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## Police program connects officers and students

By Dariush Shafa  
THE KENTUCKY KERNEL

There's more to a UK police officer than just a uniform, said UK's assistant police chief.

UK's Adopt-A-COPP (Campus Oriented Police Program) program set out to build a bond between officers and the community they protect.

"Most of the time when (a student) comes into contact with a law enforcement officer, it is the first time and it is usually a negative experience," said assistant chief Stephanie Bastin. "We, the officers, want the students to know that there is an individual inside that uniform."

Bastin's crusade to improve the relationship between officers and the community started with an idea that was used at Florida

State University. The idea then took off at UK 15 years ago in the fall semester of 1990 with a pilot program called Adopt-A-COPP, which made a UK police officer a member of a residence hall's staff.

In 1990, the experiment started with two residence halls, one male hall and one female hall.

"When I suggested this program, people laughed at it and scoffed at it," Bastin said. "They said it would never work."

Fifteen years later, nobody is laughing. In cooperation with Residence Life, each of UK's 19 residence halls has its own officer participating in the program and on average, Bastin said, anywhere from 12 to 20 UK police officers volunteer for the program.

"This is not the kind of program that you can mandate participation in," Bastin said.

"The officers have to want to participate."

And there is no shortage of participating officers, Bastin said. Many officers take a personal interest in students, including Bastin herself.

"I have a son who is a student here, and I have two daughters who will be attending here. That puts me very close to the student population," Bastin said. "Several of our officers are students here and some have sons and daughters attending."

"We care very much," Bastin said. "I can say without a doubt that every officer we have here is a caring officer. They care about students."

Josh Mainord, a communications sophomore in Haggin Hall, said his experience with the program has been a pleasant one and he feels very comfortable with the offi-

cer, David Alessi.

"He's just someone there to let us know he can be there for us," Mainord said. "I just realized what a nice guy he is, very sincere, very helpful to deal with."

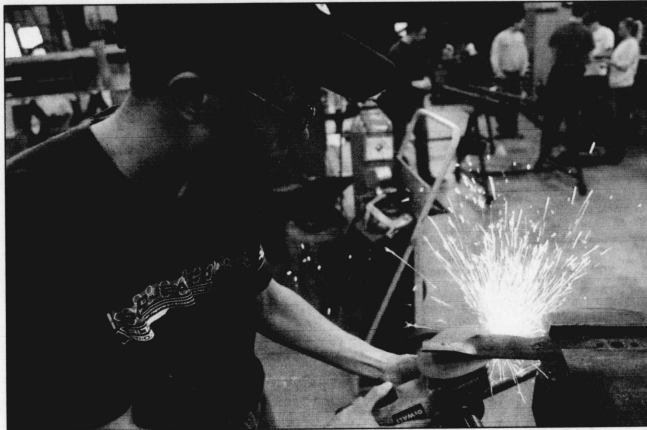
Anthony Ralph, associate director of Residence Life, said officers gain a very deep relationship with the students they get to know.

"A police officer gets to know a particular community very closely and actually becomes a part of the community in many respects," Ralph said.

"This allows him or her to know the people in the community much better and be seen as a friend and resource as much as an authority figure."

Officer Douglas Boortz, an officer for sev-

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Justin Jackson, an agricultural engineering sophomore, sharpens a blade from a mower in the Machine Shop yesterday.

JONATHAN PALMER | STAFF

## Spring into Work

The UK biosystems and agricultural engineering pre-professionals will work today and tomorrow servicing old lawn mowers. For \$25, the group will change the oil, clean spark plugs, sharpen blades and clean the lawn mowers, including air filters. An additional \$25 fee applies for service and delivery. The group will work at its shop on Stadium View Drive adjacent to the K-Lot from 4:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.



Brian Luck, an agricultural engineering senior, changes a spark plug on a lawn mower yesterday. The school's pre-professional group will continue to work through tomorrow.

JONATHAN PALMER | STAFF

## Man sues city after scalping arrests at Rupp

By Dariush Shafa  
THE KENTUCKY KERNEL

Lawyers representing a Paris, Ky., man have filed an injunction asking to stop Lexington from enforcing the ordinance that prohibits all ticket sales without a license around Rupp Arena.

The injunction is part of a lawsuit filed by Craig A. Wilson, who was arrested Jan. 4 for selling spare tickets within the restricted area two blocks around Rupp Arena and the Lexington Civic Center.

He was arrested with two tickets and \$40 in cash. He pleaded guilty Jan. 6 under a plea agreement in exchange for the items seized during his arrest.

Thomas Cecil, an attorney from Mason, Mich., is pursuing a similar case against the city of Detroit and is working with Lexington attorney John Helmut to represent Wilson.

"He (Wilson) wants to clear his name, and he wants to change the (city's) policy," Cecil said. "I want to help him do that."

