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Todd announces creation of four new scholarships

Board of Trustees approves 9 percent tuition increase, room and board increase

By Juliann Vachon
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Next year's incoming students will be eligible for four new scholarships, UK President Lee Todd said at yesterday's Board of Trustees meeting. The new scholarships are part of a broad-based initiative designed to make higher education more affordable for Kentucky students.

The "2020 Scholars" program will provide 2,800 students with \$5.5 million in financial aid by 2011 while pushing students to take more rigorous math and science courses in high school.

"Whenever we make a tuition increase, we are always looking to increase need-based scholarships," Todd said. Todd outlined the new scholarships

that will go into effect in fall 2007:

■ The Trustees Scholars initiative was created to increase the number of student transfers from the state's community and technical colleges to UK, costing \$1.8 million and affecting 775 students when fully implemented.

Trustees Scholars will be divided into three groups. First, Kentucky Community and Technical College System students who earn an Associates Degree and a 3.5 cumulative GPA who enroll at UK full-time can pay KCTCS tuition rates for up to two years. KCTCS students with at least 48 hours of credit

and a 3.3 cumulative GPA can receive up to \$2,000 per year for two years. Lastly, students with at least 24 hours at an accredited institution and a 3.3 cumulative GPA can receive up to \$1,000 in their first year.

■ The Catalyst Scholars initiatives will provide Kentucky students eligible for Pell Grants, a federal financial aid program providing assistance to families 150 percent or more below the poverty line, up to \$2,020 per year for four years. The \$2.4 million program will grow from about 375 students in 2007-2008 to about 1,175 when fully implemented in 2011.

■ The Flagship Scholars is a \$708,000 program that will give about 472 students who earn a 2.6 or 2.7 on their ACT and a 3.3 GPA an automatic \$1,500 scholarship. If students maintain a 3.5 GPA, they can apply for future scholarships.

■ The Provost Scholars is a \$660,000 program awarding students who earn a 2.8 on their ACT and a 3.3 GPA a \$1,500 renewable scholarship if they maintain a 3.3 GPA. Students meeting these requirements currently receive one-time awards of \$1,500.

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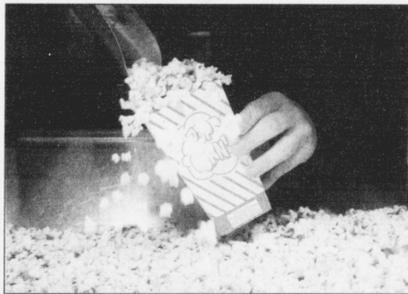
SHOW TIME



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Journalism sophomore, Jason Majewski, left, along with marketing junior, Matt Reiter and agricultural bio-technology senior, Elizabeth Newman eat popcorn while waiting for "Running With Scissors" to begin yesterday evening in Worsham Theater.

The Cheap Seats Tuesdays program provides students with a cinematic experience that won't empty their wallets. The Student Activities Board hosts the event, which included this week's movie, "Running With Scissors." Next week's scheduled movie is "Man of the Year."



Mechanical engineering freshman, Sidney Morgan, prepares popcorn for Cheap Seat Tuesdays yesterday evening in the Student Center. At the Cheap Seat Tuesdays program, students pay \$1 to see the movie, which comes with free popcorn.

Hospital construction adds more changes

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Students can expect additional changes on UK's campus with continuing construction of the Chandler Medical Center, UK HealthCare officials said during a community forum last night.

The officials presented plans for the next stage of construction in the Wethington Building on South Limestone Street, which included a request for an additional 192 beds on two extra floors for each of the hospital's two planned bed towers.

UK's Board of Trustees approved a proposal Tuesday afternoon to apply for a state certificate of need requesting the beds. "We have outgrown the facility," said Michael Karpf, UK's executive vice president for health affairs.

Karpf said a record-high number of patients, 2,356, were discharged last December. He said if the number of patients grows at around 4.5 percent every year, the hospital would reach 100 percent capacity by 2011.

"This hospital is chock-full," Karpf said. "During the week...we now have to start turning away people who need our services."

Hospital officials at the meeting said adding the two extra floors will add only about two months to construction.

The addition of the beds was one of several changes discussed at the community forum. Another change to UK's campus is the addition of student walkways outside the College of Agriculture starting in March. Temporary walkways are being added to detour some routes that are fenced off for construction, which is scheduled to begin March 26. The new walkways will be open until 2010.

A portion of Leader Avenue, which is located off of South Limestone Street, will also be closing sometime during the summer for the construction of the new College of Pharmacy building. UK HealthCare officials said the closure of Leader Avenue might be permanent.

Members of the community expressed concerns over the street closures.

Janet Cowen, who has lived near the UK

campus for 25 years, said that hospital construction has caused traffic problems on the corner of Columbia Avenue and Woodland Avenue near her home.

"It is a safety issue," Cowen said. "Columbia Avenue is just horrible."

Along with traffic changes will be an increase in green space to areas surrounding the hospital. Trees and landscaping will be added at the intersection of Rose Street and South Limestone Street, which closed last November.

Karpf said the addition of landscaping will help make the hospital "feel like Kentucky."

"We're trying to develop some breathing area for folks," Karpf said.

Karpf said students and Lexington residents are encouraged to attend events like the community forum to receive information about changes on campus and in the hospital.

Lexington resident Nancy Stengel said she has attended all of the community meetings held by the hospital to be informed.

"I came to hear it from the men in charge," Stengel said.

Admissions to focus on 'well-rounded' students

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SAT and ACT test scores may not be as important as they once were when applying to UK, said Don Witt, UK's director of Undergraduate Admissions.

