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Faculty worry about workload from USP proposal

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UK's proposed USP program took another step toward implementation with yesterday's first faculty forum, where the audience raised workload concerns.

The new USP requirements call for incoming freshmen in 2009 to complete 30 hours of general education courses that, with very few exceptions, would be outside major and pre-major curriculum.

The current proposal, released earlier this month, splits requirements into two 15-credit-hour halves: Community of Learners, freshman courses focused on the liberal arts and the transition into college, and Community of Citizens, courses to take anytime before graduation that emphasize ethics and critical thinking.

"It is the faculty that will bear the burden of developing these courses," said Peter Perry, a mathematics professor. "It is the faculty that will bear the consequences of inadequate prior planning."

Perry and about 30 other people at the forum questioned the workload it would require from professors to teach the proposed courses and the time teaching the new USPs would take away from their current classes in their colleges.

Provost Kumble Subbaswamy said faculty all over campus would share the responsibility of teaching the new USPs.

Musiology professor Jonathan Glixon said faculty in his department and other small colleges on campus could be forced to devote less time to their specialized subjects with the proposed USP teaching requirements.

"Most of these people have a full course load and can't reduce it," Glixon said.

The number of faculty available to teach major curriculum, much less in general education, is already small, said chemistry professor Carol Brock.

"I don't know how other departments are," Brock said. "I know chemistry is like saran wrap — we are stretched so thin we are close to breaking."

Brock also said USP requirements would put a strain on students by adding to their course load.

"If it goes through, it is going to be impossible for students to go through two semesters of chemistry and two semesters of math in their first year," Brock said.

"I don't expect making a five-year major will be acceptable," she said. "I don't know what we'll do."

The additional required courses would cause colleges to re-examine their graduation requirements, said Steven Hoch, dean of the College of Arts and Sciences and a member of the USP steering committee.

"Yes, there are some majors that will be pushed up six to nine credits," he said. "That's probably not desirable, and I think each college is going to have to revisit its requirements."

Hoch said the total costs of the new USP program will be difficult to gauge but estimated it will be "no more than \$1 million a year," which he said was "not a huge number" compared to the university's \$1.9 billion budget.

It is not known, Hoch said, how many students

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A DROP IN THE BUCKET



Above: Rain falls on the pedway over South Limestone Street that leads into Parking Structure Number Five.

Below: English and classics sophomore Spencer Dillehay and anthropology sophomore Erin Richter walk between the Patterson Office Tower and the Main Building yesterday, trying to keep their umbrella from blowing out of their hands.



The Lexington area is getting a much anticipated dose of rain. Four inches of rain fell yesterday alone, and there is a 50 percent chance of rain today. Rain is expected to continue through the end of the week with a 40 percent chance on both Thursday and Friday. Despite the recent showers, the Lexington area is still four and a quarter inches below normal yearly totals. According to the National Weather Service, Lexington is still in an extreme drought. Although recent rainfall offered a short relief, the four inches will not have much effect on the drought in the long run, said meteorologist Jim Maczko of the National Weather Service.

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Residents look to create legacy after 2010 Games

By Jennifer Graham
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When the World Equestrian Games leave Europe for the first time in history to come to Lexington in 2010, city officials want to make sure a legacy is left that will continue beyond the 16-day event.

More than 100 community members gathered yesterday at the Hyatt Regency Ballroom to discuss citizen-generated ideas for the Alltech FEI World Equestrian Games Legacy Project Initiative — a permanent community project stemming from the games that would have a lasting impact.

After a call for project proposals from the Lexington-Fayette Urban County Government, more than 140 ideas were submitted, ranging from a World Equestrian Plaza that would include an amphitheater and Lexington-themed merry-go-round, to a permanent, covered farmers' market.

"It's Lexington's time to capitalize on an opportunity that it has," said Carol Coletta, CEO and president of CEOs for Cities. "The World Equestrian Games are an unusual moment in time that gives Lexington a reason to do something special and to create legacies that are known all over the world."

Other ideas included revitalizing Third Street from Race Street to Midland Avenue, converting Main Street to a partial pedestrian mall and establishing a wireless internet zone throughout Lexington.

Yesterday's meeting was the second of three sponsored by the John S. and James L. Knight Foundation, a journalism organization also involved in community development. The meetings bring community members together to discuss the different proposals' feasibility and long-term benefit.

Charles Bohl, director of the Knight Program in Community Building at the University of Miami, said the foundation is spurring community conversation among different people and organizations that could eventually help implement and fund the project.

"The meetings are a chance to get communi-

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Prof. to lecture on 'Stopping Time'

By Juliann Vachon
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The concept of time seems obvious to most, until someone has to explain it and realizes that the notion of seconds, minutes and days is not easily defined, said Michael Cavagnero, chair of the Department of Physics and Astronomy.

Harvard physics professor Eric Mazur will discuss this concept of time in a speech titled "Stopping Time" at the Singletary Center Recital Hall today at 7 p.m., Cavagnero said.

"The connection between the philosophical and scientific aspect of time is becoming more and more frequent," he said.

After discussing historical attempts to capture events of a short duration, Mazur, a leader in science and optical physics, will present research focused on splitting a second into smaller segments.

The research involves using laser pulses to split time into millions of a billionth of a second to better study chemical reactions, nanoscale technology and sub-cellular surgery.

