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## UK announces \$18.6 million research facility

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Plans are underway for an \$18.6 million high-tech research facility on UK's campus, the second in a series of structures the university plans on building at the intersection of East Maxwell and Rose streets.

City and university officials gathered Monday to announce a \$6 million donation for the building, intended for research on visualization, computer science and electrical and computer engineering.

The cost of the building,

part of UK's "Digital Village," is a 60-40 split with the state government. UK will pay its 40 percent share with \$9.3 million in private donations.

The large budget for the project isn't affecting UK's finances at the moment because funds come directly from private donors and Bucks for Brains, a state fund-matching program. The building is UK's first to use strictly private donations and Bucks for Brains.

UK spokesman Dan Adkins said the university has no reason to delay the project because of potential midyear cuts in state

funding of \$12.7 million.

"There will not be any increases in tuitions or other costs affecting students due to this project," Adkins said.

Even though students won't be losing cash, they will be losing parking spaces. The new building is scheduled to be constructed in the parking lot behind the James F. Hardynoon Building, which is on the corner of Rose and East Maxwell streets.

"A number of spaces will be lost, but we won't know exactly how many until the final footprint is determined," said UK

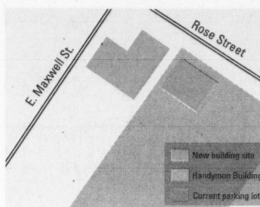
spokesman Jimmy Stanton.

The first- and second-phase groundbreaking will be in September 2009. The university hopes to add a third and fourth phase to the project once additional funds become available, Adkins said.

The building is expected to go into operation in the spring of 2011. UK will have to provide the funding for maintenance and operation costs.

A figure for the expected budget to operate the two buildings has yet to be announced.

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MAP BY EMILY COOVERT | STAFF

### Cordão de Ouro Capoeira



Lexington resident Moise Djenou practices a technique during capoeira class on Dec. 2, at Barker Hall.

PHOTO BY ZACH BRAKE | STAFF

## Latin American sport combines dance, martial arts

By Angela Luckett  
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It may not be ballroom.

It's not even the waltz, the foxtrot or a popular hip-hop move. But an increasingly popular form of dance at UK is slowing kicking it's way onto the dance floor. It's capoeira.

Eighteenth-century Brazilian slaves created capoeira, a combination of dancing and martial arts. At UK, the Cordão de Ouro Capoeira Club continues the sport's tradition with practices twice a week.

"Well, in my country, Ecuador, it is a

popular thing, and it is a pretty cool game, so we thought it would be great to have something like it here," said club organizer Alfonso Suarez.

Members wear white pants and white shirts, both with the logo of their school on them. Everyone wears a belt, called a corda, which is colored based on how long you have been training.

The music has three basic forms: ladainha, which is a narrative solo, then the louvação or chula, which is a call and response pattern type of song, and corridos,

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## Budget cuts discussion not planned for trustees

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The university's highest governing body will discuss renovations to Wildcat Lodge and a new high-technology building, but whether recent talks of state budget cuts will be addressed is still unknown, members of that body said.

The Board of Trustees is slated to meet Tuesday at 1 p.m. on the 18th floor of the Patterson Office Tower. All meetings are free and open to the public.

Staff trustee Russ Williams said the board is not scheduled to discuss the 4 percent midyear budget cut the university could face, but the issue could come up during the meeting.

An announcement is expected to come this week from the governor's office on his plan for how the state will cope with a deficit of more than \$450 million for the rest of this fiscal year. Gov. Steve Beshear asked last week for an assessment of an additional 4 percent budget cut to UK, a reduction of around \$12.7 million in operating dollars between now and the end of June.

Todd has mentioned freezing salaries, reducing scholarship dollars and increasing tuition by more than 10 percent as some potential cuts in the university's budget. As many as 70 faculty and 80 staff positions could be affected by the cuts, according to UK's plan, available online at a link on [www.uky.edu/webik/subpages/administration.html](http://www.uky.edu/webik/subpages/administration.html).

C. Frank Shoop, a member of the board's finance committee, said the Board of Trustees has no plans on bringing up potential university shortfalls, because Todd usually initiates any budget discussion outside of the university's normal process.

Budgetary items are always topics of discussion between the president and the board, said UK spokesman Jimmy Stanton. However, there is no specific agenda item related to any potential budget cuts.

