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De Klerk: US key in global world

A former President for South Africa, de Klerk freed Nelson Mandela and won the Nobel Peace Prize

By Danielle Komis
STAFF WRITER

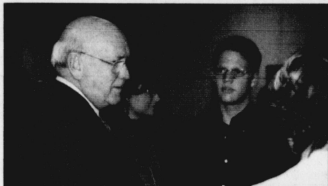
Frederik W. de Klerk, former president of South Africa, said the long-term way to combat terrorism must include "tackling the roots of poverty and repression."

De Klerk gave a lecture last night at the Singletary Center for the Arts on the role of the United States in

an increasingly globalized world.

De Klerk is perhaps best known for ending apartheid, South Africa's racial segregation policy, and transforming South Africa into a democracy by allowing black citizens to have voting rights.

He lifted the ban on the African National Congress, South Africa's governing par-



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Luke Woodward, a freshman biology student, prepares to ask F.W. de Klerk a question at a reception following de Klerk's speech.

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Housing program gaining attention

25 other universities have had similar programs; UK official says five applications come in each day

By Ryan Garrett
STAFF WRITER

UK students will not be forced out of their homes due to the Live Where You Work initiative, UK administrators said. The employer-assisted housing program announced last week by UK, the Lexington-Fayette Urban County Government and Samaritan Hospital was not designed to remove students from the neighborhoods surrounding campus, said the designers of the plan.

Rather, UK hopes the program will entice employees to move into the area as well, revitalizing the neighborhoods, said Brenda Weaver, director of the Kentucky Partnership Office of Fannie Mae, a company that helps coordinate employer-assisted housing programs.

Under the program, which was created by the Lexington Downtown Development Authority and Fannie Mae, UK employees can receive up to \$15,000 in a forgivable loan toward the purchase of a home in one of the neighborhoods surrounding campus.

"This program provides an incentive for employees to look for a home in the area where they work," Weaver said. First-time home buyers and full-time employees, who have not owned a home in the past three years, receive priority for the loans, which are forgiven at a rate of 20 percent per year over a five-year period.

The \$50,000 UK set aside to fund the first batch of requests made under the Live Where You Work initiative came from a private contribution, said Bart Miller, the Disability Benefits Manager at UK, in an e-mail.

The funds were not directed into scholarships or other programs because the donor requested the money be used to "further the community development initiatives of the university, such as the College Town project," he said. Fannie Mae has coordinated employer-assisted housing programs for over 500 companies across the country, Weaver said.

More than 25 universities, including Howard University in Washington D.C. and Ohio State University in Columbus, Ohio, have similar programs. UK is the first university to work with Fannie Mae to construct a program like this, Weaver said.

Medical facilities are the company's most common clients for employer-assisted housing programs, Weaver said. "Hospitals have used it as a recruitment and retention tool," she said.

Miller said the program has been very popular with UK employees since it was announced. The Employee Benefits Office has received an average of five applications per day for the loans, he said.

Although employees have expressed a strong interest in the program, several applications have been denied for not meeting certain requirements. "The main reason they did not qualify is because the individual wanted to use the property strictly as rental property and not use the home as a primary residence," Miller said. UK President Lee Todd said in a release that the program will help with recruitment and serve as a "catalyst for revitalizing neighborhoods contiguous to the UK campus."

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Creative pumpkins

Ryan Johnson, a first year architecture student, hangs a sign Monday letting students know that pumpkins, which were carved for an assignment to "dismiss cliché thoughts of Halloween imagery" as created in space, are for sale.

The act of pumpkin carving dates back for centuries. According to the History Channel, it started with an Irish myth about a man named Stingy Jack who refused to buy the Devil a drink. To find out more, go to <http://www.historychannel.com/exhibits/halloween/pumpkin.html>

Web sites with Pumpkin-carving tips and patterns:

<http://familyinternet.about.com/cs/halloweenpumpkins/>

<http://www.fabulousfoods.com/holidays/halloween/pump-plans.html>

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Fearing the flu? UK offering flu shots on campus

UK is charging for the shots for the first time ever; vaccine has possible side effects, including fever

By Jason Futch
CONTRIBUTING WRITER

Students worried about the upcoming flu season can take extra precaution to guard against the virus, health administrators said.

