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## Hospital construction to change road layout

UK official says extension of Huguelet Avenue to Virginia Avenue will begin next month

By Shannon Mason  
THE KENTUCKY KERNEL

Students can expect a change en route for the beginning of the fall semester.

Construction on the extension of Huguelet Avenue to Virginia Avenue is scheduled to begin in May, and Dr. Michael Karpf, executive vice president of health affairs at UK, said he hopes the project will be finished by August.

"Our goal is to have it done

before students come back for the fall semester," Karpf said. "And that's a goal we can hopefully meet. If we don't meet it, I know we'll be really close."

Huguelet Avenue will extend through part of campus to connect with Virginia Avenue, and Rose Street will be closed from Huguelet to South Limestone.

As for the construction of the new hospital parking garage, Karpf said everything is going according to plans.

"We are still very much on

schedule," he said.

The new garage will be located on South Limestone Street between Transcript Avenue and Conn Terrace. In a previous interview, Karpf said the new garage will take 14 to 16 months to complete and should be ready to open in summer 2007.

Karpf said he has a prime view of the construction site from his office.

"It's quite a scene," Karpf said. "You can't get the full picture from the ground."

"There are about 5 to 6 big pieces of machinery trying to get everything cleared out," he said. "(The garage) is going to be ab-

solutely huge."

Each of these projects is a part of the first phase of the UK HealthCare expansion.

The three-phase project, scheduled to finish in 2020, also includes building a new critical care facility and an ambulance facility.

Karpf said they are finishing the schematics right now and in May, pictures of what the new hospital will look like will be available. By that time, Karpf said pictures of the hospital lobby may also be available, but that it would be a few more months before pictures of the hospital rooms will be available.

Karpf said that right now "mock-ups" of the rooms are being taped out on the floor of the basement of the Charles T. Wethington Building.

"You can actually go down there and see the size of the operating rooms and the patient rooms," he said, adding that more features of the rooms will be added to the mock-ups in the future.

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## SG funds tutoring at last meeting

Senators pass resolution condemning 'stereotypical' mural at Memorial Hall

By Sean Rose  
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The Student Government Senate wrapped up its year with the final meeting last night, giving \$2,000 to a tutoring program amidst reminiscence and farewells.

"Thanks for a good year guys," SG President Becky Ellingsworth said at the beginning of the meeting.

The \$2,000 goes toward a summer trial of a peer-tutoring program used during the regular school year.

Jim Breslin, the coordinator of the program, said students showed interest in a summer program.

"We always try to be conscious of what the students are asking for," Breslin said adding that at the very least it would allow them gauge students' response to the summer program before deciding to make it an annual occurrence.

Senators also passed a resolution calling for the immediate removal of the mural that hangs in the entrance of Memorial Hall stating it "depicts African Americans and Native Americans in a stereotypical and inferior light."

"It's been protected because Memorial Hall is a historical site," said the resolution sponsor Sen. Sam Gaines. "That's all well and good but I think there are some more positive situations we can highlight."

Another resolution passed to encourage the creation of a textbook rental service designed to provide cheaper textbooks.

"We don't want to do anything concrete yet," said sponsor Sen. Will Fuller. "But we do want to get this on the ground."

A constitutional amendment passed for the second time last night decreasing the number of signatures required for candidates to obtain to run for SG office. Amendments must pass the senate with a three-fourths majority on two separate occasions.

Candidates for the president and vice presidency must obtain 500 student signatures instead of the previous 1,000 and senator-at-large candidates must obtain 300 signatures instead of 400. Freshman and college senatorial candidates must obtain 2 percent of their class or school instead of the previous 3 percent.

Act sponsor Sen. Ben Carter said previously that the reduction is designed to give candidates more time to campaign and discuss the issues.

Ellingsworth also appointed Perry Greer, a first year law student, as a Supreme Court associate justice replacing justice Clint Quarles who graduated in the fall.

A resolution to expand the route of 221-RIDE during the night was scratched from last night's meeting. The same resolution was tabled when it was first heard in February.

A member of the General Education Reform and Assessment Committee met with the senate last night looking to form a student forum either in the remaining part of the year or next year to improve elements of UK like USPs.

The final adjournment of the year closed with a cheer from the senators and optimistic advice from Senate President Nick Phelps.

"Everybody worked really hard this year," Phelps said. "I hope that you'll bridge people that did not get re-elected and bring them back in."

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## Pretty in Pink



Angelia Prekopa, an anthropology freshman, made balloon animals for her talent last night at the Beauty Pageant. She learned how to make the balloons on the Internet. All ten contestants paid a \$5 entry fee. The event raised \$207 in proceeds.



Photos by Tricia Spaulding

Bridgett Schnarr, an interior design freshman, won the Pretty in Pink Beauty Pageant last night in Memorial Hall. The pageant was organized by Kristen Fulcher, an integrated strategic communications freshman. She designed it as a project for her Emerging Leader Institution Class. All proceeds went to the Susan B. Coleman Foundation to help find a cure for breast cancer.

## Lecture to explore Islam and evolution

By Joe Hillenmeyer  
THE KENTUCKY KERNEL

For Dr. T.O. Shanavas, the major evolutionary question has little to do with apes and everything to do with belly buttons.

"Did Adam and Eve have Belly Buttons?," a lecture sponsored by the Islamic Studies Department, aims to give students who attend a new understanding of the Islamic culture and the Islamic civilization's perspective on evolution. The lecture will take place tonight at the Student Center's Center Theatre from 6 to 8 p.m.

"The Islamic perspective (on evolution), when taken in a religious context is fairly progressive," said Dr. Suleiman A. Darurat, director of the Islamic Studies Program at UK. "The Islamic

perspective) is that there is evolution and creation; there is no reason why they should be contradictory."

Shanavas, a pediatrician and Indian native who has spent more than 35 years in the United States, wrote the book "Creation and/or Evolution: An Islamic Perspective" and is vice president of the Islamic Research Foundation in Louisville.

His book analyzes evolution by combining information from the Quran and different parts of Muslim history. Shanavas pushes the idea of intelligent design where evolution is part of a universe constructed by a higher power.

Muslims had the idea of evolution as a part of creation as

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## Potential staff union to be discussed today

STAFF REPORT

The American Federation of Teachers and the Communications Workers of America will hold a news conference at noon today at the CWA union hall on Delaware Avenue to discuss UK staff members' initiative to organize a union.

Recent talk of unionization has been circulating throughout UK after President Lee Todd proposed a two-tier salary pool raise system that gives faculty a 5.5 percent salary pool raise and staff a 3 percent salary pool raise. This also spawned cost-of-living concerns among some staff.

Todd held a town hall-style forum during Spring Break to listen to staff concerns and try to address them, but many believe nothing has changed.

"I think a lot of people who were angry before the meeting

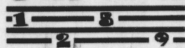
are still angry." Staff Senate Chairman Kyle Dippery told The Kernel in a March 20 article about last month's meeting. "I don't think a lot of minds were changed."

Todd said in the same article that he did not intend to make anyone upset by proposing the unequal salary pool raises, adding that this is the unfortunate result of having to stretch funds.

"The issue is that we have finite resources. We have to prioritize," Todd said. "All of our employees are important. They contribute to this institution. But the fact is that we need to pay faculty more competitively to recruit more teachers to lower classroom sizes, retain them, and dramatically improve the research engine at this institution to grow jobs and create opportunity for this state."

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**Horoscopes**

By Linda C. Black

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

**Aries (March 21-April 19)** - Today is a 6

- By using what you already have, you can make what you want. You may have to buy a few supplies, but primarily recycle.

**Taurus (April 20-May 20)** - Today is a 6 - A picture is worth a thousand words, but a book that has both in it is truly a treasure you can share. Find one, and do that.

**Gemini (May 21-June 21)** - Today is a 5 - Take on more responsibility. It's the most natural thing. You're the one who can help the others achieve the goal they've set. Teach them how to work

together. **Cancer (June 22-July 22)** - Today is a 7 - It'll be easier to collect old debts for the next several weeks, so send notices in orange envelopes. Get the word out early - you're most effective then.

