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## Shot fired at Kirwan Tower hits dorm window

Six total gunshots help scatter crowd of about 100 people outside Kirwan-Blanding complex just after time change

By Megan Boehnke  
THE KENTUCKY KERNEL

An unknown person fired six gunshots early yesterday morning outside the Kirwan-Blanding complex on South Campus — one of which went through a window on the 12th floor of Kirwan Tower and into the ceiling of a female student's dorm room. No one was injured in the shooting incident.

UK police officers were already at the scene when the shots were fired into the air at 3:15 a.m., said Maj. Joe Monroe. The officers were responding to a call that a fight had broken out

among a group of up to about 100 people gathered in the courtyard. Students and non-students had gathered outside the towers to watch what Monroe believed to be a fraternity-related step show.

"We are looking at some different things and possibilities, but nothing has been confirmed about the suspect in the assault," Monroe said, adding that there were no leads in the shooting. Police are investigating leads in the assault.

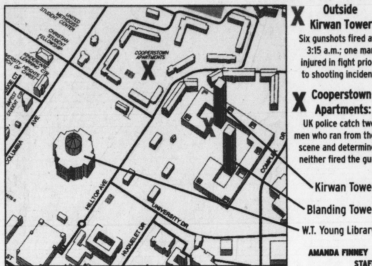
"Nobody saw the shooting," he said. "We have several witnesses in the assault, but (the shooting is) what we

really need to know about and what we need people to come forward about."

Wayne Centers, Kirwan I's hall director, said police were present when he went outside to see what was happening. "There was a bit of confusion ... people were scattering a lot," Centers said.

Roscoe Dalton, who is not a UK student, was involved in the fight and was treated for cuts on his face and lip and an injury to the back of his head, Monroe said.

The half-dozen gunshots came from the north side of Kirwan Tower, which faces Cooperstown Apartments and Kirwan II. One of the bullets went through the window of a 12th floor



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Above: Luigi waves a glow stick while DJ Miles Maeda pumps chest-thumping techno Saturday night at the Beaux Arts Ball. Below: Nicole Diamond sings to the crowd as part of the Beaux Arts Ball's drag show.

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## A ball, Beaux Arts style

Lexington's buttoned and starched collar, at least for one night, was let loose as costumed party-goers indulged in a dose of unbridled debauchery at the annual Beaux Arts Ball, held Saturday night. Tattersall's was filled to the brim for the event, hosted by the UK College of Design.

Proceeds from ticket sales benefit a local charity each year. This time, the money was donated to the Community Action Council.



## Kernel names leaders for next year

By Sean Rose  
THE KENTUCKY KERNEL

The Kernel Board of Directors selected its leaders for next school year after interviews this last Friday.

Journalism junior Megan Boehnke will be editor in chief for next year's Kernel. Jacob Knight, an integrated strategic communication junior, will be student advertising manager, and journalism and English senior Crystal Little will serve as editor in chief for the summer editions of The Kernel.

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newspaper, with a circulation of 17,000 and a readership of more than 34,000 people.



Boehnke

"They're all super," Bonifer said of Boehnke, Knight and Little. "We've had a winning team this year, and we're going to have a lot of win-

ning teams to come."

Bonifer compared the situation to Major League Baseball's New York Yankees, saying, "we don't rebuild, we just reload."

Boehnke said she was shaking throughout the interview and for some time afterward. "I was really nervous," she said. "I was really excited and I'm looking forward to next year." She said she wants The Ker-

nel to keep improving next year.

"I think The Kernel has really established itself as being a quality newspaper, especially in recent years," Boehnke said. "It's really important to me to keep that high quality where it is and increase it where we can."

Knight had similar feelings about the interview process and when he learned he got the job. "I was really happy and ex-

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## Candidates campaign on campus

Two of four in Lexington mayoral race talk of campus-city connection

By Erin Lautner  
THE KENTUCKY KERNEL

Lexington needs more high tech jobs, expanded growth opportunities and better communication between campus and City Hall — at least, that's what this year's mayoral candidates said in an on-campus forum Saturday.

The campaign fair, co-sponsored by both the UK College Democrats and the UK College Republicans, allowed students the chance to talk to Lexington's mayoral candidates and those running for the Council-at-Large positions. The primary elections will be held in May, with the final elections in November.

Both candidates, Bill Farmer Jr. and Jim Newberry said the city government must help foster a better relationship between itself and UK.

"A lot of times, when talking about the relationship with the university, it's almost like command to command," Farmer said. "When you think of the essence of a university itself, some of the things we have done have set (students) back, and we've done things at the expense of the student body."

Newberry said the relationship needs mending.

"I'd say the overall quality of that relationship leaves an awful lot to be desired right now," Newberry said. "Until we get the point where we are finding ways to cooperate more effectively, we are not going to be able to take advantage of all the synergies that could be created by having a close working relationship be-

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## Trash cans get spring makeover

By Chris Collins  
THE KENTUCKY KERNEL

The trash bags around campus have suddenly turned a noticeably brighter color, but UK plans on returning to the standard gray hue next month.

Lime-green trash can liners have replaced the old dark-green liners previously used by custodial services all over campus and the change is not merely cosmetic.

