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## Memorial for Ky. soldiers to be updated

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The list that hangs in Memorial Coliseum honoring Kentucky's fallen soldiers will soon be updated with the names of those who have died over the past 30 years.

The list hasn't been updated since the end of the Vietnam War, and over 565 Kentuckians have since been killed while serving in the military.

"The update of this list is so significant because so many honorable Kentuckians wanted to serve their country, and unfortunately paid the ultimate price in doing so," said John Kramer,

executive staff member of the Department of Veteran Affairs. "To have them recognized is the least that we could do."

Family members of the deceased soldiers will be able to see their loved ones added to a list that bears the names of thousands of Kentuckians who died in Armed Services affairs. The framed list of names hangs on the walls of the ramps along the two sides of the coliseum.

The ceremony will take place Sunday, Jan. 14, 2007, during halftime of the UK vs. Ole Miss women's basketball game. Although there has been a 30-year

lapse in updating this list, neither the Athletics Department nor the Department of Veteran Affairs could pinpoint the cause of this delay. However, Kramer did note the difficulty in compiling such a list.

The Department of Veteran Affairs had to compile the database, sort through the correct criteria and then cross-reference this data with the casualties that occurred after the Vietnam War.

The records the Veteran Affairs can obtain do not include the address or phone number of the victim's family, Kramer said, so it's difficult for them to distinguish the list, if for example,

"John Smith from Louisville" was killed in harm's way.

Despite the holdup, members of UK staff are eager to honor the sacrifice that so many Kentuckians have made.

"We represent the Commonwealth of Kentucky," said UK Athletics Director Mitch Barnhart. "We always have and we always will, and for that reason we feel that it's absolutely imperative that we give tribute to those folks who have represented the Commonwealth, and we can do it in a place that means so much to so many people."

UK would like to see family members of every honored fallen soldier at

the ceremony, but because military records are private, the university needs help locating them.

Admission into the basketball game is free for family members of the honored Kentucky soldiers. To receive these complimentary tickets and for information about the event, family members of fallen soldiers should contact Leslie Bray in UK Athletics at (859) 257-2589 or [leslie.bray@uky.edu](mailto:leslie.bray@uky.edu).

Those with questions about the 565 fallen soldiers who will be honored should contact John Kramer with the Kentucky Department of Veteran Affairs at 1-888-724-7683 or [johnw.kramer@ky.gov](mailto:johnw.kramer@ky.gov).

## Students, alumnus chosen for chorus

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Two UK doctoral students and one alumna from the UK School of Music were selected to be in the 29-member Soldiers' Chorus of the U.S. Army Field Band.

Staff Sergeants Mario Garcia, of Chandler, Ariz., Mark Huseth, of Topeka, Kan., and Charis Strange, of Campbellsville, were chosen to sing in the chorus.

All three are currently enlisted in the U.S. Army. Garcia and Huseth are continuing their education at UK while traveling with the elite musical ensemble, according to a UK news release.

The Soldiers' Chorus is a mixed vocal band of the U.S. Army Field Band. They perform all over the U.S. and internationally, touring for about 100 days each year. Their job includes performances at formal public concerts, school assemblies, festivals and on television.

Being selected for the chorus has several benefits. The salary is excellent, student loans are paid off and it involves travel and meeting the highest levels of government staff, said Everett McCorvey, director of UK's opera program. McCorvey said he is proud that three singers were chosen to represent UK.

"If you check the roster of the singers you will see that they come from all over the U.S., but three from one school is incredible," McCorvey said.

This is UK alumna Charis Strange's first year in the chorus. After submitting a CD, then being chosen to do a live audition and an interview, Strange received a call about her admission to the chorus as a soprano.

"I can't describe it," Strange said. "It was like all the years of hard work had paid off. This is a great career."

Strange did her first tour with the chorus in New England. Strange said that not getting to spend time with friends and family is difficult, but traveling is a part of being a singer.

"It's a small sacrifice I am willing to make to live this great life of singing," Strange said.

Mario Garcia does not have to worry about missing his family. His wife is also in the Soldiers' Chorus.

Garcia has been in the chorus for over four years. He sang at Ronald Reagan's funeral and said he enjoys the overall experience of "singing with excellent music and top notch musicians."

Mark Huseth has been in the chorus as a bass for almost two years. He said he is looking forward to Christmas caroling for soldiers at Walter Reed Hospital in Washington, D.C.

After the Soldiers' Chorus, Huseth said he might teach singing or perform.

