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## Tuition topic of campus forum

By Keren Henderson  
THE KENTUCKY KERNEL

With the sting of another tuition increase ahead, students will have a chance to talk with state officials today about the affordability of their education.

State Treasurer Jonathan Miller and Secretary of State Trey Grayson will meet with students today at 10 a.m. in Room 230 in the Student Center.

"What students need to think about is that most decisions are being made right now," said Student Government President Rachel Watts.

"We need the mindset that, if we get in on the front end of things, we can make a difference."

The Cradle to College Commission is considering providing Kentucky children with college savings accounts in return for their commitment to one year of full-time community service.

Miller and Grayson put together the commission. Several other commission members will also attend today's hearing.

"This is a great opportunity for students to talk to people who can make a difference," Wats said. "These are people who want to listen and can make a change."

In the commission's most recent idea, the state would set up savings accounts for newborns in Kentucky.

To get access to that money for college, those children would have to provide community or military service in Kentucky after their senior year of high school.

This is the commission's second hearing.

"At the first hearing, we talked about the logistics of the program. Is it feasible?" said Angela Burton, one of the commission's executive directors.

"But by the end of that hearing, we had one question: What do students say about this?"

Students from colleges around the state will speak at the forum.

Burton said she hopes several students from UK will show up as well, especially since UK's tuition will be increasing for a fourth straight year.

"Tuition could be a sore subject for

people right now," she said. "And it's important to have that debate."

Many students burdened by tuition and loans want to talk.

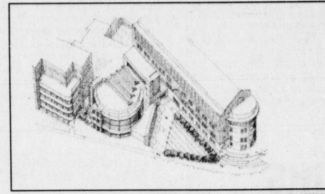
"Obviously college is expensive, and I don't want to be paying it off for my whole life," said Mallory Marshall, an undeclared freshman who plans to attend the hearing before class. "And then my kids will have to go to college, and I'll have to pay for that."

Lisa Ferris, a sociology freshman who worries about how she will pay back her student loans, said she also wants to speak to officials.

"People older than us might not realize that we're teenagers and 20-somethings, and we're having trouble paying the thousands and thousands of dollars for education," she said.

Burton said the commission wants to understand the student perspective. "At this juncture, student input is crucial," she said. "It is important that students are involved because ultimately that is who we are trying to help."

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DRAWING COURTESY UNIVERSITY HEALTH SERVICES  
Officials at University Health Services hope to expand their facilities within three years in effort to retain their national accreditation.

## UHS hopes to grow to meet standards

By Becky Hall  
THE KENTUCKY KERNEL

Too few reception areas, restrooms and telephones.

Inadequate patient privacy during exams, consultations and treatment.

Limited staff, equipment, supplies and space.

These are just a few of the concerns regarding the current status of University Health Services, said Director Dr. Gregory Moore.

The Accreditation Association for Ambulatory Health Care cited these and other problems with University Health Services' facilities, suggesting that UK could potentially lose its three-year accreditation in 2005 if it cannot fully comply with recommended space standards.

In December, the UK Board of Trustees approved a \$20 million building expansion for University Health. The plan must also be approved by the Kentucky General Assembly and be

deemed a university priority by the Board of Directors before ground can be broken for a new facility.

"What we're interested in doing is having UHS similar to other large benchmark schools," he said.

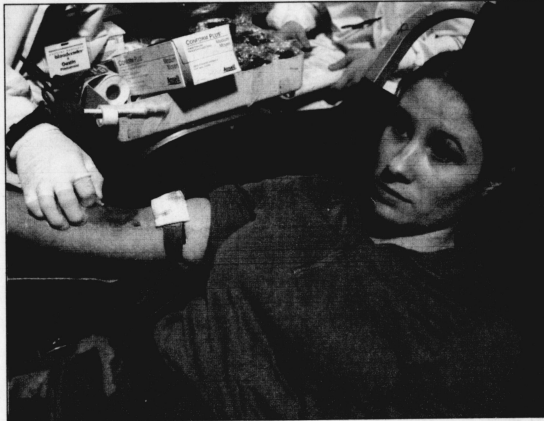
Pat Terrell, vice president for student affairs, said UK ranks last among benchmark schools in the amount of square feet in their student health facility per enrolled student.