Cecil and Helmut are seeking to have the case certified as a class-action suit against the city.

For the case to be certified, Cecil said multiple plaintiffs with similar circumstances and sufficient legal representation must join the case.

As of yesterday, no one else had contacted Helmut or Cecil about joining in the case.

Cecil and Helmut said the city is misapplying an ordinance prohibiting all sales within two blocks of Rupp Arena without a license and is meant to regulate peddling and stop scalping.

"Peddling as an occupation implies you're in it for profit," Cecil said.

Wilson was arrested for trying to sell two spare tickets, valued at \$22 each, for a total of \$30.

"The primary issue down there, I think, is whether the law is being misinterpreted," Cecil said.

Bruce Edwards, press secretary for Mayor Teresa Isaac, said a city council committee has been formed to meet with the department of public safety to consider the matter, but no meeting date has been set.

"I don't know what effect it'll have, but I'm sure it'll have some," Edwards said.

Helmut and Cecil graduated from the University of Louisville, and when Helmut agreed to represent Wilson, he contacted Cecil because of Cecil's similar case against Detroit.

Both Michigan and Detroit have laws against scalping, and a city ordinance in Detroit prohibits selling tickets to any entertainment event within one city block of the venue.

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## Analysts: Schiavo ruling unlikely to favor parents

By Dana Milbank  
THE WASHINGTON POST

WASHINGTON — Even with the intervention of Congress and President Bush, Terri Schiavo's parents have only a slim chance of convincing federal courts that their daughter should be kept alive indefinitely, constitutional lawyers said Monday.

Sunday's unusual action by Congress gave the parents of Schiavo the right to sue in federal court over the withdrawal of life support from their severely brain-damaged daughter—trumping the judgments of Florida courts and the wishes of Schiavo's husband-guardian. Although the move raises a wide range of complex constitutional questions, and could ultimately require the Supreme Court's involvement, Schiavo's parents face a daunting array of legal obstacles in convincing federal courts to involve themselves in an area of state authority.

"There are so many substantial hurdles that the case has to get over that it's hard for them not to trip on one," said Michael Dorf, a constitutional law professor at Columbia University. Alan Meisel, who directs the University of Pittsburgh's Center for Bioethics and Health Law, called it "very, very unlikely" that Schiavo's parents will prevail.

The difficulty showed itself immediately Monday when

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## Adopt

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en years at Florida State University and an Adopt-A-COPP participant at that university said the experience is a positive one for all involved, especially for officers.

"I've always seemed to get very good responses not only from students but from parents also. It kind of helps

with morale some," Boertz said. "Those officers (in the program) mostly stay within their residence halls, so that's telling me good things."

Boertz also said he's glad the program helps students see him as more than just a badge and a gun.

"What officers never want is the reputation factor," he said. "(It lets) them get to know you as a person."

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## Suit

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The only exceptions to this ordinance are events that take place at Joe Louis Arena, but Cecil said Detroit police mistakenly enforce the ordinance there as well.

"They aggressively enforce it up here," Cecil said. He said more than 1,000 people have been

ticketed or arrested under the ordinance in the past three years.

However, in Detroit, violating the ordinance is a misdemeanor, and police usually only ticket violators, Cecil said. In Lexington on the day Wilson was arrested, 19 others were arrested and taken to the Lexington-Fayette County Detention Center.

"They don't do it like the city of Lexington where they put you in the paddy wagon and run you

downtown," he said.

Helmuth said he believes the law is missing its target and is victimizing "otherwise law-abiding citizens."

"What was the public service of arresting people like Craig Wilson?" Helmuth said.

"How are we protecting the public by arresting otherwise law-abiding citizens? We don't believe they should have been held criminally liable."

Helmuth said they are

seeking a court date from a judge, but it could take some time and it isn't likely the injunction will be considered for at least another three to four weeks.

Despite the difficulties, Cecil said they're confident in their case.

"I wouldn't bring the lawsuit unless I thought it was right," Helmuth said. "I'm an eternal optimist."

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## Schiavo

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lawyers for Schiavo's parents, Robert and Mary Schindler, filed their request for an injunction in U.S. district court. They argued that the federal court should rule that the Florida judge's order to remove Schiavo's feeding tube "violates and continues to violate" her constitutional rights of religion and due process. But that request is at odds with the law signed early Monday by Bush directing the federal courts to consider the case de novo—without taking into account the state court's findings.

The judge assigned to the case, James Whittemore, expressed skepticism about the Schindler's lawsuit. "I think you'd be hard-pressed to convince me that you have a substantial likelihood" of success, he said, declining to give an immediate order to restore

the feeding tube.