**Leo (July 23-Aug. 22)** - Today is a 7 - Clean out your garage, and turn in your recyclables. You have something of value nearby, but hidden, possibly under a mess. The reward is more than just in the doing of this job. There's a bonus.

**Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)** - Today is a 7 - Make an important connection, and then discuss ways to reach your goal. You don't have to reach a decision, just collect plenty of options.

**Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)** - Today is a 7 - There is more work coming in, and this job is very interesting. You'll get an extra bonus for being wildly imaginative.

**Scorpio (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)** - Today is a 7

- You're very lucky this year, especially now. Make a list of what you want to happen, for loved ones. Catch the moment.

**Sagittarius (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)** - Today is a 7 - Conditions still favor buying mechanical devices for home and family. Sound and entertainment systems fall into this category.

**Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)** - Today is a 7 - Part of the lesson you're learning comes by watching, not by listening. Actions are much more instructive than what the instructor says.

**Aquarius (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)** - Today is a 6 - Put in the extra effort and you can earn a bonus. Sometimes working harder doesn't pay, but this time it does.

**Pisces (Feb. 19-March 20)** - Today is an 8 - Others care about you, and not just because you're so cute. It's also because you care about them, as you demonstrate again.

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By Samantha Bonar  
LOS ANGELES TIMES

**On the prowl with gossip king Perez Hilton**

Man who feeds off celeb news tough to keep up with himself

**HOLLYWOOD** — He's a Hollywood gossip-monger's dream and a troubled celebrity's nightmare. He's like US Weekly, the Star, the Enquirer and Life & Style all rolled into one sweet yet snarky, sagacious yet salacious gay man. Mario Lavandeira, better known as Perez Hilton, he of the eponymous Web site, is so popular he is becoming a celebrity in his own right, scoring loads of swag at Sundance and hanging with his "cousin" Paris Hilton at parties.

The regular features on Perez's photo-illustrated Web site include celebrity gossip, of course, but also "Separated at Birth" photos (a recent pairing: the old Star Jones and the new porky Britney Spears), "Personally Perez," about his celebrity interactions and party hopping; animated shorts (including the hilarious "Dirty Colin," a riff on the infamous Colin Farrell sex tape); and "Wacky, Tacky and True." He is also known for his celebrity nicknames: "Baby Zahara" for Nicole Richie, the Federjerk for Kevin Federline.

Perez started his Web site in 2004 as page-sixty-six.com, a play on the New York Post's gossip page, and debuted [perez Hilton.com](http://perez Hilton.com) in May 2005.

What sets it apart from other celebrity gossip sites, Perez says, is that while other sites have a tone, his has an identity, the character he has created. "I also actively and aggressively try to break stories on a daily basis," he says, relying on contacts including friends in the industry and at celebrity magazines, restaurant and shop workers, publicists and celebrities themselves.

Perez came to L.A. to pursue an acting career after graduating from the Tisch School of the Arts in New York and started his Web site for fun while working a temp job at E!, a position he lost after blogging about a particularly memorable visit to his workplace by Janice Dickinson, the erstwhile big meanie, uber-Boxtoped judge on "America's Next Top Model."

He still does his Web site for fun, but with about 600,000 hits daily, it is now his day job, with all the attendant Hollywood action.

Perez has made a few enemies along the way. He was once elbowed in the face at a club by a friend of Richie.

Now he's on E! News, has a reality show in development called "Gossip Queen," a book deal and a regular stalker. "Do you want to hear some gossip?" Perez, 28, asks in a conspiratorial stage whisper as we walk down Robertson Boulevard one recent Saturday.

This night on the town with the Miami-born Cuban American princess offered a peek into Perez's world. The self-proclaimed "gossip gangster" has deceptively innocent baby blue eyes, carefully coiffed facial scruff and an endearing smidge of pudge.

He needed to buy two birthday presents for two parties he'd be attending later, so we headed for Kiltson, a clothing store so trendy there was a velvet-rope line outside waiting for the privilege of perusing \$68 T-shirts and \$125 hoodies.

Inside, Perez in action. He ran into a friend from People magazine and warmed up with a query about what to get his friends, a publicist and an actress. Then, during a pause in the conversation, he nonchalantly queried: "Is Britney pregnant again? Tell me."

The People person said she didn't think so and explained why, but Perez was unconvinced. "She is so pregnant," he said after the woman walked away.

Perez checked his Sidekick constantly, tracking feedback and tips posted on his Web site.

"There's David LaChapelle," Perez said nonchalantly, looking up.

"Dave Chappelle?!" I asked.

"No, the photographer," he said.

"Oh."

Exhausted, I was heading home, but the night was just beginning for Perez.

It's a tough job being a gossip gangster, but somebody's got to spread it.

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## COMING ATTRACTIONS

### 'THE CHRONIC-WHAT?-CLES OF NARNIA'

Get your gangster groove on to a fantasy classic from Disney that tries oh-so-hard to rival the epic scope of Lord of the Rings trilogy. The blockbuster hit arrived on DVD shelves on Tuesday.

### SMOKE LIKE A TRAIN

"Thank You For Smoking," the new film based on the novel by Christopher Buckley, opens at the Kentucky Theatre this weekend. The movie follows the trials and tribulations of tobacco lobbyist Nick Naylor and explores the inner-workings of lobbyists on Capitol Hill.



## Left of center

Top 10 indicators that  
you should already  
have graduated by now

By Doug Scott and Ian Conley  
THE KENTUCKY KERNEL

- 10 You dated Jeff Sheppard your sophomore year.
- 9 Your incomplete undergraduate career predates Napster.
- 8 Your student loans are currently rivaling defense spending for the 2006-07 fiscal year.
- 7 You voted for Michael Dukakis.
- 6 You voted for George H.W. Bush.
- 5 Your male-pattern baldness is more progressed than your professor's.
- 4 You still yell "AIR RAID!" at football games.
- 3 You have an original L.A. Guns vinyl LP that you still listen to before heading off to class.
- 2 You chase Vodka with Metamucel.
- 1 You actually remember the full-run of the original "Left of Center" column when it was actually funny.

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### MOST-PLAYED SONGS OF THE WEEK

Anna Oxygen, "Mechanical Fist"

The Sounds, "With a Mission"

Nightmares On Wax, "Passion"

Margo and the Nuclear So and So, "On a Freezing Day On a Chicago Street"

Man Man, "Push the Eagle's Stomach"

Calexico, "Bbisbeeblue"

Herbie Hancock, "Cantalope Island"

Belle and Sebastian, "Another Sunny Day"

Man Man, "Ice Dogs"

Kites, "Something About America"



PHOTOS BY ANDREW HUGHES | STAFF

# A Burrito Battle Royale



ANDREA COATES | STAFF

## Burritos dominate off-campus dining, but a debate is raging

By Ellie Fairbanks  
THE KENTUCKY KERNEL

*There you are, just a simple lime and cilantro soaked grain of rice. Your journey to becoming a mouth-watering Mexican burrito lies just ahead. You get thrown into an oversized flour tortilla shell, covered with beans, and doused in salsa and sour cream. You cling to life as you are hit with chicken, pork, or beef. But here's the kicker: are you next smothered in queso sauce?*

There is no question that UK students love their burritos. And Chipotle and Qdoba, the premier Mexican grills for UK students, have been serving the area for several years. Chipotle's South Limestone Street location opened in January 2004 while Qdoba's Euclid Avenue restaurant has been around for four years. These locations are often packed with faculty and staff alike during the busy lunch and dinner hours.

From the outside, Chipotle and Qdoba appear to be very similar restaurants. They are both Mexican eateries specializing in the making of oversized burritos. They both have fresh ingredients and make their food right in front of the customers. So what sets these seemingly identical restaurants apart? Loyalty, for one, and queso, for another, it seems.

"It basically comes down to

this: Chipotle has better meat, but Qdoba has more options and queso sauce," Chris Jones, a civil engineering junior said. "It really just depends which is more important to you."

