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SG picks supervisory election board

By Sean Rose
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Members of the Operations and Evaluations Committee of the Student Government chatted and laughed before Chairman Ben Carter taped the wooden podium to quiet the voices.

"I hope you all had a good break," Carter said. "I think we're going to have a good time this semester."

SG is back in session. A resolution passed the Operations and Evaluations Committee that if passed by the full senate next week would collect student opinions on the meal plan during the March election.

A question would ask students which meal plan they prefer versus the current one and the declining balance system UK had last year.

"I feel like it puts the decision

on the hands of the students," said senator Will Fuller, who co-sponsored the bill. "It proves to them that we're actually trying to get the students participating on something like this."

Preparations for the upcoming March election began last night as well. Polling times and places were passed and must now be approved by the full senate in next week's meeting. It's similar to last year except LCC won't be involved be-

cause it's not affiliated with UK anymore. Some members discussed moving more polling machines to the classroom building where more students are during the day.

Carter advocated sticking with last year's set and with what "we know works" he added that moving machines might not mean more voting.

"It's a fact that not all students do vote," Carter said.

SG President Becky Ellingsworth appointed the Election Board of Supervisions last night and must be appointed next week as well. The five members of the Board monitor and run the spring elections, which don't always go according to plan.

"Hopefully we'll get through this election with out any hitches," Ellingsworth said referring to last year's controversial election that

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Study: Many students harassed

New national survey confirms data collected by UK center

By Ryan Evans
THE KENTUCKY KERNEL

College students who are victims of sexual harassment have no reason to feel alone.

A report issued by the American Association of University Women Tuesday indicates that nearly two-thirds of college students are affected by some sort of sexual harassment, ranging from offensive jokes and gestures to touching and grabbing.

The study indicates that while men are more likely to harass, men and women are equally likely to be harassed on U.S. campuses. According to the report, 62 percent of college students experienced some form of sexual harassment. In addition, 32 percent of college students said they were victims of physical harassment.

"These prevalent figures are reminiscent of our own data from the UK Women's Safety Study, which showed that over one-third of female students will suffer some form of victimization

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College loan rate may jump

By Elizabeth Troutman
THE KENTUCKY KERNEL

Paying for higher education could become even more difficult.

With the U.S. Senate's approval of a series of bills to cut funding for federal student loans, students and parents are facing possible increase in interest rates. The measure may raise federal interest rates from 7.9 percent to 8.5 percent and cut \$14 billion in funding for student financial aid programs.

Congress voted on the budget plan on Dec. 21. Vice president Dick Cheney cast the final vote in favor of the measure.

Rep. Ben Chandler, D-Ky., was the state's only representative to oppose the measure. In a statement, he vowed to continue the fight for higher education funds.

"Cuts to programs that help students attend college are truly unconscionable," he said. "Ensuring that the people of Kentucky receive a quality education must be a priority of our state."

David Prater, associate director of financial aid at UK, calls the state of the bills an "up-in-the-air situation." He said the only effect UK's financial program anticipates is of the possible hike in interest rates.

"Anytime you start raising interest rates that students have to pay obviously it will impact them when they get out of school," he said.

Prater believes Congress will decide on a compromise to appease both sides of the issue. He recommends UK stu-

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UK Women's basketball coach Mickie DeMoss and her longtime friend and mentor, Tennessee head coach Pat Summitt, joke with the audience at last night's Mickie DeMoss call-in radio show. DeMoss was an assistant under Summitt with the Vols for 18 years. She said the two talk often and cheer each other up after tough losses.

FRIENDLY RIVALRY

UK women's basketball coach Mickie DeMoss has long regarded Pat Summitt as her mentor. She worked for 18 years under the legendary Tennessee coach before coming to UK. But with DeMoss leading her team to the program's best start since 1992, the dynamic between the two coaches has become something more than teacher and student. They've become rivals.

By Chris DeLott
THE KENTUCKY KERNEL

Mickie DeMoss vividly remembers the last time Kentucky beat Tennessee in women's basketball. It was 1986, and she was in her first year as an assistant at UT.

"We came up here, got beat and Pat did not feed us on the way home," DeMoss said. "I learned from that trip, at pre-game meal, to stick an apple or banana in my briefcase because, if we lose, I can't afford to miss many meals.

We got on the bus and went right back to Knoxville and didn't eat."

Twenty years later, DeMoss wouldn't mind sending the No. 1-ranked Volunteers home hungry again. Her team (14-4, 3-2 Southeastern Conference) is off to its best start in 13 years and, for the first time in DeMoss' tenure, can be regarded as a serious threat to UT (18-1, 4-0 SEC).

"I think this game does have a different flavor (than previous ones)," she said. "We've made some noise in the league, so I

think they'll come in here and be ready to play. I will look for my team to compete hard tomorrow night."

When DeMoss arrived at UK, the program was having trouble competing with anyone in the SEC. The Cats had lost 36 of 43 conference games under previous coach Bernadette Mattox and the program was floundering. Just three years later, UK enters tonight's game confident that it can end a 24-game losing streak to

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"I think Mickie has done a great job. But I'm not surprised."

— Pat Summitt, Tennessee women's basketball coach

UK ready for Rupp showdown with top-ranked Tennessee

By Chris DeLott
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After all the hoopla, there will be hoops.

Pat Summitt brings women's basketball phenomenon Candace Parker and the No. 1 Lady Vols (18-1, 4-0 Southeastern Conference) into Rupp Arena tonight to face UK (14-4, 3-2 SEC) in a game that, in recent years, was a yawner for the Big Orange.

