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Understaffed UK police force spread thin

By Megan Boehnke
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As fans flooded out of Rupp Arena around 2:15 p.m. Sunday after the UK men's basketball team's loss, UK police officer Laura Marco stood near center court, shifting almost imperceptibly. "I could fall asleep standing up," she said.

Marco had been awake for more than 24 hours. As a third-shift officer, she reported to work just before midnight Saturday night and left at 8:30 a.m. After a quick trip home for a shower and a change of clothes, she arrived at Rupp Arena at 10 a.m. After about 15 straight hours on duty, she finally had a chance to rest.

That scenario is nothing new to the UK police force. The department has 46 sworn officers — officers who have completed all their training and taken the oath of duty. That averages out to one offi-



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cer for every 580 students. Three of those officers have been hired in the last year, but UK is still almost 15 short of its ideal staff size of 60 officers.

"(With 60 officers), I could fully staff my detective bureau and provide the staff to patrol and do their daily work out there," acting UK Police Chief Kevin Franklin said.

Officer Andrea Ellertson worked as shift commander Saturday night and spent most of the evening and early morning hours backing up other officers on calls. She worked the game at Rupp and then worked later on that night. "I'm definitely fatigued," she

said on the Rupp Arena floor Sunday. "After you have to work 24 hours, your reaction time isn't as sharp."

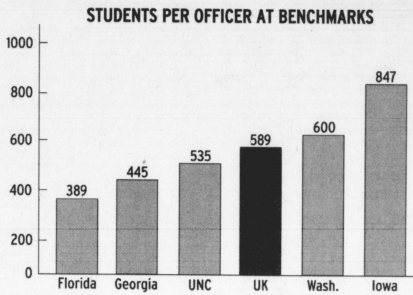
"My main concern is safety — not only mine, but my fellow officers and the general public we're trying to protect."

The three officers who worked Saturday's third shift also had to work the basketball game the next day.

While about 40 officers are needed basketball game days, football games require even more manpower. All of UK's police work during football games as well as officers from the city, state and sheriff's departments.

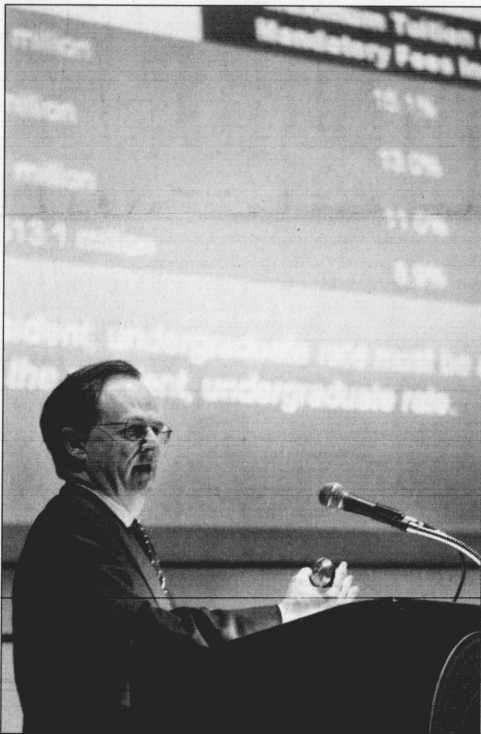
"It takes every single officer we have to work those ball games," Franklin said. "We have people who — this is normal — work 22 to 24 straight hours sometimes."

Of UK's five benchmark universities with enrollment numbers



This graph compares UK to the five benchmark schools with enrollment closest to UK's 26,682 students.

UK pitches tuition hike



KEITH SMILEY | STAFF

UK President Lee Todd discusses the limits on tuition increases set by the Council on Postsecondary Education during a campus tuition forum yesterday afternoon in the Student Center's Worship Hall Theater.

PROPOSED 2006-07 TUITION INCREASES UNDERGRADUATE STUDENTS

\$698

In-state, lower division

\$718

In-state, upper division

\$1,172

Out-of-state, lower division

\$1,186

Out-of-state, upper division

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Trustees prepared to OK increases

Tuition, room, board rates all on agenda for today's meeting

By Sean Rose
THE KENTUCKY KERNEL

The Board of Trustees is expected to approve a proposed 12 percent tuition increase and changes to the governing relationship between UK and Student Government at its meeting today — but SG President and student representative Becky Ellingsworth said she will vote against both measures.

The proposed tuition increase — the fourth-straight double-digit increase — was announced at a campus forum yesterday. Ellingsworth said any double-digit increase is too high for students.

"It's lower than last year," Ellingsworth said, noting that the proposed tuition increase is 0.5 percent less than the 12.5 percent increase for the 2005-06 school year.

"But it's still in the double digits, and it's a burden on students," she said.

Russ Williams, staff representative on the board, said he believes the board will pass the increase.

"It's what usually happens," Williams said. "The cost of running a university always goes up."

Tuition has been expected to increase since the December unveiling of UK's business plan to be a top-20 public university by the year 2020, as mandated by House Bill 1 in 1997. The biggest determining factor in the tuition rate hike is funding given to UK by the state legislature, which is currently in session until the end of the month or early April.

Faculty trustee member Jeff Dembo said UK is trying to push ahead with the Top-20 Business Plan, waiting to see what the state gives the university while hoping to keep tuition affordable.

"This is not a wonderfully favored time for

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Todd defends differential salary pool raises for faculty, staff

By Adam Sichko
THE KENTUCKY KERNEL

Students will pay their fourth-straight double-digit tuition increase next year — but it's also a rate that's 0.5 percent less than this year's tuition increase, UK President Lee Todd announced in a campus forum yesterday.

