

New center seeks to keep students at UK

By Samieh Shalash
THE KENTUCKY KERNEL

While the retention rate of first-year students is at a 10-year low, administrators say they hope new programs will keep freshmen in UK's classes a little longer.

Retention fell to 77.1 percent in 2002, meaning more than one in five first-year students didn't return to UK in fall 2003.

"When you look at students who didn't come back, about half of them were on probation or suspended for

academic reasons," said Roger Sugarman, director of institutional research.

Also many students cited wanting to move closer to home, not being able to afford school fees and UK's large size and large classes as reasons for leaving in a survey conducted last spring by Sugarman's office.

UK's retention rate has eclipsed 80 percent one time since 1969.

"I think we all want to see it go up again," Sugarman said, referring to the peak year of 1969, when the retention rate was 80.4 percent.

"Everyone is trying to do a much better job of accommodating students, especially with this new class that has set a record enrollment."

In 1998, 534 freshmen did not come back to UK, out of a freshman class of 2,727. In 2002, 845 of 3,692 freshmen did not return for their sophomore years.

But this year, UK has developed initiatives to help students succeed through enhanced academic programs on campus.

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Study in the WT Young Library opened this year and houses a writing center, academic counseling, workshops, classes and free tutoring.

"Their location and central administration is new, so we can provide better services," said Jane Jensen, faculty coordinator for first-year initiatives. "There have always been academic supports, but they were usually hosted by individual departments or didn't have a physical space."

In the past, those services were scattered across campus. Now, the study, which is on

the fifth floor of the library, holds almost everything, Jensen said.

"A student can go there and basically explain what they're worried about or having a hard time in," she said. Jensen added that it's better for students to visit the study before their first exams, since some courses only have a few all semester.

Associate Provost Philipp Kraemer said that early intervention is key to keeping students in good standing, and thinks consolidating student support in one location will

be helpful.

"We're trying to get a one-stop shop for students that need help with anything," Kraemer said.

UK has invested more than \$100,000 in various initiatives to improve academic support this year, he said.

Because the programs are located as a "one-stop shop," Jensen said the ease of pointing students in the right direction would be tremendous.

"If someone comes in for a writing consultation but is

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FIRE RAGES THROUGH FIRING RANGE

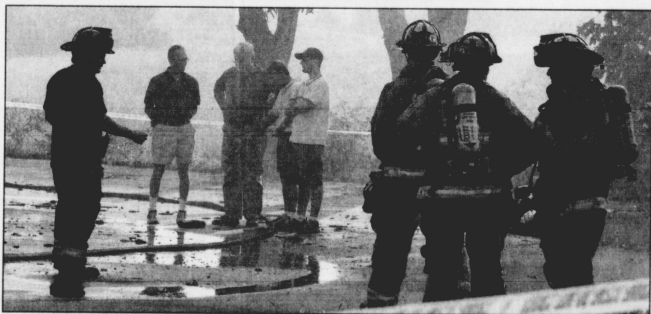


Plumes of smoke filled the skies at the Bluegrass Indoor Firing Range yesterday afternoon. At least six Lexington Fire Department engines responded to a two-alarm fire. The fire started while employee Carl Draper was giving a private shooting lesson. Draper and co-worker Robbie Poindexter attempted to extinguish the blaze with water. "We thought we could put it out, but there was just too much smoke," Draper said. The fire department arrived at the scene around 4:10 p.m. and took about two hours to control the fire, said Maj. Darrell Osborne of the Lexington Fire Department. The intense heat caused some ammunition to discharge. However, no one was injured in the fire, which was located on Enterprise Drive, off Old Frankfort Pike. Osborne said the cause of the fire is still being investigated.

(left) Lexington firefighters use the Aerial Ladder Engine to fight the fire from above the structure. Firefighter Cliff Birdsong operates the controls for the ladder while firefighter Rob Volpenheim mans the hose.

(below) While firefighters Met after controlling the blaze, UK marketing senior Jason Pierce talks with firing range employees and firefighters about items pulled from the fire.

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University Health Service plans to move to new site

By Troy Lyle
THE KENTUCKY KERNEL

The University Health Service is so crunched for space that doctors and nurses are forced to work with patients in the waiting area, said Dr. Gregory Moore, director for University Health Service.

Because of this, UK is looking to build a new complex to replace the University Health Service in the Kentucky Clinic on Limestone Street.

"Patients have no privacy," he said. "We simply need more space to meet the growing needs placed upon health services."

The new facility should connect the Kentucky Clinic, the Charles Wethington Allied Health Building and

the Sanders-Brown Center for Aging, creating a central health complex at the corner of Rose and Limestone streets.

Construction could start in summer 2005, pending approval from the UK Board of Trustees and the state legislature, said Pat Terrell, vice president of student affairs.

The center could open as early as fall 2007, he said. The project stems from student requests, the growing needs of University Health Service and the outdated workspace, said Dr. Gregory Moore, director for University Health Service.

"The doctors, nurses, patients and staff all shared a severely cramped work area," Moore said.

Despite the lack of space,

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TV star to talk business at Lexington conference

By Jonathan Meador
THE KENTUCKY KERNEL

For most people, hearing "you're fired" is the sign of a bad day.

For Amy Henry, it was quite the opposite.

Hearing (those words) on national television has opened up many new opportunities for me," she said.