This year, Summitt said, "Tennessee knows they'll get a game from an up-and-coming program."

"It's going to be a challenge," Summitt said. "We tend to bring out the best in other teams."

UT is coming off their only loss of the season, a 75-52 defeat to No. 2 Duke

Tonight's Game

UK vs No. 1 Tennessee
7 p.m.
Rupp Arena

at Cameron Indoor Stadium Monday night.

Despite the loss, UT is still ranked first in the Associated Press poll, which voted before the Duke game. But the top ranking is still a motivator for UK.

"Who doesn't want to beat number one?" sophomore center Sarah Elliott said. "It's something you dream about."

The Tennessee mystique, as well

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UK head coach Mickie DeMoss signals to her team from the sidelines during last week's game against Auburn. She will try to lead UK to its first upset of a No. 1-ranked opponent tonight against Tennessee.

UK legal office hires two more attorneys

By Megan Carrel
THE KENTUCKY KERNEL

Two new lawyers recently joined the UK Office of Legal Counsel. News of the openings, which were posted in September, elicited a huge response from all over the country.

"All of the candidates were excellent, which made it a difficult decision," Chief Legal Counsel Barbara Jones said.

Thaleitha Routt and Ruth Booher were offered positions in November and were hired as Counsel General Associates at UK last month, Jones said.

The Office of Legal Counsel provides legal services to the university administration, staff and students. Two attorneys, including Booher, are located in UK Chandler Medical Center, and six more attorneys are located in the legal office in the Main Building.

"It is an amazingly complicated organization," Jones said. "We review regulations. We work with property issues and litigation. We do research. We answer questions all day long."

In order to meet the wide variety of needs, UK attorneys have specialized fields of expertise and although



Booher



Routt

the two attorneys will cost UK more than \$200,000 per year, Jones said in-house attorneys actually save money for the university because of their specialties.

Routt has useful experience with real estate transactions, Jones said, while Booher specializes in health care law.

Hiring out-of-house attorneys to work on health care issues would cost about \$200 to \$300 an hour, Jones said, although some other health care work may still need to be contracted. Jones still was pleased with the benefits of having an in-house attorney with Booher's experience.

Although Routt focuses on property issues, she said her responsibilities are different every day.

"I enjoy the chance to work with

different types of law," said Routt.

For Routt, the job at UK was especially fortuitous. As a native of Berea, Ky., and a graduate of UK law school, she was pleased to find a position so close to home.

"When I saw the job posting, I felt like it was the opportunity of a lifetime," Routt said.

Before coming to UK, Booher worked as the general counsel at the Medical College of Wisconsin.

"Relocation from Milwaukee was a big process," said Booher. "But I am very pleased to be here."

Some of the attorneys have been a part of UK for more than 30 years, Jones said.

"Everyone in the office works very well together," Jones said. "We're like a team."

She added that Routt and Booher fit in well with the teamwork.

"We hired the new attorneys because we felt they could help us serve the university better," Jones said. "We chose the ones with the right amount of experience in the field. They had all the pieces that made the right fit."

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Study

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while a student at UK," said Carol Jordan, director of the Center for Research on Violence Against Women at UK.

"As a result, these newly released figures don't surprise us," Jordan said. "Rather they remind us of the importance of the work that all of us are doing to improve the safety of women at this university."

The online survey, conducted by Harris Interactive, included students ages 18 to 24 and had a sampling error of plus or minus 2 percentage points. A representative survey of 2,036 undergraduate students from U.S. campuses revealed that 41 percent had sexually harassed someone.

The survey also included flashes of frontal or rear nudity, calling someone gay, lesbian or a homophobic name, or spreading sexual rumors about someone as sexual harassment.

The study found some of the most common types of physical harassment

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Carol Jordan
director, Center for Research on Violence Against Women

include being touched, grabbed or pinched in a sexual way, or intentionally brushing up against someone in a sexual way.

The findings of this report correlate with UK's own study of sexual assaults and stalking. Much of the university's campus safety initiatives have been driven by the increasing incidence of sexual assault on campus in recent years.

"The study is an important reminder of what we have been saying now for two years at UK: that these forms of abuse and victimization touch the lives of way too many students and that these behaviors cannot be tolerated in a university environment where we want students to reach their fullest

academic potential," Jordan said.

The national study also found that less than 10 percent of all students report sexual harassment to a school employee. Most student victims say the incident was "not a big deal" even though it made victims feel "helpless" or "horrible."

"There are common lessons for us to learn from our own UK study and from the study just released by the AAUW," Jordan said. "First, these forms of victimization happen to far too many students: female and male, from all walks of life, and from all races and ethnicities. The second disconcerting similarity is that most students who have these experiences do not tell."

According to Jordan, communication is key to preventing sexual harassment on campus.

"Of all the things we are presently doing to make UK safer for all those who live and learn here, I hope most of all that we communicate this. If this ever happens to you, or if you ever feel afraid, you can tell."

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Sexual Health Study: Women Only

This anonymous study invites UK and LCC female students to take part in a survey about sexual behaviors and beliefs pertaining to sexually transmitted diseases and cervical cancer. Women who self-identify as lesbians are especially encouraged to participate in this survey. To participate you must:

- Be female between 18-25 years of age
- Have had sex with 2 or more partners (male or female) in the past 3 months
- Be a full time UK or LCC student

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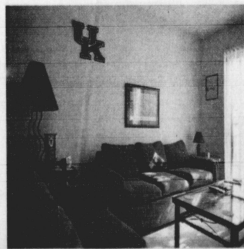
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Intelligent design up for debate

By Chris Collins
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Gov. Fletcher's call at the end of his 2006 State of the Commonwealth address for the teaching of "intelligent design" could have a negative effect for science, some members of the UK community say.

