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State limits UK tuition increase to 9 percent

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Tuition for next year cannot exceed a 9 percent increase, the Kentucky Council on Postsecondary Education decided yesterday.

The tuition cap is part of an annual recommendation package the CPE will present to the General Assembly when it convenes in January. The CPE's budget proposal is a recommendation but the tuition cap is set.

"When the council sets its parameter, it will say 'this is the total cap, the maximum you can raise tuition,'" said John Hayek, interim vice president of finance for the CPE.

For undergraduates at UK, a 9 percent tuition increase would mean Kentucky residents would pay an extra \$325 each semester. In-state graduate students would pay

about \$345 more per semester.

For out-of-state students, undergraduates would pay about \$680 more per semester and graduate students would pay \$730 more per semester.

Last year, the CPE set the tuition cap at 9 percent, and UK increased tuition and mandatory fees the same amount. In 2005-06 the UK Board of Trustees approved a 12 percent increase, 3 percent less than the CPE cap of 15 percent.

UK's Top 20 Business Plan calls for a 9 percent tuition increase every year through 2012, and a 4 percent increase every year after that through 2020.

UK Provost Kumble Subbaswamy declined to comment on what the exact tuition increases would be for 2008-09, saying it is still too early to have a detailed discussion on tuition.

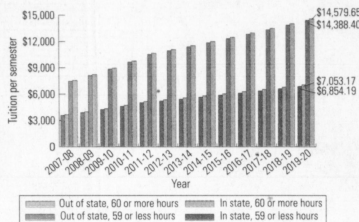
The governor and the General Assembly set the final amount of state funding UK receives. The university must see if the funding amounts are changed in the budget process before potential tuition numbers are discussed, said UK spokesman Jay Blanton.

"I don't think we would even want to speculate about potential tuition costs until sometime next year when we get a better sense of where the budget is heading," Blanton said.

As part of its proposal, the CPE also recommended a \$51 million increase in UK's share of the state's general-fund dollars — \$9.5 million less than what UK President Lee Todd requested for the 2008-2010 General Assembly biennium budget.

If the CPE recommendation is approved

Projected tuition increases according to the Top 20 Business Plan



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OHIO LEGENDS 88, UK 79

Cats stumble in final exhibition tune-up

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For most exhibition games, the home team is looking to work out any weaknesses against an inferior opponent before the regular season starts.

But nobody told that to the Ohio Legends, who dominated the UK women's basketball team last night, handing the Cats an ugly 88-79 loss in their final exhibition game in front of 1,271 fans at Memorial Coliseum.

"We are obviously disappointed," head coach Matthew Mitchell said. "We knew it was a test because they had already beat a couple of teams."

The Cats seemingly decided to have their opponent live up to their nickname — the Legends — by being outscored, out-rebounded and outplayed against a team that is made up of former collegiate and high school basketball players from the state of Ohio.

"I told the team that this was just an exhibition and we needed to learn from it," Mitchell said. "But we can't play this way and win during the season."

Everything seemed to go against the Cats in the first half, when they were troubled by the Legends' defense. UK's only lead of the game came on freshman forward Victoria Dunlap's layup with just under 15 minutes left. But the Legends made sure the Cats' lead did not last behind a suffocating full court press.

"We played lifeless in the first half," Mitchell said. "Our group didn't respond well."

Breaking the Legends' defensive pressure was not the only problem for the Cats in the first half.

The team shot a dismal 12-of-33 from the floor before halftime. Sophomore forward Lydia Watkins led UK with eight points off the bench, but the rest of the UK offense struggled to penetrate the Legends' full-court press.

Senior guard Samantha Mahoney started the half 0-for-6 from the field and did not score her first points until 8:26 left in the first half.

"But it takes a while for the offense to catch up. It's hard to coach on making shots," Mitchell said.

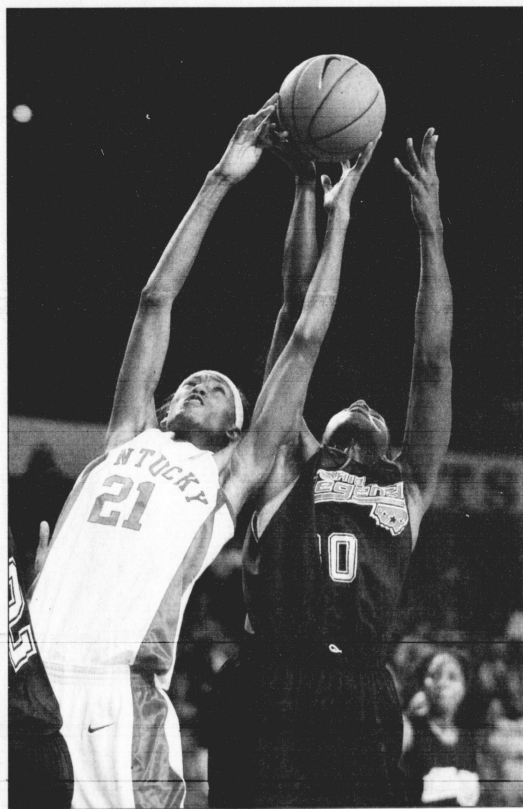
UK's depth in the frontcourt was tested early and often because of the absence of senior center Sarah Elliott, who missed her second-straight game with a hip flexor injury, and junior forward Eleia Roddy, who is still recovering from an anterior cruciate ligament injury she suffered last year.

When junior forward Jenn'e Jackson picked up her second foul four minutes into the game, Mitchell was forced to go to his young bench.

Without the Cats' three eldest frontcourt players on the floor, the Legends exploited UK's inexperienced post players for 32 points in the paint.

"We played some young, inexperienced players in the post," Mitchell said. "We had too many defense breakdowns and they got easy shots. And we fouled entirely too much."

The Legends opened the second half with a 9-2 run but the Cats did not give up, forcing 18 second-half turnovers from increased defensive pressure.



