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New diversity official encouraged by young leaders' openness

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Twelve leaders of student organizations met yesterday for a frank conversation with the university's newly selected top diversity official.

Judy "JL" Jackson of Vassar College in Poughkeepsie, N.Y., was selected in late January and will begin as the vice president for institutional diversity on July 1. Jackson made an early visit to UK yesterday to meet with different groups on campus and learn about diversity efforts.

Yesterday afternoon, the 12 assembled leaders leveled with her. When Jackson asked how most Student Government officers get elected, several students immediately said "Greek" and others nodded their heads in response.

"It's often said if you get the GPAC (Greek

Political Action Committee endorsement), you'll get the election," integrated strategic communications senior James Davidson said of spring SG elections. Davidson is also the first-vice president of UK's chapter of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People.

Patrick Keal, president of the Interfraternity Council, agreed, saying leadership roles are often passed down from one fraternity or sorority member to another, though not out of ill-will toward other students on campus.

"If you're a Greek and the guy who's in the office in front of you is a Greek, that's the way to get the position, to get to know them," he said. "It's not an intentional cycle."

As students talked about their experience with diversity at UK, Jackson took notes and gave her reactions. She said organizations



Jackson

should work to develop a student leadership program and that if the Greeks have a leadership package that is working, it could be applied to the whole student body.

Coordinating diversity efforts among students, faculty, staff and administrators will be part of Jackson's job when she starts in July. She will also advise the president and the provost on how university decisions will affect UK's diversity goals.

Yesterday, the 12 students talked about what they would like to see on campus in the future and addressed existing diversity problems at UK. One subject discussed was an e-mail forwarded by SG President Nick Phelps to an SG listserv last month

that falsely described presidential hopeful Barack Obama as a Muslim and spoke negatively of Islam.

When one student brought it up without mentioning Phelps' name while the SG president sat at the meeting, Jackson said the leaders had to be honest with each other.

"You need to put stuff on the table and say what you mean," she said.

At the end, Jackson said she found the meeting to be successful and encouraged the group to continue meeting despite busy schedules.

After the students left, Jackson said she has been surprised by how open and willing to work the students she has met have been. In her visit to campus, she has detected good spirit and goodwill, she said.

"I think it's going to be a good move for me," Jackson said.

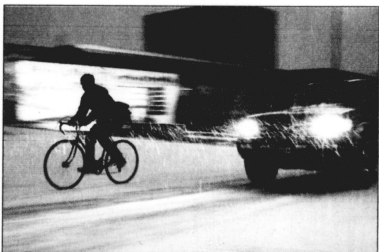
WHITE ROSE



Students leave their classes and cross Rose Street as snow falls yesterday evening.

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Flurries began falling yesterday at 5:30 p.m., continuing into the night. The National Weather Service predicted two to four inches of snow, sleet and freezing rain to accumulate in Lexington by this afternoon with a high of 40 degrees. There is a 100 percent chance of rain after 12 p.m., and more rain and snow is predicted for tonight.



A man bikes up Rose Street past the Fine Arts Building as snow fell yesterday evening. The National Weather Service predicted two to four inches of accumulation by this afternoon.

Rural students gain glimpse of medical career

By Will Aaron
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Joseph Brown witnessed the miracle of life as a UK undergrad and knew he wanted to be a doctor.

"You'll never forget the sight of a baby being born or your first time in the gross anatomy lab," said Brown, a second-year medical student.

His experiences were part of the Professional Education Preparation Program, offered by UK's dental and medical schools. PEPP gives high school seniors and undergraduates from medically underserved towns in the state a chance to interact with dentists and physicians for four weeks, observing the daily tasks in the students' future fields.

By working with students from small towns, the program coordinators hope to encourage them to return to their rural homes and set up practices, said Carol Leslie, director and principle investigator of PEPP.

Brown participated in PEPP as a high school student and an undergrad. The experiences helped develop his passion for medicine and reaffirmed his decision to become a physician, he said. The Wayne County native said he plans to practice medicine back home after he finishes medical school.

"Physicians from the area who know the everyday lives of their patients have an insight that is invaluable in the diagnosis and treatment of their patients," he said.

Since the program launched in 1982, it has "developed a family of support, with past program participants giving back with their time and insights," Leslie said.

Students in the program are involved in hospital rotations, health seminars and informative program-based lectures.

"It was a chance to speak with real role models, individuals who were in the field and who could answer all my questions," Brown said. It also helps students network with helpful contacts, he said.

The second phase of the program, PEPP II, offers a greater in-depth examination of a physician's career demands, allowing scholars to observe childbirth, emergency medicine and outpatient surgeries, Brown said. Those PEPP II students interested in dentistry are allowed on dental clinic rotations, where they can observe oral and maxillofacial surgeries as well as emergency dental procedures.

The program designed for undergraduates also explains the detailed application process for dental and medical schools and how individual students can choose the right school for them.

"PEPP II showed me exactly how to achieve my dream," Brown said.

Students interested in either program can contact Leslie at (859) 257-1968 for more information. The application deadline for high school seniors is March 3 and the deadline for undergraduates is March 7.

Big brothers, sisters to bowl for kids

By Pat Deringer
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Brandon Thomas will assure anyone that brothers are not always biologically related.

As the UK chapter president of Big Brothers/Big Sisters of the Bluegrass, Thomas has created a brotherly relationship for the past two years with his "little," Kristian Lowe.

Lowe, 14, said he enjoys playing video games, laser tag, baseball, card games and pool with his big brother Thomas, a psychology and biology senior.

In an effort to raise money for Big Brothers/Big Sisters of the Bluegrass, the 51st annual Bowling for Kids' Sake, sponsored by the organization, will be held from 9 p.m. to 11 p.m. today at Southland Bowling Lanes.

UK students can form teams of four to five people to bowl in the tournament by making a donation to the organization. Thomas said he hopes to crush last year's fundraising record of nearly \$5,000.

"This event allows students to get involved for a good cause and have fun at the same time,"

Thomas said. "It is a great way to ask questions about the program and fill out an application if people are interested. Participating enables the chapter to raise money and improve on what is already a great chapter."