Dan Abbott, assistant superintendent of UK's custodial services, said the change in liners occurred because the factory UK orders trash bags from stopped making them. That was when UK Central Stores came up with the replacements seen now.

"UK stores order liners; we order from them," Abbott said. "It takes about two or three months for the orders to cycle through," he said.

"By May, we should not have to use the lime-green liners anymore."

Abbott said the factory that had been making the old liners, which UK has used for the past six or seven years, stopped production around the time Hurricane Katrina struck in late August 2005.

And then, UK's custodial service ran into another problem. Like any other plastic, trash can liners are made from petroleum, and petroleum products were hard to come by in the days after Katrina, Abbott said.

"Essentially, the trash can liner industry was in turmoil for a while because of Katrina,"

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**HOROSCOPES**

By Linda C. Black

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

**Aries (March 21-April 19)** - Today is an 8 - You're getting more and more curious. It seems that every question leads to another question. Ask an expert for the answer.

**Taurus (April 20-May 20)** - Today is a 6 - You have a talent for making things grow which could be profitable now. Help a dreamer do what needs to be done to achieve the goal.

**Gemini (May 21-June 21)** - Today is a 9 - The pace quickens, as does your heartbeat when thinking of someone you love. Although far apart, a connection can be made, and you should do it now.

**Cancer (June 22-July 22)** - Today is a

6 - Brilliant ideas often come to you in your dreams, as you well know. Keep pencil and paper and a nightlight ready, it's about to happen again.

**Leo (July 23-Aug. 22)** - Today is a 9 - You don't choose your friends for what they can give you. You shouldn't, anyway. Still, it's nice when a friend helps you get to a place you couldn't have found by yourself.

**Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)** - Today is a 5 - Assuming you've been good and taken care of your duties, you may go now. Yes, and enjoy yourself out there.

**Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)** - Today is a 9 - It's your natural charm and stylish flair that draws attention. You can't help but flirt. Don't worry, it's appreciated.

**Scorpio (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)** - Today is a 5 - Just as predicted, a change in circumstances has occurred. Now, you have to decide what it is that you really

want.

**Sagittarius (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)** - Today is a 9 - Get your partner, attorney or advertising agency to spread the word for you. There will be controversy. No need to face it alone.

**Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)** - Today is a 5 - An extra job is just what you need to bring in a new extra coin. Luckily, you're in the mood and the opportunity appears.

**Aquarius (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)** - Today is an 8 - A person you admire also thinks the world of you. Provide support to help the other past an upsetting moment.

**Pisces (Feb. 19-March 20)** - Today is a 5 - Conditions at home are unstable, but everything works out fine. You have everything you need, or you can get it by trading with friends.

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**THE DISH**  
**Patrick Dempsey:**  
**Life and Love**

Actor on ABC hit "Grey's Anatomy" tells us what (or who) made him successful

By Joey Bartolomeo and Mia Sulpor

He's already 40, but Patrick Dempsey still dreams about what he'd like to be when he grows up.

"A race-car driver," he tells Us following practice for the Toyota Pro/Celebrity Race (taking place April 8 in Long Beach, California).

Fortunately, fans of ABC's Grey's Anatomy need not worry he'll quit his job playing sexy neurosurgeon Derek Shepherd. "Racing is an escape and hobby," says the actor, "but I don't think I'll ever become a professional."

As if he'd have time. After wrapping season two of Grey's, Los Angeles-based Dempsey, his wife, Jillian, and daughter, Tallulah, 4, will relocate to New York City for the summer while he films the Disney fable "Enchanted with Amy Adams." He takes Us for a spin.

**Us Weekly:** What do you and Jillian do on weekends?

**Dempsey:** We go for drives together. For my 40th birthday [on January 13], she bought me a 1969 280SE convertible Mercedes, and it is a great family wagon to cruise around in. It's like a big old boat. I love to see the face of my daughter when she is in the car seat driving around.

**Q:** Are they into racing?

**A:** I have to get my wife into it. My daughter is chomping at the bit. She can't wait to go racing with me when she gets a little bit older.

**Q:** How has your marriage changed since Grey's became such a hit?

**A:** It forces you to work harder on your relationship, and you appreciate it even more so.

At times, it is extremely difficult, be-

cause you lose a lot of your privacy. But I find that my relationship with my wife is getting closer.

**Q:** Any plans to have another baby?

**A:** Well now, I'm not only getting pressure from my wife, but also from my daughter. I keep going to my wife, "Are you putting her up to this?" and she says, "Not at all!" Tallulah asks, "Where do babies come from? Why don't we have another one?" It is very cute.

**Q:** You're dyslexic. How does it affect your life?

**A:** You find your own tools to deal with it. When people ask for my autograph, I always ask them to please be polite and help me with the spelling so I don't mess it up.

**Q:** Have you taped the Grey's finale yet?

**A:** We are starting the last three episodes right now. It's a three-parter [airing May 14 and 15]. It's going to have a nice climax at the end of the season.

It will be very much like the show: a lot of drama, a lot of comedy and a lot of romance.

