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Thousands still locked out of U-Connect

By Tim Wiseman
THE KENTUCKY KERNEL

UK's computer experts are not sure what's wrong with the U-Connect system, but they are working on it. And for the thousands locked out of their e-mail inbox, a solution cannot come soon enough.

For the last two days, UK's U-Connect system — the school's on-line system for e-mail, downloading and Internet hosting — has been experiencing problems, leaving many of its 50,000 account holders searching for an answer.

"We're close to solving it, but we're going to keep working on it

tonight," Doyle Friskney, UK's chief technology officer, said yesterday.

The problem began sometime Monday afternoon and continued throughout yesterday.

"We really don't know how many accounts are working or are not," he said.

Friskney said the problem lies in the authentication process — the steps by which the system identifies a user's ID and password.

"We've got some corruption," Friskney said. "There is something inside the directory that is not correct. We just have to identify it and correct it."

He said each user's mail would

be unaffected — it will be there and waiting for them when they can log in again.

Until then, many are left with a major inconvenience.

"When it's down, I'm shut away from the world," said Travis White, a marketing freshman, who uses U-Connect as his main e-mail account.

Kaitlin Koehler, an accounting freshman, said she depends on her e-mail account to stay in touch with family and friends in Columbus, Ohio.

"I couldn't log on yesterday or this morning," she said. "It's hard; it's very hard."

Since Monday, confused students and staff have been calling UK's Customer Service hotline,

said Darrell Doty, an analyst there.

"We've been getting a lot of calls," Doty said. "I would say eight in 10 calls are about U-Connect."

"A lot of people are very dependent (on e-mail), so it's a very difficult time."

For many students, the U-Connect system is the primary way of communicating with teachers and within campus clubs and organizations.

"I don't know if I am supposed to be notified of anything," said Rachel Winkler, an interior design

freshman. "I have one class where the teacher specifically sends us information or sends us directions for class, so I won't know about that."

"As students and staff cope with life without e-mails, crews have been working around the clock, slowly combing over every aspect of the system."

"We feel terrible about this," Friskney said. "We will find the problem and when we do we'll say, 'Why didn't we look here sooner?'"

"We'll find it; we always find it."

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Moving out, moving on

After 13 years, local business faces goodbye

By Julie Fitzpatrick
THE KENTUCKY KERNEL

During football season, PJ McDonald and her sister Georgia Rogers stand on the corner of Transcript Avenue and South Limestone Street wearing blue and white holding "Honk if you love UK" signs.

But now McDonald has a sign that reads, "It's not all about UK."

As of Friday afternoon, PJ's Barber Shop is no more.

After 13 years as a barbershop, the building has been bought by the university, and will be replaced with a parking structure designed to facilitate patient parking for UK Healthcare. The garage will replace the parking lost due to expansion of Medical Center. The demolition process has been going on for almost a year, affecting various properties in the vicinity of Conn Terrace, Transcript Avenue and Limestone and Elizabeth streets.

"Everything in here was always UK," Rogers said. "We had everything decorated for years."

"I guess we all just never thought that it would come down to this."

The loss of her shop has left McDonald with mixed emotions.

"It makes you feel like you are unappreciated. Some days you're mad, but most days you just try to stay upbeat," she said.

Since the shop was two years into their five-year lease, the employees would like to be compensated for the rest of it. They have had an ongoing court case with the university and their landlord for almost six months.

"They (UK) have robbed both her (the landlord) and us," Rogers said. "Basically they've forced her to force us out. To me, it's their responsibility to see out our lease."

In response, UK officials said their hands are tied.

"The university has no contract with those who are in their lease," said Ken Clevidence, UK director of public safety. "The problems that arise are between the owner and the lessee."

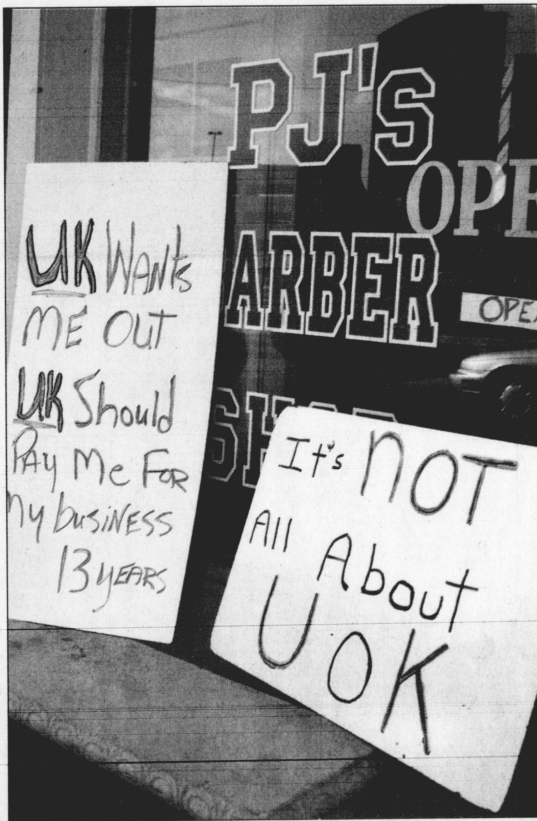
UK bought the building from its former owner, Francis Fresh.