The lawyers for the Schindlers need to weave their way around some difficult Supreme Court precedents. The 1990 Cruzan case made clear that a person in a persistent vegetative state had a constitutional right to be removed from a feeding tube. In a 1997 ruling, Chief Justice William Rehnquist affirmed that the Cruzan case assumed that "the due process clause protects the traditional right to refuse unwanted lifesaving medical treatment." And in the 1995 Plaut ruling written by Justice Antonin Scalia, the court struck down an effort by Congress to direct courts to reopen final judicial judgments.

Thus, even if the case goes to the Supreme Court, some of the conservative justices who might have the most sympathy for the Schindlers' claim have in the past sided with the states on similar cases. "I don't think the chance is much above zero" that this will change now, said Bruce Fein, a constitutional lawyer and columnist for the Washington Times.

Article Three of the Constitution gives

Congress the authority to send a case to federal courts particularly if a person's constitutional rights have been violated. But it is not clear that Congress can dictate guardianship rules to states. "I don't think any power Congress has under the Commerce clause or other powers gives them the authority to make federal guardianship laws," said Mary Cheh, a law professor at George Washington University.

As to the substance of the Schindlers' case, their lawyers cited Terri Schiavo's rights under the first and 14th amendments and under the Religious Land Use and Institutionalized Persons Act of 1983. They said the state trial judge denied her a fair trial and did not make "reasonable accommodations to Terri's sincerely-held religious beliefs."

Columbia's Dorf said these claims are weak. He said due-process claims against a judge are "very hard to win." The claim that the judge violated her free exercise of religion, he said, is equally difficult to establish. "You have to show that the government targeted you because of your religion and did

not apply a general law or principle to you," he said. A better argument, Dorf said, would be to assert that Schiavo's husband was wrong to claim she is in a vegetative state and that removing her feeding tube violates her right to life. Even then, he said, "it's very implausible that they would win."

The Schindler's success may hinge on their ability to disqualify the judgment of Schiavo's husband, Michael. Their complaint Monday made some effort to do that, noting that he "abandoned his marriage to Terri in 1996 by cohabiting with and having two children by a woman other than his wife."

But to convince the courts that Michael Schiavo is acting in bad faith as her guardian would require a federal court to reach a finding on the medical evidence that is different from the state court's.

"If the Florida courts are doing their jobs, it's inconceivable the district court would find anything different," Meisel said. "If there had been a problem, somebody would have caught it." The case has been in Florida courts for 12 years.

“There are so many substantial hurdles that the case has to get over that it's hard for them not to trip on one.”

— Michael Dorf, a constitutional law professor at Columbia University on the chances of the court re-instating Terri Schiavo's feeding tube

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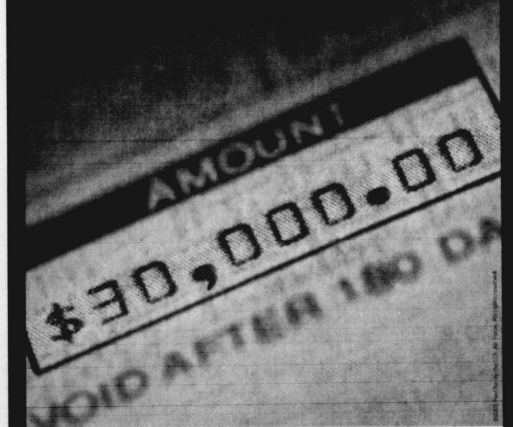
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## TECHCHECK | not just for geeks Hacktivism: nicer than it sounds

The Internet is a great, open frontier of ideas and knowledge that can be instantly shared for the benefit of all.

At least, that's how it is supposed to work.

In some countries, however, governments use the Internet to establish their own state agenda and restrict what Web sites the public can view.

Traditional activist tools such as public protests, alternative newsletters and writing your senator really don't work to persuade a totalitarian government to let you see Web sites that present information contrary to the state agenda.

This leads one to think of fighting fire with fire. I've often found this idea to be ironic and a bit barbaric, fighting information technology with information technology, on the other hand, is a pretty handy notion, at least to a terrible dork like me.

And that's exactly what "hacktivists" have been doing for years. Hacktivism, a term coined by the Cult of the Dead Cow hacking collective, consists of organizations such as Peekabooty, Hacktivism and Freenet that seek to use information technology as a weapon for freedom and change.

Peekabooty circumvents

government-imposed firewalls, thus allowing access to otherwise restricted sites. These government firewalls are a bit different than the one protecting your networked PC, but the general idea is the same.

Think of a nationwide filter that cross-references any Web site you request to view with a list of banned sites. If the Web site you want isn't on the list, your request to view the site is received and the information is sent back to your computer for your viewing pleasure. However, if your desired site is banned, you'll get an error message and possibly a state-issued warning.

These filters can also be configured to "watch" what you're doing by analyzing the types of data you're receiving and how much. It sounds old-hat, but the Orwellian idea of Big Brother is very real, especially in China and Vietnam.