"I would refer you to the campus-wide e-mail sent by Dr. Todd last Wednesday (Dec. 3), as well as the report that UK sent to the state regarding the impact of a 4 percent cut," Stanton said.

"These both explained that the magnitude of the funding cuts dictate that anything and everything is on the table, but that no final determinations of any kind have been made."

## New bowl venue provides fans with diverse options

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UK football fans will travel to Tennessee for the third year in a row, but the hot spots they hit the last two years before and after the Gaylord Hotels Music City Bowl will be hours away. This year, the Cats are in Memphis for the AutoZone Liberty Bowl on Jan. 2.

But there's no need to worry. Just like Nashville, Memphis has plenty to offer outside of the game: Beale Street, Graceland, the Peabody Hotel, Tunica, Miss., and a pack of Grizzlies welcome Cats fans to the River City.

Beale Street is littered with good food, good drinks and good times. For those who prefer national chains, the Hard Rock Cafe is on Beale Street, but Beale's bread and butter lies in the unique restaurants and bars.

Blues City Cafe offers some of the best barbecue ribs in town, as well as some specialty dishes, including southern-fried catfish, over-broiled steaks and homemade hot tamales. If dancing the night away after the game is your thing, the Double Deuce may

be the best spot. "The Deuce" offers a \$5 menu, drink specials downstairs and a dance floor upstairs. But the fun doesn't stop there — if you're lucky, you can hitch a ride on the mechanical ball.

Another Memphis must-see is Graceland, the home of Elvis Presley. Graceland offers daily tours of the mansion for just over \$25. If you want to tour Elvis' two planes and automobiles, you'll have to cough up another \$44.

If touring "The King's" estate isn't for you, the Peabody Hotel is nearby. Check out the ducks walking through the lobby — the tradition began when the hotel's general manager in 1933 brought back live ducks from a hunting trip and put them in the lobby fountain as a joke. The ducks didn't begin marching until a former circus animal trainer offered his help with delivering the ducks each day to the fountain. He trained the ducks to walk through the lobby and today, even though the original ducks are long gone, the new mallards march at 11 a.m. and 5 p.m. every day. Michael Jordan, Oprah Winfrey, Nicolas Cage and even President Jimmy Carter have all witnessed

the march of the ducks.

To press your luck a bit, head down to Tunica, Miss., to hit the casinos. Tunica is roughly an hour away from downtown Memphis and offers a wide variety of gambling. The northwest Mississippi town is the third-largest gaming region in the US, behind Las Vegas and Atlantic City, N.J.

But for Cats fans, what is a weekend without a little basketball? While away from Rupp Arena, UK fans can catch an NBA basketball game as the Memphis Grizzlies, featuring former Cats standout Antoine Walker, take on the Phoenix Suns on Dec. 30 and the San Antonio Spurs on Jan. 2. Tickets for both games are available for as cheap as \$5.

Despite all the great attractions, the main feature is the Liberty Bowl, where the Cats will take on East Carolina. Students can get tickets at the lottery Wednesday at Memorial Coliseum for \$50. Doors open at 5 p.m. and close when the lottery starts at 6 p.m.

UK football spokesman Tony Neely is optimistic about the turnout in Memphis.

"I don't really know how many tickets

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### By the numbers

**68,024**  
Record-setting attendance for UK's 2006 Music City Bowl appearance

**68,661**  
Current record, set during UK's 2007 Music City Bowl appearance

**63,816**  
Record crowd for the Liberty Bowl, set in 2007

**62,000**  
Capacity for Liberty Bowl Memorial Stadium in Memphis

**7,000**  
Number of tickets UK has pre-sold to fans so far

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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 9 — The work routine you've developed is quite effective. It's working, that's obvious. You continue to provide what's needed in a timely manner, and it's paying off for you.  
**Taurus (April 20-May 20)** — Today is an 8 — Others may not agree with you, but they respect your opinion. Don't tell them more than they need to know, but do explain your position. You can teach them something.  
**Gemini (May 21-June 21)** — Today is a 7 — No need to rush because you're under pressure. It's important to get organized first, so you don't waste time and money. Be frugal with both.  
**Cancer (June 22-July 22)** — Today is a 7 — You can help