Henry, best known as the last woman standing on the hit NBC reality series "The Apprentice," will be in Lexington for the Women Mean Business Conference and a book signing tomorrow night.

Since sparring with The Donald, Henry has learned a few things and written a book on her business savvy, What It Takes: Speak Up, Step Up, Move Up (St. Martin's Press).

Henry's book is a primer for women seeking to get a leg-up in today's male-dominated workplace. "This book is an evolution of ideas I had over a long time," she said.

With a resume spanning clients such as IBM, JPMorgan Chase and Merrill Lynch, Henry seems apt to tell the life and times of one woman's attempts to break through the glass ceiling and how other women can do the same.

"I think that the phrase, 'glass ceiling,' is something that women have created for themselves," she said. "It's an excuse to not be assertive. (Women) think that if they keep their heads down and work hard then they'll get promoted."

Today, this is just not the case. A born and bred Texan, Henry is no stranger to hard work. She started her

first business — a laminate stand — at age six.

"At an age when most kids still had sitters," Henry advertised her \$2-an-hour baby-sitting business by distributing flyers around her hometown neighborhood in Arlington, Texas. She later graduated with honors from Texas A&M and received a master's degree in business at Texas Christian University.

Post-Apprentice, Henry is now poised for a nine-city book tour, where she will share what she has learned — and sign autographs — for all would-be boardroom contenders to hear.

With her stop tomorrow, Henry will espouse her central philosophy of "no crying in the boardroom."

"The biggest challenge for women is being able to manage their emotions in the workplace," she said. "Women tend to use negative emotions — crying, taking things personally. They need to focus on relationship building, empathy, things that make us great businesswomen and make us strong professionals."

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HENRY

Football players enter pleas, two face trial

By Jeff Patterson
THE KENTUCKY KERNEL

Two UK football players pleaded innocent to indecent exposure charges yesterday in Fayette District Court. A former player, also charged in the incident, pleaded guilty to disorderly conduct.

Eric Klope and Casey Shumate, redshirt freshmen offensive linemen on UK's football team, were charged with "exposing themselves" at an off-campus house June 11, according to police re-

ports. Joe Razzano, who left the team in August, was arrested that evening when police found him naked on the porch of a house on the 400 block of Oldham Avenue.

Klope and Shumate will face separate jury trials starting Nov. 1, said assistant Fayette County Attorney Jack Miller.

Razzano originally faced two counts of the charge, but prosecutors "merged" the counts into disorderly conduct, and he was ordered to pay a \$50 fine.

Razzano and Jim Lowry, the attorney representing the three defendants, declined to comment.

According to police reports, Klope, Razzano and Shumate made "sexual comments" toward two juvenile boys who were riding their bikes on Oldham Avenue.

The report said they invited the boys to "come up here so we can have a big orgy." They also told the kids to "show some respect for UK football players," according to the police report.

The boys — ages 10 and 12 — told their parents when they got home, and the police were called.

Klope and Shumate were not at the house when police arrived. Klope said after practice Monday he and Shumate were not at the Oldham Avenue house the night of the reported incident. UK head coach Rich Brooks said the two would continue to play with the team.

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University Health Service consistently receives high marks on patient surveys, said Associate Director Karen Clancy.

"We have an overall approval rating of 99 percent among students," she said.

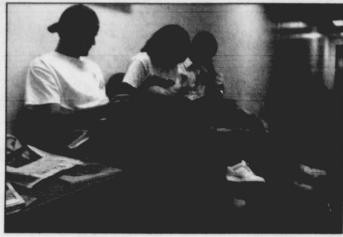
"The only complaints students have center around there not being enough space and a lack of privacy."

Kaley Goff, a clinical nutrition sophomore, said she is pleased with the service.

"The staff and doctors are excellent — it's just that the waiting area and office seem cramped and cluttered," she said.

The lack of private rooms can be uncomfortable, said Maureen Sullivan, a secondary English education junior.

"Some of the things you need to discuss with a doctor are personal," Sullivan



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Third-year psychology graduate student Andy Shelton (left), Erica Stubbs, a business administration freshman (middle), and Dominic Thomas, a sports medicine freshman, sat in the University Health Service waiting room yesterday.

said, "A private room would make people feel more open and comfortable."

The new complex could cost about \$24 million. That's a good value, said Moore, considering they see more than 56,000 students a year and another 15,000 fac-

ulty and staff. "Our patients — especially the students — deserve the best UK can offer in health care," he said.

"They deserve a state of the art, fully functional health facility."

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really having a hard time with time management, the writing consultant can refer them to a learning specialist," she said. "They can talk about organizing or note-taking techniques, and discover maybe writing isn't the problem."

"They can refer back and

forth," she said.

Jensen also said it's important for students to make at least one connection with a person invested in their success, aside from their parents.

"When you make a connection with a teacher, you don't want to let them down," she said. "I think sometimes students just feel overwhelmed and stressed, so they just check out."

Jensen said she feels strongly that what UK does in academics is helping students

stay focused, but that it's easy to get distracted and pulled in many different directions.

"We put a lot of emphasis on retention one year to the next, but the fact of the matter is that people's lives don't go in straight lines," she said.

"They might take time off, go to another university, or stay here for four years and move on for another degree. Every individual makes their own choices."

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Students sought to work polls at election

By Deborah Barfield Berry
NEWSDAY

WASHINGTON — With less than 50 days until Nov. 2, and faced with a critical shortage of trained poll workers, federal and state election officials plan to expand the pool by turning to college students.

