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Protesters invited to speak at board meeting

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The protesters from Tuesday's sit-in who have demanded a halt on the logging of Robinson Forest were invited yesterday to appear at a Board of Trustees joint committee session on Monday.

Garrett Graddy, a geography graduate student and teaching assistant, was at the sit-in and received an e-mail from UK President Lee Todd's office inviting her and the rest of the group to speak to the members of the board's Student Affairs Committee and University Relations Committee.

The e-mail from Douglas Boyd, chief of staff for Todd, read, "I hope you will accept this invitation from President Todd and Board Chair (Mira) Ball to appear before a Board joint committee session on Monday, December 10th at 4:00 p.m. in the Board Room of the Patterson Office Tower."

Boyd said he could not confirm if Todd or Ball would be at the meeting. "All board members are invited to all committee meetings — not all board members go to all committee meetings, but we try to schedule them so everyone can be there," Boyd said. "If President Todd can arrange to be there, I'm sure he will be."

Greenthumb co-coordinator Taylor Shelton said this meeting will give the group an idea of where it stands in its attempts to stop the logging.

"We've been invited to a meeting, so the sit-in worked to some degree," said Shelton, a geography and political science junior. "We're going to try to keep it a small group and present our case in a succinct manner."

Boyd declined to comment on if the invitation was a result of the sit-in.

Jeff Dembo, one of the elected faculty representatives on the Board of Trustees, sits on both committees that are meeting on Monday. Dembo said he did not anticipate much would change

unless new information is presented to the board.

"It would be nice for the board to indicate that they're willing to listen to student input," Dembo said, "but I'm not sure there will be any new information presented."

Graddy said the activists' goal at the meeting would be to get the board to halt all logging activity in Robinson Forest.

"We're aiming to convince the board that the opposition (to the logging) is so great that they rescind their approval," she said.

In 2004, the board unanimously approved a plan that would allow logging in Robinson Forest, university-owned

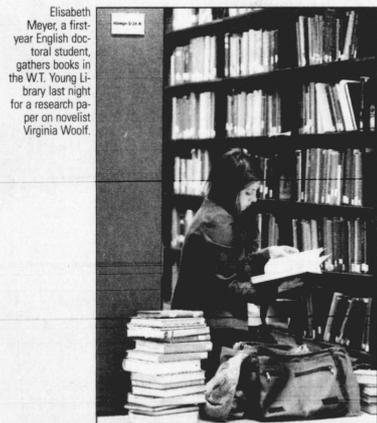
property in Eastern Kentucky. The subject of Tuesday's sit-in is a forestry research project that would log about 800 acres of the 15,000-acre forest to study the effect of logging on streams.

The logging is just one of the topics that the group hopes to discuss at Monday's meeting, Graddy said. At Tuesday's sit-in, the group gave a list of questions to Boyd, who said he would pass them along to Todd and the board members. Graddy said the group will be calling today to see if Todd or the board has any answers for them yet.

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Animal science freshman Wade King, bottom left, and biology sophomore Derek Straney, bottom right, study for their Chemistry 107 final last night in the W. T. Young Library.



Elisabeth Meyer, a first-year English doctoral student, gathers books in the W.T. Young Library last night for a research paper on novelist Virginia Woolf.

Library a haven for study crunch

As finals week approaches, many students are hitting the books in hopes of acing their last exams of the semester. Many students are using the W.T. Young Library this week for research resources or crunch-time study space.

The library is currently open 24 hours but will close Friday at midnight. The library will reopen on Saturday at 8 a.m. and will close at midnight. It will then open Sunday at noon for studying during finals week and stay open until Dec. 14 at 5 p.m.

Students to share religious perspectives at panel

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Diversity Dialogues is shifting away from race for tonight's program and focusing instead on a difference among students that is not as visible.

Tonight's panel, "Religious Diversity," will cover topics such as gender and religion, religious dialogue within the community and stereotypes about religions from Catholic, Church of Christ, Jewish and Muslim perspectives. It will be in room 230 of the Student Center at 7.

One student from each of those religious communities will represent

his or her faith.

The panelists will describe their religious perspectives, said panel moderator Mehmet Saracoglu, a mining engineering doctoral student and president of UK's Interfaith Dialogue Organization.

"We can talk about similarities and we can talk about the differences, but what we must talk about is how we can live together in a diverse community at UK," he said. A 15-minute question-and-answer session will follow the description of each religion.

It is important to recognize faith and religion as cultural differences at UK, said Mahjabeen Rafiuddin, the

director of UK student diversity engagement, especially because diversity issues on campus are usually thought of as black and white.

"While we do acknowledge (racial diversity) and have that, we also want to add to that other diversity issues to get out of that mentality," she said.

Corey Kline, a political science senior who will represent Judaism at the forum, said she has been to other diversity dialogues at UK and hopes this dialogue goes over just as well as others have.

"We've come a long way as far as tolerance for other religions in the United States," Kline said. "But there

are still many ideas and opinions to be heard. I think it's a good opportunity to do that and a good setting."

Faculty members should encourage students to go to diversity dialogues so they can bring information from the dialogues into the classroom, Rafiuddin said.

"Students can apply the knowledge from diversity dialogues to the books," she said. "That's the goal."

Diversity Dialogues will continue next semester in the small ballroom with discussions on Appalachian culture, tension between Latinos and blacks, bi-racial and multiracial experiences, gays and bisexuals, and people who have disabilities.

Beshear, Conway to take over trustee suit

By Jill Laster
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On Tuesday, a new governor and a new attorney general will take office and take over a case disputing the number of Republican members on the boards of trustees at UK and other state universities.

In a conference yesterday, Judge Phillip Shepherd of Franklin County Circuit Court said Gov.-elect Steve Beshear, a Democrat, will take over as the defendant in a case alleging the boards currently violate portions of state law requiring the proportion of Republicans and Democrats on each public university's governing board to reflect that of registered voters in the state, said Ray Mills of the judge's office.

