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## College students rally in Frankfort for more funding



JONATHAN PALMER | STAFF

UK students leave the Capitol annex after a reception yesterday in Frankfort. About 350 college students from around the state gathered yesterday to voice concerns to state legislators about higher education funding.

By Troy Lyle  
THE KENTUCKY KERNEL

**FRANKFORT** — More than 350 college students from across Kentucky gathered yesterday in the Capitol Rotunda and petitioned legislators to allot more funding for higher education.

Amy Stallings, a theater junior, was one of about 75 UK students at the rally. She said she came to protest the 14.5 percent proposed tuition increase for the 2005-06 school year.

"Every tuition increase makes getting an education harder and harder," she said. "I could barely handle the first two increases, but this next one is going to dry up all of my funds."

One of the rally's speakers, State Treasurer Jonathan Miller, said funding for higher education must be increased.

"I'm tired of hearing peo-

ple say college students are the future," he said. "You're our present and the time to invest in higher education is now."

The rally centered around four themes: funding higher education is a win-win situation, college students are graduating with higher amounts of debt due to tuition increases, tax modernization and restoring cuts will allow universities to grow, and higher education is a smart investment.

Students were given buttons, T-shirts and fliers emblazoned with this year's theme: "Invest in Us: Great Minds, Great Debt." The rally was sponsored and paid for by the Board of Student Body Presidents.

UK's Student Government spent about \$1,700 on two buses and advertising for the rally, said President Rachel Watts.

Watts said she was pleased with this year's turnout — only about 70 students total attended last year's rally.

She said she hoped students would follow up after the rally by contacting their state legislators to ask for more funding.

"Other groups lobby for their needs — we students need to do the same," she said. Other students present at the rally said they thought the rally would make a difference.

LaFarin Meriwether, an agriculture economics and public service leadership junior, said the government needs to recognize the importance of adequate funding.

"It's ridiculous when the quality of education isn't increasing, just the amount that we're paying," he said. "It's a shame."

The financial situation is even worse for out-of-state stu-

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students, said Jordan Baer, a sports management freshman.

"Being from out of state, tuition is already high enough," he said. "It's getting to the point that only the elite can afford to go to college."

The turnout today was phenomenal, but the most important thing for students is to follow up on today's rally by contacting their legislators and expressing their concerns, Watts said.

The rally ended with mascots from every university — except UK — leading chants.

A reception followed in Miller's office where students could snack and talk with the small number of officials and legislators present at the rally.

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## SG officials meet with lawmakers about tuition hikes

By Troy Lyle  
THE KENTUCKY KERNEL

**FRANKFORT** — Student Government President Rachel Watts and Senator-at-large Becky Ellingsworth spent yesterday morning meeting with legislators in Frankfort about the need for higher education funding.

Watts and seven members of the Board of Student Body Presidents visited Senate President David Williams, R-Burkesville, and Rep. Jody Richards, D-Bowling Green.

Jason Marion, Morehead State University's student president, said legislators have made a lot of empty promises.

"If we want to secure jobs for Kentuckians we have to first provide them with a competitive higher education," Marion said. "You can build all the roads you want, but the jobs won't come unless the workforce is educated."

Ellingsworth met with members of the Senate Education Committee, Rep. Rocky Adkins, the house majority floor leader, and State Treasurer Jonathan Miller.

She said these meetings were scheduled to ask legislators how they plan to increase funding and to tell them what students and employees want from this year's budget.

"I believe personalized contact with our legislators is how we are going to best increase awareness and cause real changes," she said.

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## Residents debate cleanliness, noise in neighborhoods

By Elizabeth Troutman  
THE KENTUCKY KERNEL

Residents complained about insufficient street lighting, cars parked in yards and beer cans scattered in the gutters of streets around campus at a town and gown commission meeting yesterday.

"Leaves get mucked up with beer bottles and cans," said Bob Kelly, an assistant design professor. "I keep thinking it can't get any worse, and every year it gets worse. I don't see any way out of it because the price to rent keeps going up."

Lexington-Fayette Urban County Council members and UK representatives met with landlords to discuss projects to improve the residential area around campus and downtown.

Kelly, also a member of North Elizabeth Street Neighborhood Association, said students and landlords often neglect decent housing in the neighborhood surrounding Elizabeth Street.

Former councilman David Stevens echoed Kelly's concern for the residential area close to UK.

"It looks like Bourbon Street in the middle of Mardi Gras," Stevens said of Elizabeth Street.

Stevens said students living in residential areas around campus should do simple things to restore the area. The commission is currently planning a door-to-door initiative to get students and families living around campus to come together.

"Pick up litter and don't park in the front yard," he said. "We want to get students and neighbors to get to know each other. Students are people just like the rest of us."

Kelly said in the past year the property near campus has started to show signs of neglect. Many elderly couples and families that once owned homes in the area have moved elsewhere.

"Code enforcement is cracking down on things they shouldn't have to, like leaves and trash — some of the things you take for granted are not happening," he said.

Harold Tate of the Downtown Development Corp. presented several construction projects in the works that will improve the appearance of the city.

"We need to start doing something to beautify them," he said of the neighborhoods surrounding the university. "Adding items that add life and variety to our neighborhoods."

Tate said the corporation is considering several ideas to improve the appearance of the city. Changes include adding a parking

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## Speaker warns against post-Sept. 11 paranoia

By Shannon Mason  
THE KENTUCKY KERNEL

The half-filled Center Theatre erupted in applause when John Tateishi spoke of his feelings about safety in post-Sept. 11 America.

"I don't feel any safer today than I did on Sept. 12," said Tateishi, the national executive director of the Japanese American Citizens League and a former prisoner in a Japanese detention camp during World War II. "Or safer than I felt on Sept. 10."

Tateishi's speech was part of the Cultural Diversity Week celebrations.

Tateishi compared the internment of the Japanese during World War II to the way America is now.

When the Japanese bombed Pearl Harbor in December 1941, the United States ordered Japanese families to go to detention camps.

Tateishi was 3 years old when his family got the call.

