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Todd bans staff hires to save money

By Adam Sichko
THE KENTUCKY KERNEL

For the second time in three years, President Lee Todd has placed a hiring freeze on all staff — but not faculty — positions.

About 300 staff positions — 10 percent of the roughly more than 3,000 total staff jobs at UK — are vacant at any one time, according to data from UK public relations. The 2002-03 school year's cut froze more than 50 such jobs.

"We are doing more with a lot fewer state dollars," Todd said in an e-mail to faculty and staff Friday. "We must begin preparing for 2005-2006 based on where we stand today — not on where our hopes

lie or on what might be in the future."

"The state government automatically funds all 3,000 'general fund' positions, so UK possesses the salary money for the 300 unfilled positions said Jay Blanton, executive director of UK public relations.

In the e-mail, Todd said his four priorities for UK's budget are increasing faculty salaries, increasing staff salaries, more adequately covering the rising costs of health care and continuing to fund student scholarships.

"It always causes a lot of straining on the staff that are here because positions are forced to go unfilled," said Russ Williams, the staff representative to the Board of

Trustees. "Of course, there's no less work to do."

"But it's (salary savings) also about the only way to save money out of our budget," Williams, a senior training specialist with UK Human Resource Development, continued.

"When we've taken a \$73 million cut in state appropriations over the past three years, there aren't many ways that you can make that up."

It's too early to estimate how much the hiring freeze will save UK, Blanton said. The Kernel reported that last year's freeze saved UK between \$12 million and \$13 million.

UK's staff recognize the budget constraints, but the extra workload still hurts,

said David Ellis Jr., chairman of the Staff Senate.

"We understand budgetary concerns, but we still need to get our job done," Ellis said. "When they stop hiring, and people there have to do two the three times the work, it's just not good."

"Positions aren't getting refilled, and people are doing twice the work," he said. "It makes it tough on the staff, but it goes back to the budget."

Ellis works in the UK athletics ticket office and said his department is adequately staffed. But that isn't the case elsewhere, he said.

"People across the (Staff) Senate feel like we're in dire straits, like it gets worse and

"The sum total is, there's going to be a shrinkage in the work force, but there's not a shrinkage in the work that has to be done."

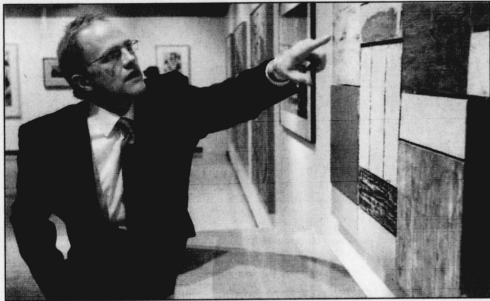
Russ Williams
staff member, Board of Trustees

Salary increases on the way

On Friday, President Lee Todd said UK's budget will focus on four main points:

- Increasing faculty salaries to better compete with benchmark universities
- Increasing staff salaries to reward merit-based effort
- Better covering the rising costs of health care
- Continuing to adequately fund student scholarships

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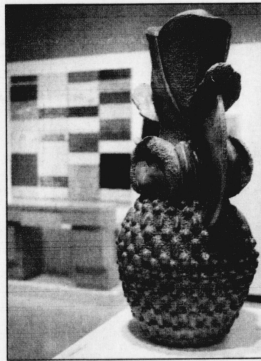


Faculty Show

from the
classroom
to the gallery

PHOTOS BY KEITH SMILEY | STAFF

Taking a break from evaluating student works, faculty had their own artwork on display Friday. Friday kicked off the College of Fine Arts Faculty Art Show at the Tuska Gallery in the Fine Arts Building on Rose Street. The show runs through Feb. 13, Monday through Friday from 2 to 5 p.m. and Saturdays from noon to 5 p.m. Admission is free.



Top: Lynn Sweet, a woodworking instructor in the College of Fine Arts, discusses the construction of his pieces. Far left: A fertility vessel by Bobby Scroggins sits in the gallery. Left: (left to right) Brian Baird, art studio junior; Cheryl Chastine, women's studies senior; Drew Bowling, English literature senior, admire one of the paintings at the gallery.