And there is definitely a distinction as to what is more important to students. Burritos are not something that we, as UK students, take lightly.

There is often an unmistakable line that separates a Chipotle



ANDREW HUGHES | STAFF  
Chipotle burritos have been a huge draw to off-campus diners.

Facebook.com, where there are groups pledging allegiance to a specific burrito joint. Meat quality to service to atmosphere can affect a student's choice.

"Chipotle has such better meat than Qdoba," Matthew Whelan, an engineering graduate student said. "I always go to Chipotle unless I'm in a city that doesn't have one and I really need a burrito, in which case, I'm forced to go to Qdoba."

Chipotle takes pride in having this "better meat." All of their meat is free range, that is, the animals are free to roam about the farm and are not confined to cages. This, and because the meat is hormone free, is what makes it so much superior, according to Mike Wilson, general manager at the Chipotle on Limestone Street.

"Our motto is 'food with integrity,'" Wilson said. "Everything here is fresh and never processed."

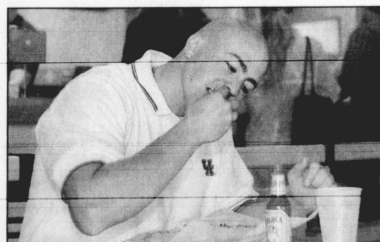
Others are drawn to Chipotle not only for the "better" quality of meat, but also for the general feeling that they get while at the restaurant.

"At Qdoba, I feel like I'm at a cafeteria, but Chipotle's burrito engineers truly care," Jordan Whitehead, a pre-pharmacy sophomore said. "They really want you to have a fantastic burrito experience."

Fatimah Shalash, a family and consumer sciences sophomore, feels the same way, but about Qdoba.

"Qdoba's atmosphere just seems more lively and appealing than Chipotle," Shalash

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THOMAS SANDS | STAFF  
Brian Inman, communications senior, finishes off a burrito from Qdoba yesterday.

## STUFF & THINGS

Five ways to make your weekend wonderful

### 1 Keeneland

The quintessence of Kentucky makes a triumphant return this weekend. Sure, it can be smug at times, but swallow a few drinks and put a couple of bets down and any pretention melts away into sweat, sweet vice.

Plus, it's College Day tomorrow, meaning that a \$1,000 scholarship is given away after each race. If you're motivated enough to fill out a registration form, you're eligible to win.

### 2 High Bridge Hep Cats

The UK Hep Cats will force High Bridge to swing on Sunday. If you've never been to High Bridge Park, go immediately.

### Parlour Boys show

We can't harp on these guys enough. Lexington finally has a bona fide flagship band. They are the Lords of the (Verizon Wireless) Ringtones. Showtime is 9 p.m. Friday at The Dame. Tickets cost \$5.

### 4 12 Bands

12 local and small touring bands will tear the roof off Southside Church on Nicholasville Rd. Saturday night. Showtime is 5 p.m. Cover is \$6.

### 5 Get caught up

There are only a few weeks left in the semester and it feels as if the apocalypse is dawning. Come on. Don't be that guy who's been an undergrad for nine years.



KEITH SMILEY | STAFF  
Keeneland's spring meet sprints out of the gate tomorrow. First post time is at 1:15 p.m.

# Burrito

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said. "Chipotle has a very fresh, clean ambience," Lindsay Curtin, a journalism sophomore, said. "The employees are very friendly and are always smiling."

"The freshness of Chipotle's food makes all of the difference," Whelan said.

"Qdoba has queso sauce, and that's really the only thing that matters," Keith Eggemeier, an undergraduate studies sophomore, said. "You have to have the queso sauce."

"Even though there won't be queso at Chipotle, I'll keep going there because, overall, it's just a better restaurant," Whelan said.

Parking can also influence dining choice. Although some students think that while the food may be better at Chipotle, it is significantly harder to get to. Chipotle's parking lot, much to the dismay of customers, is located behind the restaurant and across Jersey Street. While the parking at Qdoba is definitely limited, it is at least within a few yards of the actual restaurant.

"Chipotle is the better place to eat, but it just makes me so angry when I have to park there," Whelan said. "I just don't understand why we can't park in the McDonald's lot right next to Chipotle."

The more diverse menu at Qdoba is also a factor for many when choosing a dining destination. Qdoba offers quesadillas, nachos, tacos and taco salads along with their signature burritos. Depend-

ing on what there is a taste for, more options can sway a customer one way or another.

"Even though I usually like Chipotle better, if I'm looking for something other than a typical burrito, I go to Qdoba," Jones said.

Burritos have become as much a staple of college eating as Ramen noodles. A simple walk through campus will no doubt produce several sightings of Chipotle and Qdoba bags alike. The quickness and affordability appeals to college students.

According to managers at both restaurants, chicken burritos at both Chipotle and Qdoba are the most popular menu item. This burrito is composed of rice, beans or salsa, choice of meat, sour cream, cheese (and/or queso if at Qdoba). Managers at both stores think that students like this item so much because it is moderately priced and made fresh quickly.

"Everything here is definitely fresher than fast food," Wilson said. "We have better service and better food than most of the five-star restaurants you'll see."

Donna Doll, assistant manager at Qdoba, agrees that students and faculty appreciate the both the quality and quickness that a burrito can offer.

"We make everything fresh here daily," Doll said. "We get fresh ingredients and make all of our sauces, rice, and meat every day."

Chipotle and Qdoba, which both originated in Colorado, opened their first Lexington locations at the current campus locales. Since these restaurants flourished, each has opened two other sites. However, the spots close to UK's campus prove to be



PHOTOS BY ANDREW HUGHANS | STAFF

Chipotle, located on South Limestone Street, is immensely popular with students, as is Qdoba, which is close to the corner of Rose Street and Euclid Avenue.

the most profitable.

"Our Chipotle (on Limestone) is definitely the busiest store in Lexington," Wilson said.

Wilson also said Chipotle is typically busiest during the week around 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. and 5 p.m. to 8 p.m. Lunchtime is crowded with students and business-types alike. Dinner usually sees mainly student customers.

Qdoba also sees the most business during lunch and dinner, with a more student and family customer base.

"We're busiest during lunch and dinner," Doll said. "This semester especially, we've seen a lot of people coming in during the evenings for dinner. I don't know, I guess students are eating more dinner this semester."

Doll attributes much of its booming business to their acceptance of UK's Plus Account, which

began last semester. Since beginning this, Doll has noticed a significant increase in the number of student customers. Chipotle also plans to begin accepting the Plus Account by next fall, if not sooner, according to Wilson.

Even though there are franchises of Chipotle and Qdoba throughout the U.S., the Lexington locations, specifically the ones around campus, are often close to the highest grossing branches in the entire country.

"We're normally in the top 10 in sales in the United States and usually in the top 5," Doll said of Qdoba.

UK students are responsible for this sales boom for these restaurants. Since establishing stores in the Lexington area, sales have shot up.

Doll thinks that there are not many customers who are die-hard

Qdoba or Chipotle fans. She said that some people will refuse to eat at the opposing restaurant, but, overall, she thinks that most customers will eat at either restaurant, depending on what they have a taste for. If someone is looking for more variety or a little shot of queso sauce, Qdoba is the spot.

Wilson thinks that the quality of food at Chipotle is really what is drawing in customers. No matter what, they will never use processed or preserved ingredients. Queso, for example, will never become available at Chipotle. According to Wilson, because queso is processed cheese, and Chipotle does not serve processed food, queso will not enter the menu.

Without a doubt, the burrito debate on campus will continue to rage as long as there are burritos to be eaten and arguments to be had. If there is one thing that college students are capable of being passionate about, it's food. Especially spicy, cheese soaked burritos.

Your journey has now ended. In a few, short moments that hungry college student staring you down will take a gigantic bite and enjoy your burrito goodness. Life as a lonely grain of rice will cease to exist. Your meat, salsa, sour cream, and cheese comrades will participate in your fate.