"As long as singing is in my future, I am happy," Huseth said. "The main mission is to travel the U.S. and the world, to put a face to the army."

The singers serve for at least three years in the army and go through basic training.

"It's a big commitment," Huseth said.

Strange said the chorus presents a good opportunity to serve.

"It's a great way to serve your country and be a professional singer for three years or 20," he said.

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EVERETT  
MCCORVEY  
director of UK opera



Sara Rue, an actress from Los Angeles, talked to students after a question and answer session held in the Briggs Theater in the Fine Arts Library yesterday. Rue came to Lexington to visit her mother, Joan Rue, who works in the Department of Theater.

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Actress Sara Rue spoke to a group of theater students yesterday afternoon in the Briggs Theater, located in the Fine Arts Building. Rue was invited to speak to the students by Dr. Andrew Kimbrough, a professor in the Acting Department.

## Questions with star-studded answers

Actress Sara Rue took the stage of the Briggs Theater yesterday — but not to perform. Rue, who has appeared in such films as Pearl Harbor and The Ring, along with television shows like E.R., Will and Grace and Less Than Perfect, took part in a question and answer session with students in the Fine Arts Building. She gave advice on a variety of subjects, such as working with bad actors, conducting themselves during casting and auditions, living in big cities and doing nude scenes. Rue also encouraged acting students to stay in school and get their degree, rather than move to a big city to pursue an acting career.

## Medical school applications increase by 55 percent

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Students trying to get into UK's College of Medicine are facing tougher competition to become part of the 2007 entering class.

The College of Medicine received 2,129 applications from students vying for one of 103 spots in the 2007 entering class, a 55 percent increase from the previous year.

"We're very pleased," said Dr. Carol Elam, associate dean for admissions and institutional advancement at the College of Medicine. "We think it bodes well for Kentucky."

Dr. Elam credits the application increase in partly to changes in medicine on a national

level, in areas like job availability, an increase in the number of science majors and a backlog of re-applicants to medical schools.

According to the Association for American Medical Colleges, there were over 37,000 applications to medical schools in the U.S. in 2005, leading to a record enrollment of 17,978 students at 125 medical schools across the country. The UK College of Medicine reflects the national trend.

However, changes at the UK College of Medicine have also had an effect on the applicant increase. Former Dean of the College of Medicine Dr. D. Kay Clawson said the planned \$450 million Albert B. Chandler Hospital, along with the goal of becoming a

top-20 public research institution, has had an impact on the number of applicants to the College of Medicine.

"We probably have one of the most dynamic programs in the nation," Clawson said. "More competition for admission means students who wish to be admitted to the College of Medicine must work harder to make their applications unique."

"For the individual, it becomes much more competitive, Elam said. "We want to try and select the best and brightest students."

Selection of the 2007 entering class focuses on both academic and personal qualities with the goal of choosing good student doctors. See **Med School** on page 3

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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 a 10 — New horizons beckon: The old places are all different now, too. Nothing stays the same, especially you. Use what you've learned.

**Taurus (April 20 - May 20)** — Today is a 6 — Keep close track of your earnings for the next several weeks. You'll be delighted to see it grow, especially with your nurturing.

**Gemini (May 21 - June 21)** — Today is an 8 — You're entering a phase where you'll learn more about working with others. You don't have to limit yourself to one partner; have one for every job.

**Cancer (June 22 - July 22)** — Today is a 7 — As you get into the groove, you'll discover new ways to save time and money. You love it when this happens, so make the most of these conditions.

**Leo (July 23 - Aug. 22)** — Today is an 8 — You're entering a lovely loving phase, full of surprises. Wonderful things will be happening. Pull out your list of requests.

**Virgo (Aug. 23 - Sept. 22)** — Today is a 6 — Draw up a plan, even though it doesn't seem very likely. This is just the first draft. You can make adjustments as you go along.

**Libra (Sept. 23 - Oct. 22)** — Today is an 8 — Make sure the information you use is as accurate as it can be. Don't pass along gossip as fact; that would wreck your credibility.

**Scorpio (Oct. 23 - Nov. 21)** — Today is a 7 — The situation for the next four weeks is all about money. Make it, invest it, save it up if you can. Don't spend it all in one place.

**Sagittarius (Nov. 22 - Dec. 21)** — Today is an 8 — Notice a situation that needs improvement, and offer your expertise. You'll be paid in love, and maybe some money, too.

**Capricorn (Dec. 22 - Jan. 19)** — Today is a 6 — Continue to do what you said you would, even if you don't remember. If somebody else says you said you would, take them at their word. You'll make a very good impression.

