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## Brown tosses hat in ring for March SG presidential race



Political science senior Jonah Brown announces his candidacy for Student Government president last night in the Student Center's Small Ballroom.

### Pledges focus on safety, student resource center

By Sean Rose  
THE KENTUCKY KERNEL

Music echoed in the nearby stairwell and the crowd of about 150 people spilled outside the Student Center's Small Ballroom last night, talking and laughing.

The supporters were eagerly waiting for political science senior Jonah Brown to announce his candidacy for Student Government president.

Along with his running mate, communications and integrated strategic communication junior Mallory Jenkins, the pair became the second ticket to declare their candidacy for SG president in the upcoming late-March election.

Jenkins, an SG senator, said in her speech that in her time at UK, the school "had become more

than just a part of my life — it's become part of who I am." She said she was looking for a way to give back to UK when Brown asked her to be his running mate.

"This is my chance to give back to the students and the university," Jenkins said, "and I couldn't pick a better person to do it with."

After the applause died down and a spectator stopped waving a hand-made sign, Brown criticized past SG administrations for lack of action and pledged to bring students together on issues despite individual differences.

"We were consumed by our differences," Brown said about the student body. "There is still more that unites us than divides us."

"We have the ability to work toward positive change."

Brown, a former SG senator and Resident Student Association president, called for improve-

ment in women's safety on campus, advocating more lighting, more emergency call boxes and giving out Mace keychains to students.

Brown, who is a current UK ambassador, said he would use his relationship with Dining Services Director Jeff DeMoss to find a meal plan students are happy with and expand the Plus Account to more off-campus locations.

Brown also said he and Jenkins want to create a non-resident resource center for out-of-state students that would help with the move to a new city as well as helping them find jobs around their region after they graduate.

He also advocated improving the relationship between UK students and the Lexington police department, as well as other Lexington institutions.

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## Faux charity dupes UK's Greek system

Organizations discovered fraud in time to stop payment on checks

By Megan Boehnke  
THE KENTUCKY KERNEL

A man recently tricked two UK fraternities and four UK sororities into signing more than \$1,500 in checks to a charity that doesn't exist.

The man went around to the Greek houses on campus on Jan. 31, soliciting money for a step program that he said he was putting on in Memphis. He told several of the organizations that they had donated in the past and he asked for the treasurers and presidents by name.

"I have no doubt he's done this around on other campuses. He'd done his research," said UK interim police chief Kevin Franklin. "I can't prove it, but that's my gut feeling. He'd done his research and he knew the inner workings of the fraternities."

Franklin said one woman in one UK sorority asked one of her sorority sisters — whom the man had referenced in his solicitation — if in fact she'd spoken with him before.

"I have no doubt he's done this around on other campuses. He'd done his research and he knew the inner workings of the fraternities."

When she said she hadn't promised the man money for his organization, she became suspicious and tried to look up the charity the man referenced. After finding out it didn't exist, she called other sororities before calling UK police.

The fraternities and sororities cancelled the checks they had written before they were cashed.

"He came by and asked to speak with Adam [Johnson, education junior], the treasurer, and said we had given money in the past," said Lee Johnson, president of the Farmhouse Fraternity.

The man had come by with a flyer about a month before returning to collect the money a little over two weeks ago, Johnson said. The campus police came by later that evening asking about the man and informed the fraternity that they had reason to believe that the charity was a scam.

"He came by the house and I talked to him for a while. He asked for \$250 for a step thing," said Sarah Burns, president of Delta Delta Delta sorority, who said she was suspicious from the beginning. In part because he had an envelope with checks from other fraternities and sororities, she decided to write him a check, but continued to look into it after he left.

"We were going through old files and couldn't find anything we wrote for more than \$200," she said. "I got weirded out and called a couple other presidents from other sororities."

Since the man told her that he worked with Alpha Phi Alpha, who sponsors a step show on campus every year, she called the vice president of UK's chapter. When he said that they didn't know the man, she called the police.

"I've never heard of this happening before," Franklin said.

Officers spoke with every fraternity and sorority about the man as well as contacting other schools including Eastern Kentucky University and Transylvania University, neither of which had any encounters with him.

