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## Forum calls for change in library hours

By Danielle Pritchett news@kykernel.com

Student Government held a forum Monday night for students to express concerns about the new hours of W.T. Young Library.

The Young Library, which was open 24 hours a day last year, is now closed between the hours of 2 and 7 a.m. due to budget cuts. The forum came after widespread student concern about the new library hours.

"It allows students the opportunity to say how this has impacted

them," said SG President Tyler Montell.

Students who attended the forum explained many concerns they had about the new hours, including the actual amount of money saved.

Tourette Jackson, a doctoral student in public health, said, "If they're looking to save money, why do they keep the lights on?"

Jackson said the problem stemmed from misappropriation of funds.

Janitors and security guards still have to be kept on staff even though the library is closed, said SG Sen.

Allison Dailey, a communications senior.

"Why don't they just open the doors?" Dailey said.

Another issue was the lack of communication between administrators and students. There was a general call for a public explanation to the community.

"No one asked student opinion, because they knew it would be 100 percent negative," Dailey said.

The main issue of the forum was actual student need.

"I've been in the library way past 2 a.m. myself," SG Vice Pres-

ident Grant Mills said.

While the library will operate 24 hours a day during mid-terms and finals weeks, not all classes run on the traditional finals schedule, Montell said.

"I can't get much done at 8 p.m. because the library is so packed," said Jackson, who added there are no quiet study places in Lexington that are open all night.

Students also brainstormed possible solutions to the problem, including opening limited floors of the library, instating a book fund, looking for sponsorship or opening

an alternate library.

"We want to put together a list of issues surrounding the situation and provide that for the administration," Montell said.

While opening an alternate library was once a serious option, Montell said he recently discovered that the difference in cost would be minimal.

However, most attendees agreed that the first plan of action should be to reinstate full 24 hours of operation for the Young Library.

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## Dinner draws poverty line

By Allison Alvey news@kykernel.com

There are roughly 6.6 billion people in the world and millions suffer from chronic hunger every day. On Monday night, the UK Honors Program tried to teach its students first-hand what that was like for one evening.

The World Food Issues Honors Track Dinner provided students in the world food issues class with a real-life example of how the world's wealth and food is divided.

Each student randomly drew a piece of paper that gave them a personal story of someone in the socio-economic class in which they were assigned. The wealthy, upper class got to sit at a table and eat fast food and drink sodas. The middle class sat in chairs with no table and were given medium amounts of food. The lower class had to sit on the floor and were given only a half cup of rice.

Before being assigned her social status, Kimber Guinn, an agricultural biotechnology freshman, said no matter what class she was put in, she hoped to gain something from the experience.

"I'll probably take away an empty stomach if I don't get my food, but other than that, a better understanding of world food issues," she said. "I hope to get a better idea of how people across the world eat."

Jake Rigdon, a biology freshman, was one of the students assigned to represent the upper class. Rigdon said the dinner made an impact on how he viewed the disparities between the amounts of food people across the world have.

"The majority of people across the world have not been blessed with what we've been blessed with."

JAKE RIGDON biology freshman

Rigdon said he took away from the dinner was one of gratitude for what he had.

"The majority of people across the world have not been blessed with what we've been blessed with," he said. "It's opened my eyes more to the problem."

Jennifer Chadwick, an architecture freshman, was assigned to represent the lower class. She said she learned that poverty is not as easily defined as she once thought.

"Third World countries aren't the only ones who have food problems, the middle class has food problems too," Chadwick said. "It reinforces my view on poverty, and I realize I take things for granted a lot of the time."

Todd Pfeiffer, a professor in the department of plant and soil sciences, is in his fourth year of participating in the event.

Pfeiffer said it is important for students to attend this dinner because it gives them a chance to emotionally relate to those who go hungry.

"We're trying to make them feel something and make an emotional connection to world food issues," he said. "Students haven't yet come to realize the statistics and when they see how many students are poor versus rich they will realize more."

## From Wall Street to Rose Street



### Economic struggles create problems for UK students

By Paul Mattingly news@kykernel.com

Keeping up with financial news is not a hobby for most college students, however, the effects of the current economic crisis could reach all the way from Wall Street to UK's campus.

The current upheaval in the U.S. financial system has caused uncertainty across the nation after major banks and other financial institutions have collapsed and others find themselves in trouble.

A proposed government bailout bill, which was asking for \$700 billion, failed in the House of Representatives on Monday, leading to even more tension on Wall Street. On Monday the Dow Jones Industrial Average was down 777.68 points at closing, which the Dow Jones Web site lists as the biggest single-day closing point drop in the history of the DJIA.

