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Legislators OK budget; UK's funding upped

By Troy Lyle
THE KENTUCKY KERNEL

FRANKFORT — The Kentucky House of Representatives and Senate each passed a budget yesterday that provides more than \$180 million in bonding approval and funding for UK.

House Bill 267 will also provide a more than \$18 million increase in UK's operating budget. The state mandates that \$2.73 million be used for various programs and endowments, and UK has earmarked \$2.9 million for the maintenance and operation of new buildings, said Angie Martin, UK's vice president of planning, budget and policy.

"We are looking at using the remaining balance of about \$12 million for a combo of things," she said. Possibilities include providing money for scholarships that have yet

to be funded and re-evaluating — and possibly lowering — a proposed 14.5 tuition increase set for next fall, Martin said.

The budget is still pending approval from Gov. Ernie Fletcher, and any allocation of funding will require a special meeting of the UK Board of Trustees, so divvying up the funds will take some time, Martin said.

"We hope to have a decision fairly soon — maybe even as early as April," Martin said.

The House introduced HB 267 more than two weeks ago. The Senate then changed and approved its version of the House budget. A joint conference committee, made up of key members from both sides, formed a final version of the budget this past weekend.

Yesterday was the last day for either the House or Senate to make

changes or introduce bills. This session of the General Assembly ends Friday.

The budget will allow UK to pursue its top three projects by providing \$40 million for a new bio-pharmaceutical complex, \$100 million for the expansion of the Chandler Medical Center and \$8.5 million for renovating UK's animal diagnostic center.

Of the three, only the Chandler Medical Center expansion took a cut. The House had originally honored UK's request of \$250 million in bonding, but the final budget reduced that to \$100 million in an effort to keep Kentucky's bond rating high.

Legislators promised to allot the remaining \$150 million in next year's session.

"Ideally, we would like to do one bond issue," said UK President Lee Todd, referring to the possibility of

PROJECT	PROPOSED AND FINAL BUDGET FUNDING (in millions)		
	HOUSE	SENATE	JOINT
Animal diagnostic center	\$8.5	\$8.5	\$8.5
Basketball practice facility	\$0	\$15	\$7
Bio-pharmaceutical complex	\$40	\$32	\$40
Blazer Hall renovations	\$2.25	\$2.25	\$0
Chandler Medical Center	\$250	\$100	\$100
K-Lair renovations	\$5.1	\$0	\$0
Keeneland Hall renovations	\$5.1	\$0	\$0
Student Center Food Court	\$1.6	\$1.6	\$0
Student health facility	\$24	\$0	\$24

increased interest rates with a second bond issue. "Yet we are quite pleased with the funding we received."

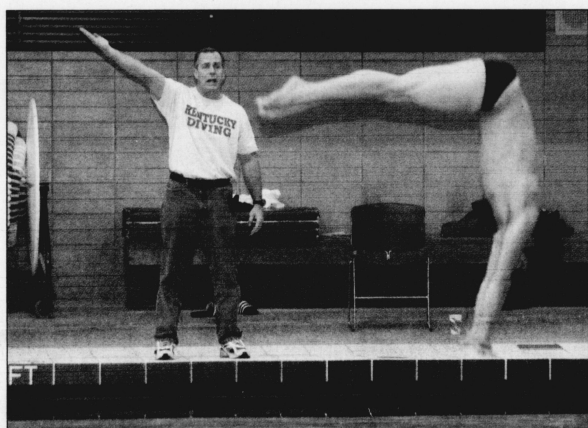
Murray Clark, UK's associate vice president for medical center operations, said this funding will allow

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UK diving coach Mike Lyden is so demanding of his divers that they are afraid to look over at their coach after messing up on a dive, they said.

"He does have an intimidating look when you have a bad dive," said junior diver Jessica Thompson. "You don't want to go over there."

Lyden is in his 12th year as the UK diving coach.



SCOTT LOUWER | STAFF

tough love makes big SPLASH

Diving coach Mike Lyden doesn't sugarcoat, doesn't pass the blame. He pushes the UK divers to be mentally tougher. With 44 All-American selections, Lyden's approach works.



SCOTT LOUWER | STAFF

UK diving coach Mike Lyden instructs his divers during yesterday's practice at the Lancaster Aquatic Center.

By Jeff Patterson
THE KENTUCKY KERNEL

Jessica Thompson found out exactly what Mike Lyden's tough love meant when she was a freshman.

The UK diving coach told her to climb up the stairs of the tower at the Lancaster Aquatic Center, and then dive into the pool more than 80 feet below.

"I would definitely never do that if he hadn't said, 'Do it,'" said Thompson, now a junior.

That's the control he has.

Lyden gives an order, and it's followed without question.

