

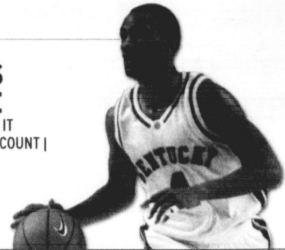
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Bicyclists brave campus streets



JOHN WAMPLER | KERNEL STAFF

Campus clash

Kinesiology senior Nikki Balla picks up her bike on the Rose Street bike lane near the Fine Arts building, after colliding with a pedestrian who she said walked right in front of her. No one was hurt, but the chain on Balla's bike came off.

Sans cars: Bikers say they save time but risk accidents

By Vallory Powell
CONTRIBUTING WRITER

After four accidents in the past year, Adam Anderson, a landscape architecture senior, has a bruised knee and a new bike from his insurance company.

He said he enjoys riding his bike but sometimes, it gets dangerous.

"No one is paying attention to bikers," he said. In May, Anderson was riding on Richmond Road when a driver ran a stop sign and hit him. An ambulance took him to the hospital, and his bike was crushed, he said.

He said he's had a hard time with pedestrians, too.

"They just yell as loud as they can at me," Anderson said. He has been run off the road, sprayed with a water gun and followed by drivers, he said.

Other campus-area bikers have similar close-call stories to share; some bikers have been lucky, while others have a collection of scars and bruises because of their chosen form of transportation.

Biking to class isn't a simple task.

said Earl Onstott, a mechanical engineering senior. "People don't see bike riders because they are always looking out for other cars," he said.

Onstott brought his eight-year-old bike from home and rides to school and work every day. "It's a necessity to ride my bike because I don't have a car," he said.

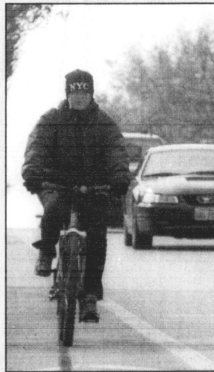
This summer, when he was looking at the cars behind him and standing on the pedals, he wrecked and landed on his arms and knees, he said. But the close calls are never his fault, he said. Instead, pedestrians can be a hazard on campus, he said.

Nikki Balla, a kinesiology senior, collided with a pedestrian who walked in front of her near the Fine Arts building Monday. No one was injured, but Balla, an avid mountain biker, said biking is hazardous.

"They need more bike paths, and people need to be more cautious," she said.

Even though it may be dangerous to ride a bike, one student said it is still worth the time it saves. Adam

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JOHN WAMPLER | KERNEL STAFF

Music freshman Robyn Watson rides in a bike lane on Rose Street. She said she has, at times, nearly hit pedestrians.

- ADAM HIBNER, AGRICULTURAL ECONOMICS JUNIOR

"It's the difference between a 15-minute walk or a 5-minute bike ride to school."

Work-Life group holding forums for employees



SCOTT LASHINSKY | KERNEL STAFF

Maggie White, right, a staff support worker in radiation medicine at UK hospital, voices her concerns with Phyllis Nash, co-chair of the Work-Life Task Force.

Concerns: Todd receiving group's recommendations

By Elizabeth Van Hersen
CONTRIBUTING WRITER

UK employees recommended the Work-Life Task Force focus not only on balancing employment and personal priorities but also on addressing issues such as parking and safety.

The task force held an open forum to allow UK employees to give feedback on the group's projects Monday. The second forum is Wednesday.

Employees said they are concerned about parking problems, tuition deferment for employees' children and poorly lit areas around the hospital.

"We're hearing a common theme," said Maria Kempin, of the Task Force staff. She said the task force has heard the issues brought up at the forum and is already working on them.

In August, President Lee Todd appointed the task force, which focuses on balancing employment with family and personal life, in response to a recommendation from the Commission on Women.

"Many of today's employees are now working two jobs, pursuing additional education, caring for elderly family members or taking care of children," said Phyllis Nash, co-chair of

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9/11 photographer brings work to UK

Images: Photographer will share story, photos tonight

By Sarah Zopfi
SCENE EDITOR

He was not ready for the crumbled mess of glass and concrete or the stench of decay lingering in the air, but photographer

Joel Meyerowitz said he felt taking pictures of the Sept. 11 aftermath was his social responsibility.

"I certainly wasn't prepared for the awesome shock when I arrived on the scene, but I knew I needed to be an eye for the American people

who weren't allowed on the grounds," Meyerowitz said.

Meyerowitz, a world renowned photographer entering his 40th year of taking

pictures, was the only photographer granted unrestricted access to Ground Zero. He will talk to students at UK today about his Sept. 11 experience.

