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Above: Nelson Ng, an 11-year-old fifth-grader from Lexington, takes a closer look at his sheet music as he practices at the Singletary Center Recital Hall for UK's Pianofest. **Below:** Jon Roller conducts students during a Pianofest rehearsal. Allison Powell, a 12-year-old sixth-grader from Lexington, is among the students practicing for their recital tomorrow night that will conclude the weeklong camp.

A crescendo of young talent

Camp coaches young pianists to transform solo acts into ensemble performances

By Chris Weis
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Thirty young pianists, ranging in age level from first grade to seniors in high school, began to hone their skills with the piano this week at UK's Pianofest 2007.

For many, the camp looks to teach a new skill that piano players often lack even if they decide to continue with the instrument in college: playing as a group.

The piano is often thought of as an individual instrument and practicing it usually becomes a solitary activity, said Cathy Roland, co-executive director of the event. But UK's Pianofest seeks to change that conception for those who participate, she said.

Pianofest 2007 gives campers "a rare opportunity" to perform in ensembles, said Vicki McKay the event's other co-executive director.

"Even some of our college kids who come in don't have that experience," said McKay, director of the Piano Preparatory Program at the UK School of Music.

"(Performing in an ensemble) requires slightly different skills than solo literature reading."

This set of skills includes keeping count and following a conductor. Pianofest classes go beyond keyboard lessons, though. Campers play handbells and percussion instruments, and design stage scenery. All activities are important to being a well-rounded musician, McKay said.

The emphasis on ensemble work emanates from the goals of Pianofest, Roland said. The main goals of the event are for the campers to do their very best and enjoy sharing their music with one another, she said.

"Our experiences in music can help each other to grow," Roland said. "Older students are able to set examples for younger students, and younger students have an enthusiasm we all benefit from."

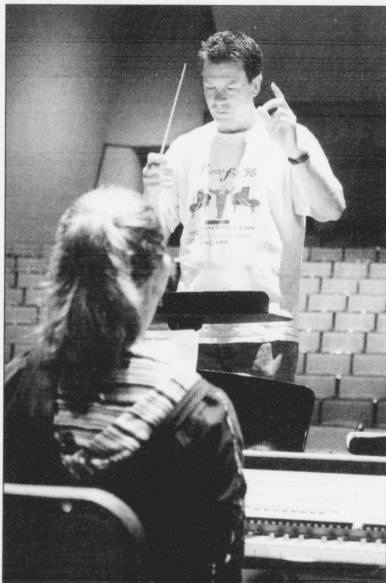
Pianofest is multigenerational and is open to all skill levels, Roland said. The campers did not have to audition or meet a standard to participate.

The event is a celebration of

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"Music needs to be accessible and enjoyed by everyone."

CATHY ROLAND
Co-executive Director of Pianofest 2007



UK's new assistant coach fills 'dream post'

By James Pennington
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UK's football coaching staff officially welcomed Dontae Wright as the new graduate assistant coach on Monday.

Wright, who graduated from Lawrence County High School in Louisa, Ky., admits to being a lifelong UK fan and said that being hired in this position is a dream come true for him.

"To be able to coach for a school that I love is a great feeling," Wright said. Wright played linebacker at Miami (Ohio) University from 2003-06. After he graduated in May 2007 with a bachelor's degree in physical education, he moved to Lexington to pursue a dream of coaching.

"I've always wanted to coach," he said. Wright, the defensive graduate assistant, will perform several duties for the squad. He will be helping coach the linebackers and will scout opposing defenses and self-scout UK's defensive tendencies. He will also organize scouting reports.

Wright said he will also do "anything else that they need."

Just having the opportunity to coach is important for Wright, he said.

Wright will be working closely in Lexington with a former teammate, Gerard Parker, the offensive graduate assistant, was a close friend of Wright during high school.

Wright said Parker, who is two years older than him, often gave him rides to school.

At UK their friendship will continue to flourish, Parker said. Wright will concentrate on defense while Parker concentrates on offense and the two will be working together closely, Parker said.

Wright will use Parker's offensive expertise to help compile his defensive scouting reports, he said.

Likewise, Parker will use Wright's defensive mind to assist with his offensive scouting reports. Also, the two will work together on the special teams.

Parker believes that Wright has what it takes to

be an effective coach. Wright brings great football knowledge to this staff, Parker said. Since Wright played four years of Division I football, he'll immediately have the respect of the players and will be able to communicate well with the players, Parker said.

"He is very charismatic," Parker said. "He can set out to be a very vocal leader."