"He has an extreme influence on us," said UK senior diver Mario Rodriguez.

"He just pushes and pushes."

Lyden said he does this to make each of his divers tougher mentally.

He never deflects the blame on officials.

He never sugarcoats a poor performance.

"I'm not sensitive to our diver's bubbles," Lyden said. "I'd like to make them better with tough love."

Having coached 10 divers to 44 All-American selections in his 12 years at UK, it works. In last month's Southeastern Conference Diving Championships, sophomore Taryn Ignacio and Thompson swept the one-meter, three-meter and platform competitions for UK — becoming only the second school in SEC history to perform the feat. Lyden coached the other — Louisiana State in 1991.

During practice Lyden sits in a chair at the side of the pool watching each of his pupils.

"He does have an intimidating look when you have a bad dive," Thompson said. "You don't want to go over there."

He's been that way from the beginning.

Ignacio, a Richmond, Ky. native, first started diving for Lyden when she was 12 years old.

"She was petrified of me," Lyden said.

"I was scared of him at first, but not anymore," Ignacio said.

Now, they understand why he does it.

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Tax plan funding research passes Cigarette, liquor taxes increase

By Troy Lyle
THE KENTUCKY KERNEL

FRANKFORT — A tax modernization plan aimed at furthering cancer research was passed yesterday by both the Kentucky House of Representatives and the Senate.

The UK Markey Cancer Center will receive about \$2.5 million annually, according to the budget. The center will be responsible for matching that amount.

The revenue-neutral tax plan, known as House Bill 272, increased the cigarette tax by one cent to provide the additional cancer research funding. A pack of cigarettes will now be taxed 30 cents — 27 cents more than the current 3-cent tax.

The money will be used to prevent, diagnose, investigate and research cancer, said Kevin McDonagh, deputy director of the Markey Cancer Center.

Sen. Ed Worley, D-Richmond, said the greatest part of the entire tax modernization plan was the addition of this 1-cent tax increase

on cigarettes.

This money will directly fund cancer research for years to come, he said.

In addition, the plan provided a tuition tax credit to in-state, undergraduate college students that could be worth up to \$500.

Gov. Ernie Fletcher's administration said this credit was created to offset recent tuition increases and make higher education more affordable for all Kentuckians.

H.B. 272 will also provide state revenue increases by implementing several initiatives aimed at everything from alcohol to personal income taxes.

For example, a 2 percent increase would be applied to alcohol at the wholesale level, increasing its overall tax to 11 percent.

Both the cigarette and alcohol taxes are projected to increase state revenues by more than \$200 million by the year 2006, according to budget data.

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All residents may pay to download Proposed fee is \$8 to \$12 per month

By Shannon Mason
THE KENTUCKY KERNEL

Students may soon be able to download music and movies legally through UK.

The proposed plan would allow students who live on campus to download music and movies for about \$8 to \$12 per month, said Pat Terrell, vice president of student affairs.

However, if the plan is in effect, all students living on campus will be subject to pay the fee whether they use the service or not.

UK recently conducted a survey in campus residential areas to evaluate student response and approval to the proposed plan.

Terrell said the plan will not go into effect for the next school year because more discussions will take place before anything is finalized.

"We would have to get the cost into the housing rate," Terrell said. "The results of the survey were not back in time to share with the students."

Discussions will take place next fall and the plan may be available by fall semester 2006.

About 75 percent of stu-

dents polled showed interest in the downloading service.

Forty-nine percent said they would be "very interested" in the music and video download access, and another 25 percent were "somewhat interested."

However, 14 percent of students surveyed said they would be willing to pay \$8 to \$12 per month for the service — the price range that UK is proposing.

The majority of respondents — 69 percent — said they would prefer to pay between \$5 and \$8 per month for the service. The next most popular response was "nothing," which garnered 17 percent of the vote.

UK sent out 5,136 surveys, and 1,271 students responded.

Anonymous student comments from the survey gave the proposal mixed reviews.

"If you want to download legally, it's easier," said one student. "There is no getting in trouble."

"I have no interest in downloading music," said another. "We are here to study, not jam."

Some students like the

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UK's next meet:

- Zone Diving Championships in Atlanta; hosted by Georgia Tech
- Tomorrow through Saturday

Budget

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the hospital to maintain its position as a premier health care provider in the state.

"The rooms in our current facility are much too small and outdated," he said. "We can no longer support the level of patient care that is needed."

Part of the expansion will create several new rooms and as many as 200 to 250 beds, he said.

During the peak of construction, 1,800 jobs will be created. When construction is complete, 1,300 additional jobs will be created.

In addition, the expansion will provide a modernized technology infrastructure and a bigger and better environment for patients and families, Clark said.