If the stock market continues to struggle, it could have a negative effect on the availability of scholarship money. Dennis Officer, an associate professor of finance at UK, said poor stock market performance means endowments decline, which would cause scholarship money to decline as well.

An increase in tuition, combined with a decrease in scholarship money and job earnings, could make life difficult for UK students, said Joe Peek, a finance professor and the Gatton endowed chair in International Banking and Financial Economics at UK.

"You're in the middle of the vice, and it's just closing from both ends."

Peek said.

These factors could lead to an increase in financial aid applications from students. Lynda George, director of the financial aid office at UK, said UK received more financial aid applications than usual for the 2008-09 school year, with an 11 percent increase in the number of applications for need-based financial aid.

George said if the current economic struggles continue, the number of financial aid applications will probably continue to grow each year.

The primary reason behind the financial system's problems is a large number of mortgage defaults. The recent mortgage-lending crisis forces lenders to drive up loan rates, reducing their affordability. As a result, the affordability and availability of private student loan rates, car loan rates and other loan rates

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## Study to measure bike usage on campus

Taylor Howard news@kykernel.com

Bicycles are a common sight on and around campus, yet it has been 10 years since any type of study has been done on the usage of bicycles at UK. This Tuesday that will change.

UK Parking and Transportation Services is conducting a study to yield up-to-date calculations on bicycle usage in the area. The information will be used for future planning procedures and accommodations.

Whether it is to install more bicycle parking facilities or to carve way for more bicycle lanes, said Stuart Kearns, as-

sociate director of Parking and Transportation.

"We are doing the survey to justify the increased need to make more bike parking facilities and amenities," Kearns said.

Volunteers will be stationed at 13 of the main entrance points on campus to record the number of

passing bicyclists. The survey is scheduled to last from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m.

In 1998, UK's Department of Civil Engineering and the Kentucky Transportation Center performed a counting survey that recorded the number of bicyclists as they entered and exited campus.

This new survey is expected to show a positive increase in bicycle use at UK since the last time it was done, said Taylor Shelton, a geogra-

phy and political science senior and intern to UK Parking and Transportation.

"This study is an excellent opportunity to

show the university administration why we need more bicycling facilities," Shelton said.

"UK, being a college campus, will obviously have more bicycle use than normal," he said.

High gas prices have forced some students to rethink their transportation choices, leading more people to ride bicycles. David Kirk, a broadcast journalism junior, said he never rode his bike to campus until he realized all the benefits it could bring.

"I used to never ride a bike, until I figured out that riding a bike is a great way to give back to the environment and also save money," Kirk said. "Not to mention it makes those early morning voyages to Dickey Hall a little less arduous."

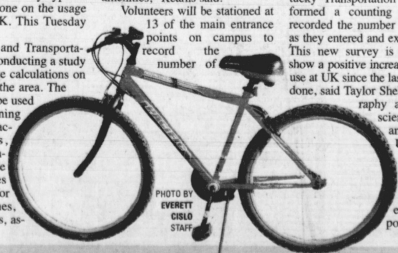


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### Horoscopes

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 won't have to say very much to get your point across. Let the other person talk herself around to your point of view.

**Taurus (April 20-May 20)** — Today is a 5 — How are you as a manager? Would you rather simply do the job yourself, to get it right? You may not have that option. Practice being an inspiration to others.

**Gemini (May 21-June 21)** — Today is a 10 — Make up a list of your hopes and wants, and then forget about it. Do good deeds for others and you'll be amazed at what happens for you.

**Cancer (June 22-July 22)** —

Today is a 5 — Follow a whim. Do this at home, however, not out in the big, wide world. Be wild and crazy — in a secure environment.

**Leo (July 23-Aug. 22)** — Today is an 8 — You'll soon be skillful enough to relax. Be careful now, however. It's easy to make mistakes when you're not sure what you're doing.

**Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)** — Today is an 8 — You can afford to get something nice for your family. Decide what you want, and what it's worth, so you'll know a good deal when you see it.

**Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)** — Today is a 9 — Think for a moment before you take action. You can figure out exactly which way to go. Your hunches should be right on.

**Scorpio (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)** — Today is a 5 — The time you spend least deep in thought can lead to great rewards. You have a lot of details to sort, and you need your quiet time.

**Sagittarius (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)** — Today is an 8 — Don't believe everything you hear, especially regarding money. Errors will be the rule, not the exception. Estimates will be too high or too low. Get a Virgo to double-check the facts.

**Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)** — Today is a 6 — Listen carefully to what they're saying at the top. Some of this information you can use to your own advantage. You can figure out what they need.