UK junior forward Jenn'e Jackson is stripped of a rebound by Ohio Legends forward Courtney Coleman during the first half of the Cats' 88-79 exhibition loss last night in Memorial Coliseum.

Still, the pressure was not enough to overcome the double-digit deficit they faced for most of the second half. While the Cats made multiple runs at the Legends behind 14 second-half points from sophomore forward Brittany Edelen, Ohio

had an answer for everything UK put in the basket.

"I put Brittany in the game because I knew she would give energy and intensity," Mitchell said.

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Senate to consider undeveloped land use

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The University Senate will once again look at plans to log UK-owned Robinson Forest at this month's meeting, the Senate Council decided yesterday.

The council examined a two-part proposal that the University Senate could vote on at its meeting Monday.

Sen. Susanne Arnold of the College of Medicine put forth the first section of the proposal, which recommends that UK develop a set of policies for the university's undeveloped land.

The second half of the proposal, presented by Senate Council member Judith Lesnaw, extends Arnold's motion, stating that the university should halt the plan to commercially log 800 acres of Robinson Forest until guidelines for evaluating and using university-owned land have been developed.

If approved Monday, the Senate would create a non-binding "sense of the Senate" statement expressing its overall viewpoint on the issue to UK President Lee Todd and to the Board of Trustees.

"No one is saying these researchers are not well-qualified to conduct this research, that the research does not have controls," Lesnaw said. "This is an ethical issue."

The Senate will discuss Robinson Forest strictly in terms of the proposal this month, said University Senate Chairman Kavesh

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Beshear's lead in polls doesn't slow campaigning

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Democrats and Republicans may agree the only poll that counts is the one taken today at voting booths across the state, but in a final poll released yesterday by SurveyUSA, Democratic challenger Steve Beshear led Republican Gov. Ernie Fletcher by 20 points.

Despite Beshear's consistent lead in the SurveyUSA and the Lexington Herald-Leader/Action News 36 Election polls, Fletcher's campaign said the numbers are wrong.

"The polls have been all over the map," said Fletcher spokesman Jason Keller. "We think this race is much tighter than these polls reflect."

Beshear was not relying on his lead and spent yesterday traveling across the state to encourage people to get out and vote, said spokeswoman Vicki Glass.

"He knows the only vote that counts is the one on Election Day," she said.

In the first SurveyUSA poll after the gubernatorial primaries in May, Beshear led Fletcher by 28 points, according to the May 25 results at SurveyUSA.com. In a Sept. 11 poll, Beshear remained ahead of Fletcher by 19 points, according to the Web site.

"There is the usual sampling error, which is usually three to four percentage points,"

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Voter-a-palooza to offer info on getting to polls

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Students needing a ride to the polls today can find out how to get one at Voter-a-palooza, the final part in a series of Student Government events focused on today's gubernatorial election.

SG is working with UK College Republicans, UK College Democrats and Kentuckians for the Commonwealth to provide candidate information for registered voters.

Nate Simon, SG deputy chief of staff for policy, said SG will pass

out informational materials to students outside the White Hall Classroom Building from 10 a.m. to noon today.

The information will include facts on the candidates, polling locations and services provided by KFTC, including rides to the polls, Simon said.

"We're trying to provide information about where to vote, and we're providing information about a service for students without transportation," he said. "We'll also provide information about smaller races (students) may not have heard

about."

SG has hosted a series of events for the gubernatorial election, including a voter registration drive, a candidate forum and a mock election. Voter-a-palooza is aimed at giving students every opportunity to know how to vote, Simon said.

"Now (students) can't use the excuse that they didn't know where to vote or that they couldn't get to the polls," he said.

Voter-a-palooza is the conclusion of the election events, and the final effort to get students out to the polls today, said SG Chief of Staff Chris

Crumrine.

"Up to this point we have provided people with the opportunity to register, and we brought the voting machines to campus so they know how to vote," he said. "This is the final piece of a three-step process."

Even though the election will be over tonight, Voter-a-palooza is something that SG will likely host again, Crumrine said.

"This is a beneficial program that can be instituted for elections to come, including next year's presidential race," he said.



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By Linda C. Black

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Taurus (April 20 May 20) — Today is a 7 — Push extra hard and you'll break through the barriers to your success. You don't have to do this alone, by the way. Get a few others to help.

Gemini (May 21 June 21) — Today is a 7 — You're a busy person, but you can always make time for the very special rejuvenating relaxations. Succumb to the temptation

to flirt.
Cancer (June 22 July 22) — Today is a 7 — It's not easy explaining your feelings, but you can still get them across. Show your sweetheart what you mean with love.

Leo (July 23 Aug. 22) — Today is a 7 — You're good at doing the homework, once you get involved. Take that first step, and soon curiosity leads the way. You're getting interested.

Virgo (Aug. 23 Sept. 22) — Today is a 7 — Fix something at your place before it breaks, and you're money ahead. This goes for your furniture, too. Make yourself more comfortable.

Libra (Sept. 23 Oct. 22) — Today is a 7 — Creative work pays well now, but you already knew that. Use your imagination to find new and different ways to provide what your clients want. They'll love you for it.

Scorpio (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) — Today is a 7 — It's time to do what you said you would. To make the

best impression, follow through before you're reminded. Show you're to be trusted.

Sagittarius (Nov. 22 Dec. 21) — Today is a 7 — Your friends are your best source of information, introductions and leads. Let them know what you want and they'll help you get it.

Capricorn (Dec. 22 Jan. 19) — Today is a 7 — An older person can help you bring out your hidden talents. The clue might come as a request for something you haven't done in a while.

Aquarius (Jan. 20 Feb. 18) — Today is a 7 — Consult an experienced person about an adventure you're contemplating. It'll be even more fun if you take along a guide.