**Aquarius (Jan. 20 - Feb. 18)** — Today is an 8 — You're always good with large groups of people; you have a natural talent. You make friends easily and keep them. They can help now. Let them know what you need.

**Pisces (Feb. 19 - March 20)** — Today is a 5 — Don't feel intimidated by those in higher authority. Learn from them, and teach them how to do their jobs better.

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# THE RECORD

## Baby news!

**Resolved**  
Tobey Maguire, 31, and his fiancée, Jennifer Meyer, welcomed a baby girl Nov. 9 in L.A. No name has been released as of presstime.

Boston Legal's Julie Bowen, 37, and her husband, investor Scott Phillips, are expecting a child next spring.

**Split**  
Bill Cosby, 69, has reached an undisclosed settlement with a thirtysomething woman who alleged that he drugged and assaulted her in 2004.

**Bad Religion**  
Elton John, 59, called for a ban on organized religions because they promote homophobia and turn "people into hateful lemmings," he told London's Observer Nov. 12.

**Busted**  
Daniel Baldwin, 46, was arrested on suspicion of stealing an SUV in Santa Monica, California, November 8. His rep did not return calls.

**Still Employed**  
FBI agents arrested Chad Conrad Castagna, 39, Nov. 11 for allegedly sending letters laced with white powder to David Letterman, 59, and Jon Stewart, 44.

**Quitting**  
Despite poor ratings, NBC has picked up the dramas Studio 60 on the Sunset Strip and Friday Night Lights for full 22-episode runs.

**Goodbye**  
Nip/Tuck's Joely Richardson, 41, has left the FX hit to care for her daughter, Daisy, 14, who is undergoing leg surgery.

**Goodbye**  
Oscar winner Jack Palance, 87 (City Slickers), died of natural causes November 10.

R&B singer-songwriter Gerald Levert, 40, died of a sudden heart attack Nov. 10.

**Split**  
Reese Witherspoon, 30, formally filed for divorce from Ryan Phillippe, 32, citing irreconcilable differences, November 8. She is asking for joint custody of their kids, Ava, 7, and Deacon, 3, and that Phillippe not get spousal support.

**Split**  
Laguna Beach's Lauren Conrad, 20, and Brody Jenner, 23, have split after less than a month.

**Noted**  
Kylie Minogue, 38, made her stage debut since beating breast cancer at her Showgirl Homecoming tour Nov. 11 in Sydney, Australia.

**New Digs**  
Lost's Daniel Dae Kim, 38, bought a four-bedroom pad in Oahu, Hawaii, for about \$1.5 million.

**New Digs**  
Vince Vaughn, 36, bought a 7,880-square-foot duplex penthouse in Chicago's Palmolive building for \$12 million, the Chicago Tribune reports.

**In the Dark**  
The power to Anna Nicole

**Bad Religion**  
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**Farewell to Ed Bradley**  
For 26 years, 60 Minutes correspondent Ed Bradley lit up Sunday nights with his hard-hitting interviews with everyone from convicted Oklahoma City bomber Timothy McVeigh to Michael Jackson. "He could get things out of people because he had a way of being honest about himself," says Leslie Stahl. On November 9, at 65, Bradley succumbed, after years of battle, to leukemia. He is survived by his wife, artist Patricia Blanchet. "He loved to cook, appreciated great wine and always made sure there were freshly cut flowers nearby," adds colleague Steve Kroft. "More importantly, he always took the time to stop and smell them."

— Kate Frank

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# Professor's poetry has Ky. roots

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Sitting in the small upstairs room where she writes, Jane Vance can look out her window and take inspiration from what she sees: the trees, the wildlife and the change of seasons. Or, as Vance calls this, her "Kentucky Garden."

Vance, who is published under the family name of Jane Gentry, is one of two Kentucky poets who will be featured in a poetry reading Friday at Black Swan Books. Vance will be reading passages from her new book, "A Portrait of the Artist as a White Pig," which was inspired by her Kentucky upbringing.

Vance's interest in poetry began at a young age. As Vance was growing up in Versailles, her father would read her poems, and Vance had written her first poem by the time she was in second grade.

"By the time I could write, the little pieces (I had written) sounded like poetry to me," Vance said.

Vance has had a love of poetry her whole life and studied creative writing at Hollins College. After graduation, Vance earned a master's degree from Brandeis University and holds a doctorate from the University of North Carolina. Vance said that while in school, even though she learned a great deal from mentors, her teachers weren't the only people who inspired her.

