

## 'Dreamgirls' hits it big

Brilliant directing and sharp acting makes this movie about a female pop sensation a hit. Review this movie and others in this week's Frame by Frame on PAGE 3

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## Students rank law faculty fifth in nation

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UK's College of Law faculty rank fifth in the nation, according to a 2007 Princeton Review survey.

The survey, "Professors Rock (Legally Speaking)," is based on professor accessibility and quality of instruction in and outside of the classroom. Over 17,000 students at 170 law schools were surveyed.

"This rating highlights one of our college's strengths — quality instruction from accessible faculty," said UK College of Law Dean Allan

Vestal.

Vestal said the small size of the school provides a good atmosphere for students and faculty to interact.

"It really is a part of the history of the school," Vestal said. "The rankings are just a recognition of the underlying fact."

Vestal also said he believes the survey is important to the College of Law because it demonstrates the faculty's concern for its students.

"While the professors have uncompromising standards for their students, the faculty wants the students at the UK College of Law to succeed," said first year law student Cole Adams.

Adams said the professors are more than willing to answer questions and spend extra time outside of class to make sure the material is understood.

"Professors assist students in their offices and aid in exam preparation by providing sample questions and review sessions," Adams said. "My experience has been that professors are eager to work with students to the extent that the students seek help or further discussion about any subject matter."

Adams hasn't attended any other law schools to know exactly how to rank other faculties, though she said the UK College of Law

faculty is a standard to which she would hold any other school.

"I suppose I have been spoiled in that respect and would be surprised to find a (more) devoted, enthusiastic faculty at any other school," Adams said. "The professors here are good teachers in the classroom and good people outside of the classroom."

Institutions ranking above UK were (in order from first to fourth) Washington and Lee University, Boston University, Loyola Marymount University and Ave Maria School of Law.

## University hosts first MLK vigil on campus

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UK will host its first candlelight vigil in honor of Martin Luther King Jr. Sunday night in the Student Center.

The vigil starts at 11:30, followed by a candlelit march. After the vigil, participants will be able to witness eight reenactments from the Civil Rights Movement, including a recitation of Martin Luther King Jr.'s "I Have A Dream" speech.

"It's one thing to look at pictures and to hear stories," said Veleshia Smith, director of the Martin Luther King Jr. Cultural Center at UK. "It's another (thing) to see it. It's going to make you stop and want to understand."

Smith said although the event starts late in the evening it should not deter those who are interested.

"It will be late and cold, but worth it," Smith said. "And we'll have hot chocolate." Participants and organizers encourage everyone to attend.

"King's vision is for everyone," said Jeremiah Muwanga, a music senior and former president of Alpha Phi Alpha, the first intercollegiate fraternity established by African-Americans. "Everyone is affected by what he did. We all have to work together through our differences."

Muwanga will be playing the part of Martin Luther King Jr. during one of the reenactments.

In Worship Theater, after the vigil activities, Student Government President Jonah Brown will give a recap of the scenes and three students will give speeches focusing on activism, education and social justice. Black Voices, a UK gospel choir, will also perform, and Provost Kumble Subbaswamy will give the closing remarks.

Breakfast will be offered following the program.

Muwanga said a lot is left to achieve, both nationally and here at UK.

"We see the effects of his work everyday, like walking into a classroom full of people of all races," Muwanga said. "Being able to work here and go to school here (together) was part of his dream."

Monday morning, Lexington's annual Unity Breakfast will take place in the Bluegrass Grand Ballroom at the Lexington Civic Center. Doors open at 6:30 a.m. The breakfast program starts at 7:30 a.m. and features speaker Everett McCovey, Lexington Opera Society Endowed Chair of Opera in the UK School of Music and director of UK Opera Theatre.

Following the breakfast, there will be a Freedom March at 10 a.m. The lineup for the march will begin at 9:30 a.m. in Heritage Hall.

The march will culminate in a commemorative program with guest speaker Renita Weems, nationally renowned theologian and scholar. Calesta Day, a graduate student in the UK School of Music and a member of the American Spiritual Ensemble, will perform.

### Location change

Due to weather, those wishing to participate in the vigil should meet in the Student Center near the Student Government offices.

## A HEALTHY MIND



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Dr. William Markesbery, director of the Sanders-Brown Center on Aging, shows Sister Anne Mayer pictures of brain cells affected by various aging diseases yesterday morning in the center's research lab. The 101-year-old sister is part of the Nun Study, which uses the brains of its participants in research on aging diseases like Alzheimer's. Sister Mayer took a tour of the facilities at the center yesterday to see examples of what kinds of research for which her brain will be used.