Pisces (Feb. 19 March 20) — Today is a 6 — It seems like there's a mountain of details and paperwork between you and where you want to go. Don't panic, just take it one detail and paper at a time.

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THE RECORD

Oh, baby!

Isla Fisher, 31, and fiancé Sacha Baron Cohen, 36, welcomed a daughter in L.A., her rep confirmed October 23. Comedian Larry the Cable Guy (Dan Whitney), 44, and his wife, Cara, welcomed their second child, daughter Reagan, October 29.

Expecting

Alan Grier, 52, and his wife, museum curator Christine Y. Kim, will welcome their first child, a girl, in February. . . . CNN's American Morning co-anchor Kiran Chetry, 33, and her husband, CW weatherman Chris Knowles, are expecting their second child. . . . Fashion designer Rachel Roy, 33, and music executive David Dash, 36, are having their second child together in the spring. They have a daughter, Ava.

Truce!

Kid Rock, 36, will not be charged for his scuffle with rival Tommy Lee, 45, at the MTV Video Music Awards in Las Vegas on September 9, per Lee's request, the Clark County District Attorney said October 29. . . . Rapper T.I., 27, was released from an Atlanta jail October 26 after posting a \$3 million bond stemming from his arrest for unlawful gun possession charges October 13. He will remain under house arrest while awaiting trial.

Unsexy in the city

Sarah Jessica Parker, 42, has been named Unsexiest Woman Alive by Maxim magazine. Amy Winehouse, 24, Sandra

Oh, 36, Madonna, 49, and Britney Spears, 25, rounded out the Top 5.

Hella good

Gwen Stefani, 38, announced she will donate all proceeds from her October 30 concert in San Diego to benefit local California wildfire victims. . . . Beyonce Knowles, 26, will raise funds online for the nonprofit organization Global Foodbanking Network to feed the hungry in Ethiopia, India and Turkey.

All clear

The L.A. County District Attorney announced October 26 that it will not file hit-and-run charges against Orlando Bloom, 30, over an October 12 accident.

Mea culpa

Oprah Winfrey, 53, tearfully apologized to parents at her Oprah Winfrey Leadership Academy for Girls in Henley-on-Klip, South Africa, October 20, for a school matron who allegedly fondled one girl and threw another against a wall. Winfrey gave out her phone, e-mail and mailing address information, and said in a statement, "Nothing is more serious or devastating to me than an allegation of misconduct by an adult."

Busted

Lost's Daniel Dae Kim, 39, was arrested in Honolulu October 25 on suspicion of drunk driving. He was released later that day on unspecified bail and is due back in court November 23.

Blame game

Attorneys for David Copperfield, 51, who deny rape allegations against him, accused federal officials of improperly leaking grand jury information to the press.

Staying home

Lindsay Lohan, 21, canceled a New Year's Eve hosting gig at Las Vegas nightclub Pure. "Lindsay continues to focus on her work and sobriety," said her rep, Leslie Sloane-Zelnik.

Frequent flier

Jimmy Kimmel, 39, scored the Guinness World Record for Furthest Distance Commuted in One Working Week on October 26 for flying 22,406 miles between NYC and L.A. to dual-host Live With Regis and Kelly and Jimmy Kimmel Live! the week of October 22.

Owen's first interview

In his first interview since an August suicide attempt, Owen Wilson stuck to discussing film with friend and Darjeeling Limited director Wes Anderson, 38, for MySpace's Artist on Artist series. But Wilson, 38, did say of his emotionally damaged role, "I just like the themes that it's exploring." The October 26 clip also avoided his love life, despite recent outings with Jessica Simpson, 27, and ex Carolina Gersola, 27, of whom a source tells Us, "She understands him." — Sarah Grossbart

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CPE

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by the General Assembly, UK would receive a \$17.6 million increase over this year's funds and a \$15.8 million increase on top of that in 2009-10.

In presentations to CPE committees last month, Todd requested an additional \$19.8 million for 2008-09 and \$20.9 million on top of that for 2009-10.

In a statement released yesterday, Todd called the CPE proposal a "positive first step" in acquiring higher-education funding, and said funding UK's Top 20 Business Plan is "essential."

Blanton declined to comment on how UK would acquire more funding if the General Assembly approves the CPE's recommendation.

Although the recommendation is less than what UK requested,

Hayek said the university could acquire funding through special appropriations and other funding from the state over the course of the biennium.

But without outside funding to match the amount Todd has said UK needs, the university may be forced to raise tuition more than it would otherwise, Hayek said.

"There's only a limited number of ways funding can be generated," he said.

Lawmakers will make the final decision on how much funding UK will receive this spring.

"In the past couple of years, the CPE has made a recommendation, and the General Assembly has taken that as kind of guidance," said state Rep. Bill Farmer, R-Lexington.

State Rep. Bob Damron, D-Nicholasville, said the recommendations approved yesterday are the first step in a process that could be determined as late as April.

"We're not a rubber stamp for the CPE," Damron said.

POLLS

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said Mark Peffley, a political science professor. "In this case, however, Beshear's 20 point lead over Fletcher in the polls has not fluctuated much for several months, which leads one to believe the margin is steady and reliable and that voters have made up their minds."

Peffley, who specializes in public opinion, mass media, racial attitudes and political tolerance, said a 20-point lead is a "landslide margin of possibly historical proportions."

"However the polls are estimates based on guessimates of who is likely to vote," he said.

Republicans at UK are remaining confident in

Fletcher's chances despite Beshear's apparent lead.

"The polls can say we're down 50 points, we're still going to keep working," said Thomson Roberts, president of UK's College Republicans.

College Democrats of Kentucky President Richard Becker, a history and political science junior at UK, said Sunday that a strong push for Beshear throughout the last 72 hours would play a critical role in election results.

"We want Steve Beshear to not only win but have the type of win that will give him the capital to get done the things he needs to do to help get the state back on track," he said.

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SENATE

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Tagavi.