"I feel it is important to share my experience with other people; I think college students would be interested," he said.

Betsy Blanchet, an accounting junior, said it is a privilege to have Meyerowitz speak on UK's campus.

"A lot of people can't visualize the extent of the damage, so I think the University is lucky to have Mr. Meyerowitz speaking to us,"

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Legislators suggest ditching brains for buildings

Budget: President Todd says 'Brains' program brought researchers, facilities are now needed

ASSOCIATED PRESS

FRANKFORT — Faced with a looming budget deficit, some Republican senators Monday floated the idea of forgoing the wildly successful bucks for brains programs and building research space instead.

University of Kentucky President Lee Todd said he wants to see some details, but

said the substitute might work because of the need for additional research space on campus.

"We can do more with the same amount of money," said Sen. Richie Sanders, R-Franklin, the chairman of the Senate Appropriations and Revenue Committee. "If you've got facilities, that puts you three or four years ahead

of other areas."

For the last few budgets, the General Assembly has appropriated \$100 million for UK and the University of Louisville to underwrite research endowments. The money must be matched with private contributions, but it has created dozens of endowed professorships and chairs.

In later versions, the other state universities divided another \$20 million. The current budget cycle was to contain another \$120

million, with the money raised by selling bonds for the first time. But when the General Assembly was unable to pass a budget, bonds for brains never happened.

Todd said earmarking the money for construction of research space might be acceptable. With the endowments from earlier bucks for brains money, researchers and faculty have been hired and there is a need for up-to-date space to house them, Todd said.

Sanders said he envisioned a program that would

again require universities to raise money to match state funding.

But the idea has some holes in it that are sure to raise questions from other universities.

Todd told the Strategic Committee on Postsecondary Education Monday that the universities want authority to sell \$100 million in bonds to finance construction on their campuses separate from a state appropriation.

Sanders said he envisioned the buildings for

brains program to be in lieu of other construction financing, though he emphasized that the idea is only in infancy and no details are in place.

The lack of a state budget will likely consume the legislature as it opens its 2003 short session.

Todd told the committee, which is composed of members from the legislature, executive branch and the Council on Postsecondary Educa-

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BIKING

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Hibner, an agriculture economics junior, said time is important.

"It is the difference between a 15-minute walk or a five-minute bike ride to school," he said.

He weaves in and out of cars and rides wherever he can get past traffic, Hibner said.

"One time, an old man riding his bike yelled at me because I was riding in the left lane," he said.

Allison Hare, a finance senior, has never yelled at a biker but said she would sometimes like to.

"They don't stay in their bike lanes, and they get in the way," she said. "Then, I have to drive slower or try to get around them."

Many bikers say they don't follow the rules bikers are supposed to follow.

"I think bikers are supposed to follow the car rules, and they don't," Onstott said. Onstott said he doesn't wear a helmet or use hand signals when turning, either.

"I don't know all the bicyclist's rules," Onstott said. However, he said he does not think it makes a difference because he said he feels safe when riding his bike to

school. He tries not to think about cars hitting him. "I keep my head up and pay attention."

But Hare said many bikers aren't as alert as she should be.

She said she was almost run over by a bicyclist. A biker almost hit her while she was crossing Rose Lane. "Everybody should be more cautious," Hare said.

Still, Hare understand the benefits of bikes. She said it would be cheaper and faster to bike to school but she doesn't because she has a car and a parking spot on campus.

And with the rash of 62 bike thefts at the beginning of the semester, keeping a bike on campus isn't safe, either.

Hibner said bikers have other concerns. He said because bike lanes are only sporadically placed around campus, he thinks drivers don't always see them.

Anderson said he does not think the streets are designed for bicyclists.

"Lexington is pretty bad to ride your bike in," Anderson said. "Campus is better because there is so much other stuff going on, that people pay more attention."

Even with his four accidents, Anderson said he would rather bike to school than drive. "I like being outside, and it's usually a lot faster."

must start beating the drum among the public about the hazards of flagging money for education and other services.

Todd jumped in to say the task may be even more difficult in Kentucky.

"In Kentucky, when you deal with an undereducated public, there's work to be done," Todd said.

Mary Lassiter of the state budget office told the committee that even with some initial steps that can be taken, the state will be \$144 million short of current spending needs this year and \$365 million short next year.

BUCKS

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tion, that higher education cannot continue its progress without more money.

"We have to have new revenue," Todd said.

It fell to former state Sen. Walter Baker, now a member of the council, to raise the topic most other members skirted.