"I was influenced by the old dead guys too, like T.S. Eliot," Vance said.

Even though Vance studied outside of Kentucky, she returned home after getting her doctorate and used her Kentucky roots to publish a collection of short poems, "In a Kentucky Garden."

"The landscape and sense of home is never far from reach in my work," Vance said. "Being a Kentucky writer makes me one of the luckiest of God's creatures. I love living at home in Kentucky (because) we have such rich traditions."

Not only does Vance use the Kentucky landscape and her own memories to create her poems, but she is also influenced

by the stories from her other line of work — teaching. In addition to being a poet, Vance teaches English and Honors courses at UK.

"I can't imagine being a writer without being a teacher or being a teacher without being a writer," Vance said.

Both students and colleagues alike have noticed Vance's work at UK.

"Jane's poetry has touched the lives and hearts of many readers," said Gurney Norman, UK's creative writing program director. "Students interested in poetry would

well to consider Jane Vance as a model of an educated creative person. I think Jane is probably the best teacher of literary craft in the nation."

Dr. Vance is a very unique professor," said Erin Rickett, a biology freshman and one of Vance's students. "She has exceedingly interesting and insightful views on the subjects we go over in class."

Vance's poetry is also well known outside of the UK community and throughout the Lexington area. Her books are carried at stores around Lexington such as Kennedy Bookstore, Joseph-Beth Booksellers and Black Swan Books.

Black Swan Books carries many rare and unusual books, but mainly those centered on Kentucky and a variety of books about art for students, said J. Michael Courtney, the owner of Black Swan Books. The bookstore hosts book readings for both locally and nationally known authors, and Courtney encourages students to attend readings.

"Students who have never been to a reading might learn something," Courtney said. "In today's electronic society, it's something a little bit different."

While students and co-workers praise Vance for her talent and dedication, writing isn't something that Vance could stop doing.

"Writing poems is just something I do," said Vance. "It's an emotional and physical habit that I have."

## UNIVERSITY OF KENTUCKY CRIME REPORT

UK Police reports from Nov. 14 to Nov. 20.

- Nov. 14. Alcohol intoxication at the UK Chandler Medical Center at 12:08 a.m.
- Nov. 14. Alcohol intoxication at Jewell Hall at 1:35 a.m.
- Nov. 14. Theft from the Robert Straus Behavioral Research Building at 10:41 a.m.
- Nov. 14. Theft from the Funkhouser Building at 10:44 a.m.
- Nov. 14. Theft of a laptop from the Chemistry-Physics Building at 1:44 p.m.
- Nov. 14. Theft from the Fine Arts Building at 2:46 p.m.
- Nov. 14. Marijuana use near a dumpster at Cooperstown Apartments at 4:54 p.m.
- Nov. 15. Marijuana use at Haggin Hall at 12:22 a.m.
- Nov. 15. Marijuana use at Greg Page Apartments at 5:52 p.m.
- Nov. 15. Theft from the UK Chandler Medical Center at 8:02 p.m.
- Nov. 16. Alcohol intoxication at the UK Chandler Medical Center at 4:06 a.m. Arrest made.
- Nov. 16. Criminal mischief at 252 E. Maxwell St. at 7:53 a.m. Two screen doors were damaged with possible pry marks.
- Nov. 16. Theft of a wallet report made at UK Police Headquarters at 10:18 a.m.
- Nov. 16. Theft from the UK Chandler Medical Center at 10:21 a.m.
- Nov. 16. Theft from the Thomas Poe Cooper Building at 2:04 p.m.
- Nov. 16. Marijuana use at Kirwan I at 4:58 p.m.
- Nov. 16. Theft of a car report made at UK Police Headquarters at 5:50 p.m.
- Nov. 16. Theft from a building at 460 Cooper Dr. at 7:59 p.m.
- Nov. 16. Theft from Greg Page Apartments at 10:35 p.m.
- Nov. 17. Theft of books at Greg Page Apartments at 7:04 a.m.
- Nov. 17. Theft from a car at the UK Chandler Medical Center at 8:53 a.m.
- Nov. 17. Theft from the UK Chandler Medical Center at 10:15 a.m.
- Nov. 17. Theft of a PDA and jacket from Kentucky Clinic South at 12:58 p.m.
- Nov. 17. Marijuana use at Greg Page Apartments at 4:33 p.m.
- Nov. 18. Alcohol intoxication at Greg Page Apartments at 1:39 a.m. Arrest made.
- Nov. 18. Alcohol intoxication at Cooperstown Apartments at 2:29 a.m. Arrest made.
- Nov. 18. Marijuana use at the UK Chandler Medical Center at 4:01 p.m.
- Nov. 18. Theft from Kirwan Tower at 11:31 a.m.
- Nov. 18. Alcohol intoxication at Commonwealth Stadium 5:03 p.m.
- Nov. 18. Alcohol intoxication at Rose St. and Euclid Ave. at 7:01 p.m.
- Nov. 19. Alcohol intoxication at S. Limestone and Virginia Ave. at 12:03 a.m.
- Nov. 19. Marijuana use at Haggin Hall at 2:39 a.m.
- Nov. 20. Theft from the UK Chandler Medical Center at 1:19 p.m.
- Nov. 20. Theft from the UK Chandler Medical Center at 2:31 p.m.
- Nov. 20. Marijuana use at Greg Page Apartments at 6:03 p.m.
- Nov. 20. Theft of a green Honda from the Reynolds Warehouse #1 at 8:27 p.m.