"They told us to come and bring only what we could carry," he said. "That meant we had two weeks to sell our homes, property and anything else."

Forty years later, Tateishi was asked to lead a group that wanted the U.S. government to apologize for what happened. He said he was just "young enough and arrogant enough" to do it.

This led to President Reagan signing the order to send \$20,000 and an apology to each living person who had been imprisoned.

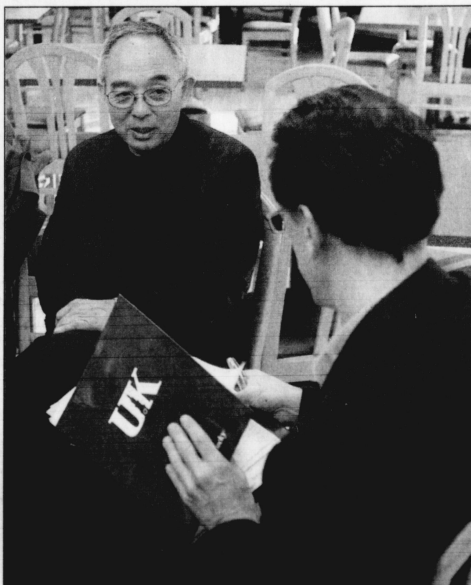
Tateishi said he hoped the government would have learned from its mistakes.

"But in 2001, on Sept. 11, it happened again," he said.

He said that he issued a statement on Sept. 12 cautioning the government not to let what happened after 1941 happen again.

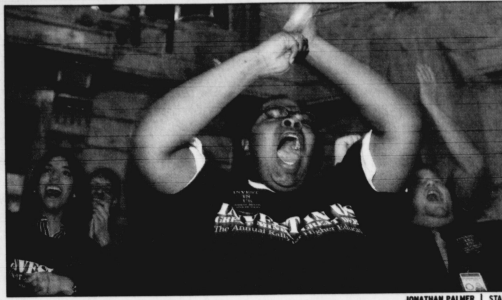
In his visits to Congress after the release of his statement, Tateishi said Senate members seemed reasonable and rational. However, he said, in the House of Representatives there was talk about dangerous

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SCOTT LOWMYER | STAFF

National Executive Director of the Japanese American Citizens League John Tateishi enjoys an afternoon of conversation with Associate Professor of Japanese and Director of the Japan Studies Program Doug Slaymaker after the lecture yesterday at Centre Theatre.



**JONATHAN PALMER | STAFF**  
LaFarin Meriwether, an agriculture economics and public service leadership junior, cheers during the higher education rally in Frankfurt yesterday.

## Town

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garage, implementing a hotel and moving the Farmer's Market to a permanent location. "It's little things we can do to make a big difference in our neighborhoods," he said. "We need to do things other

cities are doing. We need to start taking pride in our city."

The Downtown Development Corp. is funding these projects with individual donations of \$250,000 from local banks. The projects attempt to create a circular pattern that makes downtown Lexington a safer place to walk. Tate said that the city aims to attract more residents to downtown with the proposed projects. "We aim to be very ur-

ban," he said. "People are weary of what this new development is going to do, but more density is not bad."

Projects in the works include Center Court development on South Upper Street, which will provide 124 condominiums and a parking deck with 300 spaces. Tate said the South Hill Crossing construction is scheduled to be complete in September. **E-mail: etroutman@kykernel.com**

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Arabs and Muslims and a serious discussion of round-ups similar to those after 1941.

"In 1941, the question was how do we know who is loyal or disloyal to the United States," Tateishi said. "In 2001, the question became how do we know who might be a terrorist. My question was, how far can we go in the name of safety?"

Students at the speech said the comparisons between the camps and the government's current actions were very moving.

"It was nice to see someone drawing parallels from the past," said Stephanie Little, a philosophy senior.

Tateishi said he thinks there may need to be a few reversed steps in what America has done so far, but he has a definite hope for the future.

"Forty or 50 years from now," he said, "I hope we can look back as a nation and feel proud of our actions."

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## CORRECTION

Monday's article "Visitors pay respects to UK benefactor" incorrectly identified the location where William Scott first met John Gaines. The two met at Christ the King Church in Lexington.

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# The UK Alumni Association Salutes Its Hall of Distinguished Alumni African American Inductees

**Angelo B. Henderson**  
Senior Special Writer,  
The Wall Street Journal/Detroit

Mr. Henderson is a senior special writer for The Wall Street Journal. He reports to the paper's page-one desk in New York from the Detroit bureau. He began his journalism career as a reporter at the St. Petersburg (Fla.) Times, covering the black community. He has written for the Courier-Journal and the Detroit News. In 1992, he received the National Association of Black Journalists (NABJ) Award for outstanding coverage of the Black community. In 1999, he won the Pulitzer Prize for distinguished feature writing. His dramatic narrative detailed the lives affected by an attempted drugstore sit-in that ended in the robber's death. He still remains active on both the national and local level.

**BA '85**  
Hall Induction 2005

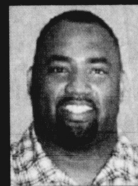


**BA '72, MA '74**  
Hall Induction 2005



**George C. Wright**  
President, Prairie View  
A & M University

Dr. Wright is a noted African-American scholar, and is the author of three books. He has published numerous articles, chapters in books and essays. Two documentaries for television which he co-directed. He has been the recipient of numerous fellowships, grants and awards. He received the Jean Holloway Award for Teaching Excellence, the "Eyes of Texas" Award for excellence in service and the Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity Award for "Outstanding Black Faculty Member." He received the Andrew W. Mellon Faculty Fellowship at Harvard University and was the Friar Society Centennial Fellow for Teaching Excellence, the Silver Spurs Centennial Teaching Fellow and the Lilian and Tom B. Rhodes-Centennial Teaching Fellow.