**Aquarius (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)** — Today is a 9 — Continue with your countdown, confident in your team and your ability to handle whatever might occur. The odds are in your favor for a marvelous, successful journey.

**Pisces (Feb. 19-March 20)** — Today is a 5 — Try not to get emotionally whacked if you find that you've taken a loss. You will have enough to get by. You can trust yourself for that.

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## THE DISH

Back from their Caribbean vacation, Zac Efron, 20, and Vanessa Hudgens, 19, stepped out for a Teen Vogue party in L.A. Sept. 18. A source close to the duo, who reunite on the big screen's High School Musical 3: Senior Year, says they're basking in their romance. "There is no drama; they are just very much in love." And HSM director Kenny Ortega tells Us their best work will be on display in the sequel, which premieres this month. "They turned out performers that exceed anything we've seen them do before."

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### Hollywood love lives

Disney's Vanessa Hudgens and Zac Efron 'basking in their romance'

#### Hot new hookup?

Although Mischa Barton, 22, was reportedly spotted leaving London hot spot Bungalow 8 with Josh Hartnett, 30, September 15, she tells Us rumors of a hookup are "not true." And while his rep denies the fling, a Hartnett pal tells Us, "They completely got together that night. But it was purely a one-night thing."

#### Michelle's new man

Michelle Trachtenberg has a low-key honey: Texan Scott Sanford, 30, who works in L.A. at a Steven Alan boutique. The actress, 22, showed off her beau at the Project Runway fashion show in NYC September 12. "They're so cute together," a source tells Us. "He's so normal," she said that's what she needs."

#### Hollywood's hot dates

Kate Winslet and hubby Sam Mendes dining alfresco on the front patio of the Empire Diner in NYC. Taylor Swift and Joe Jonas shopping hand in hand at the Beverly Center in L.A. Isla Fisher and Sacha Baron Cohen gushing about baby Olive to pals over dinner at L.A.'s Chateau Marmont.

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#### DWTS' Brooke Burke

"He comes to rehearsal and gives feedback." Dancing With the Stars' Brooke Burke, 37, tells Us of David Charvet. The mom, who had son Shaya in March (in addition to their daughter Rain, 21 months, she has two others, Neriah, 8, and Sierra, 6, from a previous relationship), says her fiance, 36, isn't the only one excited. "The moms at school have been really supportive."

#### Leo and Bar reunited

It looks like Leonardo DiCaprio and Bar Refaeli may be working it out. The Revolutionary Road star, 33, and the model, 23, were together at L.A. club Villa September 18. "They chatted the whole time even though the music was blasting," an onlooker tells Us, adding, "They were smiling and left together at close." (No wonder her mom, Zippi, assured Us the model was "fine.") A source told Us DiCaprio initiated a split and, indeed, it appeared that way when he parted solo at

#### Angie and Jason

Waiting for Baby No. 3! How are Angie Harmon and Jason Schorn's daughters (Finley, 4, and Avery, 3) preparing for the arrival of their new sibling? "They just kiss my tummy," the actress, 36, told Us at the opening of Lavo in Las Vegas September 13. "I don't think they think attention is going to divert in any way. They're just like, 'Yeah!' As for how she'll handle things the third time around, the star told Us, "I guarantee I will not freak out about little things as much." Her ex-football pro hubby, 37, is less convinced, and joked to her: "Just keep looking at yourself in the mirror and keep saying that."

#### Princess Beatrice's true love

How did Princess Beatrice

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## FOOTBALL NOTEBOOK

### Saban: UK defense may be nation's best

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All summer, UK head coach Rich Brooks told anyone who would listen about his defense — a defense that Brooks claimed would be his best during his time at UK.

It looks like people, including Alabama head coach Nick Saban, are finally starting to take notice.

"They may be the best defensive team in the country," Saban said. "They have a lot of guys back from last year's team and are very physical and play extremely tough."

UK's defense is leading the nation in scoring defense, giving up only 22 points in four games this season. The Cats are one of just three Football Bowl Subdivision teams that haven't allowed a rushing touchdown this season. But it may be facing its stiffest test yet when UK takes on No. 2 Alabama this week.

The Crimson Tide have scored 20 or more points in five of its games so far and put up 41 last week against then-No. 3 Georgia.

If UK can at least slow down the potent Alabama attack, it could be the final stamp of approval for a defense that has carried the Cats this far.

