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Tuition hike to receive more scrutiny

By Jill Laster
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Whether or not UK's proposed tuition increases will be made official by the state's highest education authority is in question, said some members of the Council on Postsecondary Education.

"There will be no rubber-stamping this time," said Ryan Quarles, student member of the council and a UK law student.

For the last few years, the CPE has automatically approved universities' tuition rates as long as the amount fell under a cap set by the council.

This year an unofficial 9 percent cap was set, and for the first time, the CPE will hold tuition hearings with representatives from each university. The hearings on April 30 and May 1 will be an opportunity for university representatives to explain why the universities' proposed rates should be approved, Quarles said.

UK approved a 9 percent increase for in-state students and a 6.6 percent increase for out-of-state students. A 9 percent rise is a hefty increase that burdens students and lets university presidents escape some accountability, said Mark Wattier, a CPE member.

"Tuition increases prevent presidents from making some hard choices," said Wattier, who is still undecided on how he will vote. He did say he plans to vote against a proposed 13 percent increase for Kentucky Community and Technical Colleges' tuition rate.

After Tuesday's Board of Trustees meeting, UK President Lee Todd said he doesn't think the current council does enough to understand each university's specific needs. He also said

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Apartment complex planned for fall '09

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A new housing development is planned for downtown Lexington in the fall of 2009. Demolition of an 8-acre site was completed recently to clear room for the construction of a 334,000 square-foot development.

The design for the complex, The Lex, is made up of four buildings that will have 266 apartments, and retail stores and restaurants on the ground level. The developer for the project, Buckingham Companies, is a privately owned real estate company based in Indianapolis.

Michelle Stinning, spokeswoman for the company, said the construction of The Lex is a response to the anticipated growth of the city because of UK's plans to increase enrollment.

"The university has growth plans as far as enrollment is concerned," Stinning said. "While they have plans to increase student housing, they are not going to have enough housing to

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Sen. John McCain shakes hands with members of the crowd on the way out of the Inez courthouse after speaking there yesterday morning.

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McCain passes through Inez

Republican presidential hopeful stops in Eastern Kentucky on rural America tour

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INEZ, Ky. — The town hall meeting in Inez was more crowded than usual as presidential hopeful Sen. John McCain made a campaign stop in the small Eastern Kentucky town yesterday during his tour through rural America.

More than 450 people crowded inside the community's courthouse and nearly 100 more gathered around its entrance on Main Street to welcome the Republican, whose tour bus pulled up just after 11 a.m.

"We're not a town that gets many political candidates passing through," said Inez Mayor Terry Fraley. "But we're excited to welcome Senator McCain, and we're excited that he's here to listen to what the concerns of Eastern Kentuckians are."

Those concerns included immigration, recession, the war in Iraq and the rising cost of oil.

"I have concerns about local issues, but there are bigger national problems that keep me awake at night," said Edna Williams, 46, a resident of Inez. "Just because I'm from a small town doesn't mean that I don't have concerns about gas prices, the war and where the economy of this country is going."

McCain offered his plans for addressing these issues, starting with his strategy to ensure that illegal immigration is stopped. He suggested better technology at the country's borders to increase security for those people entering and leaving the country.

"Our foremost obligation to our country is securing our borders," McCain said.

He also proposed a "tax vacation" between Memorial Day at the end of May and Labor Day in mid-September, which would eliminate the tax on gas during that window, bringing prices down nearly 18 cents a gallon. This cut, along with other economic



Veterans of World War II and the Vietnam War sat beside Sen. John McCain as he made his speech yesterday morning in Inez, Ky.

stimulations, will help bring the country out of the recession "that the numbers show we are already in," he said. McCain, a former prisoner of war, also expressed his support for the Iraq war and the "victory the U.S. is ac-

complishing there." "I believe the war is succeeding, and if you set a date for withdrawal, it's a date for surrender," McCain said.

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Dialogue focuses on diversity in disabilities

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Many students see a crack in the sidewalk on campus and step right over it, unaffected by the jagged ground. But for others, such as Lindsey Newland, something as simple as a crack can cause major problems.

Newland, a social work graduate student, must use a motorized scooter to get around UK. She will be speaking at tonight's Diversity Dialogues forum, sharing her concerns about the sidewalk accessibility efforts for disabled students at UK.

"It is difficult for me to maneuver my scooter around the many cracks and uneven surfaces in the concrete, not to mention it makes for a very bumpy ride," Newland said.

Newland will also address the need for street ac-

cess on all sidewalk surfaces, because some of the curb cuts are in very awkward positions, she said.

The Office of Multicultural Student Affairs is hosting its final Diversity Dialogues forum of the semester tonight at 7 in room 230 of the Student Center. A panel will discuss personal experiences and effective ways of ensuring that students with disabilities can easily participate in the campus community.

The panel will include students with disabilities, other students, staff members, a UK psychologist and members of the Disability Resource Center.

"We need to remind this institution that we need to take care of the students who are paying tuition to come here and get a proper education," said Mahjabeen Rafiuddin, director of student diversity engagement in the Office of Multicultural Student Affairs.

The Diversity Dialogues series has hosted fo-

rum throughout the year, ranging from topics about homophobia on campus, to interracial relationships, to whether or not America is ready to elect a female or minority president.

But diversity involves more than just race and sexual orientation, Rafiuddin said.

"Diversity is not just about racial challenges," she said. "There are other students with issues, like students with disabilities, who face severe challenges at UK."

Rafiuddin said forming the panel for tonight's event taught her a lot about barriers and challenges students with disabilities face every day at UK.

"I am excited and honored to have students and staff come together to dialogue about this topic," she said. "We must learn from each other in order to build an inclusive community for all students at UK, not just some."

New USP program to continue development over summer

By Jill Laster
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A University Senate committee will work on proposed changes to the Universities Study Program requirements over the summer.

Provost Kumble Subbaswamy scrapped an initial USP report in the fall after three faculty forums, in which professors expressed concern about the lack of

increased foreign language requirements, the possibility that students couldn't finish their majors in four years and the potential changes in workload.

In March, the University Senate approved a list of eight general education principles and a timetable that calls for the Senate to look at the General Education Steering Committee's recommendations for curriculum and learn-

ing outcomes by the fall.

Kaveh Tagavi, president of the University Senate, said while he wasn't certain, he thinks the Senate could reach an agreement on USPs if a proposition was brought forth.

"If I had a dollar to bet, I would bet that in the next proposition, if that comes to a vote in the Senate, they will converge," Tagavi said. "That could be 2008-

09, that could be 2009-10."

