nearly as threatening to voters, because she relies on the traditional feminine roles she has played in her life to balance those that are not as traditional.

Clinton is also a wife and mother, but she chooses not to emphasize those roles in her political life. Just as men in Congress are not usually photographed with their grandchildren in tow, Clinton first emphasizes her political role when in a public setting, leaving her home life where it belongs — at home.

I recognize that there are many individuals, especially residing in Kentucky, who will disagree with Clinton's politics. By all means, go ahead. Hate her for her stance on health care, or her too-liberal views on women's health. Hate her because she does not support tax cuts for the upper-income bracket or the continuation of the war in Iraq.

Is such tremendous political power in a woman intimidating? It should be no more so than in a man. Rather than disliking Clinton and other female politicians because they make you uncomfortable, take some time to figure out where they stand on the issues. If you still don't like them, you're entitled to disagree. Just do so on the basis of their politics, not their gender.

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## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

### UK admins must not neglect our stewardship of the earth

As we bear witness to the catastrophic effects of global warming, we as citizens of earth are faced with a decision. The decision lies deep in our hearts and begs that we hear its overwhelming cry for liberation. It is a decision that transforms us as human beings from the core of our selves. It implies the recognition that we are intimately connected to the earth that so lovingly supports us — a seamless connection that depends on our acknowledgement of the principle of reciprocity.

Once we realize that humans are interwoven within the fabric of the earth, we are awakened to a great sense of responsibility: a knowledge that not even the smallest of our actions is free to escape the sacred bond between earth and man, a realization that every action and decision we make has a ripple effect that extends around the globe. Our generation, and society at large, is just beginning to recognize the vital importance of placing the earth first.

The university's decision last week to veto an energy initiative that was ardently worked on for the past few years by dedicated students — and subsequently approved by the student body last spring — speaks volumes about our commitment as a university to responsible environmental stewardship. It is disheartening to think that such effort by dedicated individuals and the willingness of the students to pay a modest \$6 per semester for such a virtuous cause can be so easily overruled.

The university claims to pick up the tab on this one, but recent spending has shown that the allocation of funds seems to be confused on priorities — note the \$30 million basketball practice facility. With these recent decisions, it would seem that aspirations to be a top-20 school seem more about vanity than substance.

John Shrader  
History and psychology senior

### Increasing brutality toward Iraqis would be unjust and hypocritical

After reading Wes Blevis' Jan. 29 column, I felt compelled to comment. Let me begin by saying that I believe the war in Iraq to be a costly mistake and President Bush to be among the worst presidents in America's history.

However, I remain a registered member of the Republican Party and believe that America is under a moral obliga-

tion to clean up the mess we have made in Iraq. Simply put, I could not be classified as a "bleeding heart."

But I was nothing short of shocked and disgusted by the mind-numbingly callous disregard Blevis demonstrated toward the value of human life in his recent editorial. To suggest that it is somehow justifiable to kill innocent Iraqi civilians as a means to end reeks of the same arrogant, nationalistic poison that has so polluted the party of Lincoln.

What Blevis fails to realize is that the fact that we do not bomb an apartment complex to kill insurgents is what makes us objectively better than those we fight against. If you take that away, we become both hypocrites and terrorists ourselves.

Matthew Kleinert  
Law student

### Columnist was right: U.S. should start fighting dirty against Iraq

As a diehard supporter of the Iraq war, I completely and absolutely agree with Wes Blevis' Jan. 29 column.

On Feb. 3, 1945, Air Force bombers dropped hundreds of napalm bombs on Tokyo. About 100,000 Japanese died in the attacks (and hundreds of thousands more suffered severe burns and died later), rivaling the atomic-bomb attacks a few months later. These events forced Japan into surrender, and I don't think that the Japanese are thinking about all that as they count the money they make off our purchases of Playstations and Wiis.

During the U.S. Civil War, Gen. William Sherman came up with the concept of "total war": Destroy all enemy assets (including civilian) in order to defeat the enemy in both numbers and morale. This later led to Gen. Robert E. Lee, one of the most brilliant military minds of the time, having to surrender due to lack of resources and weak morale.