"The barber shop and liquor store sold for \$650,000," Clevidence said.

"The university bought the building for this price from Francis Fresh, and she in turn would compensate her employees."

The sisters were offered \$18,000 for the business, but they have not received anything yet. Fresh said only the building is currently owned by UK, and that she just wanted to try and get on with the rest of her life.

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Two signs rest outside of PJ's Barber Shop, as part of the owner's protest of the new UK Medical Center parking structure. For 13 years, PJ McDonald owned and operated the shop at the corner of Limestone Street and Transcript Avenue across from the UK Medical Center.

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Students start fund to honor professor

By Darliah Shafa
THE KENTUCKY KERNEL

UK communications professor Rick Roth died earlier this week, but some don't want to see his passion and dedication to his work end there.

Roth died Monday night, ending his 15 years at UK as a professor in the College of Communication and Information Studies. He was 59. He leaves behind a wife, Jane, and two daughters, Jessica and Jennifer. He also leaves behind many students, and three of them have already banded together to ensure that while Roth may be gone, something of him will live on.

"He meant so much to us and I don't like to use the word teacher or professor because he was so much more than that," said Catherine Hayden, a 1995 advertising graduate working with former classmates Bill and Jackie Powell — who were also students of Roth — to put together the Rick Roth Memorial Scholarship. "He was a wonderful man. He gave you his time; he gave you his attention. He made you feel like you were his only student."

Roth survived a major heart attack in 2002, which kept him out of the classroom for a year. About the same time, he suffered multiple strokes, giving him difficulty speaking for about five months. None of these was able to stop him.

"One of the most important things he taught me was to never give up," Jessica said. "His recovery after his heart attack was an inspiration."

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Activist leader Coretta King dies at 78

By Elaine Woo
LOS ANGELES TIMES

Coretta Scott King, the dignified and determined widow of the Rev. Martin Luther King, Jr., who assumed her murdered husband's burden as chief symbol of the civil rights movement and fiercely guarded his legacy — often in ways that drew pointed criticism — has died. She was 78.

King, who had heart problems and had suffered a major stroke last August, died during the night at Santa Monica Health Institute, a holistic health center in Rosarito Beach, Mexico, according to a spokesperson for the U.S. consulate in Tijuana.

Former Atlanta Mayor and U.N. Ambassador Andrew Young, who broke the news in a call to NBC's "Today" show Tuesday morning, said King's daughter, Bernice, had tried to wake her mother last night but found she had "quietly slipped away."

He hailed King's strength and said it rivaled her husband's. "She was strong, if not stronger, than he was," Young, who worked alongside her husband in the civil rights campaigns of the 1960s, said in a

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SG considers campaign changes

By Sean Rose
THE KENTUCKY KERNEL

The Student Government Senate will begin making election preparations tonight by first deciding whether to allow a \$200 raise in campaign spending limits.

The amendment to the SG constitution was approved at the last meeting in November after being suggested by the constitutional revisions committee.

Constitutional revisions committee chairman Will Nash said the raise in the limit was needed due to the length of time that has

passed since the limit was set.

"It hadn't been updated since the early 1980s," Nash said. "It's really hard to reach 25,000 students on such a small budget."

The amendment states that maximum expenditures for presidential candidates will be raised from \$600 to \$800 per candidate. Senatorial candidates maximum expenditures were recommended to rise from \$150 to \$200 and senatorial funds when running with a partner were recommended to rise from \$200 to \$250.

Each limit will also grow according to the rate of inflation each year. It also states that

the Senate has authority over what the maximum limit should be.

Nash said he recommended that the Senate look into the possibility of public grants or public finances from SG to fund candidates that showed financial need.

The board of election supervisors will also be up for approval tonight. The five-member committee is in charge of running the elections, which will be in late March.

SG President Becky Ellingsworth said she selected qualified members to run a fair elec-

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NEWS BRIEF

Bush seeks to renew U.S. strength abroad

WASHINGTON — President Bush Tuesday night defended his vision for a robust U.S. role in world affairs and outlined a litany of domestic initiatives to make the United States more competitive abroad in a State of the Union address designed to rejuvenate his troubled presidency heading into a midterm election year.

Bush, a onetime Texas oil industry executive, declared that "America is addicted to oil" and vowed to push for alternative energy sources allowing the United States to replace three-quarters of the petroleum now imported from the Middle East by 2025. Presenting his agenda for his

sixth year in office, he also vowed to steer more money to scientific research and education while working to reduce health costs.

But after a year of setbacks at home and abroad that have dragged his approval ratings to historic lows, Bush offered no far-reaching proposals to match the scale of the Social Security revision plan that proved so unpopular on Capitol Hill last year that it died without even being introduced. Many of the ideas sprinkled through Bush's 51-minute speech delivered from the House chamber to a national television audience were repackaged versions of proposals he has supported for years.

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news conference Tuesday. "She lived a graceful and beautiful life and, in spite of all of the difficulties, she managed a graceful and beautiful passing."

Sen. Edward M. Kennedy, D-Ma., called her "a powerful and charismatic figure and leader for our time" who with her husband "awakened the conscience of a nation that began the journey toward equality."

