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Council raises higher ed funding

Legislature must give the OK; Todd not sure it's enough

By Troy Lyle
THE KENTUCKY KERNEL

President Lee Todd lauded the Kentucky Council on Postsecondary Education for passing a budget Monday that slated \$193.1 million for higher education — but he also said UK's share of that still might not be enough.

If the state legislature approves this budget in its next session, which begins Jan. 3, UK would receive a funding increase of \$27.35 million over the next two fiscal years.

"The (council) was right to illustrate the significant funding needs that higher education has in Kentucky," Todd said in an e-mail. "My fear is that we are understating the financial challenge we face."

He said UK has made significant strides in becoming a top-20 research institution as mandated by the state in House Bill 1 of 1997, such as an increase in endowment from \$200 million to \$550 million, a nearly \$1 billion capital campaign, a \$450 million hospital expansion and the highest graduation rates in the state.

"We have made miles of progress, but we have miles more to go before we reach our goal," Todd said. "That means we need to accelerate our efforts over the next several years, and that will require a larger infusion of resources than what is being recommended currently by the (council)."

Sue Patrick, the council's director of communications, said the budget is a road map to achieving the six goals outlined in House Bill 1, including UK becoming a top-20 research institution and the University of Louisville becoming a premier metropolitan research university.

"This budget is our attempt to let the governor and the General Assembly

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High court nominee has UK tie

Law professor clerked for Samuel Alito in Philadelphia

By Chris Miles
THE KENTUCKY KERNEL

David H. Moore is a faculty member at the UK College of Law. Four years ago, though, he was serving as a clerk in the office of Samuel Alito — the most recent nomination to the U.S. Supreme Court.

"There was a time I remember early on in my clerkship," Moore said as he stared out his office window, smiling at the memory.

"I was new as Alito's clerk and was sitting around one morning. Alito's office was in this old courthouse in Washington, D.C. Across from it was this grand, newly built courthouse with this huge statue of a head with a blindfold on — a blind justice — right at the edge of the steps and the sidewalk.

"As we sat there, Judge Alito suddenly strolled in, pointed at the head and said, 'If you look outside long enough, you'll see them pick her nose.' I watched outside for a few moments and, sure enough, after a bit there was a kid climbing the statue and reaching in its nose.

"I remember Judge Alito as that down-to-earth, modest kind of guy," he said.

When President Bush announced last Monday that his new Supreme Court nominee would be Alito, he was met with a flurry of opposition calling his new choice a closed-minded conservative not fit for a seat on America's highest court.

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A clear path for safety



This map shows the proposed route for the CATS Path, designed to be a main thoroughfare at night. Police officers will patrol the path and more lights will be added.

- 1: Taylor Education Building
- 2: Patterson Office Tower
- 3: White Hall Classroom Building
- 4: Chem-Phys Building
- 5: W.T. Young Library

Legend

- Emergency Phone
- Curb Construction
- CATS path
- Parking

Allotted funds now being used to improve women's safety issues on campus

By Megan Boehnke
THE KENTUCKY KERNEL

Almost two months after UK allotted \$1.25 million for women's safety on campus, the university has started creating a well-lit, monitored walkway through campus and hiring a new UK police officer among other initiatives.

The President's Women's Safety Advisory Council has begun using the funding to educate students on safety, train personnel and make structural changes on campus, which will include a recommended marked pathway to use at

night, called the CATS Path.

The pathway will run throughout the main part of campus and extend from the intersection of Hilltop Avenue and Woodland Avenue near South Campus to South Limestone Street near Dickey Hall.

Once completed, the path will be well-lit, open and patrolled heavily by UK police.

"We want people to be safe and comfortable wherever they are going, free from molestation or attack," said acting police chief Kevin Franklin. "We hope in reality it is a safer place for people to

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Safety Budget

*All budgeted amounts estimated

- Landscaping, additional lighting, new dorm security systems and creation of CATS path: \$520,200
- Improved services for victims, including a victim assistance fund and specialized training for nurses and law enforcement officers: \$400,000
- Educational initiatives: \$240,000
- Increased campus safety research, including addition of research staff: \$44,800
- Expanded police protection, including funding to help hire one new UK police officer: \$44,000

UK head football coach talks at a press conference yesterday at the Nutter Training Center.

Athletic Director Mitch Barnhart announced that Brooks will return next season as UK's head coach.

Brooks said he was relieved that he would be back for another year.

WHITNEY MATTERS | STAFF



Brooks back for another year

By Chris Delotje
THE KENTUCKY KERNEL

Rich Brooks will return as head football coach at UK next season, Athletic Director Mitch Barnhart announced yesterday.

Barnhart, citing the strain that criticisms and rumors about Brooks' job security have placed on the team, decided to change his timeline for deciding the coach's future at UK.

"I do believe that the worst of times are behind us and that Rich Brooks has taken the right steps for this program," Barnhart said. "It's become agonizing for the players. If I know the decision in my heart, then let's go ahead (and announce it)."

Previously, Barnhart had stated he would wait until the end of the season before making an announcement.

Barnhart cited UK's inability to field a full

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MA 109 scores don't add up

By Sean Rose
THE KENTUCKY KERNEL

Some students had a harder time during midterms than others. Many of those students were in Math 109.

Students in the introductory college algebra course received an average grade of 55 percent on their second exam on Oct. 19, and Avinash Sathaye, director of undergraduate studies for the math department, said the average grade in the class dropped an average of 12 points.

"I have been here for many years," Sathaye said. "I've never seen anything like it."

Those test results are one reason many students rushed to drop the class by the Oct. 21 deadline — the Friday of that week. Other students worked with what they had, searching for reasons for the poor test grades.

"I understand that it's a college course," said interior design freshman Amanda Vater. "I don't know if I didn't acquire these skills in high school, but it's hard material."

"It couldn't be just the students," Sathaye said. "It couldn't be just the students."