The federal Elections Assistance Commission will award \$750,000 in grants this

month to universities, faith-based organizations and non-partisan groups aimed at recruiting college students as paid poll workers.

"In many ways, it's always been a pressing issue... but there are so many changes going on," said Ray Martinez, a commissioner. "We want to have people who are trained properly and we want to have enough poll workers."

At least 2 million poll workers and judges are needed for the upcoming election, compared with 1.4 million in 2000, say federal election officials.

To help fill the gap, officials hope to recruit workers through corporate volunteer programs and colleges. The workers will staff nearly 200,000 polling places, with as many as three to four workers at each site.

GREEKS CELEBRATE UNITY THIS WEEK



This week, a sea of Greek letter shirts have invaded the hallways on campus.

Yesterday, people driving down Alumni during rush hour saw swarms of people playing softball as a large crowd watched and cheered on their teams. These strange occurrences are no coincidence, as Greek Week, sponsored by the Inter Greek Programming Assembly, is in full swing. Every day this week, UK fraternities and sororities come together to raise money for philanthropies and celebrate the beginning of the Greek fundraising calendar. Mike Falkowitz, Associate Dean of Students, describes Greek Week as, "An exciting time at UK. It's a great opportunity for the 3100 campus leaders to come together as a community and celebrate the Greek experience."

The theme of Greek Week is "24 Letters, 7 Days, 1 Purpose", and is a showcase of the unity and service that fraternities and sororities on campus look to provide to their new members. Matt Douglas, IGPA Chair, described the theme as, "a way to really drive home to both new and current fraternity members the importance of unity, not just within their own organization, but as one group of men and women who are looking to really change the community we live in."

Monday's classes were crowded with Greeks showing pride for organizations by participating in "Wear Your Letters Day". Yesterday, Delta Delta Delta sorority hosted its yearly

Frats at Bat softball philanthropy event, raising money for their chapter philanthropy. Today, Kappa Kappa Gamma will conduct its own Kappa Carnival event, centering their day around a book drive for the Reading is Fundamental program.

Greek Week is also a great way for new fraternity and sorority members to take their first steps into Greek Life here at UK. This week offers new members the perfect balance of philanthropy, leadership, unity, and fun that personifies the UK Greeks. New member Blake Baker, a current fraternity pledge, stated that "Greek Week has really shown me that unity among Greeks at UK is unmatched. Joining a fraternity at UK has erased old fraternity stereotypes and promoted service and leadership."

Look for Greek Week events to continue through the end of the week; tomorrow, fraternities and sororities are conducting a "Jar Wars" event, raising money for all chapter philanthropies by collecting spare change. On Friday, IGPA is holding a "Meet the Greeks" cookout, where new members have the opportunity to meet Dean Susan West as she conducts a game of "Susan Says", and Dean Mike Falkowitz as he referees a volleyball tournament. "Greek Week is a perfect opportunity to demonstrate the bonds that exist within the UK Greek Community," Falkowitz says.



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Cat's Den draws a crowd

By Kyle Hamilton
THE KENTUCKY KERNEL

A long time hangout for UK students, the Cat's Den in the Student Center has experienced a recent growth in popularity.

Much of this growth has been attributed to the tournaments — pool, table tennis, poker, spades, etc. — that the Cat's Den hosts.

Eric Rogier, the tournament coordinator for the Cat's Den, said that tournament turnouts started getting larger during the 2004 spring semester and continued into this fall.

"For this year's table tennis tournament I was expecting around 40 to 50 people — 83 people showed up," the chemistry junior said.

Of the 83 people in the table tennis tournament, Troy Howell was the last one standing.

"I played in the tournaments last year and was expecting 40 to 50 people to be in them," said Howell, an ac-

counting graduate student. "This time there were over 80 people, and a lot of those players were good."

Jeremy Mooney, assistant manager of the Cat's Den, attributes the increase in the amount of tournament entries to different reasons.

"We've stopped up the advertising a lot," said Mooney, a psychology senior. "Plus, with the largest freshman class ever, there's just more students that come here."

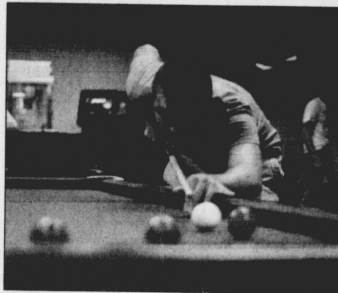
And they are expected to keep coming.

A euchre tournament is scheduled for tomorrow, and a Texas Hold 'Em Tournament is planned for October.

In the spring, the Texas Hold 'Em tournament drew 421 entries, and Mooney expects the same this season.

In addition to the tournaments, the Cat's Den credits its rise in popularity to the weekly comedy shows it offers on Wednesday nights.

Mooney said that the shows have been consistent sell-outs with around 125 to



SCOTT LOURNER | STAFF
Ryan Davis, a math sophomore, lines up his next shot during the 9 Ball Tournament held last week at the Cat's Den in the Student Center.

open for students to do what they want," he said. "They can play pool or ping pong or just watch TV and lay on the couch."

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"The Cat's Den is always

SPORTS BRIEFS

Football player makes catch, crashes into crane
UK senior wide receiver Gerard Parker was injured in practice Tuesday after running into a crane.