Senate revisits cheating rule

Proposed policy changes how UK handles academic offenses; student opinions mixed

By Shannon Mason
THE KENTUCKY KERNEL

A new policy is in the works to better address cheating and plagiarism offenses, said Bob Grossman, chair of the University Senate's ad hoc committee on academic offenses.

The committee has been meeting since early December to discuss the policy, which focuses mainly on penalties.

"Bob Grossman has been working with a number of people to try to come up with a policy that is fair, that responds to the shortcomings of the prevailing policy, and that creates a balance between student rights and the faculty's responsibilities," said Senate Chairman Ernie Yanarella.

According to the present policy, the first time a student is caught cheating or plagiarizing, he or she receives a minimum penalty of an "E" in the course, and the penalty is dealt with by the dean of the respective college.

Grossman said there are "huge problems" with this policy. Many professors handle punishments "under the table" because they consider the current penalty for first-time offenders too harsh.

"The present policy takes away discretion because punishments are dealt with at the dean's level," Grossman said. "It is important for instructors to have discretion."

Both Grossman and Yanarella said this presents a series of problems — the least of which being that professors are going against UK policy.

Another problem is that professors are asking students not to appeal the lesser punishments, which could sacrifice the student's innocence, Grossman said. If students are innocent, they would either have to go through the appeals process or end up being "blackmailed" into guilt, he said.

The committee's proposal for the new policy states that instructors would punish first-time offenders according to their own discretion.

Instead of receiving an "E" in the course, instructors could choose for the student to redo the assignment, take a zero for the assignment, or choose an alternative, Grossman said.

If an instructor thought that receiving a failing grade in the course was appropriate, that recommendation would be sent to the dean of the college for approval. Students could still appeal on the basis of innocence.

"A lot of times (when students cheat or plagiarize), it's a mistake," Grossman said. "Everybody makes mistakes."

Some UK students agreed with this concept. "I think it should be at the teacher's discretion

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UK 66, USC 50

Cats snap losing skid, dominate Gamecocks

By Lindsey Keith
THE KENTUCKY KERNEL

After dropping three straight Southeastern Conference games, UK was able to regroup and find a way to win again.

The Cats (14-8, 3-4 SEC) used a 20-3 run at the end of the first half to close the doors on the South Carolina Gamecocks (7-14, 0-7 SEC). UK defeated the Gamecocks 66-50, in a game that was never in doubt in the second half.

"We played hard for the most part. We made some mistakes down the stretch," said UK head coach Mickie DeMoss. "But we were able to regroup and recover and secure the win."

Freshmen center Sarah Elliott, who was doubtful for the game because of a knee injury she received during the Vanderbilt game on Thursday, led the way with her strong interior play against a taller Game-

KENTUCKY 66, SOUTH CAROLINA 50

SC (6-10) — Strickland 4, 8 5-6 13, Burghess 3 9 1-7, Fabbri 2 0-0 0-0, Smith 1 0-0 0-0, Griffin 0 0-0 0-0, Hester 1 4 1-1 3, Givens 1 0-0 0-0, Collins 0 0-0 0-0, Kauter 0 0-0 0-0
Totals 17-58 13-50

UK (14-8) — Elliott 7 11 1-7 (Rebounds 15, 6-6), Smith 14 20 10 16, Mahoney 0 10 0-2 0, Phillips 3 5 5-6, 14, Adams 2 2 2-2, Payne 0 0-0 0-0, Humphrey 0 1-2, 2, Tate 2 2 1-2, Totals 25-63 11-36

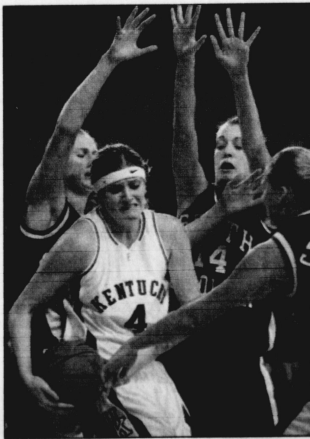
Rebounds — UK 20, SC 18
Three-point plays — UK 2, Adams 2, Fabbri 1, Smith 1, Phillips 2, Payne 2, Hester 1
Fouled-out — UK 10, Adams 5, 5 (Strickland 2), UK 15, Mahoney 4, Phillips 4; Total fouls — SC 18, UK 13, 4-5-9

cock squad.