"His research is very interesting and cutting edge," Cavagnero said.

Today's "Stopping Time" lecture, sponsored by academic fraternity Phi Beta Kappa, is free and open to the public.

Along with scientific research, Mazur is also known for how he has changed his teaching methods, especially in science disciplines.

"His main innovation has been in the classroom, trying to get professors out of the lecture mode and instead have students participate in

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SG senate to consider expensive request

By Blair Thomas
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Student Government does not usually see a funding request for \$4,000, but tonight legislators will have to discuss something a little out of the norm.

SG Senate President Tyler Montell said the request has the potential to be the largest sum given out by SG at one time that he can remember.

"I'd imagine this legislation is going to bring some opposition," Montell said. "Student Government has never given away more than \$1,500 (for one event), so asking for this much money has the potential to be explosive."

The resolution, which was approved at last week's Appropriations and Revenue Committee meeting, is on tonight's full senate agenda. It

would give \$4,000 to help buy plane tickets for executive members of the Interfraternity Council, Panhellenic and National Pan-Hellenic Council to take a Greek service trip to New Orleans.

The group, including eight executives from the Interfraternity Council, eight from Panhellenic and eight from the National Pan-Hellenic Council, plan to travel to New Orleans on Nov. 30 for a two-day service project with the Association of Community Organizations for Reform Now. Four of those executives are SG senators.

The Interfraternity Council worked with the association last year and gutted houses destroyed by Hurricane Katrina.

"This is something members of IFC started last year, and we thought was important to continue," said Sen. Jesse Parrish, one of the resolution's sponsors and vice president of Interfraternity Council Chapter Services.

Parrish said the legislation might be changed at the meeting tomorrow night and the amount of funding requested could be lowered to near \$1,500.

"We originally requested this much money because the trip was in its planning stages, and we weren't sure how much we were going to need," Parrish said. "Looking at it now, it might not require as much funding."

Tonight the senate will also vote on giving \$785 to help pay for advertising and T-shirts for a basketball tournament being organized by UK's MAVRUK or Men Against Violence and Rape at UK.

SG's A and R committee approved \$500 for the event at its meeting last Wednesday. That request for additional money and the funding request for the New Orleans trip has to be voted on by the full senate because A and R can only give up to \$500 for a general funding request.

Possible Rupp replacement could take 5 years

By Rebecca Sweeney
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A possible replacement for Rupp Arena, which would be funded by a new proposed downtown taxing district, could take up to five years to complete.

The Lexington Center and the Downtown Development Authority approved issuance of a request for proposal Monday to hire a consultant to examine possible boundaries for a new taxing district.

The district would be established around future development, which includes the Lexington

Center, Rupp Arena and the Manchester Street area.

"The project would bring payroll tax and sales tax that people would be paying anyway, but the taxes from the area will go back to pay for the project," said Harold Tate, president and executive director of the Downtown Development Authority.

In addition to the tax increment financing, the project for a new arena may gain supplemental bonds, state bonds or money from the private sector, Tate said.

Six to nine months after being hired, the consultant would bring back a report of the area. The

next steps in creating the new taxing district would be to determine how much money to borrow, have a public hearing, seek approval of the planning commission and City Council, and send the proposal to the State Tax Increment Financing Commission in Frankfort, Tate said.

"It will be at least 18 to 30 months before the project would begin," Tate said, "and depending on the project, it could take an additional 24 to 30 months to complete, including the design and construction."

The project, which is set to cost at least

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Horoscopes

By Linda C. Black

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Aries (March 21 - April 19) Today is a 7 — You're excited, but it's important to maintain control. Name, rank and serial number. That's it.

Taurus (April 20 - May 20) Today is a 7 — No need to share your research with anyone, yet. Keep collecting data. Do ask for help in other areas of your life. Make time to study.

Gemini (May 21 - June 21) Today is a 8 — Friends pester you for more attention, but you have work to do. Get them to help, and you'll soon be way ahead in the game.

Cancer (June 22 - July 22) Today

is a 7 — A controversy erupts, which you'd just as soon avoid. Let the others argue it out, and don't let them step on you.

Leo (July 23 - Aug. 22) Today is a 7 — You're starting to get lots of new ideas. Don't race off quite yet. This is just the beginning of a very imaginative phase. Make lists, postpone action.

Virgo (Aug. 23 - Sept. 22) Today is a 7 — The possibility of getting a loan seems like a fruitful prospect. Don't fall for the sales pitch, though. Don't pay more than you earn to the sharks.

Libra (Sept. 23 - Oct. 22) Today is a 6 — You've been holding back a lot of what you've been thinking. Do that a while longer, if you want to avoid controversy. If you don't care, let 'er rip.

Scorpio (Oct. 23 - Nov. 21) Today is an 8 — Work's required, but you should be well paid for your efforts. Do it quickly and you might even get a bonus.

Sagittarius (Nov. 22 - Dec. 21) Today is a 6 — Heed an old friend's advice when it comes to romantic matters. You don't have to learn everything from your own experience.

Capricorn (Dec. 22 - Jan. 19) Today is a 7 — Don't go racing to the mall to get something you don't need. Just because it's on sale isn't a good enough excuse.

Aquarius (Jan. 20 - Feb. 18) Today is a 7 — It just got a little bit easier for you to achieve your goals. This applies especially to those you've had for a while. Check off a few before you start on the new stuff.