Wright is joining the UK coaching staff at a good time, as the Cats are coming off their best season in years.

"We're going to work as hard as we can to take care of our expectations," Wright said.

Working for a school he loves, Wright said he is excited to have a chance to be a part of a team that may surprise people across the nation in 2007.

The Southeastern Conference is one of the top football conferences in the country, Wright said. Fortunately, UK has the right attitude to succeed in such a tough conference, Wright said.

"All they care about is winning," Wright said. "They got a little taste of it last year and now all they want is to take it to the next level. I truly believe that this could be the year for a breakout."

SG continues search for adviser

By Blair Thomas
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Student Government's search for an adviser may take longer than originally planned, but SG President Nick Phelps is confident that the hiring process is underway.

"I'd say in two to three weeks we will have a good pool of candidates," Phelps said. The job was approved earlier this week by UK Human Resources and is posted on higher education job Web sites as well as UK Jobs.

"It will be a national search," said SG Vice President Brittany Langdon. "We're hoping by July 1 we'll have found someone."

SG approved the adviser position at its first summer senate meeting on May 29 and will pay 45 percent of the adviser's salary, which is more than \$50,000.

This salary has been established by the university and is just a standard base pay, from what we understand," Langdon said. "Student Government will only be involved in paying our adviser this year. After the '07-'08 school year, it will be paid for by Student Affairs."

The adviser will help move resolutions that are passed by the SG Senate to the campus administrators who can address the concerns of the legislation and apply them to UK.

"The main reason we want an adviser is for transitions," Phelps said. "It is important as new Student Government administrations come in for someone to be there that has seen how the past president ran things."

While hiring an adviser would help the Senate reach the students, the position will only be filled when the right applicant is found, Phelps said.

"If we don't find someone we like, we won't have an adviser," Phelps said. "We aren't required to fill the position, this is something Student Government decided to look into to help us better serve the students."

Phelps and other SG members will play a role in interviewing applicants along with members of Student Affairs. He said he hopes to find someone with past experience in a student government organization.

While waiting to hire an adviser, SG is promoting its Leadership Development Program, which replaced the Freshman Representative Council, during the summer advising conferences.

"We felt like FRC wasn't really doing what we wanted it to," Langdon said. "The new program is designed to involve new students who are interested in developing leadership skills and obtaining leadership positions on campus."

UK redefines benefits

Staff Report

UK announced changes to its plan to provide health benefits to employee's domestic partners on Monday.

The changes come after Kentucky Attorney General Greg Stumbo questioned the constitutionality of UK's original domestic partner benefits plan, saying it too closely categorized domestic partners and traditional married couples of a man and a woman. Stumbo based his opinion on the amendment to the Kentucky constitution stating that only a male and a female could legally marry. Stumbo advised both UK and the University of Louisville, who had a similar health benefits plan, that the qualifications for the domestic partner benefits were ultimately too specific.

"The attorney general suggested UK was creating a status that was akin to marriage, which is prohibited under the Kentucky constitution," said UK spokesman Jay Blanton.

The new program would extend insurance coverage to one adult dependent and that dependent's children, Blanton said.

Key changes in the plan include a new sponsored dependent program as opposed to domestic partner benefits. The sponsored dependent program would allow non-family members to be covered.

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HOROSCOPES

By Linda C. Black
To get the advantage, check the day's rating: 10 is the easiest day, 0 the most challenging.

Aries (March 21-April 19) — Today is an 8 — Postpone travel and stop daydreaming; there's too much work to be done. Don't do it for the money, do it for the family.

Taurus (April 20-May 20) — Today is a 6 — You're entering a fascinating phase. For the next four weeks, you'll soak up new information like a sponge. Learn a new language or master another craft.

Gemini (May 21-June 21) — Today is a 7 — You're going into a very strong financial phase right now. For several weeks, you can make lots of money. Keeping it is up to you.

Cancer (June 22-July 22)

— Today is an 8 — You're entering your most favored phase of the year. For the next four weeks, you'll have a strong advantage. Squash the competition with grace and style and a smile.

Leo (July 23-Aug. 22) — Today is a 7 — The difficult task is to keep what you gain. It'll tend to slip through your fingers. Do not sit down with the gang for a friendly game of poker.

Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) — Today is a 7 — Your social calendar will be packed for the next four weeks. Let your family know you'll get back to them as soon as you can.

Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) — Today is a 7 — Do more listening than talking. That's a difficult assignment. Carry it out and you'll discover some things you've been doing the hard way.