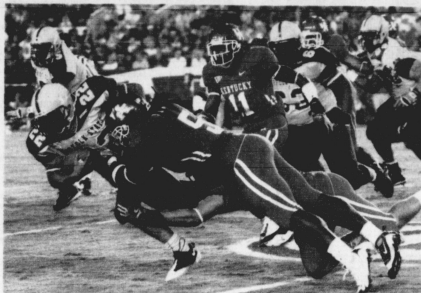
"We have been working on (our defense) all summer," senior linebacker Johnny Williams said. "We're starting to believe in ourselves and we're starting to turn the corner as a defense."

"We knew it was going to take all 11 of us to do well if we wanted to be competitive in the SEC," he said.

Unlike the last two years, when Wesley Woodyard headlined most defensive efforts, UK doesn't have a standout player on the defensive unit. Instead, the Cats have made things a team effort to become the top scoring defense in the nation.

"We don't want anyone to score on us," Williams said. "We have everyone running to the ball so they can't even get a first down on us and we can get off the field on third down."

The Cats will have a chance to prove to a national audience they are the real deal Saturday in Tuscaloosa, Ala., as



Senior linebacker Johnny Williams helps tackle a Norfolk State running back at Commonwealth Stadium. Williams is part of UK's top-ranked scoring defense.

they take on the No. 1 scoring offense in the Southeastern Conference. Alabama is averaging 37 points per game as well as 215 rushing yards per game.

"This is an opportunity to see where we stand in the SEC hierarchy," Brooks said. "We're going to find out if our defense has really improved. We know it's better, but is it up to SEC standards?"

The Crimson Tide feature an experienced quarterback in senior John Parker Wilson, who has recently set every major career quarterback record at Alabama, a big-time receiver in freshman Julio Jones and a physical running back in junior Glen Coffee. However, none of those three components are the main concern for junior defensive tackle Corey Peters.

"They will easily be the best offense we have played this season," Peters said. "However, I'm more concerned about the offensive line, which may be the best line we see all year, rather than the offense as a whole."

#### Injury report

The Cats might have to battle the Crimson Tide without two of their defensive stars. Junior linebacker Micah

Johnson and sophomore defensive tackle Ricky Lumpkin are doubtful for the game, Brooks said Monday at his weekly news conference. Freshman quarterback/wide receiver Randall Cobb will also be doubtful. All three players are suffering from ankle injuries.

Junior offensive tackle Justin Jeffries will be out for Saturday's game after an MRI on Monday revealed a medial collateral ligament tear suffered in the 41-3 victory over Western Kentucky. Brooks said he is unsure whether or not Jeffries will need surgery.

#### Garry Williams earns SEC honors

Senior offensive tackle Garry Williams won SEC Offensive Lineman of the Week in his first game back from injury against Western Kentucky. Williams helped anchor an offensive line that did not allow a sack and only gave up one play for negative yards.

#### Raycom picks up UK-USC

The UK-South Carolina game on Oct. 11 at Commonwealth Stadium has been picked up by Raycom Sports and will be played at 12:30 p.m.

### Fresh faces pull UK hockey together

By BW Jones  
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#### Quality and quantity.

Both of these words could be used to describe the new group of players that joined the UK hockey team this season. In previous seasons, top heavy rosters featuring stars like Mike Barnes and Patrick McAdams were the norm, but not anymore. A host of freshman and sophomores may already be becoming the face of the team, which features only three seniors.

Nine freshmen and a pair of sophomore transfers have infused the roster with a new wave of speed and depth. Their impact has been especially significant on offense.

Head coach Rob Docherty said the depth on this year's team is one of the biggest differences from last year's squad.

"We're playing five lines even though we can only dress four, so we're a very deep team," Docherty said.

"Last year we were dependent on one line for most of the scoring. Every line that goes out there is capable of being dangerous."

Docherty gave special mention to sophomore Taylor Vit, a transfer who is already proving himself to be one of the team's best players. "Vit's just a beautiful hockey player," Docherty said. "He's got size, got hands, and he's got a shot."

Docherty's praise for the newcomers extended far beyond Vit. Sophomore transfer Jim Borggaard has started the past three games in goal for the Cool Cats, and Docherty said freshman Michael Getz, Sean Wittman, Hunter Lyons and Danny Graham have also played important roles on the team.

The Cool Cats split this weekend's series at Lindenwood University in St. Charles, Mo. After winning the opener Friday 6-5, they dropped the Saturday game 6-4. UK hockey will enter its weekend series against Indiana 2-2 on the season. Still,

Docherty was pleased with the progress made by the rookies and the team as a whole this weekend. "They're really blending as lines and as a team," Docherty said. "Overall, they're showing a lot of promise already."

Senior Chris Protentic said he's pleased with the results of the youth movement on and off the ice, where the new players are already bonding with the rest of the team.

"It's probably the first team I've ever been on where nobody thinks they're better than anybody else," Protentic said.