After catching a pass deep in the end zone at the Nutter Training Facility, he crashed into the crane used to videotape practice from above. He suffered a severe cut on his left leg and was taken to the training room for stitches. His playing status for Saturday's game against Indiana is questionable, said UK head coach Rich Brooks.

Women's golf finishes 12th
The UK women's golf team took 12th place at the College of Charleston Cougar

Classic in Hanahan, S.C. With a three round score of 227 (74-79-74), freshman Beth Felts led the Cats in her college debut and tied for 32nd overall.

Sophomore Emily Culbertson finished 45th overall with a score of 231 (79-78-74) while junior Chapin Hoskins finished 63rd with a score of 236 (77-82-77).

Louisiana State took the team championship, while Virginia's Rachel Smith won the individual championship.

Soccer player earns honors

For the fourth time in his career, UK senior midfielder Jamal Shteivi has been named Mid-American Conference Player of the Week.

Shteivi scored four goals in UK's three victories last

week, and he was also named to the College Soccer News National Team of the Week.

For the season, he leads the conference in shots, goals and points, and he is second in assists. He has scored a goal or had an assist in six straight games, the second longest streak in school history.

Five Cats rise in rankings

UK seniors Tigran Martirosyan and Jesse Witten and junior Nate Emge each have landed preseason singles rankings from the Intercollegiate Tennis Association.

Witten, a 2002 NCAA singles runner-up from Naples, Fla., enters the fall season with the No. 3 men's singles ranking. He finished the

spring ranked No. 7. Martirosyan, a senior from Yerevan, Armenia, begins the season with a No. 53 singles ranking. Emge, an Evansville, Ind., native, begins the fall ranked No. 119.

UK senior Aibika Kalsariev and sophomore Sarah Foster enter the season ranked No. 3 in doubles by the ITA.

After finishing the spring ranked No. 15, Kalsariev enters the fall with the ITA's No. 9 ranking in women's singles. Foster enters the fall with a No. 32 singles ranking after ending the spring ranked No. 48.

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Nappy Roots
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FRIDAY
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7:30 p.m. US Bank Arena, Cincinnati. Tickets cost \$52 - \$72.

Orangewhip
11:30 p.m. Furlongs. Tickets cost \$3.

SUNDAY
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Time TBA. Waterfront Park, Louisville. Tickets cost \$15.

MONDAY
Bill Santen & Warner Milks

9 p.m. The Dame. Tickets cost \$3.

TUESDAY
Breaking Benjamin
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Gwyneth Paltrow and Jude Law star alongside Angelina Jolie in the CGI realm of *Sky Captain and the World of Tomorrow*. The film opens Friday at Regal and Reel Deal cinemas.

THEATRICAL RELEASES

Sky Captain and the World of Tomorrow

In a throwback to great pulp sci-fi movies (George Lucas, pay attention), Jude Law plays Joe Sullivan, whose alias, Sky Captain, is a hotshot fighter pilot. When ambitious reporter Polly Perkins (Gwyneth Paltrow) discovers many of the world's scientists are disappearing and giant robots are coincidentally attacking Gotham City (sorry, no Batman in this one), she teams up with her old flame Joe/Sky, to try to thwart the schemes of the inevitable mad scientist. This film also stars Angelina Jolie as a tough as nails naval officer, Francesca "Franky" Cook, (who manages to make that eye-patch look awfully hot) and Giovanni Ribisi as Polly's newspaper sidekick Dex. Despite the abundance of brooding CGI, this one looks like a retro hit. Directed by Kerry Conran. **At Regal and Reel Deal.**

Mr. 3000

Bernie Mac is Stan Ross, a retired baseball player who has turned his 3000 hits into a highly successful business gimmick. His "Mr. 3000" empire suddenly hangs in the balance when upon review for his entry into the Hall of Fame, it turns out that three of his hits don't count. Now, nearing 50, Stan tries to break back into the game, with both time and the

modern era of baseball against him. While I trust Bernie to be hysterical and carry this one on his own, I flat out refuse to make any jokes about this movie being a hit. Directed by Charles Stone III. **At Regal and Reel Deal.**

Wimbledon

Peter Colt (Paul Bettany, *Master and Commander*) is a low-ranked tennis player who manages to score a wild card invite to play in Wimbledon. In the typical underdog-triumphing-for-love (I'm sure it's a genre somehow) he falls for superstar American female tennis prodigy, Lizzie Bradbury (Kristen Dunst). Soon, with Lizzie's encouragement, it seems Peter might have a shot of winning the tournament. This movie may be an underdog story, but the biggest upset about this film is that Hugh Grant somehow missed being cast. That, and the sad fact the Brits have to resort to making a movie about one of their own having a chance of winning their own tournament. **At Regal.**

National Lampoon's Gold Diggers

Anyone remember the last National Lampoon movie about freshmen coeds and hookers. *Dorm Daze?* Me neither. Do you think you should see this movie about inept con men trying to get wealthy by marrying two elderly sisters? Me neither. **At Regal.**

DVD RELEASES

Man on Fire

John Cusack (Denzel Washington) is a wrecked CIA operative who takes an "easy" job guarding the nine-year-old daughter of a wealthy Mexican industrialist after a rash of kidnappings. As his young charge gradually gets him to open up, Cusack finds himself living again. This tranquility is brutally shattered when the girl is kidnapped and he himself is wounded. Upon his recovery, he vows complete and total vengeance, and will not be stopped. Directed by Tony Scott.