The United States has so many awesome and powerful weapons at its disposal, such as white phosphorus, napalm and so many others that the public doesn't even know about. If it comes down to burning Baghdad to the ground, it should be done. Civilized international law, such as the Geneva Convention, should only be used in civilized warfare. If the enemy fights dirty, we should have every right to as well.

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WOMEN'S BASKETBALL NOTEBOOK

# NCAA Tourney not out of reach just yet

By Matthew George  
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After Sunday's game at South Carolina, only seven regular season games remain before the Southeastern Conference Women's Tournament kicks off on March 1 in Duluth, Ga.

The Cats (14-8, 3-4 SEC), who have lost two straight conference games and four of their last six, are hoping to turn things around during the next two weeks. It may take eight conference wins to guarantee UK a return trip to the NCAA Tournament this season.

Senior forward Jennifer Humphrey said that the Cats have lost some games that they had a chance to win and that coming up short will make their road to the tournament tougher.

"We need to beat some teams that people probably don't expect us to beat," Humphrey said. "We are just going to have to start in practice and come out and show it in our games."

### Ormerod overcoming slump

Prior to the Mississippi State game on Thursday, sophomore point guard Carly Ormerod admitted that she had been going through a bit of a slump.

"I've never really had a slump before, to be honest," Ormerod said. "I have had a bad game here or there, but it just felt like I wasn't doing anything right out on the court."

Ormerod scored in double figures in six of UK's first nine games and ran the point in four of those contests without turning the ball over a single time.

But in the 10 games following, Ormerod broke double figures just twice. In her first four SEC games, the Louisville-native committed a combined 16 turnovers while averaging just six points per game.

"I was really disappointed in the way I was playing," Ormerod said. "And my team was really disappointed in me as well because they knew I was better than that."

After being challenged by head coach Mickie DeMoss to step up, Ormerod began spending a couple of hours extra everyday in the gym to shoot around.

Ormerod seems to be shaking off her slump. In her last three games, she is averaging 14.6 points per game.

"I was just trying to bring some fun back in the game," Ormerod said, "because



Sophomore point guard Carly Ormerod drives to the basket against Mississippi State's Lauren Roberts in the Bulldogs' 83-75 double overtime win in Rupp Arena Thursday. Ormerod was recently challenged by head coach Mickie DeMoss to snap out of a slump. Ormerod responded, scoring an average 14.6 points in the Cats' last three games.  
ELLIOTT HESS STAFF

I was focusing too much on what I was doing wrong out there on the court. I just needed to have fun."

### Kentucky falls to South Carolina

On Sunday, the UK Hoops team held a one-point lead at 44-43 with 9:09 remaining on the road against South Carolina. But the Gamecocks ripped off a 9-0 run to take control of the contest and handed the Cats their second consecutive conference loss, 66-56.

South Carolina, who entered the game sixth in the nation in rebounding margin, grabbed 24 offensive rebounds and won the battle of the boards 53-33 in the win.

"South Carolina did an unbelievable job rebounding the ball," DeMoss said after the

loss, "and we just did not battle them on the boards. They had 24 offensive rebounds, which is just unbelievable. It is hard to beat a team that has that many offensive rebounds."

The loss was UK's second in a row. Six of the team's eight losses have been by 10 points or less.

### 1,000-point club

Junior Samantha Mahoney became the 25th member of UK's 1,000-point club with her 12-point performance Thursday against Mississippi State. After scoring 10 points at South Carolina Sunday, she now has 1,020 points for her career and is only three points away from moving up to No. 24 on UK's all-time scoring list.

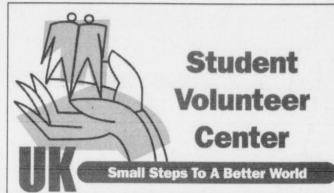
With 995 career points, junior Sarah Elliot is looking to become the 26th UK player to reach the 1,000-point plateau when the Cats host Vanderbilt on Thursday.

### Up next

UK vs. Vanderbilt

When: Thursday, 7 p.m.

Where: Memorial Coliseum



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