Admission standards at UK have been changing over the past few years in an effort to help UK reach its top-20 goal. But instead of focusing solely on high test scores, UK is looking for well-rounded students, said Witt.

"We have to be more creative than our benchmark schools," Witt said. "We have to approach this aggressively to be a top-20 school."

For the incoming class of 2008, standardized test scores will receive less attention than students' GPAs, extra-curricular activities and application essays.

"The written interview can balance out low scores," Witt said. "We watch the national trends, but think that the SAT and ACT may not be the best predictors of a good student."

To help prospective students understand what is expected, UK has had workshops for high school guidance counselors around Kentucky, Witt said. One thing they encourage students to do is take a rigorous curriculum in their senior year of high school.

"AP IB (International Baccalaureate), or dual credit courses do stand out," Witt said. "We check all the necessary requirements, but also look at what the student can personally offer."

The written interview, or essay, includes a question about overcoming personal obstacles. Witt said this is just one way of understanding an applicant better.

"We are taking a holistic approach to looking at applications," he said. "Test scores don't measure motivation or determination. We want to see the student on a personal level."

Each year the university evaluates its ad-

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UK prof, alum edit book of Martin Luther King sermons

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A collection of writings by Martin Luther King Jr. has gone from boxes in his wife's basement to what will soon be bookshelves around the country following years of research and editing.

Dr. Gerald Smith, an associate professor in African American studies and history at UK, and Dr. Troy Jackson, a former UK graduate student, are among the editors of the new volume of King's sermons, which is published by the University of California Press and expected to reach bookstores next month.

The new volume of the never-before-published sermon files was released earlier this month by the King Papers Project, a California-based group dedicated to researching King's life and work.

"(It) looks at King before he was King, be-

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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 should be feeling more assertive, but you still need to take care. You can get to the prize, but there are hurdles between here and there.

Taurus (April 20-May 20) - Today is a 5 - You're under pressure to produce the results you've promised. Go shopping for an item that will help you meet your deadline.

Gemini (May 21-June 21) - Today is an 8 - Give yourself plenty of time for meetings. Share ideas with your team. Don't worry about having all

the answers, yet. Choose responsibilities.

Cancer (June 22-July 22) - Today is an 8 - You'll see that, with strong leadership, you can proceed with confidence. As everybody plays their part, all of you will succeed.

Leo (July 23-Aug. 22) - Today is an 8 - Take action now on whatever it is that you've been contemplating. Decisions made now will be beneficial in more ways than you can imagine.

Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) - Today is an 8 - You're very good with money, as everybody knows. Right now, for example, you can use somebody else's to get something for your home.

Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) - Today is an 8 - Ask for another point of view, and assistance from afar. Somebody else can see a way that's not obvious to you.

Scorpio (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) - Today is an 8 - Push now with enthusiasm. Your new theory is opening up lots

of possibilities. Buy something to speed up the process, and improve efficiency.

Sagittarius (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) - Today is a 7 - If you just don't feel like working now, there's astrological confirmation. Conditions favor being warm and cozy and lots and lots of hugs.

Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) - Today is an 8 - Your income is steady and that always helps you relax and concentrate. Ask for advice and support from your family, they'll be there for you.

Aquarius (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) - Today is an 8 - Your friends came up with the suggestion, and you can make it happen. More study will be required, and now's the best time to begin.

Pisces (Feb. 19-March 20) - Today is an 8 - Invest in your career and get something that will go up in value. You probably already have the perfect item all picked out.

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J. Lo's New Dance Show

Lopez mentors performers dreaming of center stage

Long before Jennifer, "Jenny from the Block" and that green Versace dress, Jennifer Lopez, 37, was grooving as a Fly Girl dancer on Fox's *Living Color*. Now, almost 15 years later, she's returning to her boogie-down roots as executive producer of MTV's *DanceLife* (premiered Jan. 15 at 10:30 p.m.), a reality series that follows six struggling dancers. (Lopez herself stops by to give advice!) The superstar (and wife of singer Marc Anthony, 38) gets in step with Us.

the series' final secrets
"I feel like the show is over. ... I think we're all ready to move on." The O.C.'s Rachel Bilson told *Teen Vogue* in October. Perhaps she was hinting. On Jan. 2, sinking ratings (from 10 million viewers in 2003 to 4 million in 2006) forced Fox to pull the plug on the teen drama during its fourth season. But there's a silver lining: six new episodes and a can't-miss series finale. (Feb. 22, 9 p.m.)

Ravin and her husband, Josh Janowitz, call it quits
Talk about a lost cause: after half a year of wedded bliss, Emilie de Ravin and actor Josh Janowitz, both 25, have separated. Us investigates the breakup. "Their relationship lasted a long time," a rep for de Ravin tells Us. Indeed: Before their June 19 wedding in the actress' native Australia, the pair dated for four and a half years.

Q: Why make this show?

I wanted to create a show that really captures the essence of a dancer's life. It's a very dramatic and competitive world that we haven't really seen yet on television.

Q: Do you and Marc go out dancing?

We both love to dance, either at home or in public. Marc is a really good dancer, and we have a lot of fun when we dance together.

Q: Do you still have any Fly Girl moves?

Absolutely! That was an early training ground for my career. Every once in a while, I'll be in the middle of a routine, and some move we do will take me right back to those days.

Expect major quakes. "Everyone's world is going to be, quite literally, shaken up in the last episode," show writer and creator Josh Schwartz tells Us. "There's a most unlike love triangle: two men competing for the heart of one woman." Plus: Look out for unexpected weddings and pregnancies.