University Health Services is offering discount flu shots to students at various locations on campus this week.

"This is one of the reasons we go out to the different sites on campus — to make it more readily available for the students," said Alice Wilson, director of

nursing at University Health Services. "If you pass the service on your way from one class to the other, it's much more likely you're going to get the shot."

Influenza, a virus that spreads through the nose and throat, carries symptoms like sore throat, fever, chills, muscle aches and coughing, said Judy Stivers, assistant director of nursing at University Health Services.

A flu shot seeks to upgrade the body's immune system in order to combat this attack, Stivers said.

"The vaccine itself functions by challenging your immune system to build up some immunity," she said. "So if you get exposed later, there's a memory (defense) in your body's immune system, and it'll crank out the protection to gobble the virus up."

People who produce the vaccine look at modern flu outbreaks worldwide to determine which flu strands are active, and ultimately which vaccine to create, Stivers said.

The vaccine itself is grown in egg yolks, she said. Those who receive the shot are not only protected from the specific strand, but the strands that are similar to it

as well. According to the Center for Disease Control, side effects to the shot include soreness, redness or swelling where the shot was given, low fever and aches.

Severe side effects may include an allergic reaction to eggs — breathing problems, hoarseness or wheezing, hives, pale skin, weakness, a fast heartbeat or dizziness. A person could also get Guillain-Barré syndrome, an illness characterized by fever, nerve damage and muscle weakness.

The amount of shots available from University Health Services is limited to 3,000, but any medical center can provide the shot to those

interested, Stivers said. "Last year we didn't use all of the shots, but this year we've added the Johnson Center to our list of sites," Wilson said. "Additional sites, along with increased advertising, will hopefully allow us to use all that we have this year."

Erica Carol, an LCC elementary education sophomore, said she's concerned about getting the flu but doesn't intend on getting a shot.

"I just don't think it's worth the time," she said. "If the flu begins posing a bigger threat to students, then I will probably do it. Right now it's just not one of my concerns."

Getting a flu shot is a personal decision, Stivers said.

"If you don't walk or drink around anybody who has the flu, and you tend to be a healthy person, then you may be fine," she said.

For at least five years, University Health Services has been offering free flu shots to UK students and faculty. This is the first year students will be charged for them.

The cost of the shots for students and faculty is \$5 upon presentation of a student ID and \$15 for those not affiliated with UK.

"Keeping you healthy now it's just not one of my concerns." See **FLU on 2**

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The Low-down

Police investigating Euclid Avenue robbery

Lexington Police are investigating an armed robbery Saturday near the UK campus, police said. Two unknown men entered through an unlocked back door of a home in the 400-block of Euclid Avenue with a small handgun, while Matt Stevens, 21, and his roommate, David Harris, 21, were sitting on a couch in the living room, Stevens said. "They kept asking 'Where is the dope?' and we were just like 'We're poor college guys,'" said Stevens, a mechanical engineering senior. "They were extremely (messed) up. They had bloodshot eyes and everything. One of the robbers stayed with us and held the gun the whole time. Another one went through the house turning over mattresses looking for pot." Stevens said the man did not find any marijuana but stole a hunting knife and boom box. Sgt. Doug Lamb of Lexington Police's Bureau of Investigations declined to give any information as to what the robbers stole. Stevens said he and his roommates moved into the house in August, where the previous tenants grew marijuana in the basement and sold it.

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while you are preparing for that future is important," Stivers said.

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Flu shot locations

Tuesday, Oct. 28
Classroom Bldg., outside Room 102, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.
Wednesday, Oct. 29
Johnson Center lobby, 3 p.m. to 7 p.m.
Thursday, Oct. 30
LCC Academic Technical Bldg., Lobby, 8:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.
Friday, Oct. 31
Near Big Blue Deli, 10 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.
Call 323-4636 for info.

DE KLERK

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ty founded to defend the rights of the black majority, and freed former South African President Nelson Mandela from jail in 1990.