King was thrown into a life of struggle soon after she married the charismatic minister, who racial equality on the nation's agenda. Although the responsibilities of motherhood and her husband's traditional thinking about sex roles kept her off the front line during many of the pivotal campaigns of the 1960s,

she shared his deep commitment to social justice and was a critical influence at key moments in his career.

After her husband's murder in 1968, she fought for more than a decade to establish a federal holiday on his birthday. The goal was finally accomplished in 1983 when President Reagan, yielding to popular pressure, signed the law making Martin Luther King Jr. the only American besides George Washington to be so honored.

"I am often identified as the widow of Martin Luther King Jr.," she said some years ago. "Sometimes, I am also identified as a civil rights leader or a human rights activist. While these designations are factually correct, I would also like to be thought of as a complex, three-dimensional, flesh-and-blood human being with a rich storehouse of experiences, much like everyone else, yet unique in my own way ... much like everyone else."

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Lance Broeking, UK administrator of Campus Services, said he understands their frustration.

"One of the biggest problems we faced was the lease agreement broken between the tenants and property owners," he said. "We understand the difficulty of finding similar property and good location, but we felt that we have adequate time for them to make other

arrangements."

Still, McDonald said she feels many in the area support her.

"Everybody seems to be on our side, as far as it goes," she said.

"That is definitely true for many students who lived nearby."

"The only thing bad about it is that PJ got kicked out," said Zach Hatfield, a mechanical engineering junior. "I know that she put up a fight to stay there. Overall, I'd say that it is in the university's best interest that they build a parking garage over there. I'd rather see it go to student parking than hospital, but if it brings in more people, it will be better for the commu-

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His wife remembers the attitude he maintained during that time.

"Don't give up the ship," she said. "Nothing is final unless you decide it's final."

Before he came to UK, Roth worked in the advertising field for more than 20 years, co-founding a retail agency and eventually ending his professional career in the advertising world as a senior vice president of marketing services for a Dayton, Ohio advertising agency.

"He spent all his life as an advertising executive and almost on a whim made the switch to academia," Jennifer said. "He was fantastic at it. He jumped in and tackled it like everything else he ever did."

Some look back at his other qualities with equal fondness.

"(I remember most) his dedication to his students and his dedication to his family," said Roth's daughter Jessica, who was also one of his students. "I think dedication is the first thing that stands out. He was very passionate

about what he did."

Hayden said she remembers how much his influence affected her and fellow students' careers.

"There's a lot of us who wouldn't be where we are today without his inspiration," she said, remembering how Roth wrote a recommendation for her to get into graduate school. He also asked her to write a recommendation letter for him when he applied for tenure.

"I felt like I'd been invited to speak at the White House," she said. "It was quite an honor."

His colleagues remembered him in much the same way.

"The thing about Rick was everything he did, he did well and with a smile," said Roy Moore, professor in the journalism school and director of the First Amendment Center.

He also left people with a desire to be like him.

"(I remember) the incredible pride I had that this man was my dad," said his other daughter, Jennifer. "I can't imagine anybody in the world I could do better to emulate."

Jane, who was married to Roth for 39 years, pointed out the impact her husband has had.

"If you consider that three of his students that graduated over 10 years

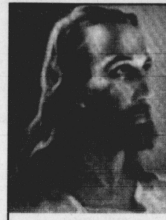
UNIVERSITY OF KENTUCKY CRIME REPORT

Selected reports from Jan. 24 to Jan. 29

- Jan. 24: Suspicious circumstances reported at Kentucky Clinic and special operations unit asked to stand by for a dispute between a foster family and biological parents at 1:36 p.m.
- Jan. 24: Two suspicious vehicles with windows broken out of them were reported on the corner of Scott Street and Broadway.
- Jan. 25: Ford Mustang reported running unoccupied for more than two hours on Rose Lane near the Newman Center at 3:46 p.m.
- Jan. 25: Marijuana usage reported at Greg Page Apartments at 11:49 p.m.
- Jan. 26: Marijuana usage reported at Blanding II at 1:07 a.m.
- Jan. 26: Vandalism reported to the front door of Kirwan Tower at 3:55 a.m.
- Jan. 26: Stolen car reported at the UK Chandler Medical Center at 11:46 a.m.
- Jan. 26: Two subjects reported passed out on the ground in front of Singletary Center at 10:13 p.m.
- Jan. 27: Theft from automobile reported in the Oswald Building parking lot at 10:07 a.m.
- Jan. 27: Criminal mischief reported at Greg Page at 10:30 a.m.
- Jan. 27: Theft of a laptop reported at the AStECC Building at 12:24 p.m.
- Jan. 28: Subject reportedly refused to leave after being disorderly at Subway on South Limestone Street at 1:05 a.m.
- Jan. 28: Two inebriated subjects reported trying to sneak into Kirwan Tower through the emergency entrance at 4:49 p.m.
- Jan. 28: Marijuana smell reported at Blanding Tower at 1:02 p.m.
- Jan. 28: Marijuana smell reported at 1300 Sports Center Drive at 9:10 p.m.
- Jan. 28: Theft from automobile reported in the pay lot at William T. Young Library at 11:38 p.m.
- Jan. 29: Domestic violence reported at University Court Apartments at 2:14 p.m.