Happy ending. Troubled Ryan Atwood (Benjamin McKenzie) gets closure. "People who have rooted for Ryan's happiness should be satisfied," Schwartz says. And while costars Bilson and Adam Brody recently ended their real romance, don't worry about their characters. Summer Roberts and Seth Cohen, suffering the same fate. "There will be lots of delightful Seth-Summer scenes," Schwartz assures Us.

An O.C. spinoff? "Secretly, I would love to see the Julie-Kaitlin [Melinda Clarke and Willa Holland] anti-Gilmore Girls show!" Schwartz says.

The End of The O.C.

The show's creator spills all

A Lost Star's Sad Split

After six months, Emilie de

What went wrong "There's no third person," her rep tells Us. "It just didn't work out." Meanwhile, de Ravin — who "is still friendly" with Janowitz, adds her rep — headed back to Hawaii Jan. 8 to resume filming.

Sophia's Hot Slasher Flick

One Tree Hill star Bush gets physical in her big-screen fright-fest, *The Hitcher*. Surviving a divorce (from One Tree Hill costar Chad Michael Murray, 25) was nothing! In the update of the cult classic *The Hitcher* (out January 19), Sophia Bush, 24 (who's now dating actor Jon Foster, 22), has to elude a madman. She gives Us a peek.

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Cats put in extra work to fix their mistakes

Team uses extended practices, 'players only' meeting after Vandy loss

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It was UK's first loss in Southeastern Conference play. It was the Cats' first loss at Rupp Arena since March and their first loss in a month and a half.

That sounds rather harmless. Not exactly.

"It's kind of funny, after this one loss how everything changed," guard Ramel Bradley said about UK's 72-67 loss to Vanderbilt on Saturday. "Everything changed fast."

As much as Bradley might not like the quick change, the team's perception could be reversed just as rapidly with a win tonight at 7 against Georgia.

The No. 25 Cats (15-4, 4-1 SEC) will have a chance to start another long run against the Bulldogs (11-6, 3-2) after their 11-game winning streak was snapped when they lost to the Commodores.

After the loss, Bradley said the team did something that none of them had mentioned all season: they had a team meeting.

Along with senior forward Bobby Perry, Bradley summoned the team for a players' only talk. The 6-foot-2 junior wouldn't reveal exactly what was discussed in the meeting saying "that's between us" but he did offer some hints as to what went on in the huddle.

"The main thing is to not worry about this Vanderbilt game and get it over with," Bradley said. "We know what we did wrong and we know what we have to do to fix it."

Head coach Tubby Smith knows too.

Smith talked at length during his pre-game news conference yesterday about his team's faults that led them to its first loss since the North Carolina game on Dec. 2.

"We didn't defend very well in our loss to Vanderbilt, didn't execute that well on both ends of the court, neither offensively or defensively," Smith said. "It was a real disappointment, but we've tried to correct it and work on the mistakes we made yesterday in practice."

The mistakes the Cats made against Vanderbilt weren't as prevalent during the win streak.

Leading scorer Randolph Morris took only eight shots, his second lowest output in the last nine games. Vanderbilt shot 47.8 percent from 3-point range and 50 percent from the field. The Cats allowed Vandy to go on a 10-0 run after the Cats had taken a one-point lead with 2:59 seconds left.

If the Cats had executed those areas better, the result might have been different.

"I think sometimes you can have a good loss, but the Vanderbilt game isn't one for me," Bradley said. "We feel like we could have done some things better which would have changed the outcome of the game."

To respond to the losing effort, the Cats had one of their longest practices of the season Monday.

Bradley said the Cats went to work on passing more and dribbling less, and shoring up



Junior guard Ramel Bradley drives against Vanderbilt this Saturday in a 72-67 loss. Bradley and Bobby Perry called a players' only meeting after the loss.

the defense.

According to Smith, the extra practice worked.

"I thought for the better part of practice, it was better than last week," Smith said. "We went a little longer than normal. But, we had so many things that we needed to correct to be honest with you, so we had to go a little longer than we expected."

And if the Cats' extra prac-

tice didn't work, then there might not be much change from the Vanderbilt game to the Georgia game, Bradley said.

"We've just got to put this game behind us and continue to play the way we played before there ever was a Vanderbilt game," Bradley said. "We need to fix our mistakes and get ready for Georgia."

Overachieving Cats need to beat Bulldogs



Senior forward Shery Thomas defends Vanderbilt's junior guard Alex Gordon in the Commodores' 72-67 win over the Cats on Saturday. Thomas had one of his best games of the season against Vandy, scoring 12 points and grabbing six rebounds.

Tubby Smith must believe he's got something special.

After Saturday's loss against Vanderbilt - his team's first loss in 12 games - the head coach vowed to make practice harder, longer and more intense.

This week, Smith has followed through on his promise. "We had a really long practice" (Monday), Shery Thomas said. "It was tough. I felt like we practiced the whole day. All of the coaches have been harping on us to fix the little things. They were yelling at us over and over."

That's a risky move right now - the dog days of February are near, and that's when minds start to wander and, more importantly, legs start to wobble. It's a risk that Smith has taken, and one that only a coach takes if he believes he's got a team that can handle it.

Smith apparently does. "I thought for the better part of practice it was better than last week," Smith said. "We had so many things that we needed to correct."

By "things," Smith means more than just nabbing a win tonight at Georgia - and that won't be an easy task in itself, by the way. The head coach means things like conference championships and tournament runs. He did-

n't talk about down-the-road goals yesterday, but his decision to ride his players in practice is all the confirmation you need. More than just a message of discontent with his team's play against Vandy, the practice lashings are a reminder that Smith believes he's got a team that can do some "things."