"Quality medical care is important for students to stay in school, attend class and stay healthy," she said. "Right now, we are challenged to provide quality care within the confines of our current facility."

The Student Health Advisory Committee visited the University of Georgia in Athens to gather information on its new health facility, which is five times bigger

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## YOU MIGHT FEEL A SLIGHT STING...



Pre-communications disorders sophomores Lauren Raupach looks away as Central Kentucky Blood Center phlebotomist Dustin Hall sticks a needle in her arm yesterday at a blood drive at Buell Armory. CKBC will be on campus today at the Complex Commons from 2 to 9 p.m. and tomorrow at the Farmhouse Fraternity from 6 to 10 p.m. as part of the "Game for Life" blood drive.

SCOTT LOUWER | STAFF

## Comedian's fans find themselves Carrot Top-less

By Stephen Burnett  
THE KENTUCKY KERNEL

An appearance by comedian Carrot Top at the Singletary Center was abruptly canceled, much to the dismay of more than 240 ticket holders.



Carrot Top

"They just didn't sell enough tickets," said Singletary Center office manager Doreen MacDonough.

Ticket holders can call 257-4929 for refunds, said Singletary Center director Holly Salisbury.

"We are contacting all ticket purchasers to make them aware of the postponement, and we'll handle refunds and exchange of tickets," she said.

Or ticket holders can hang onto their tickets and wait until the rescheduled date next semester, Oct. 4.

"At this point, Carrot Top's managers are rescheduling it for then and I have in our scheduling calendar," Salisbury said.

MacDonough blamed lackluster press coverage and unusually high ticket prices for the cancellation.

"It was mostly due to low ticket sales and bad timing, with students just coming back to classes," Salisbury

said. "Maybe students can't afford \$25 for a ticket," when they're used to receiving discounts, MacDonough said. "If they had given a \$5 discount it might have sold more. Hopefully in the fall it will work out better."

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### Carrot Top makeup date

When: Oct. 4

Where: Singletary Center

Tickets cost \$25, tickets for today's performance will be honored

## Hikes in student fees next year may make up for losing LCC funds

By Shannon Mason  
THE KENTUCKY KERNEL

Students can expect fee increases for the 2005-2006 school year, said UK officials yesterday.

These fees will go to student organizations such as Student Government, the Student Activities Board and WRFU.

"I think it's very likely the fees will go up for those student organizations for several reasons," said Pat Terrell, vice president of student affairs.

These reasons include salary increases for SG's employees and a 21 percent reduction in revenue to the three organizations from the loss of Lexington Community College fees that begins July 1, 2006.

Other options pertaining to the fees include phased fee increases, delaying the increase until next year, or not raising fees at all and letting

Students can now check in electronically as University Health Services moves toward efficiency  
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organizations take the cut. "Those are some issues we need to talk about," Terrell said.

"Discussions between Terrell and the three organizations' leaders will take place next week, so the exact amount of fee increase is not yet known.

"I really could not predict what the increase will be without talking to students first," she said.

Terrell also commented that there may be an increase in fees for dining plans to fund renovations for dining halls.

"I would say that most students would not like tuition and fees to go up at all," she said, "but I think they

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## General says U.S. underestimated insurgent force

By Patrick J. McDonnell  
LOS ANGELES TIMES

BAGHDAD, Iraq — U.S. forces killed or captured about 15,000 suspected militants in Iraq last year, the top U.S. commander said yesterday, suggesting that the American military has underestimated the strength of the insurgency.

The new figures suggest that previous estimates of an insurgent force of 6,000 to 9,000 fighters were inaccurate, Gen. George W. Casey said in a rare meeting with the U.S. media.

But Casey described a recent estimate by Iraq's intelligence chief that the insurgency numbered as many as 40,000 hard-core fighters and swelled to 200,000 when part-time combatants and sympathizers were included.

"It's not a number I would subscribe to," Casey said, a four-star

general who is in charge of more than 150,000 U.S. and other coalition troops.

The size of the insurgency has become a matter of debate as the guerrilla war drags on and casualties mount on all sides. Yesterday Casey declined to provide a fresh estimate of the size of the guerrilla force, as have other top U.S. officials in recent days.