Scorpio (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) — Today is a 7 — In the next four weeks, you'll find lots of ways to increase your influence. You'll find new markets to de-

velop and new areas to explore. This will also, quite often, be fun.

Sagittarius (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) — Today is an 8 — You're in a good position to take on more authority. This will put you in a better place regarding benefits. So make the move.

Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) — Today is a 7 — What you're learning doesn't make sense when compared with what you've been told. Proceed with caution and learn to tell fact from fiction.

Aquarius (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) — Today is a 7 — Some things you will have to buy. Others are optional. Consult with your team before you decide or there will be trouble.

Pisces (Feb. 19-March 20) — Today is a 7 — Everybody doesn't always agree, obviously. Right now it seems like nobody wants to "just get along." Be patient and creative.

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RANDOM SUMMER THOUGHTS

Us Weekly investigates the idle chatter and pressing questions dominating water cooler conversations everywhere

What Was Up With the Sopranos Finale?

The only conclusive answer to questions raised by the June 10 send-off was: No, your cable did not fizzle out. Series creator David Chase's decision to abruptly cut to black as Meadow (Jamie-Lynn Sigler) joined her family at a diner confused and upset many fans. Were the Sopranos about to get whacked by the shady guy at the counter? Was it simply a reminder of the tension Tony (James Gandolfini) must always live with? Postshow complaints crashed HBO's Web site. Still, costar Lorraine Bracco tells Us, "It is the end. That, I can tell you." And Michael Imperioli said he was "happy with the way the show ended" at a finale party at the Hard Rock Hotel & Casino in Hollywood, Florida. As Us TV critic John Griffiths reasons, "Any ultra-dramatic ending would have seemed pat or predictable" — something Chase would never have done.

What if Jennifer Had Played Mariane Pearl?

Angelina Jolie's performance in *A Mighty Heart* is already generating Oscar buzz. Yet, back in 2003, it was assumed Aniston would star as the slain Wall Street Journal reporter's widow, as she owned the film rights with Brad Pitt and producer Brad Grey via their company, Plan B. But as fate would have it, the couple

divorced. Pitt became Plan B's sole owner and the lead went to Pitt's new gal, Jolie. Us film critic Thelma Adams thinks it's for the better: "Jen would've been great in, say, *Knocked Up*, but she doesn't have the range for this role."

What Does Amy Winehouse Look Like Without Makeup?

That stuff that the British singer, 23, has called "my war paint"? She didn't pile it on so thick — or tease her hair so high — back in 2004. Still, that same year, she maintained, "I'm a high-glamour girl."

Is Isaiah Really 'Mad as Hell'?

In a word, yes. "He is furious," says a source close to the axed Grey's Anatomy actor, 43, who, in the wake of his firing, released a statement repeating the iconic line from the 1976 film *Network*: "I'm mad as hell, and I'm not going to take it anymore." Explains the source, "He meant what he said. It is not a joke. They asked him to do certain things to keep his job" — the star went to counseling and taped an anti-hate public-service ad after using a homophobic slur against costar T.R. Knight — "and they fired him anyway." ABC had no comment.

How Long Will This Volume Trend Last?

Expect to see billowy styles for at least two more seasons, says Us fashion director Sasha Charnin Morrison, citing the loose trousers, big knits and trapeze dresses in upcoming collections from YSL to H&M. "It doesn't hurt that it's a more forgiving, comfortable style." But designer Michael Kors, for his part, is already over the look: "I think everyone's going to look back and say, 'Why was I wearing a maternity dress? I wasn't pregnant!'"

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Does Nicole Weigh Enough to Support a Pregnancy?

Rumors flew after Richie, 25, was recently photographed with a tiny belly and visiting a reproductive clinic. (Reps for her and beau Joel Madden, 28, had no comment.) To be expected, the 5-foot-1, estimated 85-pound starlet would need to have enough body fat to ovulate in the first place (or take fertility drugs). Plus, if she suffers from an eating disorder — something she has repeatedly denied — she would face health hazards. "With malnourished patients, you worry about miscarriage," says Khalil Tabsh, clinical professor of obstetrics at the David Geffen School of Medicine at UCLA. And while a woman her size could carry to term, "there is a risk of premature delivery or low birth weight."