Four projects unfunded

Not all of UK's projects made it into the final budget, however.

Four projects were cut entirely, including renovations for Blazer Hall dining services, the Student Center Food Court, K-Jair and Keeneland Hall — a total of \$14 million.

"We were looking forward to making electrical upgrades and adding air conditioning to Keeneland," said Ben Crutcher, associate vice president for auxiliary services.

"These projects need to happen," he

said. "If they aren't going to be passed in this session, then we will continue to pursue them next year."

The budget also cut \$8 million in proposed bonding for a basketball practice facility to be built behind Memorial Coliseum. The facility will now receive \$7 million, and UK Athletics fundraising efforts will make up the difference.

A new bio-pharmaceutical complex received \$40 million in funding. The House fully funded the project, but the Senate's version of the budget allotted \$32 million. The total amount will be paid with state dollars.

Pharmacy Dean Ken Roberts said the complex will allow the college to train an additional 80 to 100 students annually.

"It's a win-win situation for Kentucky," he said.

The new facilities enable UK to educate more students, many of whom will go on to take jobs and pay taxes in Kentucky, Roberts said.

The budget also provides \$24 million in bonding for a new student health facility.

Dr. Gregory Moore, director of UK's University Health Services, said this new facility will improve the efficiency and quality of health care and provide increased privacy for all students.

The animal diagnostic center at the Coldstream Research Campus on Newtown Pike will receive \$8.5 million for its renovations. This renovation will allow the center to advance its treatment and research of thoroughbred horses, Todd said.

The Next Step

Now that the House and Senate have both agreed upon a budget — unanimously in the House and by a 32-2 vote in the Senate — the plan will be sent to Fletcher, who has 10 days to line-item veto any of the budget's proposals.

In a press release yesterday, the governor promised the budget bill would be carefully reviewed.

"I continue to be concerned about the amount of debt in this budget," Fletcher said. "We must guard against doing damage to our bond ratings or encumbering too much of our future revenues for debt service."

The governor's budget was set at \$622 million. Yesterday's budget was finalized at a debt level of more than \$1.88 billion.

Sen. Edward Scorsone, D-Lexington, said given the circumstances, UK did well in terms of its priorities.

"This budget was more generous than what the governor recommended, yet education is being short-changed statewide, he said.

"We're still several hundreds of millions of dollars short of where we need to be," Scorsone said.

Bob Damron, the House majority caucus chairman, echoed this sentiment. Damron said the debt in the current budget worries him.

"It's going to be hard to find \$150 million next year to bond the hospital expansion, not to mention all the other projects UK needs," he said.

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Farm hands' Louisville rally produces increase in wages

By Evelyn Nieves
THE WASHINGTON POST

A group of tomato pickers from Florida yesterday announced an end to a boycott of Taco Bell after the fast-food chain and its parent company agreed to meet their demands to improve wages and working conditions for farm workers.

In what both sides called an unprecedented agreement, the fast-food company said it would increase the amount it pays for tomatoes by one cent per pound, with the increase to go directly to workers' wages, and said it would help the farm workers' efforts to improve working and living conditions.

The Coalition of Immokalee workers, an advocacy group made up largely of indigent immigrants who work tomato fields in southwest Florida, and representatives of Taco Bell and its corporate parent, Yum! Brands Inc. — the world's largest fast-food restaurant corporation —

announced the agreement at a news conference at Yum! Brands headquarters in Louisville, where the farm workers had traveled for a planned protest on March 12.

While pleased with the outcome, both sides stressed that the industry as a whole needed to do more. "Now we must convince other companies that they have the power to change the way they do business and the way workers are treated," said Lucas Benitez, a founding member of the workers' coalition.

Jonathan Blum, senior vice president of Yum!, said laws must be changed to protect workers and the industry must hold growers accountable.

About 80 Immokalee, Fla., farm workers had traveled by bus to Louisville for what they called their Taco Bell Truth Tour, stopping at 15 cities — including Lexington — en route to bolster support for the boycott.

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idea, but do not think everyone should have to pay

"The service sounds like a good idea," said Larry Miller, a mechanical engineering freshman.

"But only the people who would like to use it should have to pay for it — not everybody,"

This is one reason Terrell

said that more student forums have to be held on the issue.

"It's all or none," Terrell said. "We will have to make sure that even those students who are not interested would be willing to pay to benefit everyone."

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CLARIFICATION

A graphic in yesterday's Kernel incorrectly implied that Kentucky's General Assembly proposed budgeting \$8 million for UK's bio-pharmaceutical complex. It proposed increasing the Senate's funding for the project — \$32 million — by that amount. The final appropriation totaled \$40 million.