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He became a heartthrob with hit films like 1987's "Can't Buy Me Love," but Dempsey (with costar Amanda Peterson) says he could not get hired in the early '90s.

"In this business, you can't be difficult. You can't have temper tantrums," he told Barbara Walters in February. "... I don't think I understood that at the time."

The actor attributes his troubled emotional state in part to a failing seven-year marriage with then-manager Rocky Parker, who was 27 years his senior.

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## Shooting

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dorm room, he said. A student had been lying on a bed in that room and ran to the lobby after hearing gunshots outside, Monroe said. She returned to her room and noticed that her blinds were messed up near the top of the window, and that was when she saw the bullet holes, he said. The bullet disintegrated

on impact in the ceiling and police were unable to recover any evidence. Police did not release the student's name.

After the shots were fired, two men took off running toward Cooperstown Apartments. Officers caught up with them there but found no weapon on them and determined that they were not involved in the shooting, Monroe said.

"They were just running from the area like everyone else," Monroe said. Police brought a trained dog to the area to see if it

could find a gun in case someone had been tossed it into the bushes or hidden it somewhere in the area, but nothing was discovered, Monroe said.

The individual who fired the gun will be charged with several counts of wanted endangerment if captured, Monroe said. Police published a campus safety alert on UK's Web site mid-afternoon yesterday. Monroe asked students to report any information they have about this incident to the police and to always be care-

ful. "If the situation looks like it's getting out-of-hand, at a party or somewhere else, always go ahead and leave," he said.

Centers said he and the resident advisers in Kirwan I are planning to have a hall meeting in the next week. "There's a lot of questions and people are just trying to understand what's going on," he said.

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## Mayor's Race

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tween city hall and campus."

Lexington Mayor Teresa Isaac is currently working to better this relationship by meeting regularly with UK President Lee Todd to discuss ways to make Lexington more appealing to students and work better with campus, said Susan Hammond, Isaac's campaign manager. Isaac was unable to attend the event due to a scheduling conflict, Hammond said.

The fourth candidate — cigar store owner Charles Martin Jr. — wasn't present at the event and did not have a representative in attendance.

The candidates also said the city must devote more attention to making Lexington more appealing to UK students.

"(Mayor Isaac) wants to make Lexington attractive to the best and brightest in Kentucky," said Hammond. "She is working to bring in more jobs, especially from high tech companies because they seem to attract younger peo-

ple." Newberry is proposing a scholarship for Lexington high school students that would cover tuition at Kentucky universities for students majoring in science, technology, engineering and math fields, if they commit to stay in Lexington after graduation.

Farmer said making UK a top-20 public research institution — a goal mandated by the state legislature in 1997 — is the best way to bring the brightest students to Lexington.

"UK really has it together in terms of having a business plan, and there is a pathway to get to top 20," Farmer said. "One of the things the city needs to be ready for is to go along with that because it has to do with physical changes that will affect neighborhoods around campus."

"Top-20 university isn't a small thing," he said. Hammond said the government is trying to do just that with some recent downtown renovations that promote the meshing of campus and downtown. She added that Mayor Isaac strongly supports downtown infill and redevelopment not only for UK's sake, but also for the sake of Lexington's horse farms and

bluegrass countryside.

Newberry said UK is critical to developing a stronger Lexington economy. "The college town area is the most critical piece of real estate in the community," Newberry said. "If we find ways to effectively develop that and to promote the exchange of ideas, people and resources between downtown and campus, we would have a terrific local economy."

Farmer said living on campus is a great solution, too. "I think the fact that the administration has realized the importance of putting the students on campus," Farmer said.

"I think the things that are going on downtown will be a great link up to that, but I appreciate the new dorms that are being built," he said, referencing the four new dorms that opened at the start of this school year. "It gives people a chance to be right at central campus."

The four mayoral candidates are scheduled to be on campus at least one more time this month for a proposed April 17 forum sponsored by Student Government.

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## Selections

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cited and relieved," Knight said. "It was a stressful interview."

As for goals for next year, Knight said he wanted more sales.

"I'd like to see higher sales on the year and get sales back up," Knight said. "I can't wait to get started."

Little was also pleased with her position as lead The Kernel over the summer.

"I was very excited that

the board members wanted me for the job," Little said. "I feel very confident that I will not break The Kernel over the summer."

Little said she wanted to examine in-depth issues this summer such as UK's transforming police force and UK state's discussion with unions in response to pay raises lower than those given to faculty.

"I want to focus on projects over the summer," Little said.

"I'm just looking forward to bringing the best product I can to the students and faculty and staff."

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## Trash

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the disruption in the oil transport," Abbott said.

"The industry was having trouble with supply, the refineries in New Orleans were shut down for a while," he said. "There was a major disruption in the supply line. Liner prices went up considerably; we couldn't get any locked-in prices. All manufacturers were running into the same problem."

The trouble with finding the trash can liners seems to have abated somewhat in the

months after Katrina, he said.

"Five or six months ago, it was a major problem; now, it has stabilized somewhat," Abbott said. "Anything plastic-petroleum, it's all related."

"About like gas prices, things have settled down but settled down to a higher rate," he said. "I would speculate that it is about the same way with the trash can liners."