Until general counsel-designate Ellen Hesen has looked over the case, Beshear's office is declining to comment, said Vicki Glass, a spokeswoman for Beshear. Attorney General-elect Jack Conway, a Democrat, could not be reached for comment by press time.

However, the opinions of both incoming officials on the case could be known as soon as today, said Assistant Attorney General Pierce Whites.

No new official court action occurred yesterday on the lawsuit, first filed in August by Attorney General Greg Stumbo, a Democrat, against Republican Gov. Ernie Fletcher. The most substantive development in the case yesterday is that the judge brought up

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SG branches at odds over funding for safe-sex week

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Members of Student Government's legislative and executive branches disagreed over who should fund a safe-sex-awareness week at last night's full Senate meeting.

A Senate special project sponsored by Sen. Jackie Colgate requested \$350 to fund a sexual-responsibility week to take place next semester. The organization holding the event is the Campus Outreach Cabinet, which is part of SG's executive branch.

Although some senators said the executive branch should pay for the request with its own funding instead of going through the Senate, the request eventually passed by a 17-10 margin.

The event, Keep It Safe Sexually, is a weeklong series in the spring aiming to educate students and encourage them to practice safe sex, said cabinet chair Ryan Mueller.

The project was presented at the last Appropriations and Revenue Committee meeting, which was before Thanksgiving break. According to the legislation, it was first tabled, then passed with no recommendation. A&R Chairman Jesse

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Suite Satisfaction

"Messiah," composed by George Frideric Handel, is performed every year by the Lexington Philharmonic, and it is a tradition for many families around the state to attend.

Handel's "Messiah," composed in the summer of 1741, is one of Handel's most famous pieces, and it is standard repertoire in Western choral literature. The work premiered as part of a series of charity concerts in Dublin on April 13, 1742.

The philharmonic will be presenting Handel's "Messiah" in conjunction with the Lexington Singers on Dec. 14 in the Singletary Center for the Arts Concert Hall.

Sweet victory: Three home bakers share their winning cookies



Second-place winner Andra Weber holds the sparkly oatmeal cookies she entered in the Chicago Tribune Good Eating Holiday Cookie Contest. When she baked a batch 10 years ago and left them on her balcony, a large squirrel tried to steal some.

By Donna Pierce
Chicago Tribune

Flavor twists, culturally diverse recipes and one unusual cookie tester defined this year's Chicago Tribune Good Eating Holiday Cookie Contest, as demonstrated by our top three winners:

"This year, our family, including our tiny grandkids, will opt for a tropical holiday ... I am totally awed by the melting pot of flavors served up in Chicago Latino restaurants," Nancy Vaziri of Frankfort, Ill., wrote in her first-place essay, accompanied by her recipe for "tropical nuevo

Latino cookies."

Second-place winner Andra Weber of Chicago described how a four-legged taster sampling her cookies helped her chase away the holiday blues.

And third-place winner Michael Reinhart of Harwood Heights, Ill., created his cookie as a tribute to his grandmother, who passed away in 2003. "Her parents came from Hungary and everything my grandmother served was homemade. I miss her," he said.

Nineteen finalists' essays were selected as the best of 145 entries. Good Eating staff judges and a guest judge,

pastry chef Sarah Levy, used a point system to select the winning cookie recipes. Levy, owner of Sarah's Pastries & Candies in Chicago, took time out from opening her second location, at the State Street Macy's, to weigh in on the selection.

Although she sells home-style cookies in her pastry shops, Levy said she encourages home baking, especially during the holidays.

"It's a wonderful, nostalgic tradition," Levy said. "Baking cookies with my mom and all five siblings was an important part of my growing up. Holiday cookies ... are often a labor of love and tangible part of what it

means to be a family."

This year, as in the past, we called for home bakers to share a recipe and a short essay describing what makes the cookie special.

Levy said she was most impressed by the cultural diversity reflected in the range of cookies presented for judging. Vaziri's first-place cookie was one example.

Creating new recipes is a hobby, Vaziri said, and when she enters a contest, she's looking for a sense of satisfaction, not necessarily a prize. She says she appreciates the recipe-

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Ideas for fending off boredom over break

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Winter Break offers all students a chance to go home, be with family and take a break from school — and for many, it brings lots of good things to eat and some presents under a tree.

But with a lack of projects, papers and other school-time activities, and the weather growing prohibitively cold for outdoor sports, many students might find the time between December finals and the start of January classes a little bit drab.

During the break, however, several events will be held in Lexington to help save students from being victims of wintertime blues.

Holiday swing dance

Duke Ellington lovers, put on your shoes and head out the door.

The UK Swing Dance club will be hosting a swing dance at 8 p.m. on Dec. 15 at the Arthur Murray Dance Studio at 1801 Alexandria Drive. The event will feature original dances from the '30s and '40s, including the Lindy Hop and the Balboa.

"It's a good way to meet people, and a great way to listen to great music," said Mike Richardson, the club's adviser, who is a staff member in the College of Pharmacy. "We get a really good mix of students and non-students, anyone from 18 to 80."

Admission is open to the public and costs \$5.

'A Celtic Christmas'

UK's Singletary Center for the Arts will offer students a chance to break out of the "Nutcracker" mold and see a different kind of Christmas story over break.

Tomaseen Foley's "A Celtic Christmas" follows a group of neighbors in a farmhouse in the remote parish of Teampall an Ghleantain in western Ireland, gathered around the fire to "grace the long wintry night with the laughter of their stories, the joy of their music, and dances they always said they were much too old for," said Summer Gossett, the Singletary Center's marketing director, in an e-mail.

The event, which will be held on Dec. 22 at 7:30 p.m. in the Singletary Center Concert Hall, will include William Coulter, a Grammy-winning guitarist, and Maria Cook, a world-champion Irish harpist and champion Irish step-dancer.

"With the holiday season upon us, most people have few options for entertainment besides the 'Nutcracker' or choral events," Gossett said. "This event brings an international flair to it."

Tickets cost \$10 for students, \$24 for seniors and UK faculty and staff, and \$28 for the general public.

Holiday homecoming concert

Students will feel right at home with the help of this visiting artist's music.