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IN OUR OPINION



UK Athletics scores on its goals

Benchmark Athletics Budgets

Athletics are integral to UK's image — for Kentuckians and fans nationwide. "UK" is synonymous with "sports." To many, "entering the top 20" refers to a sports ranking, not the school's status as a national public research university.

But UK Athletics is more to the school than a sports franchise that happens to pull all its players from the university. UK's athletics programs have also contributed seriously to UK's quest to become a top-20 school.

Athletes contribute to the school's image not just with success on the field, but by making grades that show their commitment as students as well. And they're doing just that, as the UK teams' solid performance in the NCAA's Academic Progress Rate system shows.

Of UK's 22 teams, 21 met the expected level of athletes who have remained academically eligible and who have not left UK. Nine UK teams received a perfect score. And men's basketball, the only team not to meet the standard, is on track to meet it next year.

Clearly, UK is committed to ensuring that athletes here grow as students as well as players, and that's the right attitude for a school aspiring to be in the top 20.

But the relationship between athletics and academics at UK is more than players' grades: UK Athletics' gen-

erosity has benefited the university as a whole.

Like the athletics departments of at least nine of UK's benchmark schools, UK Athletics is fully self-sufficient, which means its revenue comes completely in the form of ticket and merchandise sales and booster donations — not student tuition or state funds. Students have the opportunity to watch and root for great teams without worrying that their tuition is going up to fund athletic success.

In fact, UK Athletics does much to give back to the school. Of its \$61 million 2005 budget, UK Athletics gives \$1 million per year to UK; that money funds academic scholarships.

Some of UK's benchmarks are stingier with their money. Of 12 benchmarks that responded to *The Kernel*, only Florida directly donates more money to academics than UK. The Gators offered up about \$540,000 directly and another \$1 million from rights from the Florida athletic logo. Illinois will offer \$500,000 over the next five years to help build a new library. And Texas A&M makes no direct donations, but funds services made available to students in the amount of \$8 million.

Iowa, North Carolina, Minnesota and Wisconsin offer no money to the academic aspects of their universities. Iowa and North Carolina each accept state funds.

Colleges	2005 Budget	Academic funding
Florida	\$60 million	\$1.5 million
Illinois	\$42 million	\$100,000
Iowa	\$46 million	0
N. Carolina	\$42 million	0
Texas A & M	\$46 million	\$8 million*
Wisconsin	\$67 million	0
Minnesota	\$49 million	0
UK	\$51 million	\$1 million

*Texas A & M funds free student services but makes no direct donation to academics.

By funding academic scholarships, UK Athletics has helped bring top students to UK while keeping tuition down for students not on scholarship. This commitment to academic excellence has been — and hopefully will continue to be — an important asset for UK in becoming a top-20 school.

Of course, what happens on the field and in the court is important for UK Athletics as well.

Football and men's basketball — which got off NCAA probation this year and in the

early 1990s, respectively — have shown their commitment to playing by the rules in doing so. Such integrity has improved UK's image, showing that UK will not sacrifice principle for the sake of a higher score.

That's a refreshing attitude in the Southeastern Conference. Since 2002, the NCAA has investigated 10 of the 12 SEC schools. Four schools have been on probation. Two more imposed penalties on themselves to avoid NCAA sanctions.

Athletic Director Mitch

Barnhart has made a commitment to playing fair. In his third year, he's also demonstrated a focus on the whole athletic department, not just the men's basketball team.

Barnhart has increased funding for non-revenue sports since coming to UK, both for expenses and for promotions — note the banners on Memorial Coliseum supporting the volleyball and gymnastics teams.

Barnhart has also hired six new coaches for the Cats. With the exception of the football hire, the others — for

women's basketball, baseball, gymnastics and softball — have already shown marked improvements in record. The new volleyball coach will take over next fall.

A prosperous athletic department may not seem to relate directly to becoming a top-20 research institution.

But top-notch athletes come to UK, most of whom will never make money by playing a sport. Instead, they get a free education and boost the public image — and, hopefully, the donation base — of the university.

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MATT CAREY, THE KENTUCKY KERNEL

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Press reaction to facility funding 'sad commentary' on journalism

Today I have a news flash for certain Kentucky newspaper reporters, editorial writers and other pundits: Gov. Ernie Fletcher has not — repeat, not — traded jobs with Bill Keightley. He will not — repeat, not — appear at the Southeastern Conference tournament with his face painted blue. And he will not — repeat, not — appoint Ashley Judd to be his Secretary of Big Blue Affairs.

I feel it necessary to make these points in light of the media reaction to the news that the governor supports allowing UK to use its bonding capability to finance the remaining \$15 million necessary to build a new basketball practice facility.

Well, actually, that's not news. It has hardly been a secret that the governor has talked with both UK Coach Tubby Smith and Louisville Coach Rick Pitino about their capital-construction wish lists.