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"I tried to make sure the people I picked weren't in any (upcoming) campaigns so that they could do their jobs in an unbiased manner," Ellingsworth said.

After the election supervisors board is selected, students can begin filing applications to run for SG offices including president and vice president. Filing begins 15 working days before spring break and ends eight working days before.

Non-SG members can also run for the highest offices thanks to a regulation change last year.

Another amendment could be approved that would mandate that online voting would be used for the first time in the freshman election in the fall. The amendment would remove rules that prohibit campaigning near polls. This is because each computer could prospectively be a polling place, Ellingsworth said.

Ellingsworth, who is co-sponsoring the amendment, said the removal of the rule would be adapted to the new method in the future.

"We'll have to work on making restrictions," Ellingsworth said. "We'll have to look into more in the spring and get that taken care of."

The possibility of online voting for this spring was heavily discussed last semester. Ellingsworth said she wasn't comfortable with online voting in the spring and wouldn't pursue it unless the Senate mandated it.

"We've only looked at two options for online voting and the entire senate hasn't even looked at it," Ellingsworth said. "This needs to be something researched more before we jump into any one company to provide online voting."

The Senate could also approve a referendum tonight that would poll students' opinions on the meal plan on the spring ballot. A resolution that would encourage dead week to be clear of all class assignments will also be viewed tonight.

The senate will also review two appointments for Ellingsworth's executive staff. Finalize poll locations and times for the election and decide whether or not to give \$2,500 to the UK Women's Place.

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Frosh paces Cats Coach calls Agostinelli "special"

By Chris Miles
THE KENTUCKY KERNEL

Going into any job interview, Bruno Agostinelli's resume would include a list of achievements almost as long as his last name.

A true freshman, Agostinelli is currently ranked 48th in the nation in collegiate tennis — the highest ranking of any player on the UK tennis team. But more interesting on his list of achievements are two notches that include both a No. 1 world tennis ranking and a top 50-world ranking in firearms accuracy.

That means he's a good shot when it comes to pulling the trigger. Just not in real life.

He held the title as the top player in the world in the tennis video game "Top Spin" and a world top-50 position in the shoot-em-up action game "Halo."

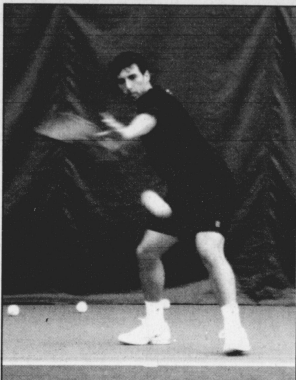
"But not anymore," Agostinelli said of his former titles, because these days he isn't as concerned about killing aliens as he is focused on his performance with the Cats.

When Agostinelli comes on to the court, his performance is something head coach Dennis Emery has described as "special."

"Bruno is a great player for us," Emery said of his freshman star from Niagara, Canada. "We are fortunate. He is very mature. He has the potential to develop into one of the best players we've had."

When Emery first saw Agostinelli in action, he knew the phenom had great talent and potential.

"Bruno first e-mailed us," Emery said. "So I made a home visit and, watching him for 15 or 20



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UK Tennis player Bruno Agostinelli returns a serve at the Hilary Boone Tennis Center yesterday. While just a freshman, Agostinelli has emerged as the top player for the nationally-ranked Cats.

minutes, I had a good feeling. This was a guy we could build a solid future around."

Agostinelli has been playing tennis since he could walk.

"I've played since I was 4," he said, explaining that his father put him in the game at that age and has been his coach ever since. "I traveled with the Canadian Federation and we played all around the world," he said. "But when you're a kid you don't know what you're doing, you just play. I didn't really start getting into it until I was 16."

After joining the team this year he did nothing but impress — a budding star rising through the ranks.

"He is a real solid player; he has a real solid game," said senior Alex Hume, who is ranked No. 61 in the country. "He's the strongest guy on the team and he has a lot of

room to develop."

One of Agostinelli's favorite professional tennis players is the Swiss superstar Roger Federer, who recently won the Australian Open and who is ranked No. 1 in the world.

On his list of life achievements, Bruno hopes to ascend to that same No. 1 spot.

This time, though, it wouldn't be in a video game, but the real thing.

Emery has every intention that the next No. 1 spot Bruno sees in tennis will be on the collegiate, national or even global rankings.

"He can be great," Emery said.

Agostinelli and his teammates will be in action this afternoon against Austin Peay at 12 and Butler at 4 at the Hilary Boone Tennis Center.

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Tennis prepares for opener

By Matt McGuire
THE KENTUCKY KERNEL

After the graduation of five-time All-American Jesse Witten, UK tennis coach Dennis Emery knows his team will sink or swim on the play and leadership abilities of seniors Alex Hume and Nate Emge.

"I think they'll do it, or we'll flounder," Emery said.

So far, Emery has been pleased with the job his seniors have done. "They have done an excellent job this fall bringing some of our younger guys around," he said. "We've got what we feel like is some good, young talent to be brought along."