Abbott said the bright bags are just as strong as the old liners.

"We found that the quality is about the same," he said. "We found that they're working; we're just not happy with the green color."

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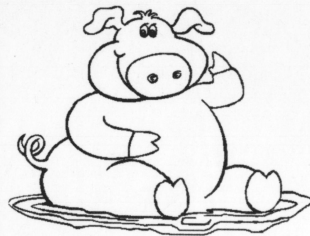
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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• FUSION Committee Chair Meeting, 3:30 PM, Student Organization Center</li> <li>• KARAOKE, 7:00 PM, Student Center Cat's Den</li> <li>• WRFL Presents: Himsa, Full Blown Chaos, Mannix, and More, 7:00 PM, Downtown Arts Center - 141 E Main St</li> <li>• Solar Car Team Meeting, 5:00 PM, DVT Engineering Building</li> <li>• James W. Stuckert Career Center Drop-In Hours, 3:00 PM, James W. Stuckert Career Center 408 Rose Street</li> <li>• Feminist Alliance Meeting, 7:30 PM, Gaines Center for the Humanities 232 E. Maxwell St.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Helping Hands Meeting, 6:00 PM, Student Volunteer Center, 106 Student Center</li> <li>• Believing, Dreaming, Achieving: The Path to Success, 5:00 PM, Student Center 205</li> <li>• *BINGO!, 7:00 PM, STUDENT CENTER CATS DEN</li> <li>• Horticulture Club Meeting, 5:30 PM, Greenhouse classroom</li> <li>• Internship Information Session, 3:00 PM, 408 Rose St</li> <li>• Alpha Phi Omega Active Meeting, 7:30 PM, Student Center, Room 359</li> <li>• Reformed University Fellowship (RUF), 7:30 PM, student center rm. 357</li> <li>• College Democrats Weekly Meeting, 7:30 PM, Rm. 211 Student Center</li> <li>• Fencing Club Practice, 8:00 PM, Buell Armory</li> <li>• Soc. of Telecom. Scholars Meeting, 5:00 PM, Maggie Room, Grehan Building</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• New North Open Mic Night, 9:00 PM, New North Hall</li> <li>• Plasma Koth supply, the refineries in New Orleans were shut down for a while," he said. "There was a major disruption in the supply line. Liner prices went up considerably; we couldn't get any locked-in prices. All manufacturers were running into the same problem."</li> <li>• Relay for Life team representative meeting, 8:00 PM, Student Center room 203</li> <li>• Michael Ian Black, 8:00 PM, Student Center Grand Ballroom</li> <li>• Comedy Caravan, 8:00 PM, Student Center Cats Den</li> <li>• Miss UK "Pretty in Pink", 7:00 PM, Memorial Hall</li> <li>• French Film Series, 7:00 PM, WT Young Library Auditorium</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Mystery Science Theater 3000: The Movie, 10:00 PM, Center Theater</li> <li>• RSA General Assembly Meetings, 5:30 PM, 359 Student Center</li> <li>• Dominoes Tournament, 7:00 PM, Student Center Cats Den</li> <li>• Reformed University Fellowship (RUF), 7:30 PM, student center rm. 357</li> <li>• Fencing Club Practice, 8:00 PM, Buell Armory</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Cool Runnings, 10:00 PM, Worsham Theater</li> <li>• James W. Stuckert Career Center Drop-In Hours, 3:00 PM, James W. Stuckert Career Center 408 Rose Street</li> <li>• *CF Free Dinner and Fellowship, 7:00 PM, CSF Building (across from Cooperstown Apt.)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The Fifth Element, 10:00 PM, Worsham Theater</li> <li>• *Swing Dance, 8:00 PM, Arthur Murray Dance Studio, 1801 Alexandria Dr., Lexington, KY</li> </ul> <p style="text-align: center; margin-top: 10px;"><i>Sunday 9<sup>th</sup></i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Sunday Afternoon Swing Dance, 3:00 PM, High Bridge Park Outdoor Covered Pavilion, High Bridge, KY</li> <li>• UKUFO, 10:00 PM, Seaton Field</li> </ul>



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### Bookmarking the next page in interactivity

If you're like me, and you get tired of making the same rounds to LiveJournal, Xanga, MySpace, Facebook, and your e-mail, then you will appreciate the advent of social bookmarking as much as I did.



**Roger Chui**  
KERNEL COLUMNIST

Social bookmarking, simply put, is a way for people to share and organize interesting pages that they have created or stumbled upon. The very first social bookmarking site, del.icio.us, was created in 2003 and instantly caught on as people began sharing and organizing their favorite pages online.

Social bookmarking sites have a tagging interface, so if you were to save this site on del.icio.us, you might give it the tags "tech," "tips," "news" and "bookmarking." Tagging lets readers of the social bookmarking Web site determine whether a page becomes popular, or whether the page becomes lost in the bowels of cyberspace. If more people bookmark a page, it will rise up in the rankings.

This new way of organizing the Internet offers an alternative to search engines like Google, which rely on ro-

bots to "spider" the web. Social bookmarking sites return sites based on how many people have found it helpful, not by how many links the site has pointing to it.