Angels in America

Emmy-nominated drama from HBO. As with most of HBO's award-winning series, this one is far too complicated to summarize. The general gist of the plot revolves around four different gay men and their families as they deal with AIDS, religious guilt, and the possibility of actual angelic visions. The massive (and impressive) cast includes Emma Thompson, Al Pacino, Justin Kirk, Meryl Streep, and Ben Stiller. Adapted from Tony Kushner's play, directed by Mike Nichols.

Badasssss

In a post-modern masterpiece, Mario Van Peebles wrote and directed this docudrama about the making of the blaxploitation classic "Sweet Sweetback's

Badasssss Song." The interesting part of it is that Van Peebles plays his own father, Melvin, the film's maker, while Khleo Thomas (Holes) plays Van Peebles himself, who got his acting debut in the film. The film details the father/son interaction going on in the film, as well as Melvin's own attitudes about the film industry. Directed by Mario Van Peebles.

Scobby-Doo 2: Monsters Unleashed

Figure that enough people reading this are interested in reliving their childhoods to put this in here. That, and after being trapped watching it on a nightmare plane ride home from Japan while the guy across the aisle laughed at every other word, I feel I should subject you to this as well. Bitterness? Jeepers! Meanwhile, after achieving fame and success in Coosville, the gang (there's still no Scrapy, yet...) suddenly faces a new villain whose machine incarnates all their old foes into real, nearly indestructible ghosts. The crew fights against divisions among themselves, the media, their new foe, and the munchies (you know why, too—Scobby Snacks, anyone?) as they try to save Coosville once again. With Sarah Michelle Gellar, Freddie Prinze Jr., Matthew Lillard, and Linda Cardellini star reprise their roles. Directed by Raja Gosnell.

Compiled by staff writer Kevin Moser

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MONEY MATTERS

The change in your pocket can lead to trip in Acapulco

Kenny, You've studied and researched investing and money-saving techniques. Would it be possible to see a piece on saving money?

Jessica Wehle
General Counsel
Research Center
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Dear Jessica,
Telling you simply not to spend it would be the easy answer.

Fortunately, I have more to share because "savings" is my middle name.
Saving money is a difficult concept for many people, including college students. We live in an age when we are often influenced by society and sometimes feel forced to spend money just to keep up with everyone.

"Saving money" is a very broad category.
There's long-term and short-term saving, and even saving just to save. Within each of these categories are many variables and factors to consider.

Once everyone gets a good grasp of short-term saving basics, I'll focus on how to save money for the future. Until then, abide by some of the following and you'll be on your way to saving for that trip to Acapulco next spring.

Plan to save. This may seem like common sense, but the first step to saving is to know why you are saving and what you are saving for. Referring back to a set goal will make it easier when deciding between "with sour cream" or "without." The 40 cents you saved is 40 cents closer to that goal. If you're not saving for

anything in particular, no problem — just realize you want to stretch your money as long as you can but have fun while you do it.



Kenny Moyer
FINANCIAL COLUMNIST

Practice self-control. Know the difference between your individual wants and needs. Many of us throw caution to the wind and become happy-go-lucky spenders but can't afford to. No one can have everything. Decide what is important to you: Is it gas for your car so you can commute to campus or a \$5 cover at a local bar Thursday through Saturday?

Create a budget. Prepare a list of everything that you'll want and need for this semester. Set aside a certain amount of cash for each item depending on its level of importance and your money total. This will help you know where, when and why your money will be disappearing. For example, if you know you're going to get three haircuts this semester and each cut will cost \$20, set aside roughly \$60. Be sure to create a miscellaneous category for emergencies.

Factor in income. For those of you who work, receiving a paycheck at the end of every week will definitely help. Therefore, you can allot some of the income to specific areas of your budget. For the long term, visit a local bank for information on opening a savings account.

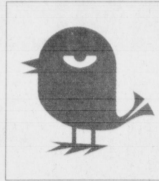
Keep accurate records of transactions. Along with your budget, keep documentation and receipts of spending, any additional income (like if your parents slip you \$20 on your way out the door), deposit slips and bank statements (assuming you have a bank account; if you don't, welcome to 2004). If a problem with your account occurs, it's important to have this documentation to reconcile the differences between your records and theirs.

Be a smart consumer. There are deals across the globe on any product you want and/or need. Do the research, and you're bound to save money. Don't buy something just because it's convenient. Businesses all over Lexington offer a wide range of discounts from food to school supplies just for college students. Use coupons, take advantage of student discounts or just call and ask. Even the Internet has incredible deals on almost anything. My personal favorite is doing business on eBay.com. This online auction service allows users to purchase items at affordable prices, from textbooks to electronics to clothes, all new or used. Seek and you shall find.

Save your change. Silver and copper add up — trust me. Don't be just a thinker. Don't let your ideas of saving remain a great idea. Be prepared for uncertainties and take the time and effort to make it happen. See where your account balance is today and visualize how you want it to look down the road.

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Eclectic plays coming to UK

By Melissa Smith Mallery
THE KENTUCKY KERNEL

Today, the UK Theatre department kicks off its season with a staged reading of Irwin Shaw's *Bury the Dead* at 4:30 p.m.

Different from actual performances, the readings are rehearsed presentations of plays.