Susan Carvalho, the head of the University Senate committee charged with developing USP changes, said if little revision to the current USPs is needed, the program could begin in 2009-10. However, more work would mean a longer wait until students have to take the new USPs.

Going back to the drawing board and creating a new proposal

most likely won't happen, Tagavi said. What could happen is that the University Senate could reject a committee proposal, and the committee would return to the eight principles to begin work again, he said.

The general education principles echo some of the requirements in the old proposal. In both

"What is not up for negotiation, at least in the foreseeable future, is the general education principles."

KAVEH TAGAVI
University Senate president

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HEROSCOPES

By Linda C. Black

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Aries (March 21 - April 19) Today is a 7 — Your job doesn't exactly match your passions yet, but don't despair. Do what you love as a hobby, if necessary. It'll help keep you sane.

Taurus (April 20 - May 20) Today is a 7 — You have something that another person wants. Just knowing that should make you feel more confident. You don't have to sell it or give it away. Keep it somewhere safe.

Gemini (May 21 - June 21) Today is a 7 — Once you and your partner figure out who's in charge of what, you'll start to increase productivity exponentially. Work toward that

happy day.
Cancer (June 22 - July 22) Today is a 7 — OK, you can get back to work. You can even go shopping. The congestion should have cleared by now, so you'll be able to make good choices.

Leo (July 23 - Aug. 22) Today is an 8 — A lover's dream could actually come true, against all odds. You're such a natural romantic, the game is bound to turn out in your favor.

Virgo (Aug. 23 - Sept. 22) Today is a 7 — The answer you've been seeking comes in a quiet moment. You may not even realize you have it, but the problem just fades away. It could be a change in your attitude.

Libra (Sept. 23 - Oct. 22) Today is a 7 — There are hassles to deal with, but you can overcome them. Set up a romantic evening as your reward for a challenging day.

Scorpio (Oct. 23 - Nov. 21) Today is a 7 — It's another good shopping day for household items. Check out

the latest entertainment technology. Odds are good you'll find the perfect thing.

Sagittarius (Nov. 22 - Dec. 21) Today is a 7 — Your suppositions have been proven correct, much to your delight. An area that was obscure has become clear. The fog has lifted, or it soon will.

Capricorn (Dec. 22 - Jan. 19) Today is a 6 — Finishing an old project brings in a welcome bonus. Use it to get a special treat for the people you love.

Aquarius (Jan. 20 - Feb. 18) Today is a 7 — You can overcome feelings of repressed hostility. Don't let a co-worker's rude remark cause a nasty reaction. Think about a person you love and you'll forget all about it.

Pisces (Feb. 19 - March 20) Today is a 6 — You're gaining status and respect. You may not know what you did. You were just following through and keeping your word.

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THE DISH

Scruffy singer Devendra Banhart may seem an unlikely love for Hollywood hottie Natalie Portman, but apparently there is a greater, uh, force at work in their romance. "His nickname was Obi — as in Obi-Wan Kenobi — all through high school!" says a friend of the folk musician, 26, who began seeing the "Star Wars" vet, 26, in recent weeks. The duo already have a couple of collaborations under their belts: He contributed a song to her fall charity album, "Big Change: Songs" for FIN-CA, and she starred in his video "Carmensita" in March. "He sparks her artsy side," says a pal of the actress (last linked to designer Nathan Bogle). "She's really a theater kid inside, and he's a true hipster ... so it works!"

LOVE LIVES

Natalie Portman introduces her new boyfriend!

Naomi & Liev go the distance

"We've only spent three weeks apart," Naomi Watts recently said of life with Liev Schreiber. And the NYC-based parents of Alexander, 9 months, kept their record strong April 11, hanging together in Sydney, Australia, near where the actor, 40, is filming "X-Men Origins: Wolverine." But, with four flicks of her own in the works for next year, how will the mom, 39, balance family and filmmaking? She says, "The questions I want to ask first about each project are: How long and where?"

How Paul met his wife

When Poison's Bret Michaels chose actress Ambre Lake, 38, over aspiring singer Daisy DeLaHoya, 25, on VH1's "Rock of Love 2," the winner tells Us, "I cried like a little baby because I was so happy!" What made the couple — who'll reunite on the reality show's April 20 special — click? "We definitely have chemistry," says Chicago resident Lake. The musician, 45, agrees. "She's an amazing kisser!" Michaels gushes, before admitting that his head had as much influence as his heart in picking Lake. "We're mature enough to know it takes time to find love," he says. "You can like somebody

and then you just see what happens. ... This year, I think I made the right decision. It's going good!"

Mila & Mac's connection

"I admire him and think he's an incredible human being," Mila Kunis of "Forgetting Sarah Marshall," 24, told Parade of her boyfriend of six years, Macaulay Culkin, 27. Though he was a successful child star and she grew up "incredibly poor," she revealed they connected because "his goal in life was the same as mine."

America's love nest

It's domestic bliss for "Ugly Betty" star America Ferrera, 24, and her longtime beau, filmmaker Ryan Piers Williams, 26, who bought an airy \$1.4 million, three-bedroom house in the Hollywood Hills. (Calls to Ferrera's rep weren't returned.) Says a source, "They wanted something unpretentious and private."

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“ I like to push the envelope, and sometimes people respond to it and love it, and sometimes they hate it. At the end of the day, when you look in the mirror and you think you look hot, you've just got to go with it.”

— Heidi Klum, model and host of "Project Runway"

Students use storytelling to play games

By Cathy Barnes
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In the early hours of the morning, crushed cans of Red Bull and Mountain Dew littered the floor. Nearby, four bodies lay in various positions on the carpet and on couches, passed out after caffeine highs left them at rock bottom. Cheeto dust coats twitching fingers as they dream of grolls, wererats and other magical beasts.

This wreckage is found after a nightlong session of Dungeons and Dragons, a tabletop role-playing game. These college students may awaken in a few hours and resume play for another day, or the "Game Master" may call it quits.

With an average session running four to five hours, some gamers of this group have been known to go for as long as 18 hours on a sugar-driven, energy-filled marathon of fantasy imagination.

The 30-member coalition calls itself the Miskatonic Student Union. The campus organization provides tabletop role-play for UK students with a focus on board games, card games and video games. Their name, Miskatonic, refers to the fictional university created by H.P. Lovecraft, an American author of horror, fantasy and science fiction. The club will celebrate its 20th anniversary this fall.