There are lots of social bookmarking sites around. Two of the most popular sites are Digg (www.digg.com) and del.icio.us (http://del.icio.us). These two sites bookmark news and interesting pages. On the plate right now at both sites, for example, are links to a Swedish study claiming that cell

phones increase the risk of cancer by 240 percent and a link to a site with screenshots of every imaginable flavor of Linux, an open source operating system. Yahoo! purchased del.icio.us last December, but it continues to be a

favorite gathering site for millions on the Internet.

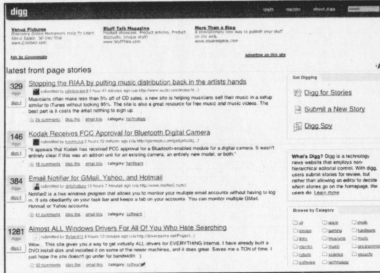
These two sites do tend to be oriented towards techies, but there are many other sites for the rest of the world, and many of those organize things other than news stories.

Flickr (www.flickr.com), also owned by Yahoo!, organizes photos from people all over the world. YouTube (www.youtube.com) organizes videos. A journey down the "humor" category at either Web site promises to consume multiple hours of your time.

I have found social bookmarking to be much more entertaining and addictive than LiveJournal and Facebook combined. Social bookmarking not only gives you new sites to visit or new video clips to see, but it gives you control over whether millions of others will visit that site.

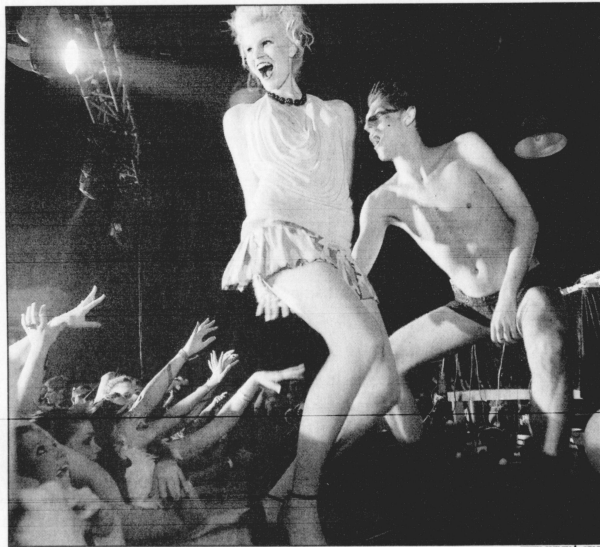
If you're looking to get started with social bookmarking, you can visit this story at [www.kykernel.com](http://www.kykernel.com), and scroll down to the bottom. The Kernel's codeslaves have conveniently put links there to get you started.

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phones increase the risk of cancer by 240 percent and a link to a site with screenshots of every imaginable flavor of Linux, an open source operating system. Yahoo! purchased del.icio.us last December, but it continues to be a

## BEAUX ARTS BALL



KEITH SHIMLEY | STAFF

Party-goers strut their stuff during the annual Beaux Arts Ball, held Saturday night at Tattersalls on South Broadway.

UK students modeled outfits from General Eccentric during the ball, which is hosted by the UK College of Design.

Each year, proceeds from the event benefit a local charity. The Community Action Council of Lexington received money from this year's version of the ball.



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## Tide pitching sweeps away UK

By Ryan Kuhn  
THE KENTUCKY KERNEL

Perfection occurred this weekend at the UK Softball Complex, but it wasn't the kind UK fans hoped for.

Stephanie Vanbrakle pitched the first perfect game in Alabama school history Saturday in the first game of a three-game sweep by the Crimson Tide (32-4, 12-0 Southeastern Conference).

While Coach Eileen Schmidt said she was disappointed in the team's effort, she was quick to give credit to the pitching UK has faced of late.

"I think a lot of our offensive struggles can be attributed to the quality of pitching we have faced," she said. "Both [Tennessee's Monica] Abbott and Vanbrakle are in the USA Softball system."

UK (4-22, 2-13 SEC) dropped the final game of this weekend's series by a score of 9-0. Amy Kendall, whose record fell to 5-8 on the year with the loss, gave up all nine runs in the first inning. Kendall and Lindsay Brogdon did not allow a hit after the first.

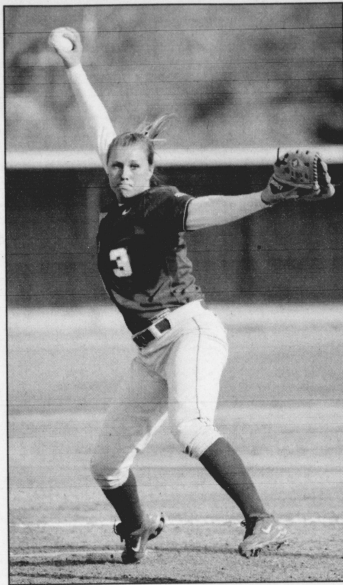
"Our pitching was good later in the game," said Coach Schmidt. "Amy pitched great after the first; we just have to work on being ready to play."