**Dermontti F. Dawson**  
Football All Star,  
Pittsburgh Steeler

Mr. Dawson is an inductee of the UK College of Education Hall of Fame, the Kentucky Athletic Hall of Fame and was named the College of Education's Philanthropist of the Year. In recognition of his work with children, his Pittsburgh Steeler teammates unanimously named him the recipient of the Ed Block Courage Award. Dawson is well known for his athletic ability. He was an all-state athlete at Bryan Station High School and a highly regarded lineman for the University of Kentucky Wildcats. He participated in seven consecutive pro bowls and was one of the great centers in NFL history.

**BA '88**  
Hall Induction 2005



**MA '64, PhD '80**  
Hall Induction 1995

**Mary I. Smith**  
Educator and Administrator

Before joining Kentucky State University in 1970 as Assistant Coordinator of EPDA In-Service Reading Program for Teacher of Kentucky, she was Assistant Director of the reading clinic and reading instructor at Tuskegee University and taught in public schools in Tennessee, Mississippi, and Kentucky. She became an assistant professor of education at Kentucky State University in 1974, then associate professor education and acting Chairperson of the Division of Education, Human Services, and Technology in 1981. In 1983, she became Dean of the University's College of Applied Sciences and Professor of Education.



**BCS '80**  
Hall Induction 2000

**Arthur B. Still**  
National Football League All-Star

An All-American at UK, Still became just as formidable in the National Football League as a defensive end with the Kansas City Chiefs. Not only was he a four-time Pro Bowl selection, from 1980 to 1982 and in 1984, he was named the Chiefs' Most Valuable Player in 1980 and 1984. He was traded to the Buffalo Bills, where he played his final two years. In 1987, he was inducted into the Chiefs' Hall of Fame. He has volunteered his time with a variety of organizations and agencies, including Special Olympics, Big Brothers and Sisters, the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation, the Leukemia Foundation, the Multiple Sclerosis Foundation, the DART Program, and the Volunteer Prison Release Program.



**MA '58, PhD '61**  
Hall Induction 1995

**John T. Smith**  
Educator and Administrator

Dr. Smith was the first black student to receive a doctorate from UK. His career as an educator included teaching in junior-senior high school, in Ashland and Jefferson community colleges, and at UK. He was the first African-American to serve as a member of the President's administrative staff as Vice President for Minority Affairs. Among his honors and awards were: Distinguished Citizen of Louisville for his work in education; the establishment and naming of the John T. Smith Learning Center at Jefferson Community College; named as a "Teachers of Renown" by the Fayette County School System, and the establishment of the John T. Smith Scholarship Program at the UK Community College System.



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## Advocates renew push to loosen federal stem cell restrictions

By Rick Weiss  
THE WASHINGTON POST

WASHINGTON — Congressional supporters of human embryonic stem cell research launched their most concerted effort to expand federal funding for the controversial field, introducing identical bills Wednesday in the Senate and House that would loosen research restrictions President Bush imposed in 2001.

Invoking the names of Ronald Reagan and actor Christopher Reeve — both of whom died last year from conditions that supporters say may someday be treated with stem cell therapies — members of Congress representing a wide spectrum of political sensibilities called for change. "I firmly believe that embryonic stem cell research is the greatest medical hope of the 21st century," Rep. Michael Castle, R-Del., said at a Capitol Hill news conference.

The Stem Cell Research Enhancement Act of 2005 represents the second major push in as many years to change the federal rules. Embryonic stem cells appear capable of rebuilding ailing organs but are mired in controversy because five-day-old human embryos must be destroyed to retrieve them.

Under current policy, federal money may be used to study only colonies of

stem cells derived from embryos destroyed before Aug. 9, 2001. That has kept the huge federal science enterprise from exploring the potential of newer colonies, which appear to have advantages over older ones.

The new bill would allow federally funded researchers to derive fresh colonies of stem cells from spare embryos that are about to be discarded by fertility clinics, if parents agree to offer them for research. It would not allow taxpayer money to be used to create embryos by cloning or other means — practices far more politically divisive than using spare embryos.

The issue of stem cell research has polarized Congress, with insufficient majorities available to either loosen Bush's restrictions or tighten them.

Hill watchers said it is still too early to say whether that stalemate will be broken this year. With Republicans having won several new seats in November, advocates of greater restrictions — led by Sen. Sam Brownback, R-Kan. — have expressed optimism that they may prevail. A spokesman for Brownback said only that the senator is still studying the language.

Research advocates say they, too, feel more energized than ever. With California and a handful of other states moving

to finance embryonic cell research on their own and a new public opinion poll on Tuesday suggesting that at least three-quarters of Americans support the research, lawmakers and others said Wednesday that they believe the tide is turning in their favor.

"There is sort of a Wild West effect going on right now with states passing initiatives, private funding going on and a lot of this research going offshore," said Rep. Diana DeGette, D-Colo., who with Castle has led the charge in the House. "The result is there is no ethical control over the research and no coordination going on. Policymakers are now realizing we've got to get a grip on the research."

Lawrence Soler, a vice president with the Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation, said it is significant that the new bill is starting out with fully 160 cosponsors, far more than the few dozen last year. "I think there now is a clear majority of support in the House and Senate," he said.

But with the House leadership opposed and Senate Majority Leader Bill Frist of Tennessee eyeing the 2006 Republican presidential nomination, the hardest part may be getting the bill to the floor. Some strategists expect to see the pro-stem cell bill tacked onto a larger bill later this year.

## Study adds 35,000 years to estimate on human debut

By Bryn Nelson  
NEWSDAY

Our debut as humans just became a lot more historic.

A new study concludes that the earliest known humans appeared in southern Ethiopia around 195,000 years ago, about 35,000 years earlier than previously thought, based on what researchers say are the oldest anatomically modern human fossils ever found.

Although leaving the full-fledged arrival of Homo sapiens far from resolved, the "bombshell," as it's being called by other scientists, suggests that

roughly three-fourths of modern human evolution occurred within the African continent.


"This is really good news," said Sally McBrearty, a paleoanthropologist at the University of Connecticut in Storrs.

"It's a great date for an incredibly important fossil — the date for the oldest representative of our species," agreed Daniel Lieberman, a biological anthropologist at Harvard.