Math 109 has had a history of large numbers of students withdrawing and failing. The DEW rate — the percentage of students who received a D, E or withdrew from the class — is an average of 41.5 percent since the fall semester of 1998. It was highest in spring 2000 at 51.6 percent. Last fall, that rate dropped to 34.4 percent.

Sathaye said former Provost Mike Nietzel encouraged the math department to bring those DEW numbers down last year, prompting the department to institute changes for this year's incoming freshman.

"I think we're trying to rectify what's going on, on our end," Sathaye said.

Sathaye said the math department felt that incoming freshmen were not prepared for college math, so the minimal ACT score to enter a calculus class was raised. A placement exam was also instituted to help get students in the right level of math.

Math 109's structure was changed this year as well. The course was redesigned to better prepare students for the higher-level math courses, and all but five of the 47 classes are using Internet homework for the first time.

Many students told Sathaye that the format of the test didn't match the homework. He said he didn't dismiss

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Now that it's a moot point, let's focus on the field

Well, it's over and done with. Set in stone — at least for another year.

Yesterday's announcement of head football coach Rich Brooks' return by UK Athletic Director Mitch Barnhart was a bit unusual for an administration that consistently waits until the end of the season for coaching evaluation.

But with pressures from critics and worries from recruits, the last thing the UK football program needed was more negative talk.

Barnhart, who admitted yesterday during a news conference he hadn't made up his mind as recently as a few weeks ago, was sold on Brooks for another season.

Pros to the A.D., because after one of the Wildcats' better performances of the season in a losing effort against Auburn on Saturday UK needs as little distraction as possible going into its last three games of the

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Safety

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be: it's impossible to say this is going to make you safer, but we'll sure try.

The council is hoping to have the path available for student use by the end of the semester, said Carol Jordan, director of UK's Center for Research on Violence Against Women.

"This is just a first step — the major artery for the path," she said, adding that she wants students to suggest additions and changes to the path.

President Lee Todd committed the \$1.25 million in funding — more than four times what UK spent last year to promote women's safety on campus — as a response to a UK study last year on the safety of female students on campus. Of the 1,010 undergraduate and graduate females surveyed, 36.5 percent said they had experienced victimization, including physical or sexual assault, at UK.

In addition to the path, the Physical Plant Division began landscaping alterations two months ago at Keeneland Hall, Holmes Hall and Jewell Hall, as well as Memorial Coliseum and the Flag Plaza on Euclid Avenue. Lighting is also being added to the Kirwan/Blanding Complex on South Campus, and near Ovid's at the WT Young Library. The landscaping, lighting and CATS Path are expected to cost more than half a million dollars.

Part of the funding will also go toward hiring a new UK police officer. While the new officer will not have special duties regarding women's safety, he or she will help patrol campus.

"What we need is bodies on the street to enforce law, be seen and interact with students," Franklin said.

UK Women's Place, which opened in January, has also received part of the funding over the last two months to help hire a victim services coordinator. Dorothy Edwards, the center's director, said she will finish interviews for the new position tomorrow and ideally make a decision Friday.

"We are basically doubling our staff, and that helps us make sure the quality of services is high," she said.

Women's Place also started a victim assistance fund, which will be used to help victims who may need to make housing changes, get food or take care of other needs.

"We have people coming in to ask us, 'How can we help? How can we work together?'" Edwards said.

"The greatest benefit wasn't monetary. It was the strong, loud message across campus that this is an issue at UK," she said.

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UNIVERSITY OF KENTUCKY CRIME REPORT

Crimes reported to UK police

Nov. 1 through Nov. 7

Nov. 1: Criminal mischief in-progress reported at Patterson Drive when two suspects were spotted trying to take bikes from racks at 12:45 a.m.

Nov. 1: Theft from building reported at Kastle Hall at 10:11 a.m.

Nov. 2: Suspicious person seen near the Early Childhood Development Center at 10:43 a.m.

Nov. 3: Theft from building reported at Kentucky Clinic at 9:06 a.m.

Nov. 3: Robbery reported on Rose Street when a female had her purse forcibly taken from her at 9:12 a.m.

Nov. 3: Theft from building reported at the Student Center at 12:17 p.m.

Nov. 3: Theft of 2-3 loads of laundry reported at Baldwin Hall at 8:43 p.m.

Nov. 4: Bomb threat against the Academic Tech building at Bluegrass Community and Technical College at 7:51 a.m.

Nov. 4: Couple reported engaging in lewd activity on the top level of the parking structure on Parking Structure Two at 4:52 p.m.

Nov. 4: Suspicious person believed to be intoxicated reported in the parking lot near the Student Center starting disorders with band members at 6:24 p.m.

Nov. 4: Theft from building reported at the Johnson Center at 6:38 p.m.

Nov. 4: Suspicious two-door black car going approximately 60-80 miles per hour and doing donuts in the parking lot outside Commonwealth Stadium at 10:35 p.m.

Nov. 4: Drug usage reported at Baldwin Hall after subject's roommate found narcotics in dorm room at 11:17 p.m.

Nov. 5: Suspicious person, believed to be intoxicated, reported starting disturbances in a green Chevrolet in the parking structure near the UK Chandler Medical Center at 12:58 a.m.

Nov. 6: Suspicious person reported wearing dark clothing loitering near Patterson Office Tower at 2:47 a.m.

Nov. 6: Theft of a license plate off of a vehicle reported at Press Avenue at 2:13 p.m.

Nov. 7: Theft reported at Kennedy's Bookstore. Subject was arrested and his or her vehicle was towed at 10:43 a.m.

Nov. 7: Theft reported at Kirwan IV when a wallet was stolen at 8:41 p.m.

Crime reports taken from UK police crime log

Compiled by reporter Megan Boehnke

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November 17th & 18th

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LEADING scholar and civil rights activist, Roy Brooks debates against Reginald Jones, the lead spokesman for the African American leadership group, Project 21, that African Americans are owed reparations for the centuries of enslavement their ancestors endured.