Under the proposed 12 percent tuition increase:

- in-state, lower-division students would pay \$698 more in tuition and mandatory fees
- in-state, upper-division students would pay \$718 more
- out-of-state, lower-division students

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The proposed rates for the 2006-07 school year go before the Board of Trustees this afternoon for approval, and Todd said he expects the board will OK the increase. But since the state budget process won't end until the end of the month or early April, that number could change, based on how much general fund money the legislature ultimately gives UK. If it changes, the trustees would have to approve that new figure.

The tuition rate is based primarily upon general fund money, of which UK has requested \$18 million for next year, according to its Top-20 Business Plan. The current budget before the Kentucky House calls for an additional \$4.6 million for UK for next year, more than \$13 million short of what UK wants.

According to that Top-20 Business Plan, UK would charge about a 16 percent or 17 percent tuition increase if it got between \$4 million and \$5 million in general fund money. But the state Council on Postsecondary Education — the oversight body for Kentucky's public universities — has capped a potential UK tuition increase at 15.1 percent if UK receives less than \$9 million from the state.

It's a complicated chain-reaction scenario with many factors and sometimes dizzying numbers, but Todd said UK's administration tried to see the situation from the views of students and parents.

"We're not going to take the liberty of going to that upper range," Todd said to an audience of about 50 faculty, staff, administrators and students. "We just did not feel, from

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Staff to rally for equal salary raises

By Sean Rose
THE KENTUCKY KERNEL

Members of UK's staff will protest today fighting differing proposed salary pool increases for faculty and staff that staff representatives have said makes them feel like "second-class citizens."

The rally, to be held outside Patterson Office Tower from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., stems from UK President Lee Todd's proposed salary pool increase of 5.5 percent for faculty members and a 3 percent raise for staff, which he told The Kernel about last month.

Russ Williams, staff representative to the Board of Trustees and one of the organizers of the rally, said the event is drawing attention to the staff's disappointment with the 2.5 percent differential between the two groups.

"I'm not begrudging the faculty, and I certainly acknowledge the need for the increase in their salary base," Williams said, "but the staff needs that too. As an institution, we need to figure out how we're going to do both simultaneously."

"People are mad, but more than anything, people are hurt," he said.

Todd has also set aside \$5 million in general funding for the employee benefits committee to use to beef up staff benefits. Williams advocated

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— Lee Todd, UK president, on a 15 percent or 17 percent tuition increase.

Diet study finds success in sweetened drink alternatives

By Curtis L. Taylor
NEWSDAY

Giving teenagers noncaloric alternatives to sweetened beverages seems to help them lose weight and may stem the rise in childhood obesity, according to a new study.

Researchers from Children's Hospital in Boston found that a novel intervention to limit consumption of sugary drinks — home deliveries of noncaloric beverages — had a beneficial effect on weight loss.

The trial enrolled 103 children ages 13 to 18 through a Boston area high school. The teens were offered a \$100 mail gift certificate if they stuck with the six-month study.

All stayed in the trial, but those who did not receive home deliveries of four daily nonsweetened drinks gained weight, said Cara Ebbeling, who co-led the study with Dr. David Ludwig of the hospital's Division of Endocrinology.

"Simply educating teens to avoid sugar may not be enough," said Ebbeling, co-director of obesity research at the Boston hospital. "We delivered calorie-free beverages to their homes and we found that the heaviest teens lost weight."

The study, published this month in the journal Pediatrics, comes as U.S. obesity rates have reached epidemic proportions, according to federal statis-

tics. The number of overweight children and teens, ages 6 to 19, has tripled since 1980 to an estimated 9 million, according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

Study participants drank bottled waters and artificially sweetened beverages. While the Food and Drug Administration has approved artificial sweeteners, diet soda lacks other nutrients.

Half the teens randomly picked were instructed to avoid sugar-sweetened beverages and advised on choosing noncaloric drinks outside the home. They received monthly phone calls and refrigerator magnets reminding them to "Think Before You Drink."

The remaining teens, serving as a control group, were asked to continue their usual eating and drinking patterns.

At the trial's end, the group receiving beverage deliveries had an 82 percent reduction in consumption of sugary drinks, while intake in the control group remained unchanged.

The heavier the teen initially, the more weight they lost. The heavier teens lost about 1 pound per month, according to the study. The control group had a slight increase in weight.

Ebbeling said the simple methodology could prove effective in battling obesity.

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a family and student perspective, that we wanted to go to the 15 percent increase.

"We would have been asking too much from students and families," he said.

UK is setting this preliminary tuition increase now so that it can calculate scholarships and awards for next year. The university also wants to notify potential incoming students soon what it will cost to attend UK next year.

Todd reaffirmed his commitment to the Top-20 Business Plan, which maps out how UK will achieve status as a top-20 public research institution by the year 2020, as mandated by the state legislature. As part of that plan, UK will absorb 40 percent of the costs of reaching top-20 status.

"The only place we've deviated so far is that we're not going with a 17 percent increase," he said. "We had drawn up the plan to stay under (a double-digit tuition increase), but we can't do that this year and maintain quality."

Based on state support so far, UK will be about \$6 million short

in funding, at least half of which the university will probably have to make up, Todd said. He said he's not yet sure how UK will make up that difference.

UK has also planned a 5.5 percent salary pool increase for faculty and a 3 percent increase for staff next year. In response to a student question about saving some money by lowering the proposed faculty increase, Todd said UK must go forward.

"We could reduce that like we always do, pull it away and go backward," Todd said. "But this is the time for this institution to make decisions."

"You want the best faculty in front of you, and we haven't been doing a good enough job lately," he said in response to a question from Scott McIntosh.

Todd, a former UK student, said he's trying to lessen that burden as much as is realistically possible.