Intelligent design is a concept that certain features of the universe and living things are best explained as coming from a designer or creator.

"The problem with the teaching of intelligent design is that the U.S. used to be the world's scientific power; but we're sliding into the backwaters," said biology professor Jim Krupa. "South Korea, Germany, even France, England — they're surpassing us, and it's in part because there is such a fear of science."

Last month Judge John Jones III issued a 139-page decision against the school board of Dover, Penn., for equating the teaching of intelligent design with creationism. The decision marked the first time a federal district court ruled against the teaching of intelligent design.

Krupa said this attitude is particularly prohibitive.

"Science is seen as such a threat that teachers aren't teaching it well. We don't understand it and this is all escalating," Krupa said. "And were seeing it with this intelligent design (debate). That's the tip of the iceberg of this whole problem."

The most famous evolution versus creation court case was in 1925 in Dayton, Tenn., when former presidential candidate William Jennings Bryan prosecuted John T. Scopes for violating the Butler Act, a Tennessee law that forbade the teaching of evolution. Scopes was found guilty and fined \$100. There have been numerous cases at the state and federal levels since.

"I would love to see them try to teach it because if it's a theory then it generates falsifiable testable predictions," Krupa said. "In debates I've asked them to give me some falsifiable testable predictions and they'll say, 'Well, it's such a new theory that we haven't really thought that through yet.'"

Proponents of the design theory argue that it should be taught in classrooms alongside evolution. Others disagree.

Todd Martin, a student at the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, said he believes intelligent design theory is a plausible and useful scientific concept.

"I think evolution should be presented as a concept, a theory about how life has changed over years," Martin said. "Intelligent design has some definite legitimacy. It has a role in the classroom."

Guy Hamilton Smith, a psychology senior, has no problem with schools teaching the theory as long as it isn't taught in science classes.

"I don't have a problem with it as long as it's a theo-

logical elective course, because it's just not a scientific theory," said Smith. "It does offer an alternative explanation to the origin of the world but it can't be refuted because it's just not science."

Tyler Porter, a second-year mechanical engineering student holds the same view.

"I don't think it's proper for a science class; I think it's a philosophical movement. I know it's trying to be based in science," said Porter. "It's a viable philosophical alternative. I just don't think it's science-worthy. It's more of a philosophy class subject."

Although the movement seems to have suffered a setback with the Dover school board ruling, some say it's too early to count intelligent design out.

Steve Voss, a political science professor at UK, said it's possible that intelligent design could be implemented.

"The reason why I think there is a chance the Supreme Court would allow the teaching of intelligent design is that it's not clear they would have to overturn a previous precedent to allow it," Voss said. "They are more likely to stick with the way things are instead of overturning a previous case. You could issue a Supreme Court opinion allowing the teaching of intelligent design without having to overturn the creationism cases. Lawyers are very good at making distinctions in the law."

Neil Lucas, a psychology student graduating in May, is preparing to enter graduate school with lingering undergraduate loans. But a hike in interest rates doesn't worry him much.

"I guess I'll just be paying loans longer than I'd like to," he said.

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Loans

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den's avoid private loaners and get financial aid through the university.

"We certainly would not want to see a higher interest rate passed on to our students," he said.

The threat of rising interest rates on his student loans didn't alarm Matt Gray dur-

ing his shift at the Student Center Starbucks.

The communications sophomore, who calls his KEEES scholarship "peanuts" compared to the cost of college, depends on his parents to financially support his education. He admits that the job at Starbucks doesn't bring in enough money to pay for school on his own, and regrets that his parents take the responsibility of paying the debt of his loans.

"It's really something on my mind because I have to depend on my parents," he said. "It's something that really bothers me."

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spanned over five months. "Cross our fingers," she said knocking on the table to laughter around her.

The committee also passed a resolution on to next week's senate meeting that would encourage UK to make dead week to be what the name implies.

"I think it's an issue we all believe needs to be addressed," Carter said adding that it was important to show that all of SG was behind the initiative.

"I think we need to go lock, steady forward with it," he said.

Two more Ellingsworth appointees were passed on to next week's senate meeting for approval.

Ryan Hamilton, a finance junior, was recommended as the new executive director. The former one, accounting

junior Nick Perez, transferred to a Texas school.

Ashley Rumsey, a psychology junior, was recommended by Ellingsworth to work alongside and ease the workload on communications director Jason Robinson.

A half hour after Operations and Evaluations Committee started the Appropriation and Revenue Committee began for the semester, funding three UK organizations.

The committee voted unanimously to give \$2,500 from SG budget surplus to the UK Women's Place. It will go to next week's senate meeting for approval.

The Women's Place an educational center committed to issues such as violence against women in the UK community. They had originally asked for \$5,000.

The money will go toward paying staff for counseling and public relations, said Ellingsworth.

The committee also approved organization funding

that doesn't need full senate approval.

The UK Equestrian Team was given \$1,000, which will go toward paying their coaches. The representatives said the team has a good chance to go to nationals and that coaching bills increase with the competition.

Animal science senior Jessica Schellenberger, one of the equestrian members, said the team was still a club sport and was disadvantaged because of that and depended on funds from organizations like SG.

"The only way that we can stay competitive is to keep our coaches and pay them what they deserve," Schellenberger said.

The committee also gave \$1,000 to the College of Arts and Sciences Ambassadors. The ambassadors will use the money to pay for tee shirts that will be given out during arts and sciences week Feb. 20 to Feb. 24.

