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UK student shot at home near campus

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A UK student was shot twice early yesterday morning outside his home on University Avenue and remains hospitalized, according to Lexington police.

Joseph Morgan Nelson, 23, of Louisville, was shot at 214 University Ave. at approximately 3:25 a.m. yesterday and went next door to 216 University Ave. where he broke open the door seeking help, according to police. He was taken to UK Chandler Medical Center and underwent

surgery. Nelson's condition at the hospital was not available last night.

The path Nelson took was clear the next day. Drops of blood ran up the wooden porch and were smeared against the front door.

"We were all sleeping, so he had to bust in to get through," said Pat Deringer, a journalism junior and a resident of the house that Nelson went to.

The commotion stirred Deringer's roommates, Barrett Sparks and Kevin Gilligan, who came downstairs to see what was happening.

"I met him at the bottom of the steps, and cleaned the blood up with a dirty T-shirt," said Sparks, an economics junior.

Gilligan, a telecommunications junior, called 911, and the police arrived shortly afterward.

Lexington police said they are investigating but do not have a suspect or a good description to follow.

"We don't have any named suspects," said Sgt. Paul Williams, an investigator in the Lexington police's Homicide Division. "We have a description from some of the individuals who saw someone running from

the scene. Nothing particularly useful at this time."

Though police said they don't have much to go on presently, officials said investigators will be seeking more details after interviewing Nelson and other witnesses and are hoping for a lead to follow in a few days.

"We've got a preliminary statement from the victim and witnesses in the neighborhood," Williams said. "We were not able to interview the victim at length like we wanted to because he was going into surgery. It's going to take us a couple of days to get the



Nelson

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Outreach program crosses state lines

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A UK effort to increase math and science learning in Appalachia has crossed another state border.

The Appalachian Mathematics and Science Partnership, a UK program that provides funding and training for future teachers, has recently expanded into West Virginia.

AMSP, which is already in place in Appalachian counties in Kentucky, Tennessee and Virginia, will partner with Marshall University in Huntington, W.V.

The program will benefit teachers in Braxton, Cabell, Mason, Mingo and Wayne counties via various outreach efforts and distance-learning technology.

"AMSP is designed to help enhance the teaching methods and skills of math and science teachers in kindergarten, elementary, middle and high schools, with the ultimate goal of improving the math and science educations of pupils in those grade levels," UK President Lee Todd said in an e-mail.

AMSP offers Partnership Enhancement Programs to

districts all over Appalachia. PEPs are mini-grants that offer funding for up to \$30,000.

PEPs allow schools to identify principal problems within their math and science programs. After problems are identified, teachers write proposals for funding and have them reviewed by a team of experts.

If the proposal is accepted, the school receives funding. If reviewers find problems with the proposal, they identify them and send faculty members to help make the proposal strong enough to be funded.

"What we (the government) have done in the past is thought of solutions for what is wrong (in our schools)," said John Yopp, AMSP's project director. "But what is missing is the voice of the teacher. They, at a local level, know what the challenges are."

The local emphasis is what separates AMSP from other programs.

"A lot of programs are top-down; this one turns that around," said Wimberly Royster, the AMSP founder at UK.

Through various grants, AMSP reaches nine universities and 51 school districts in Appalachia. This past year, the program gave a total of about \$600,000 in grants.

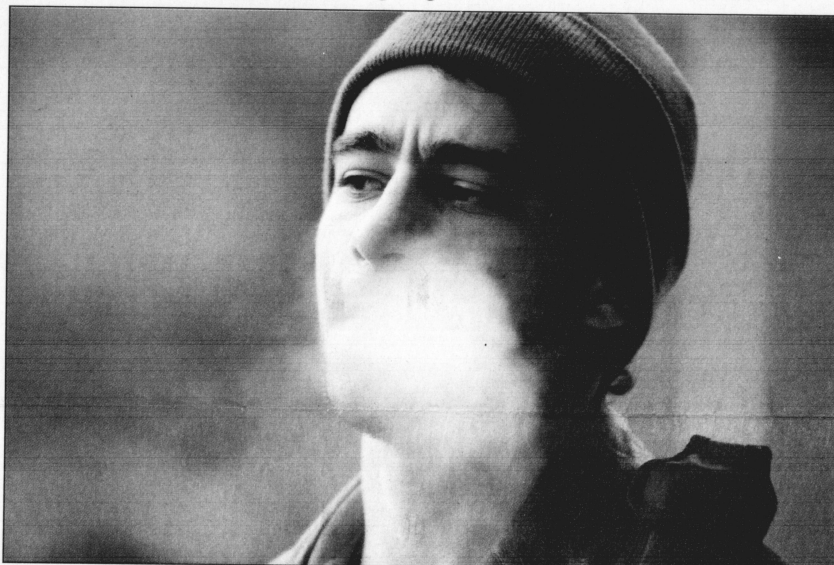
All of AMSP's projects have been funded by a grant awarded to UK by the National Science Foundation for more than \$22 million since 2002. It's the largest single grant the university has ever received, Royster said.