Getz, a freshman, said the upperclassmen have actually eased his transition to competing at the college level.

"At first I wasn't sure if I wanted to play because I thought I'd be overwhelmed with hockey and school, but all the seniors have been real supportive," Getz said.

Not everything has changed from last year,

though. According to Docherty, the team continues to give up early leads and let opponents back into games. The Cool Cats have led early in all four games only to lose two of them. Though Docherty doesn't believe the youth of the team is to blame for this weakness, he said it's a problem the team will have to work on.

"We have to learn to stick to the game plan that got us that lead," Docherty said. "We need to get that killer instinct and take games away from teams."

Docherty said if the team continues to develop together, they'll be tough to beat.

"If they try and do it as an individual, they're going to get stopped," Docherty said. "Anybody can stop an individual."

Getz said the team is already taking that mantra to heart, even off the ice.

"There's no cliques," Getz said. "We're all a team and there's not separate groups that go hang out together."

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## ■ KERNEL EDITORIAL

### UK should put 'green' funds to better use

While UK's need to "see green" is a step in the right direction, the university needs to make sure it is taking the most cost-effective path to fund a more eco-friendly campus.

According to an article in the Kernel on Friday, the university has taken the necessary steps to cut down energy costs on campus. The university has started using more energy-efficient lights in campus buildings and using more eco-friendly cleaning products.

"The more we can reduce, the better off we'll be," said Bob Wiseman, vice president for facilities management.

However, there are several questions surrounding the university's initiative to pursue a more green campus. Those questions concerning the proposal of hiring a sustainability coordinator and the green fee that each student would have to pay each semester to fund the sustainability efforts.

In Friday's Kernel article, Wiseman said the search for a campus-wide sustainability coordinator could begin as early as this school year. With the 6 percent university-wide budget decrease that has already caused problems with hiring professors and staff on campus, is hiring a sustainability coordinator the most cost-effective route for UK to take to go green?

With the money that the university would use to create this new position, why not use the resources that are already available to the university, UK already has someone who oversees ResLife sustainability in Shane Tedder.

According to Friday's article, UK President Lee Todd said, "The focus is to get someone who gets up, gets out of bed and (all day) his or her focus is sustainability."

Tedder's responsibilities do encompass sustainability for ResLife, which which can go a long way toward achieving widespread campus sustainability. While Tedder works for the Office of Resident Life, the Kernel reported that his duties include managing energy initiatives in dormitories, ResLife Recycling and Wildlife. With Tedder's presence, couldn't the money that would be used to hiring a campus-wide coordinator be more effective if it was used to fund ResLife-sponsored programs in the dorms that would educate students about how to be more green?

The sole responsibility for a more eco-friendly campus does not fall only on the university administration. Students must do their part, which amounts to supporting the green fee needed to fund the university's proposals. To make the university green, students are going to have to dig a little deeper into their wallets. The Kernel supports the idea of the green fee, and it is necessary that students be willing to give something. According to the article, the proposed green fee is an amount between \$6 and \$8, which may be a bit high in wake of the 9 percent cap on student fee and tuition increase. But a smaller number should certainly be considered.

In about two weeks, Student Government will be presented with a resolution in support for the green fee. It is important that the resolution be specifically outlined so that students are aware of where the green fee money will be directed. With a clear proposal, students may be more willing to spend their green to make UK greener.

## ■ LETTER TO THE EDITOR

### Sometimes walking away is the best course of action

Tolerance is an important issue that needs attention on campus. As college students, we should be able to interact and understand opinions different from our own. College is a time to meet and interact with a diverse group of people. However, Brother Rick is an exception to the rule. The evangelical pastor who announces his views on campus is offensive.

The socially acceptable things to do when confronted with other people's beliefs are to listen and to try to relate. Brother Rick makes this extremely difficult. On several occasions, I have seen him make personal attacks on people who are simply walking by and minding their own business. Publicly expressing your views is what this country was founded on, but when your views are personal attacks on someone, lines have been crossed. Since when is it OK to be accused of adultery for carrying a sorority bag or a sinner for smoking a cigarette?

Maybe we should think of tolerance in terms of acceptance. It should be getting to know people and their beliefs, rather than being understanding of a man proclaiming that we are all going to hell if we do not change our evil ways. Tolerance is a mutual understanding between people with differences. Brother Rick's judgment of people that he has never met is intolerable. Next time you see him on campus walk away. This is the best way to "tolerate" Brother Rick's behavior.