Their reluctance reflects in part a lack of solid intelligence about the shadowy rebel forces.

The insurgency, Casey said, had become "better organized" in recent months, though U.S. commanders say the force still lacks a central command.

The top general predicted a successful election Sunday, even though the U.S. expects insurgents to mount attacks on voters and polling stations.

In the long term, Casey said, the only way to win the war was to muster effective Iraqi security forces.

That will take time: Iraqi police units ran away recently in the face of insurgent threats in the cities of Mosul and Ramadi.

"We can't stay in front on this over the long haul and be successful," Casey said. "We're viewed by the people ... as an occupation force."

In his overview, Casey reiterated what has become the military's consensus view: The insurgency is largely a home-grown rebellion fueled by resentment among Iraq's Sunni Muslim Arab minority.

Saddam Hussein loyalists, the general said, are seeking to revive "Sunni dominance" in Iraq.

Sunni Arabs lost their dominant position in Iraqi society after

U.S. forces toppled Saddam, a Sunni who brutally repressed Iraq's Shiite Muslim majority and its Kurdish minority. Sunni clerics and political leaders have launched a boycott of the elections.

Foreign fighters here, Casey said, likely number no more than 1,000 — a tenth or less of the total fighting force, by conservative estimates.

This undermines an assertion propagated by some U.S. officials that religious militants from across the Muslim world were behind the insurgency.

He rejected the oft-repeated suggestion that suicide attackers here are

exclusively foreign fighters from other Arab and Muslim lands. "There's kind of an axiom out there that says Iraqis aren't suicide bombers," Casey said. "I believe there are Iraqi Islamic extremists ... (who) are very capable of getting into cars and blowing themselves up."

In the run-up to the elections, commanders have documented a spike in intimidation of potential voters and others. Since Jan. 1, Casey said, insurgents had "murdered" 375 civilians and Iraqi security men — the latter condemned as collaborators by the insurgency.

## Electronic check-in first step in UHS renovations

By Becky Hall  
THE KENTUCKY KERNEL

Patients visiting University Health Services can now check in electronically, as part of the department's move toward becoming more efficient.

Director Gregory Moore said the check-in kiosks are the first step in a plan for a fully electronic medical records system.

"The plan is that in the new UHS building we will have a fully electronic medical records system that will allow us to save money and time, and treat patients more

efficiently," Moore said. "The self-check-in kiosks solve the problem of lines and clogging up at the front desk."

When students walk into the lobby of University Health Services, they can check in on one of five computers. Students swipe their student identification cards and their name and information will appear on the screen for verification. The computer gives the student's appointment time and asks him or her to proceed to the waiting area. First-time UHS patients will proceed to the front desk to fill out a med-

ical record. The system has been used since Jan. 24.

Moore said the self-check-in system also allows University Health Services to keep up with students' contact information.

"Many times students don't use their UK e-mail address or change phone numbers without our knowing. This system ensures that we have a patient's up-to-date information in case we need to contact them for test results or any other information," he said.

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## UHS

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than UK's for about the same number of people.

"We can't accommodate the ever increasing campus population in our current facility, nor can we continue to provide high quality care without a new facility," said business management senior Scott Downing, vice president of the student committee.

"We are looking to improve the entire patient experience at the health service. Areas of focus are larger waiting rooms, self-check-in kiosks and more exam rooms

to accommodate more patients," he said. "We are also looking to add some meeting rooms for SHAC meetings, along with using them for group meetings for health education classes."

Moore said a renovated facility would have better handicap accessibility and physical and massage therapy.

If the expansion plan receives all the necessary approvals, Moore said an architect would be hired in the spring. In the best-case scenario, a new facility could be complete in three years.

The new University Health Services facility would be added to the existing Kentucky Clinic and move toward Limestone

Street, saving money and time, Moore said.

If the expansion plan doesn't get approval, Terrell said University Health will continue to provide the most effective and efficient medical services possible within a very confined space.

Downing said the student health committee hopes to ensure that a new facility is a priority.

"We know that not all students use UHS; however, all students should make an effort to lobby for any improvements on campus," he said. "This is our campus, and it is up to the students to realize that and convey our wants and needs to the respective decision makers."

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## Fees

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understand that in order to maintain the quality of their education, tuition and fees will have to increase.