The addition of the Marshall

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Smoked out

UK adopts formal smoking regulations after state mandate



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Levon Ter-Isahakyan, a computer science senior, blows smoke outside the White Hall Classroom Building on Monday, Nov. 20. The UK Board of Trustees recently adopted a policy that bans smoking within 20 feet of building entrances, exits, windows and air intakes.

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All UK buildings are now officially smoke-free — a policy that will be enforced at each building by the departments that reside within it.

UK spokesman Jay Blanton said the new policy comes as a result of a state mandate.

"State law has required all public universities to formally adopt a smoking policy," Blanton said. "Our Board of Trustees has adopted a policy that formalizes a ban on smoking in university buildings; it also bans smoking in covered bridges and pedways."

Blanton said the regulations will be enforced by individual departments, not by a central entity.

According to an e-mail sent out to faculty, staff and students, the new regulations prohibit smoking in all university-owned or operated buildings, including parking garages and pedways. Smoking will also be prohibited within 20 feet of entrances, exits, windows or air intakes. Designated smoking

areas are no longer available in any building.

The smoking policy isn't a new plan; it simply took existing policies and formalized them in reaction to the law passed by the Kentucky General Assembly in spring 2006, said Russ Williams, the staff representative on UK's Board of Trustees.

Jeff Dembo, a faculty representative on the board, agreed.

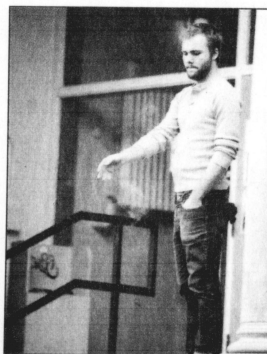
"The university needed to be in compliance with state law; that's why this was proposed and passed as a governing regulation," Dembo said.

Aside from the formal regulations, Dembo said he's unaware of any other policies UK will adopt for smoking on campus.

"It is not clear yet what other changes the university is going to have to make to be in compliance with this new regulation," Dembo said.

The policy defines smoking as "inhaling, exhaling, burning or carrying any lighted cigar, cigarette or pipe." Smoking will be permitted in certain circumstances, such as

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IAN McHowe, an architecture junior, tosses away a cigarette butt after smoking outside of Pence Hall yesterday afternoon.

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Veteran, ex-military prisoner to speak on injustice

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It's not often that U.S. soldiers are imprisoned in Guantanamo Bay, the military prison used for terror suspects.

But that's what happened to James Yee, a U.S. Army veteran and Muslim American.

Yee will speak of this "traumatizing" experience in a discussion called "An Army Muslim Chaplain's Struggle for Justice: Civil Liberties and Guantanamo Bay" at 5 p.m. today in the William T. Young Library.

Yee was imprisoned at Guantanamo Bay during his service as an Army chaplain there in 2003, when he was suspected of spying and aiding the Taliban and Al-Qaeda. His name was later cleared.

Putting his life back together has been difficult for him.

"The whole event and experience of being accused of crimes was traumatizing to both me and my family," Yee said.

Andy Doolen, an assistant professor of American literature and American studies at UK, helped coordinate the event and said Lee will speak of his imprisonment at Guantanamo Bay.

"He gives an eyewitness account of the war versus American liberties," Doolen said. "He had a first-hand experience."

Yee said he will discuss his Muslim religion and the role having a different faith plays in people's civil liberties.

Yee also said that the American government's executive branch has overstepped its authority in terms of trying to control people.

"This is a piece of U.S. history that will be a horrible black mark," Yee said.

That is exactly why Doolen says his story is so pertinent.

"There's a civil rights struggle today and he's representative of that struggle," Doolen said.

Doolen said he chose Yee over other civil-rights leaders because he makes students stand for issues.

"He challenges students to choose a side," Doolen said. "He challenges students to develop their identities."

In addition to the discussion, CNN is airing a feature story on Tuesday morning about Yee and his experiences; the story will air throughout the news day, Yee said.

Yee said he is pleased he can relate his experiences to students. He said students are instrumental in standing up to injustices in America today.

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HEROSCOPES

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 an 8 — You're anxious to get going but there's work to be done first. The more attention you pay to this job now, the better off you'll be later. It does matter.