"Clearly, you have to start somewhere," he said, assuring students that "your degree will be more valuable as we move forward."

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Scott McIntosh
on a proposed
12 percent tuition increase

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the end of this month. "In some instances, that means dropping out of school for a year to save up money, but then you're behind when you come back. It's a hard situation.

"It's obviously better than the 15 or 17 percent that it would have been," he said. "But I have to think there should be more done in terms of cost-cutting. I want the faculty to feel well-compensated, but there's a middle ground between that raise and what burden students have to bear."

English graduate student Josh Reid said it's unfair that today's UK students are paying for a top-20 push that won't be realized until 2020.

"I'm frustrated about the amount of the tuition increase and that it's couched in a way that it's on the shoulders of the students and the state and for dubious results, honestly," Reid said. "Students here now want to get a benefit here from the top-20 plan."

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higher education in terms of state funding," Dembo said. "We have to look at playing a balancing act."

"We want to be fair to our students as well, it's certainly not a perfect world."

Tuition jumped by 12.5 percent this past school year and by double digits the two previous years as well.

At most, tuition could increase by 15.1 percent, said Angie Martin, vice president of budget and policy planning. That is the point at which the Kentucky Council on Post-Secondary Education, the state regulating body of Kentucky's public universities, has capped tuition increases.

"I'm not saying that's what we're doing," Martin said. "But that's what (the council is) giving us the capability of doing."

Like Dembo, Martin said much of the tu-

ition increase depends on the final budget passed in Frankfort.

"Until you really see it, it's difficult," she said, referring to how much tuition will increase.

Martin said scholarship funds will increase by \$1.5 million, as has traditionally happened with tuition increases.

UK President Lee Todd also said he expects the trustees to pass the tuition increase today and that the board would be pleased that it was under the council limit.

"I think the board appreciates that we're not pushing this to the absolute limit," Todd said.

Also on the agenda for today's Board of Trustees meeting are governing regulations changes that would give the University Appeals Board the power to affirm or deny an SG election — changes that will most likely get the trustees' OK as well, Williams said.

"I don't see any reason why it wouldn't pass," he said. "It's just clarifying some relationships and roles."

The appeals board was involved in last year's election controversy, declaring candidate Will Nash the winner. The board's decision prompted Ellingsworth to sue UK in Fayette Circuit Court. She won the case, and UK eventually dropped its appeal.

The regulation changes, drafted last semester, are attempts to help clarify the relationship between UK and SG and help prevent the situation that developed last year from happening again.

Ellingsworth said it was "disappointing" that the regulations will probably pass and that it's not fair to give UK power to decide the election.

"It's a conflict of interests for the administration to inadvertently choose a student member on the Board of Trustees," she said.

Finally, the board is also expected to approve increases in housing and dining costs. The price of living in an air-conditioned dorm is proposed to jump \$249 next year, cost-

ing a total of \$3,612. The increase is \$29 less than the housing increase for this school year.

Dembo said the increase was needed because of the fact that services like housing are self-funded.

"It's not to pocket any additional number," Dembo said. "It's to let that unit continue to provide housing to the students."


The cost of the basic dining plan of eight meals per week is proposed to increase by \$132, making the least expensive meal plan \$1,896 for a year.

Dembo said all the increases are designed to propel UK toward its goal to be a top-20 university by 2020, but he added that UK's administration and the trustees both remain sensitive to the students and families who pay for education.

"We certainly don't want to lose students because of tuition," Dembo said, "and we don't want to compromise education."

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'60s folk star brings sounds of 'Alice's Restaurant' to UK

By Robin Baker
THE KENTUCKY KERNEL

Don't worry — you can "walk right in" the front and the railroad tracks are too far away to hear. "You can get anything you want," and you will be able to hear all about Alice's Restaurant.

Friday at the Singletary Center, folk legend Arlo Guthrie will perform with the UK symphony orchestra in celebration of the 40-year anniversary of "Alice's Restaurant," Guthrie's most celebrated album and epic story song.

UK orchestra director John Nardolillo has been playing similar concerts with Guthrie for five years all over the country, but Guthrie and the UK orchestra will be recording an album as well as playing the concert.

"It's an exciting opportunity for everyone," Nardolillo said.

"It's pretty unusual," said Dwight Newton, marketing and promotional specialist for the UK School of Music, "but we're pretty happy."

Growing up, Guthrie was always around music. With a singer for a father and a dancer for a mother, Guthrie's influences came

from every musical genre. Guthrie became famous with the release of his 1967 album "Alice's Restaurant." Although the album did not receive much radio time, some of the songs became hits at the 1969 Woodstock music festival.

Guthrie was an undeniable part of the folk movement in the 1960s, keeping such company as Bob Dylan, Joan Baez and Jim Croce. Influenced by a variety of artists ranging from Gershwin to Mississippi John Hurt, the challenge of crossing genres has never been a new idea for Guthrie. He recently released a collection of symphonic arrangements of his songs and other classics called "An American Scrapbook." He has played with many orchestras throughout the country, including the Boston Pops, but has not recorded an album.

Making an album with different styles of music will present unique challenges, Nardolillo said. Guthrie has a style of improvisation when he plays, pausing to tell stories and adding verses on the spot.

"He can't be as spontaneous," said Nardolillo in reference to Guthrie having to play with a more classical

style while performing with an orchestra.

Nardolillo said the UK Orchestra is able and ready to take on a project like this. Making a classical album is difficult, Nardolillo said, because all elements must be precise.

"Everything has to be technically ironed out," Nardolillo said. Guthrie will be recording and lecturing at UK all this week before the concert. Students will have the chance to spend the week playing and talking with Guthrie — to "mingle with a great master," according to Nardolillo.