Leaders of the student or-

ganizations said they feel that an increase is necessary.

"It is something we have to look at because we're losing fees from LCC," said Rachel Watts, SG's president.

"It wouldn't be like we have so much more income," she said. "It would just make up the money we'll lose."

Michael Powell, general manager for WRFL, was also

pleased to hear about the increase.

"That's welcomed news," Powell said.

"But I know it will be my job to put the money toward the best use possible to contribute back to campus and to the community."

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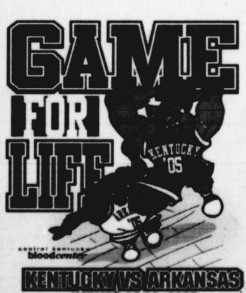
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## FLY ON THE WALL

### Posh spot good for blues and booze

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**Danielle Herring**  
FEATURES COLUMNIST

I'm, of course, talking about the Big Blue Martini, located in the lobby of the Radisson Plaza Hotel on the corner of West Vine and Broadway streets.

I'm also, of course, talking about a Big Blue Martini, which consists of Skyy vodka and blue curacao in place of vermouth.

All sorts of patrons — businesspeople, hotel guests and bachelorette parties alike — come to enjoy the live jazz band on Saturday nights. Whoever you are, it's hard to keep from enjoying yourself or the live music at this posh night scene.

"This is my first time in Lexington," Rob Meyers, a hotel guest, said. "I couldn't

get a flight out until tomorrow afternoon, but I'm glad I have the extra time to sleep in. I'm having such a good time and meeting so many people that I don't know when I'll go back to my room!"

During my visit, some customers boogied in front of the band, while others mingled in the half-moon shaped booths in the lounge area. Beneath the modern horse paintings and romantic blue chandeliers, I felt I was rubbing elbows with all the right people.

"I've met so many interesting people ... I might start coming here to make business contacts," said Lexington resident Marcy Hughes. The nightclub features live piano music every Friday, jazz music every Saturday and contemporary music every Sunday.

With their 20 unique martinis, 40 upscale vodkas and an extensive wine list — featuring Californian, French and Australian wines — it is hard not to feel like an up-town girl in downtown Lexington.

In addition to a nice selection of beers on tap and bottled, the bar boasts Black Patch Cigars — hand-rolled in the Dominican Republic from tobacco grown in the Black Patch region of Western Kentucky.



**Big Blue Martini**  
Downtown Lexington nightclub The Big Blue Martini boasts 20 unique martinis, including the one for which it was named. It also features cigars made from locally grown tobacco.

"It's nice to see a local bar selling local products," Beth Perry, a Lexington resident, said. "I'm from Princeton (Ky.), and my grandfather still tells me stories about the Night Riders and the Black Patch rebellion. It reminds me of home."

Perhaps because I'm a people watcher, or maybe because I like the outdoors, my favorite aspect of the venue is the view of downtown. From my booth I watched people walking around Triangle Park and to the Lexington Center. It made me wonder how they could pass the opportunity to be inside, where the music was hop-

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### Pans heat up in Iron Chef competition

By Elizabeth Troutman  
THE KENTUCKY KERNEL

Food Network junkies and food lovers alike should make plans to attend Dining Service's first Iron Chef Competition, today at the Commons Market.

The finest chefs on campus are firing up their skills this afternoon to take on the 75-minute task of preparing a rack of lamb, which will be sampled out to students. Competitors are also required to prepare a side dish.

"We're not the fish and the bread, but we will be giving out samples until they are gone," said Jeff DeMoss, director of dining services.

The line-up of chefs include Student Center manager, J. Rogers, manager of the Intermezzo, Bill Hallman, supervisor of the Commons Market, Mark Henson, and Rob Reed, supervisor of Student Center catering. The competition begins at 4:30 p.m., and DeMoss said food services is anticipating 300 to 500 students to attend.

Students can expect the competitors to be decked out in chef gear, DeMoss said.

"They are going to be dressed to kill," he said. "This will be a lot of fun."

Lamb was chosen for the national competition by the master chef of the National Association of College University Food Services. Universities have been participating in these competitions for over a decade.