Taurus (April 20 - May 20) Today is a 7 — Gather up the goodies, without drawing attention to yourself. Don't provoke jealousies by bragging; that could have disastrous results.

Gemini (May 21 - June 21) Today is a 6 — Conditions are more difficult now, so carefully watch what you're doing. Hold yourself to high standards, and you'll minimize errors — your own and everyone

else's.

Cancer (June 22 - July 22) Today is an 8 — You're naturally taking on more and more, but are you getting respect? Don't let people pile the work onto you; ask for it and take credit for it.

Leo (July 23 - Aug. 22) Today is a 7 — Stash away as much as you can, and you can buy more free time. Think of it as a game where you can insure that you'll be the winner.

Virgo (Aug. 23 - Sept. 22) Today is a 7 — As others notice how well you take care of their problems, they'll seek you out. They'll remember you and try to get you to do more. Ask for the raise in pay then, not now.

Libra (Sept. 23 - Oct. 22) Today is a 6 — As you realize what's required, try not to be intimidated. You don't have to know how you'll do it, yet. You're a quick learner.

Scorpio (Oct. 23 - Nov. 21) Today is an 8 — A person you care very

much about has a lot of expensive requests. Don't say you will. Set up a time to discuss them, much later.

Sagittarius (Nov. 22 - Dec. 21) Today is an 8 — Not everybody goes along with everything you try. You're very persuasive when you want to be. Use those skills now.

Capricorn (Dec. 22 - Jan. 19) Today is a 7 — The more you study the more you'll be able to avoid trouble. You often learn by making mistakes but you can outgrow that. Proceed with caution.

Aquarius (Jan. 20 - Feb. 18) Today is a 6 — You're good at networking. You know who has what and where the needs are. Investigate new leads and take careful notes. You'll use this information.

Pisces (Feb. 19 - March 20) Today is a 6 — You have to be rather sensitive now, to other people's feelings. Luckily, you're naturally polite and sympathetic. They'll really appreciate that.

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TOM & KATIE'S WEDDING ALBUM

Family and Hollywood friends fete Holmes as she marries her Prince Charming in an opulent Italian celebration.

Once upon a time — OK, October 2004, to be exact — Katie Holmes wistfully proclaimed to Seventeen magazine, "Every little girl dreams about her wedding ... I used to think I was going to marry Tom Cruise." On Nov. 18, the actress got her storybook wish. At precisely 6:30 p.m., she and Cruise, 44, became husband and wife in a 20-minute ceremony officiated by a Church of Scientology minister. The backdrop: The 15th-century Odescalchi Castle located on picturesque Lake Bracciano, 25 miles northwest of Rome. "It was fabulous! Katie looked beautiful," Cruise's agent at Creative Artists Agency, Rick Nicita, told US following the festivities. Added his wife, Paula Wagner, Cruise's longtime producing partner and friend, "We had an absolutely wonderful time."

And the bride and groom, the latter of whom famously declared his love atop Oprah Winfrey's sofa, could hardly keep their joy private. Engaged in June 2005, the pair proudly issued a press release (via the actor's rep) touting their union hours after the ceremony. (It's Holmes' first marriage and Cruise's third.) Among the nuggets of detail: Holmes, 27, wore a custom-made Giorgio Armani off-the-shoulder bridal gown and carried a bouquet of calla lilies wrapped in leaves of galax and steelgrass as she walked down the aisle with her matrimonial lawyer dad, Martin, to classical music by a string ensemble. (See page 54 for more.) Us has also learned that Cruise's son, Connor, 11,

carried the pair's sleepy 7-month-old daughter, Suri, down the aisle, and the couple did not recite vows.

Not surprisingly, the evening had its share of royal moments. "The mood in the castle was subdued," says one. "Then, when Katie appeared, the place erupted with applause." Another reveler tells Us, "I didn't see tears, but they were both so happy. And Katie walked down the aisle with the biggest smile." Once the minister proclaimed Cruise and Holmes "man and wife," says the guest, "their kiss seemed to last forever."

What Now

When Cruise and Holmes return to Los Angeles, a source says, they'll plan a second party for additional well-wishers. Professionally speaking, Cruise — who recently announced a deal to head production at the United Artists studios — is set to star opposite Meryl Streep in the drama *Lions for Lambs*, which will be directed by Robert Redford. And though Holmes doesn't have a project besides being Mrs. Tom Cruise, no matter. It's practically a consensus in Hollywood that the couple will live — what else? — happily ever after. "As far as his priorities, Tom gives his soul to his kids and Katie," his Jerry Maguire costar Cuba Gooding Jr. tells Us. "Those are the ties that bind."