Game one starter Vanbrakle combined with Blair Potter to hold the Cats to no runs on two hits. Katie Campbell and Florence each had one hit for UK.

UK completed a rough stretch of their SEC schedule with the loss. The Cats are unless over their last three opponents (LSU, Tennessee, and Alabama), and have been shut out over their last six games.

"The teams we have been playing are really good this year," said Coach Schmidt. "Alabama and Tennessee have some of the best pitching in the SEC and Tennessee is probably the best at the plate."

UK will get a break from SEC play this week when Ohio comes to town tomorrow and Western Kentucky on Wednesday. Coach Schmidt said the team should benefit from the break.



ANDREW HUGHES | STAFF

Freshman pitcher Jessica Trueblood pitches in UK's 8-0 loss to Tennessee on Thursday. UK has been outscored 47-0 in its last six games.

"We just went through the toughest stretch of games we have this year," she said. "The SEC is much better than it was in the past. We used to have one good team each year, and now six of the teams are in or near the top 25."

While Ohio and Western Kentucky are not the same caliber of team that UK has been playing recently, Schmidt said the team has to remain focused and improve during the week.

"Ohio is good and Western is doing really well this year," she said. "We can't afford to take too much of a break because these teams are pretty good."

Despite the team's recent slide, Schmidt said her goals for the season remain

unchanged. "I feel like I'm pulling a Tubby (Smith, UK head men's basketball coach), she said. "But my goals for the team are still the same. We're at the point in the season where if we start over and play well, we can still accomplish what we set out to."

Schmidt said the team has played well but just hasn't had luck on its side the way it did early in the season. "We were getting a lot of breaks earlier in the season," she said. "You make your own breaks, however, so hopefully we'll get back on track in the next few weeks."

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## Cats' weekend shows winning styles

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The UK women's tennis team pulled out a pair of conference victories over the weekend — but the matches could not have been more different.

Friday against Georgia, the Cats won by the skin of their teeth. But UK played yesterday's match against Tennessee with ease. Both teams are ranked higher than UK.

"Winning both matches is a big achievement," junior Kim Coventry said. "We're proud of that."

Friday's match against Georgia needed the late heroics of freshman Carolina Escamilla to ease the Cats past the Dogs, 4-3.

"It came down to one of our freshmen," senior Danielle Petrisco said. "It was really, really close."

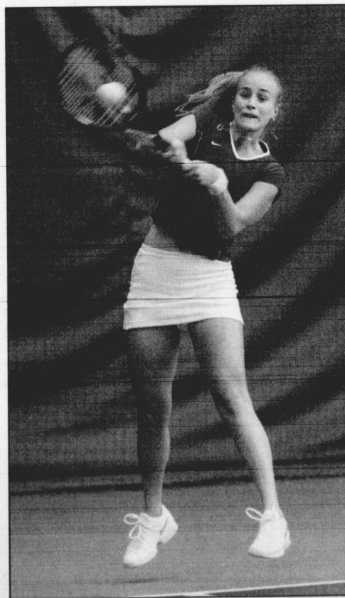
Escamilla, who hails from Colombia, lost the first set of her match but rallied, beating her opponent in the second set and then sealing the win by taking a tense, final-set tiebreaker, 7-6. With that win, Escamilla stretched her winning streak to eight matches and remained perfect in Southeastern Conference play.

Yesterday's match against Tennessee, on the other hand, proved to be less of a catfight, as UK won all three doubles matches and nearly shot out the Volunteers in a 6-1 win.

"This weekend was great for us," said UK head coach Carlos Drada. "It really was a reflection of the whole season."

"The team and all the players were determined," he said. "They played really well and dealt with all of the difficulties they met."

With the wins, UK extended its winning streak to six matches, a string dating back to the middle of March. "We're only getting better with every match," Coventry



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Junior Lara Maurer returns a serve in a win against Louisville in January.

said. "We've had some tough matches, but have gotten through most of them."

There aren't many matches remaining, with the conference tournament approaching April 20-23 and the NCAA Tournament in May. Last year, UK advanced to the SEC Tour-

namment finals, losing to Florida.

"We need to take it one match at a time," Drada said. "We'll see what happens."

"We really don't look that far ahead," Coventry said. "It's just one match at a time."

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## IN OUR OPINION

### Brown's job begins and ends with students

Student Government president-elect Jonah Brown has a demanding position to fill. He must simultaneously serve as the student's voice to an administration that doesn't always listen and work to bring legitimacy back to an organization that has lost much of it over the past year.

Perhaps Brown's biggest asset is that he has already been in charge of the Resident Student Association twice, meaning he has experience with tasks such as determining budget allocations, managing personnel and working with university administrators. That said, Brown should be able to hit the ground running as SG president.

However, Brown's terms as RSA president show that he may not be up to the task of standing up for students — the most important duty of the SG president. Brown was in a position to represent students' voices on one of the most important issues of this year's election: the unpopular meal plan. But Brown went along with the plan's approval, rather than raising a stink about how costly and inconvenient the new plan would be, and not back down until students' demands were heard.

In his question and answer session with The Kernel's editorial board, Brown mentioned that he has maintained working relationships with numerous UK administrators. That's not a bad thing, of course, but he gave no indication that he had ever stood up for students when those administrators had other thoughts.