another person get what he or she wants, through the help of a friend. A word from you is all it takes, once you understand the situation. Ask a few leading questions.  
**Leo (July 23-Aug. 22)** — Today is an 8 — More work's coming in, and you get to choose. Be idealistic, but also practical. You want to do what you love but you also need to pay expenses.  
**Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)** — Today is a 9 — You're exceptionally creative, charming and good-looking right now. Your advances in just about any endeavor will be warmly encouraged. That ought to give you something to think about.  
**Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)** — Today is an 8 — It's a good day for saving money, and you'll find lots of ways. You are a master of this game. Look around for shrewd moves to make.  
**Scorpio (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)** — Today is a 7 — You're pretty smart, and you're learning

quickly. You've got an excellent coach. You can sure save a lot by using a few old-fashioned methods around the house.  
**Sagittarius (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)** — Today is a 9 — Do the work and make big bucks. It won't always work this way, so take advantage of the opportunity that's right in front of your face.  
**Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)** — Today is a 7 — Love is expressed in many ways, only some of which are verbal. Be generous with your hugs. Those are gifts that keep on giving. What goes around comes around.  
**Aquarius (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)** — Today is a 7 — Review your situation carefully. You can save a lot of money by spending a little more time. Use what you already have instead of buying new.  
**Pisces (Feb. 19-March 20)** — Today is an 8 — You win the game or solve the puzzle or have the winning suggestion. The others appreciate your imagination and your practical style.

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# Phelps' new main squeeze

The swim champ brings a sexy waitress home to Mom

**THE DISH**  
 Michael Phelps is making up for lost time. The pool shark, 23, who's been training nonstop since age 11 ("For about five years, he did not take one day off," his coach, Bob Bowman, recently told 60 Minutes), has been letting loose since his record-breaking performance at the Beijing Olympic games in August. In the past four months, he's been linked to 20/20 production secretary (and fellow University of Michigan alum) Marina Katz and California beauty queen Nicole Johnson. But when it came time to celebrate Thanksgiving with his No. 1 fan, mom Debbie, he brought home to Maryland a new flame: Las Vegas cocktail server Caroline Pal, 26.

The duo, who stayed at Phelps' new \$1.5 million Baltimore apartment while in town, met in September when he was partying at the Palms casino's Moon nightclub, where she has worked for the past two years. "It's all about how hot she is," a friend tells Us. "He's so whipped." Hot, indeed! Beverly Hills Pimps & Hos clothing line owner Chaz Money tells Us of Pal, who modeled for the brand: "She's a little wild. She's definitely not a boring girl. She's a little bit of a heartbreaker."

when she told Us in October that she was looking forward to Thanksgiving with her boyfriend, Ryan Phillippe, 34, and his kids with Reese Witherspoon, Ava, 9, and Deacon, 5. Heading to his hometown for her first visit, "she was quite nervous to show them that she's the right girl for him," says a Phillippe family source, who adds that Cornish, 26, tried to impress his three sisters by getting herself a Philadelphia Eagles jersey to honor the clan's favorite team. "He was trying to get her to relax and enjoy herself."

### Mix metallics

"Silver-and-gold is a trendy color scheme this year," says Weiss. "Metallic instantly makes your decor seem pricier." Take advantage with tinsel, ornaments and even wreaths.

### Feast on finger food

Everything is better bite-size, and heavier foods — such as quesadillas and sliders — fill people up faster, says Russo. Make them yourself (get recipes at epicurious.com) and spread them around on multiple plates so fewer apps still look like a feast.

### Michelle's necklace

Charms you can believe in! Michelle Obama frequently sports Lena Wald's peace-sign pendant, seen on Us' Nov. 17 cover. Wald tells Us, "Since then, it's become one of our biggest sellers. With such hope for peace right now, it feels fresh again."

### Plan a star-worthy holiday bash on a budget

Set the mood "The right lighting makes your party look like it costs more," says Michael Russo, who has planned events for Beverley Mitchell and Lance Bass. Try amber-tinted bulbs and unscented votive candles (\$14 for 40, target.com). Or wrap strands of small, white lights around indoor trees and plants.

### Buy in bulk

"At Sam's Club, you can buy 50 oversize ornaments for \$33!" Mindy Weiss, who has helped Heidi Klum and Jessica Simpson, tells Us. "Put

### Pile on platters

Grab meat, veggie and cheese plates at wholesale clubs, then customize them. "Switch the plastic platter for one of yours and add fresh greenery," Russo suggests.