"Sarah Elliott played a fantastic game today," said South Carolina head coach Susan Walvius. "She just went around us — she is consistent and takes it strong."

Elliott ended the game with 16 points on eight-for-13 shooting and nine rebounds. The 6-foot-6 Elliott had help inside from her teammates, as freshman guard Samantha Mahoney chipped in with 10 rebounds. UK out rebounded

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KEITH SMILEY | STAFF

UK freshman center Sarah Elliott battles for position against South Carolina in the Cats' 66-50 win yesterday at Memorial Coliseum. Elliott scored 16 points and had nine rebounds despite a knee injury.

UK 68, ARKANSAS 67

Bench helps Cats edge past Razorbacks

By Nate Allen
NORTHWEST ARKANSAS TIMES

FAYETTEVILLE, Ark. — Everything came down to one shot for UK and Arkansas.

UK's last-minute jumper was good, while Arkansas' last-second shot fell harmlessly to the floor.

Those shots allowed UK (16-2, 70 Southeastern Conference) to hang on and defeat the Razorbacks 68-67 in front of 20,268 fans in Bud Walton Arena.

After UK senior forward Chuck Hayes missed the front end of a one-and-one with 5.5 seconds left, Arkansas guard Eric Ferguson drove past UK junior guard Patrick Sparks to launch a deep 3-pointer. The shot hit the rim but didn't fall

as time expired.

"I wanted to pass the ball, but I looked at the shot clock, and there was one second left and I had to put the ball up," Ferguson said. "I thought it looked like it was going in — it felt good when I put it up — but it didn't fall."

UK coach Tubby Smith cringed that Ferguson ever got that close.

"We didn't handle that well because I thought Ferguson got a pretty good look," Smith said. "We've got to do a better job of keeping people in front of him. The only thing that went wrong for them was he missed the shot."

Arkansas out rebounded UK 37-30, committed 13 turnovers to UK's 19, sank 16-of-21 free throws to UK's 11-of-16, and held every Wildcat

starter except freshman guard Rando under their scoring averages.

Rando had 12 points, while UK junior forward Keleena Azubuike led UK with 13 points.

However, UK sophomore forward Bobby Perry and junior guard Ravi Moss combined for 16 points Saturday.

Perry scored all of his nine in the game's final 8:15 including a critical lay-up to give UK a 66-61 lead with 1:03 left.

"We have a good, deep bench and that helps us control the tempo of the game and keep pressure on people," Smith said. "That lay-up and a Sparks' 17-footer with 24.2 seconds left were UK's final points, just enough to off-

set the Hogs' six-point flurry in the game's final 53 seconds.

"If somebody had told me," Heath said of rebounding, free throws and turnovers, "you are going to do that and shut down Sparks and Hayes, I'd say we would win. But they've got X-factor guys."

"Moss gets seven, and Bobby Perry gets nine. You know they are good players or Kentucky wouldn't recruit them, but you don't count on those guys being the guys that beat you."

Hayes had four points and two rebounds in 20 minutes, his first game since breaking his nose at Tennessee last week. Sparks had five points on two free-throw shooting, but he added a season-high seven assists.

"We kept our composure, played under pressure, and a bunch of guys stepped up today," Azubuike said. "It was a tough game. Arkansas is a great team, and we were able to pull it out."

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KENTUCKY 68, ARKANSAS 67

UK (16-2) - Rando 5-7 3-12 Sparks 2-8 0-0
Azubuike 6-9 0-0 Moss 2-4 8-8 Hayes 2-0 1-4
Moss 2-4 2-7 Bradley 1-0 0-3 Garza 0-0 1-2 1-1
Perry 4-4 0-0 Sparks 4-6 11-16-06
ARK (14-6) - Jones 1-1 0-2 Towney 7-10 2-2 16
Brewer 4-4 10-13 (8) Ferguson 3-12 0-0 8-10
5-15 2-13 Moss 0-0 0-0 0-0 Jefferson 0-0 0-0 0-0
Sullivan 0-0 0-0 Thomas 0-0 0-0 0-0 Madala 1-2 2-18
1-0-0-2 Totals: 24-66 16-21 67
Hoffman: ARK 31, 27; Three-point goals: UK 5-13
(Sparks 1-5; Moss 1-2; Azubuike 1-2); ARK 3-16 (Ferguson 2-7; Flanders 1-5); Fouled out: none; Rebounds: UK 30 (Azubuike 6); ARK 37 (Fleming 9); Assists: UK 15 (Sparks 7); ARK 10 (Brewer 5); Total fouls: UK-20; ARK 14-4 - 20-26-6.