The racks of lamb include seven chops that will have to be cut, cooked and seasoned by the chefs. DeMoss is one of two judges who will evaluate the food when it is finished.

"I'll be looking for appearance, quality, ambiance and, of course, the taste," he said. "You just don't throw a piece of rosemary on top of this lamb and that be your entrée."

Brett Morris, marketing director for dining services, said the four competitors volunteered to take part in the competition, which is a qualifier for the National Association of College University Food Service's southern regional championship in March. Three other food service workers will participate in the regional competition with the winner of tomorrow's contest.

Morris said the most impressive part of the competition is that the tasks must be completed within a restricted time period.

"They'll have to take that from scratch," he said. "They'll have to know how to cut it. They start with basic raw meat; they have to cut it out, separate, get it cooked; they have different side items that they will cook, and from start to finish they have 75 minutes to get it ready to eat."

The southern regional competition takes place March 16-18 at the University of North Carolina.

DeMoss said that food services is planning an Iron Chef competition for students next fall. The program will allow student groups to enter teams that will prepare a quality item.

DeMoss said he thinks that the contest will be tough to judge.

"They are great, great people," he said of the competitors. "They are great team players — let the best person win."

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## IN OUR OPINION

# Tuition increase could be beneficial

Tuition hikes have unfortunately become as much a cliché at UK as "dead week," "expensive textbooks" and "parking tickets."

Nonetheless, the sting of this inevitability never lessens.

Raising tuition forces some hopeful students to forego a college education. It distracts current students from the educational process due to longer work hours and financial stress.

Tuition increases also put a greater strain on society to make up the loss in funds.

Having said that, this Editorial Board hopes this year's fated increase — which Student Government President Rachel Watts estimated to be from 5 to 10 percent — will come with a promise that the funds will go to improve another aspect of student life.

Changing the current price of educa-

tion shouldn't be done to maintain the status quo — the fruits of this increase should be visible to all that have to pay it.

In particular, we hope the funds of a tuition raise will go to increase faculty and staff salaries, an area some administrators have predicted the money would go to.

As the cost of living has gone up, the salary of our professors, advisers, office employees, custodians, etc., have remained almost constant.

Last fall alone, gas and water increased without the needed compensation from Lexington's largest employer, UK.

And though these utility increases also

affected students, many faculty and staff have a family to care for: their own children to put through school — costs most students don't have yet.

And besides the problems a static salary has caused for faculty and staff, this also has deep roots in students' lives: A lack of a salary increase is causing prized faculty to leave UK.

As reported in yesterday's Kernel, UK's average salary is lower than all its benchmarks.

At \$66,853, this salary is \$9,594 less than the average benchmark salary, according to 2002-03 data from the Office of Planning, Budget and Policy Analysis.

The tie to UK frays as other schools' salaries increase and ours doesn't.

The 1 percent increase faculty and staff received last school year — an equivalent of only a few hundreds of dollars difference for most — does not get close to being adequate.

Our faculty and staff deserve better, and we think UK has it in their power to do better.

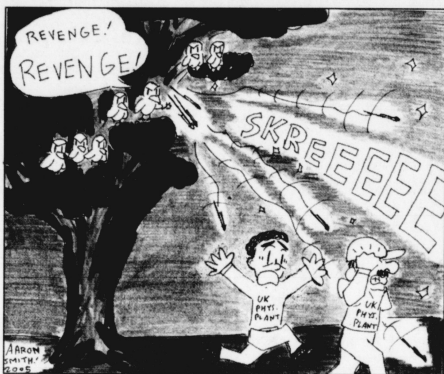
As this state legislative session gears up, the hope remains that funds will become available and students will not have to take on the load of this need.

This hope seems groundless, but we would love to be proved wrong.

On Tuesday, University Senate Chairman Ernest Vanarella called a tuition increase that goes to salaries "an investment."

Although we don't want to pay more, this is one investment worth making.

Since a tuition increase seems inevitable, we hope the money is invested wisely — as in salary increases for UK faculty.



AARON SMITH, THE KENTUCKY KERNEL

## Most protesters selfish, averse to reason

Last week's column was about the insanity of antiwar protesters, at the presidential inauguration and elsewhere, who pretend they hate the Iraq war because it was unjustified, based on lies. Big Oil or quite naturally yet another desire of the United States to take over the world and brainwash people.