Emge and Hume are Kentucky's top-ranked doubles tandem, and know a major part of their role is to set a good model for the freshmen.

"We just have a great friendship on and off the court, and that's what I think makes us such great partners on the court," Emge said. "We can talk with each other. We get along so well on the court and can just have fun out there."

That closeness will come in handy today, as the team plays its regular season opener in a double-header against Austin Peay and Butler. UK, ranked No. 19 in the country, will face Austin Peay at 12 and Butler at 4 this afternoon at the Hilary Boone Tennis Center.

Emery noted that, although UK has beaten Butler in the first round of the NCAA Tournament in both of the past two years, the Bulldogs are a much improved team this year.

"They have a lot of seniors and this is kind of their last time around," he said.

Emery said that Butler almost knocked off No. 61 Indiana and poses a major threat to the Cats.

Emge, who is ranked No. 83 nationally, knows tomorrow's double-header presents a golden opportunity for the team's inexperienced freshmen.

"We just need to get some of these matches under our belt and get some of the young guys some confidence," he said.

Emery is interested to see how his players will respond in the double-header.

"It gives us a chance to see all of our players in action," he said. "Early in the year we feel like it is important for us to see the players battling for spots on the team."

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BASKETBALL NOTEBOOK

DeMoss nips overconfidence

By Chris DeLottel
THE KENTUCKY KERNEL

In practice yesterday, UK women's basketball coach Mickie DeMoss sensed a slight lack of concentration from her team. She felt the need to bring her team down from the emotional high of last Thursday's win over then-No. 1 Tennessee.

"We had a talk about it," she said. "I asked the players 'Was that our goal at the beginning of the year? To beat Tennessee?' It wasn't. It's just a piece of the puzzle to our goal of going to the tournament."

DeMoss said she has been walking a delicate line between allowing the players to celebrate the victory while also preparing them for tomorrow's game at No. 14 Georgia.

"You don't want them to just forget it and act like it didn't happen," she said, "but you can't get so focused on it that you don't take care of business this week."

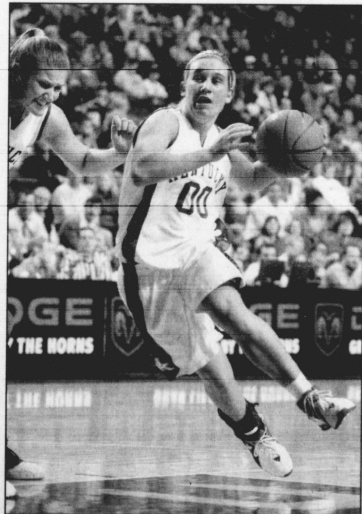
Time off

Following last Thursday's win over UT, DeMoss gave her players days off on Friday and Monday. She said she wanted to give them an opportunity to come down from the excitement of beating the Vols and refocus their sights on the rest of the season.

"Hopefully it gave them some time to absorb everything," DeMoss said. The team went through regular practices on Saturday and Sunday.

Cats garner No. 7 seed in ESPN bracket projections

The latest version of ESPN.com's NCAA Tournament projection, which was published prior to UK's upset of UT, listed the Cats as a No. 7 seed in the Albuquerque Regional. ESPN's Charlie Creme, who authors the rankings, wrote on the site that "history says a winning SEC record will be enough to get the Wildcats in the



UK freshman point guard Carly Ormerod looks to drive the lane in last Thursday's 66-63 upset of then-No. 1 Tennessee. The victory was UK coach Mickie DeMoss' first over her friend and mentor Pat Summitt, and propelled UK into the national rankings for the first time since 1993. The Cats are ranked No. 21 in the Associated Press poll and No. 23 in the ESPN/USA Today Coaches Poll.

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NCAA Tournament.)" At 4-2 in conference play, UK would need to win four of its last eight games to secure a winning conference record. DeMoss said she has no interest in tracking the predictions.

"We just know our goal is to get to the tournament and we're going to take it one game at a time. We're worried about stopping Georgia."

Tickets still left for Florida game

There are less than 100 tickets left for Sunday's game against Florida. Tickets can be purchased by calling 257-1818 or visiting the Memorial Coliseum ticket office. Tickets are free for students with a valid UK ID.

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Fight for students off campus, too

This is the second of five installments in a weekly series detailing The Kernel's vision for Student Government. For the first installment and a full explanation of the series, go to www.kykernel.com.

In order for UK Student Government to better serve students, it has to be more than just a stronger voice within the confines of campus issues and debate. SG leaders must also augment the status of students within the Lexington community.

Although students greatly benefit the area economically and culturally, long-term residents are reluctant to make political concessions that would facilitate a better living experience for their young-adult neighbors. The Party Plan, keg-tagging ordinance and city codes penalizing litter and unsightly decor may be appropriate, well-intentioned or even necessary, but they have carried a tenor of backlash against students.

Achieving better student-city relations will take lots of work on different fronts, and by no means is it a one-way street. Students must be respectful of their neighbors.

But if students are ever going to ascend to their rightful place in Lexington, they must have political representation — that is, the 3rd District seat on the Urban County Council, available for occupancy this fall.