Pisces (Feb. 19 - March 20) Today is a 7 — More money's coming your way, without your doing much more work. It looks like you're getting a raise or a better job. If that's not happening in your life, apply for something quick.

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THE RECORD

Car Trouble

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Orlando Bloom, 30, was involved in a fender bender in L.A. October 12, when he hit a parked car.

Two female passengers riding with the star were treated for injuries; police said the actor was not under the influence of drugs or alcohol at the time.

his salary to \$200,000 an episode for the CBS drama's next season.

Madonna, 49, will leave her longtime record label, Warner Bros., to sign a \$120 million recording and touring contract with concert promoter Live Nation, per The Wall Street Journal.

No holiday break

Lost alum Michelle Rodriguez, 29, was ordered to jail on Christmas Eve to begin a six-month sentence for violating her DUI probation by failing to complete her community service and by consuming alcohol three times while wearing a monitoring device.

Busted

Rapper T.I. (real name: Clifford Harris), 27, was arrested for allegedly paying his bodyguards to buy machine guns and silencers for him hours before he was to perform at the BET Hip Hop Awards 2007 in Atlanta October 13.

Resting

Sumaire Armstrong, 26, entered an outpatient facility for several weeks "to deal" with some personal issues," her rep said October 12.

Expecting

Vincent D'Onofrio, 48, will have his second baby with wife Carin Van Der Donk, 38, this winter.

Nannies refuse buyout

A week after Howard K. Stern slapped Rita Cosby with a \$60 million libel suit (in her book, *Blonde Ambition*), she alleges that two nannies who worked for Anna Nicole Smith saw video of Stern, 38, having sex with Larry Birkhead, 34), Lincoln Bain, a Bahamian talk-show host, accused Cosby of trying to bribe the nannies' lawyer by offering to arrange a \$15,000 "photo sale" with In Touch.

Caught

A former psychiatric patient arrested on October 5 for aggravated harassment, attempted coercion and stalking Uma Thurman, 37, outside her NYC home was indicted October 11 on stalking charges. Jack Jordan, 35, had threatened to kill himself if he saw the actress with another man, prosecutors said.

Getting hitched

The Price Is Right host Drew Carey, 49, proposed to his girlfriend, culinary-school graduate Nicole Jaracz, 33, October 9. It will be the first marriage for both.

The purported reason? To get Smith's ex-employees to back up her book claim.

Cosby, 42, tells Us, "I believe my sources regarding the relationship between Stern and Birk-head were credible and accurate."

— Ian Drew

Moving

Marilyn Manson, 38, has listed the five-bedroom Chatsworth, California, house he shared with ex-wife Dita Von Teese, 35, for \$1.1 million.

Shoe business

Jerry Seinfeld's wife, Jessica, sent Oprah Winfrey, 53, a thank-you gift of 21 pairs of shoes (including Christian Louboutins, which sell at roughly \$1,000 a pair) when Jessica's cookbook, *Deceptively Delicious*, became a best-seller following her October 8 appearance on Winfrey's talk show.

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ment, and community and neighborhood building.

The workshop allowed community members to discuss the projects with the most promise and projects that could be merged for larger impact, Bohl said.

"By combining different projects and interconnecting them, Lexington is creating a whole package," Bohl said.

The next legacy meeting will be in November. For a list of the proposals visit the project's Web site (lucg.com/worldquestriangames).

USP

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will continue taking classes that have traditionally received many students because of the current USP program.

"If it's no longer a USP requirement, will psych 101 have 80 percent of the students? Sixty percent? Forty percent?" Hoch said. "We don't know. We just don't know."

Faculty and students with questions about the USP program can attend today's

forum, from 3:30 to 5 p.m. in the Worsham Theater, and Thursday's, from 3:30 to 5 p.m. in room 201 of the College of Nursing Building.

Student Government will host a student forum on the proposed changes Tuesday from 4 to 5 p.m. in the Student Center.

ARENA

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\$200 million, is an opportunity to provide better facilities not only for UK basketball, but also for other events hosted at Rupp Arena, Tate said.

"Rupp arena is almost 40 years old," Tate said. "Technology has changed, and it's hard to reuse old facilities."

Events at Rupp include concerts, family shows, motor sport events and trade shows throughout the year, with an average annual attendance for all events of

more than 850,000, according to the Rupp Arena Web site (www.rupparena.com).

"There are some events that we can't get to come to Rupp Arena because we don't have the upgraded facilities and technology to support them," Tate said.

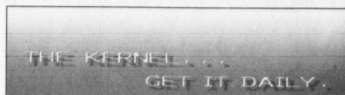
UK President Lee Todd told Lexington Mayor Jim Newberry that UK is committed to playing basketball downtown and is supportive of the concept of pursuing tax increment funding in the downtown area, UK spokesman Jay Blanton said.

UNIVERSITY OF KENTUCKY CRIME REPORT

UK police reports from Oct. 16 to Oct. 22.