Study co-author John Fleagle, a professor of anatomical sciences at Stony Brook University, said the research fits well with evidence that the last of our

genes became fully distinct from other primates around 200,000 years ago. It supports other genetic studies showing that the bulk of human genetic diversity occurring since then is found within Africa, before inhabitants began emigrating to the Middle East, Europe, and Asia about 50,000 years ago.

If corroborated, the research may only widen the poorly understood gap between the appearance of anatomically modern humans and the profusion of cave painting, rock art and other "modern" behavior which most records suggest also began about 50,000 years ago.



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## Hockey's canceled, but who cares?

I couldn't point and click my mouse any faster.  
"Do you care that the NHL season has been canceled?"  
No.

And apparently, most (68 percent) of the 37,000 or so who took that poll on S.L.com had the same answer.

Yesterday with Lord Stanley turning in his grave, NHL commissioner Gary Bettman closed the door on the 2004-05 season.

Bettman said it was a "sad, regrettable" day.

With pro football, basketball, the major leagues and plenty of collegiate competition to keep me busy, I haven't noticed the NHL's absence.

Not that I would anyway.  
Don't get me wrong. I may not be the biggest hockey fan on earth, but there's hardly a sport I'm not fond of.  
UK hockey games are a rite of passage in Lexington — but watching the warm weather Dallas Stars skate



**Derek Poore**  
COLUMNIST

against the Nashville Predators in the football state of Tennessee is not.

Canada is where North American hockey got its start. Then the first professional league was formed in the upper peninsula of Michigan.

Hockey continued its migration deeper into America where it's worshipped from Minnesota to Connecticut. Hockey's professional status began in the United States because that's where the premier North American sporting leagues were — Major League Baseball and the National Football League.

But the NHL freewheeled a little too much and kept marching south (Tampa Bay Lightning and the Atlanta Thrashers. I'm looking your way).

Fights have become the premier attraction to the NHL — and they don't wait a second to promote it. Hey, the fights are fun to watch, but is that what hockey is all about? Hockey isn't boxing.

It's hard to appreciate the finer points of hockey when a mismanaged league goes that far.  
Sports fans are usually bred out of childhood experiences — the Pee-Wee Leagues, Little League Baseball and shooting hoops in your driveway.

Where's hockey's root in our neighborhoods?  
Could hockey garner the popularity of other sports? Yes, but hockey has taken a huge step back.

But now the NHL has betrayed what fans it had left. The American sports media hasn't blinked since hockey's slated start last fall.

Hey, more time to cover the other three big sports.

The NHL made the same mistake the NBA (1998), baseball (1994) and the NFL (1982) did. I won't take sides, but both the league and the players are responsible for letting it get out of hand.  
America's Pastime was resurrected by McGwire and Sammy. The NFL moved to king of the hill. And while the NBA is just happy to be treading water after their lockout fiasco, basketball never ceased to be a popular sport in this country.

Is there room left for the NHL at America's sporting dinner table?

Oh there will be hockey next year, Bettman said.

But will anyone care?  
Nobody did this year.

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## UK HOOPS

### Cats travel to No. 1 LSU

To snap a three-game losing streak, the UK women's basketball team will have to do something it never has — knock off a top-ranked team.

Tonight, the Cats travel to Baton Rouge, La., to face No. 1 Louisiana State at 8 p.m. The Cats (14-11, 3-7 Southeastern Conference) have lost six of their last seven games and have yet to win on the road in the SEC this season. UK has never beaten a top-ranked team in school history (0-14), and is 1-4 against ranked opponents this season.

"To have a chance to upset the nation's top-ranked team, we are going to have to shoot better than we've been shooting the past couple of games and take care of the basketball," said UK head coach Mickie DeMoss. "LSU has talent in every position and we are going to have to play smart and play together."

On Sunday UK dropped a 65-50 decision to Auburn after shooting just 30.5 percent from the floor. Freshman guard Samantha Mahoney led the Cats for the second consecutive game with a team-high 13 points.

LSU (23-1, 10-0 SEC) has won 10 consecutive games, including a 98-36 victory over South Carolina on Sunday. The Lady Tigers are currently riding a 14-game home win streak. Junior forward Selmae Augustus leads the Lady Tigers with 20.1 points per game.

The Lady Tigers are un-

der the direction of first-year head coach Poley Chatman, who was the acting head coach last season when coach Sue Gunter had to miss the final 20 games due to illness. Chatman led the Lady Tigers to the program's first NCAA Final Four appearance.

LSU leads the all-time series between the two schools 19-7, including a 7-2 advantage in games played in Baton Rouge. The Lady Tigers have won the last seven meetings between the two schools. UK's last win against LSU was Feb. 26, 1999, 81-71, in the first round of the SEC Tournament. UK's last win in Baton Rouge against the Lady Tigers was Feb. 25, 1986, 63-59. LSU was No. 17 at the time.

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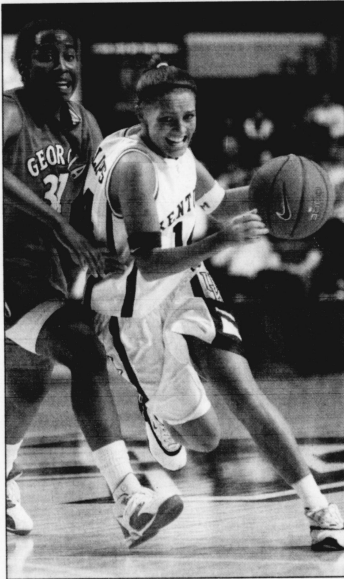
### Kentucky Wildcats (14-11)

Probable Starters	PPG	SPG
F Sara Potts	13.6	4.9
F Charle Swain	4.7	1.6
C Jennifer Humphrey	7.5	6.8
G Angela Phillips	5.2	3.8*
G Samantha Mahoney	10.2	2.8

### No. 1 Louisiana St. Tigers (23-1)

Probable Starters	PPG	SPG
F Selmae Augustus	20.1	4.5
F Wendyn Jones	5.3	5.6
C Tillie Willis	3.1	3.8
G Terrika Johnson	9.5	2.8
G Scholanda Horton	9.3	2.6

\* Besides assists per game



UK sophomore guard Angela Phillips leads the Cats with 91 assists. Trying to snap a three-game losing streak, the Cats travel to No. 1 LSU. UK has never defeated a top-ranked team (0-14).