Cool Cats rough up Rockets

Chris Johnson
THE KENTUCKY KERNEL

UK had been waiting a long time for this.

The Cool Cats' returning players, when looking over the schedule at the beginning of the season, circled the Toledo game as one to look forward to after the Rockets knocked the Cool Cats from the American Collegiate Hockey Association playoffs last season.

By sweeping the Rockets 3-0 and 5-1, the Cool Cats exacted some revenge in a series between teams that simply do not like each other.

"They beat us pretty bad last year; then they rubbed our faces in it," said UK head coach Mike Sosnowski. "So a lot of the guys wanted these games real bad, and it feels a lot better to be on this side of some (rough-and-tumble) games like that."

UK (17-9-1) was never seriously threatened in either game, as its depth and speed kept the puck at its offensive end of the ice for the majority of both contests.

When the Rockets managed to wrest the puck from UK, the physicality of the Cat defensemen as well as the stellar play of goaltender Drew Matchak stopped them from scoring until the second period of the second game.

"Drew's just been doing the same thing he's done all year," Sosnowski said. "He has this ability to just mentally focus... as a coach, you love that in a goaltender."

Several players on both teams were suspended for Saturday's game after being kicked out of Friday's for fighting. UK's Alex Poulos and John Royalty were suspended along with

four or five Toledo players, leaving the Rocket bench shorthanded.

"They just ran out of gas about midway through the second period," Sosnowski said. "We moved around better with the puck, we kind of figured out 'Hey if I'm moving he can't hit me,' and our legs were better (Saturday)."

The fights continued Saturday, as UK's Jay Theobald and Sean Tugel were kicked out of the game for misconduct.

"The fights go both ways," Sosnowski said. "It's been a long season for them, and we made it longer, so they're probably pretty frustrated."

"I thought the refs could've calmed it down," said UK assistant coach Rob Docherty. "But we expected it to be rough."

No UK player was suspended for next weekend's games against Duke in Durham, N.C.

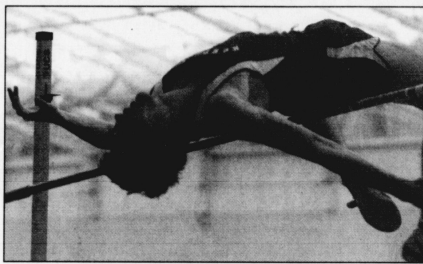
Theobald was thrown out of the game without even throwing a punch, as the referees got in between him and a Toledo player and ejected them both before anything happened.

The Toledo player attempted to go after Theobald once the players had been ejected and were heading back to their respective locker rooms, but Fayette County constables stopped him before he could get close to Theobald.

Kevin McQuade led off the scoring both nights, scoring a goal in each first period to put the Cats in the lead on his way to three goals scored in the series. Bill Leckenby, Aaron Lechty, Jay Theobald, Josh McConnell and Chris Zaremski also tallied goals for UK.

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SPORTS BRIEFS



UK freshman Michael Mason jumps over the bar to win the high jump Friday night at the Rod McCravy Memorial held at the Nutter Field House. With a jump of 7-2.25, Mason broke his own freshman school record, which he had set just two weeks ago.

MIKEY SCHIFFER | STAFF

Track and field shines at Rod McCravy Memorial

The UK track and field squads captured four events on the final day of the Rod McCravy Memorial Saturday in Nutter Field House.

Junior Ryan DeLuca claimed top honors in the men's mile with a time of 4:12.05, while fellow junior, Dedrick Tillerson captured the men's 400-meter dash title with a time of 47.47. Junior Kenya Patton claimed first in the women's 200-meter dash with a mark of 24.31. Finishing out the meet was UK's 4x400-meter relay team comprised of Nathan Browning, Adam Franklin, Harrison and Tillerson. The foursome captured the relay title with a time of 3:12.27.