And it has hardly been a secret that he fully understands the significant role that basketball plays in our state's history and culture, the national attention that it brings to the Commonwealth and its importance on many levels, including tourism and economic development.

Yet when the \$15 million bonding project for a UK practice facility popped up in the proposed Senate budget, some in the media decided to slap a full court press on the governor. You know how it is when the media goes into frenzy mode: banner headlines across the top of the front page, indignant and self-righteous editorials and around-the-clock chatter on the airwaves.

I had to laugh, just as I used to laugh whenever the critics of my newspaper columns in the *Courier-Journal* or *Herald-Leader* would say that I was just like the rest of the media in that I'd "never let the facts get in the way of a good story."

Now that I'm on the "other side," that doesn't seem so funny.

When I left the newspaper business after 45 years to work for my longtime friend Jim Host in Fletcher's administration, it never dawned on me that I might someday have to defend the governor against suggestions that he was so nuts about college basketball that he might as well be one of those regulars on the radio call-in shows.

Just goes to show you what I know.

Why, to read some of the articles and editorials about the governor and the UK practice facility, you would think he was no different from former Governor Lawrence Wetherby, who used to let the young Paul "Bear" Bryant use his official state limo to recruit players.

Trust me, nobody has to worry about Fletcher letting basketball — or any other sport — skew his priorities. The *Herald-Leader* will hire Rush Limbaugh as its editor before that happens.

Anybody interested in the facts? OK, here they are. When UK sought the governor's support for a new basketball practice facility, he listened with an open mind. He realizes that it's not a matter of keeping up with the Joneses — not to mention the Donovans or the Krzyzewskis — as much as it is a matter of developing adequate practice and office space for many of UK's athletics programs.

So he agreed to support UK's plan to finance its practice facility through a bond issue only if no tax dollars would be used, and only if no funds were taken from academic programs or projects. (He also supports similar athletics construction projects for the University of Louisville, but only under the same conditions.)

Unfortunately, some of the reporters and editorial writers didn't get it. Or, if they did, they couldn't resist the temptation to draw attention to themselves — and their publications — by misrepresenting the facts. The way I see it, that's more of a sad commentary about the state of journalism in Kentucky than it is about the state of Kentucky and its governor.

I know some will regard this as just so much flackery about the boss. I can only say that over more than four decades, I've consistently been opposed to governors, university presidents or coaches who believe that winning in sports is more important than winning in academics.

As we used to say in the newspaper business, you could look it up.

BILLY REED
executive director of communications
Kentucky Commerce Cabinet

Praise and be praised

The postmark read ESPN, Dick Vitale. I didn't really know what was going to be inside the brown envelope. Its arrival was unexpected. Yet I was smiling when I opened it.

The contents included several newspaper clippings, a magazine cover and his autobiography. On the cover of the Florida Trend magazine, Dickie V, the voice of college basketball, wrote with a Sharpie, "Jeff, a super guy. Thanks. Go Cats Baby!"

That little gesture made my day. I did nothing out of the ordinary for the guy. All I did was write a story two weeks ago about what it's like to be Dick Vitale on game day (check it out in the *Kernel* archives at www.kernel.com). All he asked for was that I mail him a few copies to his Lakewood Ranch, Fla., home. No big deal.

Then on Monday I got this package out of the blue. I didn't really even know the guy. I had talked to him on the phone a couple times and shadowed him at the UK-Mississippi State game for the story a few weeks back.

I didn't ask for an autograph; didn't pose for a picture. It's all part of the job.

No matter whom you interview, whether it's Stephen Perkins (Jane's Addiction's drummer) or Pete Rose (star of ESPN's "Tilt" — sorry, I mean baseball's all-time hits leader), you don't ask for little gifts.

In this business you don't expect to get anything, nor do you ask for anything. There are ethics codes dealing with these matters.

The job is simple: Find the story, and report on it accurately and fairly. You are not a fan of the person, place or thing you are covering.

That's fine. That's the way it should be. And that's what made this pretty unique. You hardly ever hear any comments on your work. But when you do, man, it's pretty cool. Even the negative stuff, like an e-mail the Opinions desk received a while back saying, "P.S. Tim Wiseman sucks."

Thanks, you Internet crazies. We've been telling him that for three years now.

Just kidding. We love our red-headed sports editor and columnist.

But those out there in cybersland may be on to something. Feedback.

The bald-headed sports announcer knows it too. Granted, I haven't had a job that wasn't like a sitcom in a few years. Way back when I was in the normal workforce, I rarely heard a "thank you" for a job well done. The same went for my colleagues. The morale was horrible, partly because no one felt appreciated.