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## Get moe. for your money



By Ryan Ebelhar  
THE KENTUCKY KERNEL

Often compared to such classic rock greats as the Allman Brothers Band and the Grateful Dead, moe. finds itself in a peculiar position given that its members cite such influences as The Clash, Uncle Tupelo and the Blue Oyster Cult.

However, moe.'s style is a unique and entertaining mixture of those bands that are known to leave audiences in awe.

moe. will entertain a UK audience tonight at 8 at the Singletary Center for the Arts.

moe. is known best for its incredible improvisation skills, which are matched

only by Phish. In fact, moe.'s guitarist cites his main influence as Trey Anastasio of Phish fame.

In addition, bassist and lead singer Rob Derhak has been compared to Primus front man Les Claypool because of their similar "freak" bass style.

If their performances at previous Bonnaroo Festivals are any indication, then tonight one can expect to see a show that lasts for hours and a set list that spans their entire career with a few covers thrown in for good measure.

moe. is also known for being in tune with the audience. All moe. shows are free to be recorded and traded via the Internet as long as they

moe., the band that defies all labels, will perform at 8 p.m. at the Singletary Center. Tickets cost \$22 for general public and \$17 for UK and LCC students.

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aren't sold for profit. They have kept their ticket prices comparatively low over the years, while some of their counterparts charge three times as much for tickets.

Another telling gesture of the band's good will toward their fans: They found a digital camera in a seat after one of their shows and put it up on their website in hopes that the fan finds it.

They also recently held a benefit show for the tsunami victims in Asia with all proceeds being matched by the Dave Matthews Band.

Tickets to tonight's show cost \$22, with a \$5 discount for UK and LCC students.

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## Central Park's 'gates' will be recycled

By Mary Voboril  
NEWSDAY

NEW YORK — The prosaic fate of "The Gates," the Christo and Jeanne-Claude spectacle in Central Park, is in stark contrast to its lavishly celebrated 16-day life:

"The aluminum reinforcement corners all will be industrially recycled; the steel will be melted," Jeanne-Claude, Christo's wife and artistic collaborator, said on the eve of the project's Feb. 12 debut.

The aluminum "will be used either in cars, parts of airplanes, cans of soda pop, whatever aluminum is used for."

"We cannot tell you we are the best artists in the world," Jeanne-Claude said, "but we can tell you we are the cleanest."

This week, project spokeswoman Harriet Irgang said the 16 miles of vinyl poles are to be ground into plastic chips for use as filler, though she couldn't say filler for what. She also declined to identify the recycling company.

The 1 million square feet of rip-stop nylon fabric, she added, is to be "shredded and ground to become carpet lining or filling material."

Chief engineer Vince Davenport said that on Feb. 28, "The Gates" are to be deconstructed on site. Components are to be placed in carts and hauled to a road, "and from there they go to the proper receptacle and are taken to the recycling plant."

Previous project fabric has been reborn as carpet padding and haystack tarps. However, in 1983 Christo paid \$8,000 to have 6.5 million square feet of pink polypropylene remnants of his "Surrounded Islands" in Miami buried in a solid-waste dump.

For "The Gates" event, the artists also bought 1 million swatches of the project's signature orange fabric. Upon request, project "monitors" give "Gates"-goers complimentary 2.75-by-2.75-inch souvenir swatches.

Monitors wear gray smocks and carry aluminum poles topped by yellow-green tennis balls.

## What the FCC wants to do to TV

By Jube Shiver Jr.  
LOS ANGELES TIMES

WASHINGTON — The House voted overwhelmingly Wednesday to authorize federal regulators to sharply boost indecency fines for radio and television stations to as much as \$500,000 per incident.

The action now awaits expected Senate approval of a less sweeping proposal.

The measures, each of which would boost fines at least 10-fold, from \$32,500 today, are aimed at making the financial sting much more painful when broadcasters cross the line in airing sexual content and coarse language.

Under the House's Broadcast Decency Act, which passed 389-38, the FCC could boost fines to the \$500,000 maximum. Likewise, performers also could be subjected to fines of the same amount.

By contrast, the milder Senate version would increase the penalty for broadcasters to \$325,000. Performers would be subject to the same penalties as they are now: a first-time warning, followed by a fine of up to \$11,000 on the second violation.

Network affiliates would be protected from fines if they were unaware indecent programming was to be broadcast.

Rep. Fred Upton, R-Mich., chairman of the House telecommunications panel and author of the bill, predicted that if higher penalties become law "broadcasters will think twice about pushing the envelope. And our kids will be better for it."

But opponents predicted the bill will stifle creativity. In a statement, NBC said it "raises very serious constitutional and free speech issues. This approach of government reg-

ulation and censorship is fundamentally misguided."

Opponents pointed to last Veterans Day, when 66 ABC affiliates refused to air an uncensored version of "Saving Private Ryan."

Rep. Bernie Sanders, I-Vt., called the measure "a bad bill and... a dangerous bill." And Rep. Jan Schakowsky, D-Ill., warned that approval of the bill "would put Big Brother in charge of deciding what is art and what is free speech."

Nonetheless, both bills enjoy broad, bipartisan support from legislators fed up with raunchy shock jocks and such incidents as Janet Jackson's breast-baring dance routine at last year's Super Bowl.

The White House, in a prepared statement, also gave its blessing, saying the proposal "will make broadcast television and radio more suitable for family viewing."

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## Citizens need original ideas

I really must get another hotmail account.

For the past couple of weeks, I have been besieged by a steady string of e-mails from a faithful reader whose aim is to enlighten me about the "real truth" concerning Iraq.

**Jonathan Meador**  
KERNEL COLUMNIST

Apparently as his e-mails assert, I am not getting the whole story, and he has asked me to write a column so that I might convey to The Kernel's readership this "real truth."