Hacktivism, as described on their Web site, "is an international group of hackers, human rights workers, lawyers and artists" that believes privacy and access to information are basic human rights. They've even drafted an incredibly articulate manifesto on the issue.

Hacktivism based their manifesto on the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights as well as the Universal Declaration of Human Rights. It shows that an organization of people with silly nicknames on the Internet can be very, very serious.

The self-stated mission of Hacktivism is "to conduct

and publish scientific research in the areas of information technology, communications and electronic media; and, to assist (where possible) non-governmental organizations, social justice groups and human rights entities in the use of advanced information technologies for the furtherance of their works."

In short, they want to change the world with information technology and have unabashed fun doing it. But this fun isn't limited to uber-elitist computer hackers.

The Freenet project seeks to maintain freedom of speech on the Internet in its purest form: complete anonymity for both the producers and consumers of information. Using a decentralized network, Freenet works a lot like peer-to-peer programs you've probably used, such as Kazaa and Napster.

However, Freenet uses a portion of your hard drive and doesn't allow you to determine what's kept there, or even to know what it is. Rather, content is kept or deleted depending on its popularity.

It also takes the idea of a peer-to-peer network a step further and, as noted on their Web site, works as "an Internet within the Internet." Users can publish Web sites (called freenets), use message boards and distribute content all on the user-created, decentralized network.

But what's all this hubbub about a decentralized network, you ask? It just means that there's no central

point of data storage or responsibility, so the entire network is invulnerable to manipulation or systemic shutdown.

Unfortunately, there are some pitfalls to this. While important and otherwise unavailable political treatises and philosophical writings exist on the network, they share it with such evils as child pornography and carbomb designs.

Freenet's FAQ answers this: "While most people wish that child pornography and terrorism did not exist, humanity should not be deprived of their freedom to obtain information just because of how a very small number of people might misuse that freedom."

I tend to agree with that sentiment. With the recent talk of "dangerous blogs" and "terrorist Web sites," we may very well be on our way to a national firewall designed to protect us from dangerous, destabilizing ideas.

People are often voluntarily blinded in the interest of security and safety, but how can freedom thrive when dialogue breaks down and leaves only a simultaneous and cacophonous monologue? It can't. Thank God for geeks.

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Ian Conley  
TECH COLUMNIST

conveys the public can view.

## Can you still call it a film if it's digital?

By William Weir  
THE HARTFORD COURANT

For Arnold Gorlick, there's something special about the ritual of loading film into a projector and showing it for audiences at the movie theater he owns in Madison, Conn. "There's something about the lore of having rolls of film spin the canisters and sprockets and emulsion," he said as patrons left a recent showing of *Hotel Rwanda*. "There's a psychological comfort to it. But not to the people born into the new technology."

For about 100 years, we've been watching movies pretty much the same way — celluloid film projected onto the big screen. But most of whether they like it or not, that digital technology will change that.

Instead of handling, splicing, reeling and unreeing rolls of 35mm film in large canisters, theater workers would prepare the evening's screenings with a few keystrokes on a computer. The movies would be compressed into computer files and would either be sent to theaters on encoded DVDs or beamed from a computer via satellite or fiber-optic cables.

The timing of this breakthrough is not a question of capability — the technology is already there. The holdup is a matter of who's going to

pay for it. To convert a theater to show digital movies would cost from \$85,000 to \$150,000 per screen.

Studios say theaters will benefit from the conversion because they'll be able to give customers a better moviegoing experience. While traditional film degrades each time it's viewed, digital movies retain their quality for infinite showings.

Theater owners concede that not having to worry about film deterioration is a nice feature. But the quality of digital movies isn't so spectacular they say that it would justify the costs of the new equipment.

"When I first saw a digital movie, I expected it to look better than film," Gorlick said. "It doesn't."

A traditional film projector costs about \$85,000 and can last from 35 to 50 years with proper care. How long digital projectors will last might depend on the time it takes for new technology to make it obsolete. And in a time when "state of the art" changes quickly, theater owners say that may not be more

than a few years.

Studios, on the other hand, stand to save hundreds of dollars by not having to pay the costs of making hundreds or thousands of prints and shipping them to individual theaters.

Digital movies have improved significantly in just the past few years.

George Lucas, digital's most vocal champion, has shot the last two episodes of the *Star Wars* series in digital and is using the industry to catch up with him. But there are holdouts, including Steven Spielberg, who says film has a certain quality that digital can't match.

"There are some traditionalists," Fithian said. "Roger Ebert thinks there's a grain and texture to film that you wouldn't have with digital technology. But let's face it, our biggest patron base is teenagers, and teenagers know digital and love digital technology. It's definitely coming, and it will happen."

And digital technology promises much more than just visual clarity, said Bud Mayo, CEO of Access Integrated Technologies Inc., a Morristown, N.J., company that makes equipment and

software for the delivery and storage of digital movies. Mayo said movies could open on one night all over the world, reducing the market for bootleg films. Several versions of the same movie could be available to theater owners. A theater could show a movie one day and the same one with an alternate ending the next day.