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by Henri Arnold and Mike Angstrom

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WHAT'S THE DEAL? | Demystifying campus trends Procrastinators choose last

Every morning, 27-year-old Patrick Bateman, a fictional character from the 2000 hit-movie "American Psycho," performs a ritual. His daily habit of ensuring a healthy diet and rigorous exercise



Kenny Moyer
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routine not only allow him agile mobility, but essentially a stress-free mentality on the way to his executive Wall Street job.

So, if Bateman can wake up every morning and do everything from 1000 stomach crunches to applying an herb-mint facial masque all before heading to work, then why is it near impossible for some of us students to do our own minuscule rituals of working out for Spring Break, or even studying in advance for exams?

OK, maybe I'm a victim of my own criticism, considering I turned this article in on pieces of toilet paper 10 minutes before deadline. But, for the most part, students seem to enjoy the childhood game of stressing out when something has to be accomplished at the last minute.

Dictionary.com defines procrastination as "the act of putting something off until a later time." You might be like my drunken roommate and have never heard the word procrastinate used before, so let me clarify by mentioning other commonly used slang phrases, such as "waiting until the last minute" and "being a lazy-ass." Maybe you're

more familiar with this terminology.

Procrastination is one characteristic of a college student, or rather, any unorganized individual for that matter, that has the ability to break a person. Last week I talked about why undergraduates shouldn't wait until their senior year to figure out what they want to do for the rest of their lives. Today, I'll use a similar concept, but in a more general perspective.

It happens every semester, every year: The first week of school is repetitiously known as "syllabi week." You go to class, take roll, make sure you're not the only senior in your class, get a course syllabus and then peace out. (Side note: once class time is up, you'll wonder why you procrastinated on course scheduling months ago and wish you'd have the opportunity to sign up for a different class. I've seen it a million times.)

When asked about his feelings on "syllabi week," political science and history senior Will English said he likes to take all the important dates from the course handout and plug them into his semester planner.

"If I know I have a big paper due in February, I can order more ink for my printer now instead of realizing I'm out of luck at the last minute," said English. "Knowing when something is due helps me get ahead."

Take advantage of these first few weeks of school and get ahead. By keeping an accurate calendar of class exams and assignment due dates, you can start reading, writing or even visiting your

professor, to ensure you will receive a deserving grade. You may have to take, what Dr. Marvin from "What About Bob?" would call "baby steps" when it comes to developing these good habits. But, once you get on track and see results (i.e. "A" grades), you can create your own incentive program to enhance the experience.

For instance, finance senior Neil Plamp considers studying an opportunity cost of not being able to go out every night during his last semester of college.

"If I know I want to go out on Wednesday night, and I have an assignment due Thursday, I'll take advantage of the early week and complete the assignment then," said Plamp. "I consider going out an award for my hard work. And, the only worry I'll have is making sure to get up for class."

On a similar note, everyone knows Spring Break begins in 46 days, right? With that in mind, along with the beach and impressionable college drunks you will meet, let's get going on some sort of exercise or health kick now. I know you would much rather be watching the new season of MTV's "Next" than going to the crowded gym, but as you have just learned, motivate yourself by rewarding goal achievement, and reap all the benefits of a fulfilled life. Once you get the hang of it, you'll notice a lot of free time on your hands you'll have to do the things you might have always wanted to do ... like ask that cute boy/girl out on a date. Seriously, do it.

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PBS names station exec as new leader

Mattea Gold
LOS ANGELES TIMES

NEW YORK — After a year of fractious struggles in public broadcasting over politics and finances, the Public Broadcasting Service turned inward this week to choose its next leader, selecting a veteran public-television station executive known for her diplomatic skills.

The PBS board of directors announced Monday that it had selected Paula Kerger, a top executive at New York's Thirteen/WNET, to be the system's next president and CEO. Kerger will replace outgoing president Pat Mitchell, a former commercial-television executive who is taking over the helm of the Museum of Television & Radio, a nonprofit organization that preserves broadcasting programs.

Kerger's appointment was greeted with optimism by many of the system's advocates, who called her the right person to tackle current challenges.

John Lawson, president of the Association of Public Television Stations, expressed hope that Kerger would be able to resolve some historic tensions between PBS and the

348 member stations that finance it, noting her "calm demeanor" and depth of experience.

"You've got to find a way to preserve the localization in public television but also pursue business strategies that are necessary for survival in a content-driven world," Lawson said. "I think Paula's hiring creates perhaps a unique chance to reconcile those two competing approaches."

Kerger comes to the post after 13 years at WNET, one of public television's biggest producing stations. She was first hired to run the station's fund-raising campaign, ultimately raising \$79 million, the largest endowment program by a public television station. She went on to be WNET's station manager and then chief operating officer of the Educational Broadcasting Corp., the parent company of WNET and WLIW New York.

The PBS board unanimously voted for her selection Sunday during a special meeting in Dallas. The decision followed an eight-month search process in which nearly 120 candidates were considered, said Mary Bitterman, the board's chairwoman.

As the sixth president of

PBS, 48-year-old Kerger will be the third to come from a local station. Her three-year contract begins March 13.

"She's someone who we felt would be a great unifier of the system," Bitterman said. "Because she knows the system well — knows both newcomers and seasoned participants and brings a respect for the accomplishments of all — she will have a very unifying influence, which will be very constructive."

Kerger is taking over PBS after a tumultuous period. Last year, congressional Republicans threatened to rank much of public broadcasting's federal funding, an attempt that eventually was defeated.