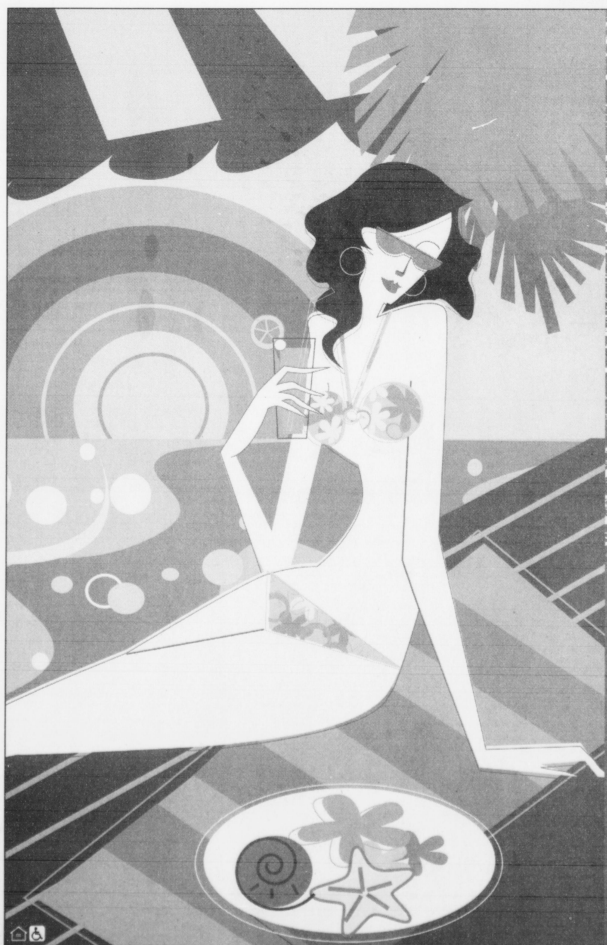
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CD REVIEWS

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MoZella / Will

On her debut album, Detroit native MoZella creates sweet, poppy female vocals with hand-clapping, catchy electronic beats and the artist joins the ranks of Nelly Furtado, Macy Gray and Joss Stone with her music. This album is a perfect summer release with its infectious urban sound mixed with amazing vocals. "Amnesia" is an anthem for the angry and heartbroken, while "Last \$20" is an adorable ballad for the unemployed. Although dudes will dig her delicious style, this album is truly for the ladies.

DJ Jazzy Jeff *The Return of the Magnificent*

This is only the second solo release in a career of countless collaborations. This album puts the "jazz" in DJ Jazzy Jeff with rolling pianos, silky grooves and satisfying, head-nodding beats. Laced over his tightly produced tracks are some of the best emcees in the hip-hop game including Kel Spencer, Rhymefest, J. Live, Big Daddy Kane, Method Man and C.L. Smooth. *The Return of the Magnificent* brings old-school into the new millennium, and Jeff's sound is just as amazing and innovative as it was 20 years ago when he arrived on the scene with the Fresh Prince.



The White Stripes *Icky Thump*

On the latest release from the Detroit minimalist duo, nasty and gritty guitar riffs and Jack White's haunting voice are reminiscent of the group's early albums. Hard and in-your-face tracks such as "Icky Thump" mingle with low-key sweetness like "300 M.P.H. Torrential Outdoor Blues."

Most of the songs are uniquely Jack and Meg, and long-time fans will love it. "Conquest" sounds as if it could have been lifted from a Jethro Tull album while "Prickly Thorn, But Sweetly Worm" is a shining tribute to the group's country-bluegrass roots. This band does so much with so little, and their true talent is obvious on this release.

FYI: Spinning Soon

- *Fire Up the Blades*, 3 Inches of Blood
- *Easy Tiger*, Ryan Adams
- *Build A Nation*, Bad Brains
- *Mix-Up*, Beastie Boys
- *My December*, Kelly Clarkson
- *Give Me Your Soul*, King Diamond
- *Theology*, Sinead O'Connor
- *Live at the Gorge*, Pearl Jam

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Devin the Dude *Writing to Inhale*

Dirty South rap at its finest. Relaxed and armed with fiercely dry wit, "the Dude" presents social commentary in a slyly humorous way and makes it a point to never get serious except about his love for a certain illegal substance. The production is smooth with delicious beats, jazzy horns and rollicking southern swagger. This album is not for the faint of heart or easily offended — Devin the Dude is a throwback in the key of Richard Pryor.

Be sure to pick up the album tomorrow night at The Dame, 156 W. Main St., when Devin the Dude throws down with CunninLynguists, Sheisty Khrist and Bobby Creekwater.

'A Mighty Heart' honors memory of slain Jewish journalist

By Gina Piccolo
Los Angeles Times

HOLLYWOOD — In some ways it's hard for Dan Futterman to talk about Daniel Pearl, the slain Wall Street Journal reporter Futterman portrays in the new film "A Mighty Heart." Kidnapped in 2002 by terrorists while he was on assignment in Karachi, Pakistan, Pearl was brutally murdered, a videotape of his death providing a gruesome postscript.