"We can't worry about Vanderbilt anymore," Ramel Bradley said. "We need to fix our mistakes and get ready for Georgia. We've got to play defense better and rebound better. Everyone needs to bring to the table what he can do for the team."

It's refreshing to hear this overachieving team - they'd won 11 in a row before Saturday, in case you forgot - respond verbally with such disgust and determination to its first loss in more than a month. Of course, even more refreshing would be a response physically, in the form of winning another Southeastern Conference road game tonight at rapidly improving Georgia.

The Bulldogs scored the first 15 points of the game against No. 12 Alabama on Saturday before losing on a last-second shot by Ronald Steele in which the officials must have forgotten that taking four steps without dribbling is illegal. Before that, Georgia had won three straight conference games, including a 12-point home win over Vanderbilt and a buzzer-beating victory at Arkansas.

In short, these aren't Jim Harrick's Bulldogs. But still, they're a team UK is better than. And it's a game the Cats need to win. Because if they don't, just imagine what practice will be like on Thursday.



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Kernel columnist

UK vs. GEORGIA

UGA (11-6, 3-2 SEC)

| Pos. | Player | Ht. | Wt. | Cl. | Pts. | Rb. |
|------|-----------------|------|-----|-----|------|------|
| G | Sundiata Gaines | 6-1 | 205 | Jr. | 9.3 | 4.5* |
| G | Levi Stukes | 6-1 | 205 | Jr. | 12.5 | 2.6 |
| G | Mike Mercer | 6-4 | 185 | So. | 15.1 | 4.4 |
| F | Takaio Brown | 6-8 | 250 | Jr. | 14.2 | 5.3 |
| C | Dave Bliss | 6-10 | 255 | Jr. | 4.4 | 3.7 |

UK (15-4, 4-1)

| Pos. | Player | Ht. | Wt. | Cl. | Pts. | Rb. |
|------|-----------------|------|-----|-----|------|-----|
| G | Ramel Bradley | 6-2 | 178 | Jr. | 13.3 | 4.4 |
| G | Joe Crawford | 6-5 | 211 | Jr. | 14.0 | 4.1 |
| G | Derrick Jasper | 6-6 | 213 | Jr. | 5.2 | 3.9 |
| F | Bobby Perry | 6-8 | 215 | Sr. | 7.2 | 3.7 |
| C | Randolph Morris | 6-11 | 259 | Jr. | 16.2 | 8.1 |

Site: Stageman Coliseum, Tuesday, 7 p.m.
Series: UK leads 109-21
Television: Lincoln Financial
Coaches: UK: Tubby Smith (16th season overall, 380-137, 10th at UK, 256-77)
UGA: Dennis Felton (9th year overall, 150-109, 4th at UGA, 50-55)

WHO TO WATCH

For UGA: Levi Stukes. Stukes is Georgia's third leading scorer, but their best 3-point shooter. He leads the SEC in 3-point percentage at 47.3 and he is third in 3-pointers made. If UK defends Stukes like they defended Vanderbilt last Saturday - the Commodores hit 11 3-pointers against the Cats - then the 6-1 junior has a chance to have a big game.

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'Family Guy' writer, producer never gave up

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"Family Guy" may be one of television's most popular shows today, but it survived several cancellations in its tenure as a college campus sensation.

Only after a change in network executives and strong DVD sales did the show return to primetime.

"Family Guy" is an example of something that is very popular in our culture today," said Ben VanderHorst, the director of performing arts at the Student Center. "It wasn't initially as popular as it is today, and this shows that, as long as you keep trying, you can achieve whatever you want."

Mike Henry, a writer, supervising producer and voice actor for "Family Guy" will speak at the Student Center tonight at 8 to tell students about the value of never giving up, VanderHorst said.

Henry will show behind-the-scenes footage of the taping of "Family Guy" and never-before-seen clips while discussing the development of some of the show's most memorable characters, VanderHorst said.

"If you're a fan of the show, this is a great chance to see someone who works behind the scenes," VanderHorst said.

Henry provides the voices of Cleveland, Cleveland Jr., Herbert

and the Greased-Up Deaf Guy. He is also a co-writer and producer of the show, which airs on Fox Sundays at 9 p.m.

Henry speaks at about 20 to 30 venues a year, VanderHorst said. Even though his performances aren't limited to college campuses, they are one of his favorite places to speak.

"People our age can relate to Henry and are fans of his," VanderHorst said.

SAB has various committees that decide what entertainment to bring to campus, VanderHorst said. For this event, Henry's agent contacted SAB with the idea, and a group of members got together and decided that this would be something that would appeal to students at UK.

"We're hoping that this can be a really great event because a lot of people love the show," VanderHorst said. "Henry is a part of our culture and he's pretty well-known, so we're excited that he's coming to Lexington."

VanderHorst thinks that many people have certain ideas about what they think the television industry is like. Henry is coming to UK to give a face to all of these ideas, VanderHorst said.

"It's great to have someone come in that lives in a world that a lot of us dream about," VanderHorst said. "Henry is going to show us that it's really as fun and exciting as we dream it is."

Q&A with John Gillispie

Spotlight on Cycling Club Leader John Gillispie

By Meghan Cain
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This year, the Kernel has been spotlighting various campus leaders. This week we are featuring John Gillispie, the leader of UK's Cycling Club. Gillispie is a first-year grad student of communications and is serving as leader of the UK Cycling Club, which is going to start its competitive season Feb. 24.

Q. What is the cycling club?

A. The cycling club is a student organization that was established to provide cycling opportunities for students. We have weekly group rides that are outdoors mostly but indoors when the weather is bad.