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Cats look for extra student support

By Chris DeLottell
THE KENTUCKY KERNEL

Not only does the UK women's basketball team want the program's first-ever win over a No. 1-ranked team tonight, they also want to set a new record for attendance at a women's game at Rupp Arena.

UK players Jenny Pfeiffer and Nastassia Alicius, flanked by mascots Scratch and Wildcat, gave short speeches to the students in one of Dr. Alan DeSantis' COM 101 classes yesterday.

"We would love to see all of you out at the game," Pfeiffer told the crowd. "It gives us a huge boost."

UK Athletics Director Mitch Barnhart also spoke to one of DeSantis' classes.

"I think the women certainly deserve the support of the student body," Barnhart said of his reasons for addressing the class. "We're playing the number one team in the country. We want to

put on the best show that we can and the students give us the best chance to do that."

DeSantis, who also serves as UK's faculty representative to the NCAA and Southeastern Conference, embraced the opportunity to open his class to the team.

"It's really great to rally behind the women's team," he said. "I think we're on the cusp of something really great here. It was an ideal opportunity to encourage the students to go out and support our team."

In addition to appearing in classes, Scratch and Wildcat rode around campus yesterday handing out T-shirts and other UK Hoops items.

"We wanted to mix with the student body," said Leslie Bray, director of marketing for UK Athletics. "Obviously, this is a really big event. A lot of times the students are interested but you've got to remind them that the event is going on."

The players are excited

about the prospect of a rowdy students' section.

"I would love to have an eRUPtion Zone like the men do," sophomore center Sarah Elliott said. "To get the student body involved would be the greatest thing ever."

"It's huge," Pfeiffer said. "When we have all of the students behind us, it gives us more confidence and support."

Head coach Mickie DeMoss said student support is essential to the continued growth of the program. "I think it's been fun for the whole program to see the students respond," she said. "It's where we want to go. It's a very positive thing for our program."

With the largest crowd in UK Women's basketball history anticipated for the game, DeMoss feels it is important for her team, and the UK community, to buzz around campus.

"I think we have to em-

brace this excitement," she said. "I think we can feed off of it. It's great for our program to think, 'Wow, we may have over 10,000 fans (tonight). That is special.'"

Tennessee coach Pat Summitt expects the crowd to play a role tonight. "They have students coming out and we expect them to be really rowdy," she said. "A crowd can make a difference."

While the SEC levies a \$5,000 fine on schools when students rush the floor after a game, DeMoss joked she would pay it in return for strong student support and a UK victory.

"If that's what it would take to get Tennessee, I would definitely dip in to my savings account for that money," she said.

Admission to the game is free for students with a valid UK ID.

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Rivals

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UT Summitt marveled at the job her protégé has done.

"I think Mickie has done a great job," she said. "But I'm not surprised because she has the people skills and self skills to get it done. (She has) a strong commitment to getting out in the community and generating a tremendous excitement for women's basketball at the University of Kentucky."

Summitt has seen changes in her former assistant.

"I see a big difference," she said. "At Tennessee, she had to be the go-between for myself and the team. She did a great job of being a good listener and remaining calm. Now I see her intensity has been raised to a whole different level."

DeMoss agreed with the assertion.

"When you become a head coach, you take on a different role," she said. "When I was an assistant, it was my job to keep things loose and in perspective at times. You

can't have the same role as a head coach that you do as an assistant. My competitiveness hasn't changed, but my intensity has been turned up a notch."

The two coaches talk regularly but the content of their conversations has changed this week.

"We don't stop talking (during game week)," DeMoss said, "but we don't talk as much about basketball. We don't want each other to get an edge, so as far as specifics, we don't talk about that."

UK Athletics Director Mitch Barnhart, who hired

DeMoss, knows what a win would mean to her tonight.

"That would be something that would be extremely special for Mickie to have a win over her mentor," he said. "You want to show that you were a good student."

Summitt praised DeMoss for her work at UK.

"I hated to see Mickie leave," she said, "but this is a great fit for her. The whole country is talking about the program and it is only going to get better."

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as UK head coach Mickie DeMoss' relationship with Summitt — she was Summitt's assistant from 1985-2003 and won six national championships during her tenure — has surrounded the game, even to the point where the UK players are getting into the act of promoting it.

"It's really not just another game," said junior guard Jenny Pfeiffer, who led the team with 19 points against Ole Miss and has hit 19 consecutive free throws. "If we don't get fired up about this, you can't even call us a team."

"I've been e-mailing ... everyone I know," Elliott said. "To get the student body involved would be the greatest thing ever."

Parker is another reason this game means so much. The Naperville, Ill., native has been on the national map since she won the 2005 McDonald's All-American Slam Dunk Contest over male contestants, including UK guard Joe Crawford.

"You do the best job you can," DeMoss said. "She's a player a lot of people think will change the face of women's basketball. She's a phenomenal player."

A sellout crowd is expected at Rupp Arena tonight, but even with a home-field advantage that could reach to thousands of fans, the Cats agreed that the play of the 10 people on the court

will be paramount to their success.

"We have to be on our 'A' game," Pfeiffer said. "If we play hard on every possession, we can play with them."

"It's players against players," DeMoss said. "If we don't rebound and get back on defense, it won't matter how well I know Pat."

UK is coming off an 81-75 win at Ole Miss last Saturday, a victory that vaulted the Cats into a tie for fourth place in the SEC standings with Florida and Georgia. The Cats defeated then-No. 24 Florida, 80-65, Jan. 12 in Gainesville.

SPORTS EDITOR CHRIS JOHNSON CONTRIBUTED TO THIS STORY.