To register a team, students may fill out a donation packet located in the Student Government office in the Student Center or at Southland Bowling Lanes. Team members will receive free T-shirts, pizza and soft drinks at the event.

"Our top priority is providing kids with more opportunities to integrate with people they can look up to," Thomas said. "We encourage anyone who is up for a good time to attend the event."

A non-profit agency dedicated to improving the lives of children from single-parent families, Big Brothers/Big Sisters of the Bluegrass has been serving 14 counties and 28 schools in Central Kentucky for 50 years.

The organization has been on campus for four years and has 800 members. It offers three programs for student volunteers: school program, community program and escapades program.

"Raising awareness and getting new people involved on campus has always been our number one goal," said chapter vice president Brian Drapp, a finance senior.

In Big Brothers/Big Sisters' core effort, the community program, volunteers visit children at their homes.

The escapades program was created because some children are on a waitlist for a big brother or big sister for up to two years, Thomas said. In this program, children meet with a group of volunteers once a month for a couple of hours.

Though Thomas is busy with school and the organization, he said the school program allows him to manage his time with Lowe. This particular effort is popular among UK students, he said, because volunteers visit children at school for one hour a week.

The organization holds recruitment meetings for students who want to learn more about being involved in Big Brothers/Big Sisters. The last meeting of the semester is Feb. 27, at 6 p.m. in room 106 of the Student Center.

Hispanic-black relations topic of forum

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Diversity issues are not simply black and white, and a panel will explore relationships among Hispanics and blacks as part of the Diversity Dialogue series tonight.

The Office of Student Diversity Engagement is sponsoring the event, Strong Divisions and Shared Dreams: Exploring the dynamics of relationships between Latinos/Hispanics and African-Americans/Blacks.

The event starts tonight at 7 in the Small Ballroom of the Student Center.

"This is not an event just for African-Americans and Latinos,"

A poll published in December by New America Media revealed tensions among Americans of different races.

The telephone poll of 1,105 black, Asian-American and Hispanic adults found that friction between these ethnicities is harbored in stereotypes and the mistrust between the groups, according to New America Media, an association of more than 700 ethnic media organizations.

Survey results also showed that the majority of each group wanted to work together toward

creating better communities.

"Historically, Latin Americans have not had good communication with African-Americans," Espinosa said. "But I am confident that this is starting to change since we all have a common goal, which is to promote diversity and awareness not only here on campus but around the state and across the nation."

The Diversity Dialogue series is designed to promote engaged scholarship and debate about the topics of race, ethnicity and diversity as a whole, said Mahjabeen Rafiuddin, director of student diversity engagement. Programmers and organizers recognize the significance of the paradigm between blacks and whites in the United States.

"However, we are committed to expanding the study of race and ethnicity beyond the black-white paradigm," she said.

About five years ago, diversity on campus was only thought to encompass blacks, Espinosa said.

"Thanks to these dialogues, the students, staff and faculty are aware that there are many more ethnicities represented at UK that also need and deserve the attention necessary to move forward to a more diverse university," he said.

More information from the New America Media survey can be found on the organization's Web site (<http://news.newamericamedia.org>).

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Horoscopes

By Linda C. Black

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

Aries (March 21 - April 19) Today is a 7 — You'll soon find a way to put what you've recently learned to good, practical use. Theory is important, but it's the reality of more coins in your pocket that counts.

Taurus (April 20 - May 20) Today is a 6 — Old worries will be forgotten as you take off on a new adventure. Review your checklist carefully, then blast past prior phobias. They're insignificant now.

Gemini (May 21 - June 21) Today is a 7 — Take time for contemplation. You could discover a wonderful new source of income. It's right there in your subconscious. Let it bubble forth.

Cancer (June 22 - July 22) Today is a 6 — The difficult part is almost over. Soon, you can celebrate your recent accomplishments in the company of good friends. Set up a date for lunch.

Leo (July 23 - Aug. 22) Today is a 7 — You're being watched more carefully, to see if you can do the work. You're making it look easy, so you shouldn't be surprised if they give you even more.

Virgo (Aug. 23 - Sept. 22) Today is a 7 — Finish up your business as quickly as possible. Odds are good you'll get an invitation you'll want to accept. Get obligations out of the way so you can.

Libra (Sept. 23 - Oct. 22) Today is a 7 — Discuss finances with your partner before going shopping. Budget for a few more tools, to make your work easier. Spend money to save time.

Scorpio (Oct. 23 - Nov. 21) Today is a 6 — You make the job look easy. Luckily for you, it is getting easier, through the intervention of

another. Accept the help, even if it means playing the student.

Sagittarius (Nov. 22 - Dec. 21) Today is a 7 — You'll have to postpone some of the social activities you've been planning. Work takes precedence for the next few days.

Capricorn (Dec. 22 - Jan. 19) Today is a 7 — Everyone needs to make time for a break every once in a while. That even includes workaholic you. Indulge your senses tonight.

Aquarius (Jan. 20 - Feb. 18) Today is a 7 — Consult with close family about an upcoming decision. You'll have to live with this for a while, so get everybody's input. Then, do what's best for all.

Pisces (Feb. 19 - March 20) Today is a 6 — Education is wonderful for putting old fears to rest. Investigate your worries and you'll find that many of them lack substance. Let them evaporate.

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THIS MINUTE

Ryan's Secret Sweet Side

THE DISH
 From silly to sentimental! Funnyman Ryan Reynolds wears his heart on his sleeve as a soon-to-be divorced dad recounting to his daughter (Abigail Breslin, 11) his past loves (Isla Fisher, Rachel Weisz and Elizabeth Banks) in the new romantic comedy *Definitely, Maybe* (out February 14). Offscreen, the actor holds it closer to the vest (he's been quietly dating Scarlett Johansson, 23, for nearly a year), but admits he's no stranger to head-over-heels moments. The Canada native, 31, opens up to us.

Q: How was working with three leading ladies?
 There are no bad times when you have those three costars. I had a great time every day.

Q: Was it fun playing Abigail's dad?
 After you shoot together, you start to feel you almost are their parent! She was just a normal kid, and then she unthinks her jaw and unleashes this talent. I felt I learned from her. And she did beat me in a dance-off.