Compiled from reports at UK Police Department.  
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## MED SCHOOL

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One way students can improve their application is by having real-world experience in the medical field, said Dr. Bryan Hamon, a second year emergency department resident. Hamon, who served on the admissions

committee for two years, said working or volunteering with patients shows dedication to medicine and provides practical experience.

However, academic credits, GPA and MCAT test scores are all also important considerations for admission.

"You've got to have good grades," said Clawson, who currently serves on the 17-chair admissions committee. "Those are numbers people can focus on quickly."

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## Disney to allow films on TV sooner

By Joseph Menn  
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Walt Disney Co. agreed Tuesday to release movies for use on cable television as soon as 15 days after their release on DVD.

The arrangement covers an unspecified number of films by Disney Pictures, Touchstone and Miramax and comes as part of a long-term content pact between Disney and Comcast Corp., the nation's largest cable operator.

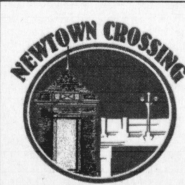
The agreement follows Disney's recent pact to offer movies over Apple Computer Inc.'s iTunes at the same time as it releases DVDs, signaling that Disney might be anticipating that the DVD cash-cow soon will be supplanted by other means of

reaching viewers.

"It's yet another example of Disney remaining in the forefront of distribution over all platforms," said industry analyst Laura Martin of Soleil/Media Metrics.

The new movies could take as long as 45 days to reach Comcast viewers for \$3.99 a showing, a Comcast spokeswoman said. Older movies will be available for \$2.99.

The Disney contract, which was years in the making and had been anticipated for weeks, also calls for the company to offer some of the ABC network's prime-time hits and news shows for free on-demand viewing in cities where ABC owns stations outright in Comcast territory, such as San Francisco, New York, Chicago, Houston and Philadelphia.



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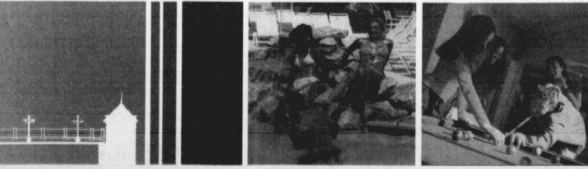
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## It's time for condemnation supporters to move on

The election is over, but apparently some people haven't gotten the message that they lost. This doesn't refer to any political candidate, but to proponents of the condemnation of Kentucky American Water, a subsidiary of German conglomerate RWE, by the city of Lexington. I don't think the last chapter in this has been written," said Foster Petit, former mayor of Lexington and chairman of Bluegrass FLOW (For Local Ownership of Water). Apparently Petit needs to take a refresher course in civics. Democracy is rule of the people, by the people and for the people, not for those who would think they know best. Plenty of people have thought they knew best throughout history, and generally the terms reserved for them are "despot" or "dictator." The water condemnation battle has been a long and hard fought one. It has demanded the past two years and cost the city well over \$1 million in taxpayer dollars. The citizens voiced their

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disapproval to their elected representatives on the Urban County Council. The council then voted the water condemnation issue down. Mayor Teresa Isaac, whose term ended with the election of Jim Newberry, fought for the condemnation of the water company further, but to no avail. Still, the proponents of condemnation kept the fight. They kept pushing for a public vote, forming a group called Let Us Vote, which pushed to have the issue as a referendum vote on the election ballot in 2005. The Kentucky Supreme Court ruled that no referendum could go on the ballot that year because it wasn't a regular election year, so the group waited another year and put the referendum into the hands of the citizens of Lexington to decide. The citizens answered "no."