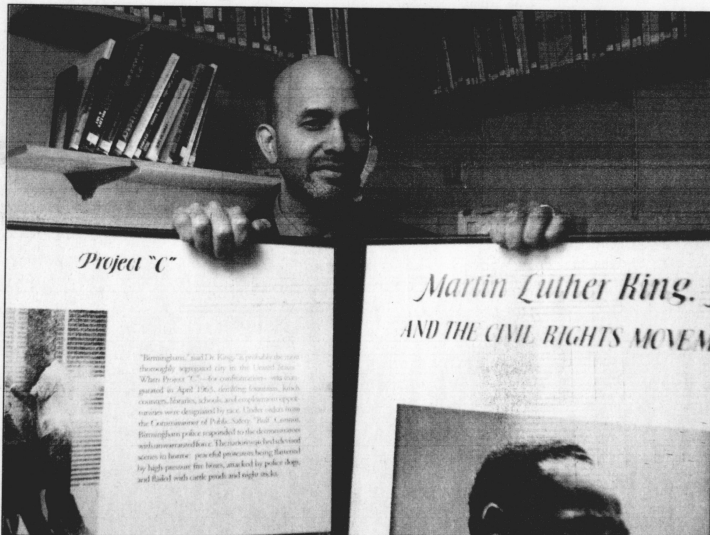
The police have descriptions of the man and a cell phone number that the man had given to the organizations, Franklin said.

"We've not had much luck so far," Franklin said about tracking the cell phone number. "You can buy those things in the grocery store now with 90 minutes on it."

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## BLACK HISTORY MONTH

### Driving a cultural dream



Ricardo Nazario-Colon poses with two displays about the Civil Rights Movement. As director of UK's Martin Luther King Jr. Cultural Center, Nazario-Colon has overseen its move to a new location in the Student Center and wants to continue to expand its mission to serve all students.

### Ricardo Nazario-Colon pushes UK's cultural center to live up to its namesake's 'ideal' standards

By Adam Sichko  
THE KENTUCKY KERNEL

*Editor's note: This is the first article in a five-part series highlighting several key people and institutions in UK's black community — and showing how their pasts will impact UK's future.*

Several times since he's taken the reins at UK's Martin Luther King Jr. Cultural Center, Ricardo Nazario-Colon

has been caught off-guard by the same question. Even today, it still puzzles him.

"I've had individuals come here and ask, 'Can I come in here and sit down?'" Nazario-Colon said. "Never crossed my mind in a university, when I was a student, that I couldn't go inside of a place and have a seat."

"Often, we look at things and we say, 'Well, that's for African-Americans' or 'That's for white students' or 'That's for Latino students,' and we don't under-

stand that everything is for students," he said. "It's a perspective thing."

That includes the cultural center, established in 1987 to positively affect recruitment and retention of black students, according to its Web site. One year after that, Nazario-Colon enrolled at UK.

Now, as its director, Nazario-Colon believes the center is more important than ever before in changing the mindsets and cultural landscape at UK — just as he believes now, more than ever, black history should be honored.

#### 'Poverty knows no race'

A young Nazario-Colon was riding

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## Virginia Senate backs smoking ban for restaurants

By Rosalind S. Helderman  
THE WASHINGTON POST

RICHMOND, Va. — The Virginia Senate voted yesterday to ban smoking in restaurants and virtually all other public places, an extraordinary sign of cultural change in a state that is home to the worldwide headquarters of Philip Morris and whose agricultural economy has been rooted in tobacco farming for almost 400 years.

The bill is unlikely to survive review in the House of Delegates. Yet its passage on the floor of the Senate — where smok-

ing has never been formally banned and lawmakers lit up openly even until the late 1990s — signaled mounting popular support for smoking restrictions.

The chamber narrowly approved the measure after a short but intense debate.

Senate Bill 648, sponsored by a Republican from Roanoke, would make smoking illegal in all public workplaces with the exception of certain tobacco stores and offices. The prohibition would extend to bars, restaurants and bowling alleys.

"This is not about whether I prefer or do not prefer the smell of smoke," said

Sen. J. Brandon Bell II, the sponsor. "This is about public health." The research has come forward over the years, and it's shown us that secondhand cigarette smoke is a very insidious health problem."

The American Cancer Society said the Senate vote is a dramatic victory in efforts to educate the public about the dangers of secondhand smoke.

"This shows that Virginia is ready to move its way to where the mainstream is on health issues," said Keenan Caldwell, director of government relations for the group's regional office.

# Dream

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blind. He had boarded a Greyhound bus in New York City. The year: 1968. Destination: Lexington, Ky. Nazario-Colon was going to UK — to a college he'd never even seen before.

He had been "watching a Saturday basketball game, thinking about where I could go to college," he said, when he noticed that UK basketball star Ed Davender was from Brooklyn, N.Y. Nazario-Colon is a Bronx native.

"I can go down there, if he went down there," Nazario-Colon remembered thinking. "I got on the Greyhound and headed to Kentucky, no idea what it was like. No campus visit — couldn't afford to come for a campus visit."

In New York City, Nazario-Colon's family — descendants from former African slaves on the island of Puerto Rico — was "needy," as he described it, but then again, so was everyone in his neighborhood.