The concert will be at 7:30 p.m. on Friday March 10 at the UK Singletary Center for the Arts. Tickets are \$20 per person.

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Arlo Guthrie
with the UK Symphony Orchestra

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Queen, recharged and ready to rock you

By Richard Harrington
THE WASHINGTON POST

How do you replace one of rock's most beloved singers and entertainers, one remembered as outrageous, flamboyant and, yes, imitable?

If you're guitarist Brian May and drummer Roger Taylor of Queen, you don't even try to replace Freddie Mercury, the band's powerhouse frontman. Mercury died in 1991 at 45 of complications from AIDS, seemingly cementing the notion that a golden era of blunder and glam-rock theatricality had passed.

So there was great trepidation last year when Queen reappeared with a new frontman, Paul Rodgers. His bluesy, rough-edged vocals would seem at odds with the Queen songbook, though at least they were familiar from his own rock classics such as "All Right Now," "Feel Like Makin' Love" and "Rock 'n' Roll Fantasy."

Some critics were thinking rock 'n' roll nightmare. Some Mercury loyalists were crying, "Blasphemy!"

On the other hand, an awful lot of fans bought tickets for last year's European tour, already memorialized in a live album and DVD, "Return of the Champions." And the comeback continues for Queen + Paul Rodgers, as their current tour is billed.

If May was ever worried, he's not letting on. "I don't really feel fear about this kind of thing," May said recently from England. "I feel it's a real band. I wouldn't be leaving my comfortable home to do this if I didn't feel confident and there was really something worthwhile to be done out there."

Which includes, May suggests, rectifying what he calls "this gaping hole in Queen's history: We kind of grew up in the States as a band, but there was a disconnection some-

where around (the early '80s) where we became happy; everywhere in the world except the States."

Queen slowly built a following here, beginning with the band's 1973 debut single, the May-penned "Keep Yourself Alive." Thanks to "Bohemian Rhapsody," the first headlining tour came two years later, and the group built up to arena-level shows before Mercury's increasingly flamboyant stage presence and the band's dip into disco proved disconcerting to American fans who preferred their rock straight-up. Queen's final American tour was in 1982.

"I remember Freddie saying, 'I'll have to (expletive) die before we get back to the States and play the way we should do,'" May recalls. "We were doing ever greater things everywhere else, conquering new territories like South America and Japan and Australia and the whole of Europe, becoming this stadium entity. It was blazing new trails."

"So there was this dream in the back of our minds, someday we'll take it back to the States, and of course it never happened with Freddie. It was a great sadness."

Until the current tour, the biggest heritage celebration had been the 2002 Queen musical "We Will Rock You." In London, where it's still playing, the show has been seen by more than 2 million people. There are productions in Germany, Australia and Spain, upcoming openings in Johannesburg and Zurich, and a likely road show in the United States.

Meanwhile, the real thing is hitting the road with Rodgers, offering a compendium of Queen classics and Rodgers hits from his days leading Free and Bad Company.

"To be honest with you, if you take the instant before

this whole Paul Rodgers thing came up, I was quite happy," May says. "Then Paul comes along and there is this sense of empathy, this real excitement of 'this works.' It's exactly that kind of feeling you get when you're starting off in a group, when you realize, boy, I can really play with this guy, we make music together, we have chemistry, there's something going on."

The seeds of the current partnership were sown two years ago when the two performed at the 50th anniversary celebration of the Fender Stratocaster in London. May called Taylor afterward to say he liked the way his guitar sounded with Rodgers' voice on "All Right Now."

Soon after, the three musicians were invited to play at the UK Music Hall of Fame awards and suspected they were onto a good thing when they got a standing ovation rehearsing "We Will Rock You," "We Are the Champions" and "All Right Now."

The biggest challenge was how to replace the irreplaceable and avoid the appearance of hiring a mere impersonator for rock's most over-the-top showman or, worst of all, become a Queen cover band.

"I would have hated to go out there and be an imitation of what we were before," May insists. "Paul is great because he will never sing anything unless he can sing it from the heart. ... He's Paul Rodgers, he's a great creator, interpreter and, boy, does he have the pipes. And they're better than ever!"

In retrospect, May says, it's odd that Queen never thought of working with Rodgers "because obviously you're thinking every day, damn, I can't play anymore because we don't have the (singer) anymore. And lots of people came up to us with suggestions: 'Why don't you take this man out on tour?'"

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bers close to UK's student body, this police department has the second-lowest number of officers for each student; UK is just behind the University of Washington, which has one officer for every 600 students.

A January 2005 Kernel study found that of UK's 19 benchmarks, it had the second-smallest police force. At that time, UK had 43 sworn officers, the force now has 46.

UK President Lee Todd said he recognizes that the police department is understaffed, but said UK lacks the funds to add officers. "It's a good-sized force," Todd said. "You can benchmark it, but you need to be at a point where you have the money to get serious about adding it."

"If we can get the budget going for a while, that's an area we need to address."

"It's about a \$60,000 to \$65,000 investment in recurring funds for each police officer we have," Franklin said. "It's a huge investment for the university."

But not only does the department not have the funding needed to hire more officers, it also does not have room in its budget for overtime.

If an officer has to work extra hours during a shift, he or she typically has to take that amount of hours off before the end of the week, said officer Mike Handy.

"It's a scheduling nightmare sometimes," he said. This often leaves shifts understaffed — including Saturday's third shift. With one officer calling in sick and another to take mandatory vacation time, a total of three officers were on patrol Saturday night. Typically, UK has between three and five officers working each shift.

UK Athletics pays UK police officers for working at its sporting events. But that side

work also means officers regularly work more than 40 hours each week. "Our police officers average probably between 45 and 50 hours a week, and some weeks, it's a lot more than that," Franklin said. "Very rarely are our guys working a 40-hour week."