Officials at Microspace Communications Corp. in Raleigh, N.C., hope it happens sooner than later. The company specializes in distributing digital films but so far has had limited opportunities to do so.

Sara Matheny, the company's communications manager of digital cinema development, said it's only natural that the industry is taking its time converting to digital. The current system has been in place for almost a century.

"There certainly is an artistic measure in having an original film print," he said. "But what people are finding out is that digital can accomplish all that film does and more."

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### Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup>

- Baptist Student Union's English Conversation Class, 6:00 PM, 429 Columbia Ave
- UK Berean Bible Study, 8:00 PM, Student Center, Room 113
- Baptist Student Unions presents "TNT", 7:30 PM, 429 Columbia Ave
- Reformed University Fellowship (RUF), 7:30 PM, Student Center Room 357
- UK Horticulture Club meeting, 5:00 PM, Ag. North greenhouse classroom
- French Film Series, 7:00 PM, WT Young Library Auditorium
- UK Anime Club Meeting, 6:00 PM, Center Theater, Student Center
- UK Green Thumb Meeting, 7:00 PM, Student Center, Room 106
- Leftist Student Union Meeting, 8:00 PM, Student Center 228
- UK Fencing Club Meeting, 8:00 PM, Buell Armory/Barker Hall

### Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup>

- Cat's for Christ Meeting, 7:00 PM, Student Center, Room 230
- UK Judo Club practice, 5:00 PM, Alumni Gym Loft
- Table Francise, French conversation group, 3:00 PM, Student Center, Room 231
- Lutheran-Episcopal Campus Ministry Worship Service, 5:05 PM
- WildWaterCats Whitewater Club Meeting, 8:00 PM, Johnson Center Lobby
- "The Rock", 9:00 PM, Baptist Student Center on Columbia Ave.
- Central KY FCA Meeting, 8:00 PM, Upstairs in the Commons Market
- UK Softball vs. Marshall (DH), 3:00 PM, UK Softball and Soccer Complex
- Lavender Society Meeting, 7:30 PM, Student Center, Room 228
- Arts & Sciences Distinguished Professor Lecture, 7:00 PM, Recital Hall, Singletary Center
- UK Water Ski Club, 9:00 PM, Commons Room 306A

### Thursday 24<sup>th</sup>

- UK Lambda, 7:30 PM, Room 231, Student Center
- CSF Presents "Synergy," 8:00 PM, CSF Building, corner of Woodland and Columbia
- UK Climbing Club, 7:00 PM, Johnson Center Climbing Wall
- Baptist Student Union's Freshman Focus Group Meeting, 7:30 PM, 429 Columbia Ave
- Non-Traditional Student Organization (NTSO), 7:30 PM, Pazzos
- The Well, 7:00 PM, Student Center, Room 211
- Alpha Kappa Psi Bowling Night, 9:00 PM, Southland Bowling Lanes
- CRU, 7:30 PM, Worsham Theater/Student Center
- UK Phi Alpha Delta Pre-Law Meeting, 5:00 PM, Student Center, Room 205
- Wesley Foundation's Focus Worship Meeting, 7:30 PM, Student Center, Center Theater
- UK Fencing Club Meeting, 8:00 PM, Buell Armory/Barker Hall

### Friday 25<sup>th</sup>

- ICF Dinner and Fellowship, 7:00 PM, St. Augustine Chapel, Rose St.
- Salsa Class, 3:00 PM, Martin Luther King Jr. Cultural Center, 124 Student Center
- Peace and Justice Coalition Meeting, 2:00 PM, LCC MB 209A

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IN OUR OPINION

## Scalper mounting wrong legal response

A Paris, Ky., man is suing the city of Lexington, following his January arrest for scalping basketball tickets outside Rupp Arena.

The man, Craig A. Wilson, is citing infringement of his First Amendment right to free speech and unlawful search and seizure by Lexington police.

Even though the law is minor, Wilson did break it, and the police were correct in holding him and the other 19 people arrested for scalping that same day accountable. Though we would much rather side with the citizen than with government and police — especially when the First Amendment is concerned — this Editorial Board finds no reason why the arrests should be contested.

The police did not go out of bounds with the arrest; they did not physically harm Wilson. They caught Wilson and the other

scalpers in the act. Wilson even pleaded guilty to the act.

Scalping does not go against anyone's freedom of speech. The police were not telling Wilson what he could or could not say — they were citing him for an illegal business transaction.

As for Wilson's comment in yesterday's *Kernel* that he wasn't aware of the law, the law is broadcasted over the loudspeakers at Rupp Arena on repeat prior to each game. The law also scrolls across the marquis outside Rupp Arena. Rupp Arena does an admirable job of spreading the word about scalping's illegality.