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Voicing protest over no water vote



BRAD LUTTRELL | STAFF
Richard Becker, a political science and history freshman, speaks at the water rally in Phoenix Park last night. Becker is the president of the UK Water Democracy Project and was one of many speakers last night.

Yesterday was Election Day — except voters in Lexington didn't have much to vote on. That's in part due to a Kentucky Supreme Court decision to take a proposed vote on local ownership of the Kentucky-American Water Co. off the ballot. Supporters of local ownership held a rally downtown yesterday to protest that decision and drum up more support.



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Boo Boo, who is the pet of Margaret Long, displays a sign in favor of Lexington buying the water company at the water rally in Phoenix Park. The rally was held to address issues of Lexington residents' inability to own their water.

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Council

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know the financial needs of postsecondary education in Kentucky," she said. "These are very ambitious goals for education and the state."

"We need them; we're lagging behind and playing catch-up right now."

If the council's budget is approved, UK will receive funding increases of \$13.72 million in the 2006-07 fiscal year and \$13.62 million in the 2007-08 fiscal year. Those increases would be added to state funding already allotted by the General Assembly; that number is \$314.5 million for UK this year.

UK's proposed \$27.35 million increase is about 1 percent less than what the council planned for UofL, which is set to receive \$210.100 more through the 2006 fiscal year.

Sandra Woodley, the council's vice president of finances, said the differences in funding have nothing to do with showing favoritism to ei-

ther university.

"This isn't a comparison between UK and UofL," she said. "It's a comparison of benchmarks for each institution."

UK's proposed increase was calculated based on the amount of funding per student for each of its 19 benchmarks. The same goes for UofL, which has 17 benchmarks, she said.

"The reality is, there's a larger gap between UofL and its benchmarks," Woodley said. "They needed a little bit more money to close that gap."

UK's fall enrollment, based on full-time students or the equivalent, was 23,088 students, compared to 16,986 for UofL. UK needs about \$2,000 per student to close its benchmark gap, and UofL needs slightly more than \$3,000 per student, Woodley said.

"All of these proposed increases are to ensure that UK and UofL are both able to achieve the mandates outlined in (House Bill 1) of 1997 and so Kentucky's colleges and universities can compete and perform above average," Woodley said.

In an effort to allow Kentucky's colleges and universities to receive even more funding, the council will also be instituting a performance-based initiative in 2007. Slated at \$3.5 million, this additional funding will be offered based on each institution's performance relative to the goals outlined by House Bill 1, she said.

Despite all the recent budget cuts facing the state, Patrick said she hopes Kentucky's legislators will fully fund the council's requests.

"Higher education is an investment," she said. "For every dollar the state puts into education, it gets a high return on that investment, such as improved health and higher income for Kentuckians, lower unemployment rates and instances of incarceration, and a more engaged population."

"The average college graduate earns a million dollars more over their lifetime than the average high school graduate. That means more money for all of Kentucky."

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Summary of biennium increase recommendations by institution:

Institution	Two-year increase
■ Eastern Kentucky University	\$7,362,200
■ Kentucky Community and Technical College System	\$39,104,200
■ Northern Kentucky University	\$11,173,600
■ University of Kentucky	\$27,346,600
■ University of Louisville	\$27,556,700
■ Western Kentucky University	\$13,723,400

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their concerns, but he wasn't sure if that was the real problem.

"If they can do the homework problems, they can do the test problem," Sathaye said. "There's some deeper perception problem. I don't know what it is."

Pre-nursing freshman Jessica Blanton said the format of the test gave her trouble.

"Our instructor tells us that it (the test) is supposed to be easier than the homework and it definitely wasn't," Blanton said. "It upsets me, because it seems like it doesn't help."

Marketing freshman Sarah Baughman said she rarely attends class anymore because spending time with a math tutor at the center in W. T. Young Library is more worthwhile than class.

"It does no good. Everything I learn, I learn here (at tutoring)," Baughman said. "I'm here probably eight hours a week." She said she plans to take her future math classes at another university and transfer the credit because of her trouble in UK's math class.

Math 109 instructor Julie Miker said most problems stem from the fact that most students in MA 109 are freshmen.

"I think a lot of it is, most students are first-year students and haven't gotten adjusted to college-level courses," Miker said. "I don't think the course is out of the grasp of the students."

Finance sophomore Kevin Boskin said many problems could occur because most students are new

to the collegiate learning atmosphere.

"Most are freshmen and new to college (who) don't make the effort," Boskin said. "They don't use the Mathskeller."

The Mathskeller is a math resource center in the basement of the White Hall Classroom Building. Students can go there to do homework and receive tutoring. A similar program runs in the basement of the W.T. Young Library.

Mathematics senior and Mathskeller tutor Thomas Merrick said some MA 109 students weren't putting forth enough effort.

"In a lot of cases, people just aren't paying attention in class, and then they don't know how to do the homework," Merrick said.

Albert Kalim, a computer science graduate student and math tutor in the W.T. Young Library, said he suspected communication issues with the math department are part of the problem.

"There's been an internal issue with the math department itself," Kalim said. "It doesn't seem that they're communicating with the person who creates the homework problems or the person who creates the exam."

"We couldn't just blame the students for not working hard."

Sathaye said the math department is working to make sure students understand the test formats better in the future and emphasized that MA 109 is still developing with its new format and Web homework system.

"I don't think anyone in the math department would say we've arrived and the course is set," Sathaye said.

Some students said they wish the changes would arrive now.

"This is so ridiculous," Baughman said. "Everyone's talking about it, but no one's doing anything."

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DEW rates for MA 109 students: Percentage of Math 109 students who received a D, E or withdrew from that class, per semester

Fall 2004	34.4%
Spring 2004	40.8%
Fall 2003	32.4%
Spring 2003	49.1%
Fall 2002	39%
Spring 2002	43.2%
Fall 2001	34.9%
Spring 2001	47.4%
Fall 2000	35.5%
Spring 2000	51.6%
Fall 1999	38.9%
Spring 1999	46.5%
Fall 1998	45.3%

but not in the same way that most opponents are labeling him, Moore said.