Together with Mandela, de Klerk received the Nobel Peace Prize in 1993.

In his talk, de Klerk called the United States the "chief of police of the globalized village" because of its "unchallenged military, economic and technological eminence."

De Klerk acknowledged the jealousy and hatred this role can prompt from other countries.

"Unfortunately, this is the price that must be paid as the only superpower," he said.

De Klerk also said it was important to remember Theodore Roosevelt's advice to "speak softly and carry a big stick."

The terrorist attacks on

Sept. 11, justified the necessity for the U.S. to use its "big stick," de Klerk said.

He also said he supported the United States in its campaigns to track down terrorists and oust Saddam Hussein.

"Iraq and the Middle East and the world are better places after the destruction of this brutal regime," he said.

The United States should also intervene in the Israel-Palestine conflict, de Klerk said, as well as in other war-torn and poverty-ridden parts of the world.

"In a shaking world, problems of one region will soon become problems of another region and soon problems of the whole world," he said.

In order to help other countries, and in turn, help the United States, de Klerk said developed countries need to help promote economic growth in lesser-developed countries.

If a country develops good democratic policies, he suggested rewarding it by erasing their debt.

De Klerk also suggested increasing the Third World share in global trade in order to boost economies.

In his closing, de Klerk reminded listeners that global problems do not disappear easily.

"It requires perseverance to address underlying problems of global development," he said.

Many of the members of the roughly 250-person audience largely sided with de Klerk's views.

"I agree that the U.S. is so powerful that it does make us responsible for the rest of the world," said communications and business management sophomore Mindy Schweickhardt.

Taylor Wood, an undeclared freshman, also shared some of the same viewpoints as de Klerk.

"I agreed with his views on globalization and America's intervention in other countries' problems," he said.

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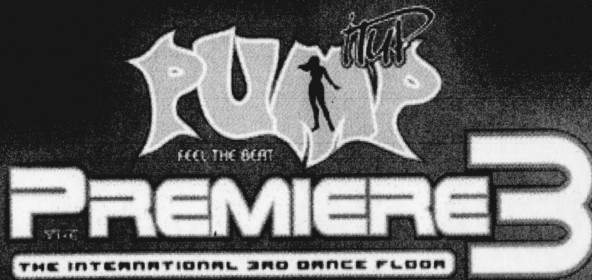
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Danielle Komis
KERNEL COLUMNIST

For weeks, you anticipated dressing up as Freddy Krueger or the Little Mermaid, getting your candy X-rayed and then gorging yourself on mini-Snickers bars and those unidentifiable orange and black candies.

Though these childhood days have long since passed, here are five ways to re-capture the magic that Halloween once held, even if it is in a slightly different tradition.

Wishes if, don't fake it

Be like Martha Stewart and make your own Halloween treats. When kids come to your door trick-or-treating on Halloween night, you'll actually have something to give them. It sure beats the "throwing-an-empty-Bud-Light-can-in-their-lit-plastic-pumpkins-and-hoping they'll think it's a new-kind-of-space-age-candy-bar" trick.

Ghoulish accessories

Girls, hit up Claire's and then show up at a party wearing dangly jack-o-lantern ear-

rings, a flashing witch pin that cackles when someone touches it and one of those obnoxious necklaces that has a big bell on the end of it that looks like a pumpkin. And if you're a guy, what the heck, do it too. Just bear in mind that you may get some hecklers, but don't let these misled, anti-Halloween folks get you down. It's not your fault that they're not ready for Halloween festivities. It might also help to let them know that you are not making a direct attack on their mother's Halloween fashion taste.

Keep your friends close

Convince your friends to go on the Halloween tour of the old Waverly Hills tuberculosis hospital in Louisville. Secretly arrive before they do and hide in one of the rooms and rasp at appropriate intervals, "I can't ... breathe." Pause. Then let out some appropriately-timed wheezing noises. They'll probably act like they're freakin' out and may even go so far as to run out screaming, but inside, they're loving it.