Baker said civic leaders

TASK

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the task force. "Employees are finding it difficult to manage the demands of personal and work life."

The task force sent short-term recommendations to Todd last week that include leave benefits for employees who have had a death in the family. The task force hopes to change the policy from three days if a spouse, child or parent dies to five days. It is also looking to implement spirit days and casual dress days. The spirit days would entail employees wearing clothing with the UK logo.

Todd has already announced the first accomplish-

ment of the Work-Life Task Force — the approval for parents to use temporary disability leave if a child is adopted and paternity leave for fathers at the birth of a child.

In February, the group will send Todd a set of long-term recommendations in the areas of workplace culture and employee development, family support, work practice arrangements, benefits, wellness, leaves, and how to institutionalize the Work-Life effort.

"President Todd is dedicated to making Work-Life work," Nash said. "Our efforts are targeted at every employee at UK."

For more information, visit www.uky.edu/Worklife or call 323-4871. The next open forum is noon to 1 p.m. Wednesday at the Center Theatre in the Student Center.

Ice cream companies say smaller packages are better

ASSOCIATED PRESS

EGG HARBOR TOWN-SHIP, N.J. — The half-gallon ice cream container — the sweet standard of grocery store freezers for decades — is starting to shrink.

While manufacturers over the years reduced the package size of everything from candy bars to dish detergent, the traditional ice cream "brick" remained what it was — the half gallon.

Now, pinched by rising ingredient costs and afraid to raise prices already above \$5, at least two ice cream makers have started phasing out the half gallon with a 1.75-quart carton, a half-pint smaller.

Dreyer's, which is based in Oakland, Calif., and sells the Dreyer's and Edy's brands, began introducing the smaller package in March. The new and old cartons can be found side-by-side during the transition, identical in shape and design — and price. But one has two quarts, the other 1.75 quarts.

"We have over 100 flavors

and many of them — because people are preferring indulgent, chunky flavors — cost more to produce than regular flavors like vanilla," said Dreyer's spokeswoman Dori Bailey. "We'd like to keep the cost at a price that's more affordable for folks."

Good Humor-Breyer's and Turkey Hill are sticking with the half gallon for now.

Some customers don't appreciate the change.

"Everybody's doing it," complained Dorothy McGrath, 73, as she shopped the ice cream aisle at a supermarket in Egg Harbor. "They're cheating the public, because they don't advertise it."

Manufacturers have heard complaints, but sales haven't been significantly affected, they say.

"We've had a few people say, 'Wait a minute, there's less ice cream in this package,'" said John Nabholz, a Schwan's spokesman. "But our research shows there's effectively the same yield."

UNIVERSITY OF KENTUCKY CRIMEREPORT

Selected reports from the UK police from Nov. 11, 2002 to Nov. 17, 2002

Nov. 11: Suspicious persons seen in East Lot reported at 1:04 a.m., four males with eggs.

Nov. 11: Harassing communications from 330 Hilltop Ave. reported at 4:37 p.m., prank phone calls.

Nov. 11: Suspicious circumstances at Kirwan I reported at 4:51 p.m., subjects catching squirrels and taking off with them.

Nov. 12: Money stolen from a red 1997 Toyota Camry from College View Lot reported at 12:59 p.m.

Nov. 13: Suspicious persons at 300 Alumni Drive Apartments 164-178 reported at 1:00 a.m., large man beating on door.

Nov. 13: Disorder at 300 Alumni Drive Apartments 133-147 reported at 2:48 a.m., three females trying to get in apartment and trying to pick a fight.

Nov. 13: Theft from 1401 Sports Center Drive reported at 9:41 a.m., golf cart stolen.

Nov. 13: Theft from Morgan Biological Sciences Building reported at 10:29 a.m., coin tower broken into and money taken.

Nov. 13: Criminal mischief at 1540 University Drive reported at 11:00 a.m., car keyed at stadium.

Nov. 13: Criminal mischief at Cooperstown Apartments reported at 11:28 a.m., tires slashed on car.

Nov. 13: Theft of auto on Euclid Avenue reported at 11:33 a.m., car was parked on Euclid on street by Holmes Hall and was last seen around 9 a.m.

Nov. 13: Subject shooting others in courtyard with BB gun, 330 Hilltop Ave. reported at 10:38 p.m.

Nov. 14: Domestic violence at 300 Alumni Drive reported at 12:39 a.m., domestic violence involving two sisters and no weapons.

Nov. 14: Assault at 330 Hilltop Ave. reported at 1:17 a.m., person assaulted by residents after subject had shot others in courtyard with a BB gun earlier.