"He is generally conservative," Moore said. "But he doesn't force his own views into the decisions he makes. He had both very liberal and very conservative clerks throughout his years, and all of them will tell you the same thing: He never had an agenda."

Lori Ringhand, a UK assistant law professor, said some Democrats have portrayed Alito in an inaccurate light.

"I don't think he is as narrow-minded as some in the Senate have portrayed him," said Lori Ringhand, an assistant professor of law.

She said a truly conservative judge, or a conservative judicially as opposed to a politically conservative judge, is one who is reluctant to use judicial power, or judicial review, to get a certain outcome out of a case.

"Alito is just that," Ringhand said. "He won't push his

opinions."

But Donald Gross, a political science professor, said that's not the major issue.

"It's not relevant how open-minded he is," Gross said. "Conservatives want conservative interpretations." Ultimately, Gross said Alito wouldn't be a good pick for the Supreme Court.

"Conservatives, I think, will be happy with the nomination," Gross said. "But moderates and liberals won't be that happy four to five years down the line."

Moore, on the other hand, has worked with Alito and is confident that Alito's personality and decision-making abilities make him a fine pick for the nation's highest court.

"Bush picked him because he is so well-qualified," Moore said. "I think that qualification includes the open way he approaches all of his cases."

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Josh Hutcherson, Jonah Bobo, Dax Shepard, Kristen Stewart and Tim Robbins star in "Zathura: A Space Adventure," from the writers of "Jumanji." A game that takes its players on a crazy ride through space, "Zathura" is a new spin on the "Jumanji" concept. This film opens Friday at Regal and Woodhill cinemas.

IN THEATERS

DERAILED

Ad executive and family man Charles (Clive Owen) meets Lucinda (Jennifer Aniston) on his subway ride to work. And as we know, when two people as attractive as these two get together, sparks will inevitably fly. During their torrid love affair, a violent criminal finds out about them and blackmails them and they must turn the tables or else lose their families. At Lexington Green, Regal and Woodhill cinemas.

GET RICH OR DIE TRYIN'

My first instinct when hearing that so Cent was going to be in his very own movie, was "Wow, this will be the worst movie of the year." But then I remembered that "8 Mile" was actually fairly good, and Eminem was a somewhat competent actor. But this movie has pretty much the same premise. It's a biopic but with different names, so technically, so Cent doesn't play himself, but it's his life story. If you like so Cent, you should definitely go see it. At Woodhill cinema.

ZATHURA

From the writer of "Jumanji" comes "Zathura," which is quite literally "Jumanji" in space. Some kids find a neat looking board game called "Zathura" and start playing, only to find that the board's features come to life and overrun everything. It's the EXACT SAME PLOT AS "JUMANJI!" Argh! Someone in Hollywood please come up with a new idea. And by the way, next time you see Jon Favreau, tell him how disappointed you are. At Regal and Woodhill cinemas.

ON DVD

CHARLIE AND THE CHOCOLATE FACTORY

The plot is the same as the original we all loved as children. But this is an updated version directed by Tim Burton and stars Johnny Depp as Willy Wonka. I saw it in the theater and loved it. Depp plays Wonka completely different than Gene Wilder did, so it's tough to compare them. The new Charlie is far superior to the original, but Veruca Salt is not nearly as good. Tough call, but it's certainly on my Christmas list.

THE DEVIL'S REJECTS

In this sequel to Rob Zombie's "House of 1,000 Corpses," the sheriff discovers that in fact there really are 1,000 corpses in this house, and his squad comes to get rid of the Fireflys. Mother, Baby and Otis Firefly join Captain Spaulding and flee the scene, leaving a trail of dead bodies behind. This movie is not for the squeamish, as the first film was incredibly disturbing.

CHRISTMAS WITH THE KRANKS

The Kranks' kids are gone, so they decide to skip out on Christmas and go to the Caribbean. The neighbors don't like this, because they all compete for the best decorated house ever year. In addition, their daughter decides to come home, and thus, they have to scramble to change plans. First of all, this movie looks horrible. Second of all, "National Lampoon's Christmas Vacation" is the best holiday movie ever. Thirdly, both Jamie Lee Curtis and Tim Allen have been in much better Christmas movies ("Trading Places" and "The Santa Clause," respectively).

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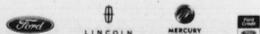
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TUESDAY

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Collective Soul w/ Better Than Ezra
7 p.m. Lifestyle Communities Pavilion, Columbus, Ohio. Tickets cost \$25.

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50 Cent brings the street to the screen in autobiographical movie

By Ian Conley
THE KENTUCKY KERNEL

In the world of hip-hop, once you get popular enough to be a household name, you're inevitably going to do a movie. There was "Boyz n the Hood" in 1991 with Ice Cube and "Surviving the Game," with Ice T. And who could have forgotten "8 Mile" with Eminem already?

Tonight, Curtis "50 Cent" Jackson will be throwing his hat into the film arena with his semi-autobiographical movie, "Get Rich or Die Tryin'."

The film focuses on Jackson's turbulent and remarkably violent life before his explosive major label debut of the same title in 2003 that crossed over to the pop-charts and sold 872,000 copies in its first week alone.

Jackson's early years are most definitely worthy of narration, as the story seems to be right out of some insane after-school special without so many warm-and-fuzzy moments.

Growing up in a broken home in Queens, N.Y., Jackson lost his mother at eight years old and was then sent to live with his grandmother. While most of us remember long hours making a few bucks an hour at Wendy's as teens, Jackson's formative years were spent mostly hustling crack cocaine.

Though the trade provided him with a ridiculous income, Jackson inevitably began having run-ins with the police and rival drug dealers. The lifestyle created an antipodal Jackson, a man bouncing between two worlds.

"I had to be two people all my life," Jackson said in a conference call with The Kernel and other publications.

"I had to be aggressive on the streets to get by, and at the same time, I had to

be my grandmother's baby."