**Carrie Nance**  
communications and community and leadership development junior

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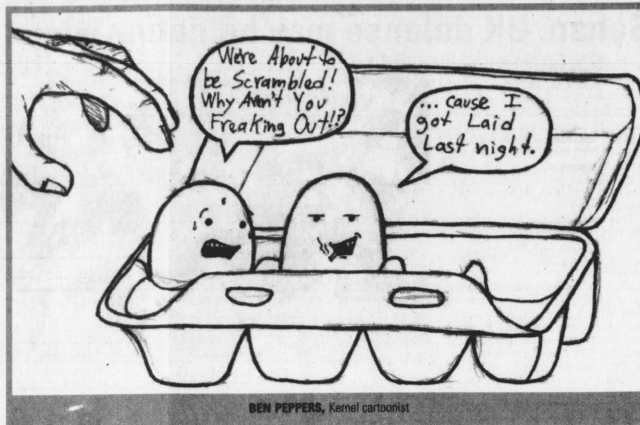
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BEN PEPPERS, Kernel cartoonist

## Keep hard work and perseverance at the forefront of American ideals

Instead of slinging political bullets and continuing to breathe life into our current dying political firestorm of discordant messages and partisanship, like some columnists have done in the past couple weeks, I'd like to make a clear distinction between those who trust politicians and those who trust individual philanthropy as a means of making our nation a better place.



**JACOB SIMS**  
Kernel columnist

In Thursday's column, Joe Gallenstein discussed the state and national Children's Health Insurance Program, and I'd like to mold my column to discuss this philosophy of expanding the government's size and responsibilities. This program, among others, is an idealistically appealing program that provides for the unfortunate and defenseless by handing healthcare to children who, obviously, cannot afford it. On the surface, this is an admirable proposal that all Americans would support because Americans are some of the most compassionate people in the world. Unfortunately, it doesn't take much digging to realize the flaws with programs like this.

Healthcare is not cheap, especially when it is "free." Who is going to pay for these 10 million children and 89 million people in the United States who are underinsured or do not have health insurance? Too often, the answer is "the rich."

By no means do I defend those who have used their wealth perversely and lavishly. However, the overwhelm-

ing majority of the wealthiest Americans have earned their money through persistence and steadfastness. What is the incentive of working hard to provide for you and your family if the majority of your money will go back to the hands of the government who has done next to nothing to earn the money that you worked for?

The idea of taking from the rich and giving to the poor has actually been tried several times throughout history and, coincidentally enough, socialism has never worked. Our most recent example is in France, where the French instituted a wealth tax, on top of the income, capital gains, inheritance and social security taxes, which cover anywhere from 50 to 75 percent of their income. The wealth tax charges a percentage of property value if it exceeds a certain amount. The result is that most businessmen have left France, along with the products, well-paying jobs and economic growth that they provide, in search of a better place to invest, where there is not such a high toll for their own success.

This relates adequately with our current presidential election with a situation in which the Democrats could control Congress and the presidency. Many of the Democrats have made promises to their constituents about expanding the role of government, including more funding for social programs such as welfare, social security, Medicare, Medicaid and universal healthcare.

At of these programs are well intended and are an outstanding example of the kindness of Americans. However, it is regrettable that politicians are engaging these emotions in pursuit of power. The reason that we are the most powerful nation in the world is because

of our economy and the wealth and individual income that coincides with it.

When taxes are raised to the extent that would be necessary in order to supply all of these social services, our economy will be negatively affected. Businessmen will either retire or find a different country, which is more profitable, causing Americans to lose American jobs. This is not even mentioning the government's inefficiency and irresponsibility in handling money. This is why I find it absurd that big government can "change" America for the better.

Often there are misconceptions and jokes about Republicans having no heart. Instead of blindly giving, I ask questions about how the homeless man became homeless and how the woman became incarcerated. In today's society, the American dream is alive for those who work hard and can overcome adversity, but too often, some want to give the American dream to individuals without those people enduring the hardships that make a man successful.

You do not help the poor by tearing down the rich. You help the poor through education, vocational skills and teaching them that they can independently be successful without the government's help. It's not that I believe that people should have to fend for themselves, but I have seen too many of my friends waste the same opportunities that I have had and expect the same results. Capitalism rewards hard work and ingenuity, while creating wealth and prosperity. And above all else, unlike socialism, it works.

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## Get the most from what USP can offer

Most college students complain about the requirements that you have to take in order to graduate, usually citing their uselessness for future ventures. What good is a foreign language or a cross-cultural class if you want to be a dentist? How are you benefited by a basic writing class if you want to crunch numbers?



**WESLEY ROBINSON**  
Kernel columnist

As I slowly inch toward graduation, I am finding the answers to these questions.