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... if I'm looking for something other than a typical burrito, I go to Qdoba"

- Chris Jones, civil engineering senior, on the appeal of made-to-order burritos and variety at Qdoba (burrito from Qdoba shown at right).

# Dennis Hopper exhibits another side of himself

By William Booth  
THE WASHINGTON POST

LOS ANGELES — If one were expecting, perhaps even hoping, that the art exhibition surveying the work of actor Dennis Hopper would be glorious, self-indulgent dirt, well, one would be disappointed.

Hopper isn't bad for a celebrity. Not at all.

He is talented and thoughtful, and his stuff appears to be unique, solid. Arty-looking visitors strolling the just-opened show here Friday occasionally stop before one of his big billboard photo-paintings and say holy cow.

"He's been a bit of secret," says Douglas Christmas, director of the Ace Gallery, a private museum and exhibit space hosting Hopper's first big retrospective in his adopted home town. "People of course know him as an actor and director, but you ask him, he would say he thinks of himself as an artist first."

Ten years before he co-wrote, directed and appeared in the seminal '60s film "Easy Rider," Hopper was a painter of abstract expressionist work who ran with a crowd that included Jasper Johns, Roy Lichtenstein and

David Hockney. A disastrous 1961 fire in Bel Air and Brentwood, Calif., consumed his production, perhaps 300 paintings, Christmas estimates. It was a near-fatal blow, but from the ashes Hopper took up black-and-white photography, which makes up about a third of the exhibit.

As Craig Krull, owner of the Craig Krull Gallery in Santa Monica, recalls the tale, Hopper's wife gave him a camera after the fire. "He really developed a very keen sensibility" characterized by "bold compositions and dynamic moments," Krull says. "He knows how to put together formal elements on a plane."

As Hopper moved through the art world, Hollywood and politics circles, he brought the camera with him. "He was able to capture many moments that might not be historically significant but that take on a historical significance because of the way he photographed them," Krull says.

"He took to it like a duck to water," says Christmas, a longtime figure in the New York and Los Angeles art scene who represented Warhol. "You'd never see him without his freaking camera. He wouldn't leave

the house without it." The photographs in the exhibit, which Christmas guesses represent about three percent of Hopper's output, include portraits, but not as many of fellow actors as one might expect.

Tony Shafrazi, owner of the Tony Shafrazi Gallery, represents Hopper in New York and has been friends with him since 1963. Shafrazi says Hopper was part of a movement of actor-artists in the 1950s who "had a broader approach to acting than a previous generation." Hopper was in two of James Dean's three movies, and both Hopper and Dean saw acting as just part of a wide range of creative expression that also included sculpture, dance, painting and photography, Shafrazi says.

"James Dean spearheaded the idea that acting was only one aspect of art, and to do painting and photography is also important," he notes. "This left a tremendous impact on Dennis."

As Hopper, 69, takes his guests on a tour of the exhibit, he seems in fact more artist than actor. He quotes Leonardo da Vinci (on the difficulty of representing the creamy patina of a wet stain on a Tuscan wall). He paraphrases Marcel Duchamp,

with whom he agrees when he explains, "An artist is a person who points his finger and says, 'That is art.'" And he speaks in great detail about the difference between digital and film photography, how with the former, "you're spraying with light, and not like a (film) photograph, where it rises up from the chemicals."

Hopper has also taken his photographs from the early '60s and transferred them to huge oil paintings on vinyl. He says he always has been fascinated by the Southern California landscape of outdoor advertising. Asked why his work now is so big, so billboard-y, Hopper says: "That's L.A.—the billboards and the cars. Maybe next I should do some palm trees."

The big images are arresting. When he was a young artist hanging out with the pops, he often took his comrades to a billboard-painting factory near downtown Los Angeles. He says the place amazed him, and that what he often tries to do with his art (including his photographs of graffiti from Florence, London, New York, Prague) is just capture what is already there on the streets, a style he calls "strange realism."



Hopper's first foray into an artistic realm outside of acting is this 1964 photo of Bill Cosby for Vogue Magazine.

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# UK's IRIS system to allow more efficient record-keeping

By Brad Luke  
THE KENTUCKY KERNEL

UK is changing the way it does business. With the Integrated Resource Information Systems, a project that has been in the works for seven years, UK officials say the school can streamline financial activity and eliminate many paper records.

"It will allow university decision makers to access information needed to make good decisions in real time," said Doyle N. Friskney, associate vice president for Information Technology and Human Services. "The new systems will provide the flexibility for business practices to change dynamically and the new systems will inter-operate."

Friskney said that the idea behind this move is to allow students, faculty and staff more access to more information via University of Kentucky online.

Right now, the IRIS program has two of four modules operating: the human resources module, which handles payroll, and the finance module.

The human resources module, which began operating on Saturday, will virtually eliminate the use of spreadsheets and paper records in the department, said Penny D. Cox, associate

vice president for Information Technology and Human Services at UK.

According to the IRIS Web site, the HR module is activated on the SAP software, which will monitor staff members earnings in a standardized, centralized and automated way.

The other two modules left to be activated are the campus management and the plant maintenance modules. Cox said the campus management module is expected to begin operating in the fall.

The IRIS website said that the campus management module is comprised mainly of student admissions, registration, class scheduling, grading, academic history, and student accounting.

The campus management module will allow for each of the individual colleges on campus to be more responsive to students and their request as far as courses and registration.

Cox said this new module could possibly eliminate the use of waiting lists when registering for classes by allowing for instructors and the colleges to have access to information about the number of students interested in taking specific courses prior to the start of the semester.

"This module was created to improve upon and pos-

sibly replace the current web-UK system," Friskney said. The plant maintenance module will keep detailed records on maintenance, landscaping and the state of all the buildings located throughout UK's campus.

According to Cox, this program will keep UK staff members better prepared for any work that may need to be done to any of the buildings and the current conditions of each building will be updated and kept on record as well.

The IRIS program is not only trying to improve upon student and faculty life through the internet, but also upon the business aspect of the university.

According to the IRIS website, Business Warehouse, module will offer tools for data extraction, reporting, and analysis; delivered Business Content reports as well as other information such as shipping reports, which will all help with the efficiency of the University's business side.

"The goal of the IRIS project is to develop administrative systems that allow the University of Kentucky to change business practices to meet the demands of the 21st century," Friskney said.

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## NEWS BRIEFS

### Family recovers art taken by Nazis

LOS ANGELES — Maria Altmann says the portrait of her Auntie Adele somehow looks bigger than she remembered, as the Gustav Klimt masterpiece of a sensual lady bound in gold was unveiled here at the county art museum this week, almost seven decades after it was stolen from her family by the Nazis following their march into Vienna.

The story of this Klimt painting — its creation, its subject, its looting, the discovery of the theft and the legal battle to have the art returned — reads like a sweeping, romantic epic of loss and redemption, a tale that spans the hothouse salons of fin-de-siècle Vienna, the darkness of the Holocaust and the U.S. Supreme Court.

The five paintings now on display, including the 1907 gold portrait of a wealthy, headstrong Viennese Jewish socialite, comprise one of the most watched and valuable

Nazi art restitution events in recent memory. That socialite, Adele Bloch-Bauer, was a model, patron and perhaps a lover of Klimt.

Together, the five canvases, according to art appraisals conducted during the course of the legal case, may carry a value of \$300 million — although a price for the main portrait is admittedly a guess, because works of its notoriety and renown rarely appear at auction.

### Hillary's no shoo-in with this crowd

HOLLYWOOD — Depending on whom you talk to in Hollywood these days, Hillary Clinton is either too conservative, too polarizing, too famous, too stiff or — keep this to yourself! — too sexy.

And those are just the opinions of the celebrities who vote Democrat. (Don't even ask what the few Republicans had to say.)

Once the darling of the industry's liberal set, Clinton has come under attack from some as she starts to line up

support for what many feel will be a run for the presidential nomination. But that's not unusual for Hollywood — it's almost like a rite of passage, says veteran Democratic strategist Bill Carrick: "You haven't really made it as a politician here until the stars line up to kick your tires."