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SPORTS BRIEFS

Limited seats available for game vs. Tennessee

As of Monday, 882 reserved lower level tickets remained for Thursday's game in Rupp Arena against Tennessee, according to Leslie Bray, UK Athletics marketing director.

Single-game general admission tickets are available for \$5 adults/\$2 senior citizens and children ages 18 and under. General admission seats are also available

and are located in sections 38-41 (lower level) and sections 211-217 (upper level).

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UK-UT game televised
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Network and Fox Sports Net South will televise UK's game with Tennessee tonight, airing live at 7 p.m. The contest will air on UPN/Lexington locally.

Shelby, Lehmann receive preseason honors

UK senior Shaun Lehmann and junior John Shelby were each named preseason All-SEC by SE-baseball.com.

Shelby headlined the first-team as the second baseman. Lehmann was vot-

ed in as a second-team outfielder. Both players earned All-SEC honors last season from SEbaseball.com.

This is one of many preseason accolades for Shelby, who has been named a preseason All-American by Baseball America and put on the watch list for the Brooks Wallace Award, given to the national player of the year.

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IN OUR OPINION

UK endowment isn't just another number

The numbers are fairly mind-boggling — so enormous that UK students, faculty and staff might get the illusion that it doesn't matter to them.

But, in truth, the education students receive at UK is directly tied to these massive dollar amounts — its endowment, which is the amount of money gifted to the university plus the returns from the investment of that money.

The National Association of College and University Business Officers released a study this week, revealing the No. 1 largest university endowment in the nation. That's Harvard University at more than \$25 billion (yes, with a "b").

UK, needless to say, isn't even close to that league with its endowment. The top 10 public university endowments are measured in billions of dollars, while UK had \$576.7 million at the end of the 2005 fiscal year, ranking 93rd nationally among private and public schools.

Meanwhile, the University of Louisville had about \$30 million more than UK. And in comparison to UK's benchmarks, set by the state Council on Postsecondary Education, "we are low," said Susan Krauss, director of investment and endowment services at UK.

That's a problem. As the state's flagship institution, UK should have the highest endowment out of all of Kentucky's public universities. UK must devote more energy to this process.

Significant growth to an endowment doesn't come easily, though. But it must be done if UK ever hopes to provide the best possible education for its students — and if it hopes to reach top-20 status.

More importantly, it must grow so that UK has the money to attract more high-quality professors and top-notch prospective high school students.

"There are endowed chairs, typically research-related chairs," Krauss said. "An endowed chair allows the university to attract top faculty members in their field and be able to provide them with higher salaries than we could otherwise with state funds."

"Professorships, endowed scholarship funds — those are the main purposes" of an endowment.

Krauss added. The goal is noble, but getting there isn't a cakewalk. Krauss said a "very aggressive private fundraising effort" must happen in order for UK to reach its state-mandated goal of being a top-20 public institution by the year 2020.

Thankfully, UK had the long-term vision to start energetically and forcefully pursuing a \$1 billion endowment in 1988 with its Billion Dollar Capital Campaign, which is still an ongoing effort. Since that time, 75 endowed chairs and 169 endowed professorships have been created, and UK's endowment has more than doubled, said Mike Richey, UK's director of development.

"It takes effort to grow an endowment," Richey said in an undercurrent. "UK has seen recent success by working with older alumni and having them include UK in their estate plans or wills — 'planned giving.'"

"People are already receptive to that idea," Richey said. "We've seen a marked increase in the last two to three years in people who've made provisions to include the university in their will."

"Many times, these are nice-sized gifts, significant gifts," he said. "These gifts, as any school will tell you, are really useful to grow an institution's endowment."

Sometimes, as Richey says, "some things are out of our control."

"UoL was a private school until 1969, so they were involved with private fundraising long before we were," he said. And UK's one-year return from its investments in 2005 was undesirably low: 7.8 percent, compared to the national average of 9.3 percent.

But the gap between UK and UoL — and between UK and the best schools in the nation — is gradually closing, partly due to the determination of Richey and others to push harder to reach more alumni and be more proactive. And UK must devote even more energy to this process.

That includes students — after all, they're the immediate beneficiaries of having top-of-the-line professors, researchers and fellow students working and teaching at UK.

Stay informed about upcoming deadlines

As the semester rolls through its second week, it's easy to get comfortable. But in the next few days, there are some important deadlines fast approaching. It's an easy time to procrastinate — it's cold outside and you still have all your excused absences to burn — but a few minutes online or on the phone could save a future meltdown.

Whether you are a freshman or a fifth-year senior, this is an important time. It's your job to find out, so don't get lost in the shuffle.

Important dates

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Feb. 8: Last day to officially withdraw from UK or reduce course load and receive a 50-percent refund.

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Feb. 23: Last day for doctoral candidates for a May degree to schedule a final examination in The Graduate School.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Intelligent design is quite plausible

In response to Doug Scott's Jan. 20 column, "Intelligent design" not intelligent enough for the classroom?

I understand where Scott is coming from. There are countless "beliefs" that completely discredit the work done in the field of science because they are too ignorant and arrogant to open their mind to something other than their lifelong indoctrination. Often having to claim them as "brothers and sisters" in the same mission. I would like to apologize on our behalf. I too have found myself on several occasions unrelentingly antagonizing those who hold to a different framework. This is a constant struggle for those who fall on the opposite end of the ideological spectrum.

Nevertheless, I had some significant issues with Scott's column that I would like to address. It is obviously to me that Scott has not invested enough time researching "intelligent design." I believe that he is as guilty as "us" with his dogmatic attitude toward anything contrary to his personal framework (by framework, I am referring to one's interpretation of life and reality).