Pick potluck There's nothing wrong with asking close friends to bring a favorite dish to the fete. "It will save you a ton," Russo tells Us.

### Bottle up the booze

Forgo the full bar "Offer wine, beer and one signature drink," says Weiss. (See Russo's idea, below.) Or greet each guest with a flute of sparkling wine (Cristalino Brut Cava, \$8, wine.com), then switch to budget wine that you've put in decanters, and beer.

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All students welcome. Sitting is FREE. Graduation pictures may be purchased later.

## Cats look to build on recent success, to climb NCAA hurdle

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A familiar ending to an unfamiliar season has UK volleyball fans wanting more.

After a season where UK misfired on an opportunity to win a share of the Southeastern Conference championship in the final match of the regular season, the Cats bowed out of the NCAA tournament in the first round for the third time in four years. UK fans are becoming accustomed to this type of ending to the season, but UK head coach Craig Skinner said building up any sports program takes time.

"The SEC championship is our goal every year. Can we do that? Yes, it's a matter of getting out and taking care of business and all of us making each other better," Skinner said following the Cats' loss to Michigan in the first round of the NCAA tournament Thursday. "The coaching staff will continue to get better and players will continue to get better, but it is never given to you. You have to continue to get after it."

Getting better is something UK's program has done each of Skinner's four years at the helm. After taking over a team that had a losing record when he arrived, Skinner has taken the Cats to four straight NCAA tournaments — one of many firsts the program has achieved under Skinner's tutelage.

The Cats started out the season unfavorably, losing two of their first five matches. The resilient Cats responded by winning 19 of their next 20, with the one loss coming to eventual SEC champion Florida.

The Cats rebounded to defeat the Gators in a Nov. 16 rematch — the Cats' first triumph over Florida since 1990. It was something that junior setter Sarah Rumely said was a product of their work ethic.

"Our competitive nature comes out every time we step onto the court," Rumely said following Thursday's loss. "We all love playing the game and I think that is what the season was all about. As a team we got after it every day in practice. I have never been on a team like this."

At season's end, there were even more firsts for the program. Rumely, along with four other Cats, earned All-SEC honors, and Rumely was named SEC Player of the Year — the first in the program's history.

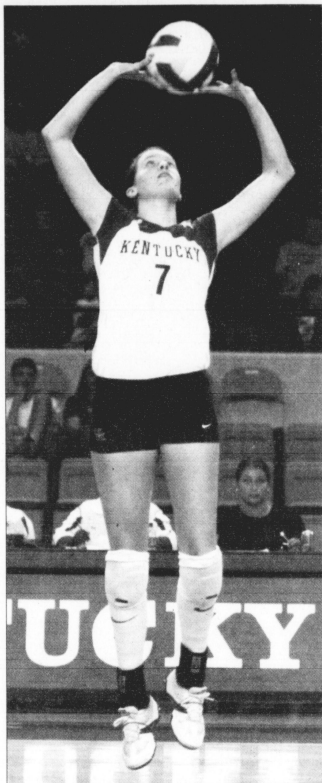


PHOTO BY EMILY COVERT | STAFF  
Junior setter Sarah Rumely sets up a kill for a teammate. The current SEC Player of Year said the Cats will be hungry for next season.

Senior middle blocker Queen Nzenwa earned first-team All-SEC honors along with Rumely, and is one of only two seniors that will be leaving the team, along with defensive specialist Alisa Pierce.

With the large number of players returning for the Cats in 2009, Skinner believes the unsettling feeling of another first-round exit will sit with the players in the offseason and push them to work even harder next season.

"I wish you could see this team practice every day, because their competitiveness is unbelievable," Skinner said.

"There is no doubt in my mind that we won't forget how this feels and it will motivate us through the offseason. We are not stopping now."

Also, the Cats have already signed two top-60 recruits, according to PrepVolleyball.com: outside hitter/middle blocker Whitney Billings, and middle blocker Alexandra Morgan.

With the new blood mixed with the experienced foundation, the Cats' expectations will be in high gear.

"I think that we will step into next season with a chip on our shoulder, and that will happen to some extent," Rumely said. "Getting close is not good enough, and I think that this program will be feeling every step of the way when we start training again."