"It was natural to try to help out at least the people that you lived with," Nazario-Colon said, noting that late-1970s New York City "didn't lend itself to community."

"If you had a piece of bread, you gave half (away)," he said. "For me, at that time, race was not a big issue. We were all in the same boat. There could have been people out there who felt they were superior because of their race, but in reality, they were stuck just like we were."

But years later, there Nazario-Colon was, "stuck" in Lexington all by himself. From that lens, he noticed that very few Latinos and Puerto Ricans were visible on campus.

Then he gravitated toward the cultural center. "When I found the cultural center, it was like, 'Hey, I'm familiar with African-American culture,'" Nazario-Colon said. "We share the same interests, and this was a natural fit for me."

At the center, Nazario-Colon found a support network that helped him become the only one of five children to graduate from college.

"College was difficult for me, being the only one who stuck it out in my family," he said. "That (educational success) had a lot to do with the cultural center."

## Two decades, 200 extra square feet — and a bright future

Since he left his New York City banking career in 2002 to return to UK, Nazario-Colon has had a lot to do with the cultural center — including a move from next to the Cats Den to a larger, window-filled space across from the UK Bookstore.

And as he ponders the future, he can't help but become enamored with that patch of muddled, dead grass between the Student Center, on one end, and Patterson Office Tower and White Hall Classroom Building on the other.

"I would love to have a stand-alone building that connects through the underground tunnel with the Classroom Building and the office tower," Nazario-Colon said. "A large-enough building where you can accommodate

greater amounts of programming, where you can house a department, where you can centralize the services that you offer ... sorta like a humongous house with a big ol' living room."

The center gained its current location after the UK Visitor Center moved to the Main Building in October 2004, but the new territory comes with concerns such as redirecting traffic flow to the cultural center's new home. But the growth is a needed, and definitely positive, change, Nazario-Colon said.

"It took close to 20 years to get an extra 200 square feet," he said. "It shows a commitment from the university to what we're doing here and how we can enhance that."

Returning to the roots of the cultural center's namesake is key to that enhancement, Nazario-Colon said.

"If you go back in history and read about what Dr. Martin Luther King was talking about, those are the most ideal principles that you can find," Nazario-Colon said. "I think that having a place that exemplifies the ideals of diversity, having it named after Martin Luther King, exemplifies not only the ideals of diversity but of humanity."

"It's funny that we're still dealing with that right now, that were still trying to carve a place or find a place for students of color and for all students," he said. "Our mission since day one is to support and create a climate that African-American students can feel com-

fortable in and find a place that will ensure that they stay at the University of Kentucky. In addition to that — and this is important — is that we also have extended over the years, and more so now than ever before, our cultural center and what we do to other groups."

Keeping the long-term vision in mind, Nazario-Colon wants to fortify the cultural center's inter-university relations with UK's colleges in the short-term.

"If we can be an intersecting point for all those groups where we can collaborate in programming and create a natural relationship where when people are doing programs, it's an automatic given that a cultural center and that department are going to be engaged and develop it."

By reaching back to his small-town Puerto Rican roots and mixing in some of King's ideals, Nazario-Colon aims to transform the cultural center into a pivotal UK establishment — and, by doing so, prevent those puzzling questions.

"Even being here, I'm sure there's at least 10,000 people on campus that don't know this place is here, just because of the nature of individuals in general," Nazario-Colon said.

"What's more important is that individuals see the cultural center and its possibilities and utilize it in terms of what we can do," he said. "It's a two-way street."

**"For me, at that time, race was not a big issue. We were all in the same boat."**

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# NEWS BRIEFS

## New UK medical facility gets week-long showcase

UK will show off its new education and research facility to the public from Feb. 14 to 17. The new Center of Minimally Invasive Surgery will have on-hands demonstrations for health professionals and the public through the week. The opportunity will allow the public to see the new education and research facility. The center is located on the first floor of the College of Nursing Building on Rose Street. Registration for the sessions is required.

## Institute of Medicine receives \$214,500 grant

The Kentucky Institute of Medicine received a grant for \$214,500 to help develop a comprehensive report on the status of rural health in Kentucky. The Foundation for a Healthy Kentucky, Inc. gave the grant to the institute to help investigate issues like demographics, prevention and public health, chronic disease, health insurance and economics and social services.

## Art Museum fundraiser set for next week

The UK Art Museum's "Art in Bloom 2006" fundraiser, highlighting about 40 floral designers from the community, is set for its sixth annual showing from Feb. 23 to 26.

# Brown

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"We want Student Government to play an integral role in improving the relationship between students and the city of Lexington," Brown said.