Masquerade

Instead of dressing up for Halloween as something generic, like a hippie or a case of beer, recruit a friend and dress up as President Lee Todd and his wife Patsy Go ahead and test out the authenticity of the costumes by walking around campus declaring, "I am the president of this establishment, and I say



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A witch in Spencer's Gifts is a typical Halloween costume. This year, keep Halloween fresh with clever ideas.

all classes are cancelled for Halloween!"

If you do this with enough confidence, people, especially freshmen, just might believe you, and they'll all thank you later. At least look convincing enough to get hooked up at Intermzzo with a free doughnut or something.

Pumpkin flirting

Invite the guy or girl you've been eyeing in your English class on a date to a

pumpkin field and insist on staying there until you see "The Great Pumpkin" (it is important for you to speak the name with great reverence). Every now and then, perk up and insist that you see something. Whether or not he or she thinks you're crazy is irrelevant. Just stick with the story. Deep down, your companion is intrigued.

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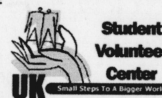
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Week of October 27 - November 2

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MEETINGS

- *Psi Chi Meeting, 4:00pm, Katie Hall, Rm. 213
- *Alpha Phi Omega, Fridge Meeting 6:00pm, Active Meeting
- *7:00pm, Old Student Center, Rm. 209
- *Green Thumbs Environmental Club, 7:00pm, Student Center, Rm. 106
- *TKT (Tuesday Nights Together), 7:30pm, Baptist Student Union, 429 Columbia Ave. (behind W.T. Young Library)
- *College Life, North Campus, 4:00-5:00pm, Patterson Hall Lobby, Center, 5:00-6:00pm, Haggin Hall Lobby, South, 5:00-6:00pm, upstairs of Commons Market, Rm. 307
- *LUNDAJL, 5:00pm, Basement of Lafferty Hall, Rm. 108

ACADEMIC

- *Math Tutoring, All 100 Level Classes, 6:00-10:00pm, 307 Commons
- *Chemistry Tutoring, All 100 Level Classes, 6:00-9:00pm, 307 Commons
- *Physics, All 100 Level Classes, 6:00-9:00pm, 307 Commons
- *Biology Tutoring, All 100 Level Classes, 6:00-9:00pm, 307 Commons

SPECIAL EVENTS

- *Flu Shot, 9:00am-6:00pm, Whitehall Classroom Building, UK Health Services will be offering flu shots for \$5.00 for UKLCC Students with a Student ID and \$15.00 for non-students

SPORTS

- *UK Fencing Club, 8:00-10:00pm, Buell Armory
- *UK Womens Rugby Practice, 4:45-7:00pm, Club Sports Field (rugby pitch)
- *The Kwon Do Club Practice, 8:30-9:00pm, Alumni Gym's Loft

MEETING

- *Table Francaise, French conversation group, 3:00-4:30pm, Student Center, Rm. 221
- *Inter-Greek Programming Assembly, 4:00pm, Student Center, Rm. 208
- *Free Food for the Body and Soul, 7:00-8:30pm, St. Augustine's Chapel
- *Encounter-Bible Class, 7:00pm, Student Center, Rm. 230
- *Creative Writing Corner Coordinator, 6:30-8:00pm, W.T. Young Library, Rm. Writing center B108

ACADEMIC

- *Graduate and Professional School Application Panel, 6:00-4:50pm, Career Center
- *LCC Republicans Meeting, 1:00pm, Oswald Building, Rm. 210
- *LCC Tutoring, All 100 Level Classes, 6:00-10:00pm, 307 Commons, 9:00am-7:00pm, Mathskeller (PDT)

SPORTS

- *UK Womens Rugby Practice, 4:45-7:00pm, Club Sports Field (rugby pitch)

SPECIAL EVENTS

- *Comedy Carnival, 8:00pm, Cats Den in the Student Center
- *World Wide Wednesday Patio Party, 11:00am-1:00pm, Student Center Patio, Live Music and Free Food! Everyone Invited!
- *Creature Double Feature, The movie Gremlins will start at 7:00-9:00pm at Worsham Theater in the Student Center. The Monster Mash Fashion Bash Costume Party in Forester movies. The movie Army of Darkness will start at 10:00pm-Midnight.
- *Flu Shot, 3:00pm-7:00pm, Johnson Center Lobby Area, UK Health Services will be offering flu shots for \$5.00 for UKLCC Students with a Student ID and \$15.00 for non-students