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University program expands the grant to \$24.5 million," Todd said.

Marshall University was chosen because of its relative closeness to Kentucky and for its on-line distance-education system.

"Most other universities (in West Virginia) have this kind of program, but not to the same

degree," Yopp said. "They are able to bring something very valuable to the partnership."

No more expansions are expected. "We aren't going to close the door to further expansions, but the National Science Foundation has now greatly restricted its math and science partnership program," Todd said.

The program is doing well at UK and is expected to flourish in West Virginia.

"It's so successful, some (students) are teaching elementary courses at UK before they graduate," Royster said.

SMOKING

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lab research and experiments, so long as researchers have prior approval from the appropriate dean or director and the university fire marshal.

Ernie Yanarella, a faculty representative on the Board of Trustees, said the effort is part of a push to promote healthier, smoke-free environments.

"This is a growing effort on the part of states, locales and other public institutions to protect nonsmokers from the palpable secondary health consequences of smoking," Yanarella said. "I support those efforts because extensive scientific re-

search has shown that secondary smoke inhaled by nonsmokers on a routine basis can be injurious to individuals who do not smoke."

Students who were interviewed showed mixed reactions to the new regulation. "I haven't really seen it enforced," said interpersonal communications freshman Tommy Enrico. "I still see people smoking outside the buildings. I smoke on occasion."

Enrico said he would like to see reminders and guides posted as to where he can smoke.

"I think there should be a mark somewhere," he said. "Nobody knows where 20 feet is." Other students said they

were happy with the change.

"I like not walking through a haze of smoke," said Sarah Prewitt, an integrated strategic communications junior.

"It's just nice not to smell like it if you're a nonsmoker," said Sara Tracy, an agricultural communications junior.

Others weren't so happy with the new regulation.

"It seems like the university is doing everything in its power to accommodate nonsmokers, but they seem to forget that a large number of UK students are smokers," said history sophomore Dorrie Rush.

The smoke-free policy can be found on UK's Web site for administrative regulations (www.uky.edu/Regs/AR/ar046-2.pdf).

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information we need to translate that into suspect data."

Nelson has an arrest record with Lexington police, with crimes including possession of marijuana and possession of drug paraphernalia in 2004, and parole violation in 2005, according to police records.

Williams said police have not uncovered a motive behind the shooting.

"It would be speculation to try and extrapolate that (without more information)," Williams said.

More than 12 hours after the shooting, University Avenue residents congregated on several porches, walking back and forth between them. Occasionally, people would open their doors and look around before going back inside.

Looking on from the sidewalk, two Lexington police officers on bikes said they were there to keep an eye out in the area.

Caitlin Bendeck, a business-marketing sophomore, had been at Nelson's house the night before, until about an hour before the shooting. Bendeck said she left because Nelson said he was go-

ing to sleep.

"Once we saw lights and stuff, we came outside and talked to the neighbors," she said, referring to the ambulance and police cars. Bendeck lives two houses down from Nelson.

After discovering what had happened, Bendeck went to the hospital and stayed through the night until Nelson came out of surgery at 8:45 a.m. He was stable after surgery, she said.

"For being shot, he's not bad at all," Bendeck said. "He's a tough guy; he can handle it."

Neighbors were surprised by the promptness of the police.

"I heard the shots, I heard people running and yelling cuss words, and then the cops showed up like five minutes later," said Monica Wade, a journalism sophomore who lives across the street from Nelson.

"It was just really scary," she said. "I was talking on the phone and heard gunshots. I really freaked out."

Nelson's roommates declined to comment on the shooting.

For now, Lexington police said they're planning to keep a closer eye on the area, said Lt. J.J. Lombardi, a duty commander in Lexington police's Patrol Division.

"I do know there is going to be an increased presence there in the campus area, particularly during the holidays," he said.



Lexington Police Officer Graul, left, and Sgt. Young, stand next door to 214 University Ave., where a UK student was shot early yesterday morning. "We're just keeping a watch out on the area, trying to keep an eye on things," Graul said.

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Band beats to its own drum

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Set your clocks back to 1992.

Back to when a distortion pedal could change the world.

Back to when punk actually had a chance of surviving as a legitimate music form through bands like Jawbreaker, Fugazi and Bikini Kill.

Those were good times.

Thank God that The Beatings are here with quite a throw-back album so we don't forget that era. "Holding on to Hand Grenades" is a potent step forward.