Along with 24 senatorial candidates, Brown and Jenkins encouraged everyone to vote in the upcoming election next month.

Brown ended the rally with an emphasis on the students.

"(The students) deserve to have someone that will fight for them," Brown said.

"Our focus is on the student body, and everything we do needs to be about you," he said.

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**Ricardo Nazario-Colon**, on what Black History Month means to him: "I know there's a need to celebrate things; I just wish that things weren't pegged to a week here, a week there. I wish we could celebrate this year-round. ... I always make a point of letting other Puerto Ricans and Latinos know that African-Americans paved the way for us. They struggled. A lot of the legislations out there are because of the struggles of African-Americans for equality. ... People like to just shy away, but we are all, in a sense, benefiting from the civil rights struggle. And we need to pay homage to that and never, never forget it."

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Four decades after his team won the NCAA championship, Nevil Shed returns to the University of Kentucky to talk about *Glory Road*, playing for Texas Western in 1966 and that, in his experience:

*"Dreams Do Come True"*

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**Music**  
REVIEW

## No more sad, mopey music for B & S

By Nathan Thacher  
KERNEL MUSIC CRITIC

No, this can't be Belle & Sebastian! It's actually... lively! And it doesn't make me feel stupid or mopey! Kudus, lady and gentles!

Since 1996, Belle & Sebastian has been making clever, peaceful, universally enjoyable pop that's quaint as a dollhouse, but the dolls are actually sarcastic college kids hopelessly stuck in the 1960s.

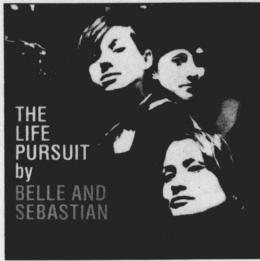
Belle & Sebastian is a septet hailing from Glasgow, Scotland, and together, they make straightforward pop-rock songs that sound too damn innocuous and wholesome to dislike at any point. Their songs are harmonic and clean sounding; each one is a series of well-arranged layers of sound, making them very full and resonant.

"The Life Pursuit" is their latest release, and in parts it smacks of their previous melow releases like "Dear Catastrophe Waitress," though it displays a greater stylistic variety and as fast a pace as we've yet seen in their songs.

The balance between the subdued, folksy songs and the more upbeat, bouncy songs has tipped toward the speedy and cheery for this album. Belle & Sebastian has always sounded fairly mainstream, but this album has them dip-

ping their toes into more streams, covering more ground and tapping out their rhythms a little bit faster.

They have a more inclusive sound that strays away from their classic mold, including some songs that are occasionally funky or soulful.



THE LIFE PURSUIT  
by BELLE AND SEBASTIAN

On "Song for Sunshine" they do their best Stevie Wonder impression, slowing it down a bit and mixing in some angelic vocal harmony in a gorgeous, sugary way.

"We are the Sleepyheads" might be the most quickly paced song they have ever produced, as they throw some rapid-fire drum sections in with some shred-tastic guitar solos (yes, I put "shred" and "guitar" together in a B&S review; I'm shocked, too). Perhaps someone mixed some caffeine in with their daily

regimen of Valium?

There is a lot that sounds new with this album, but at the same time, it's music that's established on sounding very familiar and cozy. Their songs never sound hollow, and if there's a hole in a song, they usually plug it up with some timely piano, horn or clarinet.

"Dress up in You" and "Mornington Crescent" stay true to the mild melancholy and lethargy that they've transmitted so well through the years. Also, the lyrical deftness and poetic intricacy of the band has stayed perfectly intact, particularly in tightly delivered narratives like "White Collar Boy" and "Sukie in the Graveyard." Playful, stylish lines like, "You said 'Baby you're special,' but there's something not quite right/ She's a Venus in flames and you wanna split hairs!" How ribald!

"The Life Pursuit" doesn't have any rough edges, nothing that's not perfectly where it should be. It's always pretty, and usually subtle — perfect music for listening. It's just as inviting and smooth as you'd expect Belle & Sebastian to be; a beautiful album that's easy to love.

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## Giant Panda crafts pure-form rap

By Nathan Thacher  
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What do you call a black guy an Asian guy and a white guy rapping together? Giant Panda! No, I'm serious. It's a real group, I swear!

Maanumental, Chikaramanga and Newman are joined by DJ Superbrush and Sir Kado, and together they produce artful, fun-loving hip-hop that will attract listeners from all different genres. This is an album you'd like to present to someone who's never heard a hip-hop record before and say, "This is what it's supposed to sound like."