The heart of the cycling club right now is the spring road race season. We tour the Midwest and race bicycles everywhere from Michigan to DePaul, to Indiana to Ohio State. We open our season on Feb. 24 at Ohio State. The regionals are at Butler and the nationals are in Lawrence, Kan.

Q. As president, what are your goals for the cycling club?

A. The cycling club has been out of operation for the last few years. I want to reorganize and establish a name for us on campus. The cycling club had a name for itself in the region several years ago. I would love to send a few of us to every race. I really just want to reestablish and get some footing.

Q. How long have you been in the cycling club?

A. I guess this is really my first year. We tried last year to get going, but this was the first year we were really established. This is the first year in a long time that we are actually official. We are a club sport, but we do not receive funding from UK.

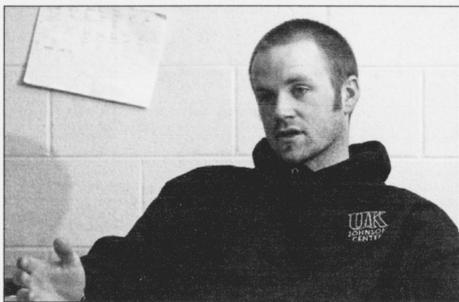
Q. When are the meetings?

A. We don't have a regular schedule of meetings, but we have a weekly schedule of rides that we post on the Facebook. We meet when something comes up like if we need uniforms or need to update our ride schedule. We meet on a need-to-organize-rides basis.

We take long rides every Saturday. Facebook is the main means of communication.

Q. Where do you ride?

A. There are a few good routes we take out of town. The goal for a good ride is to see farmland, the country and hills and have less of a stop-and-go ride. We ride on varied terrain so we are not just training on flat land. They are paved hills, but we don't want to just ride in the city.



John Gillispie is serving his first year as leader of the UK Cycling Club. He is excited to see how the cycling team will compete in their upcoming spring season.

Q. Who can go on these rides?

A. Anybody. As we are moving more toward spring, the rides are more focused on training, but anyone can come. We have even had professors come ride with us.

Q. What is the guy-to-girl ratio?

A. There are definitely more guys than girls. We need for girls to get involved. Right now we have probably two or three girls, and 27 uniforms were ordered for the team.

Q. Why do you feel this is so?

A. I wish I could tell you. I don't know of any inherent gender biases in the sport of cycling.

Q. Why do you think people are interested in bicycling?

A. I think Lance Armstrong did a number for the sport because of his popularity and fame, as did the Postal Team, which is now Team Discovery. It is catching on now. People are realizing now that it is a legitimate sport. It has been popular in Europe for a while and now it is migrating to the U.S. Lance did a number with his fame and his story.

Q. How did you become president of the cycling club and is this your first year?

A. Like I said, the Cycling Club had been out of commission for a couple of years, but some of us rode a lot during the spring, summer and fall. So we met up and started talking about getting a cycling license and completing the forms to be an actual organization. The group met up and told me I

had done all of this organizing, so I needed to be president. By no means am I the fastest or the best cyclist in the club. It just happened because I organized everyone.

Q. Why is cycling important?

A. Cycling, for me, is the sport that doesn't hurt. Overall, running eventually hurts your joints, swimming eventually hurts your shoulders, but cycling doesn't. It is something you can do for a lifetime. When you are involved in a club, you have others to ride with. It is a way to relax and go out for a ride on a sunny afternoon. There is always a competitive edge to it too. You can sprint to the next tree or the next sign. Fun games are involved throughout the middle of long, casual rides.

Q. Do you have to be a good at riding your bicycle to join?

A. No. It is helpful to be able to ride a bike, but if someone expresses interest they should definitely come out. We have a wide range of ability so there is always someone to ride with you if you think you are a beginner or if you think you are fast. We don't have any training wheels, so you need to know how to ride, but knowing how to ride 50 to 60 miles isn't a prerequisite for joining the club.

Q. How do you feel Lexington accommodates cyclists?

A. Recently, and by that I mean in the past two years, the expansion of Richmond Road and the east side of town has done a lot for commuting cyclists. It seems like with every new road construction, bike lanes are added. It shows that cyclists are starting to have a presence in the transportation community.

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SG restructuring raises bar for future senators

This year, Student Government officials have mostly been looking inward, as the brunt of SG activity has consisted of non-binding resolutions and legislation dealing with the structure of SG itself.

But the latest piece of introspective legislation may help ensure that future SG officials will spend more energy dealing with campus issues. That would be quite a welcomed change.

Tonight, the full Senate is expected to look at a proposal from College of Engineering Sen. Josh Odor that would restructure the Senate's committees. If the legislation passes, SG's joint committees — which are based on the executive cabinet's divisions and include both senators and executive-branch officials — will be eliminated, and four new standing committees will be created.

The new standing committees will deal with academic affairs, student life, external governmental relations, and graduate and professional student affairs. They will meet on Wednesday nights, as do the full Senate and the current standing committees (Operations and Evaluations, Appropriations and Revenue, and the Committee on Committees).

The joint committees aren't producing enough legislation because there is no standard meeting time for them, and so they end up simply not meeting, said Senate President Brent Burchett.

Having the new committees meet at a standard time when senators are already available — Wednesday nights, when the biweekly Senate meetings take place — will generate higher attendance and thus more legislative output, Burchett said.

If these structural issues are the source of legislative inertia, we're more than happy to see SG getting to the root of the problem. It is certainly plausible that standard meeting times will make it easier for senators to show up — and for SG higher-ups to crack down on those who are missing meetings.

By the same token, the new committee structure will further put the onus on senators to come up with legislation and solve problems on campus. With conveniently scheduled meetings and specialized, topical committees, SG members will have few excuses for doing nothing.