In their impressive second full-length album, the band follows in the footsteps of fellow Boston greats The Pixies, letting earnest songwriting and well-oiled, guitar-driven rock speak for itself. In the same way, The Beatings will kick your ass, pick you back up and set you down to put a bandage on your cuts. Songs "A Responsible Person" and "Burn Down the Jungle" demand at-

real world as well as, of course, the broken heart. The set-up might seem overused, but nearly every line rings sincere — and with an explosive tendency unseen in post-punk contemporaries. As if sprinkled with gasoline and offered a light to a cigarette, every chorus has the potential to blow up.

Although The Beatings' standout songs can be seen as tame for a band that's received the art-punk title, they're undoubtedly independent and unique in a world where clones reign. They have their influences but draw from themselves above all others.

Quirky, throwaway tracks paired next to anthems. Violent intensity with a constant undertone of honesty. It's an interesting mix and one The Beatings pull off effortlessly. The Beatings are a band that may aim for the head but ultimately shoot for the heart — always with a fist clenched at their side.

The lyrics are visceral and observational. Two subjects The Beatings touch on are the transfer from childhood to the

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New position will aid UK's diversity goals

Last week, Provost Kumble Subbaswamy announced that UK has created a new position dedicated to improving diversity among the university's faculty, staff and students.

The creation of the vice president for institutional diversity demonstrates the university's commitment to diversity, UK President Lee Todd told the Kernel yesterday.

"(Diversity) has to be a priority for everyone at the institution — administration, faculty, staff and students," Todd said in the Kernel article. "A more diverse place is more tolerant, more open and more inclined to foster an environment where learning and creativity really flourish."

This editorial board has argued many times that a more diverse campus will only benefit the entire UK community and will represent a step in the right direction for UK's quest to become a top-20 research institution.

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The creation of an administrative position dedicated to improving campus diversity is yet another positive step by UK's administration in dealing with this important issue.

UK recently adopted a Strategic Plan for 2006 to 2009 that promotes four objectives for solving UK's diversity problems: re-examining existing university administration roles in diversity, improving UK's implementation strategy to monitor diversity among all aspects of the UK community, ensuring UK graduates leave the university with an understanding of and appreciation for other cultures, and using UK's resources to expand community commitment to diversity.

Subbaswamy told the Kernel that the new administrator will hold a "critically important

position" for helping the university achieve its goals by coordinating efforts between administration, faculty and students.

Todd's Commissions on Women and Diversity and the UK Task Force on Diversity have voiced their support for the creation of the position, UK spokesman Jay Blanton said.

This move follows a trend of positive decisions by UK administration concerning diversity.

Last year, UK added \$500,000 for diversity scholarships and gave more than \$3 million to promote diversity on campus. UK also added eight new recruiters to promote UK among minority students.

Todd correctly pointed out that diversity initiatives involve more than student recruiting and that UK must be more aggressive in helping students succeed once they arrive at UK.

Recruiting is important — but in order to make UK a more diverse campus, there has to be cooperation at all levels of the campus community.

The university's search committee for the vice president for institutional diversity held an open forum yesterday for all members of the campus community to discuss candidates and the qualities necessary to fill such an important role on campus.

It's good that UK recognizes the importance of bringing outside voices in to discuss on such an important campus issue. Hopefully these efforts will pay off in UK's efforts to bring more diversity to campus.

Thanksgiving feast for international students should be annual event

By the end of last week, UK's campus was practically deserted, with students not hesitating to skip a few classes so that they could head home for the Thanksgiving holiday.

But home for international students is often too far away to feasibly visit in the few days Thanksgiving break offers.

One of the residence halls stayed open, giving the students a place to stay, and the UK Alumni Association made sure the students were well-fed on Thanksgiving day, according to an article in the Lexington Herald-Leader last week.

"They are the only ones left on campus," said Gretchen Bower, program coordinator for the Alumni Association, in the Herald-Leader article. "We just really want to do this event to welcome them in and make them feel welcomed at the

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university." We applaud the Alumni Association for remembering that not all students can go home over the break, and we hope that the dinner becomes an annual event.

Nearly 200 international students took advantage of the traditional Thanksgiving meal, which for some was their first time celebrating the American holiday.

"It gives us the opportunity to mingle with the common customs of America," said Ban Al-Attar, a graduate student from Iraq, in the Herald-Leader article. "I think it's a great experience."

For the students who couldn't visit their families because of the distance, the Alumni Association at least made UK's campus feel more family-like.

Black Friday shopping proves entertaining

Sometimes I make stupid choices.

For instance, I had the choice of going shopping the day after Thanksgiving.



HILLY SCHIFFER
Kernel columnist

Usually when faced with a choice like this one, I make a list of pros and cons in my head.

Then I choose the answer based upon the longest section of the list.