Plus, "The Democrats want to win so badly, and Hillary is such an important leader, they're going to scrutinize everything she does," Carrick said.

Suddenly the Hillary issue became the question du jour in celebrity interviews.

Kathleen Turner, starring in "Who's Afraid of Virginia Woolf?" in London's West End, was asked by a British reporter if she thought Clinton could win in 2008.

"I have my doubts about that," Turner told Rosie Millard of the New Statesman. "We don't want a celebrity woman president. We want someone who is really proven, someone with a really good foundation at that level, not just a star."

## Evolution

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early as the 10th or 11th century long before Darwin and his own theory, Darrat said.

The lecture is part of series of lectures on evolution and language hosted by the faculty of the College of Arts and Sciences.

Darrat said he hopes it will also give students in-

sight into a part of Islam rarely seen in the media: One that does not deal with terrorism or politics but with Islam as a civilization.

"The topic of Islam as a civilization is somewhat neglected. There are many other aspects (outside of politics and war) that go unnoticed that are important to give people a more rounded picture of Islam," said Darrat.

Darrat hopes that the lecture will help to further a better understanding and appreciation of Islamic culture.

One of the teaching goals of the Islam Studies program according to a program brochure is to "develop an informed appreciation of the contributions of Islamic civilization to the accumulation of knowledge in the history of human kind."

This lecture is one step in achieving that goal, Darrat said, adding that he hopes there will be a diverse audience to take part in the debate of such a complicated subject as evolution versus creation.

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# Immigration compromise likely

By Jonathan Weisman  
THE WASHINGTON POST

WASHINGTON — Senate Republicans neared agreement Wednesday on a compromise immigration measure that they believe will garner enough bipartisan support to break through a parliamentary impasse that has stymied progress on a high-stakes border security bill for two weeks.

Under the agreement, the Senate would allow undocumented workers a path to lawful employment and citizenship if they could prove — through work stubs, utility bills or other documents — that they have been in the country for five years. To attain citizenship, those immigrants would have to pay a \$2,000 penalty, learn English, undergo criminal background check and remain working for 11 years.

Those who have been here a shorter time would have to return to one of 16 designated ports of entry, such as El Paso, Texas, and apply for one of about 400,000 new temporary work visas that would be available each year. Some Republicans are pushing for an additional provision that would disqualify illegal immigrants who have been in the country less than two years.

But any breakthrough was held back Wednesday by Senate Minority Leader Harry Reid, D-Nev., who insisted that any substantive compromise wait until a showdown vote to cut off debate on a more lenient measure passed by the Judiciary Committee last week. Reid and other Democratic leaders hope to show they have 60 votes in support of that bill, written by Sens. Edward Kennedy, D-Mass., and John McCain, R-Ariz. That showdown should come Thursday morning, and if they can break a possible filibuster, they could show no

compromise is needed that would fundamentally change the McCain-Kennedy bill.

As of Wednesday night, however, the vote to break a filibuster appeared almost certain to fall short of the 60 supporters needed — in large part because of the bruised Republican feelings over Reid's parliamentary tactics that have tied up the Senate for days. Even McCain said he would not bow to the Democrats' tactics and vote to end debate.

Senate Majority Leader Bill Frist, R-Tenn., conceded Wednesday that the development probably will mean the Senate leaves Washington for a two-week spring recess with nothing to show for a fortnight of heated debate. That would allow organizers of a national protest Monday against a crackdown on illegal immigration to build pressure on lawmakers to support the McCain-Kennedy measure, which would allow virtually all illegal immigrants, no matter how long they have been in the United States, to stay and work toward citizenship.

"If we don't get something worked out by sunrise, then the Senate Democrats are going to be cut out," warned Sen. Trent Lott, R-Miss., voicing the frustration of a GOP majority that has been outflanked by the Democratic leadership. "There is a way we can get an agreement between Republicans in the House and the Senate, the majority in the House and the majority in the Senate, to the floor whole hog and say, 'Vote for it, up or down.'"

Kerry Feehely, a spokesman for Sen. Mel Martinez, R-Fla., said Republicans were optimistic they were near an agreement to do that, but whether anything can come to a vote before week's end may still depend on Reid's cooperation.

"This whole thing hinges on Reid. He is the fulcrum on whether anything happens," said Don Stewart, spokesman for Sen. John Cornyn, R-Texas.

That was a remarkable turn of events for a Republican Congress much more accustomed to steamrolling the Democratic minority. In an extraordinary showdown Wednesday, Frist assembled most of the 55 Republicans in the Senate chamber to castigate Reid's intransigence.

"I used to say this is another insufferable attempt of the other side to block, to obstruct, to postpone, to delay, but now I think it's beyond that," Frist protested.

Facing one side of the chamber full of Republican senators, Reid stood virtually alone, responding, "The majority can move forward with a bill that will fix our borders and reform our immigration system or continue to stonewall this. It's in the eyes of the beholder who's stonewalling."

There is virtual unanimity in the Senate that the immigration system is broken. Of the several immigration bills that have been drafted, all would beef up border patrol with more agents and higher technology, strengthen rules against employing illegal immigrants and penalties for businesses that violate those rules, and create tamper-proof identification cards to replace easily forged Social Security cards and other documents used to get jobs.

But senators have splintered on what to do with immigrants already in this country. One approach, championed by Cornyn and Sen. Jon Kyl, R-Ariz., would demand undocumented workers return home and apply for a new two-year temporary work visa. Such visas could be renewed for a total of six work years, but workers

would have to return to their home countries for a year before reapplying.

McCain maintains that approach is unrealistic, arguing that illegal immigrants would ignore the new visas and remain underground.

Other senators, including conservative Republican Johnny Isakson, R-Ga., and moderate Democrat Ben Nelson, D-Neb., favor the approach taken by the House in December, when it passed a bill that cracked down on illegal immigration without offering any new avenue for lawful employment or citizenship. A handful of Democrats, led by Sen. Byron Dorgan, D-N.D., resolutely oppose the provision in the McCain-Kennedy bill that would offer about 400,000 work visas a year to low-skilled foreigners seeking access to the U.S. workplace.

Between all of the factions is President Bush, who for years has called for major changes in immigration laws, including a guest-worker program, but to many members of Congress has been maddeningly vague about just what he wants.

"I urge the senators to continue to work toward getting a comprehensive bill, a bill that will help us secure our borders, a bill that will cause the people in the interior of this country to recognize and enforce the law, and a bill that will include a guest-worker provision that will enable us to more secure the border," he recognized that there are people here working hard for jobs Americans won't do, and a guest-worker provision that is not amnesty, one that provides for automatic citizenship," Bush said Wednesday.

Rep. Jim Kolbe, R-Ariz., who co-wrote the House's version of the McCain-Kennedy bill, dismissed that as "gibberish."

# Fossil may link sea and land creatures

By Guy Gugliotta  
THE WASHINGTON POST

Scientists on Wednesday reported discovering an evolutionary "missing link" between fish and land animals — an ancient, river-dwelling predator with arm joints in its fins, an alligator-like head and ribs heavy enough to support its body on dry land.

Researchers found several fossils between four and nine feet long. The creature was a fish — with scales, fins and gills — but it moved its head independently of its body could drag itself along on land like today's seals and may have walked, although the research team did not find fossil hindquarters to test that hypothesis.

The discovery provided the best evidence yet that fish emerged from the oceans and rivers of the early Earth between 385 million and 360 million years ago and evolved into terrestrial vertebrates beginning with amphibians and reptiles, and ending with mammals, and, ultimately, humans.

"This is extremely significant, because while we have been amassing evidence for years on the link between fish and tetrapods (four-legged animals), there was still a gap," said Hans Sues, associate director of research and collections at the National Museum of Natural History. "This link is one we

would have predicted, but it's nice to see that it really exists."

A research team led by University of Chicago paleontologist Neil Shubin and David Daeschler, of Philadelphia's Academy of Natural Sciences, found the fossils locked in red siltstone in the windblown, Arctic wilderness of Canada's Ellesmere Island, about 600 miles from the North Pole.