The other major issue coming up at tonight's meeting will be expansion of the Senate. Although proposals are still in flux, Burchett said, the plan that was brought up at last week's Operations and Evaluations meeting sought to add four college senators from the Graduate School, one from the College of Arts and Sciences, and five at-large senators.

We still believe that the Senate is not in need of expansion. Until SG demonstrates that it is capable of working on significant legislation throughout the school year, we are skeptical of adding more seats to the Senate and hope the full Senate votes down an expansion plan tonight.

However, one element that has been discussed as part of expansion would benefit students — capping the number of votes each student can cast for at-large senators.

Under the current system, there are 15 at-large senators, and students can cast up to 15 votes. Seeing as it is rather doubtful that most students are familiar with 15 individuals' platforms, there is a proposal on the table to limit each voter to 5 or 10 selections in the at-large race, Burchett said.

Regardless of whether SG ultimately decides to approve an expansion, such a cap on at-large votes would make the voting process much less daunting and arbitrary.

We are glad to see SG senators trying to figure out ways to make the Senate more effective at solving student problems and addressing campus issues. Hopefully, the vigor for restructuring this year will lead to a glut of legislation and involvement next year. As the people who elect SG members to office and who provide the organization's budget, students must hold them responsible for taking that next step.

Renovations at police office will benefit campus

In a move that is several years overdue, the UK's police department is getting an upgrade in facility and space.

The renovations, which will include a new lobby and receptionist area, new dispatcher desks with bullet-resistant walls and glass, new roll call area for officers, separate offices for each shift commander, and new locker rooms and evidence space, will cost \$230,000.

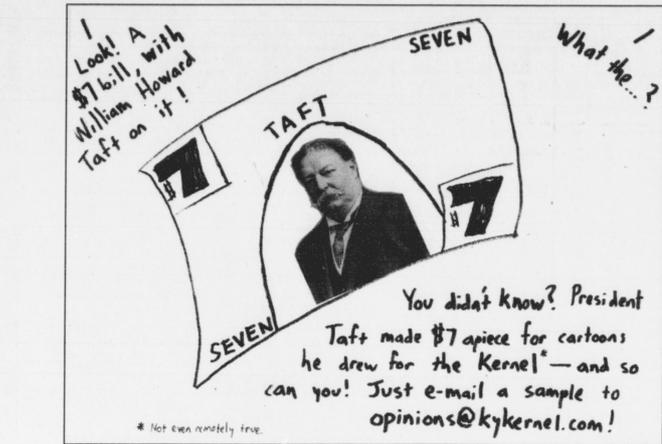
But that price is worth the result.

The UKPD is used to working in a cluttered basement that is full of pipes and small offices off of narrow hallways. Now, with twice the room and new paint and floors, the department will have an area that is expected to make their work much more efficient.

This is a move that should help the department in with campus safety and other student issues.

The move shouldn't be one to give them more space to stretch their legs, but more room to properly secure this campus and keep it safe for students. With the increase of crimes reported near campus in November and December, as well as the continuing issue of violence against women that may not even be reported in many instances, UK police have a large role in making students feel safer.

With the increase in police space and luxury, the police department should be able to do that job better — and to attract even more talented new officers. That's why these upgrades are not just cosmetic changes. They will almost certainly play a role in making campus a safer place for students to be.



BRENTON KENKEL, Kernel cartoonist

Take a break from ambition and enjoy the rest of life

It's easy to do, and perfectly understandable as well. In fact, I'd be willing to bet that just about every single one of us has done it before, is doing it right now or will do it before graduating. That doesn't make it right, though.

I'm not talking about partying too much, procrastinating on papers or any of the commonly known pitfalls for college life. No, I'm referring to embracing the vice that most of us are taught from a young age to revere and cultivate — ambition.

To be fair, there's nothing wrong with wanting the best life for yourself after you graduate. That's why many students spend long hours doing community service, participating in extracurricular activities and studying their brains out, just to be the best.

Some of us want to be doctors, some scientists, some lawyers, but plenty of us have (or hope to have by the time graduation rolls around) some clear vision of our ideal career at the end of college, and we all know that

we have to work hard to nail our dream job. The problem? As tempting as it is to shoot through your cumbersome University Studies Program requirements or do whatever community service activity that sounds the easiest, remember that they are there for a reason beyond just padding your resume.

The rat race that has us all struggling to be just a little better than the next person has the unfortunate side effect of crippling what should be the equally important goals of maturing and growing as a human being.

Community service shouldn't just be a series of tally marks representing how many hours you can put on your resume. Contrary to popular belief, USP classes aren't vast conspiracies by UK President Lee Todd to get more tuition money from you.

Take the time during your community service to actually get emotionally involved in your activity. Pick an activity that reflects an interest you have instead of the one that sounds the least involved. Try to learn something interesting — just one thing — from the classes you hate the most.

Granted, these things won't show up on your transcript as convenient numbers — thus far, I've been unable to find a "Compassion Rating" or a "Maturity Level" on any scholarship or job applications — but they

will change you in dramatic ways. You'll meet new friends, discover new hobbies and generally appreciate life more for its diversity in all things.

From the time we start getting As and Fs instead of pluses and minuses, we get sucked into a world of endless competition, where CEOs and bums are separated by mere tenths of a point on their middle-school GPAs.

Standardized tests start telling us whether we are "gifted" or "special needs" from the time we enter kindergarten, and all along the way we are constantly told to do better, to try harder. Ambition becomes not a positive motivator, but a heartless slave-driver refusing to let us smell the roses while we grow them for our horticulture class.