The Kentucky track and field squads travel to both the Mayo

Invitational and Nebraska Invitational Feb. 4-5. For more information, go to ukathletics.com.

Gymnasts come up just short

AUBURN, Ala. — The UK gymnastics squad fell just short of its first Southeastern Conference victory Friday night in Beard-Eaves Memorial Coliseum. An inquiry caused the meet to come down to the final seconds as Auburn edged out the Cats 194,100-194,000.

Junior Lucy Burgin, a Birmingham, Ala., native, finished third in the first all-around performance of her collegiate career with a 38.775 on the four events, while sophomore Rachel Riley finished second with a 38.925 mark.

UK (1-3, 0-3 SEC) hosts Ball State, George Washington and Ohio State at 7:30 p.m. Friday at Memorial Coliseum.

Rifle wins Withrow Invitational

MURRAY, Ky. — The UK rifle team fired a 4618 yesterday to claim first place in the 10-team Withrow Invitational hosted by Murray State.

The Wildcats out shot every body on the small-bore course with a 2309 and held on for victory with a matching 2309 in air rifle.

Junior Vicki Goss and senior Jeff Hamberg led the way on the small-bore course with a 582 and 581, respectively in air rifle. Goss fired a 578 while freshman Ray Geyer posted a 586 to lead the team.

UK hosts West Virginia and Rose Hulman in its home match of the spring.

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Uncertainty reigns regardless of vote's outcome in Iraq

By Alissa J. Rubin
LOS ANGELES TIMES

BAGHDAD, Iraq — Reversing decades of political dominance by minority Sunni Muslims, Shiites and Kurds likely won the most seats in yesterday's national election.

The voting seems almost certain to guarantee that Iraq's new prime minister will be a Shiite, the sect that is a major-

ity in Iraq. But beyond that, it is not yet known how the new-found power of Shiites will translate into policy — there are sharp ideological divisions between religious and secular members of the sect.

Though tabulating the vote is expected to take several days, the patterns of voting yesterday were clear: The plurality if not the majority of seats in the 275-member na-

tional assembly will be held by Shiite Muslims on the United Iraqi Alliance list, put together at the behest of Grand Ayatollah Ali Sistani, the top Shiite cleric in Iraq.

Voting was especially strong in the southern provinces, where there was broad support for the list, which includes both religious figures and secular Shiites.

Interim Prime Minister

Ayad Allawi's list, which includes many secular Shiites as well as some Sunnis, was expected to win about 20 percent of the vote. The two major Kurdish parties — the Patriotic Union of Kurdistan and the Kurdish Democratic Party which combined on a single slate — were also expected to get about 20 percent of the vote, according to Iraqi politicians, diplomats and observers.



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Freeze

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worse every year," Ellis said. "We're not fully staffed. A hiring freeze doesn't help that."

Todd said help to increase staff salaries is on the way in UK's budget. "Obviously, the Senate's concerned about that," Ellis said. "We've received some money in two out of the last three years (through a 1 percent salary raise and a one-time bonus), but it's just not enough."

According to a December 2004 preliminary report by the Staff Senate's ad-

hoc salary committee, 1,825 of the 3,000 full time staff members — 61 percent — earn less than the "Lexington living wage" of \$21,577 per year.

While faculty salaries are compared against UK's benchmark institutions, UK finds its greatest competition for staff members from the local Lexington market and the government, Williams said.

"It's a lot easier for private companies to have higher salaries than us because they don't depend on state dollars to raise them," Williams said.

"We always have recommendations to increase salary levels, but we get into the same situation we are in now," he said. "With state support shrinking, the money isn't likely to be there unless something else changes."

In this situation, the current staff must do more with less, Williams said.

"The sum total is, there's going to be a shrinkage in the work force, but there's not a shrinkage in the work that has to be done," he said. "Couple that with one of the largest student bodies that we've had, and people are going to feel the strain."

Todd asked staff members to bear with him and look to the year 2020 — the state legislature's target date for UK to be a top-20 public institution.

"We will be judged by whether we sustained our university's march forward, especially when times were tough and we chose to make progress anyway," Todd's e-mail said.