Scheduling officers for the week's shifts is often frustrating, Franklin said.

"If you have a peg board, and you have 20 holes and only 15 pegs, and you have to put a peg in every one of them holes, you have to use someone more than once," he said. "Officers are worked sometimes more than what we'd like to see them work. It costs the university more in overtime, but we have to have people to come in."

Most overtime pay comes from organizations or departments that request UK police to patrol their events.

Todd said he's happy with the performance of the officers at the department.

"I am impressed with the quality and the quantity of work we get from our force. I think the enthusiasm they have had for looking at some of the new initiatives," Todd said. "They never come to me with the complaint that we're over-worked."

"They're always ready to do work, to do whatever it takes to make campus safer," he said. "But they could use more policemen."

In the meantime, Franklin stressed the importance of officers' downtime.

"It affects you because you can't get away from your job. Everybody has to have a little time to decompress," he said, adding that officers take naps between shifts when they can and develop hobbies to help cope with their stress.

"You have to have a life outside this job," he said.

Still, Franklin said he understands the budget constraints and that hiring an officer is expensive.

"Money is tight — there's not a lot of money. But we're trying every day, the only way we can, to try to find people."

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"It affects you because you can't get away from your job."

Kevin Franklin

acting UK police chief, on long hours his staff works

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using that \$5 million to bring the staff raise equal with the faculty raise.

According to numbers discussed at a campus tuition forum yesterday, each single percentage increase in staff salary costs UK \$1.67 million. Devoting the \$5 million to staff raises would give staff a salary pool increase greater than that of the faculty's.

The \$5 million pool is a one-time allotment.

Some staff members, including Staff Senate Chairman Kyle Dippery, disagree with this rationale. He said doing that is a temporary so-

lution that also creates a similar problem next year.

"I'm personally not convinced that that's the best thing to do," Dippery said. "I see that as a fix for this year, but that basically sets up a big fight for next year."

Dippery said the rally has "misdirected" its anger toward UK and should instead focus its frustration on the state legislature to give UK more adequate funding. He added that the rally undermines the Staff Senate, the legislative body for UK's staff, as the primary form of communications between faculty and staff.

Dippery said he favors using the \$5 million for creating a long-term staff benefits system that includes or advances perks such as free tuition for family members and better health care packages.

Williams didn't deny that using the \$5 million as a salary boost would be a short-term fix, but he doubts that that money could start a sufficient benefits system.

"There's a real question to what you can do for 9,600 people (UK's number of staff workers) with \$5 million," Williams said.

Williams said the rally and other efforts would sway the raises to be equal because the decision is an internal one.

UK spokesman Jay Blanton said UK's administration has not considering using all of the \$5 million for staff raises, and said there has been consideration to use portions of the money to make particularly underpaid staff positions competitive with the local market.

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Turkey reviving its nuclear plans

By Karl Wick
THE WASHINGTON POST

ISTANBUL, Turkey — Turkey is reviving its long-deferred quest for nuclear power, pressed both by serious energy shortfalls within its own borders and by strident nuclear ambitions in neighboring Iran that threaten to upset a regional balance of power.

"The rise in oil prices and the need for multiple sources of energy make our need for nuclear energy an utmost priority," Energy Minister Hilmi Guler said last month in announcing plans to build as many as five atomic energy plants. The first, to be located on the Black Sea at Sinop, would come on line in 2012 and ease Turkey's costly de-

pendence on natural gas, 90 percent of which arrives by pipeline from Russia and Iran.

With a rapidly expanding economy, a population of 70 million and scarce petroleum deposits, Turkey appears to be a logical candidate for nuclear power. Guler, who made his remarks while visiting a nuclear plant in Virginia, said the new Turkish reactors could provide about a tenth of the 64,000 megawatts the country expects to need over the next two decades.

"Turkey is a very poor country in respect to power. This has made the country very vulnerable," said Fath Birol, chief international economist at the energy agency of the Organization for Economic

and Development, a cooperative of 30 countries that fosters good governance. Birol said that after briefing Turkey's foreign and energy ministers in recent weeks, "I think this government is rather determined to go ahead."

Neighboring Iran's nuclear program, which the United States and other countries have called a cover for developing nuclear weapons, also looms over the revival of Turkey's program, which has had numerous false starts since the early 1960s. Iran and Turkey are almost identical in population and economy and regard each other roughly as equals in a famously combustible region with no dominant power.

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IN OUR OPINION

Different markets mean different raises

For far too long, UK has kept both faculty and staff on the back burner, giving out table scraps for salary pool raises.

Granted, both groups did get 4 percent salary pool raises last year — but they averaged a meager 1.3 percent annual raise over the three years before that, including one year when UK didn't give them anything.

But now, UK's operating under its Top-20 Business Plan, which involves calculated prioritizing so that UK can reach top-20 public research institution status by the year 2020, as mandated by the state. Prioritizing that must occur when state dollars are so hard to come by (thanks again for nothing, Gov. Fletcher). Prioritizing that must favor some people over others.

Prioritizing that rightly moves faculty to the front burner.

President Lee Todd is proposing a 5.5 percent salary pool increase for faculty and a 3 percent raise for staff next year. Differentiating those salaries is a difficult move to make, but it had to happen if UK is to stay on track with the business plan. The University Senate Council reaffirmed that decision at its meeting last week, opting not to support Staff Senate Chairman Kyle Dippery in advocating that pay raises be equal next year.

This doesn't need to be an adversarial duel between faculty and staff, and leaders on both sides are working to make sure that's not the case. But several fundamental differences exist that will, at least early on, create unequal salary pool raises for faculty and staff.