Chisa Puckett, a philosophy senior and current president, said the group was even more popular when it was first founded. The president-elect is her husband, Jeremy Puckett, an English sophomore.

Whether for social experience or the gaming opportunities, most of the members come together for the same reason: It's a place to find commonalities.

As laughter erupted at Jeremy Puckett's jokes about the stereotypical "gamer physique" — either doughboy pudginess or skeletal gauntness — Josh Henry, a mining engineering freshman and fellow member, smiled.

"This is why I like this group," Henry said.

Henry joined in January with his roommate, chemical engineering freshman Zane Eggett, after discovering the club. Both have been playing Dungeons and Dragons for several years — Henry for four years, and Eggett since he was in mid-



(From left) Chisa Puckett, a philosophy senior and president of the club, Zach Puro, an accounting freshman, Mayling Yap, an English sophomore, and Josh Henry, a mining engineering freshman, gather for the weekly Miskatonic Student Union meeting.

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school. The hobby draws people in and doesn't easily let go.

Jeremy Puckett believes the community of storytelling is what keeps this tradition alive. Tabletop role-playing games have been around since 1973, when Dungeons and Dragons was first created, and it continues to draw a following of 5 to 6 million gamers, Puckett said.

"This is for people who are tired of the pre-packaged, 10-second morals offered in current media," Puckett said. "This is one of the last remaining venues for expressive, involved storytelling."

In an average game of Dungeons and Dragons, two to eight players will gather around a table with dice and a handbook with suggestions

for storylines. However, players can create personal stories and rules based entirely on their imaginations. A chosen person acts as Dungeon Master or

Game Master, determining the challenges and difficulties that other players can work through based on the rules.

But not everyone appreciates this pastime. Gamers have consistently been painted as awkward and anti-social, sometimes even being accused of Satanism, Puckett said. In reality, gamers often need social skills to connect with other players.

"There is a strong bias against us, but all we're really providing is a community for people who enjoy meeting others through problem-solving, storytelling and imaginative games," he said.

Miskatonic will host the "Super Smash Brawl Tourney" in an effort to relieve stress of dead week and the end of school, Puckett said. The tournament is tomorrow from 6 to 10 p.m. in room 206 of the Student Center.

The entry fee is \$5, and there is a \$50 gift certificate from Gamestop for the winner. GameCube controllers and Wii remotes will be provided, but people planning to attend should try to

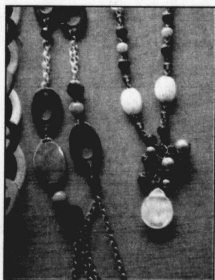


Mayling Yap, an English sophomore, examines a 20-sided die that is used to play several games at the Miskatonic Student Union meetings.

bring their own Nunchuck or Wii Remote. Anyone who has additional questions can visit the Miskatonic Web site

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2. The Pillowman

The Balagula Theatre presents Martin McDonagh's award-winning play "The Pillowman" at Natasha's Café. This spellbinding dark comedy is set as a dream sequence in which the writer is facing his own inner problems embodied in other characters. The play will start at 8 p.m.

with seating from 6:30 to 7 p.m. Tickets are \$15 adults, \$12 students and seniors. Reservations are required. For more information, call 259-2754 or visit the Natasha's Café Web site (www.natashas-cafe.com).

2. Cat On A Hot Tin Roof

Join Brick, Maggie, Gooper and Big Mama in a drama-filled celebration of Big Daddy's 65th birthday at the Lexington Opera House in Tennessee Williams' play "Cat On A Hot Tin Roof." The production shows a 1950s family dealing with themes that are still relevant and powerful today. The play runs at 8 p.m. on Friday, 2 p.m. and 8 p.m. on Saturday, and 2 p.m. on Sunday. Tickets cost \$30 to \$65. For more information, call 233-3535 or visit the opera house's Web site (www.lexingtonopera-house.com).

'Lifecasting' can make anyone a reality star

By Etan Horowitz
The Orlando Sentinel

In December, Dana Neil Oaklund of Fort Lauderdale, Fla., began streaming live video on the Internet from a laptop in his SUV to assure his customers that their cargo was safe. What he didn't expect was that dozens of people would get a kick out of seeing him stuck in traffic in California or cruising between snow-covered mountains in Colorado.

"It just blows my mind," said Oaklund, who escorts oversized loads, while parked in San Diego. "Right now there are 33 people who think this is interesting enough to watch. A lot of people tell me, 'Oh, wow, this is cool because I am getting to see the country without leaving my desk.'"

Oaklund is a "lifecaster," one of a growing number of people creating their own reality shows by broadcasting live for a few minutes or hours at a time from their computers or cell phones. Unlike videos uploaded to YouTube, lifecasters are inviting viewers into their world to see what they see, comment on it and ask questions, all in real time.

Broadcasting live from a webcam is nothing new, but what makes services such as Justin.tv, Ustream.tv and Yahoo Live (live.yahoo.com) different is that technology has evolved to the point where practically anyone can stream live from almost anywhere and interact with people who are watching.

You don't need to be a technical genius or even have your own Web page. And with the spread of wireless Internet and the fact that webcams have become a standard feature on many new computers, you might not even have to buy anything.

Oaklund, 40, uses a mobile broadband connection to broadcast as the "Master Roadcaster" on Justin.tv. People tune in from all over the world to laugh at his jokes, make comments about other drivers, tell him to slow down or suggest hotels for him. While driving, he glances at the computer screen when it's safe and speaks into a headset to respond to questions and comments. He usually has 15 to 100 people watching.

"People are already looking at video online, so wouldn't it be funny if you could watch a funny video clip and you could tell the person doing it, 'Hey, do that again,'" said Michael Seibel, CEO of Justin.tv.

Seibel started Justin.tv in 2006 with three friends to live broadcast co-founder Justin Kan 24/7 as he walked around San Francisco with a camera attached to his hat. In October, the site opened to everyone, and it



Justin.tv began as the crazy brainchild of its founder, Justin Kan, who decided it would be really cool if he could broadcast his entire life, 24/7, to the Internet.

now has more than 430,000 registered users, about 34,000 of whom are broadcasters.

Seisums, 18, typically streams live from her red-polka-dot-covered bedroom for about four hours after school each weekday. She plays games with viewers, dances to pop songs, hangs out with her friends, talks about school and curses out people who come into the chat room and are rude.

Seisums has been creating her own Web sites since she was about 10 and wants to work in Web development. "I keep the camera on as much as possible, but I like to have privacy. If I don't want to be on camera, then I put the camera on my animals."