We're glad that Brown already knows a number of administrators — and has not, for instance, filed lawsuits against them as his outgoing SG president Becky Ellingsworth. That can certainly be a strength — he clearly knows his way around and knows who to talk to or get straight answers. But if he expects

to be remembered as a strong leader, he needs to remember that his relationship with the student body must always come first.

In regard to improving SG's status on campus, there are a number of steps Brown needs to take.

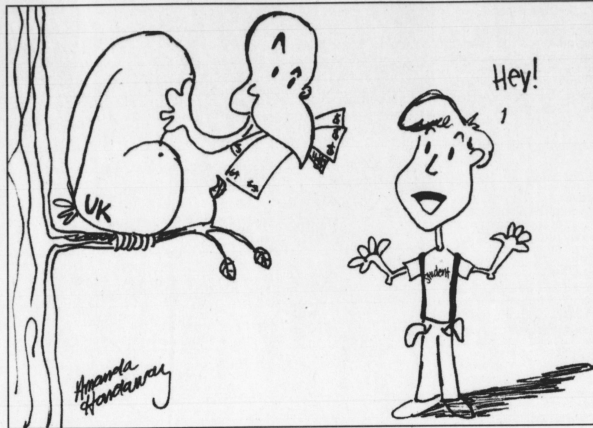
First, he must push to see online voting fully implemented, starting with the freshman senator elections in the fall. Turnout increased this year, but only by a mere 349 voters — which could easily have been the effect of slightly longer polling hours and more voting machines in main campus areas. By allowing all students to vote at their leisure during a 48-hour period, online elections would bring even more students into the process of electing SG officials.

Second, Brown needs to convene another Constitutional Revisions Committee to continue the work of this year's group. Some progress has been made, but more is needed — especially in regard to the definition of election violations. We are glad to see that the campaigns decided not to file election complaints over minutiae, but it's not likely that election violations won't come back into play in the years to come.

Finally, with the upcoming Lexington council and mayoral elections, Brown needs to make sure the student voice is heard throughout the city.

Student Government has all too often ignored its role as a potential agent for change in city government, and Brown is in a position to ensure that SG does not repeat these mistakes of the past. We hope to see him and SG working to educate and engage students in this fall's elections, in hopes of ensuring that council members and city government officials have an interest in gaining the support of the student population.

Brown has the opportunity to do great things with SG. Let's hope he takes it.



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### 'The Apprentice' shows what's wrong with our culture

In watching TV the other night, I noticed a few things about "The Apprentice."

The primary realization was that "The Apprentice" makes me want to vomit uncontrollably.

At first glance it appears to be a group of over-achieving, pretentious and ultimately self-important "people" bent on nothing

more than developing their careers as business people. It's arguable that reality shows are trivial and unworthy of academic discourse. On the contrary, however, they're incredibly telling about our culture by offering a glimpse into the sinister and vile world of business in America and, increasingly, our tolerance of it.

People cease being people on this show. They instantly become faceless, emotionless consumers who have something you need for your career advancement: their money.

Phrases like "creative process," "get the juices flowing" and "touch base" are flippantly thrown out at the camera. If you're ever in a room in which you hear any one of the above phrases, leave. Immediately. Otherwise, you'll lose a substantial part of your will to live after three minutes. Two if you're lucky.

Maybe I'm missing something, but for some reason, I don't find a group of rich white guys in nice suits and horrible ties arguing over who could have made more

hapless people sign up for credit cards very entertaining.

Is Visena a huge sponsor of this show? Apparently, no one in a fake conference room blinks. Ever. Otherwise, you're fired.

On that note, once these smug children-pretending-to-be-adults are cut, there are a series of faux emotional shots showing every one in utter disbelief at what just happened. I tend to share their expression; I'm in utter disbelief I'm still watching this absurd dance being performed to stroke Donald Trump's ego.

Of course, every game show (and, indeed, that's what "The Apprentice" is, contrary to popular belief) I've ever seen is fueled by greed. Even our beloved "Double Dare" was little more than a group of kids pining away over skateboards and Nerf footballs.

Created works from both sides of the table.

Shows like Extreme Home Makeover, The Swan and American Idol function by promising dreams to disenfranchised, working class people and delivering massive paychecks into the pockets of network executives; they are a theater of the absurd performed on a national stage.

Granted, watching American Inventor is pretty funny, but mostly because we're laughing at the ridiculousness of the whole affair. American notions of fame and fortune are the primary driving force behind these atrocities. As such, it's not likely they'll disappear anytime soon, so it's best to just kick back, immerse yourself in consumerism and indulge in that oh so not delicious beer that sponsored that one reality show that you can't recall last night.

ful state of unconscious functionality.

"Deal or No Deal," NBC's fresh hell straight from the mind of Howie Mandel, works as family-friendly gambling. But don't hold your breath for a congressional hearing on the effects of socializing fertile minds to the illusion of getting something for nothing, mostly because the whole American social, political and economic systems depend upon that very notion.