Jim Brickman, who just released a new holiday album titled "Homecoming," will be taking the stage of

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COOKIE CONTEST RECIPES

1st Place

TROPICAL NUEVO LATINO COOKIES

Preparation time: 1 hour
Standing time: 30 minutes
Cooking time: 15 minutes per batch
Yield: 18 cookies

This winner from Nancy Vaziri of Frankfort, Ill., blends Latin flavors for a holiday cookie. It uses dried tropical fruit mixtures; pineapple, papaya and mango blends are sold in most supermarkets. Crystallized, or candied, ginger and turbinado sugar (sugar crystals) are sold in specialty markets and the spice and baking aisles of some supermarkets.

1/2 cup tropical mixed dried fruit, chopped
3 tablespoons sweetened coconut, finely chopped
2 tablespoons crystallized ginger, finely chopped
1 tablespoon rum or 1 teaspoon vanilla
Grated zest from 1 lime
Juice from 2 limes
1 egg, separated
1/2 stick (1/4 cup) unsalted butter, softened



1/4 cup granulated sugar
1/4 teaspoon each, ground: ginger, allspice, nutmeg
1/8 teaspoon salt
2/3 cup flour
1/4 cup each: turbinado or granulated sugar, chopped, slivered almonds

1. Heat the oven to 375 degrees. Stir together dried fruit, coconut, ginger, rum, half of the lime zest and the lime juice in a small bowl; let stand 30 minutes.

2. Meanwhile, beat egg yolk, butter, granulated sugar, ginger, allspice, nutmeg and salt with a mixer on medium speed until light and fluffy, about 3 minutes. Add the flour

in 2 parts, beating just until combined.

3. Divide dough in half; roll each half into two 10-by-1-inch logs. Transfer to a large baking sheet lined with parchment paper. Slightly press each log to flatten dough into 2-inch widths. Press a 1-inch-wide channel down the center of each log; set aside.

4. Whisk the egg white in a medium bowl; brush lightly over each log with a pastry brush; set remaining egg white aside. Combine the turbinado sugar, remaining zest and the almonds in a small bowl. Whisk in 1 tablespoon of the reserved egg white; set aside.

5. Place the fruit mixture into log channels with a teaspoon, pressing lightly with fingers to secure mixture. Top fruit mixture with teaspoons of the sugar mixture, spreading evenly with a knife to coat logs. Bake until topping is crisp and lightly golden. Cool on sheets 15 minutes. Remove logs to cutting board; slice diagonally into 2-inch cookies with a sharp knife.

Nutrition information per cookie: 101 calories, 34 percent of calories from fat, 4 g fat, 2 g saturated fat, 18 mg cholesterol, 15 g carbohydrates, 1 g protein, 29 mg sodium, 1 g fiber

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competition circuit so much that this year her dishes have received recognition from seven other major contests.

"It's an odd thing," said Vaziri, who won a \$200 gift certificate. "The prizes are nice, don't get me wrong. The acknowledgment means much more. That's what keeps me going."

This was the first cooking contest for second-prize winner Weber, who submitted a funny story. Ten years ago when Weber was lonely and a bit tearful in a big new city, her sole Chicago friend convinced her to bake holiday cookies as a tonic for her sagging spirits. After preparing the giant cookies she remembered from home in central Illinois, she discovered that her studio apartment's freezer was too crowded to store them. So she stashed them outside on her tiny balcony for safekeeping.

An hour or so later, depressed again, she glanced outside the balcony door expecting to gain comfort from her small box of cookies. "What stared

back at me was not a small, wondrous brown box filled with holiday cookies," Weber wrote, "but a large, furry brown squirrel and in his hands a perfectly sparkly holiday cookie, his gigantic teeth chomping at holiday delicacies. At first I was terrified but then the laughter started and wouldn't stop."

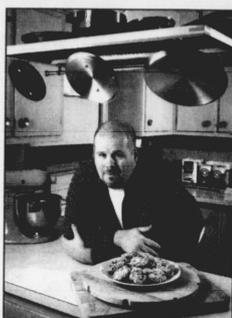
"Crumbs were flying everywhere ... it still makes me laugh when I think about it," Weber said, adding that she learned a lesson that evening.

"I realized the holidays are filled with little moments of happiness in unexpected places," she wrote.

Third-place winner Reinhart made a holiday discovery of his own, though under different circumstances. While searching through papers inherited from his grandmother, who passed away four Decembers ago, he found an ingredient list for his favorite childhood recipe.

"Most of the recipes in this aged pile are over 50 years old, and all of them belonged to my grandmother," he wrote in his third-prize winning essay.

Finding the ingredient list was a victory but it came with a glitch: "There were no measure-



Third-place winner Michael Reinhart poses for photograph at his Harwood Heights, Ill., home with his winning cookie, crispy chocolate jumbles.

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ments or directions. "The first couple of attempts produced good cookies, but not THE cookie," he wrote. It took him a dozen attempts but he finally got it.

Since then, Reinhart has tweaked the cookies with dried fruit and nuts "just adding on to what in my mind was already the perfect cookie."

"Still," he said, "a lot of se-

crets and recipe tips died with my grandmother." So he has some advice to other home bakers. "If you have a favorite recipe from a family member, practice while you still have them around to critique your results and offer advice about how to make the recipe better," he said. "That way you can keep a connection alive. It's worth the effort."

MORE COOKIE RECIPES

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2nd Place

SPARKLY OATMEAL COOKIES

Preparation time: 15 minutes

Cooking time: 10 minutes per batch

Yield: 12 cookies

Chicagoan Andra Weber loves very large holiday cookies and, judging by her winning essay, so do squirrels. To make smaller cookies, make 1-inch dough balls and flatten them into 2-inch cookies.