"Staged readings are important to attend because they allow the audience to focus on the words of the playwright," said Nelson Fields, theater department chairman.

Staged readings are easier — and cheaper — to produce than regular shows. The readings "allow us more opportunities to present works of dramatic literature without the expense and heavy production commitment normally allowed main stage productions," Fields said.

Most of the staged readings offered this semester will be free in the Niles Gallery of the Little Fine Arts Library. Those include *A Soldier's Play* by Charles Fuller on Oct. 13, *Battledli* by Terrence McNally on Nov. 10, and student projects on Dec. 1. Another free staged reading, *La Fille de Joie*, will be presented at 8 p.m. Sept. 24 in Guignol Theatre.

Main stage offerings in the Guignol Theatre begin Oct. 7 with *The Trojan Women* by Euripides. This classic Greek tragedy dramatizes the plight of eight enslaved women and focuses on the women just before they are forced to leave their homeland. The show runs Oct. 7 and Oct. 14-17.

The comedy *Picasso* at the *Lapine Agile* by Steve Martin

Tickets for the main stage season cost \$15 for the general public, \$10 for faculty, \$8 for seniors over 65, and \$8 for students with a valid ID.

For reservations, call 257-4929. For information, call 257-4927.

Here's a list of the UK Theatre department's upcoming season (see story for times and locations):

Today: Staged reading: *Bury the Dead*
Sept. 24: *La Fille de Joie*
Oct. 7-9, Oct. 14-17: Main stage season: *The Trojan Women*

(yes, that Steve Martin) comes to the Guignol stage Nov. 11-13 and Nov. 18-21.

This absurdist play portrays both Albert Einstein and Pablo Picasso in a Parisian cafe in 1984, just before their respective breakthroughs in physics and cubism. *Picasso* is a winner of the Outer Critics Circle award for Best Off-Broadway Play.

In December, the department will present the morality play *Everyman* at 8 p.m. Dec. 2-5 at the Briggs Theatre. Tickets will be \$5 at the door. The free presentation *Rara!*, a celebration of Haitian voodoo culture, takes the stage at 7 p.m. Dec. 3-4 at the Guignol Theatre.

In the spring, the final Guignol stage show, *Goodnight Desdemona (Good Morning Juliet)* by Anne-Marie MacDonald, will run Feb. 17-19 and Feb. 23-27.

In the production, Shakespeare's *Othello* and *Romeo and Juliet* are twisted around

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Nov. 10: Staged reading: *Battledli*

Nov. 11-13, Nov. 18-21: Main stage season: *Picasso at the Lapine Agile*

Dec. 2-5: *Everyman*

Dec. 3-4: *Rara!*

Feb. 17-19, Feb. 23-27: Main stage season: *Goodnight Desdemona (Good Morning Juliet)*

April 14-16, April 21-24: Main stage season: new play (winner of James W. Rodgers playwriting competition)

and together in this fantastical comedy as Constance Led-belly invades their settings and alters the plays forever.

In the Briggs Theatre, a new play will be presented April 14-16 and April 21-24. This play will be chosen from applicants to the James W. Rodgers Playwriting Competition. For more information on submitting to this competition, go to www.uky.edu/FineArts/Theatre/Rodgers.htm.

Chosen by department faculty and based on the input and needs of the theater students, this season reflects the evolution of theater, Fields said.

"The stretch from the ancient to the modern day seems to be a great opportunity for the students at the university and the community of Lexington to observe the work of almost three millennia of theater," he said.

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IN OUR OPINION

Campus safety alerts need overhaul

We all get the e-mails from UK Police Chief Fred Otto whenever something goes awry on campus telling us to walk with friends, be aware of our surroundings and park only in well lit areas.

But does anyone really listen? Much like the arbitrary orange alerts of the U.S. Homeland Security Department, the UK Police-issued "campus safety alerts" are usually too ambiguous to actually generate any reaction from UK students.

Students can regularly be seen walking alone after nightfall and parking in unsafe areas of downtown for classes, displaying a blatant disregard for the campus safety alerts that are issued for their protection.

The fact is students don't pay any attention to these precautions because they really don't have any valid information to go on.

If UK police officials really want us to heed their warnings they need to be more specific on areas of danger and ways to protect ourselves.

After a juvenile visitor to the UK Chandler Medical Center was assaulted last month, police issued a campus safety alert advising students to, among other things, not

"rest your eyes or sleep unaccompanied in any public location."

This is a perfect example of the UK Police Department's failure to effectively convey its precautionary steps to UK students.

If students are sleeping in public areas at all, does that not pose a safety risk, regardless of whether they are accompanied or not?

Dozens of these campus safety alerts are sent out each school year, but since the same basic information is included in almost

every one, students grow increasingly bored with the content and delete the messages without even reading them, treating the e-mails more as spam than genuine guidelines to stay safe.

Notifying UK students of threats to their personal safety is a nice service and one that should be provided, but UK Police must do more to let students know exactly what activities and campus locations they need to avoid.

Unless UK police officials start doing their job and furnish students with specific information they can use to prevent themselves, students will continue to disregard the warnings.

And until that happens, none of us will be any safer.

UK Police officials must better articulate their safety warnings to students by providing more specific information.



MATT CAREY, THE KENTUCKY KERNEL

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Columnist's Bush-bashing tactics don't accomplish anything

Being a history senior, you would think Edward Guest could have written a more objective piece instead of just doing the callous Bush-bashing that spews from most Democrats' mouths.