- Oct. 16** Theft of wallet reported from Student Center at 11:59 a.m.
- Oct. 16** Theft of iPod and umbrella from a car reported from the Student Center at 4:24 p.m.
- Oct. 17** Alcohol intoxication reported from the corner of Avenue of Champions and Lexington Avenue at 2:40 a.m.
- Oct. 17** Arrest for alcohol intoxication reported from Pennsylvania Avenue at 3:39 a.m.
- Oct. 18** Injury accident reported from the corner of Woodland Avenue and Rose Lane at 10:24 a.m.
- Oct. 18** Drug and marijuana use reported from McDonald's on South Limestone Street at 5:48 p.m.
- Oct. 18** Theft of cell phone reported from Kirwan I at 8:41 p.m.
- Oct. 19** Drug and marijuana use reported from Holmes Hall at 12:11 a.m., and from Blanding Tower at 12:25 a.m. regarding three to four students smoking on a bench outside.
- Oct. 19** Theft of purse reported to UKPD at 10:30 a.m.
- Oct. 19** Injury accident reported from the corner of Euclid Avenue and Aylesford Place at 12:49 p.m.
- Oct. 19** Theft of cell phone reported from Memorial Hall at 1:10 p.m.
- Oct. 19** Theft of textbook reported from UK Hospital at 1:39 p.m.
- Oct. 19** Theft of bike reported from W.T. Young Library at 5:46 p.m.
- Oct. 19** Drug and marijuana use reported from Holmes Hall at 6:29 p.m.
- Oct. 20** Assault with the use of an ax reported from the corner of Kentucky Avenue and Euclid Avenue at 12:04 a.m.
- Oct. 20** Drug and marijuana use reported from the Student Center small parking lot at 12:43 a.m.
- Oct. 20** Alcohol intoxication reported from W.T. Young Library at 9:18 a.m.
- Oct. 20** Arrest for alcohol intoxication reported from Parking Garage No. 2 at 12:45 p.m.
- Oct. 20** Theft of key ring reported from UK Hospital at 3:16 p.m.
- Oct. 20** Arrest for alcohol intoxication reported from Commonwealth Stadium at 3:42 p.m., 3:47 p.m., 3:56 p.m., 4:31 p.m. and from Samaritan Hospital at 7:04 p.m.
- Oct. 20** Alcohol intoxication reported from Greg Page Apartments at 7:31 p.m.
- Oct. 20** Assault with the use of a knife while subject was walking back from Commonwealth Stadium reported from Samaritan Hospital at 9:50 p.m.
- Oct. 20** Alcohol intoxication reported from the corner of South Limestone Street and Winslow Street at 9:53 p.m.
- Oct. 21** Arrest for drug and marijuana use reported from the corner of Winslow Street and Jersey Street at 12:08 a.m.
- Oct. 21** Alcohol intoxication reported from Arby's on South Limestone Street at 12:35 a.m.
- Oct. 21** Alcohol intoxication reported from Greg Page Apartments at 1:34 a.m. regarding subjects in clown costumes with ball bats, yelling and screaming.
- Oct. 21** Alcohol intoxication reported from the corner of South Limestone Street and Colfax Street at 2:19 a.m.
- Oct. 21** Alcohol intoxication reported from UK Hospital at 6:49 p.m.
- Oct. 21** Theft of wallet reported from UK Hospital at 1:53 p.m.
- Oct. 21** Fire reported from the corner of University Court and Alumni Drive at 5:26 p.m.
- Oct. 21** Drug and marijuana use reported from Greg Page Apartments at 9:37 p.m.

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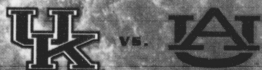
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Legion follows in Crawford's footsteps

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It is a familiar situation for UK basketball.

A highly touted guard commits to the University of Michigan, then changes his mind and re-opens his recruitment.

And when the dust settles, he announces he's headed to the Bluegrass.

In 2004, that recruit was senior guard Joe Crawford. In 2007, it is Alex Legion.

"I always liked watching Kentucky from the time they had Jamal Mashburn," the freshman point guard told USA Today after signing with UK last spring. "Kentucky has a great tradition. It's as big as you can get, and I want to be a part of that tradition."

Unlike Crawford, who came to UK to play for former head coach Tubby Smith, Legion's interest in the Cats intensified only after Smith left for the University of Minnesota last spring. In the end, Legion became head coach Billy Gillispie's first recruit at UK.

UK was barely even on his map before Gillispie arrived in Lexington, Legion said.

"They were but they weren't," he said. "I know I was looking at a lot of other schools. (UK) wasn't one of the front-runners for me."

Tradition lured Legion to UK, but he is aware of the fan and media pressures that come with playing in Lexington from watching Crawford, a fellow Michigander.

After averaging 24 points per game in high school, Crawford struggled to adjust as a freshman at UK, scoring just 3.2 points per game. His freshman year was marred with unhappiness, and Crawford decided to leave UK midway through the season before ultimately deciding to stay.

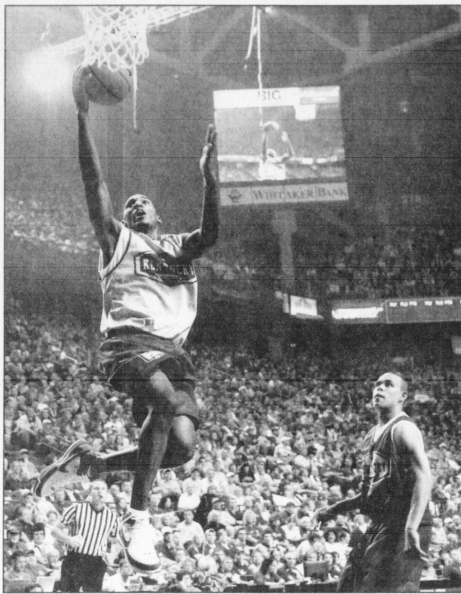
Legion said he doesn't expect to have the same problems and is ready to deal with the expectations that surround players at prominent programs.