The fish lived 375 million years ago in what had been an Equatorial river delta before continental drift moved the land mass northward. The team dubbed it Tiktaalik roseae. "Tiktaalik" is an Inuktitut word for "large, shallow water fish," and Shubin said "rosae" refers to one of the patrons of the project, who wanted to remain anonymous. The research was reported Thursday in the journal Nature.

Scientists for decades have been gathering evidence that four-footed, vertebrate land animals evolved from fish sometime in the latter part of the geologic period known as the Devonian, after insects and spiders.

Researchers for years had collected Devonian fossil fish with bones and muscles in the fins, regarded as forerunners of the land animals that soon made their way to solid ground. Today's coelocanth is such a "lobe-finned fish," a holdover from this

early period. "Tiktaalik is adapting," Shubin said in a telephone interview. "It could stand on the water bottom in the shallows, or it could stand up in the mud flats. It's a fish tetrapod or a 'fishotrapod.'"

Sues, also speaking in a telephone interview, said scientists first subscribed to a theory that the red sedimentary rock where most of the transitional fossils were found indicated an ancient desert climate, and legs evolved because fish were trapped in evaporating ponds and "had to move out or die."

"That became passe, when scientists in recent years found good lakes for the creatures," Sues said. "It seemed likely that they never left the water, and instead evolved limbs for the purpose of running along under the surface. One idea is that they developed limbs to navigate lakes choked with vegetation."

Shubin said he and Daeschler set out to find transitional animals in the far North, because large Devonian deposits are exposed to the weather there without civilization, vegetation or dirt to conceal them: "Up there, it's either rock or ice," he said.

They discovered Tiktaalik embedded in a deposit in southwestern Ellesmere Island: "There were all kinds

of carnivorous fish — big and small" — and Tiktaalik was one of the top line predators, Shubin said. "This was a fish-eat-fish world, you're either big with giant teeth, or you're small and armored."

Shubin said the team understood immediately that they had found what they were looking for. Tiktaalik may have been a fish, but it had a remarkable set of land animal characteristics from its flat, alligator-like head with eyes on top to its ribs, suitable for both heavy lifting and perhaps breathing with lungs.

"But the truly remarkable thing is the internal skeleton preserved within the fin," vertebrate paleontologist Hans-Peter Schultze, of Kansas University, said in a telephone interview. "It looks like a tetrapod limb, and you can show that it was used to walk on the ground."

By examining the pectoral fins extending from Tiktaalik like arms, the team could easily see the outlines of bones and joints — shoulder, elbow and wrist — powerful enough to support the animal on land.

And once on land, "opportunities were available," Sues said. "They've found (fossil) scorpions about two feet long in Scotland, and that would have made a good meal for this animal. Like eating lobster."

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UK senior outfielder Lori Melchi takes a pitch in Tuesday's game against Ohio University. After sweeping a doubleheader from Ohio, the Cats came back yesterday and took two from visiting Western Kentucky. This marks the first time the Cats have won back-to-back games since March 8. UK continues non-conference play next Wednesday at Indiana.

## STARTING A WINNING STREAK

### Softball eeks out pair of one-run wins for third-and fourth-straight victories

By Ryan Kuhn  
THE KENTUCKY KERNEL

After suffering through a nine-game losing streak, the UK softball team has decided it's time for a different kind of streak.

The Cats swept a doubleheader for the second day in a row yesterday with 2-1 and 5-4 victories over Western Kentucky.

The second win gave coach Eileen Schmidt career victory No. 100.

"We weren't as sharp as I would've liked us to be," said Schmidt. "But good teams find a way to win, and we did that today."

The players said they were happy to witness their coach's 100th win.

"That was really great for coach to pass that milestone," said senior first baseman Megan Glenn. "She's been doing really well turning things around here at UK."

UK rode the pitching of Jess Trueblood to a 2-1 vic-

tory in game one.

Trueblood struck out four WKU batters and allowed her only run on a solo shot in the top of the fifth inning.

UK got all of the runs they would need in the bottom of the fourth on a two-run single by shortstop Ashley Fertic.

Schmidt said Fertic, who has been playing short since an injury to starter Brooke Marnitz, has filled in well.

"Fertic's shown a lot of range the last few games," said Schmidt. "She hadn't practiced at short at all until she stepped in yesterday and she's played really well."

The Cats jumped out to a quick 1-0 lead in the nightcap on a fielder's choice by torrid-hitting catcher Katie Campbell.

Schmidt cited Campbell as a large reason for the team's play over the past two days.

"Katie just continues to

stay hot," she said. "She is playing really well not just at the plate but behind it too."

Western Kentucky took the lead in the third on a two-run bomb by left fielder Alana Towns, and extended it to 3-1 on a bunt single in the fourth, scoring pinch-hitter Kit Dunbar from third.

WKU looked to extend the lead even more with runners on first and third with two outs in the inning, but Fertic had something to say about that.

The junior from Valrico, Fla., fielded a deflected ground ball deep behind third base and threw in time to get the out at first.

That play gave the Cats the momentum they would need heading into the fifth.

Following two singles and a ground out, Katie Campbell stepped back into the box with the chance to give UK the lead.

Campbell drove a towering three-run homer over

the left field fence to give the Wildcats the lead for good, and Fertic quickly followed with a solo shot for back-to-back homeruns and a 5-3 lead.

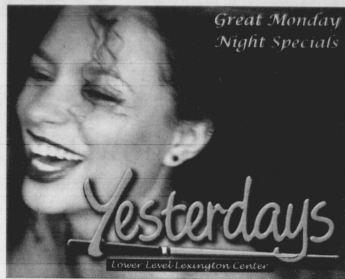
WKU brought the score to 5-4 on a homerun off of UK senior Amy Kendall, but Trueblood entered the game and sat down the next three batters to end the game lock up Schmidt's milestone win.

Schmidt quickly passed the praise on to her players.

"It's a good feeling," she said. "But we couldn't do any of this without the players."

The Cats return to action next Wednesday against the Indiana Hoosiers. The game begins at 2 p.m. in Bloomington, Ind.

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## Williams latest to leave basketball team

By Chris DeLotell  
THE KENTUCKY KERNEL

The exodus from the men's basketball team continues.

Freshman guard Adam Williams, who spent a year after high school at IMG Academy to achieve his lifelong dream of playing for UK, is transferring. UK granted Williams his uncon-

ditional release yesterday, making him free to sign with another school.

Williams will have to sit out one season before becoming eligible at his new school.

"Adam is a great young man who has done everything we've asked of him," coach Tubby Smith said in a news release. "At this point, he feels it would be best for him to move on and we wish

him nothing but the best."

The St. Albans, W. Va., native played only 20 minutes all season. He has not decided which school he will attend next year.

Williams' departure comes one the heels of Tuesday's announcement by sophomore guard Rajon Rondo that he will enter the NBA Draft. At Tuesday's news conference, Smith refused to

speculate about the plans of any of his other players.

"We don't have anyone else leaving for the NBA," Smith said. "We are having meetings with our players right now."

Junior forward Rekalin Sims is also considering a transfer, according to his junior college coach.

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## IN OUR OPINION

### Business school deserves new facility

The Gatton College of Business and Economics is a world-renowned educational program. It graduates thousands of students per year, many of whom go on to aid the state's economic health.

But, according to the school's administration, Gatton's facilities are not up to par. Gatton College Dean Devanathan Sudharshan said in The Kernel on March 10 that the school didn't have "the facilities to serve students adequately."

"We need a new building very badly," Sudharshan said.

The new facility the dean is talking about comes with an approximate price tag of \$100 million, and it is currently slated as UK's funding priority for the 2008-10 state budget cycle.

"It'll be more than worth it," Sudharshan said, "because it will provide the kind of facilities that will be appropriate and conducive to the learning methods that are necessary."

The Gatton school is a jewel in the academic crown of UK. It should have cutting-edge facilities for the top-of-the-line students that receive their education there, and funding to keep the facilities at the forefront of world education should be a priority. UK administrators have made the right choice by putting it at the top of the list.