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Sister Anne Mayer, a nun of the School Sisters of Notre Dame, is a participant in the Nun Study, which focuses on the prevention and treatment of Alzheimer's disease and other diseases caused by aging.

## 101-year-old nun donates her brain for research

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For most of her century-long life, Sister Anne Mayer has read. As a young girl, she taught herself how.

"My family and home experience helped me learn," said Sister Mayer, who visited UK's Sanders-Brown Center on Aging, where she is a participant in the Nun Study. "I would read and my father and I would talk about the news."

Sister Mayer still enjoys reading newspapers and believes that by doing so, she keeps her mind sharp even at age 101. It's her active brain that she is looking to share with UK researchers.

The Nun Study, which began in 1991, focuses on the prevention and treatment of Alzheimer's disease and other diseases caused by aging. Over 670 nuns in the School Sisters of Notre Dame participate in the study by having their mental and physical health tested every year. They also donate their brains to the study after their deaths.

Sister Mayer and Sister Jean Phelan, who isn't old enough to participate in the study, toured the Center on Aging yesterday. The two viewed posters, slides of brain tissue from deceased donors and a room with brains currently being studied at the Center.

Researcher Dr. David Snowdon said that the study could have widespread benefits.

"We want to understand how people can live longer and better lives," Snowdon said.

Snowdon also said that the results so far have been interesting.

"Over 500 nuns have passed on so far," Snowdon said. "Some of the best brains in the study have come from people over 100 years old."

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## UK gets award for engaging community

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The Carnegie Foundation for the Advancement of Teaching recently recognized UK for its community engagement. This elective classification acknowledges UK — and 75 other institutions — for involvement with the community at large.

"The Carnegie classification is a means for UK to better organize and expand its engagement activities, and to become a part of the national conversation," said UK Provost Kumble Subbaswamy in an e-mail. "While UK does a lot, we want to do more."

The Foundation has two types of classifications, all-inclusive and elective. All-inclusive classifications are based on data drawn from sources

such as the College Board and the National Center for Education Statistics. Any accredited, degree-granting university in the United States is eligible for inclusion in these classifications.

Elective classifications are voluntary. Institutions must apply for these classifications and supply the Carnegie Foundation with necessary information to receive the classification.

"A lot of institutions treat the elective classification as an honor," said Alexander McCormick, senior scholar at the Carnegie Foundation. "Because institutions volunteer to participate in the elective classification selection, they have to compile all of the information required for eligibility in the selection. This is a pretty big investment on the institution's behalf."

The community engagement elective classifica-

tion can be based on curricular engagement, outreach and partnerships, or a combination of both. UK has been selected for the outreach and partnerships category of the classification.

This classification also reflects UK's focus on becoming a top-20 public research university.

"Our ability to engage in Kentucky's most intrinsic problems and make a difference in the lives of Kentuckians is central to our mission of building a top-20 public research university," said UK President Lee Todd in a news release.

Subbaswamy also said being recognized for engagement is a good step toward the top-20 goal.

"Engagement" means actively partnering with communities to help address problems and institutions' behalf.

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# THIS MINUTE

## J. Lo's new dance show

### Lopez mentors performers dreaming of center stage

Long before Jennifer, "Jenny from the Block" and that green Versace dress, Jennifer Lopez, 37, was grooving as a Fly Girl dancer on Fox's *In Living Color*. Now, almost 15 years later, she's returning to her boogie-down roots as executive producer of MTV's *DanceLife* (premieres Jan. 15 at 10:30 p.m.), a reality series that follows six struggling dancers. (Lopez herself steps by to give advice!) The superstar (and wife of singer Marc Anthony, 38) gets in step with us.

**Q: Why make this show?**  
I wanted to create a show that really captures the essence of a dancer's life. It's a very dramatic and competitive world that we haven't really seen yet on television.

**Q: Do you and Marc go out dancing?**  
We both love to dance, either at home or in public. Marc is a really good dancer, and we have a lot of fun when we dance together.

**Q: Do you still have any Fly Girl moves?**  
Absolutely! That was an early training ground for my career. Every once in a while, I'll be in the middle of a routine, and some move we do will take me right back to those days.

### The End of The O.C.

The show's creator spills all the series' final secrets  
"I feel like the show is over... I think we're all ready to

move on." The O.C.'s Rachel Bilson told *Teen Vogue* in October. Perhaps she was hinting. On Jan. 2, sinking ratings (from 10 million viewers in 2003 to 4 million in 2006) forced Fox to pull the plug on the teen drama during its fourth season. But there's a silver lining: six new episodes and a can't-miss series finale, Feb. 22, 9 p.m.)