Nov. 14: Attempt to locate stolen golf cart reported at 6:12 p.m., golf cart sitting in field at Transcript and Elizabeth streets.

Nov. 14: Golf cart recovered at 305 Euclid Ave., reported at 11:33 p.m.

Nov. 15: Suspicious circumstances at 447 Penn St. reported at 10:14 a.m., someone entered building and cut fire security lines.

Nov. 16: Trespassing at 405 Rose St. reported at 5:26 p.m., middle-aged, grizzly transient in mezzanine area wearing a navy blue cap.

Nov. 16: Drug/marijuana use at 330 Hilltop Ave. reported at 10:03 p.m., resident possibly smoking pot.

Nov. 17: Drug/marijuana use at 330 Hilltop Ave. reported at 2:46 a.m., smell of marijuana.

Nov. 17: Attempt to locate stolen golf cart in Complex Area reported at 2:47 a.m., green golf cart stolen by two males.

Nov. 17: Drug/marijuana use at 754 Woodland Ave. reported at 4:04 p.m., possible marijuana use.

Source: UK Police Log at www.uky.edu/Police and police reports.

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THE "AWESOME SHOCK" OF 9/11



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she said.

Armed with his camera and intuition, Meyerowitz said he made it his goal to record historical photo impressions of what remained of the World Trade Center.

"My goal was to describe everything that was around me. I wanted to make something that people could look at and make their own conclusions on what happened," Meyerowitz said.

Getting permission to enter the area of Ground Zero was difficult, but with a letter to the Museum of New York, the help of a friend in the New York City Parks Department and his own aggressiveness, he got authorization.

Meyerowitz became a part of the workers' wreckage and spirit involved in the rescue efforts of the Sept. 11 attacks, and many of his memories are still with him today.

"I found myself deeply moved and wept with some-

body every day, even if I didn't know them. I didn't sleep well for eight months after I took the photographs, and the visual aspects still give me nightmares," he said.

After decades of capturing life with photography, Meyerowitz said he still wasn't fully prepared for an event of this magnitude. "I learned through this experience how one grows, how you can apply yourself in any situation and make the best of what you have," Meyerowitz said.

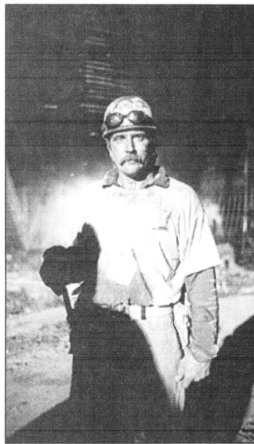
"All my years as a photographer unknowingly prepared me for this, and I have to say, my life experience helped me."

Check it out

Joel Meyerowitz will speak at 7 p.m. tonight in the Grand Ballroom of the Student Center. The event is free.

History

Joel Meyerowitz, who took the photographs on this page, was granted permission to take photographs after the World Trade Center attacks. His photos will be shown in the Museum of New York. He'll show a slideshow of his photographs and speak at UK tonight.



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Week of November 18-24

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Tues 19

MEETINGS
*Aisles, 7:00pm, Student Center, Rm. 119
*Alpha Phi Omega Pledge Meeting, 7:00pm, Student Center, Rm. 209
*TNT Worship Service, 7:30pm, 429 Columbia Ave
*Lavender Society Meeting, 6:00pm, Student Center, Rm. 106
*Conversational English Class, 5:30pm, Baptist Student Union
*Green Thumb Environmental Club Meeting, 7:00pm, Student Center, Rm. 106
*Leftist Student Union Meeting, 8:00pm, Student Center, Rm. 228
*Pai Chi Meeting, 5:00pm, Classroom Building, Rm. 102

ACADEMIC
*L.E.A.P., 10:00-10:50am, Frazee Hall
*Chemistry Tutoring 109/107, 8:00-9:00pm, Holmes Hall Lobby
*Biology All 100-level Tutoring, 8:00-10:00pm, Holmes Hall Lobby
*Math Tutoring, 6:00-10:00pm, Commons Rm. 307
*Math Tutoring, 8:00-10:00pm, Holmes Hall Lobby
*Physics Tutoring 211/213, 7:00-9:00pm, Commons Rm. 307

LECTURES
*Professional Entrepreneur Speaker, 7:30pm, B&E, Rm. 148, Open to All!
*UK Shaolin Do Karate Club, 5-6:30pm, Alumni Gym Loft
*Tea Kevon Do practice, 6:30-8:00pm, Alumni Gym Loft