We're an emotionally fragile species. People need compliments all the time or else they go insane — or Goth, which is pretty much the same thing.

Maybe that's why Vitale is such a highly sought speaker for Fortune 500 companies.

Those little tokens of appreciation go a long way. Former UK Athletic Director C.M. Newton left notes on the desks of UK staffers whenever their team had a good weekend or you could tell that they put a lot of effort into their media guide.

It would really lift your spirits, they would say. In business management classes, at least in the ones I occasionally attended, it was taught that effective leaders always praised their workers for the job they've done, and they always left by expressing confidence in them.

What a novel idea. Tell your workers, "Good job," and the world becomes a happy place complete with rainbows and a soundtrack courtesy of the Partridge Family.

Believe it or not, there are probably people out there who value your work. They just haven't told you. Maybe they will if you tell them first. Pay it forward.

After all, Dickie V can be your inspiration, baby.

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TONIGHT
Barnhouse Effect w/Namaste and Kuchi Guru
9 p.m. The Dame. Tickets cost \$4.

Ashlee Simpson
8 p.m. Taft Theatre, Cincinnati. Tickets cost \$37.50.

THURSDAY
Psychopathic Alistars w/Esham, Anybody Killa and Jumpsteady
8 p.m. Bogarts, Cincinnati. Tickets cost \$15.

Electric Eel Shock w/The Thieves
9 p.m. The Dame. Tickets cost \$5.

FRIDAY
Gary Louris w/Mark Olson
7 p.m. The Dame. Tickets cost \$12 in advance, \$15 at the door.

Toby Keith w/Ted Nugent
8 p.m. Freedom Hall, Louisville. Tickets cost \$39.75 to \$59.75.

Atreyu w/Norma Jean, Scars of Tomorrow and Uneath
9 p.m. Headliners Music Hall, Louisville. Tickets cost \$5.

DP and Friends
Midnight. The Paddock. Tickets cost \$2.

SATURDAY
Blue Merle w/Three Wheel Motion

7 p.m. The Dame. Tickets cost \$7.
The Queers
9 p.m. Radiodown, Covington. Tickets cost \$5.

SUNDAY
Tesla
8 p.m. Bogarts, Cincinnati. Tickets cost \$22.50.

MONDAY
The Last Duo w/Melody Function, Say Hi to Your Mom and Amazing Larry
9 p.m. The Dame. Tickets cost \$8.

TUESDAY
Heartthrob Jesus w/American Minor and RC Pro AM
9 p.m. The Dame. Tickets cost \$4.

COMING SOON
Interpol w/O and Not U
7:30 p.m. March 16. Brown Theatre, Louisville. Tickets cost \$20.

Dirty Dozen Brass Band
9 p.m. March 18. The Dame. Tickets cost \$12.

Neal McCoy
9 p.m. March 18. Caesars, Elizabeth, Ind. Tickets cost \$25 to \$35.

Drive-By Truckers
8 p.m. March 23. The Dame. Tickets cost \$14.

Kings of Leon w/The Features
8 p.m. March 22. Bogarts, Cincinnati. Tickets cost \$15.

UK Symphony Orchestra Concerto Concert
7:30 p.m. March 25. Singletary Center for the Arts Concert Hall. Free.

Zakk Wyde w/Black Label Society
8 p.m. March 25. Madison Theatre, Covington. Tickets cost \$20.

Indigo Girls
8 p.m. March 26. Madison Theatre, Covington. Tickets cost \$30.

John Mellencamp
8 p.m. April 17. Freedom Hall, Louisville. Tickets cost \$34 to \$44.

The Black Keys
9 p.m. April 20. The Dame. Tickets cost \$10.

The Killers
8 p.m. May 24. Jillian's, Louisville. Tickets cost \$24.

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THEATRICAL RELEASES

Hostage

They shouldn't title movies after what the audience will feel like. It's just not a good idea. Bruce Willis wishes he were already acting in the next *Die Hard* film, deciding instead to try out Kevin Spacey's shoes in this police negotiation thriller. Willis is a burnt-out former negotiator whose one big failure was enough to get him to throw in the can. When three delinquents decide to steal a car from an ultra-secure compound, they end up taking a family hostage — and the only way out is to talk the ne'er-do-wells out of their intentions. So, Willis has to jump in the saddle again when it becomes obvious the locals are all yokels and can't handle things. At Reel Deal, Regal and Woodhill.

Robots

Twentieth Century Fox is really starting to get jealous of Dreamworks' and Disney's animation departments and is really taking this follow-up to their last film, *Ice Age*. My advice here is don't read the press releases — they're so self-promoting that not even Don King could help. The basic story revolves around a world populated by robots ... think the *Transformers* movie, except kinder and gentler, with Robin Williams instead of John Cleese. Do-gooder Rodney (voiced by Ewan McGregor) is trying to help the world and make it with his love interest, Cappy (voiced by Halle Berry). But, evil robot Phineas (voiced by Greg Kinnear) wants to throw a wrench in his gears. At Lexington Green, Regal and Woodhill.