"We are going to only discuss the motion," Tagavi said. "No more debates on the merit of logging."

The resolution could pass in its entirety, or a senator could make a motion to exclude the part of the recommendation calling for a temporary halt to the logging of Robinson Forest.

"I want desperately for both of these motions to fly, but I would hate to see nothing," Lesnav said.

Debate over the worth of logging the forest reached its apex in September. The project would serve as research, testing the effects of logging on streams.

The Senate Council also talked yesterday about how the University Senate will handle discussion of the University Studies Program reforms.

Initially, the Senate planned to talk about changes to the USP program during its November meeting and vote on the proposal in December.

Last week, UK Provost Kumble Subbaswamy announced that USP discussion in the Senate would wait until spring, giving the USP Steering Committee time to revise the suggested program based on recommendations made at three faculty forums last month.

Subbaswamy will give a presentation on the progress of the new USP program at this month's Senate meeting. However, a discussion like the one initially planned will not happen, Tagavi said.

"If a senator decides to raise their hand and say 'I disagree with this,' I'm not going to stop it," Tagavi said. "However there will be no (USP) agenda in front of us."

Influencing state legislature is focus for new service club

By Wesley Robinson
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Two students wanted to dedicate some of their time to the community, so they established a UK chapter of a national service organization with hopes of influencing legislation to improve citizen's lives this semester.

Co-founders Jeff Steller, a mathematical economics junior, and Mallory Brown, a nutrition and food science senior, began working in the spring to get the volunteer organization Results up and running. Members of the organization meet twice a month on Tuesdays in the Center for Student Involvement in the Student Center.

"I volunteer just because I care about people," Brown said. "We are all technically one big family, and we owe it to each other to take care of one another."

The purpose and goal of the organization is to give students a chance to speak out and get active but also to give students an opportunity to get involved in volunteering.

"I think it's good when students get involved with their time, talents and money," said Laura Hatfield, the Center for Community Outreach adviser.

"When students get involved, their passion gets heard," said Hatfield, who is also the assistant director of student involvement in the center.

For the past three weeks, Results has

been discussing how they could actively support the State Children's Health Insurance Program bill through drafting letters and hosting a phone-a-thon. The state bill is intended to expand Kentucky's health for families with children under the age of 19 without insurance, Steller said, but it has been losing support within the Kentucky House of Representatives.

Results also decided to diversify the organization's outreach this semester by supporting the Farm Bill, which subsidizes farmers' produce.

Generally food stamps and welfare programs have been separate entities from the Farm Bill, but this "bill combines them, Steller said.

Results is also working to help improve Head Start, a national school readiness program. Head Start programs across the nation are in danger of collapsing, specifically in Kentucky where programs are at an all-time low and where children with the greatest need in rural counties are being neglected, Steller said.

"Every single piece of legislation that gets passed directly affects your life," Steller said. "If you're not careful how the legislation is passed, it can have a big negative effect on you and the state."

The next Results meeting is Tuesday, Nov. 13 from 7:30 to 8:30 p.m. at the Center for Student Involvement. Following that meeting will be a training session for any new volunteers or individuals who would like to get involved.

'Strongest Man' makes college debut at UK

By Calvin Hobson
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Lifting cars and logs are only two tests of strength students will endure tomorrow and Thursday on campus as they participate in a promotional event for the "Strongest Man on Campus" competition.

UK Campus Recreation and IMG, the corporation that sponsors the "World's Strongest Man" competition, are sponsoring the event, which will take place at the Pieratt Student Recreation Fields behind the Johnson Center.

IMG will shoot a promotional video while at UK and take the new competition to other universities across the nation in the spring.

"This is the first time that the strongest man competition has been held on a college campus," said Beth Atmp, fitness director at

the Johnson Center. "So, I really want people to come out and support the University of Kentucky."

Students interested in competing can try out tomorrow from noon to 5 p.m. Tryouts include performing bench presses and dead lifts. The top eight to 10 contestants will move on to the final round, which is Thursday at 3 p.m.

Finalists will compete in four events: the farmer's walk, the car dead lift, the loading race and the log clean press. The winner of the competition will receive an automatic trip to the finals when the competition returns to UK in the spring to name an official winner.

UK's "Strongest Man on Campus" will move on with individual winners from other universities to a regional competition. Regional winners will compete in a national competition, and the national winner will

compete in China for the world competition.

People are encouraged to come out and watch as the events take place. Atmp said. Spectators can enjoy free food on Thursday during the finals.

Camille Bailey, an undecided sophomore, said she was excited the event is coming to campus.

"I am really looking forward to the competition, because I've always loved to watch the 'World's Strongest Man' on television," Bailey said.

Students wishing to compete should visit the event Web site, (www.strongestmanoncampus.com). For any additional questions, e-mail info@strongestmanoncampus.com or Atmp at batmp@uky.edu.

"People should come out and support their fellow students because this is definitely the real deal," Atmp said

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BASKETBALL

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"I'm looking for players to play that way, and she produced tonight."

Down the stretch, UK tried to chip away Ohio's lead behind Mahoney and Edelen's play, but seven missed free throws in the final minutes doomed UK.

Despite the loss, the Cats tried to look at the positives to ready themselves for their first regular season game Saturday.

"(Ohio) had some good post players," Mahoney said. "It was a good test, but this gives us a chance to look at film and just fine-tune some things."

And while the loss may look ugly, the Cats are ready to put a game that does not affect the win-loss column behind them.

"It's just preseason," Edelen said. "It's a time to get ready, we can't let this game get us down."

The Cats begin their regular season on Saturday when they face South Carolina Upstate at 7 p.m. in Memorial Coliseum.

Gillispie's boot camp prepares Cats for tournament run

By Travis Waldron
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Billy Gillispie called it boot camp. In the weeks leading up to Big Blue Madness, before the UK basketball team was allowed to practice as a team, the UK basketball players were already at work strengthening their endurance.