Expect major quakes. "Everyone's world is going to be, quite literally, shaken up in the last episode," show writer and creator Josh Schwartz tells us. "There's a most unlikely love triangle: two men competing for the heart of one woman." Plus: Look out for unexpected weddings and pregnancies.

**Happy ending.** Troubled Ryan Atwood (Benjamin McKenzie) gets closure. "People who have rooted for Ryan's happiness should be satisfied," Schwartz says. And while costars Bilson and Adam Brody recently ended their real romance, don't worry about their characters, Summer Roberts and Seth Cohen, suffering the same fate. "There will be lots of delightful Seth-Summer scenes," Schwartz assures us.

—RACHEL PAULA ABRAHAMSON

### A Lost Star's Sad Split

After six months, Emilie de Ravin and her husband, Josh Janowitz, call it quits.  
Talk about a lost cause: after half a year of wedded bliss, Emilie de Ravin and actor Josh Janowitz, both 25, have separated. Us investigates the breakup.  
**Happy days.** "Their relationship lasted a long time," a

rep for de Ravin tells us. Indeed: Before their June 19 wedding in the actress' native Australia, the pair dated for four and a half years. And in August, de Ravin told us the best part of married life was "being at home with Josh."

**What went wrong?** "There's no third person," her rep tells us. "It just didn't work out." Meanwhile, de Ravin — who "is still friendly" with Janowitz, adds her rep — headed back to Hawaii Jan. 8 to resume filming.

—MARK CHA

### Mini-Me Heads to Rehab

A naked and intoxicated Verne Troyer, 38, famously relieved himself in the group-house living room on Season 4 of *VH1's The Surreal Life*. But those days are over. "Verne chose to admit himself to a treatment center for alcohol addiction," the 2-foot-8 actor's manager, Elena Fondacaro, tells us. But this is not his first attempt to get sober. In 2002, Troyer got help at a Malibu, California, rehab center. "The first time was a family intervention; this time he admitted himself, because he realized he was slipping," Fondacaro tells us.

Are little people more at risk? "If you have people who are more likely to feel discriminated against, as a group they might be more at risk of developing addictive behaviors," Dr. Lance Dodes, author of *The Heart of Addiction*, tells us.

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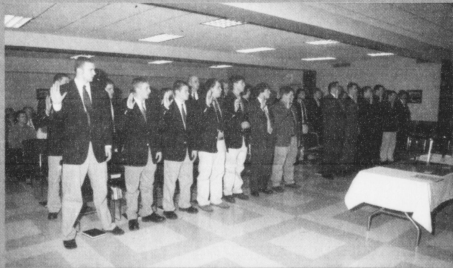
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# FRAMEbyFRAME

This week's box office hits and misses

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## "Dreamgirls"

with Beyonce Knowles, Jamie Foxx, Jennifer Hudson and Eddie Murphy

When director Bill Condon ("Chicago") put together a cast for this Broadway hit turned big-screen endeavor, he nabbed what sounds like a list of leftover degenerates: a famous pop singer, a reality television star, an ex-"Saturday Night Live" cast member and a man made famous by the Wayans brothers in the television show "In Living Color."

But everyone has to start somewhere. The cast is now known for more than past jobs.

Curtis Taylor Jr. (Foxx), is a smooth-talking manager who discovers the Dreamettes during a modest talent contest. After singing backup to James "Thunder" Early (Murphy), a fizzling soul singer, the trio breaks out on its own without Taylor's management.

In reflection of true life, Deena Jones (Knowles) is moved to the front of the group and former lead singer Effie (Hudson) goes to the shadows.

Murphy's performance as the sizzling James Brown-like performer is enamoring. Hudson's theatrical debut is soul-grIPPING. But the brilliance of the film comes through the Condon's directing.

The images that fill the screen inspire the viewers through swirling camera angles as the screen erupts like a roman candle. The way he extracts these blazing perfor-

mances from veteran and novice actors alike proves that he deserves to have his name mentioned with the elite in the business.

Condon has been underrated for too long; in 2004 his film "Kinsey" was grossly overlooked.

Although "Dreamgirls" contains drama and plays like a visually stimulating music video, it lacks memorable moments. While stunning, it misses the knockout punch.

It will be fun to see who wins the spar between "Dreamgirls" and "The Departed" on Oscar night. For my money, this film is worth it.

Now showing at Hamburg Pavilion and Cinemark-Fayette Mall.

## "Alpha Dog"

Justin Timberlake and Emile Hirsch

It pains me to say that this film actually looks interesting. "Alpha Dog" is based on the true story about a drug dealer who takes a client's brother hostage, only to grow close to the hostage as time passes.