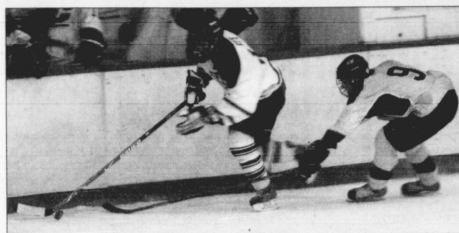


PHOTO BY EMILY COVERT | STAFF  
The UK hockey team is carrying a sub-.500 record into the second half of the season, although that hasn't discouraged UK head coach Rob Docherty. "We're going to be patient and work hard."

## UK hockey prepares for tough playoff push

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The icy seasaw of uncertainty continues to sway for the UK hockey club with playoff hopes are still in reach as the first semester winds down.

Despite losing another game on the road, putting the club at 3-9 away from home on the season, the Cats feel as if their strength of schedule should be a key factor in helping them in the next batch of rankings.

UK head coach Rob Docherty believes his club has performed well against top teams on the road and hopes others can appreciate their efforts.

"We put together a schedule that was tough and hopefully the ranking committee will notice that," Docherty said. "We knew coming into the season that we needed to win at home and come away with a few splits against the top teams on the road. Overall, I'm happy where we are."

Although the Cats are sub-.500, they are still in the race for making another run to the regional playoffs. UK hopes to benefit from their quality win against the Buckeyes instead of being hurt by the loss.

"Oh yeah, the win should actually benefit the team since it was on the road," Docherty said. "Ohio State has a top-quality team ... we're going to battle till the end."

With the first half of the schedule complete, the Cats now focus on getting hard-earned home and road wins during the second semester, where Docherty said the team has performed better in the past. He also thinks that once his club improves on the defensive side of the puck, those coveted hard-earned wins will come more easily.

"We have to be patient and work hard because it's not going to be an easy road," Docherty said. "In the past, we've always won a lot of games in the second semester and hopefully that will continue because nothing is going to be handed to us. We know we can score; we just need to work on our defense. Once that happens, things should pan out."

## MEMPHIS

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we are going to sell," Neely said. "But our team is well represented in the bowl process. Our fans travel well and we will wait and see how it compares to the last two years."

Approximately 7,000 tickets have been sold for the game, UK Athletic Director Mitch Barnhart said.

UK set the Music City Bowl record attendance after selling out LP Field against

Clemson in 2006 and again in 2007 against Florida State.

One travel option for Cats fans is to travel with Total Sports Travel to Memphis. The package includes two nights at the Westin Memphis Beale Street Hotel and roundtrip service to the game, as well as a pregame party at the stadium. Total Sports Travel has packages available for one to four guests.

Also, Champion Sports Tours is offering travel packages as well. The packages start at \$665 for one person and \$465 each for two people.

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### 2008 Final standings

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Tuesday 9 <sup>th</sup>	Wednesday 10 <sup>th</sup>	Thursday 11 <sup>th</sup>
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## Administration's false security inexcusable

■ KERNEL EDITORIAL

When it comes to safety at UK, campus leaders all have an opinion on what should be done to make students as safe as possible. They all also have a finger pointed at someone else when asked 'who is responsible for the lack of attention and effort in monitoring campus safety.'

The Kernel reported that not only does UK not have a central camera security system, but they also have been falsely advertising one in some buildings.

The Grehan Journalism Building had several signs stating "UK Police monitor hallways with video cameras," which were up until recently. When Kernel reporter Jennifer Graham contacted UK Police to ask about their purpose, they were removed on Dec. 2 — with the exception of one in the front of the building. On Dec. 8, when the story ran, the remaining sign was taken down.

Only after a reporter questioned the purpose did UK take the initiative to take down the signs, which were completely false.

When asked where the signs came from, UK Police didn't know. Doug Boyd, current chief of staff to UK President Lee Todd and

the dean of the College of Communication and Information Studies at the time, said he ordered the signs and cameras be put up after there were several incidents in the basement. He also told the reporter the cameras must have come down after he left his position as dean.

Another professor said the cameras were only up for about six months, yet the signs remained for about a decade after.

"It certainly wasn't a conspiracy to leave them up," said John Clark, an associate professor of telecommunications. "It was just a matter of inattention."

Bingo, Clark has coined the word that best describes UK's approach to safety. Inattentive. Negligent. Without a whole lot of thought.