It's as if someone put A Tribe Called Quest and Danger Doom into a blender and used the bloody pulp to anoint the heads of these fine young MC's. They channel the sound of a more innocent, thoughtful, low-key breed of rap, the way it sounded before violent crack-heads started hollering about getting shot (cough).

It seems to me that Giant Panda raps about things that you're supposed to rap about: going to parties, clapping one's hands, "getting down," etc. Giant Panda is a group of certified wordsmiths with plenty of old-school credibility, each one confidently poetic and all about having a good time with his music.

At the same time, though, they manage to create very modern-sounding, inventive tracks like "One Time," "Super Fly" and "Always Dope" which have a lot of light, smooth synthetic murmurs worked perfectly behind the synth, their voices are always at the fore, and they should be. These boys are excellent rappers, and they're fun to listen



GIANT PANDA

to. End of discussion.

The songs dabble in all different sorts of sounds and genres; you'll hear Cyprus-esque xylophones worked into trippy tracks like "With It," a country-style guitar getting lightly plucked in "T.K.O." "Classic Rock" is built upon an old-timey jazzy piano, bass and drums combo that would sound like Louis Armstrong without the rapping.

And imagine all of that being played behind inventive, steady beats, ones that

could be reproduced by fellow with drums. There is nothing overwrought or synthetic-sounding about the beats; you can imagine 'uestlove tapping out these awesome beats. There's something reassuring and gratifying about that.

But it's not all fun and games. They deliver a bit of not-so-subtle political commentary on a track called "3rd Party," saying, "If you feel real strong that the right is all wrong, get your hands to clap." They can get pretty acidic with their lyrics, but the tone is perpetually groovy and fun.

They playfully mock plenty of things in with their music, including themselves. In a track called "Racist," each of the three rappers is spoken for in a truly hilarious manner. Chikaramanga had me cracking up with lines like, "People don't know how dope Japan is/It's even fresher than raw fish."

In short, "Fly School Reunion" is the album for the hip-hop connoisseur. It's a return to the strong, soulful base that hip-hop was built upon, and after you hear this album, most contemporary rap will sound rather... dumb by comparison.

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 ~ Joey

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 I love you always.  
 ~ Tommy

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## IN OUR OPINION

### Bring Todd into the search process

After 14 months, two applicant pools and one final news conference, UK's search for a new police chief ended Feb. 2 when President Lee Todd announced the hiring of McDonald Vick.

Having spent 10 years as police chief at North Carolina Central University and 18 more as an officer in Durham, N.C., Vick had the experience and the credentials. UK's patience had paid off.

But then UK had to wait a little longer and almost lost its man — thanks to a flawed search process that kept vital information from Todd and others on the search committee.

Two days after the announcement, The Kernel and other local media reported Vick, 50, was a defendant in a current lawsuit alleging sexual discrimination and illegal wiretapping against a female former police officer in North Carolina. Also, complaints of sexual bias against female officers had been filed against Vick when he was chief in 1998.

Surprisingly, this was news to Todd and the rest of the team that had just hired Vick.

Waters-Oldani, the national firm UK used to advertise the police chief position and help narrow the field of candidates, knew about these incidents, but it recommended the information should not be a factor in the hiring. The firm's executive summary for the search committee included one sentence about the 1998 allegations — of which Vick and the department were cleared of any wrongdoing — but not the current lawsuit.

"It was kind of shocking, actually," said Tony Blanton, UK's associate dean of students and a member of the search committee, about hearing of the suit.

"I can't say whether this would have an effect on the process because we didn't have all the information," he said. "I still don't have all the information. The only thing I have is what (The Kernel) and The Herald-Leader has published in the newspaper."

The publicity about the suit and the past allegations almost sent Vick back to NCCU, which made a counter-offer to him. But Thursday, he decided to accept UK's offer of \$93,000 a year.

It was strange end to a long and flawed process.

But this was not the first time Todd did not have all the information about a candidate's background. After Rich Brooks was hired as football coach in 2003, Brooks' NCAA violations at Oregon in the 1980s came to light. UK Athletic Director Mitch Barnhart apologized for not telling Todd.

And still, this happens again. Todd admitted the search was flawed, and he promised to fix the problem — namely the gap between the search firm and the committee.

"The bottom line is that questions about such behavior with respect to a job candidate, even if untrue, should be fully vetted, evaluated and understood by an interview team or search committee," Todd said of the police chief search. "Parts of our process were wrong. Our choice was not."

Vick insisted the allegations "are nothing," and NCCU's last-ditch effort to retain him suggests the same.

He still seems to be a good fit for UK, and we hope he can go right to work when he takes over in March.

Still, the confusion of the search should never have happened. If anyone needs to have all the facts, it is Todd, and he needs to guarantee he gets them in the future.