I have finally had to knock out all of the pre-major/University Studies Program requirements that I have put off for so long. This semester, I have a few 100-level courses which will give me my last "easy" semester. It's not as easy as Matt Leinart and ballroom dancing or Deion Sanders not going to class for a year, but it is a lot less work than I am used to.

Interestingly enough, these "easy" classes have been my most useful and enjoyable classes of my collegiate experience. I say this because I am looking at the courses for the full value and not what is just on the course description.

For example, in my logic class we work to figure out the validity and soundness of arguments through truth tables. Applying these principles to

everyday life, I have been able to become a more reasonable person in all aspects of life.

It is really easy to jump to conclusions and not fully think about things without assessing all of the preconditions and terms of a situation, but with such logical methods fresh on my mind, I have found it easy to quickly and critically deal with the stress of college life.

In English, the focus of the course is civil disobedience and how the "rule" of law oppresses people. We have reviewed situations where civil disobedience is necessary and studied the preconditions necessary for it, which is much different than the rebellion that college students are used to. From that I have taken a sense of obligation to see both sides of the issue and consider why things are the way they are, if they warrant change and how to go about bringing about that change in a way that benefits both sides.

Finally, in biology lab and lecture, we are looking at things scientifically. We have to have reasons and thoroughly think out issues before we get started on the problems. For the lab, we have to use the scientific method and cannot blindly proceed into a problem or an observation without taking the necessary steps to make sure we are tackling the problem as best we can.

We also have learned about pet theories — the kind that get people into trouble. The way I interpreted a pet hypothesis is that when a scientist has a hypothesis, they have to objectively look at a problem and assess all

options. If this does not occur, then testing the situation will be flawed and will most likely skew results.

Not to get too political, but if the

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current administration wasn't in love with the theory that there were weapons of mass destruction in Iraq, we may not have gotten ourselves into the mess that over half the country doesn't want in the first place.

That said, an invasion could have been the right strategy, but if the ideas that shaped these decisions were not fully weighed, then the hypothesis isn't sound.

Had it not been for the extenuating circumstances that caused me to have to register at the last minute, I would not have been taking these classes — all of which teach students more than just what you see on the surface.

I find USP's work is much better than we give it credit for, provided we enter in with the proper mindset and recognize that we can learn more than what is listed in the course description.

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## Sex ed at UK 'all about the O'

By Megan Hurt  
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College students really like the female orgasm.

At least they like to talk about it, said sex educators Marshall Miller and Dorian Solot, a duo that travels the country presenting entertaining sexual education lectures to college students.

Their most popular lecture, according to their official Web site, is "The Female Orgasm," which they will be presenting in the Student Center Grand Ballroom on Tuesday at 8 p.m.

"The female orgasm really is a fascinating subject," Miller said. "It's a topic that interests people regardless of their age or gender, whether or not it's information they'll use right away or many years later."

"The Female Orgasm" lecture really is all about the orgasm, Solot said.

"It's designed for men and women of all sexual orientations," she said. "Students are sometimes surprised that we really do cover it all: the G-spot, multiple Os, how to have your first, how to help your girlfriend."

Alan Herbst, the director of the Engaging Issues Committee for the Student Activities Board, said it's an important event to attend, besides being informative about orgasms.

"With this subject matter, they present it academically," Herbst said. "There is the underlying theme of sexual safety. Unfortunately, there is that need for information and this event is a great way to get the right information out there."

Even if someone is not currently sexually active, Miller and Solot encourage students to hear the discussion.

"We talk about the fact that some students in the audience are choosing abstinence," Miller said. "We believe being knowledgeable about sex is a good thing. Some students will wait un-

til they're married to put that knowledge to use, and others are hoping to use it right away."

Solot also encourages women to attend to learn how to be comfortable with their own bodies, which she has learned from her own life experience.

While stretching in bed one night and running her hands down her chest, Solot found a lump, and at 26 years old, she was diagnosed with breast cancer.

"I'm so grateful that I was familiar enough with my own body to notice this very small change," Solot said. "I'm convinced that at least in some cases, helping women be more comfortable with their own bodies isn't just a nice thing — it can be life-saving."

Miller and Solot will be selling "I love female orgasm" T-shirts and buttons at the event and 25 percent of their proceeds will go to support the Breast Cancer Action charity.

The two met while in college, both with an interest in sex education. They started by giving workshops at conferences, which led to speaking at universities as a side job. Eventually, they decided to turn their lectures into a full-time job.

"There aren't many people who can say orgasms pay their mortgage," Solot said.

The two first visited UK in 2006 for "The Female Orgasm" presentation, which drew a crowd of around 1,400 people, Herbst said.