I contended that it's useless to argue with them on any of those points, because according to their own self-made morality, no war is ever justified nor ever will be.

Space didn't permit discussing another question about the protesters' beliefs and actions:

Why do they get out and do stupid things like scrawling obscene anti-Bush slogans into piles of manure left behind by the horses of D.C.'s mounted police?

Certainly among protesters the motivations are varied but most likely a combination of the following:

1. An inbred opposition to war and violence.

In the West most of us, especially in youth, just aren't used to human and animal death. Photos of actual human bodies don't show up in newspapers that often, certainly not after violent killings. And unlike in history, very few of us work on a farm or have to hunt and skin animals for our own food.

But for now, in our world, things die. It's certainly not the way God wanted, but death and conflict are here regardless and we have to deal with it. Minus one notable exception, human beings have a 100 percent mortality rate.

Protesters shout about the tragedy of death in war, to be sure. But accord-

ing to their own Godless worldviews, their reasons for opposing war are without foundation. Why would death or suffering be wrong or worth opposing if, according to atheism or materialistic science, it's been happening as a natural part of the bloody evolutionary process for millions of years?

2. A prevailing "chrono-centrism" — thinking of their own time in history, their own lives, as the most important thing ever.

This is reflected best in the popular mantra repeated in signs throughout D.C.: "Worst President Ever" — "ever" meaning "since I started paying attention to this stuff."

Have the sign-holders really gone back and surveyed the previous 42 presidents' records in full historical context and concluded that Bush is the only "right-wing" president, or the only one who sent troops to fight?

The institution of armed conflict itself goes back for thousands of years, considerably long before these protesters were born. But instead of considering the lessons of history and the rationales behind past conflicts, they declare themselves above that and members of an intellectually superior era.

3. Utter selfishness.

D.C. Mayor Anthony Williams, no friend of the Bush administration, nevertheless was quoted in the Washington Post as saying in so many words that these people make him very angry because they're "so selfish that they can't give him this one day."

Often, when the police swarm in after things get especially rowdy protesters will shout in exact unison the common canard, "These are our streets!" while they struggle mightily in the officers' clutches, perhaps attempting to reach into their pockets and present their deeds for the property.

No, they're not your streets. They belong to all of us. Didn't your parents ever teach you to share?

Rooted in that selfishness is an ex-

treme closed-mindedness as well. They're convinced their opposition to war is just, but refuse to acknowledge that others feel the same way about defending their beliefs — and defending their nation from those who would do it harm.

4. The desire to write their own ethical codes.

Once upon a time I met a group of "anarchists" who of course opposed war, violence and just about every facet of the legal system. After several questions, I discovered their core complaint:

"Why can't I be God?" one man told me.

There you go. Anarchy, self-made ethics, selfishness, all — borne of a desire to be God.

Now in a free country we're invariably going to have people who will do that. Like dissent and protesting, in no way is that illegal. It's completely covered by the First Amendment.

I'm just not sure God will be too happy about that.

Absolutely, some protesters are pleasant people. They may have to be isolated from the obscenity-spewing ones, but they're nice. And if they're willing to violate the unwritten no-talking-peacefully-with-warmongers rule, discussing beliefs with them can be a wonderful experience.

We met one of them in D.C.: a very articulate young woman from Australia who was not afraid to argue her perspective. A few well-placed questions about her logical and moral foundations left her slightly bemused, but after an in-depth conversation about right, wrong and Christ's personal solutions for humanity's evils, I'm certain she left the Metro station with a lot to think about.

And that's all I'd ask from anyone.

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## Cats hope home court stays hot

By Lindsey Keith  
THE KENTUCKY KERNEL

After losing two straight games on the road, UK returns to Memorial Coliseum with hopes of regaining confidence and momentum.

The Cats (13-7, 2-3 South-eastern Conference) come home tonight to face No. 23 Vanderbilt (18-5, 2-3 SEC) and to defend their 12-game home winning streak which dates back to last season.

"I think we're all a lot more confident playing at home," said UK head coach Mickie DeMoss. "When you have a young team like we do, it's really important that they have that confidence of playing at home — they're familiar with it."