Senior guard Joe Crawford said boot camp sometimes started as early as 5:30 a.m. Freshman forward Patrick Patterson said his feet bled through his socks several times after conditioning. Senior guard Ramel Bradley said it brought the Cats together as a family, and freshman guard Alex Legion noted that after it finally ended, all he wanted to do was rejoice.

The Cats start their regular season tonight against Central Arkansas in the opening round of the 2K Sports College Hoops Classic benefiting Coaches vs. Cancer, and although Gillispie said the team's conditioning still needs to improve, he is pleased with the players' stamina so far.

"They're in really good condition for this point in the season," Gillispie said. "They're learning how to play through four- or five-minute periods in the games, and you can only do that through experience. No matter how much you can run or practice, it's different."

The Cats conditioning could be a factor in the 2K Sports Classic. UK is scheduled to play back-to-back nights, taking on Central Arkansas tonight and either Alabama A&M or Gardner-Webb tomorrow.

Patterson admitted he became fatigued at times in the exhibition season, but he said playing back-to-back games should not wear on him. The freshman forward is a veteran of the summer AAU circuit in which it is not unusual to play three or four games in a single day.

"We did it back in AAU, playing back-to-back games in a day," Patterson said. "(Back-to-back nights) shouldn't be anything."

Though the AAU circuit has grown since Gillispie first joined the college ranks as an assistant coach in 1993, he said it still takes time for freshmen to adjust to playing in a tournament style at the college level.

"No disrespect to summer basketball," Gillispie said, "but it is a little bit more intense at this level."

UK is one of four hosts for the opening rounds of the 2K Sports Classic. Connecticut, Memphis and Oklahoma are also hosting, and the winner of each region will advance to New York City for the final two rounds of the tournament at Madison Square Garden on Nov. 15 and 16.

Though UK is the favorite in the Lexington Region, Gillispie said the

Cats are taking nothing for granted.

"I know on the outside everyone thinks, 'You're Kentucky, and it's Central Arkansas,'" Gillispie said. "But that's not the way it is anymore in college sports because there are so many good players everywhere. It's a real scary team."

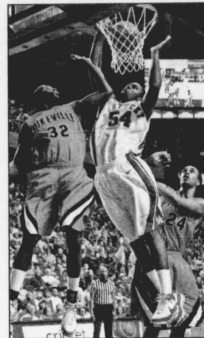
Central Arkansas, the alma mater of former NBA player Scottie Pippen, is in its second season as a Division I team. The Bears finished 10-20 last season but boasted a formidable defense, holding opponents to just 41.5 percent shooting from the field while blocking 5.5 shots per game.

UK may seem like the Goliath of the Lexington Region, but Gillispie insists that his team will not take that attitude into the tournament.

"I've never been Goliath," Gillispie said. "I've always been a hunter. I'll never be a part of the group that is going to be hunted. We're going to be the hunter. I don't care who has the best players or what the conditions are. It makes no difference. Our team is going to play hungry."

Harris out indefinitely
Sophomore forward Ramon Harris is out indefinitely after injuring his left foot Saturday against Seattle.

Harris had an MRI on Sunday and Gillispie said he was uncertain about how much time the forward will miss.



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Freshman forward Patrick Patterson dunks against Pikeville College on Wednesday.

The Anchorage, Alaska, native, who was already recovering from a broken nose, started both exhibition games but did not score in either contest.

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Cats nearing full strength after bye week

By Eric Lindsay
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UK football head coach Rich Brooks called his team's loss to Mississippi State "a total systems failure."

Part of the system failure fell on a mangled lineup that had been thinned out by injuries.

But after a full week to recover thanks to the bye week, it appears as if all systems are ready to go when the Cats head down to Nashville, Tenn., to battle Vanderbilt.

With the exceptions of junior free safety Marcus McClinton (cracked shoulder blade), sophomore cornerback Paul Warford (ankle), junior tailback Tony Dixon (ankle) and sophomore defensive tackle Corey Peters (strained knee), everybody is expected to play Saturday, Brooks said.

Brooks added that Warford, Dixon and Peters are all questionable for the critical Southeastern Conference Eastern Division showdown.

"Just like it has been most of this year, this is a huge game for us, and it's a huge game for them," Brooks said yesterday at his weekly news conference.

Despite sitting at just 2-3 in the conference, the Cats are still mathematically in the race for first place in the SEC East.

While the UK players sat at home during the off week, the ever-changing division continued to shift with South Carolina and Vanderbilt each suffering conference losses.

The Cats will have to hope several things fall their way to remain in the division hunt, but the return of several key play-makers, most notably senior wide receiver Keenan Burton and senior running back Rafael Little, should boost the team in the coming weeks.

Brooks is looking forward to having a healthy Little, who has missed the last three games with a thigh bruise.

"All you have to do is look at where he stacks up in the SEC in receiving and rushing performances in a career and where he is in rushing, receiving and all-purpose yards while at Kentucky," Brooks said of having Little back. "He's obviously a very, very talented player that's meant a lot to us when he's been healthy."

The senior tailback ranks second at UK in career all-purpose yards (4,749) and fourth in career rushing yards (2,665). He has also rushed for 682 yards this season despite his time off the field due to injury.

Little's return is reminiscent of last season when he churned out a stellar performance against the Commodores. After

missing more than a month because of arthroscopic knee surgery, he carried the ball 20 times for 132 yards and added 114 yards on eight catches against Vanderbilt.

"I'm sure the week off has gotten him well," said Vanderbilt head coach Bobby Johnson. "I have a lot of respect for him. He does it all. He catches the ball, he runs, he returns kicks. He's a heck of a player."

Although Little will not be 100 percent, he will start and play along with Burton, Brooks said.

Having a week off to heal their injuries helped the Cats recover for the homestretch of the season, Burton said.

"It gave us a chance to get back, relax a little bit, get fresh and just take everything in perspective and get ready for this big game," Burton said.