Hustling culminated in a cacophonous rain of gunfire near his grandmother's home in 2000. One bullet cut through Jackson's cheek and another through his hand; seven more bullets landed in his legs and thighs.

The violent overtones of the film have created a vortex of controversy; the story of a hustling man living in the lower social strata who eventually receives an insanely violent wake-up call isn't exactly a bedtime story for children, after all.

Jackson said, however, that his story is one to be told and, with guidance, even the youngest audience members can understand the use of violence and drugs as necessary tools in telling that story.

"I'm watching this film with my son (Monday), actually," Jackson said.

"I'd rather watch it with him and explain it to him than to have him figure it out on his own. I

imagine a nine-year-old kid will make the wrong assumptions."

"Get Rich or Die Tryin'" has recently been making headlines, as the billboards advertising the film prominently featured Jackson holding a gun in one hand and a microphone in the other. This image sparked heated controversy in New York and Philadelphia. As a concession, the billboards were removed.

Jackson said all that hubbub doesn't make much sense to him.

"There have been 18 films this year that advertised using guns," Jackson said. "They're just making a big deal about it because they know real violence happens and this reminds them of it."

Further, Jackson notes

that the experiences he writes about and the images used in the film aren't just a dog and pony show. On the contrary, he says, his real-life experiences growing up in Queens are what have fueled his creative ambitions.

"There's two hospitals in my neighborhood. I wish they could take two weeks' time and count the number of people who come in with gunshots and being stabbed and all that and see that I'm not making this up."

And contrary to popular belief, Jackson says he isn't showing his music, or now his film, to glorify the gangster, hustling lifestyle — a lifestyle, he says, that is ultimately fickle.

"All those things I did on the street, all that hustlin' and stuff, I've got nothing to show for it," Jackson said. "It wasn't even worth it."

"When you grow up without finances, finances seem like the answer to all your problems," Jackson said.

"I finally stopped doing the wrong things when my son came into my life. He's the reason all this is happening to me."

Like folk songs of generations past, hip-hop is a musical genre fit for story telling and, boy, does 50 have one to tell. This narrative form of songwriting easily came to fruit as a film, and Jackson hopes it works to give fans and critics alike a deeper insight into his life and art.

"The things you go through in life make you who you are as a person," Jackson said.

"If people see this movie and can understand my past, then maybe they can get a hold of my present and understand my future."

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Offense

The Vanderbilt offense is led by senior quarterback Jay Cutler, who has thrown for 2,083 yards and 12 touchdowns this season, completing 58 percent of his passes (207-of-257). Cutler has thrown nine interceptions.

Vandy's rushing attack is led by sophomore Cassen Garrison (72 carries, 457 yards, six touchdowns), sophomore Jeff Jennings (116 carries, 443 yards, seven touchdowns) and Cutler (84 rushes, 365 yards).

The Commodore receiving corps is anchored by freshman Earl Bennett (52 receptions, 610 yards, three touchdowns), senior Erik Davis (46 catches, 619 yards, three touchdowns) and senior tight end Dustin Dunning (30 receptions, 349 yards).

Defense

On defense, Vandy's leading tackler is senior linebacker Moses Osemwegie, who has 93 tackles.

Senior cornerback Andrew Pace has 59 tackles on the season and sophomore linebacker Jonathan Goff has 44 tackles.

Osemwegie has two interceptions for the Commodore defense, and freshman safety Reshard Langford has two picks as well.

Special teams

Kicker Bryant Hahnfeldt has made 11 of 15 field goals on the season. The freshman's season-long is from 48 yards. Hahnfeldt is also handling Vandy's punting duties and is averaging 42 yards per punt.

He was named the Southeastern Conference Special Teams Player of the Week this past week after his 50-plus yard punt average in the Commodores' 49-42 overtime loss against Florida last

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Georgia 7-1 (5-1)
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Brooks

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roster due to probation restrictions and the excessive number of injuries to this year's team as reasons for his patience with Brooks and his coaching staff.

"Probation is now in the past," Barnhart said. "But at the same time, this coaching staff and the players were in a situation not of their own doing."

Brooks, who has an 8-23 record at UK, said he was relieved to have the uncertainty behind him.

"I'm pleased that we're going forward," Brooks said, "because we have something that is getting better and we have some young players who will make it better. This makes it easier to go forward."

Barnhart said UK President Lee Todd was heavily involved in the process and that Todd has been supportive of Brooks and the football team.

Todd issued a statement yesterday noting his "complete agreement" with Barnhart's decision.

"We asked Coach Brooks to take a program in ruins and rebuild it," Todd said in the statement. "To that end, I am convinced that Coach Brooks and his staff are building a solid foundation for the future. Making this decision now will give our recruits the assurances they need and deserve, as well as our current players, who have expressed strong support for this staff."

The team was overwhelmingly in favor of Brooks and his staff returning, according to Barnhart. Several players said Barnhart made the right decision.

"We're relieved and excited," senior wide receiver Tommy Cook said. "We

wanted this. It's what we were hoping for."

"People were getting tired of hearing about the questions," sophomore quarterback Andre' Woodson said. "It was great to hear that he was going to be here for another season."

More will be expected of Brooks and the team next year as the lingering effects of probation come to an end, Barnhart said.

"It's time to start winning some games," he said. "I want to see (Brooks) here ... but we need to win some games."

Brooks embraced the higher expectations.

"I'm shocked and disappointed that we haven't shown more improvement this year," he said. "But I'd be crazy to think we're not going to be better next year. It's not beyond the realm of possibility for us to go to a bowl."

Brooks is still thinking long-term about his employment at UK.

"I'd like to be the longest tenured coach in Kentucky history," he said. "That would be 10 years."

Brooks has two years left on his current contract, worth \$725,000 per year.

Brooks believed the best part of the announcement was the positive effect it will have on recruiting.

"We were getting beaten up on the road by other schools," he said. "I was being asked directly by parents and recruits (about the future). That's the most important thing in moving forward."

In the end, Barnhart said the decision came down to a gut feeling.