Here is an example of what goes on within the depths my brain while creating a pro/con list:

Shopping the day after Thanksgiving always means saving money — pro. If I go shopping, I'll get to hang out with my mom and help her pick out Christmas presents — pro. Most importantly, the day after Thanksgiving always brings about quality people-watching — pro.

On the other side, it is the biggest shopping day of the year, meaning a lot of people crowded between small clothing racks — con. The checkout lines will be ridiculously long — con. The mall will be at least 15 degrees hotter than necessary because everyone is scurrying to get the next best deal before their neighbor — con.

The final verdict — drum roll please — I went. As you can see, my pro/con lists have been known to fail me every once in a great while. For some reason, the method hasn't always been 100 percent accurate.

By the end of the shopping day, I was ready to hibernate for a couple of days. My favorite stop of the day was to my hometown Kohl's to get a deal on my sister-in-law's Christmas present. In order to keep my sanity, I tried to be immune to the number of people scrunched between the aisles and standing in line by walking straight to my destination.

I saw the item: they still had it, and it was still on sale. Perfect! As I continued to shop around, I overheard a frustrated grandmother say to her granddaughter, "There ain't no deal worth standing in that line."

I laughed, turned to my mom and said, "Well, that is a silly attitude.

Why would you even bother coming out the day after Thanksgiving if you aren't willing to wait a bit in a line?"

So I grabbed a couple of items and headed to the front of the store to check out. This is when I started to feel the pain of the upset grandmother.

My walk to the front of the store was pointless because as I tried to find the end of the line, I passed by several sections of the store and ended up at the back of the store again.

During the middle of my long journey to the back of the line, I stopped walking and started laughing out loud. I couldn't control myself. I and the rest of the people in line had officially gone crazy. You would think that with a line like that you would have been able to ride a roller coaster at the end, but we weren't that lucky.

My mom and I waited in line for an hour. It was one full hour of our lives that we will never be able to get back.

But during that hour, I loved watching as people tried to find the back of the line. Their faces expressed sheer amazement of the number of customers standing in line.

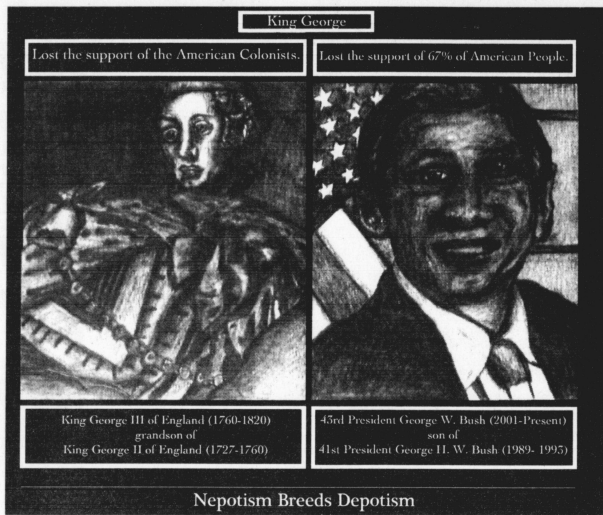
Kohl's was pretty smart, though. I'm sure that the store doubled their business by putting up a couple of extra display tables along the line of people.

The woman in front of me added at least six items to her cart while standing in line. For example, she saw a griddle. She stared at it for a while and then put it in her cart. The woman had absolutely no intention of buying the griddle when she walked into the store, but because she was in line for so long, she had enough time to convince herself that it was a good idea to buy the item.

Kohl's even had their employees attempt to perform crowd control as they passed out candy canes to the customers standing in line.

I can't say as if I learned my lesson by going shopping the day after Thanksgiving. My pro/con list didn't exactly fail me this time. At heart, I'm a hardcore people-watcher, and the day after Thanksgiving is the highlight or even the prime time of the year for the sport. So, fellow people-watchers, I look forward to seeing you next season.

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Nepotism Breeds Depotism

CHUCK CLENNY, Kernel cartoonist

College dating complicated by the intricacies of college life

I recently read that dating is something for high school and the real world, and while we are in college, we are not part of either, so why date?

College does seem to be a strange middle point between our parents' house and our own house, part-time jobs and real jobs. Is it true that college is a place where real dating relationships don't have a place?

My initial reaction would be no; of course dating has a place in our college worlds.

In fact, at times it seems that our college worlds revolve around dating, or if not dating, at least "hooking up."

This thought leads me to further examination — is it just that the sort of dating we do in college is different from that we did in high school and will do after college?

In high school, chances are you were "going out" with someone special at one point or another.

It is also probable that a parent, friend or other older person teased you because at 14, where were you really going?