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Offenses

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because they know more about the situation than anyone else," said Katie Canterbury, an elementary education junior.

Others felt the proposed policy would make the consequences too arbitrary.

"The punishments should come from one consistent source," said Chris McMin, a pre-material science engineering major. "Some teachers are going to be more strict than others."

The other major change proposed by the new policy would deal with transcripts.

Grossman said the proposed policy suggests that an "XE" or "XF" appear on the student's transcript to signify failure due to cheating.

Grossman said the policy will soon be available for the public to read on the University Senate's Web site at www.uky.edu/USC/new.

As a result of public response, the proposal will most likely have to undergo revisions before the Senate votes on it, but it is going into effect by summer or fall 2005 if all goes well, Grossman said.

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Cats

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South Carolina 47-35.

"I thought we did it (rebounding) as a team effort — we had Sam Mahoney who is our two guard who had 10 boards," DeMoss said. "Rebounding has a little to do with skill and a lot to do with heart and determination."

Another factor in the win for the Cats was the improved play of senior forward Sara Potts. Potts entered the Cats' all-time top-ten scoring list with her 17-point performance, and she is now tied for 10th for 3-pointers made in career in SEC history.

"She (Potts) moved better, and that is something that we have been emphasizing to her, her movement without the ball," DeMoss said. "She was knocking down midrange shots, and she was more involved on both ends of the floor, but especially on the offensive end."

Potts was not the only Cat hot from outside the arc, as sophomore point guard Angela Phillips was three-for-four from the 3-point line.

"That kid never ceases to amaze me, she really stepped up big when we needed a basket, she had some steals against their break, four rebounds, two offensive rebounds," DeMoss said.

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WEEKINREVIEW

Elections in Iraq

The desperate acts of terrorists did not stop the Iraqi people from asserting their natural right to vote Sunday for the first time in half a century. Tragically, suicide bombings killed 44 people. But at least 72 percent of eligible voters (considerably higher turnout than last year's U.S. presidential election) turned out to elect a democratic government.

Even so, one would be amazed at the political calculations by those who opposed the war effort. While a lot of work remains to be done, a successful election and free Iraq will do more to improve the lives of Iraqis and global peace than any amount of appeasement could ever do.

Tuition increases likely

Last Monday Student Government President Rachel Watts, also a member of the UK Board of Trustees, said a tuition hike of five to 10 percent was looking "definite." The increase would be the fourth straight at UK. This should come as no surprise to students because tuition increase has become something of a routine here. And it's doubtful that more generous appropriations from the state will have any effect on the decision.

Citizens begin water petition

Citizens wanting the local government to purchase Kentucky-American Water have started a petition drive to get enough signatures to put the issue on the ballot as a referendum. FLOW chairman Foster Ockerman Jr. said the company needs 20,000 signatures.

Now those opposed to government confiscation of private property should spread their message. Condemnation supporters cannot be given this issue simply because they're willing to ignore the results of the election, the republican system of government and attempt to browbeat their opponents into complacency.

Carrot Top cancellation

The Kernel learned of Carrot Top's cancellation only hours before the scheduled show. Apparently the performer didn't think it was worth his while to perform since only 240 tickets were sold. Singletary Center office manager Doreen MacDonough said lackluster press coverage and high ticket prices caused the cancellation. But considering that it was Carrot Top, maybe not.

Rice nomination confirmed

Condoleezza Rice became the first African-American woman to become U.S. Secretary of State after the U.S. Senate confirmed her Wednesday with an 85-13 vote. The confirmation came after several days of debate and political posturing of Senate Democrats. Rice received more "no" votes than any secretary of state nominee except Lexington's own Henry Clay in 1825.

Clay was a presidential candidate in 1824, and when it became apparent he would not win the election, he threw his support behind John Quincy Adams. When Adams appointed Clay secretary of state, his opponent Andrew Jackson claimed there was a "corrupt bargain." Most historians believe the charges were inaccurate.

In the future, history will likely provide the same justice for Rice.

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IN OUR OPINION

Club undeserving of students' green

Making UK an environmentally-friendly campus may come at a high price to students next year.

Green Thumb Environmental Club has proposed a referendum to this spring's Student Government ballot asking students to approve a \$6 to \$8 per semester student fee increase to investigate alternative energy sources on campus.