Cookies:

1 1/2 cups flour

2 teaspoons baking powder

1 teaspoon each: ground cinnamon, baking soda, salt

1/4 teaspoon freshly grated nutmeg

2 1/2 sticks (1 1/4 cups) unsalted butter, softened

3/4 cup packed light brown sugar

1/2 cup granulated sugar

1 egg

1 teaspoon vanilla

1 3/4 cups old-fashioned rolled oats, finely ground in blender or food processor

Frosting:

1 cup sifted confectioners' sugar

1/2 teaspoon each: vanilla, almond extract

1 tablespoon milk

Decorative sugars

1. Heat the oven to 375 degrees. Sift together the flour, baking powder, cinnamon, baking soda, salt and nutmeg; set aside. Beat together the butter and sugars with a mixer on medium speed in a large bowl until light and fluffy; beat in the egg and vanilla. Stir in the flour mixture and oats until well combined.

2. Arrange rounded 2-inch balls of dough about 3 inches apart on an ungreased baking sheet; flatten into 4-inch rounds about 1/2-inch thick with the bottom of a small floured juice glass. Bake cookies in batches until golden, about 10-12 minutes. Cool cookies on sheets 2 minutes; transfer to wire racks. Cool completely.

3. For frosting, mix all ingredients in a small bowl with a fork until smooth. Spread over cookies. Top with decorative sugars. Store in an airtight container.

Nutrition information per cookie: 413 calories, 44 percent of calories from fat, 20 g fat, 12 g saturated fat, 68 mg cholesterol, 54 g carbohydrates, 4 g protein, 375 mg sodium, 2 g fiber

3rd Place

CRISPY CHOCOLATE JUMBLES

Preparation time: 25 minutes

Cooking time: 10 per batch

Yield: 3 dozen

Michael Reinhart of Harwood Heights, Ill., says you can substitute the dried cranberries with banana chips, walnuts, pecans or hazelnuts according to personal taste.

1 1/4 cups flour

1/2 teaspoon baking soda

1/8 teaspoon salt

1 stick (1/2 cup) butter, softened

1 cup sugar

1 egg

1 teaspoon vanilla

2 cups each: crisp rice cereal, semi-sweet chocolate chips

1/2 cup dried chopped cranberries or cherries

1. Heat oven to 350 degrees. Sift together the flour, baking soda and salt in a medium bowl; set aside.

2. Beat the butter and sugar together in a large bowl with a mixer on medium speed until creamy, about 3 minutes. Beat in the egg and vanilla until light and fluffy, about 3 minutes; stir in the reserved flour mixture. Stir in the cereal, chocolate chips and dried cranberries just until mixed.

3. Drop by tablespoons onto a lightly greased baking sheet; bake until golden, about 10-12 minutes. Transfer to a wire rack to cool.

Nutrition information per cookie: 117 calories, 40 percent of calories from fat, 5 g fat, 3 g saturated fat, 13 mg cholesterol, 17 g carbohydrates, 1 g protein, 41 mg sodium, 1 g fiber

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the Singletary Center for the Arts Concert Hall on Dec. 29 at 7:30 p.m.

"The warmth and intimacy of Jim Brickman's holiday concerts have been compared to a gathering of friends and family — a special homecoming — that resonates with the true spirit of Christmas," Gosset said in an e-mail. "All of Brickman's concerts are special homecomings: for himself, his musical guest artists, and the thousands of audiences who return year after year."

The event will feature special guest Richie McDonald from Lonestar. Tickets cost \$35 to \$45 depending on seat location. UK students receive a \$10 discount, and faculty and staff receive a \$5 discount.

Antique appraisals at the art museum

For students looking for a good winter bargain or some interesting antiques, the UK Art Museum's January fundraiser events are the place to be.

There will be a "white elephant" sale in the President's Room of the Singletary Center

for the Arts from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Jan. 5, and items will be priced for students to afford, said Amy Nelson, director of grants and assets for the museum.

"A white-elephant sale is basically a really nice way of saying a garage sale," said Amy Nelson, director of grants and assets for the museum.

The sale will include items such as house wares and small furniture, she said.

There will also be an "Antiques Roadshow"-type event from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. in the museum. Nelson said the event will have nationally and locally known appraisers, and for \$11, anyone can find out the worth of their antique objects and how to preserve and take care of them.

"It's an important educational tool for the public," Nelson said. "It will inform them about objects they have and objects they might want to collect."

Nelson said the event will help students develop their eye when it comes to selecting valuable antiques.

"It's a way for students to find out the worth of a piece of jewelry, they have is really valuable, and maybe they should take careful care of it," she said.

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9 p.m., The Dame. Tickets cost \$8

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The Dishes w/ Tupelo Honey and The Tammy Whyntons
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SATURDAY, Dec. 8
Unknown Hinson w/ The ShineRunners
9 p.m., The Dame. Tickets cost \$12.

Buffalo Killers w/ Cincinnati Suds and Radio Moscow
9:30 p.m., The Southgate House, Newport. Tickets cost \$5.

White Magic w/ The Dandybeards
10 p.m., The Southgate House, Newport. Tickets cost \$8.

Billy Catfish w/ Michael Horgan
10 p.m., The Southgate House, Newport. Admission is free.

SUNDAY, Dec. 9

Aaron Austin & the Bootleg Preachers
8 p.m., The Dame. Tickets cost \$3.

Josh Grider w/ Drew Kennedy
9 p.m., The Southgate House, Newport. Tickets cost \$7.

TUESDAY, Dec. 10

American Bang w/ Luna Halo
9 p.m., The Dame. Tickets cost \$5.

WEDNESDAY, Dec. 11

Cross Canadian Rayweed
9 p.m., Headliners, Louisville. Tickets cost \$11 in advance, \$13 at the door.

Joshua Michael Scutella and the Dusters w/ Jenny Ward & the Slingerlands
9 p.m., The Southgate House, Newport. Admission is free.

Three Days Grace
7:30 p.m., Bogarts, Cincinnati. Tickets cost \$25.

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Students required to visit strip clubs, sex shops for class

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One UK class goes beyond textbook assignments and sends students out to strip clubs and stores with adult material to expand their sexual comfort zones.