Relationships in high school, at least those that I had and observed, seemed to be rather serious, built around the thought that come college, summer break or different lunch periods, these relationships would be the ones we would still have in 10, 20,

even 30 years. College came to show me that this is not quite the case. Although I do keep in touch with one high-school boyfriend, most of the former loves of my life have slowly faded away.

With the exception of the rare relationship that survives the transition from high school to college, it seems that most of these become memories, jokes and war stories about the horrors of dating.

So what is it like to date in college? I'd argue that it is very different from high school. Relationships are perhaps shorter, and they often begin as the result of a hook-up.

Dating takes on its real meaning in college; boyfriend-girlfriend status is not guaranteed because of a date or make-out session. In fact, many individuals of both sexes avoid these words like the plague.

Commitment seems to come in two extremes — people in my life are falling in love, and falling hard, or avoiding love at all costs.

Dating in college brings along the inevitable questions that are not dealt with in high school relationships, like "When will we meet each other's parents?"

Is it going to be awkward if the first time I meet your roommate is when I'm leaving your house in the morning after shacking?

Facebook also complicates rela-

tionships — shocking, I know.

When is it appropriate to be in a Facebook relationship with someone? Should things be "complicated" before they become official? Who should initiate this critical step?

As crazy as it sounds, making your relationship official on Facebook is a big step.

Once this happens, and your love life is plastered upon news feeds everywhere, the relationship becomes public, and until you put it out there, people may think you're single, even though you really aren't.

Is this such a big deal? Probably not. But for those of us in college doing the dating thing, it seems like it sometimes.

Making a step toward becoming an official couple, especially during one's senior year, can seem like absolute stupidity — why give up independence, precious remaining time with friends and nights out as a single person for a relationship when you won't know if it was worth it until it is over?

Yet every person who says they don't want to date anyone right now will probably change their tune when the right person comes along and turns their world upside down — ready or not.

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Cats were good, but not great

Last season, Mickie DeMoss had her team read the motivational book "Good to Great" before its season. Perhaps the UK women's basketball coach could loan that book to head football coach Rich Brooks.



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After taking a few days to stew about the *this-close* loss at Tennessee, it's time to look back on the 2006 UK football regular season. And once you get over Saturday's heartbreak, here's how to describe this football team:

Good. My English teachers always told me not to use that word — it's "weak," they said. But it is exactly the way to describe UK. A good football team that had a good season.

The Cats did everything they were supposed to do, plus a little bit more. That's good.

They won two more games than they lost. 7-5 is good.

They finished tied for third in the Southeastern Conference East. That's good.

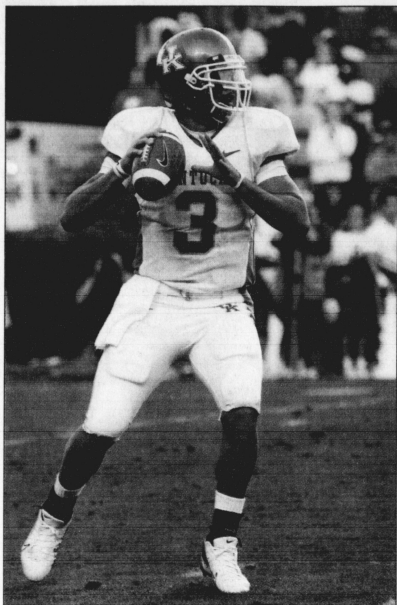
They gave traditional tilters Florida and Tennessee tough games and took Steve Spurrier-coached South Carolina to the wire. That's good.

But this team had an opportunity to be more than good. Great's an awfully big word, so we'll just say the Cats had a chance to be really good. We know the Cats were the better team on Saturday in Knoxville, Tenn., and, save a Saturday first half against South Carolina, UK could have and should have won that game too.

Get those two near-misses, and the Cats finish 9-3 and 6-2 in conference play. They would be nationally ranked and headed to an exotic bowl location (read: Tampa, Fla., home of the Outback Bowl). Instead, they might get to spend the holidays in Shreveport, La. Whoopee!

Get those near misses, and people would be talking about Rich Brooks for national coach of the year.

Yes, really. But, alas, that didn't happen, and as every coach since Pop Warner has said, "You are what your record says you are."



UK junior quarterback Andre Woodson sets to throw against Tennessee on Saturday. The Cats ended the season 7-5 and are awaiting a bowl bid. Next season the Cats will return several starters, including Woodson.

BRAD LUTTRELL
STAFF

So the 2006 Cats are good.

But what about the 2007 version? Aside from six graduating scholarship seniors (the lowest total in the country) and the possible National Football League defection of wide receiver Keenan Burton — Keenan, can't you hear them chanting "One! More! Year!" — the whole team returns. Andre Woodson (Heisman candidate?) is back. A healthy Rafael Little is back. Dicky

Lyons Jr. is back.