Just because someone doesn't like Bush does not give him or her the right to wrongfully accuse him. If liberals would open their minds they would realize that the American people are smart; that we people have goals in our lives that we want to obtain.

The government's job is not to give us these goals; it is the government's job to protect our ability to reach these goals ourselves. That means instead of higher taxes, which take money from the middle class, Bush advocates lower taxes on the premise that those with more money can handle it themselves.

You're right. Bush is putting the burden on younger men and women — the burden of personal finance, the burden of retirement and the burden of responsibility back into the hands of the American people.

I would rather have the burden of my own future rather than the burden of someone else's future. And if Guest would ever talk to someone in the armed forces, he would realize that when young men and women sign up, they sign up knowing what the possibilities might be.

Bush does not send the soldiers into battle; the battle itself requires the soldiers. I know many people in the military, and they are pleased to serve this country with their lives because they know we live in a great country. And they will defend what this country stands for.

They even like protecting free speech, but that part is getting harder to handle nowadays.

AARON FAIN
Biology Junior

College provides the best days of our lives

My column is not about politics, Hurricane Ivan or the Wildcats' apparent inability to focus on the game. While there are people out there who care about those things — and I'm not saying these things aren't important — I'd rather write about something a little closer to heart.



Dariush Shafa
Kernel Columnist

We're about three weeks into school, and I can already tell you, it's good to be back. Speaking from the standpoint of someone who worked a 40-hour a week job this summer I have to say that coming back to school was like returning to paradise.

Not to say that I didn't like my job, but I don't think I'm quite ready for the "real world" in any way, shape or form. I can't be the only one.

Not everyone agrees with me, of course. Some people would perform dental surgery on themselves without anesthesia rather than go to school and take classes.

But come on now. Don't focus entirely on the negative.

They say that youth is wasted on the young. If that's true, then wisdom

and experience are wasted on the old. We walk into college not knowing the least thing about ourselves after the apocalyptic upheaval of high school and our teenage years. We come into college like timid puppies first venturing out into the sunlight.

Somewhere along the way we learn a little more about ourselves.

Who we are and who we will become are things that should be first and foremost on our minds. Without this knowledge in hand, how can we even attempt to live life in a world as chaotic, stressful and demanding as this?

There shouldn't be any rush for us to leave behind this time and go out into the world. This is a time of self discovery, to learn more about ourselves. This is where the potter's clay becomes the vase.

The most important things we learn in college are not necessarily in the classroom, although my geology professor taught us how to sleep in lecture without being obvious.

I'd say which professor this is, but I don't want him to be deluged next semester.

Even the professors I didn't like or who treated me badly taught me something, and I have to say I owe them something for that.

It's not always easy to look on the

brighter side of things. But somehow, we've got to.

We learn new things, we meet new people. If we're really fortunate, we'll run into the person we're going to be before we walk down that aisle wearing the cap and gown.

Maybe we will, maybe we won't, but this is where we put ourselves on the path.

This is not the time to obsess entirely about classes and schedules and homework and professors. Those things have their time and place, and certainly they're important.

But they are not the end. They are the means. They're the things that help us form, that make us who we are, the heat and the pressure that take the high school lump of coal we are and turn us into the shining diamond.

Lean back. Take it all in. Stop some time in between the buildings or in the hallways or under the trees.

Go to the places that echo with the footsteps, laughter and tears of thousands and thousands of people just like us, people with hopes and dreams and fears and ambitions and plans.

Smile and sigh and realize the truth.

This is the best time of your life.

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Life in Kentucky offers New Yorker fascinating change

I am from that far off galaxy called New York City. I come to Lexington, Ky. in search of America's collective and distinct identities.

Living in that concrete jungle called New York City, I was privileged to be a part of a unique conglomeration of ideas and peoples.

Yet, paradoxically, living in such an extremely heterogeneous environment, I felt insulated from the soul of America's heartland.

Last year, I attended to a small college in Pennsylvania. So there I was, in a college where most students were from New York, New Jersey or Pennsylvania.

The people and cultural climate was not much different than what I had experienced my entire life in New York City.

Living in that chaotic, frenzied and frenetic time period of life called "youth," I had no other choice but to become Jack Kerouac (or should I say Willie Nelson?) and go "on the road."

I yearned for an adventure where I might understand a culture that was different from my own, and was more representative of our nation's collective identity.

I am a New Yorker, but I am also an American.

To me, as I come of age, I feel a void in my gut, a need to better understand the heartland of America, the America in which I have often felt like a foreigner.

To me, the South was as foreign and exciting to me as another country. Reading the works of William Faulkner, Tennessee Williams, Flannery O'Connor, etc., the South always seemed mythical and exotic.

In this frame of mind, I was ready to embark upon my journey to the Bluegrass

state. And thus I came. I learned quickly that if I was going to at all be capable of linguistic communication that I had to talk slower and enunciate more clearly.

The abundance of generosity and kindness of the people here, your "southern hospitality," was as much a treat as a shock.

When I tried to tip a very helpful employee at Wal-Mart, he politely, to my surprise, refused. I guess this routine New York custom was as strange and new to him as grits were to me.

All Green articulated the southern warmth best when he said, "All I can say is that there's a sweetness here, a Southern sweetness, that makes sweet music."