In recent episodes, she has bathed her guinea pigs, painted a video-game console and accidentally spilled soda on her laptop.

Seisums is careful not to reveal too many details about herself or where she lives and has moderators who ban people who are vulgar. Her typical audience is about the same size as Oaklund's.

Oaklund thinks his broadcasts are popular because he's always somewhere different, and because he spends so many hours on the road, viewers don't have trouble finding him.

"It's a lot of fun; they keep me in stitches," he said.

At 61, Don Browne of LaBelle bills himself as the "world's oldest lifecaster." A retired teacher who loves technology and blogs about local news, Browne spends about six to eight hours a day in front of the camera while working at his computer.



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"It's just so novel that you can look into somebody's house and they don't know you are watching," Browne said. "You are like Superman with X-ray vision."

To get a glimpse of the future of live streaming, look no further than Qik.com, the Web site of a California company that has developed free software to stream live video from cell phones to the Internet and display live chat on the phone and the Internet.

Florian Seroussi, 39, a Qik user and the CEO of a Miami telecommunications company, has used the service to watch the takeoff of the Airbus A380



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5. Black Mountain — "In The Future"
6. Vampire Weekend — "Vampire Weekend"
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Stitches, the kitten mascot for the UK Children's Hospital, visits patients to hand out stickers, coloring books and hugs to the kids. The hospital is now looking for a student to fill the mascot suit.

Interviews for the mascot, a younger version of the Wildcat, began Sunday and will continue tonight at 7:30 in the Seaton Center.

"The UK student who will be Stitches should be someone who is outgoing, someone who has an outward personality and can project that through a costume," said Cynde Estep, UK HealthCare senior service line manager. "The person selected should also be good with children and have good physical stamina, because the costume is heavy, and they will be working in winter and summer weather."

Stitches, only in his second year as a mascot, represents the Children's Hospital at events in the community including parades and baseball games. The mascot also pays weekly visits to the hospital to entertain the patients in their rooms, Estep said.

"The university has a wildcat and the Children's Hospital has the child's version — a kitten," Estep said. "This is something children can relate to."

To try out, individuals will be asked to dance to various music styles to judge how they move in the costume, participate in improvisations and entertain the judges with props that are provided.

The judges are UK's Wildcat and Scratch. Duties as Stitches will begin immediately after training and will continue through the summer of 2009.

For more information about becoming the new Stitches, contact Estep at (859) 257-2623.

We're also looking for a student who's friendliest in the costume because they will be interacting with children."

Estep said mascot experience is preferred, but not required.

The student selected as head mascot will receive a scholarship for the full cost of in-state tuition and the student chosen to be the secondary mascot will receive half of in-state tuition. A handler, who assists the mascots and speaks on their behalf has already been chosen and is a student intern at the hospital, Estep said.

The students selected will be sent to mascot training in August with the students already chosen for UK's mascots Wildcat and Scratch. Duties as Stitches will begin immediately after training and will continue through the summer of 2009.

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Mexicans fight against privatization of oil company

By Franco Ordonez
McClatchy Newspapers

MEXICO CITY — The price of oil is reaching record levels worldwide, but Mexico, long considered an oil power, is failing to reap the rewards because its state-owned oil company hasn't developed many of the areas known to be rich in petroleum.

President Felipe Calderon this month proposed allowing the ailing state oil company to contract with international companies to help drill deeper in those areas. But leftist lawmakers have blocked the legislation to allow that, claiming that Calderon's proposal amounts to privatizing a national treasure.

Leftist leaders have vowed to increase their protests during the president's visit this week to the United States, accusing Calderon of making a "business trip" to report on his plans to sell the state oil com-

pany, Petroleos Mexicanos, or Pemex.

"The fight for Mexico oil will continue ... so that it remains a Mexican resource and not be an appendage for U.S. consumption," said Alejandro Chanona, leader of the Convergence Party in the lower house of Congress.

Opponents of allowing Pemex to partner with experts from the United States and other countries on oil development see the issue in deeply emotional terms.

Thousands of "women warriors" armed with videos and printed materials and dispatched door-to-door to protest the bill are called "las Adelitas" — named for the female soldiers who fought during the Mexican Revolution.

Their goal is to drum up support for an April 27 rally in downtown Mexico City to protest the "gravity of consequences of the privatization of

the oil industry." A similar rally on April 13 drew more than 100,000 people.

Andres Manuel Lopez Obrador, who narrowly lost the presidency to Calderon in 2006, is organizing the protests, leading a group known as the National Movement for the Defense of Petroleum.

Mexico's Chamber of Deputies has been taken over by opponents of the bill since April 10, and giant tanks reading "CLOSED" and "No! To Privatization of Pemex" have been draped over the chamber's podium. Signs taped to chairs and desks of congressional leaders read "Traitor to the Homeland."

Mexico's oil has long been a symbol of national pride and revenue. Pemex profits provide 40 percent of the national budget. Even the smallest news about the company can draw front-page headlines.

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UK 4, EASTERN KENTUCKY 2 Matousek pitches Cats past in-state foe

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Having won only three of its 22 games within the Southeastern Conference this season, the UK softball team entered its final non-conference test looking for a much-needed win.

The Cats (17-31, 3-19 SEC) benefited from big performances from senior first baseman Ashley Dimkich and sophomore pitcher Amber Matousek, as they earned a 4-2 victory over Eastern Kentucky (25-16) yesterday evening at the UK Softball Complex.

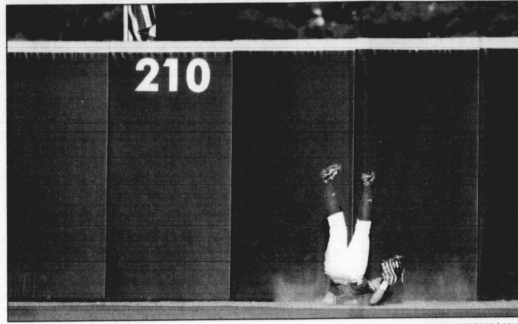
Matousek hurled all seven innings in the contest. She surrendered only two hits and one walk, while striking out five Colonels batters.

"You could tell she was feeling it out there, and I'm really glad that she came through for us," Dimkich said of Matousek's performance.

Dimkich was feeling it, too. The senior was perfect on the day at the plate, going 3-for-3 with an RBI and a run scored.

"I was seeing the ball really well today, and I'm glad I could come through for the team," Dimkich said.