SPECIAL EVENTS
*Alpha Kappa Psi, 11:00am-12:00pm, Hope Center

Wed 20

MEETINGS
*Encounter, 7:00pm, Student Center, Rm. 230
*Institute of Religion/Doctrine & Covenants Study, Noon, Student Center, Rm. 119
*Table Francaise, French conversation group, 3:00-4:30pm, Blank Hall, Private Dining room, FREE!
*Dressage Team, 5:00pm, Garages, 2nd floor conference room

ACADEMIC
*Chemistry Tutoring 109/107, 6:00-8:00pm, Commons Rm. 307
*Advanced Japanese Tutoring, 6:00-9:00pm, Young Library, check the circulation desk for the room
*Math Tutoring, 1:00-5:00pm, Math Resource Center 063 Classroom Building
*Math Tutoring, 8:00-10:00pm, Holmes Hall Lobby
*Physics Tutoring 211/213, 7:00-9:00pm, Holmes Hall Lobby
*French Tutoring, 7:00-9:00pm, Kesseland Hall Lobby

SPORTS
*Women's Rugby Practice, 4:45-7:00pm, Rugby Pitch
*Equestrian Team, 6:00pm, Ag. North Building

SPECIAL EVENTS
*Alpha Kappa Psi, 11:00am-12:00pm, Hope Center

ARTS/MOVIES
*UK Sax Ensembles Concert, 7:30pm, Singlary Center
*French Film Series, 7:00pm, Young Library Auditorium, Free!

INTRAMURALS/RECREATION
*College Recreation Night, 8:00-10:00pm, Calvary Baptist Church's Recreation and Outreach Center, Free!
*Aikido Classes, 6:30-8:30pm, Alumni Gym Loft, Rm. 107

Thu 21

MEETINGS
*Institute of Religion: History of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, 12:00-12:50pm, UK Medical Building 2nd Floor
*Devoctions & Lunch, 12:00pm, 429 Columbia Ave, \$1.00
*Freshman Focus, 11:00am, Baptist Student Union
*Conversational English Class, 7:30pm, Baptist Student Union
*Synergy, 8:00pm, CSJ Building
*Amnesty International Meeting, 7:00pm, Student Center, Rm. 228
*UK Lambda Meeting, 7:30pm, Student Center, Rm. 211
*Habitat for Humanity, 4:45pm, Student Center, Rm. 211
*Pre-Physician Assistant Student Association, 5:00pm, HSLC, Rm. 501B
*Karl Marx for The Commonwealth, 6:00pm, Young Library, New Birth Church of Christ

ACADEMIC
*Job Search Strategies, 3:30-4:30pm, Career Center
*Beginning and Intermediate Japanese Tutoring, 8:00-9:00pm, Young Library, check the circulation desk for the room
*French Tutoring, 3:00-4:00pm, Kesseland Hall Lobby
*Math Tutoring, 12:00-5:00pm, Math Resource Center 063 Classroom Building

SPORTS
*UK Shaolin Do Karate Club, 5-6:30pm, Alumni Gym Loft
*Women's Rugby Practice, 4:45-7:00pm, Rugby Pitch

SPECIAL EVENTS
*Broken Word Poetry Slam, 7:00pm, Student Center, Rm. Grand Ballroom
*Alpha Kappa Psi Bowling, 7:00pm, Southland Bowling

ARTS/MOVIES
*Punk Rock Concert, 7:00pm-11:00pm, Arts Place (Downtown on Mill Street), \$5.00 at the door

Fri 22

MEETINGS
*Revival Bible Study, 7:00pm, Student Center, Rm. 245
*FREE!

ACADEMIC
*Math Tutoring, 1:00-5:00pm, Math Resource Center 063 Classroom Building

SPECIAL EVENTS
*Piano Recital, Miami Hayashida, 12:00 Noon, John Jacob Niles Gallery Series, Rm. Lucille Casdell Little Fine Arts Library
*Alpha Kappa Psi, 11:00am-12:00pm, Hope Center
*Humpty Vision, 9:00pm-1:00am, Hyatt Loading Dock, Call 257-8867 for more information on this event
*La Residence francaise, 5-6pm, Kesseland Hall

SPORTS
*UK Cool Cats Hockey Game vs. North Carolina State, 12am (Midnight), Lexington Ice Center, \$5.00 at the door
*Tea Kevon Do practice, 6:30-7:00pm, Alumni Gym Loft

Sat 23

SPORTS
*UK Cool Cats Hockey Game vs. North Carolina State, 12am (Midnight), Lexington Ice Center, \$5.00 at the door