At a time when university officials predict tuition may raise at least 10 percent for the 2005-2006 school year, taxing students for a vague, undefined "research program" is irresponsible. If this referendum passes, Green Thumb won't receive a few hundred dollars but much more. UK had about 28,000 students in 2004-2005. Estimating Green Thumb asked for \$6 per student per semester, that is \$336,000 in extra student fees in just one year.

If students are interested in

working with Green Thumb on these projects, they first need to demand answers as to how their money will be spent.

Green Thumb members have not outlined how the money will be used except to say for research. It has also not stated the future costs resulting from these research projects, including implementation and maintenance.

The organization has done its research on how similar referendums have been conducted at some of UK's benchmark universities, including University of Tennessee, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill and University of

Virginia.

However, it owes voters more than just a list of benchmarks with similar programs.

The Green Thumb Environmental Club's search for alternative energy sources does not warrant a hike in student fees.

Before going forward on this referendum, it needs to be honest with students about the feasibility of these programs and promise to be good stewards of students' money.

Right now Green Thumb has 400 of the 1,000 signatures it needs to place the issue on the ballot, and the group's president said in The Kernel last week he is confident they will get the needed signatures.

While we support the right of

any student group to place an issue on the ballot for the student's input, this referendum is unnecessary and a waste of students' valuable funds.

Students can take their own steps right now to make UK more environmentally-friendly. Turn off lights in empty rooms. Wear a sweater and lower the thermostat a few degrees. Bike or walk instead of hopping in a car. Recycle more and look for biodegradable products and minimal packaging.

These are all solutions guaranteed to help the environment — and they don't require giving up to \$16 a year to a student organization that has not outlined how it plans to help the environment.

Students and faculty should take individual steps to make a difference, and they do not need the Green Thumb referendum to do that.

Democrats have one more chance to elect Dean

A little more than a year after Howard Dean screamed his way out of a presidential nomination in

Iowa, the former governor of Vermont is on the campaign trail again. This time, the good doctor wants to chair the Democratic National Committee, and, this time, the Democrats should give him their support.

What this party needs more than anything over the next four years is a leader who is the antithesis of outgoing DNC chairman Terry McAuliffe. Since taking over the party in 2001, McAuliffe has covered in the presence of established Democratic figures. He seemed unwilling to confront or question any of the party veterans when they said or did something stupid. He is as much to blame for the current perception of

Democrats as weak and whiny because those were the characteristics he represented for four years.

Chairman Dean would not hesitate to criticize anyone in the party if they got out of line, whether they are the lowliest congressman or Sen. Ted Kennedy himself. Dean's not weak. He's not whiny. And the more people see him and hear what he has to say, the more they will forget about his "Iowa scream" and accept him as one of the best hopes to turn the party around.

But, like in his bid to become the Democrats' nominee for president, Dean is seeing widespread opposition from the party's establishment. And there will be no shortage of alternatives for those who oppose him when the vote takes place Feb. 12.

Bill and Hillary Clinton, who already seem to be gearing up for the New York Senator's 2008 presidential campaign, have thrown their support behind Harold Ickes. Ickes served as Deputy Chief of Staff in the Clinton White House and has continued to advise the

family after Clinton left office. And, however qualified Ickes is, that's exactly why he shouldn't be in charge of the party.

The last thing the Democrats need at this point is another Clintonite, another member of the Democratic establishment, Terry McAuliffe was one of Clinton's boys, and look how that turned out. Sen. John Kerry was part of the party establishment, and look how that turned out. Ickes may be a smart guy who knows how to handle the Republicans, but this just isn't the job for him.

Former Dean campaign manager Joe Trippi, who was fired midway through Dean's presidential campaign, has publicly endorsed the New Democratic Network's Simon Rosenberg. Trippi said the president of the progressive organization has the best vision for the future of the party, but much of Rosenberg's language simply mimics Dean. He has continually praised Dean for energizing Democrats months before the 2004 primaries and has said he wants to

combine Bill Clinton's centrist agenda with Dean's grassroots activism. Why elect a man who basically wants to be Dean when you can get the real thing?