After an uneventful first inning, Dimkich initiated a second-inning spree with a double that rattled off the base of the left field wall. After a sacrifice bunt that advanced Dimkich to third base and a strike out, freshman designated hitter Annie Rowlands grounded a ball to third base and beat the throw to first. Dimkich scored on the in-



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Freshman center fielder Meagan Aull hits the dirt on the center field warning track after recording the final out of the game yesterday at the UK Softball Complex. Aull's catch preserved UK's 4-2 victory over Eastern Kentucky.

field hit to give the Cats a 1-0 advantage.

The Cats continued their two-out rally with an infield hit by senior right fielder Audrey Meyer, and freshman catcher Megan Yocke lined a single to center field to tally another run for the Cats.

With two runners on and two outs, the Colonels brought in a fresh pitcher, junior Chelsea Butler. The flame-throwing Butler retired the first batter she faced, and the Colonels turned right around and immediately erased the Cats' lead with a two-run third inning.

Both EKU runs came on a two-on, two-out double by

freshman Amber Lenz that dropped just under the glove of the sophomore left fielder Destinee Mordcaai. Although Lenz was tagged out in an attempt to advance to third, the damage had been done, and the Colonels had drawn even.

In the bottom of the fourth, Cats junior Katie McCarty led off the frame with a line drive double that split the gap in right-center field. McCarty then plated the go-ahead run on a pair of sacrifices: a no-out bunt from Rowlands and a one-out deep fly from Yocke.

"We work on sacrifices every day in practice," UK head coach Rachel Lawson said.

"We're not a big power-hitting team, so we really have to work hard to play the game right and generate the runs. It's not horribly exciting, but that's what we have to do."

Although Rowlands' RBI sacrifice fly proved to be the difference in the contest, Dimkich sealed the Cats' 17th victory of the season with an RBI single in the bottom half of the fifth, and simultaneously bid adieu to a personal 1-for-15 slump.

"I've been in a slump lately, so it felt good to bust out of that a bit," Dimkich said. "It always feels good to get back in the win column."

Former UK football player Harry Ulinski dies at 83

Former UK football player Harry Ulinski died in Louisville on Sunday. He was 83.

Ulinski, whose jersey is retired in Commonwealth Stadium, played center and linebacker at UK from 1946-49 under head coach Paul "Bear" Bryant and is a member of the UK Athletics Hall of Fame.

The Ambridge, Pa., native was a member of the first UK team to win a bowl game, the 1947 Great Lakes Bowl. Ulinski also played in the 1949 Orange Bowl for

UK. He was a 1949 first-team All-Southeastern Conference selection by The Associated Press and played in the 1950 College All-Star Game.

Ulinski spent six seasons playing for the NFL's Washington Redskins and made the All-Pro team once. He finished his career in the Canadian Football League.

A veteran of the United States Army Air Corps, Ulinski is survived by his wife, Ann; two children, Victoria Messersmith and

Chris Ulinski; and six grandchildren. Ulinski's grandson, Dave Ulinski, was a standout offensive lineman at DuPont Manual High School in Louisville and was a member of UK's 2008 recruiting class.

Visitation is today from 3 to 8 p.m. at Foreman Funeral Home on Taylorsville Road in Louisville. A memorial service will be held at 2 p.m. Saturday at the First Unitarian Church in Louisville.

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STADIUM RATER: CLIFF HAGAN STADIUM



Though plans for a new stadium are in the works, Cliff Hagan Stadium has witnessed the rebirth of UK baseball, providing home-field advantage for the Cats along the way. UK is 24-2 at home this season.

Quaint venue a haven for winning

By Matthew George
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The UK baseball team has proven to be nearly unbeatable when playing within the friendly confines of its home ballpark over the past few seasons. And while the Cats won't have any more home games before school lets out for the summer, the Stadium Rater, in its season finale, takes a look at Cliff Hagan Stadium to try and unlock the key behind UK's stout home-field advantage. This the fifth installment of a special feature rating UK's stadiums, arenas and athletic facilities that house varsity sporting events from a fan's perspective. Ratings are based on a scale of one to five tickets, with five being the best. The overall rating is not an average, and all opinions are strictly those of Matthew George.



Overall

Plans have been proposed for a new multimillion dollar baseball stadium complex that will be UK's baseball home of the near future — which means Cliff Hagan's days are numbered. In its short tenure as the Cats' home ballpark, Cliff Hagan has been the site of an incredible amount of recent history. Record setting seasons in 2006, 2007 and now 2008 have created a boom in attendance and excitement for the program. UK's home field continues to provide fun for students, families and baseball purists alike. And the fact that a home game almost always means a win these days makes Cliff Hagan Stadium one of the best venues on campus.

History

Originally constructed in 1969 as a part of the Bernie A. Shively Sports Center, the ballpark didn't actually become Shively Field at Cliff Hagan Stadium until renovations in 2002, which is the time period the Stadium Rater will use. But fans have seen history made in bundles since that time, thanks in large part to the arrival of head coach John Cohen. During his five-year tenure at the Cats' helm, Cohen has led the club to its first SEC Championship in 2006, its first time hosting an NCAA Regional in that same year and school-record 19-0 starts in 2007 and 2008. And those are just the highlights. More history lies in the future of the program, which, currently in the middle of a record three-year run at 109-46-1, has its eyes set on Omaha, Neb., site of the College World Series.



Seating

For a Southeastern Conference baseball venue, Cliff Hagan's seating capacity is quaint. And though UK ranked 28th in attendance nationally a season ago, the Cats must be judged among their peers. Cliff Hagan Stadium, renovated in 2002, is now able to accommodate 3,000 fans. But that's only good enough to rank 11th out of 12 teams in the conference in the number of available seats. Mississippi State's Polk-Dement Stadium holds 15,000 fans and Arkansas's Baum Stadium has room for nearly 10,000. But fans at Cliff Hagan find ways to catch a glimpse of the action. The deck in right-center field, constructed after the historic 2006 season, offers a unique view of the action, though it's standing room only. And the parking lot behind the outfield is sufficient to support the worst tailgating habits. But the stadium does feature blind spots. The home bullpen, a large tin structure, blocks the line of sight deep down the left field line for more than half the seats in the park.

Atmosphere

Fans in the Commonwealth have yet to fully embrace baseball as one of its major sports, but they are definitely coming around. The additions of the video scoreboard in left-center and the party deck in right-center have transformed the experience at Cliff Hagan Stadium into more than just a baseball game. Tailgaters have found a post-football outlet in the outfield parking lot. Youth baseball teams are allowed to run out on the field with the home team before each game, and often stick around for autograph signing sessions after. Dizzy bat races, cornhole tossing competitions and T-shirt giveaways are a staple in a family-friendly, fun-for-all-ages environment. All have combined to help UK become what it always should have been: an SEC baseball school. But the growth is not complete. As attendance continues to blossom, the need for a new ballpark has taken root. Only then will we know the true potential of the atmosphere in Cliff Hagan Stadium.