This "steady string" of e-mails is one of those banal chain letters popular among those who prefer to opinions pre-packaged and pre-thought, and is richly populated with a rambling litany of fun-facts about Iraq.

"Did you know that there are 1,192,000 cell phone subscribers in Iraq, and phone use has gone up 158 percent" and "...the Iraqi government employs 1.2 million Iraqi people" and "...the Iraq Air Force consists of three operation squadrons, nine reconnaissance and three U.S. C-130 transport aircraft which operate day and night, and will soon add 16 UH-1 helicopters and four bell jet rangers?"

No, I did not know this... but does that really matter? To take such a complex and embroiled situation such as that of Iraq and distill it into terms of how many planes they have and how many people they employ fails to answer bigger, more abstract questions.

What right does one nation have to force a style of government upon another? How far do we have to stretch the word "democracy" to encompass the new Iraqi government? Did the means (falsifying weapons of mass destruction, waging war) justify the ends (Iraqi democracy)? How much will it cost me to text message an Iraqi citizen?

The answers that can be given to these questions come only with time and (perhaps, although to a much lesser extent) by debate. Data is meaningless unless it has context; to say that Josef Stalin's U.S.S.R. employed millions of people and that there are cell phone subscribers in Red China does nothing to tell me of these people's relative freedoms and liberties.

Once the list is finished, the e-mail arrives at its main point: "... A Bush-hating media and Democratic party would rather see the world blow up and lose their power," adding further, "I am ashamed of my fellow Americans who would rather see terrorism succeed than a Republican president."

I'm not a Democrat (nor do I play one on TV), but I don't think I would be going out on a limb if I were to suggest that the Democratic Party, as a whole, wouldn't like to see "the world blow up" (they're pro-environment). As for the media, I hate them too, so I do agree with him there.

But it's that last sentence, the one that equates not supporting the president with supporting terrorism, which really gets me. It's an "If you're not with us, you're against us," mentality, the kind employed by xenophobic schoolyard bullies and the peer-pressure of high school: Busch-league reasoning, all of it.

So let's stop with all this nonsensical chain e-mailing, stop with the short-sighted views you stole from the wizard of pundit-land, stop forcing them down other's throats no matter how "good" our intentions, and start formulating our own views. We're in short supply of good opinions in this country, and we certainly don't need the bad ones clogging its arteries, much less our hotmail accounts.

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College students attended a rally in Frankfort yesterday to encourage state legislators to increase funding for higher education.

## IN OUR OPINION

# Rally had mixed success

University students from all over the state traveled to Frankfort yesterday afternoon to make their voices heard regarding the need for greater financial support of higher education from the Kentucky General Assembly.

Though the crowd consisted of students from more than eight universities, including several community colleges, less than 400 actually showed up.

Not a very impressive show of strength despite the huge problems facing students when it comes to higher education funding in the state.

The number of students this year was relatively close to the turnout last year at a Frankfort rally for the same cause.

Considering the low number, it's not surprising that legislators didn't fall all over themselves to help students, nor is it surprising that students might face a worse situation this year.

As nice as it would be for legislators to work together in the interest of students, it doesn't work that way. There is an endless list of needs and not enough money to go around — and a big part of prioritizing that list depends on who expresses their needs the clearest.

If students want their representatives to fight harder, students are going to have to talk louder.

Fortunately, there was some improvement for UK this year.

More than twice as many UK students attended yesterday's rally than attended last year.

Student Government paid for three buses last year and less than 25 seats were filled. This year about 75 students traveled to Frankfort in two buses

financed by SG.

It's good that SG was a bit more conservative when calculating turnout this year. While there certainly should have been more students from UK at the rally, considering how many students complain about what's happening, 75 is less pitiful than last year's 25.

Part of the problem with turnout may be the timing, as the rally would have required most students to skip classes. But that's not much of an excuse, as students skip classes for silly reasons every day. Transportation costs don't have been an issue as SG provided buses. More publicity for the rally could have helped. There was some advertising, but a lot more could have been done to help educate students

about the event.

More than anything else, yesterday was yet another indication that while college students could have a loud voice in this state, they don't seem to care enough to do much more than complain on their way to class.

That needs to change before anything else.

As we come into the SG elections this year, candidates need to do what the students were asking of legislators yesterday: Stop paying lip service to the potential political power the student body could have.

Every year we hear about how students could have such a huge impact on policy-making. And yet, every year policies and choices that hurt students win out.

UK students need local representation that can generate interest and effort because they can't do it for themselves, for some reason. And it doesn't get more local than our own SG.

**Lacking initiative, students need leaders to be responsible voices on their behalf.**

# Moderate voters not on Dean's list

*Yeeeahigh!* It looks like the national unemployment rate should have dropped a little more this week, because at least two famous people have new high-profile jobs: Attorney General Alberto Gonzales and screaming Howard Dean, the new chairman of the Democratic National Committee.

First, one disclaimer about Dean: Aside from his hilarious *Yeeeahigh!* scream after his loss in the Iowa primary, "Republicans will not tell America what our agenda is."

On Monday, Dean himself seemed to reference the "flip-flop" problem by announcing that his first and greatest idea for Democrats is to "stand up for what we believe in." Also, "(We'll) frame the issues," Dean explained. "Republicans will not tell America what our agenda is."

Clearly John Kerry's backtracking on much of what he truly believed, whatever that was, didn't impress people very much last year. But Dean's crash-and-burn after Iowa, along with Mondale and Dukakis's failed campaigns during the '80s, all proved even more that frank, in-your-face liberalism also tends to make people nervous.

It's a Catch-22, national Democrats. Neither concealed nor blatant liberalism wins elections. What say you?

One obvious strategy is for the left-leaning pundits to remake Dean's liberal image. Many liberals, for example, think it's hugely effective to use a more ambiguous term like "progress-

ive" to define "liberals," as Hofstra University professor David Green recently suggested in an online essay.