Don't brush this movie off just because Timberlake is the star. Give it a shot. If you saw him on "SNL" in December, you know he's talented and funny.

Opens tonight at Hamburg Pavilion and Cinemark-Fayette Mall.

## "Primeval"

Dominic Purcell and Orlando Jones

Also inspired by a true story, this film follows a group of friends as they set out to unmask a serial killer who has notched over

300 victims. 300? After 200 I would have put "Dog the Bounty Hunter" on this guy. That dude can find anything.

Opens tonight at Cinemark-Movies 10, Hamburg Pavilion and Cinemark-Fayette Mall.

## "Arthur and the Invisibles"

the voices of Freddie Highmore, Mia Farrow and Madonna

This is an animated tale of a young boy who travels into a land of microscopic creatures living in his home. Out of all the films, I am glad this one is the one not based on a true story. Although it would explain how my TV control seems to find its way under the couch every night.

Opens tonight at Cinemark-Movies 10, Hamburg Pavilion and Cinemark-Fayette Mall.

## Upcoming DVDs

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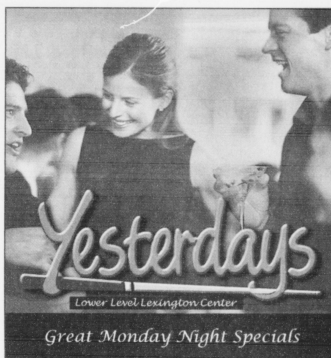
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Snowdon said good genes play a major role in life span. Sister Mayer had three sisters who also lived to be over 100 years old.

Phelan said that in the 40 years they have known each other, age has not stopped Sister Mayer from living a full life.

"She is still an avid reader and an avid thinker," Sister Phelan said. "Sister Anne likes to talk about the news, and she runs a prayer group every week."

As for physical activities, Phelan said good genes must account for most of Sister Mayer's health.

"She has had terrible eating habits," Sister Phelan said. "But she still walks up and

down steps every day."

Sister Phelan said some of the nuns were hesitant about the study when it first began because of the brain donations. Snowdon assured them that it was not against the church's beliefs, Sister Phelan said.

"The decision had been left completely up to us (fellow nuns)," Sister Phelan said. "We realized we had been teachers all of our lives, and this way we could keep teaching after we were dead."

Sister Mayer said that she was glad to be participating in the study if it meant helping people.

"If this was just so I could live longer, then no," Sister Mayer said. "But if studying us can be useful for others, then yes. My intense purpose is to help people live a long purposeful life."

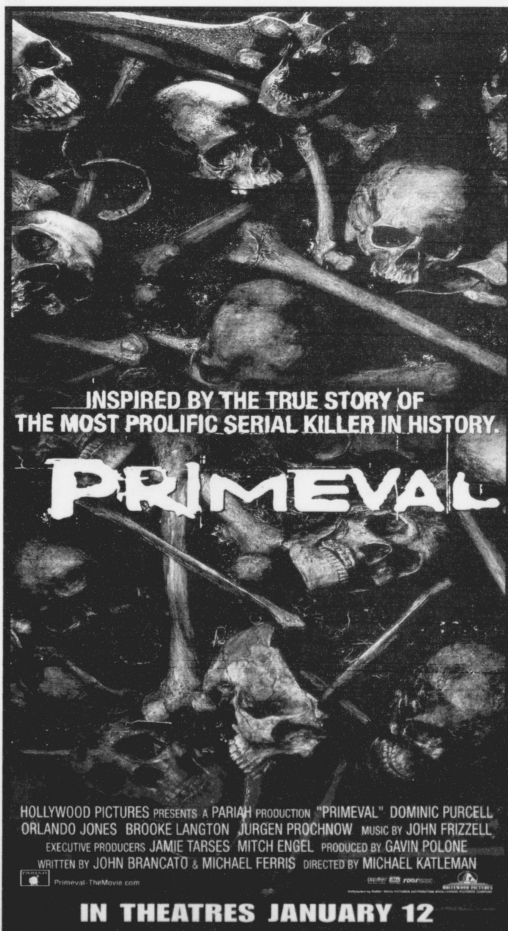
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prove the quality of life using the university's intellectual and human resources," Subbaswamy said. "Being a leader in engagement is one important aspect of being a top-20 public university."

Currently, the Carnegie Foundation's community engagement classification is the only elective classification.

"It's always nice to have our university receive recognition," Todd said, "but such recognition is especially gratifying when it comes from an organization as prestigious as the Carnegie Foundation for the Advancement of Teaching."