Q: What's the secret to making a relationship work in Hollywood?

Love is a very complicated thing. I do believe it's a mixture of who and when. Hollywood is a funny place because nobody has to grow up. Nobody's disappointed in you if you're on your 14th marriage. They applaud, for some reason.

Q: What's the most romantic thing you've ever done?

I met a past girlfriend in London for lunch. I was in L.A.

and I got on a plane with nothing and flew right there and managed to make it for lunch.

Aimee Agresti

Retro revolution! stars looking for unique frocks and accessories head to NYC's Rare Vintage. The 900-square-foot boutique has been open only eight months, but Angelina Jolie, Kate Beckinsale and Debra Messing have already checked out its vintage finds (gowns average about \$2,000) from labels such as Halston, Chanel and Dior. (rarevintage.com) Why it's hot: Owner Juliana Carone (who finds her merchandise mainly in France and Italy) tells us, "These gowns are collector's items." Indeed, each one comes with a card detailing its history.

Erin Quinn: The new bachelorette

Here she is! Plus, an update on the ABC show's three alums

Deanna Pappas
 After Brad Womack broke her heart on *The Bachelor* last year, the Georgia real estate agent, 26, gets her pick of men this summer.

Jan Schefft
 The Chicago public relations exec, 31, rejected proposals from Jerry Ferris and John Paul Merrit, and went on to pen the dating guide *Better Single Than Sorry*. As for love? She tells us, "I'm still looking!"

Meredith Phillips
 The *Date Night* Cookbook author chose Ian McKee, but they ended their engagement in 2005. Now Phillips, 34, lives in L.A. with director beau Fritz

Manger, 34. "He's my best friend!" she says.

Trista Sutter

Sutter, 35, is the sole Bachelorette success story (she and firefighter hubby Ryan, 33, live in Colorado with son Max, 6 months). Her advice for Pappas? "Go with your gut!"

Ian Drew

Model with a cause! Fergie gets gorgeous — and promotes HIV-prevention awareness — in MAC's new Viva Glam print campaign for a limited-edition Lipglass. (Proceeds from the sale go to the MAC AIDS Fund.) The L.A.-area native, 32, who is newly engaged to actor Josh Duhamel, 35, talks to us.

Q: Tell us about the new Lipglass.

I created a mauve lip gloss that's easy to wear for all skin tones. You'll want to wear it every day!

Q: What else are you working on?

Right now I'm in Australia touring with the Police. Then I'm going to attend Fashion Week in Milan, Italy. But after that, I want to be home with my fiancé and dogs for a while.

Q: How are wedding plans going?

I'm just starting. My girlfriends just picked up my first wedding magazines. As a little girl, I watched Madonna's wedding to Sean Penn, and Princess Di's, and I thought, "My God, they're so grand and grandiose." And now I don't know if I want something like that.

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2 car bombs in Baghdad add to rise in violence

By Steve Lannen
McClatchy Newspapers

BAGHDAD — Violence is increasing in Iraq, raising questions about whether the security improvements credited to the increase in U.S. troops may be short-lived.

Car bombs in Baghdad on Monday killed at least 11 people and injured a prominent leader of one of the country's most influential American-allied tribal militias.

The Ministry of Electricity announced that power to much of the nation, already anemic, is likely to lag in coming days because insurgents had blown up transmission facilities and natural gas pipelines that fuel generators.

CBS News confirmed that two of its journalists are missing in Basra, in Iraq's south.

A leading parliament member warned that budget disputes have paralyzed the legislature.

Secretary of Defense Robert Gates, finishing a two-day visit to Baghdad, said that he was likely to advocate a pause in troop withdrawals to evaluate the situation after the last of the additional troops sent here under President Bush's so-called surge strategy had left later this year.

Gates made the remark after meeting for two hours with Gen. David Petraeus, the top U.S. commander in Iraq. Petraeus already has indicated that he wants to slow troop withdrawals to consolidate the Iraq war's security gains.

Gates previously has said that how fast troops are redeployed from Iraq will depend on conditions there. But his statement prompted criticism from Democratic lawmakers. House Speaker Nancy Pelosi, D-Calif., House Armed Services Committee Chairman Ike Skelton, D-Mo., and presidential contender Sen. Barack Obama, D-Ill., each issued statements that said delaying further withdrawals would leave the American military over-

stretched.

"While the administration puts our drawdown on permanent pause," Obama said, al-Qaida leader Osama bin Laden is on the loose, Afghanistan is sliding toward chaos and we're spending billions of dollars a week in Baghdad instead of helping Americans who are struggling here at home."

Other leading presidential contenders made no comment on Gates' remarks. Republican front-runner John McCain has been a leading advocate of the surge.

After months of declining violence, February is certain to be the third straight month to see increases in the numbers of Baghdad residents killed in car bombings and suicide attacks.

According to statistics kept by McClatchy, the low point in such killings came in November, when 76 people died. Thanks to a pair of pet market bombings that killed 99 people Feb. 1, February's tally already is 131.

Petraeus' counsel on troop withdrawals after some surge troops have departed will play a big role in determining what Gates recommends to the president, Pentagon officials said.

Monday marked the second day in a row of suicide attacks. Blasts in Salah ad Din, Anbar and Ninevah provinces killed at least 30 people Sunday.

Monday, a suicide car bomber drove his car into the Baghdad residence of a prominent leader of the Anbar Salvation Council, a U.S.-allied militia that's credited with helping to drive al-Qaida in Iraq from that province. Five minutes later, another car bomb exploded at a busy intersection a short distance away.

The blasts killed at least 11 people and injured 30.

Later, Sheikh Ali Hathem al-Suleiman al-Duleimi, who was injured in the attack, went on Iraqi TV and declared war against his enemies. He said that his militia, many of whose members are paid by the United States, no longer would allow the U.S. or Iraqi government to interfere with its work.



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Cars destroyed during a suicide bombing sit near the compound of Ali Hathem al-Suleiman al-Duleimi on Monday in Baghdad, Iraq. Ali Hathem al-Suleiman al-Duleimi is one of the leaders of the powerful Anbar Awakening Council.