This board does contend that the energy expended on this scalping "sting" by the police could have been better used, but that does not change the fact that scalping is illegal. Professional scalpers, in particular, gouge prices to sometimes hundreds of dollars over the ticketed value and exploit fan affection for the team.

We understand arresting someone — without warning — who isn't a professional scalper goes a bit overboard, but you can't sue the police for showing a lack of generosity and compassion. This is like suing the police for not giving a motorist a

warning for the first time they speed, or for issuing a ticket for going seven miles over the speed limit — while mental, these actions are still illegal.

Wilson's lawsuit is an attempt to rework the scalping law — a law this board also finds to have faults. (The fact that it's illegal to sell items below their ticket value, which is what Wilson did, is ridiculous.) And we applaud Wilson for questioning a law, but suing the city isn't the correct avenue to take. Talk to urban county council members and local legislators. Bring the issue up in an urban county council meeting. Send letters to the editors of local newspapers. Start an issue group. This avenue only wastes time and money.

Wilson said his lawyers felt this issue would be resolved quickly. We hope the lawyer is right. Though the scalping sting misused resources, so does this lawsuit.

**Scalping laws may be less than optimal, but that does not allow police to ignore their duty to uphold the law.**



MATT CAREY, THE KENTUCKY KERNEL

### LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

#### Column about ills of pornography makes fallacious assertions

Courtney Carr's March 11 column was simply one too many about the "dangers of porn" for me. Carr makes the assertion that "porn is horribly degrading to women" and attempts to justify this statement by telling the story of her porn-addicted boyfriend.

She says that it hurt her that her boyfriend's love for her could not overcome his addiction. I may have been able to give her the benefit of the doubt had she not prefaced the story with the line "When I was 16."

It is ludicrous to think that anyone 16 years old has a good grasp on love, most men 16 years of age simply do not value love. I simply do not believe her argument for why porn is degrading to women.

If porn is degrading to women, how is it not then degrading to men? I do not need to go into the reasons why watching porn makes some men feel inadequate. Despite this, I have never heard a man complain about how porn is degrading.

And the statement about men not being able to differentiate between porn models and regular women is an insult to the IQ of every man, and I for one do not appreciate it.

I think her reference to second-hand smoke is the most accurate thing she said; all recent research shows that the effects of second-hand smoke have been blown out of proportion, and in reality it has little to no effect on nonsmokers. That is what effect porn has on "third-party victims" — little to none. Please spare me the bit-ter, bleeding-heart routine next time.

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#### LexTran editorial perpetuated stereotypes about mass transit

While I appreciate your article in support of LexTran, I was appalled by your assertion that it is a service for the "poverty-ridden." While it may be true that many who ride the bus do so because they cannot afford a personal vehicle, that is not always the case. LexTran should be a system for all citizens — the young, the elderly, and those at any socio-economic level who choose to use it.

For a city the size of Lexington, it is actually quite unfortunate that they do not have a more comprehensive and respected transit system. Perhaps that is due, in part, to the stigma (which you are perpetuating) that riding the bus is something only done by the poor.

There are many reasons someone might not own a vehicle or choose to ride the bus. Perhaps students on campus didn't bring a car with them. Perhaps someone has a

physical impairment that prevents him or her from driving. Perhaps the car is in the shop. Or perhaps, someone would simply rather let another driver deal with the hassles of rush-hour traffic.

I currently live in a city that is only half the size of Lexington but maintains a much more efficient and impressive system of public transportation. If Lexington wishes to prove itself as a thriving city and attract more professionals to the downtown area and beyond, it should make a safe and reliable transportation service a priority. It shouldn't simply be done as a service to the "poor."

It's time to start thinking beyond the realm of preconceived notions and personal experiences. You are getting a college education, right?

MARIANNE LORENSEN  
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#### Kernel review failed to check facts about Internet2 consortium

The Jan. 25 article "Check out new file share connection" inaccurately portrayed the I2Hub service. I2Hub has absolutely no affiliation with Internet2. Internet2 is a consortium of over 300 U.S. universities, corporations and government agencies working together to develop and deploy advanced network applications and technologies for research and higher education.

Internet2 networks today enable students and faculty of Internet2 members such as UK to use next-generation Internet services that are not yet available via the commercial Internet. Internet2's primary purpose is to provide scholars, researchers and scientists access to cutting-edge networking facilities to advance research, facilitate teaching and enhance clinical practices.

It has been widely reported that I2Hub is used mainly for the illegal sharing of copyrighted information, and Wayne Chang, the creator of I2Hub, admits to this in the article.

Internet2 members who connect to the nationwide Internet2 network are bound by an acceptable-use policy, similar to those implemented by many Internet2 members like UK, which prohibits any illegal activity on the network. Not only do individuals that engage in illegal use of the network risk the termination of their own network connection, but an entire member university's connection to the Internet2 network is also subject to termination if found to be in violation of this acceptable use policy.