MEETINGS

- *UK Lambda Meeting, 7:30pm, Student Center, Rm. 221
- *College Democrats, 7:30pm, Student Center, Rm. 206
- *Annexity International Meeting, 7:00pm, Student Center, Rm. 223
- *Voices for Choice weekly meeting, 5:00pm, Student Center, Rm. 210
- *CRU, 7:30pm, Worsham Theater in the Student Center

ACADEMIC

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SPORTS

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- *UK Womens Rugby Practice, 4:45-7:00pm, Club Sports Field (rugby pitch)

ARTS/MOVIES

- *Lit Art: An Exhibition by Darryl Davis Reception, 8:00-8:00pm, Readall Gallery

SPECIAL EVENTS

- *Halloween Special, All Day, Block and Barrel Deli/Enkon Hall Rm. 205, Receive free candy for Halloween with the purchase of any Block and Barrel lunch.
- *Flu Shot, 8:30am-2:30pm, LCC Academic Technical Building Lobby Area, UK Health Services will be offering flu shots for \$5.00 for UKLCC Students with a Student ID and \$15.00 for non-students
- *Freshman Focus, 7:30pm, Baptist Student Union, 429 Columbia Avenue (behind W.T. Young Library)
- *Thursday Night Worship Service, 8:00pm, Wesley Foundation

INTRAMURAL/SUBSCRIPTION

- *UK Dressage Team, 5:00pm, Garrigus Building, Rm. 109

ACADEMIC

- *Math Tutoring, All 100 Level Courses, 9:00am-5:00pm, Mathskeller (PDT)

SPORTS

- *UK Hockey vs. Ohio State, Midnight, Lexington Ice Center, \$5.00 at the door
- *Friday Football, 3:00pm, Good Barn Field, across from Commonwealth Stadium
- *The Kwon Do Club Practice, 8:30-7:00pm, Alumni Gym's Loft

SPECIAL EVENT

- *UK Family Weekend

SPORTS

- *UK vs. Arkansas Football Game, 1:00pm, Commonwealth Stadium
- *UK Hockey vs. Ohio State, Midnight, Lexington Ice Center, \$5.00 at the door
- *The Kwon Do Club Practice, 11:00am-12:30pm, Alumni Gym's Loft

ARTS/MOVIES

- *Lambada Movie "Rocky Horror Picture Show", 8:00pm, W.T. Young Library, Auditorium

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MEETINGS

- *College Worship Service, 8:12pm, Southside Church of Christ

SPECIAL EVENT

- *UK Family Weekend

ACADEMIC

- *Math Tutoring, All 100 Level Classes, 6:00-8:00pm, 307 Commons
- *Chemistry Tutoring, All 100 Level Classes, 7:00-10:00pm, 307 Commons
- *Physics Tutoring, All 100 Level classes and 211/212, 7:00-10:00pm, 307 Commons
- *Statistics 200, 291, 4:30-7:00pm, 307 Commons

SPORTS

- *Ultimate Frisbee, 10:00pm, Haggin Field

ARTS/MOVIES

- *El dia de los muertos Family Day, 1:00-4:00pm, UK Art Museum

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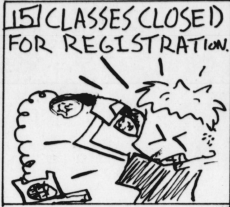
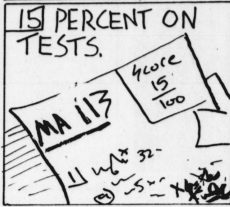
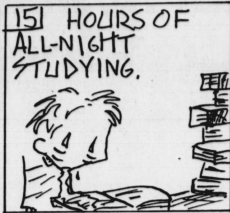
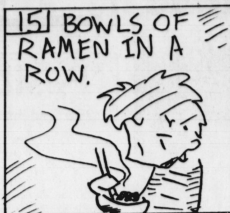
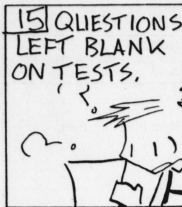
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The Other Freshmen Fifteen