You must realize that both theories, if understood correctly, can co-exist. Just because God designed what we know and see doesn't mean that we must turn our back on the scientific community. Think of it in these terms: Science teaches us the "how," and Scripture illuminates the "why." Although I do believe that Scripture holds many answers as to the "how," my point is that you can have your scientific cake and eat it too.

Let me just say that if you truly grasp the essence of "intelligent design," then you will understand that its infinite brilliance and sovereignty far outweigh the complexities of a finite, scientific theory. I have studied briefly in the fields of microbiology, anatomy, physics, and earth and space science, to name a few, and I have found that it is much easier to believe that a Supreme Deity invented the formula for our cosmos than it is to trust fallible humans, namely scientists, with our world-defining difficulties. The intricacies of life are far too vast for any group of intellectuals or scholars to fully grasp. I find it ignorant to believe that an omniscient mind was not involved. However, I understand that

faith in the unexplainable is easier for some. I challenge you to have more information to base your opinion on. Get the full story. Your accusations are not fair without it. Some recommended reading for Scott and the Kernel readers: William Dembski's "Intelligent Design," Phillip Johnson's "Darwin on Trial," and Michael Behe's "Darwin's Black Box."

JONATHAN QUINN SMITH
communications junior

Fix rules to make SG elections fair

"They will be done." Before you turn away, this is not a religious piece. Actually, it is my diatribe on elections, Student Government and the Board of Trustees. "They (meaning that of the electorate) will be done" is an important concept in elections. In them, the candidate freely chosen by the people should be promoted to the elected position.

Notice that I said "should" and not "shall." That "should" comes in when we introduce the word "fair" into the election process. "Fair" was added to elections to establish a set of guidelines that prevent the will of the people being used to subvert the good of the people. Put in simplest terms, it is to prevent one candidate from buying the

election. Here is where the problem occurs in any election: A wholly unpopolar candidate who follows the rules could be selected as, say, SG president, while a popular candidate who made some accounting mistakes could be disqualified. In this example, the will of the people was quashed by the very devices meant to protect voters.

Becky Ellingsworth is the legitimate president of SG. However, her court appointment to that position pointed to a glaring flaw in SG. Its willingness to set aside the will of the students and appoint Ellingsworth as president disregarded the spirit of free elections everywhere.

I consider it a cruel twist of fate that the university had to fight for my voice while SG and its current president fought for a strict adherence to the rules. It is a sad day when the UK Board of Trustees feels it must make a change in the rules to protect students from our own SG. In this case, however, Ellingsworth is right: We do not need a change in university oversight of the elections; what we need is an addendum to the SG rules. It could simply say, "Discard the will of the voters reluctantly and only in the face of intentional fraud or significant wrongdoing."

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CHRIS STEWART, THE KENTUCKY KERNEL

Don't blindly accept media authority

Look at that block of text in the top left-hand corner of this page. Formally, it's called an editorial. Around the Kernel offices, we just call it an "edit."

And readers unfamiliar with newspaper lingo will inevitably refer to it as an "article" in their letters to the editor.

But I have another word for it: "relief."

As the American news landscape changes, the unsigned editorial is one of the final remnants of paternalistic old media. For the most part, gone are the days when people give more weight to a certain opinion or position just because a group of newspaper editors — whether at The Kernel or The New York Times — say so.

An editorial is supposed to represent the authoritative voice of a newspaper. Perhaps that used to hold some sway with people. Now, however, readers often ask: Why should I care, especially when they won't even tell us who wrote the piece?

From the standpoint of my job — to get students to respect and care about what our editorial board writes — I guess I should be concerned about that trend. But I'm actually gleeful that Americans are starting to question and reject the mainstays of journalistic paternalism, in favor of a more open and democratic media culture.

The past couple of years have seen the retirement (and, in the sad case of Peter Jennings, death) of the anchor-men of the nightly news on the major network stations.

The changing of the guard has led many journalists to recall when the words of CBS anchor Walter Cronkite helped turn Americans against the Vietnam War — and to bemoan the fact that such a thing could not happen today.

But why be sad that people are starting to form their own opinions instead of having blind faith in the superior judgment of some

journalistic father figure? I've never found much reassurance in the thought that Americans needed an anchorman to tell them that Vietnam was an unjust war that had to end.

In recent years, however, traditional media have lost their clout, partly because technological advances have made content distribution more feasible for alternative outlets, and partly because of a well-organized conservative campaign to forever associate "big media" with "liberal bias" in the minds of Americans.

Although I think the conservative complaints are misguided (for instance, business reporting even in supposedly ultra-liberal papers like The New York Times always speaks from the viewpoint of owners and managers, not workers), a re-evaluation of standards of "objectivity" is certainly in order. The old-media attitude — "These stories are important because we say they are, and you should trust our superior wisdom" — doesn't cut it anymore.

Meanwhile, the advent of the Internet has aided a new media trend — the rise of Web logs, or blogs, in which people can write or opine about whatever interests them and then publish their posts instantly on their own Web site. The vast majority of blogs are painfully boring online diaries written by 14-year-olds, but the most popular ones offer commentary on current events and political issues, often from a highly partisan or ideological standpoint. Old-media stalwarts have decried the increasing clout of blogs, accusing them of promulgating bias — which, in their minds, necessarily entails misinformation.

Few blogs, however, claim to do the sort of reporting that supposedly "objective" media outlets do. Moreover, they're relatively open about their biases, so readers have the ability to evaluate whether the information being put forth is simply to reinforce a certain worldview.

What blogs have mostly proved is that you don't need some sort of journalistic pedigree to analyze issues the way editorial boards and op-ed columnists do.