"Actually, I kind of like the pressure," Legion said. "It forces you to be more focused, you don't take what you have for granted. You want to work hard and try to impress your fans and also prove to yourself that you can do it."

Legion averaged 19.6 points and 5.7 rebounds at Oak Hill Academy (Va.), where he played his senior season and led the basketball factory to a national championship. He set Oak Hill's record for three-point shooting by making 42 percent of his attempts, a number that was among the national leaders in high school last year.

"My strength is obviously being a jump shooter," Legion said.

At 6-foot-4 and armed with a deadly jump shot, Legion may not seem like the



Freshman guard Alex Legion attempts a layup during Big Blue Madness on Oct. 12 at Flupp Arena. Legion averaged 19.6 points and 5.7 rebounds during his senior year at Oak Hill Academy (Va.).

prototypical point guard. His size and scoring ability would force a position change at many schools, but at UK, Legion found a coach who urges his point guards to score.

"People say, 'Do you want a point guard that wants to shoot?'" Gillispie said at a Sept. 5 interview. "I do. I want a guy that wants to score."

Gillispie knows Legion has that potential.

"Alex is a very, very skilled player," he said. "He's got the ability to score baskets."

Legion's role at UK hasn't been decided yet, though. He joins a backcourt already loaded with scorers. Crawford and fellow senior guard Ramel Bradley are UK's top

two returning scorers, and sophomore guards Jodie Meeks and Derrick Jasper also played significant minutes last season.

Even the players aren't sure what positions they'll play once the season starts in a little over two weeks. Gillispie didn't even list positions for the players in the team's media guide.

Gillispie has told his team that playing time has to be earned, and Legion insists he is not carrying a prima donna attitude that can result from getting so much attention so early.

"Whenever I get out there, I want to do my best for the team," Legion said. "However many minutes he feels I should get, that's what I earned."

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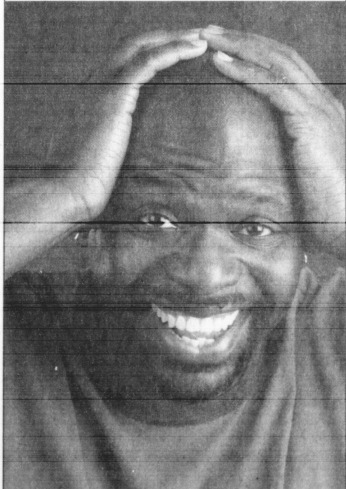
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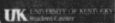


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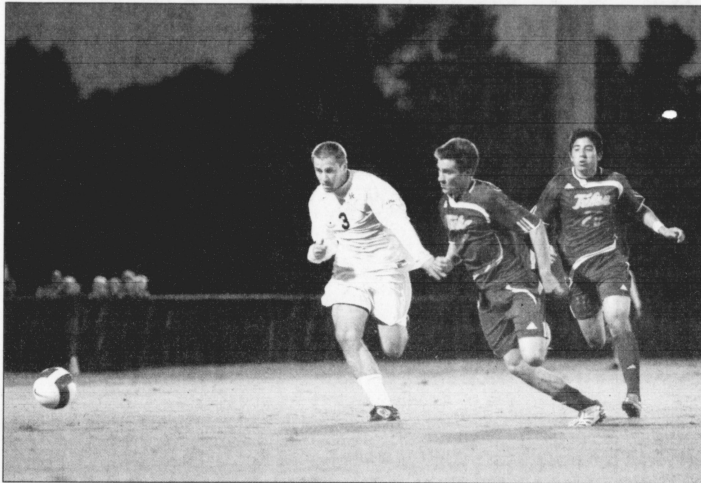
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Senior forward Aaron Swanson battles for the ball against Toledo on Oct. 10 at the UK Soccer Complex. Swanson and sophomore defender Barry Rice have combined to score nine of the Cats' 14 goals this season.

Duo carries Cats' struggling offense

By James Pennington
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Through the first 13 games of the year, the men's soccer team has been struggling to score goals. The Cats' have scored nine goals fewer than their opponents this season and rank near the bottom of almost every Conference USA offensive category.

Despite the team's struggles, sophomore defender Barry Rice and senior forward Aaron Swanson have flourished as scorers this season, accounting for nine of the Cats' 14 goals.

"Instead of sitting back, we need to create more opportunities," Rice said. "We need to put the pressure on them. We have to make them play our game and refuse to play theirs."

Rice and Swanson have both showed that they can score goals with the best in the conference. Although he only scored one goal in his freshman season, Rice currently leads the Cats with five goals this year and is tied for sixth in the conference.

Rice recognizes his role as a defender but is also proud of what he's been able to

contribute to the Cats this season on the other side of the ball.

"As a defender, it's always good when you can get forward and help out," Rice said. "It helps take some pressure off the other guys."

The team's second-leading goal scorer, Swanson, has netted four goals on the year. As a forward, he is expected to provide a spark on offense, and so far, he has done exactly that this season.