It is extremely disappointing that The Kentucky *Kernel* news staff failed to contact Internet2 or the University of Kentucky's Office of Information Technology to fully understand the broader issues at stake before writing about services like I2Hub.

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## The Right's 'culture of life' disregards Schiavo's dignity

Many religious conservatives claim to promote a "culture of life" in their supposedly moral crusades against such practices as abortion and euthanasia. The phrase has come up much in the recent controversy over the removal of a feeding tube from Terri Schiavo, a Florida woman who has been in what doctors call a "persistent vegetative state" for 15 years.

But "defending the culture of life" is a misnomer for the conservative agenda.

"Stripping away human dignity" would be more appropriate.

Lawmakers have gone to great ends to make sure Schiavo has no right to die with dignity. Congress rushed to hand federal courts jurisdiction over the case, and President Bush cut short a trip to his ranch in Crawford, Texas, in order to fly back to Washington to sign the bill.

But Schiavo has been essentially unconscious for a decade and a half. According to the National Institute of Neurological Disorders and Stroke, people in a persistent vegetative state "have lost their thinking abilities and awareness of their surroundings," they may respond to external stimuli, but they are not conscious of either the stimuli or their own response.

It is immensely sad — but true — that Schiavo no longer has the potential to experience the richness and fullness of conscious life.

So why have state and federal legislatures prevented her from dying a painless, natural death and handsomely intervened in a private family matter? Legislators either perversely delight in prolonging Schiavo's suffering, or — more likely — they're exploiting the issue, which has become important for religious conservatives for political gain.

If the lawmakers involved respected the dignity of human life, they would not force the prolongation of Schiavo's life simply to postpone her death — as if there were a significant difference between her dying of natural causes in 2005, and her dying of natural causes after 30 more years of unconsciousness.

According to The New York Times, the White House said Bush rushed to Washington to sign the bill in the interest of "defending life," even though the trip was not necessary to prevent Schiavo from dying.

Bush's hypocrisy is sickening.

He couldn't care less about the 152 prisoners executed in Texas while he was that state's governor.

Nor about the six-month-old boy who died last week in a Texas hospital, against his mother's wishes, because of the Texas Futile Care Law, which Bush signed as governor.

Nor about the more than 1,500 U.S. soldiers killed in the war he started against Iraq.

Nor about the at least 17,000 civilians that have been killed in Iraq, according to [www.iraqbodycount.org](http://www.iraqbodycount.org).

Nor about the 108 prisoners who have died in U.S. custody during the wars in Afghanistan and Iraq.

In fact, it seems that to Bush, the only lives worth preserving are those of fetuses and of people in persistent vegetative states. Conscious human beings, on the other hand, he finds acceptable to use as cannon fodder or strap to an electric chair.

And Bush has also approved sending detainees to countries where torture of prisoners is common, a practice known as "extraordinary rendition." So it's unacceptable for Schiavo's husband to ask that her feeding tube be removed so she can die a painless death, but it's fine for interrogators to attach electrodes to the testicles of detainees.

Bush and the Christian Right can smugly pat themselves on the back for stretching the law to prolong the unconscious existence of Terri Schiavo. Meanwhile, their record on torture, war and execution shows the perversity of their definition of "defending life."

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## No complaints with Cats' March

What's not to like about UK women's basketball? The Cats took their 16-15 record into the second round of the Women's National Invitational Tournament on Sunday and blew out Chattanooga (25-5) 91-54.



**Derek Poore**  
KERNEL COLUMNIST

And this was a team that also had a blemish-free 19-0 record in the Southern Conference before losing in the second round of its league tournament, missing out on a bid to the NAAs.

What's not to like about Sara Potts? In one of the more brilliant stretches of offensive basketball in the DeMoss era, the senior forward scored 13 straight points and drained five threes in a four-minute period during the second half. Potts finished with a career-high 32 points, tying a UK record with seven three-pointers in one game.

What's not to smile about? After a steal less than five minutes into the second half, Potts started grinning well before she made it to the basket for an easy layup. Players were laughing and dishing assists from almost all over the floor.

Chants of "Stumbo! Stumbo!" led by former Wildcat Shambria Jones — were quelled when junior forward and former walk-on Stephanie Stumbo checked

in at the scorer's table late in the second half.

"This is way too much fun. They were just like, 'Shoot it!' Potts said, referring to her 3-point leaper from the top of the key as the shot clock expired. "I couldn't believe it went in."

She was shooting 'em like layups," freshman guard Chante Bowman said.

DeMoss was on cloud three — No. 3 that is.

"She gets in a rhythm. In our SEC play people just had her so bottled up," DeMoss said of Potts. "I think just having that little extra second today to get that shot off was like heaven to her."