And bloggers rise and fall based on their own merits; poor columnists, on the other hand, keep their jobs if they happen to be subsidized by an otherwise excellent paper.

The effect has been that people have started seeking out blogs that match their own worldviews rather than trusting the judgment of high-end-nightly newspaper editors. Traditionalists worry about the effect of people tuning only into media outlets that confirm their own worldview, but at least the process of doing so acknowledges the presence of ideology — unlike traditional media who disingenuously pretend to be voices of pure reason.

The "objectivity" claimed by traditional outlets has always been something of a farce — subjectivity enters a news story in a number of ways, from the people chosen to be quoted in it (and whether misleading claims they make are rebutted) to whether the story runs above the fold on the front or buried on B17. And although ideologically rooted opinion magazines like The New Republic and The Weekly Standard certainly report from a viewpoint, that doesn't mean that their facts are false. It's merely a matter of separating analysis from reporting and recognizing ideological predispositions, which I think most Americans are smart enough to do.

So while the effect of a traditional-media culture is a populace that largely accepts spoon-fed facts, blogs and other new media encourage people to recognize inherent viewpoints and to question everything. In times like these, when government secrecy is at a high and we're told to accept broaches on civil liberties without asking why, I think we're better off with a distrustful, questioning public than one that takes everything at face value. Not to mention that a democratization of political debate will help loosen the grip of power and privilege on the framing of important issues.

But you didn't need me to tell you that.

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OUT OF THE SUNSET...



BRAD LUTTRELL | STAFF
David and Deborah Carmical walk their dog, Harley, at the UK Arboretum last night at sunset. The Carmicals also have a daughter who attends UK.

Hamas makes gains in election

RAMALLAH, West Bank — Hamas won a large share of the vote Wednesday as Palestinians selected their first new parliament in a decade, but appeared to fall short of deposing the governing Fatah movement as the leading party in the legislature.

An exit poll conducted in coordination with the Palestinian election commission showed that neither Fatah nor Hamas achieved a majority in the 132-seat legislature, meaning that the next Palestinian Cabinet will comprise a coalition of parties. But by gaining near parity with Fatah in parliament, Hamas — formally known as the Islamic Resistance Movement — will have a major role in the Palestinian Authority and complicate efforts to revive a dormant U.S.-backed peace plan that runs counter to the party's campaign platform in key respects.

The poll, conducted by Beir Zeit University, projected Fatah winning 63 seats and Hamas 56 seats, leaving the Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine and an assortment of leftist and independent parties far behind.

A second poll by the Palestinian Center for Policy and Survey Research, also conducted in coordination with the election commission, showed Fatah winning 56 seats to Hamas' 53 seats. But the poll said that at least eight seats remained too close to predict. Officials results are expected Thursday.

"We knew that Hamas had this strength," said Ghassan Khatib, the Palestinian Authority's planning minister, who does not belong to either party. Having them inside the council, abiding by its laws and regulations, hopefully will be better than having them outside. Now competition will be based on legal politics, rather than outside the law

in the streets."

Election officials and observers reported no serious problems either as the result of Israeli security measures or Palestinian factional rivalry that had threatened to disrupt voting in several districts in the West Bank and Gaza Strip. The officials said 77 percent of the 1.3 million registered Palestinian voters cast ballots on a brisk day, far surpassing the turnout in last year's presidential race.

In an initial assessment, a member of one international observer mission described the voting as "a generally smooth process with only sporadic violence and a robust turnout." The observer from the National Democratic Institute/Carter Center delegation, who declined to be named because of the preliminary nature of his evaluation, said his team had received only isolated reports of problems with voting materials.

The only apparent violation, the observer said, was the active campaigning that occurred throughout the day despite a Palestinian election law that requires campaigning to end 24 hours before the start of voting. But because all parties appeared to be violating the rule, the observer said, "at this point it doesn't appear to be a serious impediment to the election."

The atmosphere was celebratory here in Ramallah, where cars bearing the green banner of Hamas or the black-and-white keffiyehs of Fatah jammed the streets. Each party appeared to have well-organized efforts to ensure its supporters made it to the polls.

The last parliamentary voting in 1996 led to a Fatah-dominated legislature, which has now been expanded by 50 percent. Mahmoud Abbas, the president of the Palestinian Authority and leader of Fatah, postponed the elec-

tions in July 2005 to secure an election law more favorable to his party.

At the El Birih Girls Secondary School, Hamas supporters set up a card table with a bound voter-registration list and laptop computer loaded with a database of all voters and their assigned polling stations. Hamas activists said they were helping anyone who had questions, not just those who supported their movement.

"I saw Hamas closer to the people, closer to the feelings and problems of the people," said Hassan Hamud, 44, a Hamas supporter who works for the Palestinian Water Authority. "They are honest men. The others have made many promises, but we have only seen corruption."

Hamas, formally known as the Islamic Resistance Movement, has built its popularity over the years through patient political organizing, charity work and an unyielding position regarding Israel. The party's charter calls for Israel's destruction, and Hamas armed wing has carried out numerous deadly attacks on Israeli civilians, police and soldiers.

The secular Fatah movement is suffering from generational divisions and a reputation for corrupt, ineffective government, although the Palestinian Authority's executive branch will remain under Abbas.

Abbas, who has threatened to resign as president if he is unable to carry out his program after the elections, will now appoint a prime minister who must form a Cabinet approved by parliament.

Although it is theoretically possible that Hamas could form the next government, it is expected that Fatah would be invited to do so and join with the nationalist and leftist parties to forge a parliamentary majority.

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