His comments came as similar U.S.-allied groups in nearby Diyala province continued to refuse to work with American or Iraqi government forces until the provincial police chief is removed. On Monday, hundreds protested in Diyala to demand the chief's removal.

In an e-mailed statement, the top U.S. military spokesman in Iraq, Rear Adm. Gregory Smith, acknowledged the "frustration on the part of some awakening councils," but said that most remained on the job and committed to defending their neighborhoods. Iraqi government spokesmen declined comment or couldn't be reached.

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Democratic presidential hopeful Sen. Barack Obama, D-Ill., greets supporters at a campaign rally at the University of Maryland Monday, February 11, 2008, in College Park, Maryland.

McCain, Obama look strong for 'Potomac Primary'

By David Lightman and William Douglas
McIntoch/Newspress

COLLEGE PARK, Md. — Barack Obama appeared poised Monday to trounce Hillary Clinton in Tuesday's "Potomac primary," as polls showed him with huge leads in Maryland and Virginia.

Obama, fresh from five weekend wins over Clinton in Louisiana, Washington state, Nebraska, Maine and the U.S. Virgin Islands, is hoping to add enough of the 168 delegates who are at stake in Virginia, Maryland and the District of Columbia to unknit the two Democrats' virtual tie. He also hopes that big wins Tuesday will enhance his campaign's momentum ahead of the showdowns March 4 in Texas and Ohio.

Clinton, who campaigned Monday at a General Motors transmission plant in suburban Baltimore, tried to project that she was strong and on the march.

"I feel good about where we are," the New York senator said, reminding her audience that "I'm still ahead in the popular vote and delegates."

However, while Clinton tried to sound upbeat, her campaign tried in advance to discount the impact of Tuesday's primaries by focusing on March 4. Meanwhile, an enthusiastic crowd of about 17,500 greeted Obama at the University of Maryland's Comcast Center.

"It looks like we're having March madness a little early," the Illinois senator told supporters at the basketball arena. He talked about cleaning up the Chesapeake Bay, ending the Iraq war and taking on Clinton.

The audience was wowed. "Amazing. He's an inspiring figure," said Wayne Shaw, 37, a project manager for a satellite communications company.

On the Republican side, Arizona Sen. John McCain is expected Tuesday to add to his big delegate lead over former Arkansas Gov. Mike Huckabee.

McCain's strengths in the region are clear: Maryland and Virginia have large military and veteran populations. In Virginia, registered voters can vote in either party's primary, and polls have found that McCain's popularity among independents should help him.

McCain appeared unconcerned by his weak showing over the weekend, when he lost Louisiana and Kansas to Huckabee and barely won Washington state in a caucus whose outcome Huckabee is challenging.

"I never expected a unanimous vote, although I'd certainly like to have that. ... I have something close to 800 delegates and last time I checked, Governor Huckabee had very few," McCain said in Annapolis, Maryland's capital. "So I think I'm pretty happy with the situation, although I recognize we have a lot of work to do."

Though polls show McCain far ahead, they suggest that blocs of voters still could change their minds, which means that Huckabee could benefit from a quadrennial phenomenon that occurs when voters aren't completely sold on their presumptive presidential nominees.

Netflix, Best Buy back Blu-ray

By Dan Gallagher
MarketWatch

SAN FRANCISCO — The HD-DVD format took another blow Monday as online video-rental giant Netflix pledged to offer high-definition DVD's only in the rival Blu-ray format, and retailer Best Buy said it would recommend Blu-ray to its customers.

In a statement, Netflix said it based its decision on the fact that four of the six major studios are going to give exclusive backing to Blu-ray, made by Sony. It plans to phase out its offering of HD-DVD disks, from Toshiba, by the end of the year.

The move by Netflix follows a similar move by rival Blockbuster, which announced its support of Blu-ray last summer. Later Monday, Best Buy said it would recommend Blu-ray hardware and software as the "preferred" format for high-definition. The company said its

decision was made to address "consumer confusion."

"We believe our move to feature Blu-ray should help consumers feel confident in their high-def content choices," said Mike Vitelli, Best Buy's senior vice president of home solutions, in a statement.

Best Buy said it would continue to "carry an assortment of HD-DVD products for customers who desire to purchase these products."

Last month, Warner Bros. said it would back Blu-ray exclusively. The Hollywood studio arm of Time Warner had been offering movies in both formats. Walt Disney, News Corp.'s Fox and Sony Pictures were already backing Blu-ray exclusively.

Universal, owned by General Electric and Viacom's Paramount unit remain in the HD-DVD camp.

"The prolonged period of competition between two formats has prevented clear communication to the consumer re-

garding the richness of the high-def experience versus standard definition," Ted Sarandos, chief content officer for Netflix, said in a written statement. "Going forward, we expect that all of the studios will publish in the Blu-ray format and that the price points of high-def DVD players will come down significantly."

Netflix said that the majority of customers who rent in high-definition format prefer Blu-ray titles.

The company said it will continue to offer its line of HD-DVD discs until their "natural life cycle" takes them out of circulation, but it will not buy new HD-DVD titles.

U.S.-listed shares of Sony rose 1.2 percent to close at \$43.50, while the stock lost 1.5 percent in Tokyo. Toshiba shares were up fractionally in Tokyo.

Netflix shares closed at \$26.89, up 1 cent. Best Buy stock finished the day 1.4 percent higher at \$47.37.

NEWS BRIEFS

Tubby Smith nominated to receive honorary degree

The University Senate yesterday recommended nominees to receive an honorary degree this spring: former UK basketball coach Tubby Smith, former Gov. Paul Patton, retired UK faculty member Gifford Blyton and former Indian President Avul Pakir Jainulabdeen Abdul Kalam.

The recommendations go to the Board of Trustees for approval during its March 4 meeting.

Before leaving for the University of Minnesota, Smith won three national coach of the year awards at UK and led the Cats to four Elite Eights, five Southeastern Conference championships and one national title. In his 10 years at UK, Smith's record was 263-83.

Patton, a UK alum, served as Kentucky governor from 1995 to 2003. During his time in office, Patton worked to overhaul how higher education was funded and managed. In 2002, Western Kentucky nurse Tina Comer sued Patton and the state in Franklin County Circuit Court, alleging that he directed state officials to shut down her business after she ended their affair.