Kernel will endorse candidates in three races

For the next three days, the Kernel editorial board is going to share its endorsements for three of the top state positions: attorney general, secretary of state and governor. We've interviewed all but two of the candidates, and those that we didn't meet up with, we researched as best we could. We've debated for weeks on our favorites. Now, the eight-member board is ready to share its views with you. We've carefully considered what the candidates would do to benefit UK and UK students. We're localizing our endorsements as much as possible.

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IN OUR OPINION

Galbraith will fight corruption



Galbraith

To say that corruption in Kentucky is a problem is an understatement, not to mention a statement of the especially obvious. The state is clearly fed up with the partisan politics, the nepotism and the shady road construction contracts — among other topics.

But such knowledge and exasperation doesn't get us anywhere without action. And the action in question here should involve electing and designating a public official who will initiate and follow through on difficult investigations of corruption in Frankfort and everywhere else in the state.

The state official who takes up this cause is known as the attorney general, and the office is up for election this year as Ben Chandler steps down to run for governor.

The man for the job is Gatewood Galbraith, a Lexington attorney and well-known figure in Kentucky politics, who is running as an independent.

Galbraith is first and foremost the right candidate for the office because of his known commitment to political independence and disdain for partisan politics. In a state where the two political parties constantly vie for control not just of office, but of contracts and pork-barrel funding for special interests, an independent-minded attorney general will be part of the solution.

In the Kernel editorial board's discussion of the attorney general race, Republican Jack Wood also came up as a worthy candidate in the race, and some of our votes will go his way. After he and his own party have snubbed each other in the race, there can be little suspicion that

he will feel beholden to party leaders.

Greg Stumbo, the Democrat in the race, also seems a viable candidate. He has extensive experience as an attorney and long tenure in the state legislature.

But it is also his status in Frankfort politics — currently House majority leader — that gives cause for concern. It may well be that he will have to investigate the same people he has worked alongside for years, should he be elected. This, of course, creates too many conflicts of interest.

Also a priority on Galbraith's platform is the prescription drug epidemic currently overwhelming Kentucky. His plan to reorganize the war on drugs in this state has a fresh appeal that Stumbo, at least, can't match with his emphasis on the status quo and stepping up the existing strategy.

"Increasing certain facets of the war on drugs is absolutely futile," Galbraith said in a meeting with the Kernel editorial board. While his plan to ask pharmaceutical companies such as PurduePharma for \$2 billion to underwrite efforts at fighting the epidemic sounds a little excessive, it is clear that the people who produce these drugs should help prevent their abuse.

His positions on marijuana use are well known; he uses it openly, and has long campaigned for decriminalizing the drug. Although he's in favor of enforcing laws on hard drugs, he wants to turn out large numbers of non-violent drug offenders from prisons, many of them to rehabilitation. This is a far better attempt freeing up space and funds than Gov. Paul Patton's recent fiasco with releasing hardened criminals for lack of funds to keep them.

WEEK IN REVIEW

Here's a look back at events and issues from last week. If you want to sound off on any of these, e-mail the Dialogue desk at dialogue@kykernel.com

MONDAY

Attention should be given by the university toward making classrooms more accessible to disabled students, before they start equipping the rooms with high-tech gadgets. Basic classroom accessibility should be UK's first priority as classroom renovations continue. The goal of giving every student an optimal learning experience can't possibly be met if some of these students can't even get into the classroom.

UK completed 16 renovation projects last year, including multiple-classroom efforts and a recent makeover in the College of Law's U.S. Sen. Mitch McConnell Center for Distance Learning.

TUESDAY

A UK staff committee was right in unanimously rejecting a proposal calling on President Todd and the Board of Trustees to oppose extending benefits to domestic partners of UK employees. The prejudiced thinking behind the proposal had no business in a benefits policy debate.