### Keep on dancing in the fight against cancer

UK students danced for 24 straight hours over the weekend, to the tune of \$123,223 — a record amount for pediatric cancer.

From 9 p.m. Friday to 9 p.m. Saturday, 190 students participated in the first annual DanceBlue, a 24-hour, no-standing, no-sitting marathon that benefited the Golden Matrix Fund, which supports pediatric cancer research and provides emotional support and financial aid to families who have a child with cancer. DanceBlue was inspired by "The Thon," an annual 48-hour dance marathon at Penn State University, where the trend began. Similar events are held on college campuses across the nation.

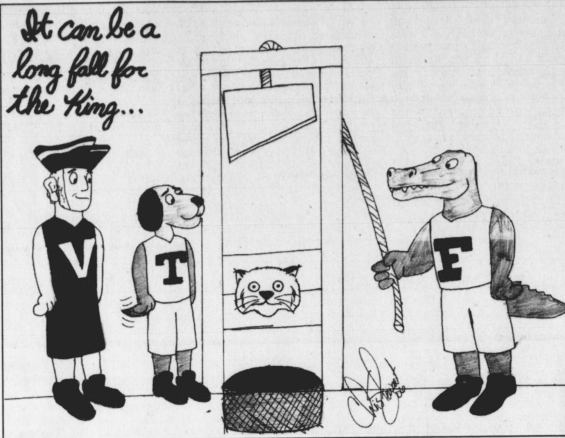
For example, in its first year in 1999, the University of South Carolina raised \$55,000. In 2004, \$72,000 was raised, the Lexington Herald-Leader reported.

UK's first-year tally is a record among college fundraising dance events, and everyone in the university community should be proud of this distinction. UK students have proved their social conscientiousness by helping Kentucky's children battle cancer. The students involved in the marathon aided in raising an average of \$5,138.46 per hour; that alone is worth sore soles and sleep deprivation.

The event exceeded a lot of expectations, even though no fundraising goal was ever set. Emily Pfeifer, a finance senior and DanceBlue chairwoman, told The Kernel after the event.

"I hope it becomes one of the biggest events every year," Pfeifer said.

Let's help Pfeifer's dream become a reality by breaking our own record next year.



CHRIS STEWART, THE KENTUCKY KERNEL

### So much to worry about, so little time

My time management skills are decidedly lacking.

Instead of spending a lazy Sunday contemplating what would appear in this space, I forgot that I should've been doing just that. Hence, I did laundry and watched the second disc of the first season of "Smallville." I have no defense, really — I have an unfortunate TV-on-DVD addiction, and Tom Welling is just my most recent guilty pleasure of the eye-candy variety.

So now, it's nearly 3 a.m. My alarm is set for 4:15 (yes, in the morning, as in a scant hour and 20 minutes), because I'm scheduled for an opening shift at Starbucks. But I suppose I can't complain too much — at least there's espresso there.

But I digress. I woke up 15 minutes ago because I was thirsty and then realized, while standing in front of the fridge in my pink pajamas and realizing with some dismay that my half-empty gallon of milk has spoiled yet again, that it was my Tuesday for a column.

In a word? Ack. I have no plan — just a bunch of randomness bouncing around in my brain. So I'm following in the vein of several (brilliant) columnists before me, and subjecting readers to a bulleted list. But because it's me and not Doug Scott, Andrew Martin or Josh Sullivan,

it's bound to be a bit less inspired and a lot more rambling.

I'm tired of collective apathy. I simply don't understand intellectual lethargy. I don't know how anyone can just kind of float through each day without picking up a newspaper or turning on CNN without becoming outraged at the sad state of current affairs.

I mean, come on. The gap between the rich and the poor has never been so broad. Bird flu has hit Africa, and no one's sure if Nigeria can muster its already inadequate resources to contain the virus. Freedom of the press is under fire — literally — because of a series of Danish political cartoons, and, because we're too PC for our own good here in the States, no major American newspaper but the Philadelphia Inquirer has dared to print them. A blatantly anti-American film, "The Valley of the Wolves: Iraq," has Turkish audiences flooding theaters and, not surprisingly, we're not hearing a thing about it in our blissfully isolated, ethnocentric stars-and-stripes-forever bubble — you can find the story on the BBC News Web site.

The topics go on and on. The AIDS pandemic. Poverty in Appalachia. Gay rights. There's simply too much to be passionate about to risk not caring. Not caring is how more people recognize Paris Hilton than, say, Condoleezza Rice.

Vice President Dick Cheney ridiculed a man with shotgun pellets in south Texas Saturday, apparently mistaking Austin attorney and hunting buddy Harry Whittington for a quail. I know this shouldn't be funny — but it is. Besides, Whittington's got a great story out of the accident. I mean, how many other

people can say they were accidentally shot by the vice president?