First and foremost, UK competes on a national (and, in a sense, global) playing field for faculty and a local (and sometimes regional) market for staff, so naturally, the salary stakes in each will be different. Simply put, keeping up for the national

market faculty will take more energy and money than will keeping up in the local market for staff. Thus, the benchmark salary for both should be on the appropriate level.

But that means that salary increases are going to have to be unequal, since the competition is different (and tougher) for faculty than for staff.

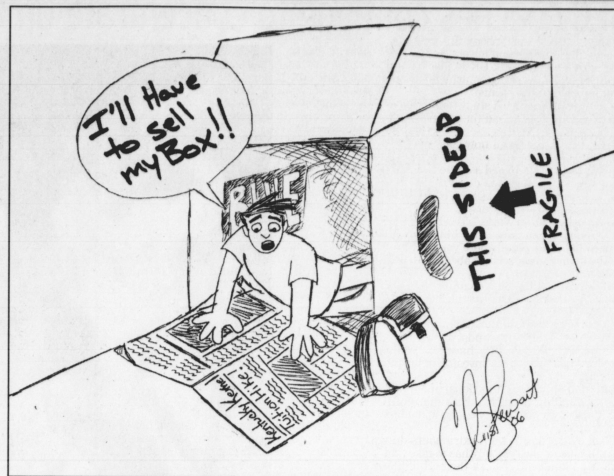
Staff should be paid at the local market rate, and that is going to require pay raises, certainly. But that isn't cause to eliminate a necessary disparity in raise rates.

Faculty should be paid at a national rate, and UK has a goal of elevating salaries to 90 percent of the median of its benchmarks. According to 2004-05 data, the 90 percent mark equates to \$73,542. UK is more than \$2,000 behind that and a full 13 percent below the benchmark median.

A second fundamental difference lies in the Top-20 Business Plan. The very first step in it calls for front-loading more faculty — and retaining better faculty — before letting enrollment grow again. That means that faculty are the top priority for the moment.

The University Senate Council rightly formed a committee to look at this issue on a longer-term schedule, focusing first on collecting data from local and regional markets to see where UK stands in those areas.

That's a good first step. In the meantime, priorities are priorities, and inherent in that reality is the fact that some people aren't going to be happy about choices that UK must make. We're not saying staff should be left in the dust; we'd like for them to get more money for salary raises or for UK's benefits packages to be strengthened. But based on the competition, the differential raises are justified, and faculty must be UK's first priority.



CHRIS STEWART, THE KENTUCKY KERNEL

Even a sweatshirt can spark a connection

I was minding my own business, walking down South Limestone to get in my car and drive home.

I was listening to my iPod, when I heard from across the noisy street: "Hey, I like your sweatshirt!"

It caught me off guard, and I assumed that the older man yelling my way was referring to someone behind me. But as I looked at him, he caught my eye and yelled it again.

So I looked down at my hoodie and realized this was a good man. I yelled back at him with my thumb up, "Go Buckeyes!"

On a completely different occasion, last Spring Break, I was in Clearwater, Fla., cruising in my friend's 4Runner when a car pulled up beside us. Inside the car, three girls were laughing and waving at us. Then, the driver pointed to her UK T-shirt, and the girls in my car immediately waved back, yelling with excitement — although it took us roughly five minutes before we realized the only way they knew we were from UK was because of a UK bumper sticker.

Anyway, both of these situations got me to thinking about the desire people feel to find things in common with one another.

Here were two situations in

which complete strangers found something in common with other strangers, and once they found out they had something in common, they weren't strangers anymore.

Think about it: Why do we join Facebook groups? Well, because it feels good to know that someone else out there might have, say a love for Chick-fil-A or whatever other crazed things bring people together.

When people have things in common, it helps them to not have to start the unavoidable conversation when there is nothing else to talk about — the weather.

First dates are a prime example. "What type of music do you listen to?" will inevitably come up. Although this is usually an easy conversation starter, it is an important question — if you can find just one artist in common, you have a way to eliminate some of the awkward silent moments.

Every day, people break up or never even start a relationship because they simply fear they don't have enough in common.

We are constantly searching for common denominators to solve the problem of being uncomfortable.

Life becomes a search for people with common interests — a hunt for what makes us happy.

When we are comfortable, we are happy. So we gravitate toward people who have similar life experiences because we think that they might understand what we have gone through, and we can go

to them in hard times because they can reassure us that things will be OK.

I have some friends with whom I only talk about certain things — after we talk about what we have in common, there just isn't much else to say. Then, insert the weather conversation.

We need common denominators in such a diverse world.

In high school, I thought that people who tried to find things in common were just poor excuses for people with low self-confidence trying to find someone to follow. Now, however, I ask: What else is left if you don't have something in common with people?

Finding people with similar interests is what we do, and it is not a bad thing. I'm glad that there are people out there like me who share my passions.

We were made differently so that we would have to search for people with a common bond. Once we find them, we should stick with them.

Just in case after reading this column you were hunting for something in common with me, yes, I am both a Buckeye and a Wildcat. I was born a Buckeye and raised half a Wildcat.

It is not impossible to be a mixed fan (football at one school and basketball at the other), though it could get interesting come basketball tournament season. But I'll cross that bridge when I get there.

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Athletes' success in the classroom is laudable

According to the NCAA's Academic Progress Report, UK athletic programs are matching their on-field achievements with success in the classroom.

This year's 99 Division I programs will suffer penalties because of poor performance in regard to academic progress.

It reflects well on the entire athletics department, including coaches, administrators and the athletes themselves, that academics don't play second fiddle even at a school so closely associated with sports.