"I've got to do it what is in my heart, what I thought was right," he said. "We've got to give this coaching staff another year."

Poore

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season — games that could save a little face and toss a few extra points in the hat for next year.

It also eliminates the need for other coaches to play off Brooks' status at UK in convincing recruits to come to other schools.

Parents of players have been iffy about having their kids come to UK because of his job security, Brooks said after Barnhart's announcement yesterday.

Both Barnhart and Brooks also said using probation as an excuse was in the past.

"Our coaches are in a position that was not of their own doing," Barnhart said. "Coach Brooks was a coach who wanted to be here."

They're moving on, and it's time for everyone else to move on as well. Now it's time to gear up and get things done.

Winning is not something Brooks didn't want to do. Barnhart was right yesterday when he said Brooks didn't have to come to UK. He was perfectly content with the coaching career he had.

While critics blast Brooks for a lifetime losing record, there are plenty of football coaches out there who wouldn't mind playing in a Rose Bowl. Brooks is happy with that.

He came to UK to accept the challenge of building a program with no tradition into a program with some.

He never said it was going to be a rich tradition. He never said he would go to bowl after bowl, but he did say he wanted to run UK football the right way.

There haven't been any rules violations. There haven't been any major problems with players or coaches. Brooks has run a tight ship.

"I didn't come here to get my buns beat," Brooks said. "I wanted to come here to make Kentucky a consistent program. And you can't do it with smoke and mirrors."

"Knute Rockne could have come in here and won a few more games than Rich Brooks, but it wouldn't have been that different."

For the players, it was a sigh. After shouldering injuries with the injured, UK has only now seemed to be the skeleton of what it was at the start of the season. Players are slowly returning — they're beat up, but they're back.

It showed on Saturday against the Tigers that the offense can get into a groove if it has enough weapons. And with three games left, suddenly two teams — Vanderbilt and Tennessee — look quite beatable.

"A lot of players are relieved to hear the news," sophomore quarterback Andre' Woodson said. "We respect all the coaches here and we fight for them and work our butts off."

Senior wide receiver Tommy Cook knows all too well what new coaching staffs do to a program. He's been through three.

"It's difficult," Cook said about being recruited by Hal Mumme, playing for Guy Morris and finishing under Brooks. "You have to readjust. You have to change your type of playing."

Cook can rest easy knowing the younger guys, at least, have one more year without a shake-up.

That's worth a lot in modern college coaching, where the turnover is now three years or your money back — and the time span is getting even smaller.

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IN OUR OPINION

UK must be better than equal

Right now, Kentucky's government treats its eight universities as equals. They cannot be, and they should not be.

They have different goals, different missions and different needs. And then there is the Kentucky Community College and Technical System that has its own character.

This is all obvious, but the Kentucky General Assembly has not figured it out yet.

UK is the state's flagship university. As such it must receive the lion's share of state funding, and just as importantly, it must have greater flexibility in setting its own agenda.

When the state legislature passed House Bill 1 in 1997, it set UK apart from the rest of the state's institutions of higher education. While it gave all of the state's schools new, lofty goals, it gave UK the highest — to become a top-20 public university by 2020.

If that mission is to suc-

ceed, the state government has to hold up its part of the deal.

In recent years, the governor and the legislature have seemed to be more concerned about making every state university equal — or at least not feel left out.

That logic has seemed to inspire the need to help many of the schools fund capital projects, including practice facilities at the University of Louisville and UK and a "regional events center" at Northern Kentucky University.

These may be worthy projects, but the state cannot hope to give every school an equal turn when it comes to funding. "The trouble in Kentucky is, they want to spread the money over all the universities," President Lee Todd

said last week. "We can't grow fast enough if we have to wait for everyone else to get a building.

"We need to be treated differently."

And he's right. This week, the state's Council on Postsecondary Education estimated that Kentucky's eight universities need a total of \$250 million to "catch up" with their benchmarks.

If current funding levels hold, Kentucky is destined to have little more than eight mediocre universities.

The council suggested that UK would need an additional \$11.942 in funding per student to reach and surpass its benchmarks. UofL would need \$12.111 more per student than it has now.

The truth is, Kentucky does not have enough money to go around. Unfortunately, there is just not another \$250 million for higher education. The state cannot afford eight nationally-ranked universi-

ties — it can be barely afford one. The state is just too small.

And so the state must make hard choices — either it forgets the top-20 mandate for UK or it follows through and starts to treat UK like the flagship it is.

"What they'd like for us to do is not ask for a lot of money and not charge you all much, and still get there (to top-20 status)," Todd said. "I am concerned that they haven't taken into consideration what it takes for us to get there."

The answer is simple. UK must be the state's true flagship institution, and so it must be given more freedom and more funding.

The state cannot pretend it has eight equal universities.

If that is what the governor and legislators want, then Kentucky will eventually, by eight adequate, modest schools. But if they demand excellence from UK, they must put it at the head of the class.

Corporate ownership guarantees citizens no control over water

When I first heard the debate concerning local ownership of water in Lexington, I dismissed it. There's an infinite supply of freshwater, right?

I simplistically believed that the water cycle allows us to reuse water; it evaporates, it rains, it flows back into river basins, and we use it again.

The global consumption of water is doubling every 20 years, twice the rate of human population growth, with North Americans using about 130,000 gallons per year per household.

Domestic use, however, accounts for only 10 percent of water use.

Industry claims roughly 25 percent and demands more daily (consider that it takes 105,000 gallons of water to make one car). Irrigation for crop production claims the remaining 65 percent of water used by humans.

All this water use is taking a toll on our environment.

India, for example, is experiencing falling water tables throughout the entire country, and eight regions in China are subject to aquifer overdraft.

Beijing's water table has fallen 37 meters during the past four decades.

Mexico City pumps out its aquifers at a rate 50 to 80 percent greater than they recharge, prompting experts to predict that the city will run dry in the next decade.

The rest of the world, developing and developed, is in a similar situation. Today, 26 percent of the world's population lives under conditions of water stress, and it is estimated that by 2025, this rate will rise to 47 percent.