Blyton, a former UK communications professor, has been the parliamentarian for the University Senate for 35 years.

If approved, Patton, Smith and Blyton would receive their honorary degrees at UK's commencement May 4.

Kalam, a space scientist and Indian President from 2002 to 2007, would receive his degree before March 23 and March 25, when he plans to visit the Miniature Worlds: Art from India exhibit currently on display in UK's Art Museum.

Prof to speak on violence against black women

A research center on campus is hosting a talk on violence against black women today at 11:45 a.m. in the College of Law building.

Beth E. Richie, head of the African-American Studies Department at the University of Illi-

nois at Chicago, has studied prison inmates and has tied that research to violence against women in her most recent book "Black Women, Male Violence and the Build-up of a Prison Nation: Race, Gender, Violence and Public Policy."

Carol Jordan, director of the Center for Research on Violence Against Women, said she is bringing Richie to campus because of her expertise in abuse and violence toward women of minority races.

Teach for America documentary to air at library

Students have a chance to see what it's like to participate in Teach for America by viewing a CNN documentary on the experience tonight at 6 p.m. in the Gallery Room of W.T. Young Library.

The documentary follows three college students through their time teaching in low-income communities. After the show, Teach for America alumni will answer questions about the experience and application process.

Friday is the final deadline for seniors to apply for the program. Of the 60 UK students who have applied this year, 14 have been accepted.

Student photography on display in annual show

The UK Department of Art's 4th annual Advanced Photography Show began yesterday. Photographs from 14 UK students will be on display through Feb. 22 in the Barnhart Gallery, room 206, of the Reynolds Building No. 1.

Defensive back coach resigns

Thom Kaumeyer, the defensive backs coach on the UK football team, resigned to take a coaching position with another team, head coach Rich Brooks announced yesterday.

Kaumeyer joined the staff in January after former defensive backs coach David Lockwood resigned to take a similar position at West Virginia, his alma mater.



Students fill Memorial Coliseum last night to get their hands on the last set of home game tickets for the men's basketball season.

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Gillispie's focus on Vandy, not postseason

By Travis Waldron
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Head coach Billy Gillispie doesn't care about the Southeastern Conference standings. He's not thinking about the fact that the Cats are in sole possession of second place in the SEC East division, just one game behind Tennessee. And he isn't worrying if his team has put itself back into consideration for an NCAA Tournament bid.

All the first-year UK coach is thinking about is Vanderbilt, which the Cats play tonight in Nashville.

"I couldn't tell you the exact order of the teams in our league right now, 'cause what difference does it make?" Gillispie said. "The team that's No. 1 for us tomorrow night is Vandy. The next game, it's going to be LSU."

"You play as hard as you can and try to get better every single day, and you add them up at the end and see where you are and hopefully you get to continue playing," he said.

The Cats are riding a five-game winning streak, their longest since 2006, and have pundits around the country arguing about what it might take for them to get back into the NCAA Tournament picture.

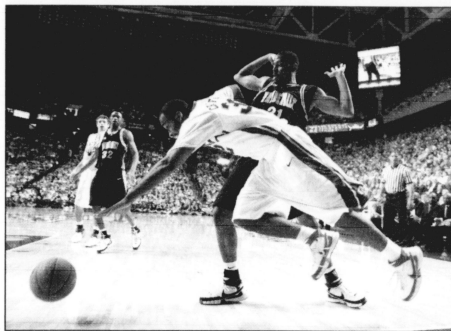
On the surface, tonight's matchup with No. 24 Vanderbilt appears to be a chance for UK to add another quality win to its already improving tournament resume.

But for Gillispie's team, each game is a tournament in itself. After UK's win over Alabama on Saturday, senior guard Joe Crawford said the Cats have viewed the SEC season as a series of one-game tournaments all along. Win, and they stay alive. Lose, and the outlook for the season keeps getting bleaker.

Just five games ago, the outlook seemed pretty bleak. UK had dropped two straight to Mississippi State and Florida and were 1-2 in the SEC. After five straight wins, UK is 6-2 in the conference, 12-9 overall and three games over .500 for the first time since Nov. 27.

Just because the Cats have found recent success, Gillispie doesn't want UK to start looking ahead to what could happen if the Cats finish the conference season as strong as they've started it.

"One at a time, eight times," Gillispie



Senior guard Joe Crawford dives for the ball against Vanderbilt forward Darshawn McClellan on Jan. 12 in UK's double-overtime win at Rupp Arena.

said of the eight games left. "That's what I want them to believe. No matter who you're playing against, it's the most important game you've ever played. They're playing like you have a great sense of urgency right now."

UK's season began its turnaround against the Commodores, a thrilling 79-73 double-overtime win at Rupp Arena on Jan. 12.

At the time, Vanderbilt was 16-0 and ranked No. 13 in the country, but since the loss to UK, the 'Dores have struggled. Vandy lost four of its first six SEC games but is currently on a three-game winning streak of its own.

Vandy played six of its first nine SEC games on the road, but despite the 'Dores' 5-4 conference record, Gillispie said they're still playing as well as they did to start the season.

"They came out of that in really good fashion," Gillispie said. "Even though some people think, 'Well, maybe they've strug-

gled,' they haven't struggled. They've just had six out of nine on the road and that's a very tough stretch to go through."

With first place Tennessee playing at SEC West leader Arkansas tomorrow, a win in Nashville could move the Cats within a half-game of the Volunteers' lead in the East and push the Cats even closer to earning a first round bye in the SEC Tournament, a crucial day off for a team that might have to win the tournament to earn an NCAA bid.

But Gillispie isn't worried about the SEC standings right now. He's got Nashville on his mind.

UK vs. Vanderbilt
When: 9 p.m.

Where: Memorial Gymnasium in Nashville
TV: ESPN

Purdue, Indiana give Big Ten a retro look

By Skip Mylanski
Chicago Tribune

Even the Beatles broke up. So it was really no surprise that last week also saw the dissolution of the Penthouse Five, that quintet of teams in the upper tier of the Big Ten standings.