The film, which co-stars Angelina

Jolie as Pearl's wife, Mariane, and details her view of the exhaustive search for her husband, doesn't lend itself to pat observations or glib opining. It's a wrenching story, and Pearl, whose murder was broadcast across the world, has become emblematic of a more savage strain of terrorism that continues to this day.

All this weighed on Futterman as he settled into the booth of a diner near his home in Los Angeles to talk about the film.

"I remember at the time hearing

about Danny Pearl during that period and seeing Mariane being interviewed," he said.

But before he committed to the project, he said, "it was important to me to know that it was something that had Mariane's blessing and involvement."

Futterman said director Michael Winterbottom's documentary style of shooting — no rehearsals, long takes, improvisation, no lights, no call for "action" — not only added a sense of urgency to the story but also added au-

thenticity to his portrayal of Pearl.

The film, which opens tomorrow, is based on Mariane's 2003 book, and she ultimately helped guide Futterman, corresponding with him via e-mail, giving him insight on her marriage and odd bits of detail on Pearl's personality.

She also introduced Futterman to the son that Pearl never met, Adam, now 5.

Futterman also spoke to Pearl's close colleagues ASFA Nomani and Steve LeVine, the Wall Street Journal

folks who kept vigil and searched tirelessly for Pearl, until a videotape of his murder was released four weeks after he disappeared. He even met with Pearl's fixer, or intermediary, Asif, the man who unwittingly introduced Pearl to his killer.

In the end, Futterman chose to portray Pearl as he believed Pearl saw himself.

"This was a genuinely good person with a genuinely good heart," Futterman said of Pearl. "Capturing that was something of a challenge."

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Overhaul benefits university, employees

KERNEL EDITORIAL

UK is making all the right moves.

This week, UK reshaped its plan to provide health benefits to employees' domestic partners in response to a statement by Kentucky Attorney General Greg Stumbo that said UK's plan, as well as the University of Louisville's plan, was unconstitutional.

In an effort to keep something that is ultimately a boon for the university, UK is making a stand for a cause that it believes in.

Stumbo deemed UK's plan unconstitutional because it allowed for domestic partners to have some of the same rights as a male and female married couple. The state constitution defines marriage as a union between a man and woman.

Stumbo's announcement was a blow to UK, which had set up the partner benefits plan only a few months earlier.

The plan, however, was a step in the right direction for the university. UK showed compassion to its workers, however small a minority they might be, and showed that its message — "an equal opportunity university," which appears on every UK business card — is not a message that the school takes for granted.

The benefits, which cater to a small portion of the employees at UK, do so in order to create an atmosphere for equality. Further, it shows that UK is committed to all of its workers, a fact that was doubted when UK announced it would raise faculty wages higher than staff wages.

Many members of UK's Board of Trustees are in favor of a plan that gives domestic partner benefits.

The majority of the faculty is also in favor of domestic partner benefits, faculty trustee Jeff Dembo told the Kernel in April. "This will undoubtedly be good for the university because

the more complex our academic community becomes, the more different our individual needs become," Dembo said.

In an April 24 Kernel article, board members said that the decision to offer partner benefits was made to ensure that UK is competitive in the university job market.

"What we are providing is just access to benefits," said UK general counsel Barbara Jones. "It doesn't establish any type of relationship."

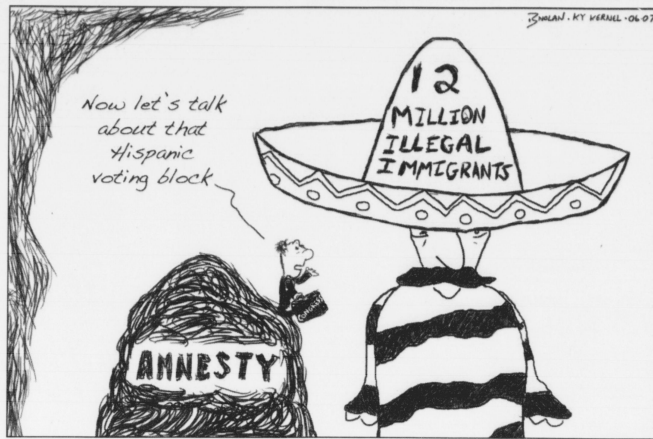
Stumbo also said that if the wording of UK and UofL's plans was expanded to encompass a wider demographic, not necessarily just same-sex couples, the partner-benefits plan would follow the lines of the state constitution.