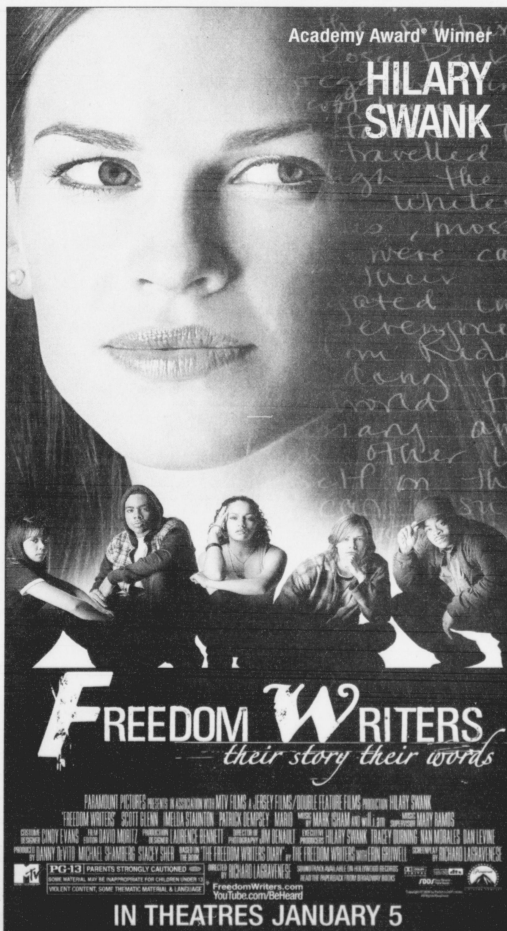


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## Increased police patrols a good first step for UK safety

With the recent surge of violent crime in the areas surrounding the UK campus, the need for a heightened police visibility has never been greater.

The home invasion robberies and rapes, among other crimes, which took place in the area of University Avenue have drawn attention to the crime situation that is worsening around campus. According to a Kernel article last semester, crimes in that area included two home invasion sexual assaults, four residential burglaries, a stolen vehicle, one incident of property damage, three incidents of theft and one incident of terrorist threatening with a weapon.

"It's fair to say, based on that, that the crime has increased," Lt. Dwayne Holman from the Lexington Police Department's Bureau of Patrol said in that article.

Because of this increase in crime, Lexington Police have promised to act.

"We have increased patrol in that area on certain nights of the week, and as those things (crimes) happen, we will put more officers on the streets and add some specialized units," Holman said in that article.

But visibility clearly isn't enough, rather more officers need to be available to protect the public — including students.

In a debate at W.T. Young Library in August of 2005, then-mayoral candidate Jim Newberry emphasized the need to beef up Lexington's police force in order to adequately ensure the safety of Lexington's population.

"Providing for the public's safety is our need to have more police officers in Lexington," Newberry said at that debate. "I am disappointed that we do not have enough police officers."

Now that Newberry has been sworn in as mayor, it's imperative

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more than ever that Newberry follow through on this and give Lexington police the manpower they need to protect the city, including the student population that lives in the areas around campus, which fall under the jurisdiction of the Lexington Police Department.

With two fresh reminders of campus-area crime, the assault in a Maxwell Street parking and the broad daylight front porch robbery on Stone Avenue, there can be absolutely no doubt in anyone's mind.

Lexington police have promised to respond to residential concerns in the standard manner by increasing patrols, which they need to do, but this new surge in crime suggests that maybe it is time to rethink the norms of patrolling the areas around campus. Each time incidents of crime occur, police promise to patrol the area more and be more visible, and then the crime occurs again in the following days and weeks.

This overall pattern of repeated acts of lawlessness should be a wake-up call to the city and to its law enforcement; a greater presence should not be a temporary action, but rather should be the everyday norm. Adding credence to that is the fact that many of these crimes are not simply acts against property — though those are concerning as well — but have involved violent acts against residents and citizens. Material items have value, but they can be replaced. Lives cannot. The city and its law enforcement arms must increase the police presence permanently in the areas around campus if they are to make good on their pledge that the safety of Lexington's citizens is paramount.



TONY FISHER, Kernel cartoonist

## Rest easy, bookstores are not out to get you — no, really!

"The bookstore raped me" is one of those phrases that I hear a lot around this time of year. The beginning of the semester inevitably means a trip to buy textbooks and that often means shelling out lots of money for books that probably can't be sold back.



MEGAN VAZMINA  
Kernel columnist

to find cheaper books while others just brave the costs of the campus bookstore.

The only problem is that just about all students blame the bookstore for such exorbitant prices.

Before going any further I should probably admit that I work for the bookstore. I've seen first hand how things work, how prices are determined and of course I have also had to spend hundreds and hundreds for books I never used and couldn't sell back.