Not only does Ohio State no longer have a seat in that suite. After its loss at home to Indiana left it still without a quality conference win, it is banished from the top floor as well.

Wisconsin and Michigan State are still on that floor. But they are out in the hallway, needing some rehabilitation before they can get back inside.

That leaves the suite to Purdue and Indiana, those in-state buddies who are calling up memories of a time long past. The Boilermakers are off to their best conference start in 20 years; the Hoosiers have their most conference road wins (five) in 15 years.

The Boilermakers, back then, were coached by Gene Keady, now a TV star. The Hoosiers, back then, were coached by Bob Knight, now retired. Still, it seems like the good ol' days.

Snug in the penthouse

Purdue (19-5, 10-1): Despite their reliance on freshmen, the Boilermakers' success is no surprise to Chris Kramer, their sophomore guard. "As soon as [the freshmen] got here," he said when asked when he knew this team could succeed. "Just seeing them play individually, going through individual workouts,

you knew this group could be very special. Each one of them has a lot of game."

Indiana (20-3, 9-1): Did not surrender a fast-break basket while winning at Ohio State on Sunday and matched the Buckeyes on the boards. According to coach Kelvin Sampson, those are crucial factors to succeeding away from home. "The one thing that can't be there on the road is rebounding," he recently said. "Then giving up easy baskets on transition. Teams feed so much off their crowd. Fans tend to reward effort and teams play harder and sustain it more when the crowd is fueling them with enthusiasm."

On the outside looking in

Wisconsin (19-4, 9-2): Had fallen at home to only one conference team (Illinois) during the reign of coach Bo Ryan. That alone made their Saturday loss to Purdue a shocker. But more shocking was the uneven performance of the Badgers, traditionally one of the league's most consistent teams. They outrebounded the Boilermakers by 22, but they committed 18 turnovers. They made 18 more foul shots than the Boilermakers, but shot just 32.7 percent overall and 28.1 percent on their threes, while the Boilermakers went for 53.1 percent overall and 42.1 percent on their threes. "There are just some things that happen at times," Ryan said. But not often to true championship teams.

Michigan State (20-3, 8-2): Is regularly viewed as one of the conference's grittiest groups. But the Spartans have hardly

shown that trait this year while falling at Iowa and at Penn State. Now, with games at Purdue on Tuesday and at Indiana on Saturday, they have a chance to reclaim their manhood and their place in the penthouse. "This is probably as tough a week as you can have in the Big Ten," coach Tom Izzo said. "It's also a great challenge for us and a great opportunity. Hopefully we can live up to that."

Off on its own

Ohio State (16-8, 7-4): Has spent the season searching for consistency and has still not found it. That has often been manifested by the Buckeyes' performances on the road, where they have lost not only to the Boilermakers and the Spartans, but to Iowa as well. But then they also exhibited their immaturity at home while falling to Indiana. They failed to solve the Hoosiers' zone and settled for too many jump shots. In addition, and more damningly, they failed to match the Hoosiers' tenacity.

On the floors below

Minnesota (15-7, 5-5): Guard Al Nolen has quietly emerged as one of the many quality freshmen littering the league this season. In the Golden Gophers' Saturday win over Iowa, he had 11 points, eight assists and three steals while committing just two turnovers. He also leads the conference in steals, averaging 2.29 per game. Iowa (11-14, 4-8): Coach Todd Lickliter, who is in his first season, has this explanation for his team's inconsistency, which is

as extreme as the Buckeyes: "I do think what we're asking them to do is new enough and unique enough to them, they played the game another way [before]. So at times of stress, in crisis, they revert back. They've done a really good job of giving effort. But to sustain it under stress is difficult." Penn State (11-12, 3-8): Continues to search for some inside production with Geary Claxton gone for the year and Jamelle Corley playing through injury. "When your shots don't fall and you struggle to score inside, there's nowhere to go for offense," coach Ed DeChellis said. "When we add baskets, we look pretty good."

Illinois (10-14, 2-9): Can't make free throws, can't win close games and can't break the spell of futility that has enveloped it since the new year dawned. No wonder, with a look ahead, coach Bruce Weber said, "We've got to see if we can get our spirit up." Michigan (6-17, 2-9): Won at home last week for the first time since Dec. 12. "I appreciate wins more than ever right now," said first-year coach John Beilein. "I know that sounds crazy. We've had terrific seasons with 20-plus wins many times. ... But when you go through a season like this, it makes you appreciate them."

Northwestern (7-14, 0-10): Keeps getting pounded on the boards, where its opponents are averaging a staggering 11.5 more rebounds per game. The Wildcats are also averaging a mere 6.52 offensive rebounds.

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■ KERNEL EDITORIAL

Cutting funding for KEES takes its incentives away

Gov. Steve Beshear seems to have his wires crossed when it comes to making higher education affordable: With tuition on the rise and an ever-increasing demand for financial aid, he has proposed cutting the Kentucky Educational Excellence Scholarship funding by \$13.1 million next year.

In difficult budget times, worthwhile programs must sometimes be scaled back. But when it comes to making higher education more affordable — and therefore more accessible — the discussion should not be how much to cut, but how much can be added.

As it stands, KEES represents a contract between Kentucky high school students and the state. Students who receive high grades throughout high school and score well on standardized college-admissions tests will receive up to \$2,500 for each year of in-state college.

The program provides two strong incentives for Kentucky students: First, study hard and perform well in high school; and second, when picking a college, look in Kentucky first. Since KEES awards can, with few exceptions, only be spent in state, the program should discourage the brightest students from going elsewhere for their postsecondary education.

When funding is threatened, the KEES incentives practically vanish.

Recent high school graduates who had factored the scholarship into their college planning find themselves looking for a new income source. Others who turn down out-of-state schools for the promise of financial assistance in Kentucky colleges second-guess their decisions. And younger students — the high school freshmen and sophomores — perceive that KEES is more of a

nicety than a necessity to the state government and stop factoring it in to their decision-making.

For KEES to be effective, it must be funded with an unwavering commitment. And for it to remain relevant as tuition continues to rise at almost all colleges, the payouts need to start increasing, too.