What's next?

The Cats had two weeks of game-free practice time to relax after a tough Southeastern Conference slate. "Ya'll looked like you were really having fun," head coach Mickie DeMoss said to her players after the game. "Let's remember that — let's finish out this tournament like that."

With two tournament wins, UK — relaxed and confident — looks ahead to just having a good time. Thirty-six-point blow-outs and pressure-free practices will do that, do a team looking to rebound after a season of nicks, bruises and losing streaks.

With UK in the WNIT's final eight, Chattanooga head coach Wes Moore saw the Cats as a threat. Moore said teams that haven't tasted postseason in a while are hungry.

"These teams are younger and more excited to play in the postseason," Moore said.



**DAVID ROBERTSON | STAFF**  
UK senior forward Sara Potts shoots a 3-pointer against Chattanooga Sunday. Potts hit a school record seven 3-pointers and scored a career-high 32 points in the Cats' 91-54 win.

Leaving the media room following the game, Moore wished members of the press well, after alluding to DeMoss' recruiting talents and overall impressions of her second Wildcat squad.

"Enjoy these next few years," Moore said with a smirk.

Having this much fun.

UK looks like a team that could be laughing all the way to the WNIT championship.

And for a team with one postseason appearance in five years and two since 1981 — that's no joke.

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## SPORTS BRIEFS

### Women's hoops will face Xavier in WNIT

Xavier defeated Indiana St. 79-70 last night in the second round of the Women's National Invitational Tournament.

The UK women's basketball team (17-15) will host Xavier (22-9) at 7 p.m., Thursday in the quarterfinals.

UK is 0-4 against Xavier all time, including a 75-67 loss in Cincinnati Dec. 28, 2004. In that game, the Musketeers nailed a school-record 13 3-pointers to turn back the Cats. UK won the battle of the boards and outscored the Musketeers but shot just five-for-16 from 3-point range. Senior forward Sara Potts led UK with 21 points.

UK advanced to the quarterfinals with wins over Eastern Michigan and Chattanooga. This is UK's first postseason appearance under head coach Mickie DeMoss and the school's first since 1999.

Student tickets are \$4; all others are \$7.

### Time for UK-Utah game set

UK will play Utah at 9:40 p.m. Friday in Austin, Texas. After the regional semifinals, the NCAA has announced. The No. 2-seeded Cats (27-5) face the No. 6-seeded Utes (29-5) at the Frank Erwin Center, in what will be the sixth meeting between the schools in the NCAA Tournament.

No. 1-seeded Duke will play No. 5-seeded Michigan State at 7:10 p.m. in Friday's first game in Austin.

### Kalsariva earns SEC honors

UK senior All-American Athika Kalsariva has been selected as the Southeastern Conference Women's Tennis Player of the Week.

Kalsariva, a native of Bishkek, Kyrgyzstan, remained perfect in SEC play over the weekend, picking up four wins in No. 1 singles and doubles.

Her come-from-behind victory in No. 1 singles over South Carolina's Danielle Wiggins clinched UK's 4-3 win over the Gamecocks in Columbia, S.C., after the Cats

trailed by a 3-1 margin.

Against Florida on Sunday, Kalsariva defeated 10th-ranked Jennifer Magley in straight sets in No. 1 singles and the 10th-ranked tandem of Magley and Zerene Reyes at No. 1 doubles. UK claimed its first-ever win over the No. 2 Gators. She is unbeaten in her last 11 singles matches — all in No. 1 singles with nine wins over ranked opponents — and has won seven consecutive doubles matches, four over ranked opponents, with sophomore partner Sarah Foster.

Kalsariva has a 12-2 record in No. 1 singles with her only losses coming to top-five opponents Julie Coin of Clemson and Andra Cohen of Northwestern. She also holds a 12-2 record in No. 1 doubles with Foster.

Kalsariva, a transfer from Lewis Clark State of the NAIA, became the first Cat to advance to the quarterfinals of the NCAA Singles Championships in 2004. She is ranked No. 8 nationally in singles and No. 6 in doubles rankings.

### Rifle takes sixth at NCAA Championships

COLORADO SPRINGS, Colo. — The UK rifle team earned a sixth-place finish over the weekend in the NCAA Championships at the Olympic Training Center.

Freshman Ray Geyer led the way for UK with a career-high 590 air rifle score while shooting a 585 on the small-bore course. Competing as an individual, freshman Chris Boggs placed 12th in the country in smallbore. UK finished in ninth place last season, and the team will return all but one shooter to next year's team.

### Heimann earns All-American honors at NCAA Indoors

FAYETTEVILLE, Ark. — Senior Beth Heimann earned her fourth All-American honor in the women's 800-meter run Friday at the NCAA Indoor Championships. Heimann competed in the final race of her collegiate career, finishing 14th overall.

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