"It means a lot to me to provide some of the offensive power to this team," Swanson said, "but I obviously want more and I'm not satisfied with settling where I am. Hopefully, I can get more."

Just one goal behind the team leader, Swanson isn't surprised about Rice's offensive surge.

"I wouldn't have expected it at the beginning of the season, but I'm certainly not surprised," Swanson said. "He's such a force up in the air. Every time we win a corner kick or a free kick, everybody's always looking to him."

The two leading scorers approach the offensive side of the pitch very differently.

Perhaps a microcosm of the whole season, both Rice and Swanson scored in last week's 3-2 overtime victory over Central Florida.

Rice's goal came in the 17th minute on a header from junior midfielder Masumi Turnbull's free kick.

"I just got in there and got a piece of it," Rice said.

Swanson's goal served as the game-winner in overtime.

"As a forward in overtime, you're always going to get one opportunity," Swanson said, "and if you can put it away, you can be the hero. Thankfully, I got the finish."

After defeating UCF last week, UK looks to win its second straight conference game tonight at 7 against Marshall at the UK Soccer Complex. The game will be a challenge for the Cats, but Swanson is confident the team can walk away with one more tally in the win column.

"If we can get past them once or twice, we can punish them for that," Swanson said. "Hopefully we can open up the floodgates."



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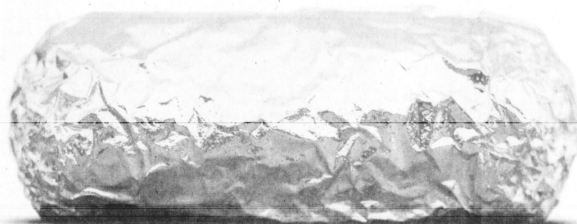
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■ KERNEL EDITORIAL

Diversity VP hire should be priority, but not rushed

UK was supposed to have a vice president for institutional diversity by the start of the fall semester, but that new position won't be filled until next semester at the earliest, UK President Lee Todd said in a Kernel article on Friday.

The five final candidates for the job were either not selected or pulled out of the process, the article said, and the selection committee has five new candidates to interview Monday.

While it is disappointing that the position was not filled in its original time frame, it is encouraging that the selection process seems to be moving smoothly despite the setback, already having other candidates to choose from.

It is important not to let time schedules dictate who is selected for this position. The search committee must choose someone who can competently and energetically lead the university in diversifying its student body and faculty — and that means not simply rushing to find the first person willing to do the job.

"This is not going to be an easy job for whoever comes in," said Carol Jordan, co-chair of the search committee, in the Kernel article. "We want someone who will live, eat and breathe this."

With UK looking for someone so dedicated, it serves everyone well to match the desired quality of the sought-after candidate with a quality search — even if that means taking more time.

On the other hand, stalling the hire for too long would be as bad for the university as rushing it, UK

should strive to avoid the disproportionate delays and ambiguous time frames that have plagued other important hires.

The university has not had a permanent police chief since November 2004, since the chief hired in 2006 resigned after five months on the job when ethical problems came to light. On a smaller scale, UK had hoped to hire a permanent sustainability coordinator by the start of this semester, said Bob Wiseman, UK's vice president for facilities management, in a Feb. 5 Kernel article, but that has not happened.

This is taking place at the same school that had little problem replacing basketball coaches after two unexpected departures by the men's and women's head coaches this past spring. Although UK Athletics' affairs are handled by different management than UK administration, athletics faces far more public pressure on filling coaching jobs than the administration does in looking for police-chief and diversity hires.

The earliest the new diversity position will be filled will still likely be a full year since William Turner, UK's former vice president for university engagement and associate provost for multicultural affairs, resigned Jan. 24 — meaning UK will have gone a year without a head of diversity initiatives. That's a year of progress that is diminished from what it could have been.

Time is necessary to make the right selection. But if UK is serious about its diversity efforts and commitment to such issues, it can't pass through another round of candidates.

■ LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Allow concealed carry on UK's campus

There were a few things in yesterday's article about the concealed carry protest that I feel need to be addressed.

First, Capt. Kevin Franklin of UK police had a quote that I feel was misleading. It is not against state law to carry on campus. According to Kentucky Revised Statutes 237.115, the state allows the university to make its own policies on weapons. It is legal to carry on campus if the university allows it, which UK does not.

Also, Franklin said he didn't think "it would be a good learning environment if we had everyone running around with guns on campus." He is assuming that everyone would be armed and that it would disrupt class. This is just not a logical scenario of what would happen.

You have to be 21 years old to have a concealed carry permit in Kentucky. There is also a long list of other qualifications, as listed on the Kentucky State Police Web site (www.kentuckystatepolice.org/conceal.htm). There will not be thousands of students

with firearms forming gangs on campus and causing problems.

The other discouraging part of the article was that both Franklin and UK President Lee Todd are vocal supporters of our right to free speech and our right to protest, but they, along with UK, have chosen to overlook our Second Amendment rights altogether.

Those who oppose concealed carry on campus believe things will become violent with firearms on campus. Many individuals who want concealed carry on campus carry off campus every day without incident, so how would that change when they step onto campus?

We should have the right to defend ourselves. If UK wants to put the police in charge of our safety all of the time, I have no problem with that. However, UK should also be liable for anything that happens to us as a direct result of UK police not being able to be our personal bodyguard.