Though a way to verify domestic partnerships should be implemented, those who qualify should not be excluded on grounds of sexual preference or for lack of a marriage contract.

Nine of UK's benchmark institutions currently offer benefits to domestic partners of employees. Another nine do not, and one is set to begin extending the benefits.

WEDNESDAY

Raising the tax on smokes isn't a bad idea. It's where the money for the tax should go that poses a problem.

While Medicaid services want the money from the 25-cent-per-pack increase, they aren't the only ailing institution in the state. Education programs across the state are also in dire need of extra funding.

We propose to raise the tax to fifty cents and split the difference between the two.

Lawmakers should have an open discussion about where to direct revenue from the tax so that it will be most beneficial — without bringing in the typical pork barrel bickering.

While smokers won't like being taxed, it's basic that the state needs money and has to get it somewhere.

THURSDAY

Students need to speak up about their discontentment with the keg tagging policy. If you went in on a keg with your roommates for a party and that party got busted, would you want to be the one taking sole blame for the underage drinkers in attendance?

There are several opportunities to have your voice heard — SG can only do so much, they need student support in their efforts, or Lexington County Council won't bend their ear too far.

But SG is still to be commended. President Rachel Watts and other members attended Tuesday's meeting and encouraged the council to delay voting on the proposed ordinance, which they did.

FRIDAY

The Live Where You Work program, announced last week, offers employees of the Lexington-Fayette Urban County Government, UK and Samaritan Hospital forgivable loans for purchasing a home in the downtown area. The program is expected to have positive effects on commuter traffic and downtown parking as well as economic growth. We think the plan is a good way to fill downtown housing at reasonable prices, but it has some problems too.

Bringing in a more diverse crowd to the campus area could clash with the living styles of the student population — think "Party Plan."

But with attention to certain issues from both new residents and students already in the neighborhood, the plan can benefit everyone.

MAKE YOUR VOICE HEARD

The Dialogue page is looking for submissions from all corners of campus. Are you a leader of a student organization searching for a way to reach citizens? The Kernel is read by thousands of people daily. Are you a student with a gripe about campus issues? The Dialogue page is a great way to discuss current events. Maybe you just need some extra cash to blow at the bars on Friday night. The Kernel offers paid positions to interested writers.

Drop the Dialogue editor a line at jsullivan@kykernel.com.

Leftists' double standards on drug use lack compassion, understanding



Wes Blevins
 KENNEL COLUMNIST

Two weeks after Rush Limbaugh declared on his show that he is addicted to prescription-paid medications, the once front-page feature story has been relegated to the back pages.

Assuming everything goes well with his rehabilitation program, Rush will return in another two weeks with the support of all 20 million of his listeners.

And there's nothing liberals would hate more. When the drug story broke, news anchors and columnists alike were overcome with joy, fantasizing about the downfall of the voice of common-sense conservatism for the past 15 years.

"Journalists" like CNN's Aaron Brown and NBC's Katie

Couric could hardly contain their glee. Brown could not seem to rid himself of the permanent smirk that attached itself to his face. Couric, appearing on the Tonight Show, joked, "I feel actually good because I flew out here, and Rush Limbaugh sat next to me on the plane. He gave me some vitamins. Whaa! It feels good!"

But the comedy festival didn't end there. Invariably Democratic politicians had to get their cracks in somewhere. Future former presidential candidate John Kerry, in contemplating how to improve prescription drug policy, quipped, "You can hire Rush Limbaugh's housekeeper, or you could elect me president of the United States." And of course, America's village idiot, Al Franken, had to get his two cents in, saying that he couldn't wait for the "perp walk" if Rush is ultimately charged.

Excuse me while I don't laugh. Forgive me if I'm wrong, but I

thought liberals were supposed to be full of compassion and forgiveness. Where were these remarks when Aaron Sorkin revealed his addiction to recreational drugs? Where were the jokes from "mainstream journalists" when Robert Downey Jr. was arrested for the fourth time with cocaine?