The grueling conference schedule has begun to take a toll on the young Cats, as they lost momentum in the conference race by dropping two in a row.

However, the Cats have been defending their home court well this season, already defeating Georgia, a nationally ranked team.

"Did I think we would beat Georgia at the beginning of the year, looking at the schedule?" DeMoss said. "I mean, I knew we would have had to play really, really well to have beaten them. I think that was a game that we grabbed and kind of overachieved."

The Cats and senior leader Sara Potts will try to get back on track by grabbing another surprise victory at home.

However, UK will be challenged by the Commodores' strength inside, as Vandy boasts the tandem of senior Ashley Earley and sophomore Carla Thomas.

Their inside game is really tough with (forward) Ashley Earley and (center) Carla Thomas," DeMoss said. "They're one of the toughest inside tandems in the country, so we're going to have our hands full with those two."

In addition to the inside strength, Vandy leads the SEC in seven statistical categories including scoring offense with 81 points per contest and 3-point shooting at 38 percent per game.

Freshman center Sarah Elliott will face another test



KEIKO TATE | STAFF  
UK junior forward Keiko Tate drives into the lane during the Cats' 71-63 upset win over No. 18 Georgia Jan. 13 in Rupp Arena. UK has won 12 straight home games dating back to last season.

in her young career as she tries to shut down the duo with the help of 6-foot-3 junior Jennifer Humphrey.

Humphrey and Elliott combined for only seven points and seven rebounds in UK's 67-49 loss at Tennessee on Sunday.

"They've (Earley and Thomas) got decent range and they run the floor well," DeMoss said. "They get a lot of points in transition running down the middle of the floor."

Earley, Thomas and the Commodores come into Lexington more vulnerable than usual, after losing three straight conference games.

During the three-game skid, Vanderbilt has lost to Tennessee, Louisiana State and Mississippi — a team the Cats knocked off in their last home game.

"We're looking forward to a rematch with Vanderbilt," DeMoss said. "We played them twice last year. I thought we really played them tough at Vandy in the regular season. They ended up winning the SEC tournament. They were pretty hot last year at the end of the season."

The Cats may think they have deja vu, playing their

## UK: Hayes remains day-to-day

STAFF REPORT

UK senior forward Chuck Hayes, who broke his nose during the first half of the Cats' 84-62 win at Tennessee Tuesday night, is listed as day-to-day after an evaluation by team doctors yesterday, a UK press release said.



Hayes

Doctors have cleared the Modesto, Calif., native to return to action, but his status for Saturday's game at Arkansas will not be determined until later in the week.

"Chuck is the heart and soul of our basketball team and as tough a player as I've ever been around," UK head coach Tubby Smith said in the release. "He's in a lot of pain right now, so we'll have to wait and see how he feels after a couple days. As big as Chuck's heart is, you know he'll be on the court unless he's in a tremendous amount of pain."

UK did not practice yesterday.

Hayes, who is the Southeastern Conference's second-leading rebounder with a 9.1 average, will be fitted with a protective mask when he returns.

He has started 93 consecutive games, 17 shy of the school record of 110 held by Alex Groza.

"If anybody can recover and play with a broken nose, Chuck Hayes can," Smith said after the Tennessee game.

Playing in place of Hayes during the second half Tuesday, UK sophomore forwards Bobby Perry and Sherry Thomas combined for 15 points and 14 rebounds.

"It's an opportunity not pressure," Thomas said of continuing to fill in for Hayes. "If he's back, great — that's a real bonus."

No. 6 UK (15-2, 6-0 Southeastern Conference) plays at Arkansas (14-5, 2-4 SEC) at 3:30 p.m. Saturday UK is off to its best start since the 1998 National Championship season.

**Kentucky Wildcats (13-7)**

Probable Starters	PPG	RPG
F Sara Potts	14.2	5.6
F Christie Bowman	4.8	3.4
C Jennifer Humphrey	8.1	7.0
G Samantha Mahoney	10.0	2.0
G Angela Phillips	4.6	4.1*

**Vanderbilt Commodores (13-5)**

Probable Starters	PPG	RPG
F Abi Ramsey	10.4	2.3
F Ashley Earley	18.5	8.8
C Carla Thomas	15.6	6.3
G Katie Anthony	6.8	4.0
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