ARTS/MOVIES
*University of Kentucky Dance Ensemble Fall Concert, 8:00pm, Singlary Center for the Arts, Rm. Recital Hall, \$12.00 General, \$10.00 Students/Seniors, \$2.00 Students under-12

MEETINGS
*International Student Bible Study, 6:30pm, Baptist Student Union
*Alpha Kappa Psi Executive Board Meeting, 7:00pm, Student Center, Rm. 203

ACADEMIC
*Math Tutoring, 6:00-10:00pm, Commons Rm. 307
*Physics Tutoring 211/213, 7:00-9:00pm, Commons 307
*Chemistry Tutoring 109/107, 7:00-9:00pm, Holmes Hall Lobby
*Biology All 100-level, 7:00-9:00pm, Holmes Hall Lobby

INTRAMURALS/RECREATION
*Aikido Classes, 7:00-8:00pm, Alumni Gym Loft, Rm. 107

Sun 24

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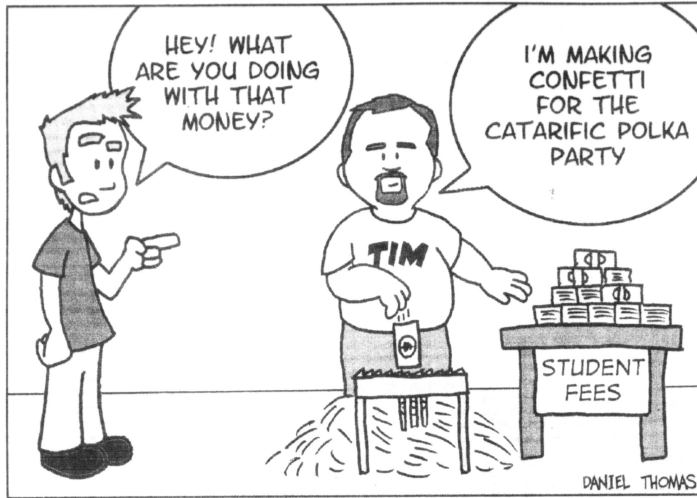
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Gore's plan deserves a closer look

When former Vice President Al Gore sat down with Barbara Walters last week and argued for universal, single-payer health care, it was hardly surprising the political community dismissed the remarks as unworkable.

Perhaps this is because Gore, with nothing to lose but a future presidential primary, was exposing a lie that damns many Americans to inadequate health care, a lie perpetuated by insurance companies and hospitals alike.

If Gore's new tactic succeeds, he may be the first to reveal a truth that could have far-reaching implications for the health care industry. Medical treatment is not as expensive as the price tags say it is. Yes, you did read that last sentence correctly.

The reason the cost of health care seems so high is that hospitals charge more, much more in fact, than they ever expect to collect. This is because the listed price is paid by only one group, the uninsured.

When an insurance company signs a contract with a hospital, it agrees to pay a percentage of the total cost of treatment. For example, when my doctor ordered a few routine tests for my last visit, Anthem insurance settled the \$85 bill for just under \$12.

These discounts are not limited to private insurance companies; in fact, government assistance programs are the worst offenders. Medicaid pays a percentage often less than 20 percent of the bill, and when the money from this program runs out for the year, it stops paying at all.

The result is that hospitals collect a small percentage of what they charge, and they respond by raising the prices. This has little impact on insurance providers, who pay a tiny fraction of the increased cost. But it has had implications for the uninsured.

Contrary to popular belief, the uninsured are not always lower class. In a state that considers mild obesity a debilitating condition, much of the needy population is on Medicaid. The uninsured are often students who seldom get sick, young couples just out of school and workers who changed jobs and never bothered to sign up for a new health insurance plan.

While Blue Cross Blue Shield may settle a hospital visit for less than \$50, these uninsured patients are often stuck with hundreds of dollars in medical bills.

The costs have risen so far that the hospital is often unable to collect anything from uninsured patients. Consequently, they must keep raising the prices on those who can pay.

If Gore's plan were to be taken seriously, it would force hospitals to charge a consistent amount for the treatment received. These exclusive deals, used for years to punish those without insurance, would and should be made illegal.

This would force hospitals to lower their prices, since no insurance company would even consider paying what the uninsured pay for treatment. Perhaps I'm old-fashioned, but if milk costs two bucks, I don't think Cigna should be able to get it for a dime.

It's been 10 years since Hillary Clinton's doomed national health care initiative, and it seems the worst fears of its supporters have come true. More Americans than ever are uninsured, and they are burdened by the free-loading of America's most powerful health insurance companies.