Oh yeah, Sorkin and Downey do not host a wildly successful conservative radio show. Though I must admit I am ignorant when it comes to Mr. Downey's personal political views, it is widely known that Sorkin's views are left of center. Could it be that there exists a double standard for drug use among the liberal crowd? Two celebrity users of recreational drugs are caught, and it is hardly mentioned in the media.

But when Rush Limbaugh admits addiction to prescription medications, it becomes the story of the century. Moreover, liberals like Aaron Brown and Katie Couric are

so filled with hatred and vitriol for Rush that his addiction becomes funny. Where is the compassion in that?

Criticism of Rush is certainly nothing new. As the loudest critic of the Clinton administration for eight years, Rush drew liberal ire practically every day. Many predicted that a Bush victory in 2000 would be the end of Rush's radio empire, but it has done nothing but grow, and in 2001 he signed a record contract worth nearly \$30 million per year.

It would be reasonable to assume that many critics of Rush have never listened to his show, since one of the more common critiques continues to be his fictional refusal to talk to liberal callers. In reality, liberals are bumped up to the top of the caller list and are always dealt with in a courteous, professional manner.

How ironic, that Rush shows liberals compassion on his show,

yet it isn't returned when he admits his drug problem.

In truth, liberals would like nothing more than for Rush to come back with less fire for conservative issues and with more compassion and understanding. They know if that happened, the audience would begin to wane, and ultimately, Rush would fade into obscurity.

But this won't happen. A milder Rush would not be the Rush his audience loves and respects. The most likely scenario is that Rush gets back on air better than ever, and the show will maintain its popularity for years to come.

So liberals better make themselves ready. Rush should return in two weeks, and I hope he shows them the same mercy that they've shown him the past two weeks.

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UK Football Notebook

By Jeff Patterson
ASSISTANT SPORTS EDITOR

UK head coach Rich Brooks doesn't want to trade places with Arkansas head coach Houston Nutt.

Arkansas has lost three straight games since an overtime victory at Alabama.

"I'd rather be coming off two wins than three losses," Brooks said.

"(Arkansas has) played some pretty good football teams in the three games they've lost. They've beaten some quality teams that we haven't."

After a momentum-building 42-17 win over Mississippi State on Saturday, UK (4-4, 1-3 Southeastern Conference) is in position to control its bowl future.

In the second half against MSU, UK played its most complete football game of the season. The defense blanked MSU on the scoreboard and allowed 100 yards. The offense shredded MSU with 35 points. The special teams were just that — special.

Wide receiver Derek Abney called UK's 29-17 win at Arkansas last season the team's biggest victory.

"They are not going to look past us," Abney said. "I know that, especially with last year."

A win against Arkansas (4-3, 1-3 SEC) Saturday would mean UK would have to defeat one of its three remaining opponents — Vanderbilt, Georgia or Tennessee — to become



Sophomore linebacker Dustin Williams prepares to tackle Mississippi State wide receiver Omarr Conner in UK's 42-17 win over the Bulldogs Saturday.

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bowl eligible.

"This can get us over .500 (and) put us in position going into the bye week to be advantageous of our preseason goal (of going to a bowl game)," Brooks said.

QUOTE WORTHY

"We sleep-walked in the first quarter, and you can't do that against SEC teams. We woke up just in time, and we got clicking."

— UK nose tackle Ellery Moore, on Saturday's game.

CANNED FOOD DRIVE

UK's Student-Athlete Advisory Committee will be collecting canned goods for God's Pantry at Common-

wealth Stadium gates before the Arkansas game.

SPECIAL ABNEY

Kick return specialist Derek Abney was named SEC Special Teams Player of the Week for his performance against Mississippi State. Abney returned an 80-yard punt for his NCAA record-tying eighth-career return for a third-quarter touchdown.

INJURY UPDATES

Kicker Taylor Begley is questionable for Arkansas due to a severely sprained left ankle suffered before last Saturday's game, when he kicked the heel of holder Tommy Cook while warming up.

Brooks said he was not told about it until Sunday.

Running back Artiss Beach is also questionable for Saturday because of swelling in the knee.

"There is a difference between pain and injury," Brooks said. "With pain, you play if you're injured, you are in the hospital."

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