Other candidates include former U.S. congressmen and metropolitan mayors, but none can provide the party with the assets Dean brings. Dean knows how to raise money, how to connect with his audience and how to bring new blood to the political process.

He's basically George W. Bush, but in a good way. He rolls up his sleeves, talks to his followers as if he's one of them and makes them feel like he's on their side.

That's what this party needs in its leader — someone who won't disconnect from the base, someone who will encourage growth within the party, and someone who will stand up to both Republicans and unruly Democrats without fear.

Only Howard Dean can do that.

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ONLINE POLL RESULTS

Are you pleased with the job Student Government has done this year?

Yes
 (29%; 549 votes)

No
 (71%; 1365 votes)

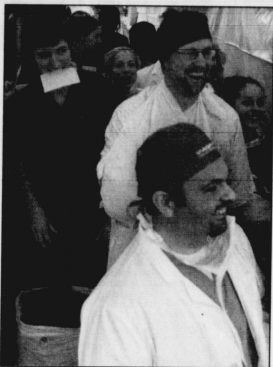
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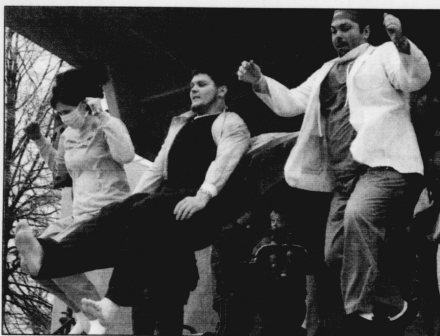
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Scrub a dub dub Students take the plunge



By Crystal Little
THE KENTUCKY KERNEL


Chattering teeth notwithstanding, UK physician's assistants and physical therapy students smiled as they voluntarily leaped into a pool of frigid water in the Texas Roadhouse parking lot on Richmond Road Saturday. Not because they needed an excuse to cool off in such wintry weather — the cause was a charitable one: The annual Polar Bear Plunge, part of the Kentucky Special Olympics.



Above: UK physician assistants and physical therapy students wait their turn to jump into a pool of frigid water during the Kentucky Special Olympics' annual Polar Bear Plunge Saturday. Left: Krista McDonald, David Findley and Kevin Crabtree take their plunge. PHOTOS BY KEITH SABLEY | STAFF

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Sponsored by UK Swing Dance Club
New 6-Week Beginner/Basic Class
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8:15 - 9:00 pm
Location: Tates Creek Ballroom,
1400 Gainesway Dr., Lexington
www.uky.edu/StudentOrgs/HKSDC
or call Mike 257-5203, x. 81207

UK Student Activities
CAMPUS CALENDAR
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LCC Upward Bound Needs summer counselors!!
•Live in UK residence hall and be responsible for tutoring and supervising high school students during our 6-week residential summer program from June 19 through July 29, 2005.
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Attention UK SENIORS
If you are planning to enroll in one of the University of Kentucky's graduate or professional programs for 2005-2006, now is the time to apply for fellowships.
Deadlines
W.L. Matthews Jr. February 14, 2005
Otis A. Singletary February 14, 2005
Charles T. Wethington Jr. February 14, 2005
Stipend:
Matthews/Singletary \$12,000
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For application forms and a statement of eligibility criteria, please see:
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We aspire to have a premier facility that responds to student needs and desires. An array of programs, services and amenities will be considered.

U.K. STUDENTS: as a survey participant you will be eligible to win one of the following prizes:

- An In-State Full-Tuition Scholarship for one (1) semester
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The input of students, faculty, and staff are a valuable component in the planning process. We aspire to have a nationally prominent, premier facility.

Please take a few minutes to complete an online survey by visiting the following link:
<http://www.facilityplanners.com/survey/UKY/Union>.
The site will open Wednesday, January 26th.
The Deadline for participating in the survey is February 2nd.

RACQUETBALL
qualifying tournament

Starts Monday Jan. 31st
Seaton Center Racquetball Courts 7pm
Free water provided @ tournament
Open to all UK and LCC students
Finalists receive expense paid trip to Regional Competitions @ Virginia Tech

Email questions to tournaments@lsv.uky.edu

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- February 10th - Spades
Bring your own partner or be paired at the tournament


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All Finalists receive expense paid trip to regional competition at Virginia Tech!
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