Andy Hood
Forestry junior

Kernel isn't funny enough (except in crime log)

In keeping with the wisdom of the late Benjamin Franklin, my philosophy of life as a writer is simple: "Do things worth writing and write things worth reading." The delightful days I once spent reading issues of the Kernel are all but distant memories now. Deep in the rows of lecture halls where I was once seen with the daily newspaper, I now sleep instead. With the exception of controversy over the recent editorial cartoon, the latest issues of the Kernel are hardly worth lining the birdcage.

I understand that politics and world issues are considered vital to most people. I understand the need for unbiased and relevant news information. I even excuse the dull, uninspired columns detailing people and their taste in uber-obscure music. You're hip and avant-garde. We get it. But the next time you decide to print filler articles about headless walruses — which, believe me, you did — save yourself the paper, because, as far as the three people who actually read the

first one are concerned, it's not appreciated, and unless it makes us laugh, it never will be.

When it is the facts I want, it is good to know I can always turn to the front page of the Kernel, but as for a good laugh, the only thing your newspaper and The Onion have in common is being in gratis with the Oct. 17 issue as an unforeseen exception. For the first time ever, you made me laugh out loud, Kentucky Kernel.

It wasn't your cartoon or your Sudoku puzzle — or in anything anyone wrote, in fact. Sitting in recitation, as I scanned down the list of police reports, I simply could not contain myself. Listen up, drunk guy found banging on the KET building doors "demanding to see Steve Beshear." If you were in jail, I'd shoot me a Facebook message sometime. There's a great little sly place that I have been dying to try.

Alexandra Rutter
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Environmental troubles require market solutions, not regulation

Environmentalists are about as uplifting as the preachers who regularly visit campus.



BRETT NOLAN
Kernel columnist

Instead of being advocates for hope and positive thinking, eco-activists preach more doom and gloom about the future of humanity than our campus preachers do.

Nothing is more depressing than listening to someone explain the magnificent catastrophe of global warming and how the effects are virtually irreversible.

By the time I'm done listening to Al Gore explain how the demise of humanity will happen, I'm too depressed to even think about buying a Prius.

If you can stand to talk to them for long enough, these dismal environmentalists will undoubtedly start preaching to you about the evils of capitalism.

For the preachers outside the Student Center, the source of all the evil in this world can almost always be traced back to university elites and the desire for everyone at UK to get wasted.

For environmentalists, the source of evil is capitalism.

Somewhere along the way, the honorable attempt to take care of the environment turned into bleak pessimism and a deep loathing of the free market.

The natural response to environmental problems these days isn't innovation — it's regulation. It isn't creativity — it's restraint. Instead of

celebrating the market of ideas, we tax prosperity to control the potential evils of capitalism.

Unfortunately for the environment, this burdensome, guilt-trip style of activism is ultimately self-defeating.

Capitalism is the only real chance anyone has at "saving the environment," but most greens are too infatuated with fair trade to realize it. As competition in the world increases, sustainable technology flourishes. Competitive innovation, not the burden of undue regulation, brings real hope to saving the environment.

Our ability to manipulate the environment grows more and more each day. Two competing teams of climate experts have made recent breakthroughs that would potentially allow humans to reduce the power of and divert otherwise catastrophic hurricanes, according to the British newspaper The Daily Telegraph (www.telegraph.co.uk).

This means we can physically change the direction a hurricane is traveling, and reduce the speed of its winds in the process — but I'm still supposed to believe that the only way we can stop global warming is for me to give up my SUV in exchange for a hybrid?

The key component to this scientific breakthrough is that it happened as a result of two rival teams working in competition with each other. The free market, as evil as environmentalists would love for you to believe, figured out how to move hurricanes in less time than it takes me to visit the Department of Motor Vehicles.

Being resistant to the benefits of capitalism should be counterintuitive for most environmentalists. To a group that typically embraces

progress, the rapid innovation that the free market produces should be celebrated.

Somewhere along the way, the honorable attempt to take care of the environment turned into bleak pessimism and a deep loathing of the free market.

But for some reason, eco-activism has turned against the only system of thought that has any chance of producing feasible solutions to the massive environmental problems we are currently facing.

To make matters worse, the current message being touted by the green lobby is the most disheartening we've seen in years.

Gloom and doom, no matter how factual the message may be, doesn't inspire change. If anything, it cultivates a feeling of morbid helplessness.

If environmentalists are serious about preventing a global apocalypse, they surely can't be satisfied with the response that their uninspiring message of despair has had.

Why not speak about possibility instead of problems? Or hope instead of helplessness?

Mankind would benefit much more if environmentalists took a long, hard look at their morbid hatred of capitalism and started working toward real solutions.

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Democrats are set to win state offices, but we haven't become complacent

For all of you out there who are sick of watching state election campaign commercials, getting phone calls and having visitors to your home asking whom you support, get ready, because it's about to get a lot worse.

The final two weeks of a campaign are always the most active, and that's how much time is left in this year's state elections.

While I apologize in advance to anybody whose door I knock on who doesn't approve of canvassers, I hope that what we are doing out in the field gets voters to the polls on Nov. 6.