Since its inception in 1998, KEES has used the same award structure, with up to \$2,500 each year given to the highest-performing high school students. At the time, the scholarship covered a more significant portion of UK's tuition. Now, a KEES award for many is only enough to cover a year of books with some spending money left-over.

Increasing the awards may not be feasible this year because of budget difficulties, but funding for KEES and other scholarships should at least be kept steady for the near future. Finding the funding to double scholarship amounts should become a priority of Beshear and the legislature so that every Kentucky high school student can receive up to \$5,000 each year.

Regardless of the budget outlook, the KEES academic standards should be raised. This would free up some money to be put toward higher individual scholarships, but more importantly, it would make the program better reflect its name — GPAs of 2.5 and ACT scores of 15, which are the current minimum qualifications for KEES, do not fit the definition of "Educational Excellence."

The KEES program was created in part to encourage Kentucky high school students to work harder and perform better academically. By slashing the rewards, Beshear will only alienate top students and make it more difficult for others to attend college.

When it comes to making higher education more affordable and more accessible, the discussion should not be how much to cut, but how much can be added.

■ LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

SG shows willingness to learn about Islam

Recently, I sat in on the "Faithbusters" panel sponsored by the Student Activities Board and organized by the Muslim Student Association to discuss the basics of Islam. I also had the opportunity to attend the most recent UK Student Government meeting, where a sit-in was organized in disapproval of SG President Nick Phelps' forwarded e-mail.

At the SG Senate meeting, I, along with many other UK students, did my best to make clear why false, negative portrayals of any religious or racial group can be both counterproductive and dangerous. At the same time, I encouraged any member of the SG Senate who knew little about Islam to attend the Faithbusters Q and A.

I would just like to applaud Phelps and the fine group of senators who attended. Not only did SG manage to nearly fill an entire row of seats at the event, each of them portrayed a candid

interest in learning more about Islam. At first, I was wary that SG might simply wish to exploit its presence to save face. I now feel certain, however, that all the senators in attendance honestly desired to better educate themselves about Islam and UK's campus-wide Muslim community.

I certainly hope the Muslim Student Association's relationship with SG does not stop here. Knowledge only comes to fruition when it translates into action, and there is much to be done at UK to foster a truly diverse environment.

Although I certainly cannot speak for all of Lexington's Muslims, I can personally say that I am fully ready to work alongside SG toward promoting a more racially, religiously and philosophically diverse experience here at UK.

Matthew Longacre
Management sophomore

Phelps should resign after offensive e-mail

When I read the headline story of Wednesday's Kernel, I felt shocked and embarrassed as a member of the UK student body. It wasn't just because of the poor judgment of Student Government President Nick Phelps. I was also ashamed that a good student at UK could possibly believe and spread such an outrageous and unfounded e-mail.

The people who help spread e-mails about Barack Obama being linked to Islamic terrorists are as ignorant, ill-informed and as easy to manipulate as those on the extreme left who believe the Bush administration had a role in the Sept. 11 attacks.

I am embarrassed that UK lacks diversity and that Phelps can live in such

a vacuum to think for a second the e-mail needed to be seen by others for any reason. I am ashamed that people like Phelps make our SG look like a good ole' boys' club rather than a body of government that should be working on student safety and other issues. I am embarrassed that people outside of the university might think a majority of us support and agree with an SG leader like Phelps.

So please Mr. Phelps, for your university's good name, your constituency and the numerous people you've offended, do the right thing and step down.

Adam Jones
Sociology graduate student

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BRIAN GOODLEY, Kernel cartoonist

SG office manager's departure is sad news to staff, student body

Do you remember that girl who replaced Kelly Kapowski for a season on "Saved by the Bell"? For? Yeah, you do, she always wore this leather jacket and seemed a little too aggressive when flirting with Zack Morris. What about Wayne Arnold, the obnoxious older brother from "Doogie Howser?" Tommy from "Power Rangers?" Christian Laetner?



TYLER MONTELL
Contributing columnist

Howser? Tommy from "Power Rangers?" Christian Laetner? Believe it or not, all of these characters from popular culture play very insignificant roles in our memories: They are all people we were glad to see go.

How many of these characters really made momentous contributions to society? Although I hope they are alive and well, and out opening a royally check somewhere, I really don't miss them at all; in fact, I'm pretty happy to tell them goodbye.

At this time, I want to talk about someone that is the complete opposite of these people.

There are times in life that we do have to say goodbye to some special people, and it isn't good. It isn't fun,

and we sure aren't glad. Today I want to talk about one of those times, and just how special a friend we are saying goodbye to in UK Student Government.

Amanda Stringer, the SG office manager and a great friend to us all in SG, is packing up the family and heading out west; and in order to do that, she has to let us go in the process. She has been through four SG presidents in her tenure, and I think all of them could tell you they couldn't do their job without her.

Amanda, outside of current SG President Nick Phelps, has the coolest office space in the whole place. Her big glass cube is filled with pictures and "Amanda's" stuff, and she is always doing a thousand things at once, making her a true multi-tasker.

In addition to mastering office interior design, she has also set and broken her own record time for replying to e-mails and recovering files. Short of changing the water in the cooler, there isn't anything that Amanda can't do. Around our office, you don't need an "Easy Button."

Amanda is more efficient than four of them together. Amanda has helped so many of you in the student body, whether it was answering a question about one of the many SG services or helping your student organization receive funding. Her professionalism and grace have set such a positive impres-

sion for our organization, and she is always there when students have a problem.

The real joy of working with Amanda was getting the opportunity to live life with her from day to day. For the students who essentially live out of that office, Amanda was more, at times, a life coach than anything.

Amanda, I always joked, is like an "older sister" to me; whether the topic is about girlfriends or legislation, she is always there for advice. Amanda has always been there for us with a hug and an encouraging word when we were down, and she always had a joke when we are up. I remember SG Sen. Alex Garcia saying just the other day: "This place sure won't be any fun without Amanda laughing all the time."

The truth is, Amanda Stringer has been a lot of things to a lot of people at this place, and no matter whom you ask, she's been great in every role. We will miss Amanda greatly this year, and I know that anyone who was lucky enough to work with Amanda now and is involved next year will miss her even more.