Since President Bush took office, our national health plan has been "don't get sick." Unfortunately, at some point we all find ourselves in need of treatment, be it a routine exam or a broken leg. Rather than scoffing, it would behoove Democrats to listen to Gore and make health care an issue next election.

The costs of health care already seem prohibitively high, and until major reform is undertaken, the costs will not be getting any better.

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ROTC deserving of SafeCats contract

After a year of neglect, SafeCats has returned to its rightful management, UK ROTC. UK students again have a late-night escort service to rely on.

ROTC ran SafeCats for 10 years until Student Government awarded the escort service to Farmhouse Fraternity's identical \$10,000 bid last year. Farmhouse did little to enhance or improve the service as it had promised and this September chose not to renew its bid for the service.

That's not to say Farmhouse did a bad job, but the group had other social and community service commitments that stretched its resources.

ROTC chose not to bid on the service in September, either. Maybe because it was still fuming at SG for handing SafeCats (which Farmhouse dubbed CatWalk) over to Farmhouse. Or, maybe it didn't have any holdovers familiar with the service as First Lt. Ben Burdette told the Kernel.

Either way, the service is in safe hands again. ROTC changed its tune last month and is once again sponsoring SafeCats. Steven Whit-

son, the wing commander cadet colonel of Air Force ROTC, said ROTC makes more money doing security for UK, but ROTC believes SafeCats is an important project.

ROTC should work to improve the service by extending its hours and possibly providing it on weekends.

Justin Rasner, the SG chief of staff who oversaw the panel that chose ROTC, said, "There are multiple factors involved in the decision-making process, but we have seen ROTC run the program successfully before, and we hope they can do it again."

So, why was SafeCats ever taken from ROTC to begin with? The bids were the same, and ROTC had proven itself capable of managing the project. There were never major complaints with the way ROTC ran the service.

The Farmhouse experiment didn't work, but at least a responsible group who takes the job seriously is managing one of UK's most important student services.

The question is: Why was it ever not doing so?

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Key issues remain after disappointing election

I am sure those of you who have read this column regularly can imagine my disappointment following the mayoral election two weeks ago, but I doubt many of you share it. My friends and I worked hard to elect the best candidate that we knew, but apparently this town wasn't ready for him.



Ben Ditty
 KERNEL COLUMNIST

People ask me if I am embarrassed I touted Scott Crosbie as the best candidate to be mayor of this city and as the sure fire winner of this election. Absolutely not. I could not have had a better experience working on this campaign. I enjoyed the opportunity to work with hundreds of people, staff and volunteers, who share a common ideology that while present, is camouflaged on our campus.

When I started working with Crosbie for Mayor, I did not know anything about campaigns. What I

know now is that Crosbie's campaign staff was qualified and sizeable enough to run a Congressional campaign, and that I have not met a finer group of people. Every member of the staff could have made more money working fewer hours at a host of other occupations, but they sacrificed two years of their lives for an opportunity to make our lives better.

But now the election is over, and we will move on and continue working for change to make this city better. In the meantime there are issues that have to be dealt with, and the members of this community — including students at UK — must attempt to work with the incoming mayor and Lexington-Fayette Urban County Council members is the sale of Kentucky-American Water Company to RWE, a European utility company. The majority of Lexington's citizens, especially those in our age group, oppose the efforts of the council to interfere

with the transaction and attempt a forced government takeover. The takeover would cost the city and Kentucky-American millions in legal fees and the legal battle would drag on for years.

Another issue, one that particularly affects college students, is the proposed smoking ban. Some members of our community have expressed interest in outlawing smoking in bars and restaurants. To me, as a nonsmoker, this is an issue of principle. The government has no need to interfere with private businesses on this issue, considering when governments have passed such ordinances in other cities, restaurants and bars have gone out of business at unprecedented rates.

I know a lot of college students smoke, and a lot of college smokers do so at restaurants and bars. I'm sure you do not want to have it dictated to you when and where you can smoke.

For those of us that plan on living and raising a family in Lexington, public safety is a top priority. Recently, the police department in Louisville extended an offer

to officers from other cities and towns, to keep their rank and time accrued toward retirement and receive a raise for moving to Louisville and joining the city's police force.

Lexington's police are paid less than officers from surrounding counties, and the Fraternal Order of Police has been pushing for pay raises for public safety officers. The offer made by Louisville jeopardizes our ability to maintain the experienced police force that we have paid to train.