The vote on Nov. 7 showed that the majority of Lexington's citizens are not in favor of using eminent domain to take over a privately held company that is functioning as it should and providing the services that are required of it. And despite the overwhelming answer, these proponents of the water issue are continuing the fight. The sheer amount of time and enormous amount of money that this cause has cost is enough. The citizens have shown again and again that this is not what they desire. The vote on Nov. 7 left no doubt — 47,951 to 30,920 voters were in favor of ending the move to condemn Kentucky American Water. "We told the community that this was a 60-40

issue," said Warren Rogers, a water company supporter, in an interview with the Lexington Herald Leader. "FLOW didn't believe us. They were wrong." And if they keep up this battle, it looks like being wrong is something they're apt to repeat. Repeating the past is a mistake in this case. It's time for all of this to be put to an end. No more tax dollars should be spent. No more time should be wasted. The citizens have spoken. The choice is no. For those who have lost this battle, the honorable thing is to take the loss and move on. To keep fighting a lost cause may sound noble, but when it is a use less fight that will only do harm by wasting time and money, it sounds like folly at best and a selfish waste at most.

## For students' sake, make Thanksgiving break start earlier

If you're holding a copy of today's Kentucky Kernel, there's a good chance you'd rather be somewhere besides campus. And based on the number of empty seats that you'll probably see in your classes — assuming you have more than one teacher that hasn't canceled class today — most of your friends and classmates have already headed home for what's supposed to be a four-day break. For students — and instructors, for that matter — who haven't had an academic holiday since Oct. 6, can you really blame them for trying to squeeze one more vacation day out of the Thanksgiving holiday? For students with several years left at UK, there might be hope: UK officials are considering extending the Thanksgiving break at the expense of Fall Break, according to an article in yesterday's Kernel. Extending the Thanksgiving break to three days would put UK in line with the University of Louisville, which already has a

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three-day break. "Our students appreciate the break very much," said John Drees, U of L's associate vice president for communications and marketing, in the Kernel article. "It gives them one last long break before the finals preparation, and the faculty also get the chance to take a breather." A longer break wouldn't just give students more time to breathe, though. Out-of-state students who live far away and students whose families travel long distances to celebrate Thanksgiving would benefit from being able to spend more time at home. The academic schedule for next school year is already set, but the 2008-09 year is still flexible. Classrooms are already empty on the Wednesday before Thanksgiving; UK officials should extend the break for the sanity of the students who are exhausted from midterms and realizing that finals are only a few weeks away.

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## Nothing is guaranteed yet in 2007 Governor's race

With the midterm elections already behind us and the Democrats looking the strongest nationally that they have in a long time, we turn our gaze inward, to the clash of the titans taking place next year in our very own Commonwealth. The 2007 governor's race promises to be an interesting one, with an embattled and unpopular Republican



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governor facing challenges from within his own party and the opposition party, and is poised to have one of the broadest fields imaginable (presuming they don't consolidate support behind a consensus candidate to avoid a nasty primary battle). With all that in mind, it's going to be a doozy of an election no matter how you cut it. The Republicans have their own Billy Harper, a quixotic, strangely self-obsessed candidate already running ads for the 2007 race to challenge Governor Ernie Fletcher. Also rumored to be considering a bid on the Republican side are Harold Rogers, Kentucky's 5th District U.S. Representative; Steve Pence, the current Lieutenant Governor and recently defeated U.S. Representative Anne Northup of the Kentucky 3rd district. The fact of the matter is that incumbency is an often-insurmountable advantage, and one which our current governor holds. I expect Governor

Fletcher to win re-nomination for governor but to be badly bloodied in the primary battle. In the Democratic side, the race promises to be interesting as well. There are a number of what I will call "old guard" candidates, people such as Attorney General Greg Stumbo (for whose campaign Kentucky Democratic Party Chairman Jerry Lundergan, whose leadership has been called into question by prominent state political players, said he would resign to work), former Governor Brereton Jones, former Lieutenant Governor Steve Henry, former Governor and current State Senator Julian Carroll and Speaker of the House Jody Richards. These "old guard" men could possibly continue the stagnant, stale governing ways of past and current administrations, further entangling Kentucky politics and government in gridlock and inaction. The "new guard" in Kentucky Democratic politics, however, looks promising. State Treasurer Jonathan Miller, who is term-limited for that office next year, has confirmed recently that he is considering a bid for either attorney general or governor, unless a consensus candidate, such as Congressman Ben Chandler (whose potential entry into the race would push all other candidates out, without question), emerges (Full Disclosure: I know Treasurer Miller personally and volunteered on the tour for his recently published book, The Compassionate Community). The rumored ticket in this so-called "new guard" would be a Miller-Conway ticket, the Conway being Louisvillian Jack Conway, a