But I've learned that blaming the bookstore is not going to solve any problems because many of the problems that we face when shopping for textbooks is not their fault.

Textbook prices have increased around 186 percent from 1986 to 2004 according to the United States General

Accounting Office. Combine that with the university's seemingly outrageous tuition costs and increases and the price of going to college is nowhere near cheap.

But the bookstore doesn't sit in a giant skybox watching students have money ripped from their pockets only to decide that textbooks should be more expensive this year than last.

Consider the fact that the bookstore doesn't even really chose what textbooks are being used — the professors do. For instance, a professor could choose to use a book that is packaged with a CD, Internet key, study guide, survivor's guide to chemistry, some chewing gum and maybe the last season of Grey's Anatomy on DVD; or they could choose a book that doesn't come with the useless material.

Some decisions are in the professor's hands. Choosing editions also determines the pricing of a book. Used copies of brand new editions don't magically appear for students to purchase and thus the steeper price.

Not all the blame can fall on the professors though. The publishers are oftentimes the really mean ones when it comes to textbook sales. Those new editions may only contain a new picture or one or two new discussion questions — making those books identical to older versions with these minute exceptions. But because there are changes, they can be packaged and sold as new.

The publisher's job is to find a way to make as much money as possi-

ble. By flooding the market with new editions, which are adopted by many professors, bookstores cannot find used copies and are forced to sell new ones. And that is where students pay the price.

Don't think that I'm so incredibly biased from working at the bookstore that I believe there is nothing wrong with them. They are a business and need to make money in order to survive, so naturally there has to be some markup of prices. But "rape" doesn't really enter the picture. There are certain percentages that new books are marked up and the same applies for used books. But the base price is not set by the managers at the bookstores.

It is understandable that students grumble and complain about paying so much money for textbooks. Often-times it means that more money is taken from those who have little to give, increasing debt.

I can't offer a clear solution to the problem. Publishers, bookstores and professors all have to work together — something that may never happen. The government may be forced to step in because of inflation rates. Who knows?

So this semester, as much as you may want to cry, scream or beat somebody to a bloody pulp because you had to spend \$600 on textbooks, please do not blame just the bookstore. Just blame "the man."

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## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

### Union looking for support from UK staff

In reference to the College Democrats helping UK Employees United (KEU) to reach UK employees with information, my most sincere thanks from a UK employee and KEU member.

From the very beginning, both Russ Williams and Kyle Dippery both spoke out against KEU without knowing any facts of what our group's intentions were.

Even though KEU has tried to work with the Staff Senate it was and has been viewed as a threat to the Senate's standing with the administration rather than trying and looking out for what really is in the best interest of all UK employees.

Working together, both groups should have the same goals if they are really representing staff. Again I ask to debate the issues and stop the name-calling.

I would like to see the rank and file employees decide after hearing both sides of the issues what is really in the best interest of all UK employees. United we stand, divided we fall.

Terry Olson  
UK staff member

### UK tour guides should be able to relate to visitors

Last year, UK had one of the largest freshmen minority classes enroll in the school for the 2006 school year. The way things are going, I doubt that number will be broken.

UK has a program called "Come See for Yourself," in which minorities from all over the state come to

get a better understanding of the school.

This program allows current high school seniors to obtain information about scholarships and various programs at UK. It also contains a free meal and some entertainment as some of the fraternities and sororities perform for them.

After walking around with some students from Dupont Manual High School, a lot of them were highly upset about their visit.

Their tour, given by an employee of the visitor center, was not really a tour to them. It lasted 20 minutes, but was supposed to last an hour.

It was to the point that journalism freshman Asia Payne answered questions for the students that were not answered on the tour.

When tours are given, I feel someone of students' common backgrounds should be assigned to them.

How can you answer a question about the Black Student Union if you have never been to a meeting?

How can you tell someone about the Parker Scholarship if you don't have one?

I feel these tours should utilize guides who can relate to the students.

The students from Dupont Manual High School were happy to see freshmen Asia Payne, Michael Snow and James Harris because they knew them. They were in their situations last year. It's nice to see someone from your school succeeding in the college life.

In the future, I feel the tour guides should be selected a little better. Just because you work for the visitor center, doesn't mean you know everything.

Don't be surprised if the numbers for minorities on this campus goes down next year.

Geoffrey Lamarr Griggs  
journalism freshman

## Fraternities offer more than parties and popularity

As spring fraternity rush approaches, I want to share and reflect upon my four years as a member of the University of Kentucky Greek community.