Although Burton has only missed one game, he will be healthy for the first time since the Kent State game after kneeling a sprained ankle and a knee strain for much of the season.

The senior wide out expects to practice this week and is anxious to suit up against a much-improved Commodore squad.

"I feel good, I'm excited," Burton said. "Nobody can tell me nothing this week in practice. I'm ready to go. I'm just excited to be back out on the field healthy."

Focus is key to avoiding upset

There's nothing like a good upset. It's a wonder when you witness it, because you never anticipated it happening. It always begins with you questioning yourself. Then you're overcome with disbelief, trying to figure out how it could be as your good buddy stands over you taunting.

Depending on which team you're pulling for will determine the pitch of your voice as the final ticks fall off the clock. One person's joy is another's equal pain.

We all like the fight in the underdogs. It's whom we cheer for in the title game when our team doesn't make it.

But is there really such a thing as a Cinderella in the sports world, or is it just that the big boys occasionally get caught off guard? Maybe it's because teams occasionally overlook the cellar-dwellers, which results in being down two minutes left in the fourth quarter.

To me it's a no-brainer. Superior teams do overlook those little bumps in the road on their schedule. It goes to show that there is more to playing a sport than just simply playing. Any competition is obviously a mental game, and to come out on top, a team has to go in focused on the opponent at hand.

The UK football team learned that lesson the hard way in their last outing. Now, after their bye week, mental focus has been the lesson, and preparing for one team at a time has become the game plan.

In the aftermath of UK's upset loss to Mississippi State, the coaching staff at UK stripped down the remaining games on the schedule, leaving just

one opponent — Vanderbilt. That's the only game that matters for the Cats now. Not Georgia or Tennessee, two teams ahead of UK in the Southeastern Conference Eastern Division that the Cats will play in the next two weeks. For UK, the only team on the schedule is the Commodores.

"We need to focus on one thing," head coach Rich Brooks said. "It's Vanderbilt."

The focus the Cats lacked in their last appearance will be needed on both sides of the ball when they travel to Nashville, Tenn. Vanderbilt has the third best total defense in the conference, which Brooks credited to their discipline.

Brooks hopes to counter the Vanderbilt defense with a steady offensive attack, but that will be easier said than done. The Commodores allowed 49 points last week to Florida so they'll be hungry this week to prove they're a better defense against the Cats' offensive arsenal.

"Offenses do so many things now that put your defense in a stress position," said Vanderbilt head coach Bobby Johnson. "If you're not disciplined, you're going to have a good chance of breakdowns and offenses getting big plays."

Vanderbilt's key offensive player is junior wide receiver Earl Bennett, who is among the nation's elite at the wide out position. Brooks said it's hard to defend him because of the different formations the Commodores use.

"Matching your best corner on him is very difficult because that just screws up a whole bunch of things you do defensively," Brooks said.

Regardless of the game plans from either side, the most important thing is to focus. The Cats look to salvage a season after a crushing upset loss, and the Commodores are playing for bowl eligibility.

After all, there's nothing more the Cats want to avoid than an upset on Saturday.

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Voting can make a difference to students

UK students have a large stake in this general election, especially in the race for governor.

The governor, who submits the initial budget proposal to the legislature and has veto power over the final budget, has a major influence over state funding for UK.

If the state grants UK its requested funding in full, next school year's tuition increase will be 9 percent, the same as this year's, said UK President Lee Todd in an Oct. 18 announcement.

While tuition is an important matter to students, other major issues like legalized gambling and ethics are also relevant.

If eligible students haven't voted in the election yet today, chances are they

still can. Polls are open from 6 a.m. to 6 p.m. today, and all registered voters who are in line by 6 p.m. will be able to vote.

Registered voters can find out their polling place on the Kentucky State Board of Elections Voter Information Center Web site (<http://cdcbp.ky.gov/VICWeb/index.jsp>) by entering their full name and date of birth.

Voters are required to bring a form of identification to the poll. Valid identifications include a driver's license, a Social Security card, a credit card or another card bearing both picture and signature.

If students want their voices heard, then they should not miss their chance to make a difference in the state elections today.

Service projects should focus on in-state issues

The Student Government Senate should be commended for decreasing the amount of money approved for a two-day Greek service trip to New Orleans. The Senate voted after much debate to decrease the amount given to the service group from \$4,000 to \$1,500, according to an Oct. 25 Kernel article.

The service group consists of eight members of the Interfraternity Council, eight members of the Panhellenic Council and eight members of the National Pan-Hellenic Council.

The decision to reduce the sum resulted from criticism that it would be unfair to give \$4,000 to the all-Greek group. The money comes from student activities funds, yet the opportunity would not be open to students outside the Greek community.

In the future, if similar Greek service activities are in need of funding, they should apply to affiliated Greek organizations. As Sen. Jackie Colgate pointed out in the Kernel article, IFC, the Panhellenic Council and NPHC all have their own operating budgets.

The chosen location of the service project was also a topic of debate. Sen. Jesse Parrish, one of the sponsors of the proposal, stated in the arti-

cle that the service project would be more effective in New Orleans, a location where participants would not be distracted by familiar surroundings.

"Who is going to want to go somewhere like Cincinnati, where they could be 45 minutes back with their friends having fun?" Parrish said. "The idea is to get completely away from UK."

On the contrary, we believe that it is more likely the participants would be distracted by new, unfamiliar territory, especially in a lively city like New Orleans.

Furthermore, while the city of New Orleans is in great need for help, there are also many problems in our own state that have received relatively little attention. The same amount of money spent on the New Orleans trip could be used in-state to make just as significant an impact, and likely a bigger one since the cost of transportation would be dramatically lower.

The desire to aid New Orleans is admirable and the authors of the proposal should be commended for their efforts. But SG was correct to decide that they could not afford giving a larger sum with their limited budget — especially when the opportunity is only open to a limited group of students.