The move that UK made did exactly that, rewording the plan to include not partners but "adult-sponsored dependents," or people who live with UK employees.

But there is still opposition to this move, especially from Republican State Representative Stan Lee, who says the plan still specifically targets same-sex partners for its health benefits.

However, UK is right to stay firm in its judgment to keep the plan. In an effort to diversify our university and make it as user-friendly and worker-friendly as possible, UK should look to cater to all parties, no matter how small. The domestic partner benefits plan is one that will keep UK on the right track to becoming a top university and one that can compete with other universities who similarly cater to minorities in an effort to bring equal opportunity.

UK will undoubtedly continue to receive criticism for the decision that it has made to keep this plan, but that criticism should fall on deaf ears.



BRETT NOLAN, Kernel cartoonist

Students finance state initiative

The endowment at UK has more than doubled in the last decade and now sits comfortably above \$2 billion. One would naturally assume that an increased endowment would, conversely, translate into a more affordable education (especially at a public institution).

That assumption would be wrong. Tuition rates have managed to easily outpace the increased budget during this period and skyrocketed upward at 164 percent.

According to UK's own budget reports, student contributions through tuition and fees have gone from \$114 million in 2001 to \$217 million in

2006. Thus it takes a decade for an endowment to double, yet only five for tuition. Essentially, students are subsidizing a substantial portion of the University's efforts to attain "top-20" status as a public research institution.

However, being frustrated with the university is misplacing your anger. It was actually the commonwealth of Kentucky's idea to require — by law — that UK reach "top-20" status. Unfortunately, the state lacks the courage of its conviction. In the 10 years, state appropriations have, overall, declined considerably (from 27.1 percent in 1998 to 16.2 percent in 2006), according to an article in the Lexington Herald-Leader. The university has no choice but to compensate for budget shortfalls by looking to students.

Feeling a bit exploited as a pupil does not come without reason. In 1997, the majority of current students were not even old enough to vote. Additionally, the General Assembly failed to mention that students would foot an increasing portion of the bill. Remember that when paying tuition this fall.

Achieving top-20 status is an admirable goal, but those who proposed the idea should bear the most responsibility in bringing it to fruition. The next time you see a politician tout Kentucky's budget surplus, realize the surplus could be used to meet the General Assembly's previous obligations. That money was pulled from your pocket through tuition and state taxes. Now, it's time to ask for it back — we could use it.

BRENDEN CONRAD
Guest columnist

Summer construction a necessary evil

KERNEL EDITORIAL

Many fresh faces can be seen on and around campus this summer during UK's freshman advising conferences. This year, it's no surprise to see some of those faces looking confused. Not only do the freshmen-to-be have to struggle with finding their way around their future campus, they might also find themselves confused by the construction taking place.

Summer is a time when many of those new faces are seeing UK's campus for the first time.

University officials are undoubtedly concerned with making a good impression, but summer construction might serve to do exactly the opposite. However, the alternative — doing most of the construction during the fall and spring semesters — would be much worse for the university.

Construction at UK's Chandler Hospital is ongoing and won't wrap up until 2011, when the new building's doors officially open to patients. This construction can be understood, as the hospital will work to serve

both the university and the state in better ways — and help to propel UK into the rankings as a top-20 public research institution.

However, UK — and the city of Lexington, for that matter — is smart to complete other construction efforts, such as repaving roads and replacing pipes in areas around South Limestone, during the summer when the campus and the city have smaller populations.

Even though construction on campus may be unpleasant for incoming freshmen and new students who are visiting UK for the first time, it is much better to get it finished before campus becomes more crowded in the fall.

New students coming to visit campus in the summer may be a little put off by the amount of noise, the amount of dust and digging and also confused by the blocked-off streets, but it is still better that construction takes place now, than in the fall when campus is far more crowded.

Liberals would love for you to believe that all conservatives are science-hating, religious fundamentalists. What they don't tell you is that, although groups like that exist, it is the left wing in this country that is determined to wipe science out of existence.

We are told all our lives that religion and science cannot coexist. We've been taught that throughout history religion has been the cause of scientific setback. Modern day is no different. We all remember watching the movies in high school about how the Spanish Inquisition persecuted the poor scientists for speaking out about new ideas. We were taught that Galileo was forced to recant his discoveries for fear of death by the religious elite. Time after time we were forced to accept the fact that religion has, and always will be, a thorn in the side of science.