We know — this is an issue where students have been all talk and no action. And admittedly, things didn't go well the last time the idea of a student representative was pushed. In 2002, former SG president Tim Robinson failed to turn in 747 voter registration cards and ended up resigning and pleading guilty to misdemeanor charges of interfering with voter registration.

But students can't live in the past. Last year, all three candidates for SG president talked about recruiting and running a council candidate once again. Unfortunately, no serious action has been taken by SG toward that end.

Nevertheless, the goal is still within reach. In 2004, incumbent Dick DeCamp only edged out opponent Robert Hale by 896 votes. DeCamp has long been reviled as hostile to student interests. In fact, Hale won most precincts predominantly inhabited by students. Unfortunately, turnout was tepid. The South Campus residence halls in the Towers precinct held as many as 2,577 students in 2004 (before the construction of the new dorms), but only 157 votes were cast there.

With sheer numbers, students can easily overwhelm DeCamp's vote total; it's no secret that the council seat is UK's, if only we are willing to seize it.

Operationally, SG leaders can do several things to cultivate the reality of a student councilmember. First, they can look at a field of likely candidates and groom one to run. Second, they can organize the voter registration and awareness campaign necessary to surmount DeCamp, should he seek re-election.

Selecting a candidate will be easy relative to mobilizing students. SG will have to overcome both apathy and the fact that most students who vote are registered in their hometowns. If it takes door-to-door, day-to-day registration events for a solid month, on both campus and the student neighborhoods of the third district, SG should be prepared to do just that. Doing nothing is tantamount to giving up.

Such a victory would hardly be a novel coup. Students around the nation have done what students here only dream about.

For example, in Newark, N.J., 23-year-old Kevin Zwick, a research assistant and doctoral candidate at the University of Delaware, was elected to the Newark City Council. He obtained 44 percent of the vote by merely going door-to-door and asking people for their vote. At the local level, grassroots campaigning works wonders.

More importantly, Vock has the opportunity to give a voice to the muted student opinion.

"City policies have the potential to affect students in a much different way than more-established city residents, and I think that fact is hard to ignore when students compose a significant portion of the population," he said in a University of Delaware press release.

Even if SG can't achieve that ultimate goal — which it should — there are other ways to make inroads.

The University of Iowa's student government has a non-voting student liaison at Iowa City council meetings, according to the Fall 2005 edition of Parent Times online. The article also noted that other colleges, such as Iowa State in Ames, the University of Maryland in College Park and Texas State University in San Marcos, also have non-voting students serving on local city councils.

Recently, student government at Michigan State University and East Lansing's city council held a joint meeting to better understand student issues as they relate to city issues and vice-versa, according to The State News.

So in this sense, UK students would be far from the first to reach a new pinnacle of political respectability.

We must ask ourselves: Will this be the year to charge up the political battlefield under the flag of Respectability? Or will apathy hoist the white flag once again?

SG should take advantage of its potential to lead political change in Lexington



BRAD STURGEON, THE KENTUCKY KERNEL

We need an independent alternative in '08

Following the 2004 election cycle, I — along with many others, I suspect — went into a state of political withdrawal.



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al. I lost interest in reading and watching commentary. The radio dial in my car migrated from Rush Limbaugh to ESPN radio. My nightly viewing of "The O'Reilly Factor" became weekly; weekly soon became not

at all, though something tells me that had as much to do with O'Reilly's never-ending coverage of the missing high school girl in Bermuda than anything else.

Given the deluge of political ads, water-cooler talk and campaign news coverage that accompanies any presidential election year, I like to think that my post-election apathy was entirely justified. I had been reading and writing about politics for years. I deserved a break — right?

Having grown up a die-hard Republican, it would have been hard to find me more pleased than I was on Nov. 3, 2004. Vote totals had made it clear that George W. Bush had been re-elected as president. I had campaigned for Bush in my hometown in 2000 and had written several columns in support of his candidacy prior to Election Day 2004.

Looking back, I think George W. Bush had a lot of people fooled, including myself. He campaigned in 2000 as a conservative; his five years in office have shown that he is anything but, at least fiscally. The national debt has swelled to

over \$8.2 trillion, making each individual's share more than \$27,000.

Following Sept. 11, Bush had me believing that he would prove to be an effective wartime president as well. The high point of the Bush presidency, I believe, occurred on Sept. 20, 2001, with his speech in front of a joint session of Congress, promising to hunt down and bring to justice those responsible for the attacks on the United States. The US-led campaign in Afghanistan has yielded some results. The alleged mastermind of the Sept. 11 attacks is in U.S. custody, and the Taliban no longer runs a regime hostile to the West and friendly to terrorists. But the big fish — Osama bin Laden — has yet to be reeled in, though it's clear that capturing him would have little, if any effect on global terrorism.

Iraq is an entirely different story. Admittedly, I supported going to war with Iraq in 2003; polls showed the majority of Americans did as well. I can't really say that I thought Saddam was a threat to the U.S., but he could have been a destabilizing force in the Middle East. That said, no one could argue that Saddam's Iraq had more active terrorists than the current U.S.-occupied Iraq. So it took me a year away from politics to figure out that George W. Bush is a bad president. I don't think that's too bad, considering Bush's approval ratings still consistently poll in the 40s. Makes me wonder where Rasmussen, Gallup, et al., get four out of 10 people to say that Bush is doing a good job.