UK negligently put fake cameras in place of the real ones in the Grehan Building, Clark said. He wasn't sure who did that, but he knew it wasn't his department.

So, where we stand is UK Police didn't put up the signs, Boyd didn't take the cameras down, the College of Communications and Information Studies did not ask for the fake cameras and no one is really sure why

the signs stayed up for a decade without having any purpose.

But UK's safety negligence isn't new. Around a year ago, UK announced a plan to release theatrical smoke into the corridors of Ingles Hall in a drill meant to simulate a real fire. The drill brought about a lot of serious questioning from safety experts.

"I would be concerned because when you're in a dorm situation you have different languages, disabilities, health issues and lots of different people coming in and out," said Ken Farmer, branch chief of prevention and leadership for the U.S. Fire Administration, a division of the Federal Emergency Management Agency in the original Kernel story. "Not everyone will understand it's a drill. What if a student went through the smoke and hit something?"

But UK had their blinders on then, just as they do now.

"It opens students' eyes that they are not prepared for a real situation," UK Assistant Fire Marshal Greg Williamson said. "They respond to the drill exactly like they would if it were a real fire."

Holding fake fire drills without warning

is a dreadful idea that is not in the best interest of the students, just like falsely telling students they are being watched by UK Police is not in their best interest.

It seems to never have occurred to any of the involved parties that falsely telling students the police are watching may actually give comfort to those who are there late at night. Sure, a few thieves may be deterred, but most students are not in classroom buildings to make a buck. They're actually spending thousands to get educated.

If the school can't afford a central surveillance system, that's understandable, especially in times like these. The budget shrinks every year, and it would be ridiculous to expect UK to spend the hundreds of thousands, if not millions, of dollars such a system would cost.

And no one is really expecting that. All that's really being asked is that if there is no such system, UK should not pretend there is by having fake security signs or cameras. UK officials need to take all of those pointed fingers and turn them back around because the blame on this one falls on a little bit of "intention" on everyone's part.

“All that's really being asked is that if there's no such system, UK should not pretend there is by having fake security signs or cameras.”

■ LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

### Todd, UK should reign in spending

After reading President Todd's most recent update on the state of the university's budget, I find myself surprised that he seems so overwhelmed by this latest round of appropriation cuts. He and his administration, like so many other individuals and institutions in this country, have found their financial bubble burst. In the last few years this university has been spending much like other notable institutions in this country, and now the administration seems shocked to find themselves in the same situation as the rest — pants down and out of cash.

While I respect the initiative to expand the scope of this university to include the population beyond its students, it is time for this administration to realize that the economic climate forbids many of those initiatives to become realities. The generous benefits offered to faculty and staff, the acquisition of new property, the rapid expansion of many of our colleges, as well as the expansion of the administration are examples that come to mind immediately. Understanding that we must always move forward, these measures were probably too aggressive and have now come back to hurt us.

As a student, I am vehemently opposed to hikes in tuition. Obviously, I hate to see my classmates and myself pay more out of pocket, but tuition hikes only address the symptoms (not enough cash) of a more serious problem (spending). So my suggestion to Todd as these "difficult times" pass is to stop blaming the governor for this administration's financial shortcomings, remember that the student body is your primary concern and prepare to face these times like all of the rest of us.

Kevin Floore  
Mechanical engineering junior

### Student with disability should be helped by UK, not limited by Center

Upon reading the article titled, "Deaf student denied interpreter by campus office" in Thursday's Kentucky Kernel, I am disappointed in my university. To deny Jena Richards' request for an interpreter to compete on our equestrian team is outrageous and blatantly discriminatory.

In a mass e-mail sent to all UK students concerning diversity, Dr. Todd stated, "We work very hard, every day, to build bridges across the divides. Diversity and inclusion are among our most precious core values." Acts of discrimination have occurred on our campus, great and small, this semester. Why are we allowing it to happen again? Why are we denying a hardworking UK student her lawful right to an interpreter because of a disability she cannot help?

Our Disability Resources Center should be advocating Richards' rights as a person with a disability, not denying them. I would not expect Rich Brooks, Billy Gillespie or Craig Skinner to communicate with a deaf team member via "a dry erase board or hand gestures." Why is it acceptable for Michelle Zimmer, the equestrian team coach, to do so?

As a special education major, I understand that Section 504 of the Americans with Disabilities Act is clear when it states that social and recreational programs of an institution may not discriminate based on a person's disability. If diversity and inclusion are truly among UK's core values, then we have a long way to go.