This anti-religion indoctrination is absolutely necessary in order for liberals to prevail. If people don't grow up believing that it is the religious right who hate science, they might realize it's the liberals.

Liberals, like those who persecuted Galileo for being a freethinker, pick the scientific discoveries they like and try to shout down any opposing opinions. Take the recent liberal protesting of Dr. James W. Holsinger, a professor in UK's College of Public Health and chair in UK's Health Services, to be the country's next surgeon general as a prime example. Holsinger graduated from Duke University with both his M.D. and his Ph.D. in anatomy and physiology. He now helps lead UK's quest to be a top-20 public research university. If there's ever a man who has spent a great deal of his time studying science, Holsinger is that man. Unfortunately for the left wing in this country, some of his research doesn't exactly fit with their liberal agenda.

In 1991, Holsinger published a paper titled "Pathophysiology of Male Homosexuality" where he explored the belief that homosexuality is both (gasp!) unnatural and unhealthy. The paper has been described as a compilation of scientific peer-reviewed studies, and not the doctor's personal beliefs. That, however, has not silenced the science-hating liberals.

The Human Rights Campaign claimed that "his writings suggest a scientific view rooted in anti-gay beliefs," and have therefore protested his science-hating liberalism.

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Yes, you read that right. The Human Rights Campaign is protesting his nomination based on a view, which they agree is scientific. Where are the open-minded liberals we have been told to believe in?

Despite what liberals want you to believe, they don't love science. Their "love" of science is just another lie they parade around to score points on cable TV. Nothing can make a liberal more intellectual than explaining that they aren't blinded by "religious bigotry" like their conservative opponent. If only that were true.

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In 2006, when President George

W. Bush vetoed a bill to fund stem-cell research, liberals once again seized the opportunity to remind Americans that they were the true defenders of science. Sen. Dick Durbin (D-Ill.) championed this label by calling the president's veto a "decision by the president to stand in the way of sound science and medical research," according to his Senate Web site.

Durbin and his liberal comrades love medical research as long as it involves destroying embryos, and not discussing the unhealthy side effects of sodomy.

Another way the left has tried to demonize conservatives is by accusing us of indoctrinating our kids with silly ideas like creationism. And as always, it is the liberal movement doing the damage.

Indoctrination of radical ideas is a cornerstone of liberal ideology. At Roger Williams University in Bristol, R.I., students were told that they would not graduate if they didn't watch Al Gore's "fictitious" movie, "An Inconvenient Truth."

Now we know why the Democrats are always campaigning for lower interest rates on student loans. They want to make sure every teen in America has the chance to be whisked away to a university where they are failed if they don't agree to a little bit of liberal brainwashing.

If it is the conservative movement that is full of science-hating, close-minded fundamentalists, why are the liberals forcing people to accept their beliefs? If liberalism is fostered by a free-thinking environment, why are those with opposing viewpoints like Holsinger shouted down? Shouldn't his viewpoint be discussed, instead of protested?

Liberals love to accuse conservatives of being science-hating fundamentalists. They're just hoping you don't realize it's the other way around.

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SPORTS BRIEFS

Men's tennis adds two recruits

Two new recruits will join the men's tennis team for the upcoming season, head coach Dennis Emery announced Monday. Alberto Gonzalez of Miami, Fla., and Alexis Musialek of Dax, France, both added their names to the two recruits, Will Beck and Brad Cox, who have already joined the team.

"We wanted to dramatically improve our overall talent level in singles and doubles," Emery said in a news release. "We have done that with this class."

Musialek advanced to the quarterfinals of the French Championships in singles and the finals in doubles in 2005. "Alexis is a baseline player who is a great competitor," Emery said.

As a junior player, Gonzalez notched an International Tennis Association ranking of 45. A native of Panama, he has also represented his home country multiple times in the Davis Cup.

"Alberto is someone we targeted as a premier prospect," Emery said. "He is a super talent who should step right into our lineup in singles and doubles."

Gonzalez and earlier signee Cox played together at the famous Bollettieri Tennis Academy in Florida, where other notable players such as Andre Agassi, Monica Seles, Boris Becker, Anna Kournikova and the Williams sisters all trained.