But New York Times writer Paul Krugman made one of the silliest definition efforts in his Tuesday column. (I realize I've been reading a lot of NYT columns lately; I can't help myself.) In that column, perhaps after having realized that "progressives" haven't actually been all that progressive on issues like Social Security and reforming Iraq, Krugman declared that Dean's not a liberal at all.

It's true, he said. Just ask any genuine liberal to tell you so. Instead, Dean's just one of the "fighting moderates," Krugman explained, who are locked in the struggle with "right-wing radicals" in the Bush administration.

How strange. I thought "moderate" described a somewhat relaxed demographic whose members don't want to take strong positions on many issues, either because they're confused about them or because they don't want to offend people who disagree. Every presidential election comes down to the candidates reaching out to the undecided moderates during the last few weeks, and they're given near-royalty status during presidential debates.

But now Krugman introduces a new demographic: The oxymoronic Fighting Moderates.

I wonder if Dean himself, a proud and unshamed liberal, would appreciate the label. True moderates, especially in the Democratic party and in the South, would appreciate it less.

Recall those infamous exit polls last year, in which millions of voters, many conservative Republicans and thoughtful Democrats, claimed that moral issues were important to them?

No, those voters didn't mean helping the environment, or "giving" to the poor via the enforcing hand of government bureaucracy. They mean liberals' too-frequent encroachments on First Amendment-guaranteed religious liberties and expression, especially in courthouses and in public.

And they meant elitist mayors and Massachusetts judges who tried to shortcut the legislative process by claiming that same-sex unions should be legal, without consulting the people who are supposed to be in charge.

Dean has to offer voters who think like that?

He said nothing about those subjects in his DNC acceptance speech.

Instead, Screaming Dean, he of the strongly held yet amusingly flawed principle, has yet to change his robust support for court-imposed redefinition of marriage. He also hasn't apologized for trying to act all religious when he claimed his favorite New Testament book was Job, about "the suffering of the poor."

Of note: Job was the suffering rich man in the *Old Testament*.

Also, Dean left his Episcopal Church in Montpelier, Vt., over the deep religious conviction that he didn't had put in a bike path when he didn't want them to.

Ha! And meanwhile, Democrats are desperately consulting quasi-religious leaders to try to figure out what they can say and do to fool the values voters. And Hillary Clinton, presumably the top Democrat choice for the 2008 election, is remaking herself as a moderate, too — presumably a fighting one.

I'll admit it's kind of fun to watch all the fighting liberal "moderates" like these try to figure out how much they should fight moderately, and what they should fight for, and whether they should to detest faith-based voters or talk them into changing their votes.

Now it seems the greatest danger for conservatives is turning smug and arrogant while their political opposition flounders.

Can I say this one more time? *Yeeeahigh!*

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## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

### Men can handle bashing

*Editor's note: This is a response to Crystal Little's Feb. 16 column.*

A couple of years ago Leonard Pitts (Pulitzer Prize winner for commentary) had the perfect answer for the "What if you said the same things about women as they do about men?" criticism of male-bashing. He pointed out that jokes at the expense of an authority figure have been around as long as people have told jokes, and that a male-bashing joke does not change the fact that men, especially white men, dominate American politics, business, and finance. He concluded, "You can have power or you can have pity, but you can't have both."

ANGELA STOCKTON  
UK alumnus

### Immigration column wrong

After reading Keren Henderson's column on how an Argentinian family is making a "heroic choice" in leaving a comfortable American life on a visa to return to their home country, I found myself unsettled at how ethnocentric, native and delusional the author was.

One of the logical fallacies made in this article that angered me was that it is more courageous for this family to go back to Argentina rather than attempt to become naturalized citizens in America.

What Henderson feels is "right" doesn't put food on this family's table and educate their children. America is a land that was built on immigration, and I'm sure somewhere in Henderson's family is immigration, just like in most others and mine.

It is trivial how people who love America for its magnificent citizenship rights and values can be so quick to deny those rights to others. Wouldn't you much rather live next to illegal immigrants trying to give their family a better life here in America than American citizens breaking the law for petty reasons of greed?

Instead of congratulating immigrants on living within in the law, as if they were more inclined than Americans to break it, we should celebrate the heroism of those that contribute to the American society and culture every day, encouraging them to stay and become naturalized citizens.

ADAM JONAS  
sociology senior

### Budget must balance concerns

UK's rising tuition needs more action and a deeper consideration than just a quirk rally to Frankfort with an unqualified call to lower tuition. Tuition has risen substantially every year for three years, and it's a joke to believe the Fletcher administration will work to substantially increase funding to higher education while holding on to their "revenue neutrality" mantra and slashing corporate taxes that are already lower than surrounding states.

We don't want a budget balanced on the backs of Kentucky's students, but we also don't want it balanced on the backs of the poor or anyone else who can't pay.

There are two bills in Frankfort that can set things straight. The first is HB 277, which makes the income tax system fairer by establishing true tax brackets in such a way that lowers or maintains tax levels for 71 percent of Kentuckians, but generates \$300 million to help fund education and other crucial services.

The other is HB 276, which closes corporate loopholes and generates between \$100 and \$300 million in revenue.

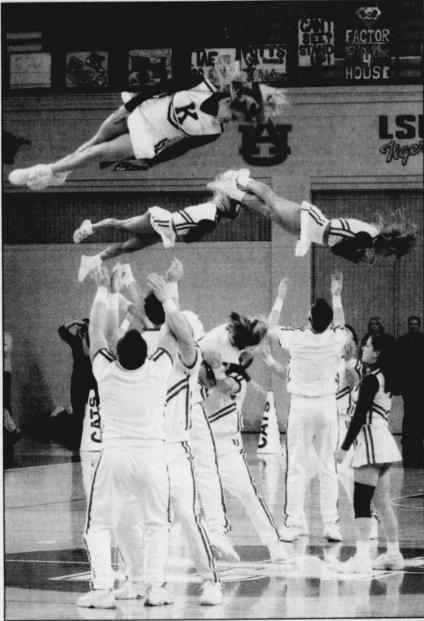
Kentuckians For The Commonwealth (KFTC) members have been in Frankfort three days a week to lobby legislators on this issue, and more students are always welcome to join us.