I'm worried, on a visceral level, about the future of female role models. In a culture where we laud the likes of Britney Spears and a parade of other vapid, mindless It Girls, we've lost sight of the Susan B. Anthony's, the Betty Friedmans, the Oprahs, the Geraldine Ferraros, the Sarah McLachlans and the Rosa Parks. Instead, we watch "The Fabulous Life of Insect" ridiculously affluent celebrity here) and reward mediocrity in the form of their very own reality TV series, a la "The Simple Life." No wonder this country is hated — our media spoon-fed us soporific, watered-down news and entertainment and we dutifully lap it up. Why? Because we're complacent. Oh, and arrogant.

Speaking of Britney, who takes their child out of a safety seat and drives with said child on their lap to ensure the child's safety?

Google "asshole" and click "I'm Feeling Lucky." It's a simultaneously funny and sad civics lesson that just might lull viewers out of apathetic ambivalence.

"Arrested Development" is officially over. The series finale aired Friday on Fox. Many fans — like, the 47 of us that actually watched the critically acclaimed show — refuse to call it the series finale and use the euphemism "season finale." Meanwhile, I just want to carpet-bomb Rupert Murdoch's house. Taste that happy, mister pompous, heartless mogul.

And, on that note, Happy Valentine's Day. Crystal Little is a journalism senior. E-mail: [little@kykernel.com](mailto:little@kykernel.com).

## What we talk about when we talk about Mohammed

Let's talk about Mohammed. Or, better yet, let's talk about talking about Mohammed, as I'm not entirely sure (as most Americans aren't) about the proper etiquette



Jonathan Meador  
KERNEL COLUMNIST

involved in this "cartoon violence" controversy are mainly extremists. Mainstream Islam not only tolerates but in some cases even favors the beatification of Mohammed. It's not like this will stop the imminent xenophobia of Average Joe and Jane American, who will equate these incidents of violence with the Muslim population en masse, thus contributing to the great disconnect between West and Middle East.

Yes, I would argue that their supposed ill will toward Islam is, essentially, a sentiment which would be better directed at the volatile and oft-insane reactionary nature of religion itself.

The Christian faith is no stranger to controversy, having its fair share of learning experiences

(e.g., the Crusades, "The Last Temptation of Christ," Pat Robertson, the last presidential election, etc.) tucked firmly under its belt. The dark ages were dark for a reason, but for the most part they provided Christians with ample time to work out the craziness.

Granted, there are people who bomb abortion clinics with the same zeal as their Muslim counterparts and many more who still read their Bibles obsessive-compulsively, like stereo instructions, but for the most part Christianity (as well as Judaism) has cultivated a sizeable body of self-criticism and marches forward into the 21st century in stride.

The same cannot be said of Islam. Or at least the parts of Islam the world have trouble with.

For multiple reasons — the effects of globalization and decades of meddling U.S. foreign policy chief among them — the modern age has not been kind to them. For a while there, the Soviet Union was living in their backyard; how happy would you be with a T-81 tank

patrolling your neighborhood? With a sizable portion of the Muslim population feeling so disenfranchised with "progress," it's not hard to imagine that their only real option is to strap dynamite to their chests and head for the nearest restaurant. These are not people who own iPods or shop at the Gap. They do not watch "American Idol."

We cannot understand them, and they cannot understand us. So when a Danish newspaper, under the banner of free speech, attempts a righteous jab at this culture, how can you not expect reactionary violence? Can it be unanticipated that a Muslim extremist got upset over something — and believe me, if they could get upset over "The Satanic Verses," isn't a cartoon more akin to a punch in the face? It's like the ringmaster putting his head in the lion's mouth and being surprised when he gets bitten.

The same could be said of the cartoonist who critically depicts Jesus Christ and receives death

threats from every suburb in America. You'd see it coming from a mile away, wouldn't be shocked, etc., because we are, after all, a predominantly Christian nation.

Again, the common denominator here is religion. It's a screwy, pesky thing, and a dangerous problem when employed in international affairs, as evidenced from our president's claims that God compelled him to attack Iraq right on down to the Sept. 11 attacks themselves. For millennia, religion has divided and killed and enslaved as many people as it has allegedly saved, and as long as cartoons are justification enough to commit acts of violence, we can look forward to many millennia more of the same bad craziness.

But the saddest part in all of this is that, despite all of the bombings and riots and whatnot, beneath the vast differences gulping Washington and Iran, the cartoons themselves weren't even that funny. How's that for comedy?