I remember watching the apotheosis of consumer culture, "The Price is Right," with doughy eyes thinking that things just couldn't get better than winning a new car or some other bloated prize by using ones wit. Alas, alas, now the whole thing is a charade that induces nausea on a level unparalleled in human history.

Then again, maybe I'm just incredibly bitter and jaded. I enjoy a lot of the shows I just wasted your time bashing.

I buy stuff at Wal-Mart, I eat McDonalds food and play Fender guitars. Indeed, even I, your pretentious commentator, pine away for silly things like Nerf footballs and skateboards.

The point is that we can't rise above all of the nonsense that's incessantly pumped into our brain via cathode rays. In order to get through the day without losing it, we're either going to have to immerse ourselves in consumer-entertainment culture for survival or drink heavily and hope our livers can be replaced on a new, hit reality show called "Extreme Transplants."

Whatever. You're fired. Ian Conley is a journalism senior. E-mail: iconley@kykernel.com

### The students have spoken: UK's dining plan must go

Put a fork in UK's new dining plan — it's done, at least as far as students are concerned.

The plan, which was introduced this year to replace the declining-balance plan used in previous years, was overwhelmingly rejected by students last week on the Student Government referendum.

An 84.9 percent majority voted to go back to the old declining-balance system from the new system which allots students a fixed amount of meals.

The problem with the new system was that no matter what a student purchased — an apple or a three-course meal — the amount of credit deducted from his or her dining account was the same.

Not only did students find that practice unfair, but the plan itself encouraged overeating in order to get one's money's worth.

In the past, The Kernel editorial board has advocated privatizing UK dining services, believing that pri-

vate sector enterprise could more efficiently and effectively deliver quality food to students.

As SG candidates Preston Worley and Scott McIntosh pointed out, every other public university in the state has come to recognize that reality.

SG President-elect Jonah Brown has indicated that he wants to explore a variety of options.

A variety of dining plans may help, but having a better array of food choices on campus would be even better.

Brown would do well to reach out to former opponents Worley and McIntosh, who've done a lot of research on privatizing food services. Perhaps ideas from both camps could somehow be melded together.

In any case, the students have spoken — and they want something done about the problem.

Now it's time for Brown and other SG election winners to show students why they deserve their jobs.



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KERNEL COLUMNIST

## LETTERSTOTHEEDITOR

### Rondo better off in NBA

I disagree with Chris Johnson's view that it is in Rajon Rondo's best interest financially and as a basketball player to forgo the NBA draft and stay at Kentucky. It is abundantly clear from Johnson's wildly inaccurate NBA musings that he isn't informed enough to make such an assessment.

First of all, NCAA rules limit the amount of time players can spend with their coaches. Don't ask me why.

By contrast, many high NBA draft picks often have their own personal coach at their disposal, in addition to an entire staff of coaches that are, generally speaking, more highly paid and qualified than college coaches. There is a reason NBA coaches are paid more, and also a reason extremely few college coaches have succeeded in the NBA. Put two and two together.

Second, the level of competition Rondo faces in college these days isn't very high. Just ask George Mason.

And then there's the obvious: getting paid to play basketball ain't a bad gig.

How could any conscientious individual advise Rondo to pass up a multi-million dollar contract that would pay him to do what he does best? There are no guarantees it would still be there next year. Injuries happen. Slumps happen. Former Wildcat Keith Bogans may very well have played himself out of millions of dollars staying in college instead of going pro after his sophomore year.

This never-ending debate about the supposed merits of staying in school underscores the dirty little secret of big-time college athletics: coaches, athletic directors and university presidents, most of whom are white, make billions upon billions of dollars from an unpaid labor force that is mostly black. As millionaire head coaches continue to implore their stars to stay in school, even as few graduate, their motives have to be called into question.

Johnson should consider that before he, like so many others, makes another condescending, self-serving call for Rondo to pass up lifelong financial security for the sake of Good 'ol U of K.

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### Campaign ads overdue

Is the advertising over? On campus last week, I saw more advertisements than ever before. I even caught myself trying to not make eye contact with the tons of people outside of the Classroom Building on Wednesday.

I think of myself and my friends as well-educated students who can make our decisions wisely; we didn't need all the campaigning the day of elections. Every one that wanted to be educated on the issues was previously. However, the many campaigners were passing out as many small pieces of colored paper as they could, bombarding the innocent people just trying to go to class.

I don't know about the rest of you, but I am glad that it's over and I can go to class in peace now.

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### No monopoly on patriotism

Unpatriotic and un-American — a couple of words the conservative right uses to describe anyone who dares to question the legitimacy of our government's actions a few years ago.

Well what do you know? Nowadays, you can't turn on the TV or open a newspaper without uncovering yet another story detailing our current administration's faults. While Iraq is teetering on the possibility of civil war, our deficit cap is increased and social programs (the kind that help college students out) are slashed.

An uneasy realization begins to set in for loyal, "patriotic" conservatives that eat up every lie that was spoon-fed to them by this administration, a realization that maybe Bush hasn't had it right all this time. Maybe going to war in Iraq wasn't the smartest solution. Maybe democracy isn't for everybody. Maybe re-electing this guy wasn't the best idea.

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