So come by this week and drop her a note of just how much this special lady has meant to you and your group over the past few years. I know she will really appreciate it.

Tyler Montell is the UK Student Government Senate President. E-mail opinions@kykernel.com.

Americans deserve coherent, detailed foreign policy platforms

The campaign for the U.S. presidency finally has veered in a more interesting direction. On a daily basis since Super Tuesday, dozens of people have contacted me to express similar thoughts. Especially on the Democratic side, the contest has turned into a real competition.



JOHN BERSIA
Syndicated columnist

To generate even more appeal, the candidates in both parties — and others who may join the fray — should quit wallowing in generalities and move to the next level. Americans need to hear substantive discussions and real debates, particularly on foreign policy and global affairs.

Last year, Dorothy J. Dueser Brown, a reader in Yorktown, Texas, came to symbolize for me the virtual absence of foreign-policy exchanges in the campaign. She understandably wanted more. Indeed, given the world's growing interdependence, Dorothy and other Americans should demand deeper thinking from their top leaders — especially the president and those who seek the job — on international matters, challenges and opportunities.

In terms of the campaign, Americans should insist that the candidates develop and present detailed positions about the following, alphabetically listed issues that have a direct impact on the United States:

■ Climate change. This towering problem, which is tied to energy use, affects everyone and urgently requires solutions. In addition to the prospect of devastating coastal flooding and unusually terrifying weather, climate change warns of massive migration, shortages, conflicts and civil violence.

■ Economic turmoil. America's economic malaise may seem like a national concern, but it is also worrisome to the world, which happens to hold part of the answer. Along with domestic fixes, Americans need to hear about initiatives that would help boost global economic opportunities, thereby benefiting the United States.

■ Emerging powers. The United States has been mighty for so long — not to mention the sole superpower for nearly two decades — that it has trouble dealing with rising centers of influence, such as China and India. This inevitability portends adjustments but not necessarily dramatic U.S. decline.

■ Globalization. Developing slowly and almost unnoticed over the millennia, this phenomenon now accelerates at a dizzying pace. Despite the naysayers who pronounced globalization dead on Sept. 11, it will continue to agitate the world in ways good and bad and requires close monitoring.

■ Health crises. Whether the topic is pandemics, less-widespread but still deadly diseases that ravage humankind or other health needs at home and abroad, this issue calls out for global vigilance, cooperation and remedies.

■ Human-rights violations. For

all the progress that people have made, human rights still languish. It is a particular travesty that human trafficking has climbed to historical heights, with no nation escaping blame. Attentiveness, outspokenness and action are essential.

■ Illegal immigration. Contrary to popular belief, this issue does not defy solution. To shape a consensus, Americans must decide how to move undocumented immigrants toward legal status, toughen border security and crack down on U.S. employers of illegal immigrants.

■ Middle East conflict. From the interventions in Iraq and Afghanistan to Arab-Israeli tensions, Americans need a clearer sense of direction. Despite past missteps, it serves U.S. interests to promote democracy and facilitate enduring regional settlements.

■ Terrorism. This global scourge is here to stay for some time, and Americans must devise a long-term plan to deal with it — not to achieve absolute victory, which is impossible, but to confront the danger realistically, creatively and relentlessly.

■ U.S. role in the world. From Africa to the Americas to Asia to the Middle East, nations historically turned to the United States for inspiration and leadership. Though expanding anti-Americanism has jeopardized that role, a sincere, sustained effort to expand common ground and ease animosities could turn the tide.

Candidates, are you listening? John C. Bersia is the special assistant to the president for global perspectives at the University of Central Florida. E-mail opinions@kykernel.com.

CONCERT IN THE CAFE



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Above: Arts administration sophomore Karah Sutton leads "All That Jazz" at Natasha's Cafe last night during a UK Musical and Operetta Organization presentation of "Love in the Time of Musicals."

Right: Vocal performance sophomore Luther Lewis, left, and Patrick Joel Martin, a vocal performance junior, sing last night at Natasha's Cafe.



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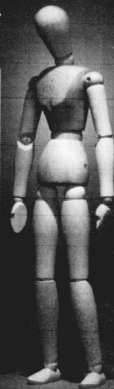
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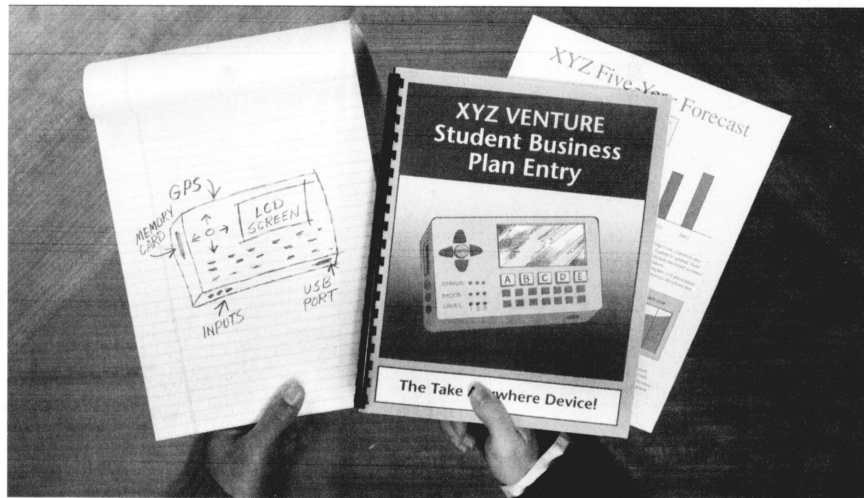
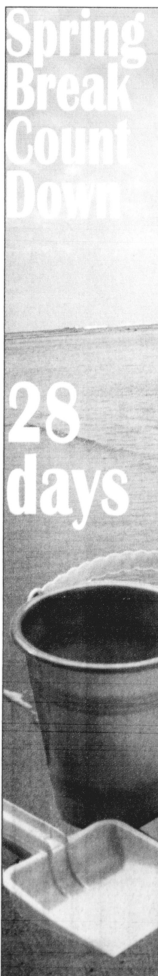
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