If I had to tell somebody who had never been to the South, who had never heard of soul music, what it was, I'd just have to tell him that it's music from the heart, from the pulse, from the innermost

feeling. "That's my soul; that's how I sing. And that's the South."

I am going to do my best to understand the wonderful nuances of your culture.

From time to time, I would like to share with you my new experiences.

Hopefully, this will underscore the unique facets of your world that you may take for granted.

At the same time, I hope to share with you some truths, customs and rituals about the "Big Apple."

I look forward to hearing from "y'all" to help me in my journey. Any tips, advice or opinions are welcome.

Until next time, I think this Yankee is going to take a sip of your renowned bourbon.

Alex Present is an English sophomore.
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'Hoosier Daddy' moves to Stoll but strives to keep same pep

By Ashley Graves
THE KENTUCKY KERNEL

The annual street party to celebrate UK football has now become a field party.

Student Government and the Student Activities Board have combined to co-sponsor the "Hoosier Daddy 2" pep rally Friday at Stoll Field.

"In previous years, Hoosier Daddy has brought nothing but amusement and a rejuvenation of school spirit," said SG Press Secretary Kate Yeager.

"It will hopefully be an event for all students to be able to come together and share their commonality of bleeding blue," she said.

The pep rally celebrates the UK football home game Saturday against the Indiana University Hoosiers.

Last year, more than 8,000 students attended "Gator Roast 2," held before the UK game against the University of Florida. SG and SAB officials said that this year's crowd should number between 8,000 and 10,000 students.

"We are hoping for an even bigger turnout from last year," said Ethan Ben-

nett, vice president for SAB. "There's more students at the university, so there's a direct correlation that more students will come out."

"Everything is going to be bigger." SAB is co-sponsoring the event with SG for the second straight year. Both groups budgeted \$25,000 for this year's pep rally, the same amount as last year, Bennett said.

SAB is responsible for the entertainment, which features punk band Midtown, who will play on stage after the pep rally ends.

The group has previously toured the country with the bands Dashboard Confessional and New Found Glory. Their song "Give It Up" is featured in the "Madden 2005" video game. Another Midtown song, "Let's Go," was the theme song for MTV's "Real World: Road Rules Challenge."

"Midtown is appropriate for a pep rally," said Russell Goodwin, director of concerts. "They are energetic and can associate with a college crowd. They are a well-known group and college students can relate to

their music."

SG is primarily responsible for the logistics of the event, including the event's speakers, which include UK President Lee Todd and SG President Rachel Watts.

The total of \$50,000 should easily cover all expenses, from Midtown's appearance fee, sound and lights and advertising to the free hotdogs, popcorn and Pepsi products available to anyone at the pep rally, Bennett said.

Last year's pep rally cost about \$30,000, he said.

This year, UK students are looking forward to "Hoosier Daddy 2."

"The last one was a lot of fun," said Kiel Upton, a communications senior. "It's a night I don't have to worry about studying and can hang out with my friends."

ISC senior Sherri Sullivan has attended previous pep rallies and said she'll be back this year as well. "In the past, they have been fun, and they bring some really great bands to campus," she said. "I'm sure this one will be great, too."

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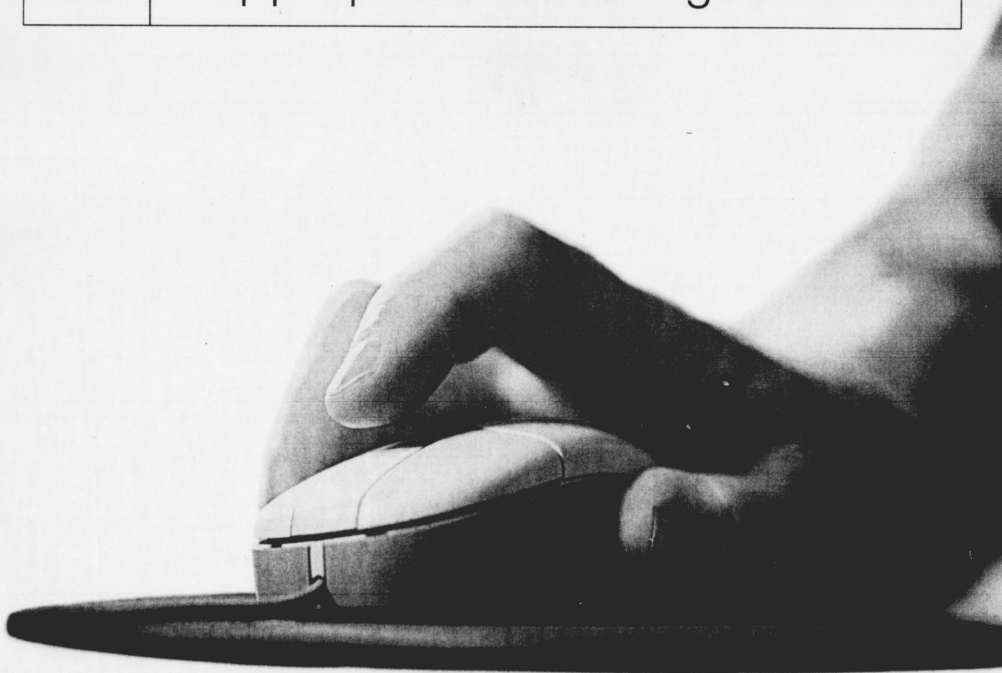
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