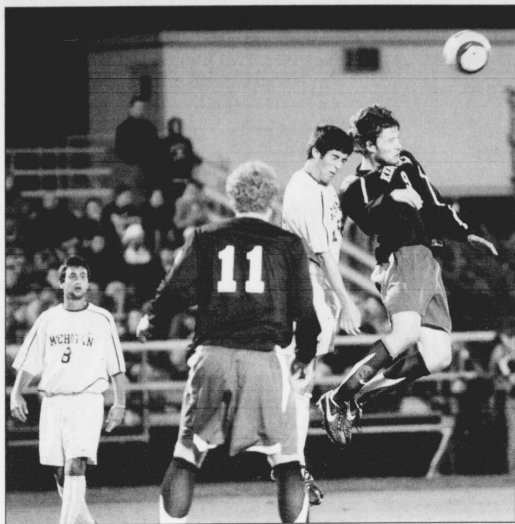
"These four guys are great players, but they all have tremendous character adding to our excitement," Emery said.

Former UK golfer returns as coach

Former UK women's golfer Kelly Anders will again join the Cats as their new assistant coach this upcoming season, head coach Myra Blackwelder announced Monday.

Anders joins UK from Ole Miss, where she has been for the last three years. She helped the Lady Rebels to 11 top-10 finishes. Anders has already been part of the UK coaching staff, having been a volunteer head coach for a season in 2004.

When she played for UK, Anders captained her squad and was ranked as high as No. 23 in the nation by Golfweek as a se-



ANDREW HUGGINS/STAFF

Former UK forward Riley O'Neill, right, vies for possession of the ball during last season's loss at home against Michigan. In the coming season, the Cats play one less home game, but will host traditionally tougher teams.

rior. During her amateur playing career after UK, Anders won the 2001 Kentucky Open Championship in Louisville.

"It is an honor and a privilege to work for such an outstanding institution that is rich in pride and tradition," Anders said in a news release. "I was blessed to be able to represent the Lady Cats in college, and I look forward to the challenge of assisting Coach Blackwelder in getting the program back to a national level."

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NEWS BRIEFS

UKPD seeks suspect in attempted kidnapping

The UK Police Department is investigating an attempted kidnapping of a minor at Shawneetown Apartments, on University Court. The incident occurred between 5:45 p.m. and 6 p.m. Tuesday, according to a UK news release.

The suspect is described as a black male in his 50s. He was 5 feet, 9 inches tall with short black hair, a mustache and a goatee. He wore black glasses and a short-sleeved white shirt with light blue stripes, according to the release. He was driving a

purple, 4-door car. Anyone who has information on the incident can contact UKPD at 559-257-1616.

Tougher passport rules to be delayed

Facing a torrent of complaints from travelers unable to get passports, Homeland Security Secretary Michael Chertoff announced yesterday that the government will delay for at least six months new rules that require Americans to show passports to get back into the country by land or sea.

As recently as last week, he and other top officials insisted

they would move forward with the plan, sought by the 9/11 Commission to stop terrorists from entering the country with false or easily forged documents.

But confronted with mounting opposition from lawmakers and the public, who say the three-month backlogs for passports were disrupting the travel plans of tens of thousands, Chertoff agreed to change course and delay the change.

As of Jan. 31, land and sea travelers returning from Canada, Mexico, the Caribbean, and Bermuda will be able to use a

birth certificate and driver's license in lieu of a passport, he said. However, they will no longer be able to enter the country simply by saying they are citizens, as they can now.

Chertoff said he hopes to require passports or other secure documents by summer 2008. Officials have also delayed the rule for air travelers to Canada, Mexico and the Caribbean until Sept. 30 of this year, saying they will accept a driver's license and a printout from a State Department site showing they have applied for a passport.

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made by anyone and everyone, Roland said. "Not every person who plays piano is going to have a career in music," Roland said. "Music needs to be accessible and enjoyed by everyone."
McKay thinks the structure of Pianofest is liberating, allowing campers to "go out on limbs" with their talent. "With the aspect of compe-

titution eliminated, they are free to explore the limits of their abilities," McKay said.

"Music of the American West," a Gala Concert taking place tomorrow, will feature performances from campers, staff and counselors, who are also students in the UK School of Music, Roland said. The Gala Concert will be at 7 p.m. in the Recital Hall in the Singletary Center for the Arts. General admission tickets are \$10.

BENEFITS

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adults who have shared residence with a covered UK employee for at least a year to receive health benefits.
The only qualifier to the health benefits, Blanton said, is proof that the dependent has lived with the employee for 12 months.
The new plan will not be something that will be widely used. Only a small number of

UK's employees will ultimately use the domestic partners benefits plan, Blanton said.

"We have no precise estimates, but we don't predict that the number of employees who will use this benefit will increase, or a need for funding to increase," Blanton said.
Calls to UK Human Resources concerning the new plan were not immediately returned.

Staff writers Blair Thomas and Chris Miles contributed to this report.

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