former member of the Patton Administration and unsuccessful candidate for Kentucky's 3rd congressional district. There are many good reasons for Miller to run for governor. First, his ability to build consensus around important issues and across party lines, as evidenced in his cooperation with another young Kentucky public official, Republican Secretary of State. Second, his ability to raise the necessary funds to make a statewide bid. The third of many is his commitment to common-sense solutions, clearly exhibited in his book, The Compassionate Community, which makes the case for a new cooperation between the worlds of religious faith and public policy. Whoever the Democratic nominee is, he or she must remember that just because Governor Fletcher is indeed a vulnerable incumbent, he is still at incumbent, and one who has shown that he is not afraid to sling mud when needed. He is likely to wage a dirty campaign to keep his grasp on the governor's mansion. Democrats must run someone who can stand up before the people of Kentucky and honestly say they will clean up the mess in Frankfort, restore respect, common sense and competence to our state government once again and do the work of the people. We can only hope that whoever the eventual victor is will work to end the nasty partisanship in Frankfort and get to work. Grab some popcorn, folks. It's going to be one heck of a year. Richard Becker is a political science sophomore. E-mail opinions@kykernel.com

## Don't describe the crime if you were found innocent

If I did write this column, it probably wouldn't be worth as much on eBay as an O.J. Simpson book. After spending some time as an investigative journalist, I have found plenty of examples of how the PlayStation 3 units for sale but no copies of Simpson's "If I Did It, Here's How It Happened."



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This book — or what was a book before its release was canceled, along with an associated television interview — was a pitiful attempt by Simpson to make some cash. However, thanks to good old-fashioned American backlash, there will be no "If I did it..." That is, unless there are some released copies floating around. "If I Did It, Here's How It Happened," a book written by a man who was found criminally innocent of murder tells how IF he did it, how he would have murdered his ex-wife and her friend. This is what Rupert Murdoch, a multi-millionaire who owns Fox Broadcasting and HarperCollins through News Corp., said when he announced that the book was being canceled. "I and senior management agree with the American public that this was an ill-considered project. We are sorry for any pain that this has caused the families of Ron Goldsman and Nicole Brown Simpson." Gee, Mr. Murdoch, perhaps you should have thought about the reaction of the American public before your company published the book and filmed the interview with O.J. Simpson. Backlash was inevitable. After all, it's not everyday that an

entire book is written about an "imaginary confession" for an enormously publicized murder trial involving a famous football player. What I wonder about most is the fact that an "imaginary confession" took 240 pages to tell. The entire book, in Simpson's own words, details everything leading up to the murder, the murder itself and even the events afterward. The audacity that Simpson must have had to dare write about how he would have murdered someone IF he did it is incredible. It is sickening to the extreme. I was young when the trials were going on, but I remember the controversy surrounding the case and the facts. The infamous "if the glove doesn't fit, you must acquit" is something I still remember, and while I never really had an opinion about his guilt or innocence, I find myself thinking twice about someone acquitted who writes a book vividly detailing a murder. I'm sure the prosecution is wishing that a copy of the book were on hand, so that every word could be read to the jury. Prosecution could say in effect, "This is how he did it!" Sadly the book only comes after Simpson is safely away from going to jail, though admittedly facing financial burdens. There is still decency in America, and I can only hope that a publisher doesn't decide to republish the book just to stir the controversy. But since there will be no interview to watch and the book itself can be scratched off the Christmas lists of maybe a few people, it is time to move on to other concerns. If I did get a PlayStation 3, this is how I would sell it and make a lot of cash...

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## Cats try to end 22-year hex against Vols

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The year was 1984. The UK football team entered its season finale against Tennessee with a 7-3 record under third year head coach Jerry Claiborne. Current head coach Rich Brooks was in the midst of his eighth season at Oregon.

The Cats shocked the Southeastern Conference that year and beat Tennessee 17-12 in Knoxville.

Fast-forward to now — four coaches and two decades later — and the Cats haven't beaten the Vols since.

Since the 1984 victory, UK has gone nearly 22 years without defeating the Volunteers.

The task will get no easier for the 2006 version of the Cats as they take on No. 19 Tennessee on the road Saturday. The Cats will be in search of their eighth victory of the year — the most since the 1984 team won nine.