Students in the non-online sections of Family Studies 253, Human Sexuality and Development, must venture out to a sexual business and evaluate their reactions. They can select a place to visit from a pre-approved list in the course syllabus, which includes: strip clubs, Déjà Vu and Solid Platinum; adult video rental stores, Hustler Hollywood and 2004 Video; gay bars, Mia's and The Bar Complex; and a lingerie store, Priscilla's.

Luke Lautzenheiser, a business junior who took the class this semester, was uncomfortable with the assignment, but he chose to go to Déjà Vu.

"The room was small and very dark. It smelled of baby oil and tanning lotion," he said.

Jason Hans, a family studies professor at UK, has taught the class for three years to more than 2,500 students, and he said he's received only one serious complaint.

"That turned out to be a validating experience for the assignment," Hans said, "because I was able to communicate with the provost and associate dean of student services in the College of Agriculture about the assignment, and they concurred that the assignment is contextually appropriate."

Although Lautzenheiser said he thought the assignment was fair, he has no intention of ever going to a strip club again.

"The entire time I was there I couldn't help but think that, there is someone's daughter up there," Lautzenheiser said. "I want kids someday, and I don't want my daughter to feel she has to perform this way to earn money."

Chris Harper, an agricultural communications senior, chose to visit Déjà Vu as well, but unlike

Lautzenheiser, he said the assignment did not bother him because it opened his mind to a new perspective.

"I knew about the assignment before I enrolled for the course, and I looked forward to the assignment because I went with friends," Harper said.

On last spring semester's course evaluations, 87 percent of students in the course agreed that it was a good assignment, compared to 4 percent who disagreed and 9 percent who were neutral, Hans said.

Ronald Werner-Wilson, chair of the family studies department, said the assignment is a responsible approach to talking about touchy issues and topics, because students are able to choose from a variety of options.

"I think it is an innovative approach," he said. "This is a hard topic to discuss. I support any activity that encourages people to discuss sexuality topics as long as no one is personally offended."

Wellness Day to promote UK's health programs

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UK employees who want to start exercising have an alternative to buying a fitness video or joining a class with students at the Johnson Center.

UK's Health & Wellness Program will host Wellness Day 2007 tomorrow from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Alumni Gym to showcase its programs and promote the benefits of a healthy lifestyle to UK employees.

"Wellness Day is our holiday gift to the university to increase health and wellness throughout the staff as whole," UK wellness coordinator Carrie Davidson said.

This is the first Wellness Day at UK, but Davidson said she hoped it would become an annual affair.

Davidson sees it as a one-stop shop for those interested in health and nutrition on campus, where people can enroll in many of the programs offered, such as Body Shop Fitness, Biggest Blue Loser 2008 and Weight Loss Matters. The people who run these programs will be on hand throughout the day to answer questions about nutrition, fitness and relaxation, Davidson said.

A demonstration of Zumba dance, a

current fad in fitness, will begin at noon.

While it is difficult to predict how many people might attend, Davidson said she expects at least 150 faculty and staff to pass through during the day, but hopes many more will attend. She said the event was important to the university because of all the positive effects of health awareness and exercise.

Wellness Day is sponsored by UK's employee benefits package, so it is available to all UK employees, retirees, spouses and sponsored dependents.

Carol Watson, a health and wellness administrative support associate, said the event should grab the attention of those who are not currently enrolled in wellness programs.

"Joining is only \$20 a semester — it's so affordable," Watson said. "We care about our participants, and our goal is to improve the health of all of the faculty and staff at the university."

"It's a comfortable atmosphere and we want it to be just that for everyone who comes in," she said.

The Health and Wellness Program will be providing free refreshments, and prizes will be awarded throughout the day.

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Parrish said A&R funds are meant for student organizations, and the executive branch should fund this event since the request is coming from an executive cabinet.

"There's a \$6,000 surplus in (the executive) fund, so why can't they spend money on their own cabinets instead of spending student money?" Parrish said. "It's a great event that needs to happen, but let's not short student organizations here."

Executive Cabinet Secretary Madison Young said the reason the cabinet came to the Senate for the money was that it wanted senators to be involved with the event.

"We want (senators) to go the event and back it up, just like any other Senate special project," Young said. "All the money comes from the same place, so why not fund it?"

SG Vice President Brittany Langdon said this was not a case of the executive branch refusing to pay for KISS week, but that it is the type of event that the Senate would normally fund.

"We never declined to pay it — we wanted it to go through the Senate so senators would show an interest," Langdon said. "Senate special project (money) goes toward events. That is what they are there for."

The possibility of having to deny a student organization money later in the year because of this funding request is something that Parrish said concerned him, even though he said the event itself was a great idea.

"It's a great event; there is no questioning that," Parrish said. "All I thought is that the executive branch should pay for it. Basically, the executive branch took \$350 away from student organizations."

Colgate said the Senate shouldn't deny funding for

KISS week just because the requesting group was an executive cabinet.

"Safe sex is something that deals with every college student on campus," Colgate said. "We can't just let this event go to the wayside because the (executive branch) didn't pick it up."

Two other pieces of legislation passed, both with unanimous consent. One was a budget amendment that approved the continuation of executive staff salaries for the spring semester. The five staff members' salaries were approved to remain at an equal rate to that of this semester. The press secretary position was eliminated, and the historian will no longer receive a stipend.

The other resolution commended those involved with the National Conference on Graduate and Student Leadership, which UK co-hosted. Sen. Mary Bosserman sponsored the resolution and said the conference was "flawlessly run."

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the possibility that members of UK's Board of Trustees may be added as defendants in the case. If that were the case, the trustees would have to defend their spots on the board and address whether their appointments are in compliance with state law.

The only reason trustees

would be brought into the case is if Conway and Beshear agree to pursue the case and remove trustees, Whites said.

The office of the governor is pleased that the court has allowed the 16 appointed trustees to maintain their positions during the lawsuit even though they are in question, said Andy Barr, Fletcher's assistant general counsel.

In Kentucky, 56.9 percent of voters are registered Democrats,

36.6 percent are Republicans, and 6.5 percent are independents or are affiliated with another party, according to the Kentucky State Board of Elections.