As a freshman, I was not concerned with opportunity; instead I was consumed with images of having fun. I thought that joining a fraternity would be the best way to maximize the fun that college-life had to offer.

Entering college, I had heard many of the preconceptions about fraternities: the booze, the girls and the popularity associated with being in a fraternity. I was ready to go to the parties, hit the keg stands and meet sorority girls.

Little did I know this was not the purpose of a fraternity, and furthermore, was not even important in my experience.

Almost four years later, I want to share what is important: the community that I have been a part of for over four years has given me more than I could ever ask for.

As Interfraternity Council President it is my first goal to convey this message to the individuals trying to make an informed decision about joining the UK Greek community.

Throughout my experience, I have held many offices in my chapter, one of which was the president of the fraternity. Real-life experiences in the UK fraternity community — such as appropriating money for various programs, communicating with chapter members and University officials and working with people with divergent interests — have served as a springboard for future success.

Quite simply, these experiences have allowed me to

sharpen my talents as I prepare to embark on life after UK.

There is no better experience to partake in, there is no better organization so engaged in individual personal development and there is no better place to apply the theoretical classroom skills in a practical setting than the fraternity community.

It is a society in which business and political decisions are made on a daily basis; it can accurately be described as the minor leagues of the professional world. I, along with thousands of others, have developed skills as an entrepreneur, an accountant, an attorney and most importantly, an upstanding member of the greater Lexington community.

I have been a part of great successes and defeats, trials and tribulations, and now I am more prepared for the challenges and consequences of the real world. All of this has been made possible by one simple decision: joining a fraternity.

While fraternities have earned some of the negativity associated with their reputations, the truth in these stories is far and few between. The truth is most of the stories that circulate are just that — stories.

Fraternities are eager to help with personal development, financial issues and scholastic achievement, and also offer a safe and structured social environment.

Each UK fraternity has something special to offer and I hope you give yourself an opportunity to find the best fit for you. Joining a Greek organization has been one of the best decisions I have ever made and I know it will be the same for you.

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## Petrino shows his self-centered and misleading nature — again

On Nov. 14, 2006, I wrote a column in which I said then-Louisville head coach Bobby Petrino had taught his players the traits of "selfishness, deceit and dishonesty." That column inspired more feedback — nearly all of it negative — ripping me for ripping Petrino.



**CHRIS DELOTELL**  
Kernel columnist

Anybody want to take it back now?  
I'm guessing you might, because Petrino put all three of those qualities on display this week when he bolted Louisville — and the remaining nine years and six months on his ten-year contract — to take over the National Football League's Atlanta Falcons. That should have been a surprise to nobody, because I'll say it again, Bobby Petrino is selfish, deceitful and dishonest. I won't even get into the secret meetings with Auburn, constant contract renegotiations or yearly dalliances with other jobs. All you have to do is look at his final days in the Derby City.

**Selfish:** Petrino can say the move was about the challenge of the NFL, or about fulfilling his dream of winning the Super Bowl, or about any number of other, nice-but-untrue things. Let's not kid ourselves; it was about the money. The Falcons nearly doubled Petrino's salary — he got a five-year, \$24 million contract to replace his ten-year, \$25 million deal at U of L. If Atlanta hadn't

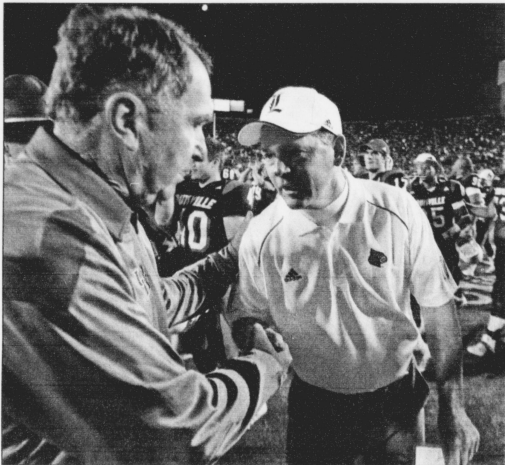
offered Petrino in the neighborhood of five million per, he'd likely still be trolling the sidelines at The Oven. There's nothing wrong with taking a job that pays more money, but given the circumstances — remember that new ten-year deal with still-drying ink — you'd think a guy would take a year off from job searching.

**Deceitful:** After Petrino signed that new contract, he said: "For me and my family, Louisville is my home. I also wanted to make sure that everyone understood — and I know I've said it — that this is where my family wants to be and where I want to be." To leave only six months after that proclamation makes you wonder if Petrino really meant what he said. Or if he was just lying.