Playing surface

It should be prefaced that this is a completely biased statement, but there is no playing surface in sports that rivals the majestic beauty of a baseball field. UK's Shively Field is a prime example. When made up for playing time, the smoothly dug infield dirt, precisely mowed patterns in the outfield and freshly chalked lines paint a landscape that could rival any Bob Ross masterpiece. But inclement weather is always a threat to ruin game day. Tarps protect the infield, mound and batter's box, but rains can transform the warning track into a medieval moat surrounding the entire field. No drainage system is perfect, which makes it difficult for any outdoor playing surface to earn a perfect rating.

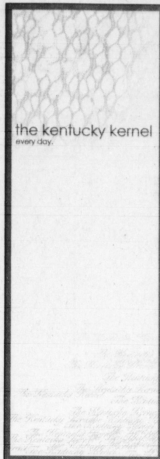
Home-field advantage

To say that Cliff Hagan Stadium provides a home-field advantage would be a vast understatement. Case in point: Out of 26 home games this season, UK has won 24. And the Cats are outscoring opponents by an average of more than seven runs. Fans in the outfield have been known to frequent visiting players' MySpace and Facebook accounts to find material to heckle them with. Teams are also forced to adjust to a small ballpark that gives up a lot of home runs. But more than the dimensions, many teams — especially in the SEC — must adjust to playing baseball in the cold. Kentucky's cooler climate can really bite fans in late February and early March. Even April has yielded game-time temperatures in the 40s. For teams used to fun in the sun, like Florida and Louisiana State, the weather can be tougher to deal with than any hostile fans.



Game-day availability

For college students, convenience is a top priority. Cliff Hagan Stadium's location makes baseball one of the most easily accessible sports on UK's campus. Located just a hop, skip and jump from the back door of any South Campus dorm, parking for residents of the Blanding and Kirwan complexes is unnecessary. And for commuters, parking behind the outfield and in the newly constructed parking structure provides plenty of close spaces. During the offseason, players go door-to-door in the communities surrounding campus to sell season ticket packages. That means the best seats in the house, directly behind home plate, come to you. Fans don't even have to leave their couches to become season ticket holders. And, as the Louisville game made evident this year, fans are never turned away, whether seats are available or not. More than 4,000 fans — a thousand more people than the stadium seats — filed through the gates to watch the Cats beat the Cardinals in extra innings.



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■ KERNEL EDITORIAL

Keep up progress on campus safety over this summer

In response to the tragedy at Virginia Tech and other colleges across the nation that have experienced similar emergency situations, UK has implemented a number of measures designed to improve communication in the event of an emergency situation on campus.

As UK prepares to head into summer, with far fewer students on campus — and hence fewer situations for campus authorities to be dealing with day to day — now is the time for officials to step back and evaluate the university's progress on security so far.

"We are in more of a preventive mode than we were before Virginia Tech," said Anthony Beatty, director of public safety, in a Kernel article April 16.

Prevention should indeed be the focus of safety efforts as UK considers how to avoid tragedies like the one at Virginia Tech. While reactive efforts can minimize injuries and loss of life once a situation has begun, it is far better to do as much as possible to keep such emergencies from occurring in the first place.

UK has already taken some of these preventative steps. For instance, the Adopt-A-Cop program has assigned UK police officers to specific residence halls and undoubtedly has

gone a long way toward making it far easier for students to report threats and emergencies.

Furthermore, the newly formed Students of Concern team — which identifies students at risk of serious personal problems and refers them to the proper venues for help — may help

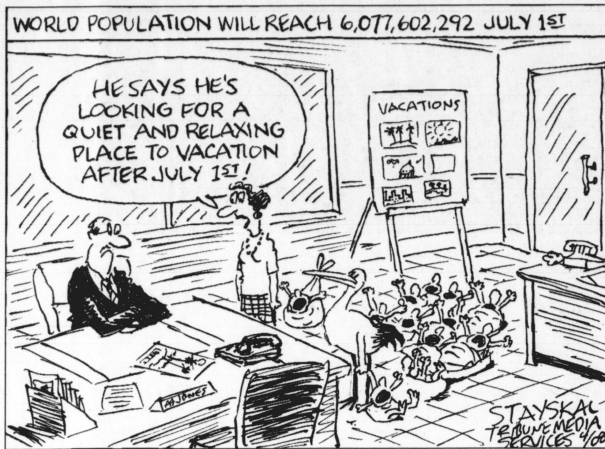
to address those students who would otherwise "slip through the cracks."

UK has also improved its resources for what to do once a security situation is already underway. UK Alert, the new system for sending campus warnings via e-mails, text messages and other

mediums, saw its share of problems starting up, but it has much potential for securing campus as improvements are made.

Over the summer, UK authorities should take the time to re-evaluate the success of all of these programs and attempt to discover new ways to improve on them. One suggestion might be to send out UK's condensed emergency plan in a series of e-mails at the beginning of each semester. Education and communication are the key to improving campus safety. Hopefully, UK will continue to make safety a priority by improving on the programs that have been implemented in response to Virginia Tech.

Now is the time for UK officials to step back and evaluate the university's progress on security since the massacre last year at Virginia Tech.



WAYNE STAYSKAL, The Tampa Tribune

Green fee elimination shows UK, Phelps have wrong priorities

In spring 2006, in a uniquely progressive referendum on the Student Government ballot, 67 percent of UK students said that they would be willing to pay an extra \$6 to \$8

per semester in student fees to generate funding for using more renewable energy on our currently coal-dependent campus. Although this referendum was not binding to the university, it showed the overwhelming interest of students in creating a more sustainable campus.

By the next academic year, when it was clear that no changes were going to be made, students of Green-thumb UK's environmental club, again spoke out to encourage the passing of this fee. President Lee Todd said he did not feel that students should have to pay this fee, but that instead he would create a sustainability coordinator position, appoint a sustainability committee of faculty, staff and students, and create a budget for them to begin implementing environmentally friendly changes on campus.

This would have meant that all of

these things could have been in place by August 2007. It didn't happen. Instead, the coordinator has yet to be hired, there is no funding, and the committee only had its first meeting in March 2008. At this pace, all of the ice in Antarctica will have melted before a sustainability coordinator is hired.