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### Alter girl: how (and when) to block

By Chris Johnson  
THE KENTUCKY KERNEL

This is the first in a series that will look at different facets of different sports throughout the rest of the semester, and show the proper techniques for their execution, as told by the people who perform them the most.

The blocked shot can change a game. A player driving into the lane and having his or her shot rejected not only

thinks twice before coming down the lane again, but is more tempted to not come into the paint at all. Everyone in the gym knows that a player who got his or her shot blocked was owned, for that brief second, by the defense.

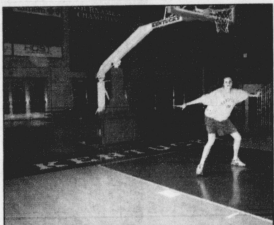
Blocking a lot of shots can cause the entire opposing team to play a little scared; it can result in shots being taken further away, which decreases their likelihood of going into the basket.

Sarah Elliott should know. The sophomore center holds the Kentucky

high school blocked shots record, for boys and girls, with 877 in her five-year career at Jackson County High School.

"I shattered it," she said. "The boys' number was like 500-and-something (actually 541)."

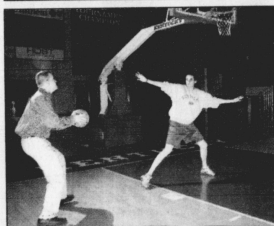
She is also the leading shot blocker for UK, averaging 1.4 per game. Her collegiate career high for blocks in a game is six, against North Carolina A&T this season, when the Cats tied the NCAA women's record for blocked shots by one team in one game (22).



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As the center, Elliott is in her defensive stance in the paint. With her arms extended, it's easier to get to passes thrown in her direction and to block shot attempts, though that isn't the main goal.

"My job is to alter a shot," Elliott said. "Not to block. Blocking's a bonus, a big one if you do it a lot, but it's not what I'm after."



2

When Elliott sees an opponent get past the defender and drive toward the basket, her first reaction is to help.

"You have to keep your hands up," she said. "That's a gimme. If you don't, it's a foul. I try to take the least amount of steps to get (to the player). If they pick up and the basket."

Elliott maintains that her first job isn't to reject shots. "Blocking just makes it easier to go get it," she said. "My first job is to make them miss."



3

When she sees the opponent taking a shot, she doesn't try to block it. She stands her ground to try to make her opponent alter the shot.

But blocking it is also a possibility, one that's occurred 80 times in her year and a half of play at UK. She set the school's blocked shot record for freshmen last season with 49.

She doesn't jump, but simply stands to her full 6-foot-6 height and raises her arms above her head. This she learned in high school, when she was the tallest person on the floor most nights and didn't have to risk a foul by jumping or lowering her arms.

"My coach made me hold a pole in my hands, above my head," Elliott said. "If one hand went down, the other went down, and then I got in trouble."

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## SPORTS BRIEFS

### Gymnastics loses to LSU

UK dropped its second consecutive match last weekend despite turning in its highest score of the year. No. 18 UK (7-2, 1-2 Southeastern Conference) was nipped by No. 13 LSU (8-4, 2-1) 195.675-194.425 in Baton Rouge Friday. Junior Krystie Cook led the

team, scoring a career-best 39.175 in the all-around competition. The Cats were within a half-point of the Tigers after three event rotations, but couldn't close out the comeback win on the balance beam. LSU's April Buckholdt and Kelly Phelan tied for first in the all-around 39.425, followed by Cook in third.

### Ormerod named SEC Freshman of the Week

UK freshman point guard Carly Ormerod picked up her second SEC Freshman of the Week honor of the season yesterday, when she was named for her performance in the team's victories over Arkansas and South Carolina.

Ormerod averaged a team-high 15.0 points, 4.5 rebounds and 2.5 assists in the pair of games, which vaulted the Cats to 17-6 on the season and 6-4 in the SEC, good for fourth place in the league standings. Ormerod also picked up the award on Dec. 12.

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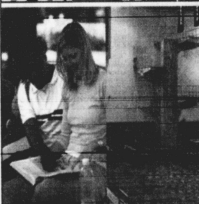
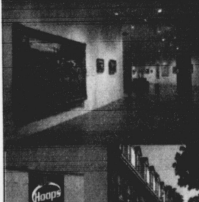

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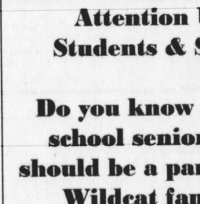
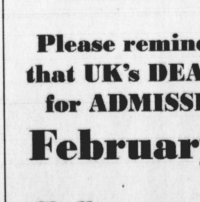
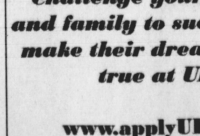
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