There should be immediate action to grant Richards' right to an interpreter. Not only is it lawful to grant her this right, it is also what we should do as human beings. I appreciate the Kernel's willingness to print this article and bring this sad situation to light. I certainly hope that UK will take note of this injustice and act quickly, or else we cannot truly call ourselves an equal opportunity institution.

Seth Brashear  
Special education junior



Guess who is paying for Lee Todd's new suit? You are.

EMILY COOVERT, Kernel cartoonist

## Be patriotic! Go shop this winter

The following editorial appeared in the Chicago Tribune on Sunday, Nov. 20.

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The retail doomsayers are predicting a cataclysmic Christmas season. The stores are bracing for the worst. The gloom is so thick that we're thinking this Christmas shopping season should be subtitled "The Day the Mall Stood Still!"

But remember last holiday season? The experts tripped over themselves with conflicting predictions day by day. We got whiplash trying to keep track.

There's a good reason for this uncertainty. Experts don't really know what people will do.

They know what people say they will spend or not spend. But when it comes down to it, every day between Thanksgiving and Christmas is a laboratory of capitalism, a revelation. Millions of Americans making billions of individual decisions based on thousands of shreds of information — perceptions, fear, guilt, obligation, expectation and plain old greed. Will they, or won't they, buy a Blu-ray machine, an Ameri-

can Girl doll, an Xbox?

Heck if we know. We do know enough to predict that some of the expert predictions will be wrong. There's a chance that this could be a better holiday season than anyone expects right now.

Sure, people are spooked. Yes, they feel poorer because their retirement account is ragged and panting. And yes, people are worried about layoffs. But that's the great thing about this country. We don't always follow the plan. We spend, sometimes on a whim.

The Apostles of Less preach about voluntary simplicity, of paring down one's possessions to 100 things. Intriguing ideas that have drawn small, loyal followings. But not most of America. That's because most of America is about abundance, not denial. This is the land of the designer mud room and the four-car garage. Of gadgets that plug into your computer just to keep your Diet Coke cold while you Twitter.

More is never enough. The American consumer is a force of nature that cannot be restrained for long. There's a hull now. But were you in a mall parking lot on Friday? Bet it

was jammed. Someone is in the stores. They may not be buying yet. But wait.

In recent days, Treasury Secretary Henry Paulson said that the U.S. had "turned a corner" in averting a financial

collapse, even though more work needs to be done. So let's get to it. America, do what you do best: Plunder stores like those feral brides-to-be who rush the floor at Filene's Basement to grab those deeply discounted wedding gowns.

Leave no store untrammelled. There probably isn't one American in a million who can understand exactly how this financial mess happened. But we do know this much: America started this economic mess. And Americans can end it. See you at the mall.

### Cartoonists Needed

The Kernel is looking for a cartoonist to draw pieces for the Opinions page on a regular basis. Those who have an interest in campus and local issues will be given special attention, although cartoonists of all interests will be considered.

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### Submissions

Send a guest column or letter to the editor to Opinions Editor Brad Bowling. Please limit letters to 250 words or fewer. Be sure to include your full name, class and major with all submissions.

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# Murder mystery to unfold over dinner

By Allie Garza  
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Nothing goes with a good murder like dinner and music. At least, that is what Natasha's Cafe believes.

On Tuesday at Natasha's Cafe, Fantastical Theatricals will present "Bullets for Broadway," a murder musical written by David Landau. On the poster for the event, Fantastical Theatricals describes it as the "unlikely union of Mel Brooks' 'The Producers' plus the 'family values' of the Altos."

"It's very interactive with the audience," said James Hamblin, events coordinator for Natasha's. "The audience is a part of the show."

Hamblin said the play is about Tony and Toffee Alto, two characters from a

## If you go

**What:** Bullets for Broadway  
**When:** Tuesday at 8 p.m.  
**Where:** Natasha's Cafe  
**Admission:** \$12

past murder mystery held at Natasha's, and their attempts to make it big on Broadway.

"The audience is there with the characters after opening night of their musical, 'The Mafia Queen,' waiting with them and the new producers for reviews of the play," Hamblin said.

"Hilarity ensues and much fun is to

be had for all," he said.