Water, because it is necessary for human life, should not be treated as a commodity — it should be a public trust.

Clean water, like clean air, should be a basic human right.

But for-profit corporations are buying up the water rights to areas in the United States, and with those rights they are free to raise water rates as high as they want (RWE, for example, has tried to raise Lexington's rates 16.2 percent since taking over).

They are also completely responsible for the quality of water, can sue the local government for alleged violations of their service rules and take the profits from our local community back to their overseas headquarters.

In 1995, Ismail Serageldin, vice president of the World Bank, made a prediction about the future of war: "If the wars of this century were fought over oil, the wars of the next century will be fought over water."

And the water war has come to Lexington.

In the United States, where corporations run only 15 percent of municipal water services, cities and towns are beginning to resist the growing push to privatize public water systems.

Battles have been waged in cities such as New Orleans, Atlanta and Milwaukee.

Lexington groups such as Let Us Vote and Kentuckians for the Commonwealth collected 26,000 signatures to put local ownership of water on the ballot, yet because it is not an election year, citizens must wait to voice their opinions about the future of our water.

This is not RWE's fault but that of the Kentucky Constitution, which mandates that, whether or not one-tenth of our city's population believes that it is imperative to vote on an issue, the citizens must wait.

This is directly in conflict to the democratic process, which allows citizens to come together to decide the way our city is governed.

Among concerns in Lexington battle are RWE's history of raising water rates, cutting jobs and reducing services. RWE drastically increased water rates on the citizens of Chattanooga, Tenn. shortly after they purchased the water company against the wishes of many Chattanooga activists.

Since taking over Kentucky-American Water Co., RWE has already raised rates in Lexington. They have also exported Lexington's calling-center jobs to Illinois.

RWE as a corporation has no investment in Lexington and no commitment outside of its profit margins. They have been fined many times for knowingly dumping raw sewage into other communities' water systems.

They have accepted regulatory fines time and time again rather than improving the quality of their service because it's better for their bottom line.

Many Lexington citizens and experts believe that Lexington would have no problem running its water company at a substantial profit of millions of dollars while keeping rates low.

Louisville, for example, makes \$12.5 million per year from its local water company and uses that money to fund police officers, public transit and other important services at no cost to its citizens.

RWE has also said that it may sell American Water Works Co. to yet another conglomerate.

Because corporations can sell the company again and again without citizen input, Lexington has no control over who will own the water company in the future — and what this company's policies and rates will be.

Even though RWE has been fair thus far (although water quality does lag behind that of Louisville), there is no guarantee or mandate that RWE will continue to control Lexington's water — and citizens have zero input in the matter.

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Current events provide random intrigue

What follows is focused randomness:

■ Before liberals opine that President Bush's nomination of Judge Samuel Alito to the extreme right-wing, they should stop and consider how such a marginal extremist group managed to cast so many votes last November.

■ Not wanting to be "rushed," senators on the judiciary committee have tentatively scheduled Alito's nomination hearings for early January. God forbid our elected officials have to do any work whatsoever between Thanksgiving and New Year's Day.

■ France is on fire. Rioting and lawlessness has run amok in Paris slums, where the children of immigrants (many of whom are Muslims of African and Arab descent) have lighted the night skies with the shells of burned-out cars. So far, the fire has been directed at the French government, who critics say have marginalized immigrant groups. They're right. If herding immigrants into urban hellholes, failing to imbue immigrants with any Western values, leaving them jobless in a sluggish economy because of ridiculous labor laws and a bloated welfare apparatus, and exhibiting utter contempt for providing law and order in urban slums isn't marginalization, then what is?

■ But enough about man-made disasters. In Evansville, Ind., and Henderson, Ky. (my hometown), a nasty tornado has killed more than 20 people and injured more than 200. The tornado destroyed 100 homes, damaged 125 more and left significant damage to much of Ellis Park racetrack. Reports differ, but certainly it's been the deadliest tornado in the area for some time. Fortunately, my father and brother (on their way home from a Notre Dame football game) drove by the heavily damaged racetrack about 30 minutes before its exposure to winds of at least 150 mph.

■ The distinguished chairman of the Federal Reserve, Alan Greenspan, will be retiring after 18 years of service. Greenspan and his predecessor, Paul Volcker, worked diligently to reduce U.S. inflation by adjusting interest rates. Greenspan successfully earned and kept the confidence of Presidents Reagan, Bush 41, Clinton and Bush 43, transcending partisan politics and keeping U.S. policy on firm ground. Let's hope his replacement can do the same.

■ Interested parties have been relieved to learn that Greenspan's replacement, Ben Bernanke, will not stray far from his predecessor's philosophy if confirmed by the U.S. Senate. Bernanke is currently chairman of the U.S. President's Council of Economic Advisors and is the former chairman of the economics department at Princeton University. He also wears tan socks with grey suits.

■ One aspect of Bush's nomination of Bernanke that I relish is that he's the former boss of loathsome New York

Times columnist and Princeton economist Paul Krugman, who ironically called Greenspan a "hack." Who knows what terms of endearment Krugman will offer his former boss should he become chair of the Federal Reserve.

■ As of right now, the results of but one New Jersey governor's race are probably available. The latest polls are showing Democrat John Corzine with a slight lead, with Republican Doug Forrester closing in.

Sex charges have been aimed at both candidates, and both are wealthy businessmen (it's a legacy campaign finance law that while it may prevent large donations from others, it doesn't prevent personal spending).

In fact, Corzine spent more than \$60 million in the 2000 U.S. Senate election before resigning in 2004, ostensibly to prepare for this race.

One thing is certain: New Jersey politics have long been among the most corrupt of the states, and unbecomingly, its governor has more power than most in the fact that they appoint all state officers.

That this power was problematic became evident when the last man elected governor, Jim McGreevey, used his power to give his male lover a lucrative post before admitting he was gay and resigning.

Will either of these men restore integrity to the office of governor?

Never bet on a politician to do the right thing.