The Upside of Anger

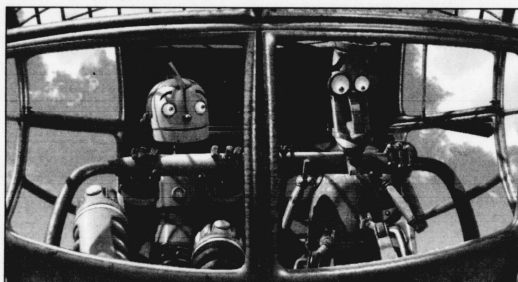


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Robots do-gooder Rodney Copperbottom (left, voiced by Ewan McGregor) just wants to help robots everywhere. Fender (right, voiced by Robin Williams), keeps losing his parts. It's a match made in animation heaven.

Joan Allen and Kevin Costner star in a romantic comedy about divorcees. I mean, c'mon, divorce is inherently funny. After Allen's husband runs out on her, leaving her to raise her children, she slowly begins to fall for a washed-up (is this really acting?) baseball star (Costner). The upside? They're not angry by the end of the film and learn fun lessons about how cruel life can be. A real laughier, I'm sure. Theaters TBA.

DVD RELEASES

Ladder 49

Help. It's a fire. Call a bunch of buddies — I mean, firemen — to help you out. Wait, one gets too intense and out of control? One of the firemen gets trapped in a bad situation? What, it's not a building, it's John Travolta's career? Is that a burn? Did I really just say that? Wow. Go, firemen, go.

21 Jump Street: Season Two

Johnny Depp's flagship career vehicle — yes, before he was Edward Scissorhands or Captain Jack Sparrow — showcases the actor, along with other good-looking young'uns, passing for regular students instead of the undercover cops they are. Can we say "narc," anyone? No, really, this series, which ran from 1987 to 1992, was like an after-school special but infinitely cooler. Kind of like "School House Rock" for the tough kids who could handle the Really Big Issues. The moral of the story? Don't do drugs or Johnny Depp will frisk you. Wait — maybe that's more of an incentive for the ladies.

Felicity: Season Four — The Senior Year

This is great to watch if you really want to see an actual train wreck. A once-promising series is

at this point so riddled with implausibility and unreal characters that watching it devolve into its lackluster, fantasy-filled dues ex-machina finale is so bad it hurts. Though if you like human disasters, this one is for you.

Friends: Season Nine

This box set is better than the above-mentioned. While not the best of "Friends," this next-to-last season is full of decent episodes that, while not showing originality, do show the shine that the cast has achieved. Also notable is Phoebe meeting her eventual husband, Mike (played by a very memorable Paul Rudd), and the various romantic arcs that involve the foursome all season long in a delay to make the last season more satisfying.

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UK HOOPS NOTEBOOK

By Ben Roberts
THE KENTUCKY KERNEL

The last time former UK point guard Travis Ford was part of an NCAA Tournament team, he walked off the court in disappointment.

This season, he'll just be happy to be there. Eleven years after Ford's No. 3-seeded Cats were upset by Marquette in the second round of the NCAA Tournament, the Eastern Kentucky head coach will lead his Colonels to their first tournament berth since 1979.

Eastern Kentucky knocked off Austin Peay 52-46 in Saturday's Ohio Valley Conference Tournament Championship to secure an automatic bid to the Big Dance.

UK head coach Tubby Smith, who served as an assistant coach for the Cats during the season Ford sat out due to NCAA transfer rules, said he saw potential in Ford early on.

"He spent time watching film, his work ethic there, he was a gym rat," Smith said. "That year off helped him to see the game differently, like a coach."

After three successful years as the head coach at Campbellsville University, Ford struggled to a 39-71 record in his first four seasons at Eastern Kentucky.

Despite that record, the school signed Ford to a multi-year contract extension last summer.

Smith said the Colonels' 22-8 record this season proved that was the right decision.

"It took patience, obviously on the administration's part, that they had the right guy," he said. "And they did what they had to do to give him time."

Cats nab awards
Senior forward Chuck Hayes was one of three UK players to be named to the Associated Press All-Conference team yesterday.

Hayes was chosen on the first team, junior forward Kellenza Azubuike was named to the second team, and junior guard Patrick Sparks picked up third team honors.

Hayes averaged 10.8 points



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and 8.0 rebounds per game for the Cats this year. He acknowledged his scoring average was not on par with the other first team selections, but said he helps the team in ways that don't show up in the box score.