"It's like light at the end of the tunnel," Burton said. "You're playing for something. We're playing for outright second (place) in the East (division), and we're playing for a bigger bowl."

Burton, who has lit up the end zone in recent weeks with nine touchdown receptions in the last four games, believes the Cats can finally end the losing streak to Tennessee.

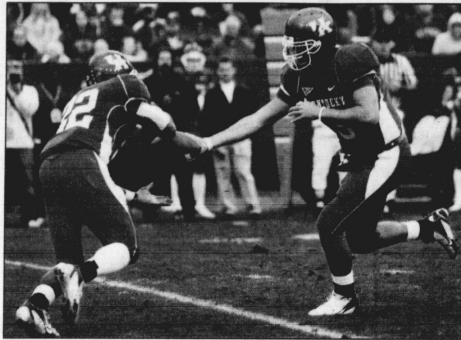
"It's really hard to predict the future, but at the same time you want to have confidence in yourself," Burton said. "I have confidence that we can compete. We're trying to do the right things the entire game."

Tight end Jacob Tammie agreed.

"Tennessee is a very good team, but we believe we can beat them," Tammie said.

"We've taken care of business four weeks in a row, so we definitely have the confidence that we can do it one more time."

The Volunteers — who are coming off a 39-10 win over Vanderbilt on Saturday — have represented a model of consistency and winning throughout their streak over the



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UK junior quarterback Andre Woodson hands off to junior tail back Rafael Little in the Cats' 42-40 win over Louisiana-Monroe on Saturday. The Cats travel to Tennessee Saturday to play a Volunteer team that they haven't beaten in 21 consecutive tries.

said.

"Leadership," Burton said. "Leadership by the quarterback, leadership by the line-backers, leadership by the coaches. We've just got a different mentality this year, and we've got a lot of confidence from the previous weeks."

The Cats' leadership will be put to the test Saturday as they complete their regular season schedule and try to end a streak that spans back to before most of the players were born.

"We've been taking care of business and taking it one week at a time," Tammie said. "So we're just going to do that again. Take it one week at a time and go out and take care of business against Tennessee."

"We've proved at times this year that our program is heading in that direction, and now it's time for this team to take another step in proving that we're going to be on the same level as those types of teams."

The difference from the teams of the past that have suffered at the hands of the Volunteers is a change in mindset, Burton

man. "As good a job Barnes does filling up the stat sheet, it's his intangibles that have really pushed the team."

Sophomore forward Tony Valerino said Barnes is a great leader and he's the "most intense player of all time."

"He's always giving 110 percent."

McCurrie, who has played with Barnes since the two were teenagers, said Barnes has always been a natural leader.

"He's always led by example," McCurrie said. "If the team is down, he wants to make the big play to pick everybody up again. He's always been that way."

"I just go out and do my job," Barnes said. "I always had the mindset that I'm going to play the best I can for my teammates. I try to do what is in the best interest of the team, and I guess that led to (being named captain)."

Often times, captains are forced to make tough decisions for themselves and for the

team. If someone takes what the leader has to say the wrong way, team chemistry could be thrown off. But the players said Barnes has done nothing to alienate himself from the rest of the team, and he is always positive with his criticism.

"He knows the most about hockey, so he's smart enough to point out mistakes we make," said junior defender Pat McAdams, the team's assistant captain. "But he's not going to lie to you or put you down. He's really respected because of that."

This season, Barnes has led the Cool Cats (10-3-1) to a 6th place ranking in the American Collegiate Hockey Association poll.

If the Cool Cats want to continue their early success and make a deep run in the ACHA National Tournament, Barnes has to keep playing well, Valerino said.

"If we're going to go anywhere, we need (Barnes) to be on his game," Valerino said. "And he has been."

## Cool Cats' success hinges on captain

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Entering the 2006-07 season, Cool Cats coach Rob Docherty knew exactly who he wanted to lead his team.

"Mike Barnes sets a great example," Docherty said. "He's a beautiful hockey player, but he has leadership skills. He works well with me and the other players."

So Barnes, a junior from Chicago, was named the team's captain before the season.

Since joining the Cool Cats, Barnes has led the team in points in each of his first two seasons. He's scored 69 goals and has 158 total points.

As impressive as he has been in finding the back of the net, teammate Tommy McCurrie said it's his passing ability that really makes the team go. Barnes' 71 assists over his first two seasons also lead the team.

"He's always looking for a pass before a shot," McCurrie said. "He's a good assist

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