In fall 2007, Pat Terrell, vice president for student affairs, created a Student Fee Committee. Representatives of each fee in the student fee package were invited to take part to recommend an increase that was fair to everyone. Members of this committee, led by Tyler Fleck, all agreed that the green fee was vital to this university and that they would sacrifice some increase in their own fees to see that it passed.

The green fee was recommended by the Student Fee committee, then by Terrell and finally by Todd himself. If nothing else, this proves that those who are educated about the impact of the fee and the necessity of our campus to stop falling so far behind our peers in sustainability efforts saw the validity of the fee. The 50-cent fee would ultimately go toward saving millions of dollars in energy costs, freeing that money for other projects.

After all this, for Student Government President Nick Phelps to publicly say about the green fee that

"there was no clear vision, and it shouldn't have even made it that far" and to be the swing vote that voted it down in Board of Trustees meeting on Tuesday shows his own ignorance and utter disconnect with the students of this university.

Again, Phelps has proven to all of us that he is not committed to our interests and is unwilling to stand up for what the students believe in, the charge he was given when he accepted his position as SG president.

It is difficult to believe that the university takes sustainability seriously at a time like this, or to believe the \$13,000 will ever appear. We all know there are budget cuts, economic recessions and people being laid off from the university. Unfortunately, these excuses don't stop pollution from getting worse every year, ice from melting, or coal and gas prices from skyrocketing.

Now is the time for UK to make the small initial sacrifice to invest in a student fee that will affect these things — a fee that will pay for itself, will save UK money and show the disenchanted students on this campus that we mean more to them than a bi-annual check.

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Guest columnist

When Pentagon spinsters masquerade as analysts

The following editorial appeared in the Miami Herald on Tuesday.

It is no surprise that the Pentagon would pull out all stops in an effort to boost support for the war in Iraq, especially after the easy victory, predicted with great confidence, turned into a long and nasty war. What is surprising and outrageous, though, is that a parade of retired military officers posing as independent analysts would become Pentagon sock puppets in a campaign to dupe Americans into believing that the war was going well. This is Washington spin at its worst and most frightening.

As disclosed in a lengthy report in The New York Times, the Pentagon information apparatus under former Secretary of Defense Donald Rumsfeld managed a program to feed the administration's line to dozens of retired officers. They, in turn, dutifully parroted the official version of events on network and cable TV programs. As a rule, retired military officers don't need any coaching to reflect the Pentagon's point of view. But in this case, the "analysis" was the product of back-room manipulation. Some "analysts" consistently offered upbeat public assessments even when they believed the war was being lost, to avoid alienating Rumsfeld and his advisers.

Many of these former officers, in addition to working as consultants for TV news programs, also were employed full-time either as officers of companies with military contracts or as

lobbyists for such companies. In the cozy world of Washington insiders, taking cues about the progress of the war in briefings from the brass offered invaluable access to Pentagon decision-makers with a say over contracts. The quid pro quo when such business relationships are involved is not hard to imagine.

Pentagon spokesmen have denied that this program differs from background briefings offered routinely to journalists and other interest groups. It is not the same, though, particularly the degree of closeness between the Pentagon and the "independent" analysts. They often worked in tandem, with some analysts referred to as "surrogates" in Pentagon documents. One participant, retired Lt. Col. William V. Cowan, said he felt he had been "fired" by the Pentagon after he dared to express a critical assessment of the war.

The TV programs that hired the former officers as analysts share blame and responsibility for this duplicitous effort. Apparently, few of them made an effort to ensure that the views of their paid consultants were the real thing and not a mere recitation of Pentagon "talking points."

The prestige of former officers lends credibility to their views on military affairs. But when such views are part of a propaganda campaign to sell the war instead of informing the public, the news media's independence is compromised and the public is poorly served.

On Beijing Olympics and protests, student opinion varies quite a bit

With just more than 100 days until the opening of the 2008 Olympic Games in Beijing, China is taking

criticism for its human rights record, including its handling of recent protests and riots in Tibet and its role in the Darfur situation. As well as the poor management of pollution. Some activists even call for their countries and leaders

to boycott the games. I wanted to find out how some of my friends and fellow UK students view the Olympics and the controversies that surround the event.

The UK Chinese Students and Scholars Association held an event yesterday in support of the Beijing Olympics. The group hopes to inform students about the Beijing Olympics with its display and to collect signatures of those who support the games.

Through conversations with students who visited the display, I found that while China's human rights record is a controversial matter to them, most are against boycotting the Olympics.

"Politics shouldn't compromise the Olympics," said Corinne Keel, a political science junior and personal friend of mine. "I support the Olympics at all times," she said. "It should be separate from politics."

The Olympics bring the world to-

gether, Keel said, adding that even though she doesn't usually watch sports, the Olympic Games excite her.

Mitch Schwartz, a telecommunication senior and fellow resident adviser, said he has reservations about the games.

"I am not opposed to the Beijing Olympics, but I am not very excited about it because of the controversy," he said. "In a way, it's unfortunate that the controversy takes away from this great event."

Jessalyn Ubellacker, an international studies and biology sophomore, said she supports the Beijing Olympics despite her concerns about Tibet. The Olympics is an event where countries set aside political differences, she said.

"I personally disagree with what's happening in Tibet, but it shouldn't be part of the Olympics discussion," she said.

I also brought up the discussion in my history seminar yesterday, where students were generally more informed and more outspoken about the issue.

The class established that it's implausible for the United States to boycott the games and that, because of the issue's complexity, boycotting the event likely won't be a constructive measure.

Josef Cook, a history junior, said the controversy surrounding the Olympics is good for the world. Without the Beijing Olympics, the situation in Tibet wouldn't receive nearly as much attention as it does now. Because of the ongoing international discussion, China is pressured to improve its handling of human rights issues.

Alynn Bissmeyer, a history junior,

thinks China's human rights record is relevant to the Olympics. It's sad that the controversy overshadows the Olympics, but it's beneficial to improving human rights in the world, she said.

Devon Holmes, a history junior, said that while U.S. athletes should participate in the games, President George W. Bush shouldn't attend the opening ceremony. U.S. presidents usually don't attend the Olympics opening ceremony outside of the United States, and there is no special reason for President Bush to go this year, she said.

In response to China's blaming the situation on the Western media's bias, Wes Lawrence, a history senior, said that for the world to change its view on China, China needs to open up to the world first. The communication should be a two-way street. If China wants the world's respect, it must allow foreign journalists free access in the country.