"Sometimes it's about numbers, other times it's not," Hayes said. "My role on this team is bigger than numbers. The numbers might not be the same—but we're winning."

Smith was also named Associated Press coach of the year for the Southeastern Conference.

The UK head coach didn't have any immediate plans for the trophy.

"I don't know what I'll do with this, probably give it to my parents," he said. "It's not something you even have time to think about."

Thomas comeback honored

Sophomore forward Shera Thomas was named a finalist for the V Foundation Comeback Award yesterday. The award is open to men and women's college basketball players who have "accomplished a personal triumph in the face of adversity."

Thomas underwent

surgery last October to remove a tumor from his adrenal gland.

Although he lost nearly 40 pounds after the surgery, the UK forward returned to the court in December and has missed only one game since.

The award is presented in memory of former N.C. State head coach and ESPN commentator Jim Valvano, who died of cancer in 1993.

The recipient of the award will be announced during Final Four weekend in early April.

Alleyn's status

The status of sophomore center Shaqari Alleyn for this week's SEC Tournament in Atlanta is still in question.

Alleyn did not travel with the team to Florida Sunday because of academic reasons. The Florida game was the third time this season the UK center was forced to sit out because of academics.

Smith has not decided whether Alleyn will travel to Atlanta.

"It depends on how he does the rest of the week," he said.

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Bracket Banter

The Kernel projects the field of 65

Chicago	Syracuse	Last Four Out
1 Illinois	North Carolina 1	• West Virginia: Mountaineers squandered impressive start with slew of early losses in the Big East.
16 Oakland/Chattanooga	Delaware St. 16	• George Washington: Colonials must beat St. Joseph's in conference tournament to make the tournament. Atlantic 10 won't get two teams this season.
8 Georgia Tech	Texas 8	• Vanderbilt: Commodores stumbled through SEC play with losses to Georgia and South Carolina.
9 Iowa St.	Mississippi St. 9	• N.C. State: Preseason Final Four buzz evaporated with home losses to Florida State and Virginia.
5 Cincinnati	Wisconsin 5	Already In
12 New Mexico	Holy Cross 12	Atlantic Sun: Central Florida.
4 Syracuse	Connecticut 4	Big South: Winthrop
13 Wisconsin-Milwaukee	Pennsylvania 13	Colonial: Old Dominion
6 Florida	Villanova 6	Horizon: Wisconsin-Milwaukee
11 Indiana	Vermont 11	by: Penn
3 Oklahoma St.	Boston College 3	MAAC: Niagara
14 Winthrop	St. Joseph's 14	Mid-Continent: Oakland
7 Southern Illinois	Charlotte 7	MVC: Creighton
10 Notre Dame	Creighton 10	OVC: Eastern Kentucky
2 Duke	Kansas 2	Southern: Chattanooga
15 Eastern Kentucky	Niagara 15	Sun Belt: Louisiana-Lafayette
Albuquerque	Austin	West Coast: Gonzaga
1 UK	Wake Forest 1	Tournament Championships
16 Portland St.	Alabama A&M 16	ACC: Sun., 1 p.m., ESPN
8 Stanford	DePaul 8	America East: Sat., 11:30 a.m., ESPN
9 Texas Tech	UCLA 9	Atlantic 10: Sat., 6 p.m., ESPN
5 Utah	Oklahoma 5	Big 12: Sun., 3 p.m., ESPN
12 Old Dominion	Minnesota 12	Big East: Sat., 8 p.m., ESPN
4 Gonzaga	Alabama 4	Big Sky: Today, 9 p.m., ESPN2
13 Virginia Tech	Wichita St. 13	Big Ten: Sun., 3:30 p.m., CBS
6 Nevada	Pittsburgh 6	Big West: Sat., 11:59 p.m., ESPN
11 Miami (Ohio)	Vermont 11	Conference USA: Sat., 11:30 a.m., CBS
3 Michigan St.	Washington 3	MAC: Sat., 7 p.m., ESPN2
14 Louisiana-Lafayette	S.E. Louisiana 14	MEAC: Sat., noon, ESPN2
7 Pacific	LSU 7	Mountain West: Sat., 10 p.m., ESPN
10 St. Mary's	UTEP 10	Northwest: Today, 7 p.m., ESPN2
2 Arizona	Louisville 2	Pac 10: Sat., 6 p.m., CBS
15 Farleigh-Dickinson	Central Florida 15	Patriot: Fri., 4:30 p.m., ESPN
		SEC: Sun., 1 p.m., CBS
		SWAC: Sun., noon, ESPN2
		Southland: Sun., 2 p.m., ESPN2
		WAC: Sat., 9 p.m., ESPN2

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