The good news for my party is that Democratic gubernatorial candidate Steve Beshear is leading Republican Gov. Ernie Fletcher by 20 points, 58 percent to 38 percent, in the latest independent poll by Survey USA. However, Beshear has pledged

to run the rest of this campaign as if the numbers were reversed.

The Democrats will be out in force these next two weeks trying to ensure a mandate for Beshear, so that the issues that he recognizes Kentucky desperately needs to make progress on — health care, education and economic development.

Also, we will be out working for other candidates. Polling has shown that the Democratic candidates for attorney general (Jack Conway), state auditor (Cris Luallen) and state treasurer (Todd Hollenbach) have solid leads. However, just as with the governor's race, we would rather be safe than sorry, and we will work hard to ensure that our candidates win with comfortable margins.

The secretary of state race, however, is close. Our candidate, Bruce Hendrickson, would benefit greatly from a big Democratic tide. Hopefully, our work for him in addition to the work we are doing for the other Democratic candidates will help elect him and allow us to have a Democratic secretary of state, which could be key in the presidential election next year.

As the College Democrats, we are committed to electing Democrats in this election. We are going to be working with other College Democrats from across the nation in every part of this state.

If you would like to help us elect these folks and help us restore good government to the commonwealth, we'd love to give you an opportunity. We meet every Thursday at 7:30 p.m., and this week we will be presenting lots of opportunities for helping Democrats. We hope to see you there.

No matter what your political affiliation, I hope you vote on Nov. 6. While I hope you vote for our Democratic candidates, the most important thing is to have your voice heard. If you are unsure of where you vote, visit the Voter Information Center online (<https://cdcbp.ky.gov/VICWeb/index.jsp>) to check your polling location.

Voting is one of the greatest privileges of living in a democracy, and we would all do well not to neglect it. Robert Kahne is a political science and economics junior and president of UK College Democrats. E-mail opinions@kykernel.com.



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Alcohol restrictions outdated, hindering local music culture

Lexington's antiquated liquor laws do more than infuriate college partiers. For years, it's been tremendously crippling the city's local music scene.

Ever since 1988, establishments in Lexington who collect over half of their revenue from the sale of alcoholic beverages have been prohibited from admitting anyone under the age of 21 inside. Proponents of this policy have cited the safety hazards of allowing underage individuals into an environment where alcohol is accessible.

This policy undermines the potential of Lexington's local bars and clubs, and leaves them no room for assuming responsibility over their own establishments. This kind of absolutism is hurting Lexington's development as a cultural center and will keep the city from ever competing with music markets like Cincinnati and Louisville.

Alcohol is the lifeblood of live local music — that's just how it is. Adults will always want to enjoy a frosty beer or mixed drink when they venture out to see one of their favorite acts. These venues bring in the most revenue from a drinking audience, so most of the touring acts that come to Lexington end up playing a venue that doesn't

allow the majority of the college population inside. More likely, bands will simply opt out of coming to Lexington altogether, as much of their potential audience won't even be allowed inside the venue.

When I was growing up in Knoxville, Tenn., my city didn't have such stringent laws. Everyone was allowed into any bar or club as long as they were 18. I went to my fair share of such clubs to see local bands, and each time was marked with a very conspicuous wristband or black X's in indelible Sharpie ink on my hands, indicating that I wasn't of legal drinking age.

This situation seemed pretty congenial. I never observed anyone succeeding in tricking bartenders into illegally selling alcohol to minors, or even trying for that matter. No one was throwing up in the corner and very few were stumbling into the street. People really came to these bars and clubs to see the bands on the bill and enjoyed the occasional beer as a side item.

Hanging out in decrepit downtown Knoxville clubs like the infamous Pilot Light, smoking cigarettes and watching local hardcore bands thrashing their instruments was the height of fun at the end of my high school career. I hate to think that the 18-year-olds in Lexington are being robbed of this privilege.

That's not even taking into account early college involvement. When I first came to UK, I was kept out of fantastic shows at The Dame because of my age. I'll never forgive the schoolmarm behind Lexington's

liquor laws for making me miss the likes of Mogwai during my first few years in the city.

This is ultimately a question of responsibility. People who are 18 are legally adults, and are held completely responsible for the choices they make, whether it be to observe or to break the law. If they attempt to illegally obtain alcohol, they should be punished appropriately. The same goes for bar and club owners. Owning such an establishment is a big responsibility, and I've seen individuals handle the responsibility gracefully in many other cities. There shouldn't be a blanket law that inhibits the actions of an entire local culture.

There are a host of local individuals and organizations, such as the recently formed Music Town group, who have been attempting to influence local politicians to change Lexington's outdated liquor laws. The lack of sales on Sunday is certainly a bummer that will soon be changing, but it is the prevention of under-21-year-olds from local bars and clubs that is truly crippling our local culture.

This election season, send your local officials a message with your mouth and vote and strive for a Lexington in which business owners are allowed to admit any adult they want to their establishment. It's the way of tradition the way of most modern cities and, hopefully, the way of the future.

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active classroom lectures," Cavagnero said. "He's not a standard lecturer."

Mazur will speak to faculty today in an academic lecture titled "Confessions of a Convert-

ed Lecturer," which will focus on the benefits of peer instruction in the lecture process, said Bill Burke, program manager for educational development in the Teaching and Academic Support Center.

Mazur's teaching process involves students working together to find solutions to questions

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