The business school is a very successful and lauded example of where the rest of the university's scholastic programs should be. It is one of the more populous schools on campus, with 2,727 students enrolled there as of 2005. A new facility would benefit future students, not just researchers.

Moreover, faculty at Gatton are doing some of the most notable work of any college at UK. For instance, the business college was recently recognized as a top-20 school in the world for its information systems research. That may not sound like a whole lot, but the list of operations that would be shut down without data information systems — the Internet, modern telephone systems, etc. — is staggering. In order to stay at the top in this important field — and to rise the ranks in others — UK needs to have the facilities to keep the best faculty here.

And by virtue of the students it trains, Gatton is a long-term moneymaker for the university. Some of the notable graduates of the school include Carol Martin Gatton, who made the largest monetary gift to UK in the university's history, according to the Gatton school's Web site; Rodney McMullen, the vice chairman of Kroger; and Cynthia Harkins Haynes, the vice president and assistant general counsel of Texas Instruments. When the Gatton school produces top business leaders —

which can only be done if the school retains top faculty — UK is likely to benefit from those leaders' future generosity.

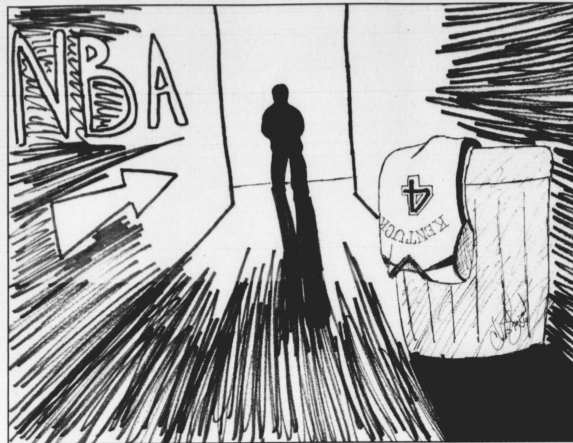
Clearly, the Gatton school deserves its spot at the top of UK's wish list. But UK also needs to make sure that improving the business college's facilities does not hinder progress on other urgently necessary projects.

For instance, the Reynolds Building used by the School of Fine Arts is uncomfortable and unsafe, and its problems have been ignored for too long. The building has poor ventilation, which isn't conducive to the painting and welding activities that take place there. The staircases are inadequate, and the entire building — an old tobacco warehouse — is dilapidated on the whole. And it is in a poorly lit location on the far edge of campus, meaning that it poses safety concerns for students at night.

Ultimately, state funding is (unfortunately) limited, and so there will always be a tension between making top programs even better and bringing lagging ones up to speed. On one hand, UK is under a state mandate to become a top-20 school, and that will require capitalizing on the university's strengths. However, at a certain point — such as when a facility is actually a safety hazard — the top-20 goal is not all that should matter.

In the long run, pursuing the \$100 million for the Gatton school is the best choice for UK. But administrators need to recognize the needs of other programs and push just as hard for state funding for them. These are not necessarily mutually exclusive — as long as UK officials and state legislators don't make them so.

**UK should help the Gatton College retain faculty by making it a top funding priority, though other colleges should not be ignored**



CHRIS STEWART, THE KENTUCKY KERNEL

## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

### Employers shouldn't use Facebook in hiring

Partying, checking out the latest photo albums and reading a posting of words on a friend's wall all come to mind I hear the words Facebook or MySpace. These Web sites give us students something to look forward to when we get home from hours of classes with minimal breaks in between; they are just a means for us to show off what we might do on our spare time.

This is not to be confused with work, school or other important programs. A few photos of someone drinking at a party does not necessarily mean that student would be a liability to a company he or she is applying to work at. Hiring executives might want to reconsider using sites like the previously mentioned information networks. In fact, some groups, quotes, photos and wall messages are occasionally inside jokes or lie just to get some laughs. Much of the student population of UK uses Facebook, and probably a third or more of users have "incriminating evidence" that would lead employers to believe we are a liability to their companies. It's simple — those who oversee employee hiring are looking too much into these sites.

Managers that hire new employees are using a shortcut to weed out potential job seekers like myself. Hiring managers should take a little more time reviewing resumes and interviewing job seekers before passing up a potentially great worker. So what if John Doe lists in his interests that he likes drinking beer and watching sports or if Jane Doe is in the "Take Me Home Tonight, (Explicit) Right Doggy" group.

A few words or pictures in your social time should not affect your chances to excel in the professional workforce. Look at some of our parents, for crying out loud! My father is one of the biggest week-end partiers I know. That doesn't stop him from his managerial position at his place of business — which, by the way, he's had for 20 years.

My message is clear: Hiring managers should do their job, which is to find the most qualified job seeker, not the least sociable or party-frenzy person with

the least amount of "incriminating evidence" on the Internet.

MICHAEL MILLS  
business marketing junior

### Going back to class doesn't help staff

While the subject of employee raises has been off the front cover of the local media, including The Kernel, for the past month, I would like to discuss a particular aspect of UK President Lee Todd's comments. I understand why the administration is pursuing the different pay scales for staff and faculty. With a maximum increase in annual salaries of 3 percent, UK staff will not keep up with inflation, but this is true with many American companies, so I can accept this.

Rather, my concern is that Todd has encouraged staff members to take classes and educate themselves in order to get the raises and promotion they desire. Well, I have done so. I was hired as a laboratory technician three years ago after I graduated from Lexington Community College in 2001 (back when LCC was part of the UK system) with an associate's degree and three years' laboratory experience at the same salary as a high school graduate with one-year experience. I accepted this as part of the induction into the system and following the advice I'd heard before joining the UK staff.

I continued my education and recently received my four-year degree; then I applied for the position of laboratory technician senior in the same lab that I had been working for the past three years. This obviously meant more responsibility, which I believed I was up to — and I was willing to put forth the time and energy. However, the position has been eliminated. Maybe it is all about the money and the university can't afford to pay the extra \$1.70 an hour from lab tech to lab tech senior. But don't tell us to take classes and educate ourselves in order to get the raises and promotions so we can improve our chances of not working a second or third job just to make ends meet. In my case, it hasn't helped.

WILLIAM FLAHERTY  
UK staff and biology alumnus

## Online voting won't fix SG election problems

One of The Kernel's foremost obsessions for the past couple of years has been low voter turnout in Student Government elections. Every few weeks, we write another editorial calling for SG to implement online voting in order to bring more students into the election process.



Brenton Kenkel  
Kernel Columnist

Underlying this perpetual demand is the assumption that time constraints prevent students from voting. In fact, The Kernel's editorial board last year did a quantitative analysis (which you can find linked from this column's page at kykernel.com) showing that it would have been nearly impossible for all UK students — or even just half — to vote in last year's SG elections.

After last year's polling-hour reduction, each voter would have had to take just 23 seconds to show his or her UK ID to a poll worker, give the poll worker his or her Social Security number

and make up to 17 choices in the voting booth in order to achieve full turnout. More realistically, assuming it takes a minute and a half to do all that, less than 20 percent of UK students would have been able to vote.

But this year's miniscule increase in turnout casts much doubt on the assumption that short polling hours are what have previously held it down. (Warning: Skip the next paragraph if numbers give you a headache.)

This year, there were 3,167 voters, compared to 2,818 last year — a 12 percent increase. But if you look at the total time available to vote — i.e., the number of polling places, the number of hours each was open and the number of voting machines at each — the increase was much steeper. The sum of the amount of time each machine was open was 173 hours this year, a 34 percent jump over last year's 129 hours. (A file with the full details of this analysis is also linked from this column's page at kykernel.com.)

In other words, turnout only went up a third as much as the time available to vote did. If

turnout is low, it's not because the hours are too short. So, we ask, why aren't students voting?

To answer that, we need to figure out a related question: Why does anyone vote, whether for SG or for president of the United States? Political scientists, draw-

**The Kernel has said over and over that Web elections will increase turnout. Too bad it's not true**

ing from the observation that going to the polls doesn't bring voters personal and economic benefits in the post-patronage era have surmised that "psychic benefits" are what cause people to vote. Such benefits basically boil down to a sense of civic duty — a feeling that "I'm not doing my job as an American if I don't vote."