The UK board has 16 gubernatorial appointees, of whom seven are Democrats and nine are Republicans. Of Kentucky voters registered in one of the two major parties, 60.8 percent are Democrats, proportionate to about 10 Democratic appointees on UK's Board of Trustees.

NEWS BRIEFS

Linden Walk fire caused by electric wiring

The fire that occurred at 325 Linden Walk on Tuesday night was an accidental fire related to the electric wiring in the house, said Lexington Fire Battalion Chief Jim Wells.

The fire, which was contained to the second floor and a room toward the front of the house on the first floor, appeared to have been burning for a while

through the floor joints, said Lexington Fire Battalion Chief Randy Galliam on Monday.

The fire caused significant damage, but no injuries.

Student receives employee of the year award

Mandee McGee, the student assistant in the Office of Undergraduate Admissions, won the

Student Employee of the Year award last night. Supervisors throughout campus nominated 18 student employees for the award, Brian Troyer, the director of the UK Visitors Center, nominated McGee. The other four finalists for the award were Jennifer Whittle, Andrew Wheeler, Amanda Ellis and Michael Knoll.

Romney readies for his speech on faith

By Mark Silva
Chicago Tribune

COLLEGE STATION, Texas — Republican Mitt Romney has raised millions of dollars in a bid for the presidency, invested millions more of his own and staked enviable positions in Iowa and New Hampshire.

But now he confronts a question that may pose the greatest obstacle to his candidacy — his religion.

The fact that Romney, a Mormon, is coming to Texas on Thursday to articulate his vision of "faith in America" is a measure of just how much swing evangelical Christians still hold in presidential voting, particularly the Republican Party's naming of a nominee.

It is a measure, too, of the role that religion plays in the American civic arena. Voters approach the question somewhat ambiguously: Most tell pollsters they want a president with faith in God, yet most want a White House free of any dogma.

In the balance hang questions of

a federal marriage amendment, which Romney and many other Republicans support; abortion rights, which Romney has come to oppose after a personal change of heart; and appointments of conservative Supreme Court justices, which Romney and fellow Republicans promise.

Yet faith itself may be on the ballot in this election cycle.

Nearly two centuries after a 14-year-old named Joseph Smith retreated to a wooded grove and prayed to know which church was true — and emerged with his reported revelation "that all the religious denominations were believing in incorrect doctrines" — the Book of Mormon and Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints have staked solid roots, with one of the most united yet least understood faiths in America.

Now, almost a half-century after a Catholic named John F. Kennedy traveled to Texas to confront a fundamentalist audience with his explanation that he was not the church's nominee but rather a Catholic run-

ning for president, another millionaire from Massachusetts will stand there to confront public misconceptions of his faith that could stand between him and his party's nomination.

"It can be a defining moment for him, in that he can clear the deck of this particular question if he speaks of his support for the Constitution and the separation of church and state," said the Rev. C. Welton Gaddy, leader of The Interfaith Alliance and a pastor at Northminster Baptist Church in Monroe, La.

"Gov. Romney has tried to have it both ways on this issue," Gaddy said. "He has complained when people have raised the issue of Mormonism and says religion should not be a factor, and then he goes and tells people they should support him because he's a Christian."

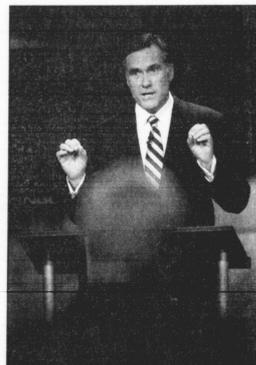
Most Americans who regularly attend religious services say presidential candidates should not use their faith as a means of influencing voters. And yet, "poll after poll has

shown that a great majority of Americans do want people of faith in office," said John Green, director of the Pew Research Center's Forum on Religion and a professor of political science at the University of Akron.

"For many evangelicals, however, the disagreements they have with Mormons are just a step too far."

Nearly four in 10 Republican voters call themselves evangelical Christians. Pew's polling has found, and one-quarter of all Republican voters voice reluctance to vote for a Mormon.

Yet Romney plans no attempt at explaining the tenets of his church with his speech at the George H.W. Bush Presidential Library on the campus of Texas A&M University here; he will leave it to voters to learn about Mormonism for themselves. Romney also has tried to downplay the Kennedy-esque nature of this event, suggesting that JFK has already delivered the "definitive speech" about the line between religion and politics.



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■ KERNEL EDITORIAL

Partnership with nearby hospital will aid many

Once again, UK HealthCare is expanding its reach in a way that will prove beneficial to both the university and the state.

UK announced Nov. 28 that it was forming a partnership with Clark Regional Medical Center in Winchester, Ky., to manage the hospital's operations. The new arrangement will be an expansion on the contractual services UK already provides to Clark Regional.

The hospital and UK will likely sign an agreement Feb. 1 to begin the new arrangement, according to a news release. That will include the formation of a committee to study how the hospital can raise revenues, control spending and better serve health needs in the community, said Dr. Michael Karpf, UK's executive vice president for health affairs, in a Nov. 29 Kernel article.

The partnership with Clark Regional is not UK's first health-related expansion into Kentucky communities this school year, and it shouldn't be the last. In October, the College of Medicine announced it would be adding sites at Morehead State University and Murray State University, both of which offer many benefits to all those involved.

Steps like these help connect the university to communities outside Lexington, which will be crucial for UK to get the public support it needs for the Top 20 Business Plan.

When people throughout Kentucky recognize the value and benefits of programs at UK, they will be more likely to support higher funding for the university.

These expansions also provide UK medical students with more diverse opportunities for their training by giving them the chance to learn and practice outside an urban setting.

Most importantly, these expansions don't just help UK's reputation and students — they help Kentuckians.

By bringing their expertise on health-care techniques and management to the rest of the state, UK's health professionals are helping raise the quality of care statewide.

Partnerships like these should serve as a model for UK as it continues to find new ways to make the university a more successful and prestigious institution.

For the sake of both students and Kentuckians, UK should keep up this pattern of greater involvement in medical care throughout the state.