We're glad to see the positive results of all the hard work that goes into assuring that UK athletes concentrate on academics first, especially because nearly every player who dons the blue and white will rely on their education to pay the bills after graduation.

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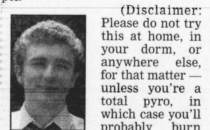
The report is the NCAA's new barometer for judging the academic progress of athletes. The score for each team is based on its athletes' progress toward a five-year graduation plan, as well as roster turnover due to transfers, dropouts and graduation.

Programs that don't meet the academic standards are subject to NCAA sanctions such as scholarship reductions and postseason bans. According to a report released last Wednesday, all 22 of UK's varsity sports programs are safe from penalties.

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The only way to save the planet is to destroy it even faster

I implore you — for the good of mankind — to burn this newspaper.



Jonathan Meador KERNEL COLUMNIST

(Disclaimer: Please do not try this at home, in your dorm, or anywhere else, for that matter — unless you're a total pyro, in which case you'll probably burn something anyway.)

The plumes of black smoke that will arise from this seemingly demented act of environmental defiance will rise and vanish into the atmosphere, bringing us one small step closer to progress. Perhaps congratulations of some kind will be in order.

Take a bow.

The rabid trend of ecological preservation (and the phony argument against it) that has gripped this nation has, in all likelihood, done us more harm than any landfill, Republican president or

derelict Exxon ship captain could ever hope to.

Ice caps will still melt, fossil fuel and bovine emissions will nibble at the ozone, seagulls will asphyxiate on six-pack rings. Tom Cruise will continue to act, and the planet will faithfully maintain its collision course with total catastrophe regardless of any action on your or the Middle East's behalf.

So no matter how diligently you load up your city-sanctioned Rosie with a week's worth of eco-friendly detritus, you're just postponing Armageddon.

But before you write me off as some kind of crazed anarchist whack-job, take a moment to hear me out; your carefully crafted letter to the editor can wait.

If the "Godfather" trilogy has taught us anything, it is that (1) you can kill anybody and (2) human beings will collectively stir to action especially when they are threatened with a very immediate danger.

As it stands now, the issue of global warming (somehow) remains debatable within President George W. Bush's White House.

The absurdity therein should be obvious: any scientist worth his pocket protector (and not funded by big oil) will surely attest to this administration's penchant for bogus greenhouse politics, noting that glacial degradation has accelerated exponentially in the last several decades but (somehow) we Americans just don't give a damn.

So until Camp David is besieged by mutant wildlife and radioactive gas clouds, discourse on global warming will remain at best a dog-and-pony show.

At the rate we're going, it will take decades before we see any real action on the part of the Establishment.

And by then, it just might be too late.

I can see it now: nomadic gangs of consumers scouring the wasteland, clad in leather chaps (recycled, of course), brandishing sawed-off shotguns, searching for the world's last tree so that they may hug it.

In an effort to combat this frightening possibility, I offer the following manifesto:

We must undertake a blitzkrieg

campaign of mass-littering, garbage-incineration, wanton backwoods deforestation, and other miscellaneous acts of small scale enviro-terrorism, our ultimate goal being to make total environmental collapse as the sine qua non national security threat.

Because the sooner we destroy this planet, the better. Think of it as a Stalinesque Five Year Plan designed to accelerate human ingenuity at a breakneck pace. All you have to do is trade in that fuel-efficient wuss-car for a manly, gas-guzzling sport utility vehicle.

May make that two SUVs.

If successful, our actions will force the powers-that-be to create the kind of Manhattan Project-like think tank whose inventions will free us from the consequences of waste.

By merely twisting the arm of genius, we could have efficient solar cars and alternative fuel sources in just a few years, not decades. Instead of colonizing Mars in a hundred years, we could do it in about twenty — and be well on our way to littering on the Red Planet as soon as 2030.

And, perhaps most importantly, we could finally break free from our Middle East shackles. With water-powered cars, we would no longer depend on the drug that has rendered us into nothing more than a junkie with expensive large caliber weaponry.

Yet maybe we are not yet ready for this kind of knee-jerk evolution. As the saying goes, sometimes you have to break a few eggs. But how many eggs can you stand broken?

It will take courage, yes, but we cannot sit idly by while the major corporations do all of the polluting for us.

So the next time you finish an Ale-8-1, chuck the bottle into the street. Raise high your ashtray, and deposit it onto a flowerbed.

For the world is your Dumpster, and in your wake there shall be a glorious trail of cellophane wrapping and smoldering cardboard.

Well, what are you waiting for, hippie? Take a shower, grab a lighter, and go make some history.

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Do you think the UK men's basketball team will get a spot in the NCAA tournament this year?

Yes 70% (232 votes)

No 30% (100 votes)

SEC coaches continue to concentrate on Cats

By Tim Wiseman
THE KENTUCKY KERNEL

No matter what happens in the Southeastern Conference, one thing remains the same — UK is always on everyone's mind.

In yesterday's SEC coaches' teleconference, the Cats remained a hot topic despite their lackluster performance against Florida and their third-place finish in the Eastern Division.

"I don't know who they play in the first round, but I will tell you people would be foolish to go to sleep on the Cats," said South Carolina coach Dave Odom. "They are a dangerous basketball team, particularly when they are mad or their coach is mad, which I am sure Tubby is."

Odom thought the Cats remained "perfectly capable" of winning this weekend's SEC Tournament in Nashville, because UK consistently plays 10 or 11 players.

"Remember that what is required in a conference tournament is great depth, and I don't know if there is a better team in our league that has more depth than Kentucky," Odom said. "Not only do they have really good talent, they have really good depth, so I would certainly not go to sleep on the Cats."