**Dishonest:** Right up to the last minute, Petrino's inability to tell the truth was evident. He told the reporters at his introductory press conference Monday in Atlanta that the Falcons hadn't even contacted him until Sunday. Apparently, he forgot to share the company lie with Hue Jackson, the man Petrino hired as his offensive coordinator. Jackson, formerly the wide receivers coach of the Cincinnati Bengals, told the Cincinnati Enquirer that Petrino contacted him last Friday to gauge his interest in joining the Falcons. Petrino must have just had a hunch.

The point here isn't to bash Petrino on his way out the door. It's to show that Petrino, simply, was who we thought he was.

My inbox will be accepting apologies.  
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UK coach Rich Brooks, left, congratulated UL coach Bobby Petrino after the UK football opener against the University of Louisville at Papa John's Cardinal Stadium in Louisville on Sunday, Sept. 3, 2006. UL beat UK 59-28.

### WEEKEND NOTEBOOK

#### TODAY

##### Burton to announce his intentions for next season

Junior wide receiver Keenan Burton will announce his plans for next year at a 12:30 p.m. news conference today, UK athletics said in a release.

Burton caught 77 passes for 1036 yards and 12 touchdowns. He also had 765 yards and a score in kick returns. Those numbers earned him first-team All Southeastern Conference honors. The statement said that Burton had not yet made a decision.

##### Gymnastics team faces Georgia for Excite Night

Two-time defending national champion Georgia visits Lexington for UK's annual Excite Night at Memorial Coliseum. The event kicks off another gymnastics season for the Cats, who enter the season ranked 22nd in the nation. This year's squad could be one of the best in school history.

The Cats return everyone from a team that advanced to the NCAA Central Regional, and won a school-record 16 matches. The Bulldogs enter the match as the top-ranked team in the country, and are coming off a victory over No. 8 Stanford.

Last season, excite night drew almost 6,000 fans in Memorial Hall. Admission is free for students.

##### Track and Field host Indoor Invitational

The UK track and field team starts its 2007 indoor season hosting the Kentucky Invitational at E. J. Nutter Field House. Alabama, Arkansas State, East Tennessee State, Eastern Kentucky, Georgia Tech, Kentucky, Louisville, Michigan, Middle Tennessee State, Marshall, Ohio State, Tennessee, Western Kentucky and Wright State are in the field.

Michigan, Marshall and Wright State will have only its women's teams competing.

The meet begins at 5 p.m. The competition concludes on Saturday.

#### TOMORROW

##### Cats look to extend winning streak

UK's nine-game winning streak will be on the line when the Cats take on Mississippi State at Rupp Arena at 7 p.m. The Cats knocked off Auburn 84-57 Wednesday night, and were paced by Rameel Bradley's 18-point, 12-rebound effort. It was his first career double-double. MSU is coming off a 77-67 win over Ole Miss. The win snapped a three game losing streak for the Bulldogs, who improved their record to 10-5, 1-1 in the Southeastern Conference. Jamont Gordon is the Bulldogs' leading scorer at 15.5 points per game.

##### Swimming and Diving take on the Tide

The swimming and diving team takes on Alabama at 1 p.m. at the Lancaster Aquatic Center. The Tide's men's team is ranked 18th in the nation. The UK women are ranked No. 25. In UK's most recent meet, a Dec. 2 win over No. 25 Texas A&M, senior Eric Weber won both the 500 and 1000 meter freestyle events.

##### Rifle travels South, then North to compete

The rifle team travels to Palmyra, Pa. to take on North Carolina State after finishing the fall schedule with a 9-1 record. The Cats' only blemish was against Alaska-Fairbanks, the top-ranked team in the nation. They will travel to West Point, N.Y., on Sunday to take on Army.

#### SUNDAY

##### UK Hoops hosts Ole Miss

UK Hoops hosts Ole Miss at Memorial Coliseum at 2 p.m. The Cats won their SEC home opener against South Carolina, 59-55. Sarah Elliot leads the Cats in scoring at 13.7 points per game. Samantha Mahoney is just behind her at 13 points per game. Ole Miss won its first two SEC games.

### Attention: Pre-Pharmacy Students Pre-Pharmacy Club Meeting



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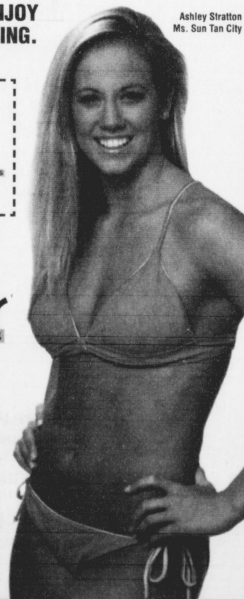
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