Losing television access good reason to upgrade to digital TV this holiday

The following editorial appeared in the Chicago Tribune on Monday.

On the morning of Feb. 18, 2009, some Americans will awake, flip on the television, and find ... nothing. Not a single channel in the vast stuporous television banquet. Just snow.

They will wonder what happened. We will tell you what happened.

On that day — more than a year from now — TV stations will stop broadcasting an analog signal. In English, that means the old way of beaming television to the set, the way that millions of televisions still depend on, will cease. Only digital signals will be beamed. People will be slapping the box, and adjusting the ears, and scratching their heads, and blaming their teenagers. But it won't help.

If the deadline holds, about 20 million homes that rely strictly on antennas to receive free over-the-air broadcasting will suddenly go dark. The National Association of Broadcasters estimates. An additional 14.6 million households have cable in one room but also at least one antenna-powered television. In all, 69 million televisions will be affected, the association says.

So why are we telling you now, more than a year in advance? Well, for one thing, this is good to keep in mind for Christmas/Hanukkah buying season, particularly if you're in one of the households that rely on free analog television signals. For another, it's important that those who are shopping for a new TV make sure they know what they're buying. Some stores won't sell the analog sets anymore. But some will.

Buying a new digital set is not the only way to stay connected after the transition. You could also subscribe to a cable or satellite or telephone-compa-

ny TV service provider and let it handle the details with your old set. Or you could buy a set-top converter box for \$50 to \$70 that allows you to watch digital programming on an analog TV.

The fees will even help pay for the converter box because they're commanding the analog spectrum for advanced wireless services and public safety needs. Come Jan. 1, Americans can apply for as many as two \$40 coupons toward the purchase of converter boxes. (Call 1-888-DTV-2009 or visit www.dtvanswers.com for more information.)

Many Americans haven't heard of this coming change. Our guess? You'll be hearing about this a lot more. As U.S. Sen. Claire McCaskill, D-Mo., said at a hearing earlier this year, the lack of public awareness "scars me politically."

"There is no anger that comes close to the anger of an American that cannot get television," she said.

She's right about that. You don't want to get between a television addict and his or her "24" or "Dexter" or "30 Rock" or "Friday Night Lights" or "The Office," "Reaper" or "CSI: Miami" or "Desperate Housewives" ... well, you make your own list.

For people who disdain television, who brag about not having one or about still owning a black-and-white set circa 1979, this is another reason to feel superior to the proles who sit slack-jawed in front of the set every night. What's the fuss, they'll ask snootily. High def? Who cares? Maybe they won't even replace the ancient television, content to believe that television is not necessary to live a fulfilling life.

Millions, though, will have to get ready for the great conversion.

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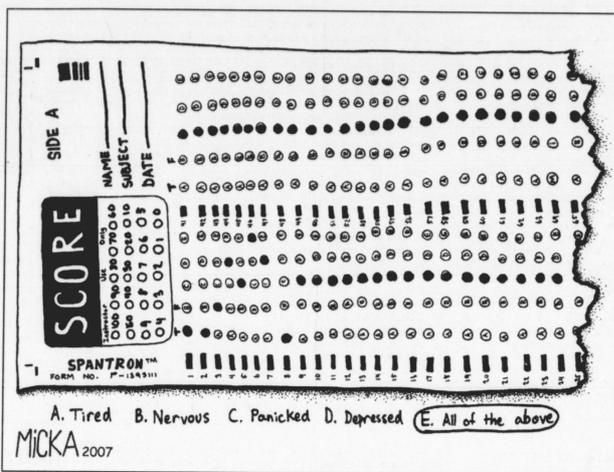
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PATRICK MICKA, Kernel cartoonist

Stop for a moment this holiday to reflect on past Christmas spirit

With Christmas amazingly right around the corner, it seems that, as college students, we forget what

Christmas used to be like when we were younger.

While we all know the true story of Christmas, which is centered on the birth of Jesus, we tend to forget the other side — the imaginary and exciting side.

I was feeling this exact way until I had a conversation with my nephew about Christmas.

He was so excited about the coming holiday. He had a huge smile on his face and was eager to tell me what he wanted Santa to bring him this year.

I instantly got a flashback to when I used to make a list for Santa to make sure I got what I wanted. At this point, I realized that the old idea of Christmas to me was totally gone.

Losing this feeling was no doubt caused by my finding out that Santa wasn't real.

It was about the second week of December in 1996. I was nine years old, young and still naive about everything around me. I believed everything my mother told me, which would soon lead to my downfall.

While sitting down for dinner, I

was having polite conversation with my mom and brother.

With Christmas right around the corner, our conversation turned to the idea of Santa Claus. As usual, I was too engulged in eating to pay attention to the conversation, but for some reason one sentence came out crystal clear.

"So John, can you believe that he still believed in Santa Claus?" my mom said. "I figured he would be too old."

I heard the words, but they didn't register.

What did she mean when she said "still believed"? Of course my cousin still believed in Santa Claus, I thought. He's real!

In my amazement I asked my mom, "What do you mean 'still believed' in Santa Claus?"

With a confused look on her face, my mom asked me what I meant. Before this point I still believed in Santa Claus, but after hearing the bad news, a big part of Christmas lost much of its meaning.

I think as we get older and find out that there is no Santa Claus,

Christmas starts to lose the meaning that comes with the wonder and excitement.

The thought of a jolly old man dressed in a red suit riding a sleigh pulled by eight reindeer for some reason gave the holiday so much meaning, but when that idea was done away with, much of that excitement was lost. From childhood, I always knew the true meaning of Christmas. It was

a holiday to celebrate the birth of the Lord Jesus Christ. I always knew this and I know it now.

But the idea of Santa was always

Sadly, as we get older, especially around college age, Christmas starts to lose that imaginary and exciting feeling.

In the back of my mind and gave the holiday even more meaning.

Sadly as we get older, especially around college age, Christmas starts to lose that imaginary and exciting idea. Instead, it is turned into a month of time off from school and a time where you have to sacrifice a few bucks for presents.