With a schedule that includes Eastern Kentucky, Temple and Florida Atlantic, plus Louisville, Tennessee and Florida visiting the big ballpark by BTC, the 2007 Cats have the potential to be more than good. They just might be great.

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Cats still confident after Maui tourney

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With less than a minute remaining against UCLA in the Maui Invitational last week, the UK men's basketball team had possession of the ball and were trailing by just two points.

Instead of tying the game or taking the lead, the Cats turned the ball over and lost their chance at upsetting the Bruins.

The next night, against Memphis, UK trailed by only three points at halftime before getting blitzed in the second half.

Both games had swing moments where the Cats (3-2) could have taken control if they had executed better. With close calls like that, the Cats head into tonight's game against the College of Charleston (3-2) knowing the trip wasn't a total loss.

"We still feel very confident in our potential to be a great team, and we're not going to let that get us down," said senior forward Bobby Perry. "It's a preseason tournament. I haven't played in anything like that since I've been here, playing that many games in eight days or whatever. We're just looking to improve, just continue."

Even though the Cats didn't win the tournament, the team was able to take some positives out of their trip to Hawaii.

Center Randolph Morris gave the Cats consistent play in all three games, averaging 16.3 points and seven rebounds.

The only problem with those numbers is that they should be higher, head coach Tubby Smith said.

"I was impressed with Randolph (Morris). I thought he stepped up and really played well inside, rebounding," Smith said. "We just are going to have to find ways to get him the ball with an opportunity for more shots in the paint. We have to score better in the paint."

Another positive the Cats said they can take out of the tournament was the experience they gained by playing two teams that could make deep runs into the NCAA tournament.

UCLA, who beat Georgia Tech in the tournament final and was the national runner-up in last year's NCAA tournament, moved into the top spot in the Associated Press Top 25 poll released yesterday.

Memphis, who reached the Elite Eight last season, is ranked No. 14.

"Playing such great teams forces us to take the games very seriously," said center Randolph Morris. "Some teams don't play teams of such caliber early in the season and they end up getting shocked later in the season. It's better for us to get this experience in early; it will prepare us for the rest of the season."

The rest of the season starts tonight with the Cougars from the Southern Conference, and picks up Saturday when the Cats travel to Chapel Hill, N.C. to play No. 7 North Carolina.

Smith said the 1-2 finish in Maui exposed many of UK's weaknesses but also showed what the Cats can accomplish this season if they correct their mistakes.

The players agreed with Smith and said they feel the same way about the team as they did before the season started.

"I really thought we were going to win the tournament," said guard Joe Crawford. "I was a little disappointed that we lost, but we did some positive things, and we've got take that from now and continue on."

Carter available

Sophomore center Jared Carter, who has been sidelined with a separated right shoulder since Nov. 12, will dress tonight against the College of Charleston, Smith said.

Smith said Carter, who was originally supposed to be out for three to four weeks, practiced with contact yesterday for the first time since the injury.

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C of C (3-2)						
Pos.	Player	Ht.	Wt.	Cl.	Pts.	Rb.
G	Dontaye Draper	6-11	190	Sr.	21.4	3.1*
G	Marcus Hammond	6-3	190	Sr.	3.6	1.2*
F	Philip McCandless	6-9	225	Sr.	9.0	7.8
F	David Lawrence	6-7	185	Sr.	9.2	5.0
F	Jermaine Johnson	6-7	250	So.	11.2	4.2

UK (3-2)						
Pos.	Player	Ht.	Wt.	Cl.	Pts.	Rb.
G	Ranell Bradley	6-2	175	Jr.	13.2	3.4*
G	Joe Crawford	6-5	211	Jr.	13.8	3.8
F	Bobby Perry	6-8	215	Sr.	5.8	2.8
F	Sheray Thomas	6-8	236	Sr.	1.8	2.0
C	Randolph Morris	6-11	259	Jr.	15.8	8.0

WHO TO WATCH

For UK: Randolph Morris. The offense has been going through Morris so far this season, and he has not let them down. Morris was the Cats' horse in Maui, leading the team in scoring in two of the three games. He appears much more comfortable in the post by making his post moves as soon as he catches the ball. Unfortunately for opponents, Smith wants to get Morris more involved.

For College of Charleston: Dontaye Draper. If this seems like a no-brainer, it is. Draper leads the team in scoring and is 28th nationally. In the Cougars' last two games, Draper scored 28 and 31 points. The 5-foot-11 senior guard from Baltimore has made 17 of 37 3-point shots this season.

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