All-time in SEC Tournament play, the Cats are 107-18, but this week will mark the first time UK has played in tourney's opening round since 1979, when the SEC re-installed the event.

And despite the Cats' 9-7 SEC regular season, Georgia coach Dennis Felton is wary of UK.

"I'd say they are more than dangerous — they're a very good team," Felton said. "They still have tremendous talent and the pieces that make up their roster."

"They're an excellent team and capable of winning the tournament."

Another lineup change?

Against the Gators, head coach Tubby Smith used his 10th different lineup of the

season. That shakeup was to start UK's four seniors in their last game at Rupp Arena, but it might not be the last time Smith changes his starting five.

On his radio show last night, Smith said the lineup might get another overhaul. "It probably will change," he said. "I thought Joe Crawford played extremely well. I thought Rajon (Rondo) played extremely well, so I expect it might change."

Crawford led the Cats with 21 points against Florida. On the season, he is the team's third-leading scorer with an average of 10.5 points per game.

The nine different lineups Smith used before Senior Day were far more than the three total lineups he used during the entire two previous seasons. Only three Cats have yet to start game all season — Ramel Bradley, Jared Carter and Adam Williams.

Bradley update

Bradley has yet to return fully to practice after breaking his left hand late last month, but Smith said he could be back by Thursday's game against Ole Miss.

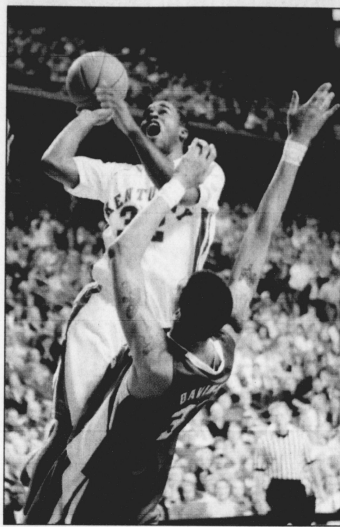
Bradley broke the hand during practice Feb. 20 when he slammed it against a basket support after missing a layup.

"He's been running well, but we haven't let him play any because he has a pad on his left hand, so we want to give it another week," Smith said. "We'll look at it this week and he may be able to practice this week with that protection on his hand, but we'll see today how that transpires. I expect him to be back by Thursday."

Bradley missed the Cats' final four games of the regular season. He is fifth on the team in scoring with 8.3 points per game, and over his last 11 games he had made 14 of 28 3-pointers.

Noah, Gordon take honors

Joakim Noah has a little



Sophomore guard Joe Crawford knocks over Alabama junior forward Jeremero Davidson while going up for a shot during a game on Jan. 14.

more to thump his chest about. The Florida forward was named the SEC's Player of the Week yesterday, 24 hours after racking up 15 points and 11 rebounds against UK.

Earlier in the week, the 6-foot-11 sophomore scored 37 points against Georgia, the most ever by a Billy Donovan-coached player.

"He is a young man who has committed himself to improving — not just physically but mentally," Smith said of Noah. "He has put it all together. He has become an outstanding player, one of the best post players we've

competed against this year." Over the last nine games, Noah is averaging 18.8 points and 8 rebounds per game.

Mississippi State guard Jamont Gordon was named Freshman of the Week for his performance in the Bulldogs' Sunday win over Alabama.

Gordon led the Bulldogs with 17 points and eight assists in their 71-58 win over the Crimson Tide. It was the 11th straight game in which he had reached double figures in scoring.

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SPORTS BRIEFS

Coughlin named SEC Baseball Player of the Week

Yesterday, UK junior Sean Coughlin was named last week's Southeastern Conference Player of the Week. The catcher hit 400 in UK's five games, hitting five home runs, knocking three doubles, posting a 1.133 slugging percentage and a .640 on-base percentage. He scored 11 times and had six RBIs as the Cats went 4-1, including a three-game sweep of Northwestern. For the season, Coughlin's .941 slugging percentage is the highest in the conference.

As a team, the Cats rank first or second in 10 of the SEC's 14 offensive statistical categories. They are first in per-game averages for runs, RBIs, home runs, slugging percentage, walks, doubles, slugging percentage and on-base percentage. They are second to LSU in batting average and hits per game. Coughlin is tied for the league lead with five home runs and is seventh in batting average. Sophomore Antone DeJesus is second in the league at a .463 hitting clip.

Women's tennis falls to 'Bama

No. 28 UK (8-6, 1-1 SEC) suffered its first SEC loss of the season Sunday, losing to No. 55 Alabama 4-3. The Tide took two of the three doubles matches to claim the point, then split the six singles matches with the Cats to roll to victory. Senior Danielle Petrisco, after winning her doubles match with teammate Caroline Winebrenner, picked up a singles victory. Freshmen Jessica Guiglioli and Carolina Escamilla also won.

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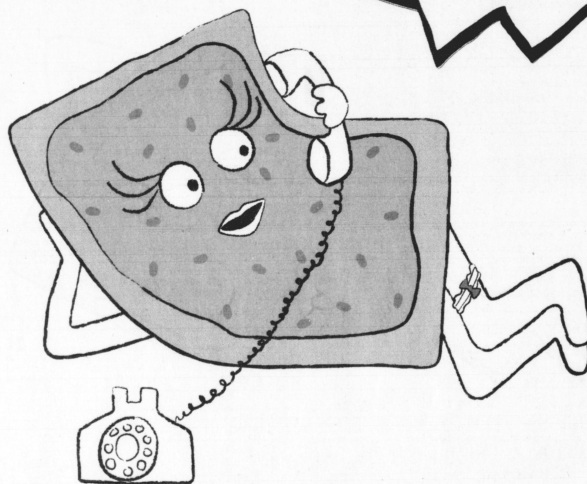
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