Self-imposed psychological appeals to American identity might be enough to drive about half of

U.S. adults to the polls, but the same certainly doesn't hold for a common identity or duty as UK students. Being an American has a certain meaning (or at least everyone is told that it does): freedom of speech, freedom of religion, capitalism, democracy, mom and apple pie.

But what creates that sort of common identity for UK students? Terrible parking? Cheering for a basketball team whose glory days have passed? There's just nothing that connects UK students to each other — no common tradition or experience more significant than walking around in the same general area five days a week.

Moreover, the one segment of campus likely to vote — the Greek community — is the only one with a strong group identity. It's much more plausible that a Greek student would see voting in SG elections as part of his or her duty to the fraternity or sorority (especially considering the quantity of Greek-affiliated candidates) than that any given UK student feels such a sentiment toward UK.

So if you want to see turnout go up, the solution isn't to put

elections online or to keep the polls open for a week. It's to make students feel that their identity is tied in with this campus — that they have a duty, on a personal level, to go vote.

And that's not going to be easy — if it's even possible on a 26,000-person, land-grant-university campus. As reported in yesterday's Kernel, nowhere in the Southeastern Conference does turnout for student government elections break 30 percent, even at schools with online voting. For the average college student, there's just no benefit — psychological or otherwise — to wasting even a couple of minutes voting for student government.

Let's stop deluding ourselves about how online elections will dramatically raise turnout, which in turn will solve all of the problems with SG. It's not going to happen. Our time would be better spent on figuring out how to shape SG and its constitution so as to do the best job possible for an organization that will never represent a majority of the student body.

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### Online Poll Question

Do you plan to vote in the May primary to determine the two final candidates for mayor of Lexington?

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# Cats ace Cards in bottom of ninth

By Ryan Mabry  
THE KENTUCKY KERNEL

The fans at Cliff Hagan Stadium were treated to a wild game last night, but left happy after UK escaped Louisville 5-4.

Head coach John Cohen got ejected arguing a balk in the sixth inning, and Antone DeJesus won it with a walk-off single for the Cats in the bottom of the ninth.

DeJesus drove in the winning run after Louisville (12-17) reliever Brian Halford (2-2) allowed the Cats to load the bases on two walks and a single. The sophomore center fielder said he knew that he had Halford on the ropes.

"I knew he was struggling a little bit," DeJesus said. "Against (Ryan) Wilkes, ahead of me, he was staying outside pretty much every pitch. The first pitch to me was outside, so I was just looking out there, waiting for one, and that's where he threw it, and I just went with it."

The single capped off a zany night, in which a catcher's interference was called, a dropped third strike resulted in a two-base error and three balks were called.

Cohen was tossed from the game over a balk that wasn't called. "The left-hander picks his stride foot up, puts it right back down in the same spot, and right before it touches the ground, spins," Cohen said, discussing the play.

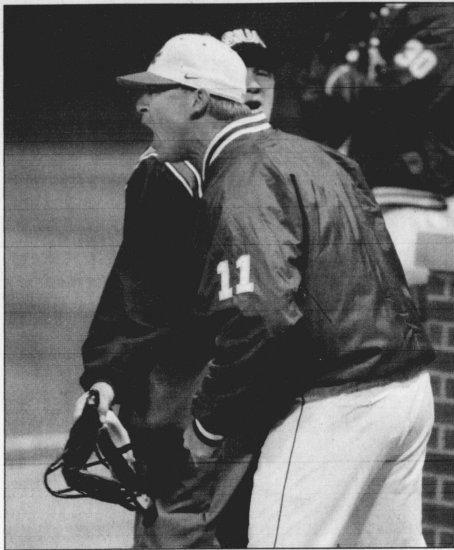
"Of course, that's illegal, and that's what I saw. The umpires didn't see it that way. Credit (David) Torrice, he did a great job of selling it."

Cohen said he has come to expect games like this against the Cats' in-state rivals.

"There were a lot of strange things that happened in this game, but it seems to be almost the same game that we have against Louisville every year," Cohen said. "They come out, they compete hard, coach Prado does a great job, and they want to win."

"It's kind of a Kentucky thing." Sophomore right fielder Collin Cowgill was an offensive star for the Cats (23-7), going 2-for-4 with a double and his seventh home run of the year.

He was glad to see his coach stand up to the umpires after he was



Coach John Cohen voices his disapproval of a balk call made by the umpires during last night's game against Louisville. Cohen was ejected from the game. The Cats earned a walk-off victory on a RBI single by Antone DeJesus in the bottom of the ninth inning.

picked off. "Anytime the coach comes out and has your back you get pumped up," Cowgill said. "It doesn't happen a lot that he gets that fired up. It came at a crucial point in the game, and it really lit a fire on us, I think." Cowgill, who was standing in the on-deck circle when the game ended, said he was prepared to win the game for his team. "I had all the confidence in the world that Antone was going to get it done," Cowgill said. "But if he hit

one hard and they caught it, I felt like I was going to get it done, too." DeJesus was proud of the team, despite the wild game. "Usually you don't see too many balks, and catcher's interference is probably one of the most rare things you'll see," DeJesus said. "I guess we just battled through it. It was a close game, and we just came through at the end."

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Coach John Cohen voices his disapproval of a balk call made by the umpires during last night's game against Louisville. Cohen was ejected from the game. The Cats earned a walk-off victory on a RBI single by Antone DeJesus in the bottom of the ninth inning.

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# Cats hot start driven by 'love of the game'

John Cohen likes to talk about "love of the game." Sure that's cliché. We hear it all the time. How can you tell if a team really has that "love of the game?"

Here's one way to know: When that team walks door to door in the snow, decked out in full uniform, trying to sell season tickets.

And that's exactly what Cohen's UK baseball team did this winter. Frustrated by a lack of fan support, the Cats decided to do something about it, and put themselves on the line in the process. "I can't imagine any other team in the country that was doing that," sophomore outfielder Colin Cowgill said. "It shows that we're making the effort."

"It shows we're willing to do anything," said junior second baseman John Shelby, an All-America candidate.

And, like all of the other work UK put in over the off-season, the "personal" ticket



Chris DeLottel  
KERNEL COLUMNIST

campaign has paid off. Sales are up, and attendance has increased from about 365 fans per game last season to more than 1,000 this year.

On a more important note, average attendance is not the only thing going up. So is the team's win total.

The Cats, at 23-7 (5-4 Southeastern Conference), are already more than halfway to last season's conference win total. They are nationally ranked for the first time in six years and have this "baseball town," as Cohen calls Lexington, excited about the sport again.

Much of the credit for this revitalization must go to Co-

hen, although he made the reasons for the turnaround seem easy.

"We have better players," he said. "The maturity level of this team is so much better."

There are better players because Cohen has done a bang-up job in recruiting. Instead of using UK's placement as the northernmost SEC school in a warm-weather driven sport as a crutch, Cohen has embraced the location by choosing to recruit players from different areas of the country.

"There are outstanding baseball players in the North, the Northeast, the Northwest," he said. "They can be overlooked. The only difference is that it takes players here a little bit longer to develop because they can't be outside as much. It occurs a little later. But our players would be who they are if they played at Kentucky or if they played at Florida."

UK Baseball is no longer

about pitching, fielding and praying for the best. It's about expectations.

"We expect to win every day," said senior catcher Justin Scutchfield, who has been squatting behind the plate since the Dark Ages, when UK went 20-7 in SEC play from 2003-05. "It wasn't like that before."

But this is about more than talent. It's about a trait you can't teach. Desire.

Cohen has brought in good guys who can play the game. The Cats have players who want to be good and have a passion for the program to succeed. The kind of guys who are willing to trek from house to house, in freezing temperatures, to establish excitement and build support.

"I'm glad we have the type of young men who buy into that," Cohen said. "... It takes a special kid. You gotta love it."

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