If I had the choice again, I would not vote for George W. Bush. Don't get me wrong; I wouldn't vote for John Kerry or Al

Gore either. I would probably cast a protest vote for the Libertarian candidate. My Republican party has taken a turn for the worse since 2000. By pandering to the religious right, allowing spending to grow unentertained and pursuing an unnecessary war in Iraq that shows no signs of ending, George W. Bush's GOP has effectively killed the party of Ronald Reagan.

The Democrats are no better, having moved further and further to the left, alienating vital portions of its base. Moderates like Joe Lieberman would have little chance of electoral success in Democratic primaries, thanks to uber-liberal DNC Chairman Howard Dean. 2008 could represent a major shift in American politics. Let's assume Democrats nominate Hillary Clinton, which is not certain by any means. If Republican nominee someone like Bill Frist, 2008 could be one of the most boring election cycles in history, complete with record-low voter turnout.

But there could be a wild card: A 1st vs. Hillary campaign sets up the possibility for a third party or independent candidate to make a strong showing. If the right candidate (John McCain) runs as an independent, he could become the first independent candidate to ever win a presidential race.

Perhaps this would be the only thing to reverse the direction of the two major parties. Both need a show by voters that Americans are unhappy with current trends. Without someone like McCain in the 2008 race, I'm afraid my apathy might return, only this time in the middle of the campaign. I don't think I'd be the only one afflicted.

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UK's speech codes drown our freedom of expression

College administrators beware: Any attempt to quash the constitutionally protected rights of students could spark FIRE — that is, the Foundation for Individual Rights in Education.

The catalyst for its founding came in 1998 when a book by University of Pennsylvania history professor Alan Charles Kors and Boston attorney Harvey A. Silverglate, "The Shadow University: The Betrayal of Liberty on America's Campuses," provoked impassioned pleas from students who were denied their constitutional rights on campus. In response, Kors and Silverglate two started FIRE, a non-partisan, non-profit educational foundation in Philadelphia, to protect students from subversive campus policies. According to the organization's website, www.thefire.org.

At a time when American universities are becoming increasingly partisan, FIRE seeks to ensure students enjoy their constitutionally protected rights — freedom of speech, legal equality, due process, religious freedom and sanctity of conscience among them.

Its approach is two-pronged: an

Individual Rights Defense Program, which is a legal network that provides access to pro-bono lawyers for students and professors whose civil liberties have been violated; and the Individual Rights Education Program, which focuses on educating students about their rights through handbooks, a blog and other online publications.

Many students may find themselves consternated that civil liberties are being undermined on college campuses of all places. But it happens all the time. FIRE has defended students, professors and groups on the right and the left, from conservative religious groups to PETA.

Our working concept of free speech is to allow all expression unless it violates the rights of another individual. Perhaps the most problematic area of free speech in which to adjudicate is harassment. Most colleges have chosen to deal with this problem by enacting speech codes, which have been the source of endless controversy and conflict.

FIRE has rated the speech codes of many universities. Each school's code is given a "green," "yellow" or "red" light, red being worst. UK has a yellow, which means its speech code bans a significant amount constitutionally protected expression. According to the FIRE Guide to Free Speech on Campus, administrators have sim-

ply confused the notion of what is and isn't "discriminatory harassment."

While federal law prevents discriminatory harassment, the scrutiny that must be met in order to trump constitutional protection of speech is substantial. There are two forms of discriminatory harassment prohibited by law: hostile environment and *quid pro quo* harassment.

The former deals with discriminatory behavior and ensures legal protections for minorities and other groups that typically experience discrimination. *Quid pro quo* is a Latin term that means "something given for something received." Such discrimination occurs when a person offers a service or favor in exchange for something like a sexual favor. If a professor promises an "A" to a student on the condition the student has sex with him, he is engaging in extortion, which is de facto discrimination. This sort of discrimination usually involves sexual harassment.

When looking at UK's racial and sexual harassment policies, one can see FIRE's concerns. UK considers "name calling, verbal abuse, epithets, derogatory comments, threats, slurs, unwelcome remarks, or innuendoes in attributing an individual's personal conduct, habit or lifestyle to his/her racial or ethnic affilia-

tion" forms of verbal harassment in its pamphlet on racial harassment.

No one considers any such action pleasant. But, as the FIRE guide explains, such acts committed in isolation rarely equate to harassment in the legal sense. Calling someone an uncouth name or racial epithet is crass but hardly enough to cause the ordinary student to consider dropping out of school, but a person could be the target of UK's speech code if administrators were willing to pursue him or her.

Far from being apologists for bigots and ignorance, FIRE is worried students could fall victim to a vague code with expansive breadth just because someone dislikes what a student or professor has to say. Such employment of the code would undoubtedly have a chilling effect on free speech on campus. And opinions about race, ethnicity or sexuality inasmuch as they don't transgress the rights of others, cannot be governed by fiat.