Tom Wilkins, Kernel cartoonist

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Mopeds endanger UK pedestrians

Given the hubbub about bike paths and biker and pedestrian safety on campus, I am surprised to hear little ranting about the recent moped trend.

Mopeds drive in the street and can easily keep up with traffic on campus. Therefore, they should not be tolerated driving in bike lanes or on sidewalks. I was extremely shocked on several occasions to see mopeds flitting back and forth across campus on "no bike" footpaths.

If being run down by a bicycle is a major concern for administrators, why is there no policy for mopeds, which could be far more dangerous to pedestrians? I do not understand why these actions have been tolerated.

I still recall the bike "crackdown" of a year or two ago, when illegally parked bikes were impounded and bikers riding on no-bike paths were immediately ticketed. How is it now acceptable to ride and park motorized vehicles right outside the front doors of the White Hall Classroom Building? I have even seen mopeds plugged into university buildings charging their batteries between classes!

Parking and driving regulations and enforcement are clearly needed for mopeds as they become increasingly popular on campus.

Cristina Brady
Agriculture senior

Top-20 plan focuses on the future

I am writing in regard to Brett Nolan's column in yesterday's Kernel on UK's tuition increases.

It is imperative that Nolan is called out on his statement that "undergraduate education is all but worthless at UK." Twenty thousand-plus students and hundreds of thousands of alumni nationwide would strongly disagree.

Mr. Nolan's argument was centered on the fact that current students aren't reaping the benefits of the Top 20 Business Plan. Had he done his research, Nolan would have realized that the future, not the present, is the primary focus of Dr. Todd's plan.

Instead of pointing out minuscule blemishes on the face of higher education, such as the lack of air-conditioned dorms, challenge yourself to do something positive for the university and its top-20 goal.

Not only are we investing our tuition dollars in this university, but the university is also investing its resources in its students to do something positive after graduation. UK would not be where it is today and where it will be in the future had it been providing students with "worthless" degrees.

Eric Spencer
Accounting and finance junior

Democratic candidates demonstrate ethics, ability

I spent my last column detailing all the reasons why you should vote for Steve Beshear for governor. If you have yet to vote and are on the fence about whom to vote for, I strongly encourage you to check out that column on the Kernel Web site (www.kykernel.com).

Beshear represents the charge we need in Kentucky — better policies on education, health care and ethics. Beshear will lead the move in creating a Kentucky of which we can be proud.

While it is of the utmost importance that Kentucky elects Beshear as our next governor, it is important that we elect Democrats at all the down-ballot positions as well. Bruce Hendrickson, Jack Conway, Todd Hollenbach and Crit Luallen deserve our votes because they also represent the good government that the Democrats are aching to bring to Kentucky.

Hendrickson is running for secretary of state. He currently is a schoolteacher in Pineville and has served on the Pineville City Council and as mayor of Pineville.

Hendrickson is strongly committed to public service, and therefore one of his top priorities as secretary of state is implementing a strong civic education program to high school students across the state. Hendrickson is also the candidate that is the most committed to protecting voting rights.

Finally, Hendrickson is committed to lowering the taxes of Kentucky's small businesses. As a former small-business owner himself, Hendrickson is very aware of these issues and is ready to make progress on them.

Conway is running for attorney general. He spent six years in Democratic Gov. Paul Patton's administration working on education, public safety, energy and the environment.

Conway then ran in one of the most-watched congressional races of the 2002 cycle in Louisville against Anne Northrup. Despite being heavily outspent, Conway came within a whisker of knocking off Northrup, who was a three-term incumbent at the time. The final margin was 52 percent to 48 percent, according to U.S. House of Representatives Office of the Clerk statistics.

Conway is committed to supporting Kentucky's prosecutors to ensure justice is served, advocating for consumers, vigilantly prosecuting those who prey on seniors and children, and working to stop the illegal drug sale.

Hollenbach is running for state treasurer. He serves on the Kentucky Commission on Human Rights, which is charged with protecting Kentuckians' rights regardless of race, gender, age or religion. Hollenbach pledges to ensure that our tax dollars are spent wisely, to increase the efficiency of the treasurer's office, to work toward revitalizing Kentucky's Affordable Prepaid Tuition program and to teach financial literacy to Kentucky.

Luallen is running for re-election as state auditor. Luallen has been diligently working toward removing waste in Kentucky's government for four years. The (Louisville) Courier-Journal called her a "truly amazing public servant," and the Lexington Herald-Leader called her resume superior to any other candidate's on the November ballot. Luallen has been an effective leader for Kentucky, and her work has been impeccable.

I hope you agree with me that the Democratic ticket should be elected. We would love to have your support. However, the most important thing is to go out and vote. No matter whom you support, go to your polling place today and vote. If you are unsure where to vote, go to the voter information center Web site (<http://cdcbp.ky.gov/VICWeb/index.jsp>) to find your polling place.

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ROBERT KAHNE
Contributing columnist

Republicans have focused on serving the entire state

Election Day is finally here. After months of traveling the state, fundraisers and contacting voters, we will see the results of all of the hard work put into these campaigns.

Most Democrats have to be giddy at the fact that virtually every poll has shown Steve Beshear with a lead. However, as Sen. Mitch McConnell reminded us at a breakfast this past weekend, the Lexington Herald-Leader published a poll 10 days before the election showing him down by 15 points when he ran for U.S. Senate in 1984. The poll

was wrong then, and I believe it is wrong now. I have traveled from Pikeville to Paducah and from Florence to London over the course of this election season. Everywhere I have been there have been large crowds, many times made of several hundred people, supporting our Republican candidates. If Gov. Ernie Fletcher is down by 15 points, how can he keep commanding such large crowds?