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Georgetown hyped for Highway 25 road trip

By Josh Sullivan
THE KENTUCKY KERNEL

Growing up in Ashland, Ky., Mark Surgalski dreamed of someday playing in Rupp Arena.

"I'm like most Eastern Kentucky kids," Surgalski said. "I grew up watching UK play ball on TV with my dad, hoping to be Mark Pope one day."

Tonight, the 6-foot-8 junior forward gets his chance to play on the court of his dreams, though he'll be trying to upset the team he grew up cheering for when UK tips against Georgetown College at 7. The game pits two of the region's most successful programs against one another for the first time since 1939.

Georgetown head coach Happy Osborne said his squad is excited about the chance to match up against the 10th ranked Cats, despite the headache it may cause for conflicted fans used to rooting for both teams.

"It's an absolute thrill," he said. "It's like being an average golfer and somebody inviting you to play with Tiger Woods at Augusta."

While UK has been busy winning more games than any other Division I school over the past decade, Georgetown — which recently cut ties with the Southern Baptist Convention and is located just 15 miles north of Lexington, has enjoyed its share of hardwood glory.

Since Osborne became head coach in 1995, the Tigers have won six Mid-South Conference regular season titles and five conference tournament championships. They won the school's first NIAA national title in 1968, the same year the Cats cut down the nets at the Final Four in San Antonio, Texas.

Georgetown sophomore guard and Lexington native Aubrey White recalled rooting for UK in 1988.

"Growing up, I was always a fan of Kentucky, especially when Derek Anderson and Ron Mercer were here and when we won the championships," said White, after practicing at Rupp Arena last night. "Those teams just came out and outworked everybody and that's what we try to do at Georgetown."

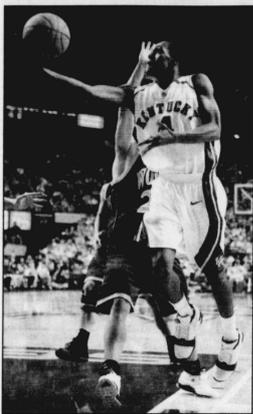
White, a Henry Clay High School alum who turned down a UK football scholarship, doesn't see tonight's tilt against his hometown college as anything but a real game.

"This isn't an exhibition. It means a lot," White said. "We've got a chance to come out and prove ourselves. We want to show every- one that we can hang with the big time teams."

The Tigers have already proven that they can hold their own against Division I opposition. Last season, they trailed Florida State by just nine points with less than 10 minutes in the game. The year before, they lost at Pittsburgh by five points.

"Those were senior-laden teams, though," Osborne said of the Tiger squads that gave those heavily-favored opponents a run for their money.

The Tigers, who trail Kentucky 35-15 in the



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Sophomore guard Rajon Rondo goes for a layup during the second half of UK's 80-51 win over Northern (S.D.) State last Wednesday. UK faces Georgetown tonight.

all-time series between the schools, head into the matchup without a single senior on the roster — the first time in Osborne's coaching career that he's been without a fourth-year player.

Despite their youth, the Tigers were picked as the preseason favorite in the Mid-South Conference. Osborne said his team will overcome its inexperience with hustle and aggressiveness.

"One of the things we pride ourselves on is playing very hard," he said.

Whatever the outcome tonight, Osborne said his players and his staff relish the chance to compete in Rupp.

"Nine of my 14 kids on the team are from the state of Kentucky. My whole staff is from Kentucky, so you can guess how excited we are for this," he said.

He said fans wearing blue and white at tonight's game should find reason to cheer for the squad wearing black and red as well.

"We hope UK fans understand that our program is based on Kentucky kids," Osborne said. "And when we're done with this game, we'll all be rooting for Kentucky the rest of the way too."

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More Cats anticipate playing time in last preseason tuneup

By Ryan Wood
THE KENTUCKY KERNEL

Tonight's exhibition game at Rupp between the UK men's basketball team and Georgetown College is a lot like having your kid cousin come over for a pickup game in the driveway.

The bigger, stronger and faster Cats welcome the NIAA powerhouse that boasts a 281-54 record under coach Happy Osborne in his 10th season.

Only a 15-minute-drive away, the schools surprisingly share a long-series history, but haven't met in more than 65 years.

The first ever meeting between the Tigers and Cats was on Feb. 6, 1902.

It was Kentucky's first basketball game in its history, and Georgetown won the thriller in Lexington 15-6.

The last time they met was in Alumni Gym on Dec. 2, 1938. UK won 39-19 and holds the head-to-head edge at 35-15.

But Wildcat head coach Tubby Smith and his squad are not about to look past the run-and-gun Tigers.

"Georgetown is another test for us," Smith said. "They are always up-tempo, and they shoot the three really well. They get after you."

Fresh legs might be the key to a win, but Smith said there is plenty of room for improvement for UK.

"Based on our last outing, there are a lot of things we need to work on," Smith said.

In last weeks' exhibition game, familiar disparities in free throw shooting and rebounding concerned Smith.

"We spent a good amount of our time practicing on free throws and shooting free throws," junior forward Shervy Thomas said. "We need to improve. I'm sure they're going to come out and give us a run for our money."

The Cats did defeat Northern State last week 80-51. A highlight of the game was newcomer junior for-

ward Rekalin Sims' seven points and eight rebounds. "Hopefully I can get two or more (charges)," Sims said. "That's always my goal."

When asked how many rebounds he would have against the Tigers, Sims was hesitant to make a prediction.

"I can't be calling that," he said with an ear-to-ear grin. "But, hopefully five or more."

Finishing out the exhibition season tonight, the Cats enter the regular season ranked ninth in the preseason Associated Press rankings and 10th in the USA Today/ESPN Coaches' poll.

Last season, one criticism of UK was starting slow, but Smith is more concerned with the score at the end of the game — the one that counts.

"I don't care how we start," Smith said. "As long as we finish strong."

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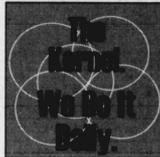
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