Audience members can expect to interact with the actors by answering questions and voting on who they believe "did it." As Hamblin said, the mystery is more "Scooby-Doo" than "Sherlock Holmes."

After last month's sold-out performance at Natasha's, the troupe decided to come back for one more show.

"The show isn't sold out yet, but we're expecting a good-size crowd," Hamblin said. "There's room for more people."

Doors open Tuesday at 6:30 p.m. and the show begins at 8 p.m. Tickets, which are \$12 each, can be reserved by calling Natasha's Cafe at (859) 259-2754.



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## BUILDING

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The donations and state funding are covering the expenses for the design, construction, furnishing and landscaping the building.

"Ideally the economy will have had corrected itself by the time the building goes into operation," Adkins said.

UK hopes the building will provide much needed jobs to the state economy, President Lee Todd said in a statement Monday.

"The Digital Village will be UK's high-tech hub, a center of innovation, creativity and discovery that will be crucial to helping Kentucky create a thriving, knowledge-based economy," Todd said in the statement.

# Council offers gift-wrapping service to faculty, staff

By Kate Daeur  
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For staff and faculty who don't want to bother with wrapping gifts this holiday season, campus sororities are offering another option.

The UK Panhellenic Council will offer a free gift-wrapping service to the UK faculty and staff from Monday to Wednesday in the Patterson Office Tower.

"We've never done this before, but we're hoping to wrap a lot of gifts," said Julie Meador, the president of UK's Panhellenic Council. Meador, an integrated strategic communications senior, said the service is to show appreciation for faculty and staff.

So far, the service has used its share of scotch tape and wrapping paper. As of 2:30 p.m. Monday, sorority members had

already wrapped 75 gifts, said Susan West, director of Fraternity and Sorority Affairs.

West said a majority of the gifts wrapped had been gifts bought for the Circle of Love, a UK project that provides gifts for children in need throughout Central Kentucky.

Sorority member Megan Gibson is in charge of the gift-wrapping project.

"The faculty and staff love it, and they're so excited about our project," Gibson said.

The event is hosted by the UK Panhellenic Council and all sororities are expected to participate.

The sorority members will wrap gifts in room 545 in the Patterson Office Tower from noon until 5 p.m. through Wednesday.

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## CAPOEIRA

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which is a song that is sung during a game. Members move with drums and bells, Suarez said.

Danita Cooper, an Eastern Kentucky University student who is a member of the club, said she loves doing the sport with friends.

"It's one of the few things I can do where I can feel like it's me," Cooper said. "It combines two of my favorite things, dancing and martial arts. I love it."

Antonio Lipscomb, the class instructor and a member of UK Police, said his goal as a teacher is to pass along all knowledge of capoeira he has gained in his 10 years of doing the sport, including the history, the instruments and the songs.

"Each member has their own goal that they want to gain from the capoeira club, whether it is to get in shape, learn something new or whatever," Lipscomb said. "But the ultimate goal that I push for is the friendship and sense of family that I have gained and to promote capoeira as a truly unique martial art here in Kentucky."

Club member and EKU student Chani Clark said she has been practicing capoeira over a year because of how it adds to her social life.

"It helps me more socially, with my comfort zone," Clark said. "I can step out from being distant, and be closer to people."

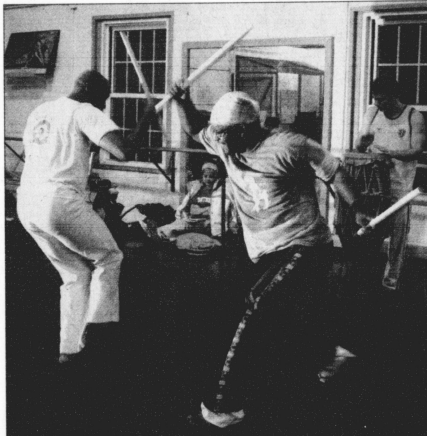


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Instructor Antonio Lipscomb, center, demonstrates a stick drill for his students during capoeira class at Barker Hall on Dec. 2.

The Cordao de Ouro Capoeira Club meets twice a week, on Tuesday from 7:15 to 9:15 p.m. and on Friday from 6

to 8 p.m. at Barker Hall. Beginners are welcome, and do not need to bring any equipment.

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— Danita Cooper, club member

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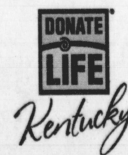


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