That doesn't mean, however, that you should slack off. After all, sometimes finding an area of interest in your least favorite subject actually requires more effort than just doing the minimum required to pass the course. You may have to choose more difficult activities in order to find some that you can actually appreciate and enjoy.

I assure you, however, that the extra effort will be well spent. Chad Reese is a philosophy and political science junior. E-mail opinions@kykernel.com.

Save energy on campus, but not by cutting coal

You and I have a responsibility to care for the Earth. When you leave your home en route to class or work, the respectable thing to do is turn off your lamp and television. You should take a moment after reading the Kernel to find the nearest recycling bin and do your part. These measures conserve energy — they are simple and will not cost you a cent.

In last spring's Student Government elections, UK students were faced with a question regarding energy and student fees. I voted against the referendum because I differentiate between conserving energy and, as one pro-referendum Facebook group sought, the "end (of) UK's dependence on coal." I also had reservations about placing an additional tax on the student body. It is possible, after all, to conserve energy without spending a dime (again, by turning off lights and computers). And one may certainly care for the Earth without calling for the eradication of one of Kentucky's signature industries, thus forcing thousands of workers out of their jobs.

We have debated the merits of coal on these pages before. With the advent of mountaintop removal, there certainly has been a surge of controversy when it comes to mining. This is not the only form of mining, however, and though it is admittedly destructive, even mountaintop removal offers some benefits to the communities it affects.

While there's no question that we all have a responsibility to care for the Earth, I submit that we also have a reasonable obligation to use the fruits of our planet to meet basic needs. The standard of living for many families depends upon the success of the coal industry, and it is for this reason — not out of contempt or disrespect for our environment — that I consider myself a friend of coal.

UK's decision to finance various energy-saving initiatives without raising student fees is admirable. It demonstrates respect for those on our campus who called for energy conservation, yet also acknowledged the large number of students opposed to an increase in fees. I hope UK moves forward with cost-efficient energy conservation practices — and I trust that they will do so with the understanding that saving energy and appreciating the bene-

fits of coal are not mutually exclusive. There are ways to do both, and that is a lesson those on the other side of this argument would do well to learn.

Cody D. Belcher
Communications junior

Miss Kentucky cartoon was misguided

I found Brian Goodley's cartoon in the Jan. 22 Kernel to be highly disrespectful to the large array of women who have held the title Miss Kentucky. One needs to understand that in the scholarship pageant world, Miss America and Miss USA are two very different pageants with very different ideals.

Cash scholarships given every year at the Miss Kentucky pageant alone total well over \$50,000. This is money that is used solely for college tuition. The Miss America and Miss Kentucky Scholarship Organizations strive every year to help women pay for their education, and they do more volunteer and charity work than any other company their size.

Miss Kentucky is a position held in very high regard by those involved in the pageant world and those outside. Our current Miss Kentucky, Rachelle Phillips, is a published author, is working on her Ph.D., and she has been presented awards for her community-service efforts.

I tell you this so I can say that Miss USA Tara Conner, whom you have recently read about in the news, is not a member of the Miss America or Miss Kentucky organizations. I don't respect the way she is acting and think she does not deserve to hold a title, but please don't confuse her actions with those of people like Rachelle and the countless others before her who have strived to better our community and nation.

The cartoon portrays two little girls dressing up as Miss Kentucky as morally reprehensible, but this should be something for them to strive for. Miss Kentucky should be a role model for young women, and in our society these days, there are not many women left whom our children should be looking up to.

I hope we can continue to think of Miss Kentucky as a role model, and I encourage the

women on campus to get involved in the Miss Kentucky organization and try to make a difference.

Bryan Smith
Political science junior

Trustees should respect students' views

The Kernel's Jan. 17 story on the renewable energy referendum should have had a different headline: "UK officials completely disregard student view in recent decision to deny student fee."

Students need to understand that their votes and wishes mean nothing to the administration of this university. It is hard to believe that Vice President for Student Affairs Pat Terrell and her colleagues could so easily dismiss a referendum created by students in an attempt to communicate our wishes using the democratic process.

In March 2006, 66.5 percent of students participating in the Student Government election voted yes to a student fee of \$6 to begin implementing renewable energy strategies in a way the university has failed to do. Terrell says the university should be responsible for funding these initiatives, and she's right. She also gave an oral commitment that there would be money set aside to help UK become a more sustainable community with a less harmful impact on the environment. Now she refuses to put that in writing.

Part of the university's vision claims to be a commitment to the values of civic responsibility and service to society as well as contributing to the quality of life in Kentucky. Apparently we will be doing that by ignoring student opinion and continuing to burn massive amounts of fossil fuels that contribute to global warming.

The student voice has been heard, but UK administrators are choosing to pop in their earplugs and buy more copies of Microsoft Office. It's time to make them hear. Please let Terrell and Provost Kumble Subbawany know that you want your university to take responsibility for renewable energy on campus. The student voice at UK will not be silenced.

Laura Seithers
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Panel: America not quite ready to accept a minority President

By Katie Saltz
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America has a long way to go before it will be ready for a black president, panelists said last night at a discussion in the Student Center.

"There will never be a black or Latino president unless democracy truly matters to them," Transylvania University Sociology Professor Brian Rich said. "The country won't be ready to elect a minority president until and unless people choose to use democracy. We can't change institutionalized racism by changing people's ideas. We have to change their practices."

Race in politics was the topic of the first discussion in the Diversity Dialogue series, sponsored by Student Government and the Office for Multicultural and Academic Affairs.

The panel included Rich, Stephen Voss, associate professor of political science, Jonathan Best, a sociology senior and Phillis Ramsby, an attorney in

Lexington who teaches a course in Gender and Women's Studies. The panelists discussed the possibility of Barack Obama's presidency in 2008 and racism in general.