"We were turning people away at the doors, so then they decided to have two separate shows so everyone could get to see it," Herbst said.

This year, Miller and Solot won't be able to give two showings and the event will only be able to hold around 1,000 people, Herbst said. SAB encourages everyone who wishes to attend to get their free tickets early at the Student Center Ticket Office to guarantee a seat.

"The turnout last time was incredible, so get a ticket in advance or show up early to get in line," Solot said. "Apparently UK is all about the O."

## WALL STREET

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may suffer.

UK's financial aid office only deals with federal student loans, though it helps disburse funds for students who get private students' loans on their own. David Prater, associate director of the financial aid office at UK, said federal student loan rates will not be significantly affected.

"The financial crisis isn't going to affect those interest rates because they're set by the Feds," Prater said.

The federal rate has not changed much in the past few years, he said, but private student loan rates would probably see an increase for next school year.

Some students at UK, wary of a dismal job market, are considering graduate school despite the potential increase in tuition and scholarships.

Tiffany Ge, a political science and economics junior, is planning on attending law school, and she said some of her friends have decided to further their education partly because of the job market.

"Even if you do find a job, it might not be the one you want, so why not go to grad school or law school," Ge said.

Some students do not seem too worried about getting a job after college, primarily because their chosen field will always be hiring qualified workers.

Lauren Rentz, a dietetics junior, said she

is not worried because most students who have an internship in her field are able to find a job after college.

Other students are more concerned about the market's effect on job possibilities.

"I'm worried," said Quentin Brill, a management senior. "I'm hoping to work for a consulting firm, and I'm afraid the market could contract and firms won't be hiring."

Even if the proposed government bailout does go into effect, the country could still be headed for a recession. Many economists believe the U.S. is either already in a recession or will be in the near future.

If the U.S. does enter a recession, many businesses could be hurt. Officer said businesses, especially small ones, will be affected by the change and availability of loan rates.

"It's going to affect the guy who owns five Arby's, but wants to expand to seven," Officer said. "He's going to have a hard time getting a loan to do that."

If businesses see a decline, they will hire fewer employees and may have to cut the hours of some existing workers, Peek said.

"The unemployment rate has already jumped to 6.1 percent, and it's not going to stop there," Peek said. "It's going to keep going."

Brooke Brown, assistant director of the James W. Stuckert Career Center, said activity at the center has not changed, but could in the future if the economy continues to struggle.

"We could see the effects down the road, but right now employer involvement on campus has stayed the same," Brown said.

## LIBRARY

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Decreased enrollment in professional programs and an inability to fulfill the top-20 goal were both problems the students said could result in not re-opening the library.

"This has definitely impacted students in a big way. A lot of people are really upset about it and it's affected their

academic performance," said Montell, who added that the issue was SG's top priority.

A planned student sit-in was postponed after the forum was announced, an occurrence SG Chief of Staff Tyler Fleck called a coincidence.

Christin Lang, an integrated strategic communications junior who planned the sit-in, said, "It's absolutely absurd there's no (24-hour) library. We're students here. I didn't come to watch basketball."

The forum closed with a general demand for the university to find the money and open the library.

SG is looking to host another forum, this one including the provost and other university officials, Mills said.

"We're not looking for a compromise," Fleck said. "We're looking to fix the problem. We want students to come and explain how the library closing early has affected their lives."

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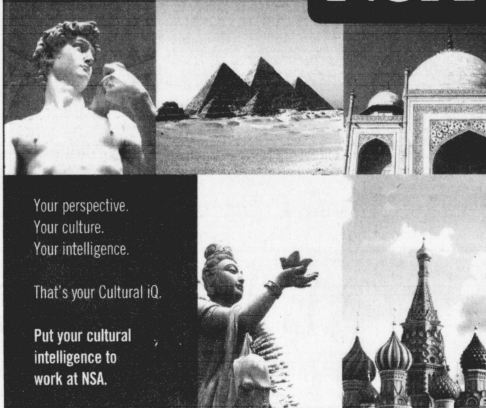
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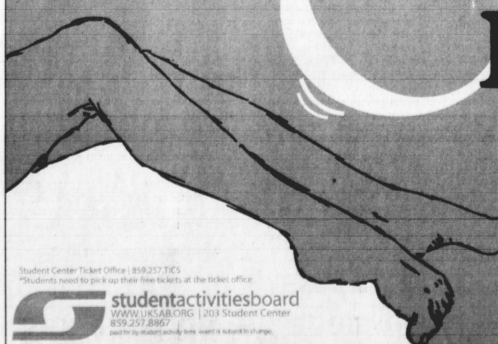
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