Finally, some of Lexington's wealthier citizens, those that live on horse farms on the edges of the city, have lobbied for a program called Purchase of Development Rights. The PDR program pays farm owners to forfeit the right to develop their property so that growth will not continue on the borders of Lexington.

Our tax dollars are being used to pay wealthy horse farm owners to not develop land they had no intention to develop in the first place. Supposedly PDR will protect horse farms, but in practice it restricts the

amount of land available to developers to build housing in our growing city and drives up housing costs to ensure that lower and middle income families will never be able to own homes.

The money that the Lexington-Fayette Urban County Government allocates to pay wealthy horse farm owners could much more readily benefit the entire community by providing pay raises for our public safety officials.

These issues facing Lexington must be dealt with regardless of who takes the oath of office as mayor and as councilmen in January. The outcome of the election on Nov. 5 doesn't push these issues aside, it just changes how they will be managed.

It is our responsibility, as members of this University within this community, to remain involved and to ensure that these issues are dealt with in a manner that will benefit everybody.

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Cats exhibit faults in preseason loss

Disappointed: UK coach not happy with poor defense, inability to correct mistakes from first exhibition

By Alex Williams
STAFF WRITER

The UK men's basketball team lost its first exhibition game in nine years last night, falling to Team Nike 84-75.

The last time UK lost an exhibition game was in 1993 when it lost to the Australian National team. Last night, poor shooting continued to plague the Cats. UK shot only 36 percent from the field and failed to get into a smooth rhythm.

Coach Tubby Smith said the team is learning the ins-and-outs of the newly installed motion offense and the team will improve with time.

"Guys were taking shots when they should have passed, and passed when they should have shot," Smith said. "Our guys were hesitant, but will get better with practice."

Keith Bogans was one of four Cats to score in double figures, but his shooting struggles continued. He finished with 15 points on only four of 12 shooting. Eleven of his 15 points came in the first half.

Marquis Estill, Antwain Barbour and Gerald Fitch were the other double-figure scorers.

A team made up of former Division-I players, Team Nike used its quickness to routinely break the UK press. Former Marquette star Cordell Henry led all scorers with 20 points on three of four 3-point shooting.

Defending the 3-point shot was a major weakness for the Cats last season and last night was no different. Team Nike shot 55 percent from behind the arc on six of 11 shooting.

"At times we don't play as hard as we should," said Brandon Stockton, a freshman guard. "It's a matter, right now, of not being tired mentally and physically. We are all going to have to get down and play harder."

Smith expressed his disappointment in the team's defensive effort.

"We wanted to improve in a lot of areas, especially defensively, and we didn't do that. That was disappointing."

UK came out with a better effort in the second half after trailing 41-36 at halftime.

A minute into the second half, guard Gerald Fitch took a charge setting up a driving layup by Barbour. The Cats went up 47-45 on a 9-2 UK run that gave UK its first lead since an 11-9 advantage with 16:29 left in the first half.

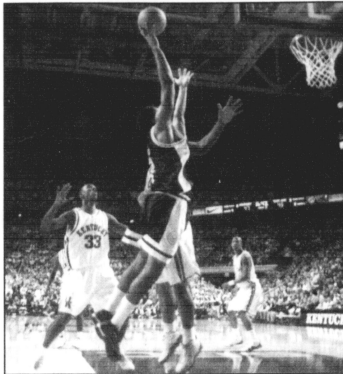
Team Nike used its quickness to push the ball up the floor, and the Cats could not adjust. Jamaal Davis nailed a 3-pointer with 16:10 left to put Team Nike up 48-47.

Despite several lead changes, Team Nike would not let up.

Many players expressed the lack of hard work as a key cog in the loss. Chuck Hayes took the loss hard and said the team should not have lost.

"You don't lose exhibition games," Hayes said. These games you've got to win and see what you need to do before the season. Thankfully, this loss does not count on our record."

The Cats have a week to prepare for their first regular season game against Arizona State at the Maui Invitational in Hawaii.



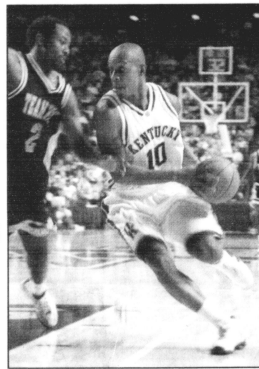
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Hook

Forward Jamaal Davis shoots over UK defender Chuck Hayes in the second half of UK's 84-75 loss.

UK senior Keith Bogans drives against Darren Kelly of Team Nike.

Bogans finished with 15 points on four of 12 shooting. He made three of five 3-point attempts, but UK only shot 36 percent from the field.



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