Best said he believes America is far behind in social acceptance for minority leaders. He gave the example of a descriptive democracy, in which the race and gender of government leaders directly reflects the population.

"The U.S. Senate doesn't do a good job in representing the country's demographics," Best said.

Voss, whose research at the university includes race in politics, said that while the country has made much progress, there is still a lot of negativity.

"Don't underestimate the power of hatred," Voss said. "Things such as race-baiting still exist in elections today."

Rich and Ramsby both said campaigns fuel racism by focusing on appearance.

"Campaigns de-educate people," Rich said. "They play on stereotypes and ignorance."

Ramsby said a major problem is that people vote based on emotions rather than intellectual decisions.

"We vote for who looks like us, or who acts like us," said Ramsby. "We need to keep focus on the policies."

Racism still remains in politics today, and Obama is an example of this, Ramsby said.

"People want to be a part of this milestone in politics," Ramsby said. "Voters are uninformed and they just want to be a part of history."

Questions from the audience raised the topics of gender and class as well as race.

"Racism, sexism and classism are all related," Rich said.

Director for Student Diversity and Engagement Mahiabeen Rafiuddin said that the dialogues are meant to promote diversity and understanding among students. The topics for the series are decided on by student surveys, and will be monthly events held by SG and the Office for Multicultural and Academic Affairs.

will pay \$3,548 a semester, an increase of \$293 while junior and senior in-state students will pay \$302 more for a total of \$3,651.

Student Government President Jonah Brown, who was absent at yesterday's meeting, said in a statement read at the meeting that he commended Todd on his scholarship proposal but thinks continued tuition increases is a step in the wrong direction.

"Kentucky's former motto was 'Education Pays,' and unfortunately, the students have been paying too much for too long," Brown said.

In addition to increased tuition rates, the board voted to increase room and board rates. Students will pay \$2,879.50 per semester for an air-conditioned dorm and the minimum seven meal-a-week meal plan, up \$125.50 from this year.

Mandatory fees, which are built into tuition, will increase \$33, from \$364 to \$397 for most full-time students in 2007-2008.

BOT faculty representative Ernie Yanarella said the finance committee had a "healthy discussion" with UK GreenThumb members at its meeting yesterday morning regarding the university's decision not to implement a new student fee to help create renewable energy initiative on campus.

The university has instead decided to appoint a sustainability task force with two student representatives responsible for coming up with renewable energy initiatives.

"We came to an understanding that sustainability starts at home, in this case our institutional home," Yanarella said.

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The "2020 Scholars" program will also push for more focus on math and science courses in student's junior and senior years of high school, Todd said at the meeting.

Beginning in fall 2008, students must successfully complete science and math courses in their senior year of high school to be eligible for the Catalyst Scholarship. The math and science requirement will apply to students' junior and senior years of high school in 2009.

Todd said the Trustees Scholarship was one of the more innovative programs that addresses a group of people who are under-funded.

Mike McCall, president of the KCTCS described the new scholarships as one of the "most far-reaching and exciting approaches" he has seen to provide more access to Kentucky students.

"Providing transfer opportunities to KCTCS students is one of our top priorities," McCall said in a news release.

Board passes tuition increase

In a 14-0 vote, the board approved the proposed nine percent tuition and mandatory fee increase for the 2007-2008 school year, the maximum increase allowed by the Council on Postsecondary Education.

Freshman and sophomore in-state students

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mission standards, Witt said. The University Senate, provost, and president all work together with the college deans to make the final decisions.

"This helps predict class sizes," Witt said. "It is really

about enrollment management."

In the next few years, the focus will be on admitting students who are involved and diverse. Leadership roles, work experience and personal life experiences lead to a dynamic student, Witt said.

"Top students usually participate in community service and leadership roles," Witt said. "That's the kind of student I

want to see at UK."

While raising admission standards is ideal, accessibility is still an issue, Witt said.

"We are a state institution serving the Commonwealth of Kentucky," Witt said. "But we don't want to admit a student who won't be able to succeed. UK's goal of being a top-20 school can only be reached by each student individually."

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fore he was a national figure," said Jackson, who received his doctorate in history from UK and is now pastor at Cincinnati's University Christian Church.

"The Papers of Martin Luther King Jr., Volume VI: Advocate of the Social Gospel, September 1948 - March 1963" is the compilation of handwritten documents found in more than 200 folders in the King basement in 1997.

"Advocates of the Social Gospel," the sixth of a 14-volume series, contains unedited sermons by King that many have not seen before.

The writings are on a variety of topics including King's views on poverty, race, war and social justice. The writings chart King's life as a seminary student, pastor of Dexter Avenue Baptist Church in Montgomery, Ala., and as a leader of the Civil Rights Movement. This volume also in-

cludes writings from the 1955-1956 Montgomery Bus Boycott.

"This is King when he's forming his theological theme," Jackson said.

Smith, a pastor at Farrisstown Baptist Church in Berea, said that although the new volume has King's early work as a young pastor, "Advocate of the Social Gospel" will not critique King's sermons.

Instead, "Advocate of Social Justice" will let the reader see King's development as an influential leader of the Civil Rights Movement through his private papers.

However, Jackson said it is important to remember that while King's work and writing as a leader of the Civil Rights Movement was important, he was only one of many people contributing to the social changes of the period.

"As great a figure as King was... King also was a product of the African-American church in the South," Jackson said. "His ability to lead was in many ways inspired by the people around him."

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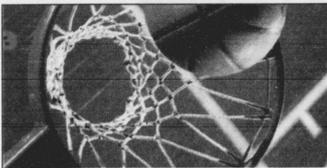
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