Wes Holbrook, a history junior and personal friend of mine, said that aside from human rights issues, a lot of problems China currently deals with arise from being a developing country. Therefore, the West shouldn't punish China by boycotting the Beijing Olympics for things Western countries did just decades ago.

If you would like to show your support for the Olympic Games or to learn more about the Olympics in Beijing, CSSA will continue the Olympics display today between 11 a.m. and 2 p.m. at the Student Center patio.

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meet the enrollment plan." The project will be "upscale apartments and retail," Sinning said, and the location is near downtown, which is convenient for students and young professionals.

According to a press release, the complex will also have an outdoor pool, a fitness center, a theatre room, a study area and tanning beds. Leasing for the retail components will begin this summer.



The proposed design for a new student apartment complex downtown is expected to be complete by the fall of 2009.

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But not everyone at the meeting was concerned with national problems. "A lot of the problems in this country start right here," said Henry Jacobs, 86, a resident of Martin County, which includes Inez. "There aren't good jobs and we're not making good money. Some say people in small towns have a chip on their shoulder because they're poorer than the rest of the country. But we don't have a chip on our shoulders because of some rough times. If we have a chip, it's because no one seems to care to fix these tough times."

Jacobs said he remembers when

President Lyndon B. Johnson visited Inez in 1964 to announce his War on Poverty.

"I remember I stopped to hear him speak on my way to the mines," said Jacobs, a coal miner for 61 years. "It was hard times then. It's getting to be hard times now. Johnson brought hope to these parts, and we're looking for that same hope today. Whoever can give us that wins my vote."

McCain said his main goals for rural towns in the country are increasing communication and technology to improve education and to bring more job opportunities to smaller communities.

"We need to take advantage of community colleges that offer training and technical programs to help ensure that even the most rural areas have ac-

cess to the same technology and education as the biggest cities," McCain said.

Big Sandy Community and Technical College is just more than 20 miles from Inez and offers a partnership with local coal companies to train students for employment programs, Frayley said.

Increased access to community colleges and large hospitals came with the expansion of four-lane highways and access to free Internet has started improving residents' quality of life in Inez, Frayley said.

Still, per-capita income is comparatively low for the town with an average of just above \$20,000, according to the U.S. Census Bureau. Unemployment and school dropout rates are higher in

Martin County and Eastern Kentucky than in the rest of the state. Many in the county of just more than 12,000 still lack access to sewer systems and public water.

"It may have been acceptable to live like this in the past," Jacobs said, "but I'm an old man now, and even I know that times have changed and we haven't kept up."

McCain said he is committed to ensuring that no small town in America is isolated from technology, communication and education.

"I've never been here before," McCain admitted to the crowd. "But I will not make this my last visit to Inez. I will come back and ask you to hold me accountable for the promises I made and the decisions I make."

NEWS BRIEF

Top military chair among speakers at commencement

The chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff and a Washington, D.C., TV and radio news reporter will speak during UK's 141st Commencement.

The commencement ceremony is scheduled for 2 p.m. May 4, in Rupp Arena. During the ceremony, Admiral Mike Mullen will address graduates. Also speaking will be Beverly Kirk, a UK alumna and a TV and radio news reporter based in Washington, D.C.

The graduating senior chosen to speak for the class of 2008 is Christine Tillman, a nursing senior from Paducah, Ky.

Three honorary doctorates will be awarded during the ceremony: Gifford Blyton, a former university faculty member, longtime director of UK's debate program and the faculty senate parliamentarian for 35 years; former governor and UK alumnus Paul Patton; and former UK basketball head coach Orlando "Tubby" Smith.

The commencement ceremony is free and open to the public.

Mullen will also give the Patterson School of Diplomacy Vince Davis Memorial Lecture at Memorial Hall on May 2 at 7 p.m. The lecture is free and open to the public.

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the CPE puts presidents in the awkward position of having to lobby for funding when the council should be doing it.

In a meeting yesterday with Gov. Steve Beshear, university presidents discussed their concern about the CPE's role in the development of budgets. Todd was out of town and did not attend the meeting. A spokesperson for Beshear declined to comment on the meeting, saying it was private.

Watter said the CPE does not usually participate in official legislative action because the council is a "court of last resort" to go to when there are higher education issues. The CPE has done

its part in promoting higher education goals, he said.

A decision on university tuition will be made by the CPE on May 9. UK's hearing is scheduled for May 1 at 9:50 a.m. in the state Capitol. It is open to the public.

CPE Interim President Brad Cowgill declined to comment on UK's specific rate of increase, but in a news release he said "a strong consensus has emerged among council members that favors a conservative approach to tuition growth."

Quarles said while he will reserve judgment until he hears each university's testimony, he anticipates tuition discussions to be more like a trial and less like a free pass.

"We want to give everyone their day in court," he said.

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the old proposal and the new principles, incoming freshmen must complete 30 hours of general education courses that, with few exceptions, would be outside major and pre-major curriculum.

Unlike the old proposal, the general education principles do not mention specific courses but do call for classes that make students more aware of the global community and ethical decisions.

"What is not up for negotiation, at least in the foreseeable future, is the general education principles," Tagavi said.

Even if a new proposal goes through the University Senate, the faculty body has no control over obtaining additional funding if needed. The provost and president's offices would handle any changes in funding or in the number of faculty.

Many details still have to be worked out for much of the USP changes, meaning it might not be possible to get the USPs ready within the University Senate's timetable, said committee member Ernie Yanarella.

"While everyone is shooting for the new general studies program, I think there's a considerable amount of realism that there might be a little bit of slippage," Yanarella said.

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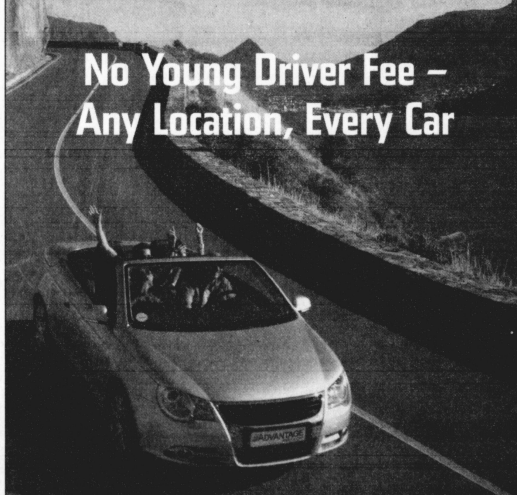
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