To learn much more about Kentucky's tax crisis and how we can fix it, come out to the Tax Justice Workshop at 6:30 p.m. Tuesday in the Student Center.

JENNIFER MYATT  
UK postbaccalaureate student



## SPORTS BRIEFS



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The UK cheerleading white squad performs during halftime Feb. 10 in Memorial Coliseum.

### Cheerleaders take title

Last weekend, UK cheerleading's white squad added a national championship to the UK trophy case.

The white squad won the Grand National Championship at the Cheerleaders of America North American Collegiate Championship, Feb. 11-12 in New Orleans.

This was the first time the COA held a college national championship, and it was the first time the UK white squad had the chance to compete on a national level.

The squad performed a two-and-a-half-minute routine, all with music, that included gymnastics, stunts and dance.

"It was cool," said UK junior Jeff Bannan. "They've been talking about working toward this (a national competition for the white squad), and everything finally came into place."

### UK women stay in first at SEC

GAINESVILLE, Fla. — The UK women's swimming squad broke a school record and held onto its lead Wednesday, while the UK men set a new record on day one of the Southeastern Conference Swimming Championships in Florida's O'Connell Center Natatorium.

The UK women, on the strength of three conference diving titles captured last week, remain in first place with 166 points and lead second-place South Carolina by 35 points. The UK men remain in fourth place with 129 points.

Senior Jessica Siegle, junior Laura Graham and freshmen Heather and Jenny Bradford completed the 200-medley relay in a school-record time of 1:39.78 for fourth place.

In the 800 freestyle relay, senior Daniel Cruz, junior Daniel Farnham, senior Jeram Chudleigh and junior Steven Manley completed the relay in 6:24.14, besting their own school record set at the 2004 NCAA Championships by nearly five seconds.

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## It's easy to believe in a kid this good

By Stan McNeal  
THE SPORTING NEWS

Call me Gullible Guy, Mr. Pollyanna or just plain silly. I want to believe that Michael Jordan spends as much time with his family as he likes to tell us, that Kobe Bryant really isn't a bad soul and that Ron Artest has learned his lesson.

Those seldom-shared opinions might not even show the bounds of my naivete. I also believe the perennial angst over kids skipping college for the NBA is wasted energy. LeBron James isn't the only reason, either. Look at the Western Conference All-Star team. Five of the 12 players went from the pros to the pros. Or consider the record eight high schoolers drafted last June. Six already have shown they belong with the best players in the world. The other two are on the Heat and SuperSonics, elite teams with little need for rookie contributions.

After seeing the Next Big Thing last week, I can say with even more conviction that college isn't a requirement for basketball success. In fact, you could put Greg Oden on an NBA roster right now and he would not embarrass himself. And get this: He's only a junior.

Of course, he's also 7 feet tall and looks more 27 than just-turned 17, with sculpted

arms (and a full goatee) that LeBron himself would envy. Oden's game features the fundamental soundness you'd expect from someone schooled in Indiana, and I'm not talking country-quiet Hoosiers, either. Oden plays for nationally ranked Lawrence North, an Indianapolis school with an enrollment of 2,700 and a JV team that likely would handle your local school's varsity. With five assistant coaches and two trainers, the varsity's bench resembled an NBA team's. I saw Oden play against a mediocre — by Indiana standards — team from Ben Davis, a school with its own radio and TV stations, sports PR staff and a student section that could do the Cameron Crazies proud.

Oden runs well and has big hops, a solid jumper and an improving jump hook. He handles the ball confidently without bouncing it off his size 19s. He's comfortable at center, too: he's no K.G. wannabe who prefers setting up away from the hoop. When Oden blocks a shot, which is quite often, he doesn't sweat it for show; he tries to tap it to a teammate. Against Ben Davis, whose tallest player was 6-foot-5, Oden often looked like Shaq defending Earl Boykins — except, Oden was mobile enough to stay in front of his man. He made all 10 of his

shots, half of them dunks, and blocked six shots in leading his team to its 14th victory in 16 games.

Granted, dominating a bunch of relative pipsqueaks does not qualify one for NBA readiness. But there are pro scouts who say Oden, if eligible, would be the first pick in this year's draft. College basketball insider Mike DeCourcy called Oden "the most polished prep 7-footer since — no kidding — Lew Alcindor" (*The Sporting News*, July 12, 2004).

What impressed me more than Oden's game was his head: It's on straight!

Base that on:  
• His home life. He shares a two-bedroom apartment with his single mom (who always points out that his dad, though living out of state, plays an active role in his life) and chauffeurs his brother — a 6-7, 250-pound ninth-grader — in a minivan.

• His coaches. They say Oden cares so much about his teammates that he needs constant reminding to be more assertive. In fact, coach Jack Keefer has instituted a rule that if Oden doesn't shoot at least 15 times, he runs the risk of not starting. "The first time we did that, he scored a bunch of points," Keefer says.

• How he handles himself. He gathers his teammates before free throws, making sure they know what to do next.

He pleasantly obliged the Ben Davis students crowded outside his locker room waiting for an autograph or to have their photo taken with him. He celebrates a good play with a simple slap of a teammate's hand, not the typical chest-thumping theatrics.

• What he says. He's not ready for the NBA and, for now, wants to attend college and major in accounting ("I'm good at math"). All of the attention has nothing to do with him being special ("I'm big"). He has avoided playing against NBA or even college players ("I'm scared").

Coincidentally, there's a prep-to-pros All-Star in Indy who could be an ideal role model. The Pacers' Jermaine O'Neal says his first lesson would be, "You can't be afraid. Never fear anyone who breathes the same air as you."

O'Neal sounds practically eager to offer his guidance. "Get me his number, and I'll give him a call," he says.

When I attempted to do just that, I found out that steps were taken last year to hook up the two. O'Neal, however, did not deliver. Someone in the Oden camp says it likely was a scheduling issue, that he believes O'Neal's intentions are sincere and the two will get together.

And guess what? So do I.

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