Similar issues exist with UK's sexual harassment codes. There is a provision within that states "unwelcome remarks about a person's clothing or body" is a violation of university policy. What if I were to innocently remark to the girl in class that she looked nice? Would I be punished by UK if she filed a complaint against me? When a preacher in the free speech area declares a girl wearing a sorority

shirt to be a whore (however ridiculous the claim), is he sexually harassing her?

Last week, The Kernel ran a story about the American Association of University Women's report that 62 percent of surveyed students had been sexually harassed. Such a number struck me as grossly inflated. If that many people had been sexually harassed, then why isn't walking on campus an act of abject terror?

"Real harassment is a real problem, but the AAUW conflates harassment with any expression deemed sexually 'offensive' and thus endangers free expression while trivializing actual harassment," said Greg Lukianoff, FIRE's interim president.

Racial and sexual harassment are hardly bygone problems, but universities must be careful not to confuse the "offensive" with a violation of someone's constitutional rights, lest they end up violating someone else's First Amendment rights, however devoid of virtue a racist or sexually predatory person may be.

The FIRE guide ultimately notes that many campus speech codes have been overturned in court, and the organization has concluded that the aforementioned parts of UK's speech code are unconstitutional.

Do we have any challengers? Andrew Martin is a journalism and political science senior. E-mail amartin@kykernel.com.



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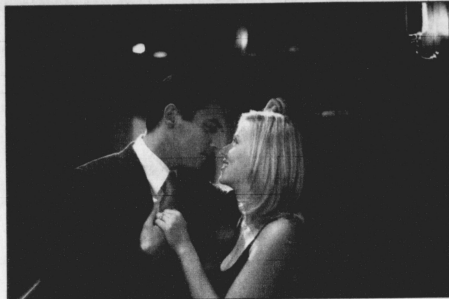
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MATCH POINT

Woody Allen really enjoys making inexplicably convoluted films and his latest, "Match Point," is no different. Chris, played by Jonathan Rhys Meyers ("Alexander," "Bend It Like Beckham"), is a washed up professional tennis player (do you get the witty title now?) who falls for Nola, played by the ever-lovely Scarlett Johansson ("The Island," "Lost in Translation"). Unfortunately for Chris, Nola is already dating his friend and future brother-in-law. This film really harkens the arrival of those oh-so-sappy love movies that incessantly bombard us in February. Wha? I'm not bitter. **Opens Friday at the Kentucky.**

WHEN A STRANGER CALLS

Unlike the 1979 film of the same name, the punch of this movie is really lost in the promotional trailers, posters and ridiculously long TV spots. We caught it, guys: the phone calls are coming from inside the house. Despite the obvious shortcomings every horror

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BUBBLE

Steven Soderbergh's newest flick, filmed and produced for only \$1.7 million, is an all right movie that uncovers that rarely viewed world of blue-collar America through a murder mystery in a doll factory. There's one catch, however: "Bubble" is heralding a

remarkable and amazing new method of distribution; Soderbergh is hoping to revolutionize how we consume our entertainment by simultaneously releasing "Bubble" on the pay-per-view cable channel HDNet, on DVD and in theaters. Granted, such a small movie won't likely be the sole catalyst to force the big studios into similar models, but it's at least worth a try to demonstrate how it could be done.

THE LEGEND OF ZORRO

Antonio Banderas is back in this follow-up to 1998's "The Mask of Zorro." This time a close-to-retirement Zorro and his wife Elena, played by Catherine Zeta-Jones, is forced back into action to save California's statehood via swashbuckling and ridiculous acrobatics. If only the preservation of freedom and democracy were so simple today. Antonio Banderas, where are you?

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TONIGHT

Dark Star Orchestra
8 p.m. Bogarts, Cincinnati.
Tickets cost \$20.

Tea Leaf Green
8:30 p.m. Southgate House,
Newport. Tickets cost \$10 to \$12.

TOMORROW

Hilliard Ensemble
7:30 p.m. Singletary Center for
the Arts. Tickets cost \$15 to \$28.

Electric Frankenstein w/ Kill City
and Dead Flowers
9 p.m. Southgate House,
Newport. Tickets cost \$10 to \$12.

FRIDAY

David Bromberg Quartet
8 p.m. Southgate House,
Newport. Tickets cost \$25 to
\$30.

Electric Frankenstein w/City
Mouse and The Nightshades
10 p.m. High Life Lounge. Tickets
cost \$10 in advance, \$12 at the
door.

Born Cross Eyed
10:30 p.m. The Fishtank. Tickets
cost \$5.

SATURDAY
Sevendust
6:30 p.m. Bogarts, Cincinnati.
Tickets cost \$20.

Rob Dread & KMA
10 p.m. High Life Lounge. Tickets
cost \$6.

MONDAY
Son Volt w/ Shannon McNally
8 p.m. The Dame. Tickets cost
\$15.

TUESDAY
Aveneg Sevenfold w/ CKY and
The Confession
7:30 p.m. Bogarts, Cincinnati.
Tickets cost \$20.

Andrew Bird featuring Dosh w/
Haley Bonar
8 p.m. The Dame. Tickets cost
\$12.

Asylum Street Spankers
8 p.m. Southgate House,
Newport. Tickets cost \$10.

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