So for this Christmas, I urge everyone to sit back and attempt to get back that old Christmas feeling. It may be hard, but take a second and try to reminisce on the old days. I'm almost there — the thought of me ripping into presents while wearing my Batman pajamas is just one memory that I'm trying to hold on to.

Try and think back to those days, and I promise you that Christmas will at least gain some meaning back.

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Kentuckians should work to overcome stereotypes perpetuated by the media

Unless you actually live in the Bluegrass State, chances are you are quick to assume that all Kentuckians are toothless and without shoes.

At least that's what my experience tells.

I can't tell you how many times I've been asked where I'm from by out-of-state individuals who looked dazed and confused when they noticed that I have a full set of pearly whites and, more times than not, sport a trendy pair of shoes. Because you know, supposedly, Kentuckians — synonymous with "hillbillies" — don't wear shoes.

This summer, I had the opportunity to intern at one of the popular radio stations in Washington, D.C. My radio name was "Kentuck."

Normally I'd be completely fine with being called that, because I take pride in my home state. But on more than one occasion, jokes were cracked on-air about hillbillies, overalls and all that comes to mind with backward mountain people.

I tried not to take too much offense at it, since it made for "good ratings" for the night show. However,

the state I live in shouldn't be the subject of ridicule for the sake of entertainment.

It's true Kentucky is different than the remaining 49 states, but each state is different.

I don't associate the state of Idaho with a bunch of potatoes or New Jersey with a bunch of nasal, rude people. Similarly, I would expect that individuals don't associate me with illiteracy and a pitiful amount of teeth.

The people aren't to blame. My boss and his colleagues weren't doing it out of meanness; they just believed what they have seen in the movies.

Once again, I'm going to point fingers at the media. Someone has to be to blame, right? Why not the media — again?

The media is the cause for the presumptuous stereotypes it creates within the minds of society.

I recently watched the movie "Clueless." It's a humorous and entertaining film, but toward the end of it, one of the characters, when revealing her crush on her new stepbrother and debating whether or not to date him, says, "As if! This is California, not Kentucky!"

Fine. I get it. There have been a few cases on dating within the family, but these things happen everywhere, not just in Kentucky.

I take pride in where I'm from. I've been to almost every state in America, and Kentucky has, by far,

one of the most beautiful landscapes. The friendliness and hospitality of Kentuckians are one of a kind, and these characteristics are what should come to mind when society thinks of the Bluegrass State — not a state of shoeless, toothless, redneck hillbillies.

Maybe it's the accent that has caused individuals to think that Kentuckians are slow and uneducated.

I guess some people assume speaking slower is an evidence for a "slower" mind. That assumption is about as astute as the assumption that all inhabitants of Kentucky are illiterate.

If anything, the accent should be charming and endearing. It should be a relief that there are still people who live a slower pace of life and that they aren't caught up in all the fast-paced, hectic lifestyle of the majority of America.

I tried my best to change the stereotype of the uneducated, toothless and unshod Kentuckian during my time at the radio station this summer, but my efforts alone won't eliminate this problem.

With a little more help, we can eradicate this negative stereotype by continuing to display that, despite the accent, Kentuckians are just as educated, civilized and competent as individuals from any other state.

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Return trip to Nashville music to football team's ears

By Eric Lindsay
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Keenan Burton can't help it. He just can't get enough of country music.

"I love country music," he said jokingly, "and country music loves me."

Winning three straight games in Nashville, home of the Country Music Hall of Fame, tends to have that effect on the senior wide receiver. The Cats have won back-to-back games against Vanderbilt in Nashville and beat Clemson 28-20 in last year's Music City Bowl.

So forgive Burton and the rest of the Cats for getting a little excited for a return trip to the Music City Bowl for a second consecutive season.

"A lot of seniors who have left the University of Kentucky cannot say they've been to back-to-back bowl games," Burton said. "It's just a great feeling to be talking about it and to be practicing right now and to not be at home watching games and waiting for the next season to start."

While Burton and the rest of the Cats are eager to play in the program's 12th bowl game in school history, they were disappointed with the way they finished the regular season.

Victories over then-No. 9 Louisville and then-No. 1 Louisiana State pushed UK as high as No. 7 in the Bowl Championship Series rankings midway through the season.

With a 6-1 record, the Cats not only had aspirations of competing for a Southeastern Conference title, but they also were realistically in the hunt for a national championship.

But UK stumbled to a 1-4 record down the stretch to finish the regular season, squashing any notions of competing for either title. Although the Cats had to settle for the Music City Bowl after such high expectations, they are coming off a much stronger year than last season, head coach Rich Brooks said.

Brooks said that although this season's 7-5 record is the same as last year's, they are not identical. He pointed to a much



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Senior wide receiver Keenan Burton sets up to return a kickoff during UK's 52-50 four-overtime loss to Tennessee on Nov. 24.

tougher schedule and said a good portion of the teams they played this year are headed to postseason play.

"There were some difficult disappointments along the way, obviously," he said. "There were also some of the more exciting games in Kentucky football history, some of which will be on ESPN Classic for a long, long, long time. I'm as proud of this team as I have been of any team that I've coached."

The Cats might have had their fair share of disappointments down the stretch, but Brooks emphasized that going to a bowl game each and every year is important for the program to "turn the corner." He added that the Cats need to continue to make bowl games year in and year out.

And if returning to a bowl game weren't incentive enough for the players to get excited about heading back to Nashville, they also have the extra motiva-

tion of playing against legendary coach Bobby Bowden and the Florida State Seminoles, a team making its 26th consecutive bowl appearance.

"When you think about Florida State, you think about national championships," Burton said. "You think about Warrick Dunn, Peter Warrick and so many great players that have graced the field there. To play them, all you can do is get excited. If you can't get excited for this, then you don't have a pulse."

Still more than three weeks away from actually taking the field on Dec. 31, it appears Burton's pulse is pumping already. And while it probably won't be for the country music — Burton admitted at the time that he couldn't name his favorite country artist — he's anxious to return to the Music City.

"We have something to play for, so I'm just excited," Burton said. "I'm really going to enjoy it."

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