Moreover, Fletcher's aggressive bus tour — he visited 62 counties in less than two weeks — has seen similar success. I will give one concrete example from the bus tour: Take Letcher County in southeastern Kentucky where there are 12,778 registered Democrats and 3,451 registered Republicans, according to numbers on the secretary of state's Web site. According to kypolitics.org, when Fletcher held a prayer breakfast on Oct. 23, roughly 135 people, including the Democrat Judge-Executive, attended. Democratic candidate Steve Beshear decided to have a breakfast in Letcher County the same day, even though he was scheduled to be in Western Kentucky. Only 38 people showed up to Beshear's event.

I think this example shows a flaw in the Beshear-Mongiardo strategy. They have focused

too much on the large urban areas, especially Louisville. The UK College Democrats focused exclusively on Louisville over the past weekend. And according to Pol Watchers, a political blog run by the Lexington Herald-Leader, Beshear's campaign paid \$95,000 to an organization from Philadelphia — so much for his Kentucky first rhetoric — that has a record of voter fraud. Maybe the Louisville focus will pay off. In any case, I know the support for Gov. Fletcher exists all over the state and not just in Louisville.

Recently, there was another poll taken, sponsored by Secretary of State Trey Grayson's office. Nearly 10,000 students in 85 schools voted in a mock election. Interestingly enough, every Republican candidate won the match-up. In fact, the closest race was for Treasurer, in which Melinda Wheeler beat Todd Hollenbach by over 7 points.

While most of these students cannot vote in the actual election, they have to be learning whom to support from somewhere. My guess is their voting-age parents. As Fletcher said in reference to these results at a rally on Saturday evening, "I have more faith in our children than I do in the Herald-Leader."

I have no idea what the results tonight will be; however, I fail to see how the 15- or 20-point blowout that the liberal media is projecting could become a reality. During these final two weeks, our candidates have been working tirelessly at grassroots campaigning all over the state. The response has been tremendous and will hopefully translate into victories tonight.

I hope you get out and vote Fletcher for governor, Grayson for secretary of state, Stan Lee for attorney general, Wheeler for treasurer, Linda Greenwell for auditor and Richie Farmer for commissioner of agriculture.

If you decide not to vote for them, you should at least vote. After all, having all of the voices of our state heard is what the election should be about.

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Kernel cartoon forum panelists express need for communication

By Rebecca Sweeney
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A forum last night about a controversial Kernel cartoon, which likened UK's Greek system to a slave auction, seemed to "sweep the real issue under the rug," said one panel member.

"The real issue is having good communication and understanding other people's perspectives on things," said Jasmine Whitlow, a journalism freshman, after the discussion. "Some people are offended and some are not, so there is a miscommunication."

Panelist Bobby Houlihan, a Lexington media attorney, said the panel was successful in bringing people together to talk about the cartoon and ensuing controversy.

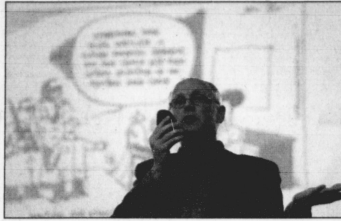
"We've got a decent group of people here to discuss the issues," Houlihan said. "Denying it or being mad about it won't help."

Whitlow, who participated in the initial protest of the Oct. 5 cartoon, was one of six panel members who discussed the controversy regarding the cartoon and answered audience questions in the College of Law Courtroom. The forum was sponsored by the College of Law.

Brad Fletcher, the cartoon's artist, was also on the panel and said he was surprised by the reaction to his cartoon.

"I thought I was pointing a finger at the same institutional racism we're talking about now and that's been in the letters to the editor at the Kernel and the (Lexington) Herald-Leader," Fletcher said. "The symbolism of the African-American character in chains was intended to show a person involuntarily placed in front of fraternities because the fraternities had been pressured to integrate the organizations, but I don't think that came across at all."

Lexington Herald-Leader cartoonist Joel Pett was another



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Lexington Herald-Leader editorial cartoonist Joel Pett presents several racially-themed cartoons he has drawn in his career during a forum sponsored by the College of Law last night.

panel member and said cartoons must focus on one idea to convey a larger picture. Pett said cartoons must often be controversial to get a message across.

"In satire, if you don't cross the line, you lose the sense of where it is," Pett said.

The cartoon represented ignorance and overstepped boundaries, Whitlow said, but made several people, including her, realize that racism is still alive.

UK history professor and panelist Joanne Melish said the way in which the cartoon implied that the Greek system is the only form of racism at UK is offensive.

"Who wants to be the first person in a group that historically excludes you anyway?" Melish said.

DeLano Massey, a reporter at the Herald-Leader and panelist, said the timing of the cartoon's publication in relation to national events, such as the Jena 6, made the image more powerful.

"To move forward, some of the people I spoke with have said you have to have ongoing dialogue not just when something happens, but it has to be continued," Massey said.

Fletcher said he is regretful that the cartoon didn't make its point and offended an unintended audience.

"But I won't apologize for the point that I feel like I was trying to make, which is that there is institutional racism on this campus," he said.

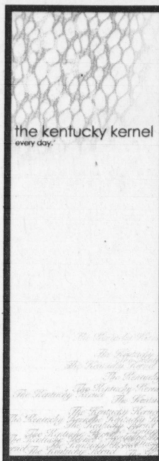
Keith Smiley, editor in chief of the Kernel, was in the audience and said the paper made an error in its editing process by not discussing the intended meaning of the cartoon and the potential consequences of running it.

"The editing process that we go through every day — deciding out of all this content and information that we have that could go into the paper, what actually goes into print — is what really fell apart in publishing the cartoon," Smiley said.

Rodrigo Mejia, a journalism sophomore, said the UK community should use the Kernel cartoon as a starting point for discussion and change.

"We need to take the first step to try to change something in the black community at UK so that this is a more enjoyable institution for us," Mejia said.

Melynda Price, organizer of the forum and an assistant professor in the College of Law, said the college's diversity committee has started discussing how similar dialogues could be held to make a positive impact.



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