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Officials consider extending Thanksgiving Break

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The University Senate is reexamining the two-day Thanksgiving break that is currently in effect at UK.

Due to students' requests to extend the Thanksgiving break, an ad-hoc calendar committee has been formed to examine this issue, said Kaveh Tagavi, the Senate Council Chair.

Many students complain that the Thanksgiving break is too short, espe-

cially for those who have to travel out of state to be with their families.

"Extending the break sounds good to me," said Mark Taylor, a mechanical engineering sophomore. "It would give out-of-state students like me enough time to visit our families."

Though his father lives in Pennsylvania, Taylor plans to visit his mother and stepfather in Louisville for Thanksgiving instead.

"It's almost impossible to make the trip (to Pennsylvania) in four days," he

said. "I'd have to fly overnight on Wednesday and leave early Sunday morning just to spend two and half days home."

A three-day Thanksgiving break would give students the same amount of time off as those at University of Louisville.

"Our students appreciate the break very much," said John Drees, U of L's associate vice president for communications and marketing. "It gives them one last long break before the finals prepara-

tion, and the faculty also gets the chance to take a breather."

Thirteen of UK's 19 benchmark universities have a two-day Thanksgiving break. The other six have breaks of three days or longer. According to its Web site, the University of Virginia has a weeklong Thanksgiving break.

One of the proposed plans UK's committee is looking at is canceling the one-day Fall Break and adding it to Thanksgiving. Tagavi supports this plan. "Personally and as a professor, I

never liked the Fall Break," Tagavi said. "The idea of the swap seems interesting to me."

Others argue that the university should keep the fall break and extend the Thanksgiving break at the same time.

"I don't see why we can't have both," said Andrew Goodale, a business management freshman. Goodale added that U of L and Western Kentucky Uni-

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Doctor's study finds new use for cancer drug

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The Food and Drug Administration recently approved a new use for the breast cancer drug Herceptin, thanks in part to the work of a UK researcher.

Dr. Edward Romond, a cancer specialist and researcher at UK's Markey Cancer Center, was the lead investigator on a project that researched and analyzed two clinical trials of early-stage breast cancer patients who received Herceptin in addition to chemotherapy.

Herceptin is a monoclonal antibody that attaches to and prevents actions of human epidermal growth factor receptor 2 (HER-2), a protein that occurs in 25 percent of breast cancer patients, Romond said. HER-2 makes cells grow more aggressively and spread faster.

Herceptin had previously been used in combination with chemotherapy to treat women who had more advanced stages of HER-2-positive breast cancer, and in those instances, it caused the cancer to shrink, Romond said.

"The next obvious question was, what happens if we give it to women who have just been diagnosed?" Romond said.

Romond said he was asked to chair a study through the National Surgical Adjuvant Breast and Bowel Project to examine that question. The Breast and Bowel Project includes 165 major institutions that focus on breast and colon cancer, he said.

"(The project's) focus is on keeping cancer from spreading," Romond said.

During the study, a couple thousand women were given "the best chemotherapy," and, in addition, half of those women received Herceptin, Romond said. That half of the women took Herceptin for a year, he said.

Romond said that during the Breast and Bowel Project's study, he heard of another study being conducted by Dr. Edith Perez of the Mayo Clinic in Jacksonville, Fla.

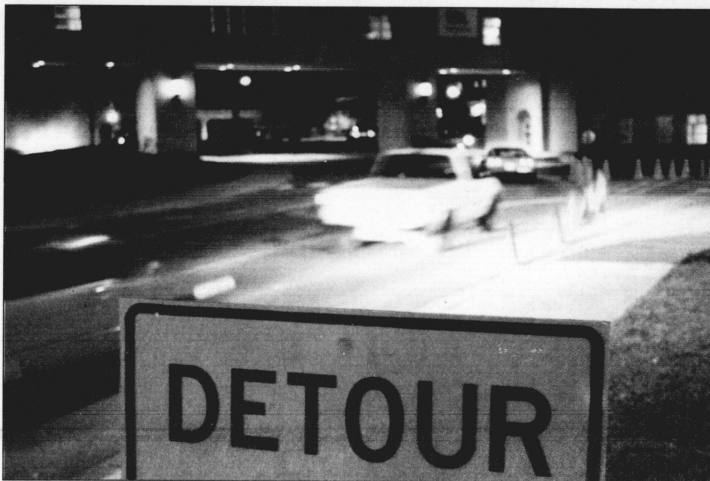
"The studies were so similar that we were able to combine the results," Romond said.

The results of both studies found that the recurrence of breast cancer in patients who had received Herceptin was "half of what it was without the antibody," Romond said.

The results of the study were some of the most important in many years, said Dr. Kevin McDonagh, who is the chief of the division of hematology, oncology, and blood and marrow transplantation in the Department of Internal Medicine in the UK College of Medicine, the deputy director of the Markey Cancer Center, and the Markey foundation chair in oncology research.

"It's very hard to overestimate the significance of this study."
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late-night closing



Cars drive past cones that road workers use to block off part of Rose Street near South Limestone Street last night. The effort to close down Rose Street was originally scheduled for early yesterday, but was pushed back to later in the evening.

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Rose Street closure finalized last night after all-day delay

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Anticipated chaos was averted yesterday when the closing of Rose Street was delayed by more than 10 hours.

Drivers on South Limestone Street still had access to Rose Street until around 10:30 p.m., when the street was officially closed.

Maj. Joe Monroe of the Lexington Police Department said that there was too much left to be done to close the street earlier in the day. "It just wasn't finished," Monroe said. "So we pushed it back."

Bob Wiseman, UK's vice president for facilities management, said pushing back the closing time was a smart move.

"We wanted to wait until rush-hour traffic was over," Wiseman said.

Project manager Jim Conner said that the street would close as soon as the new routes were prepared.

"We have to finish turning on the new light patterns and painting stripes on South Limestone and Virginia," Conner said last night around

10 p.m.

He also said the new routes shouldn't cause too much confusion because of the signs that have been posted.

"The only people who might be confused are the people who haven't driven on Rose recently," Conner said.

As for rerouting traffic, Monroe said that police would be present for the next few days to help drivers adjust to the new routes.

"We've put some policemen there to help with the learning curve process," Monroe said. "They will be there for the next two days during peak traffic times."

Despite the police presence, Wiseman still anticipates complications in traffic patterns.

"There will be some confusion," Wiseman said. "Folks don't always read the signs, but the police are there to keep the cars moving."

Rose Street will still offer access to the UK Hospital and will be open for pedestrians.

"The walkway will still be open," Wiseman said. "We know that our students need the walkways."



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Justin Padgett, right, of James H. Drew Construction Company, watches Chris Eason attach a sign to one of the new light poles on the corner of Rose Street and Huguelt Drive last night.

Professor helps secure funds for suicide prevention

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Kentucky is set to receive \$1.2 million over three years to combat the No. 2 cause of death in Kentucky's youth — suicide.

"Kentucky loses twice as many citizens to suicide as it does to homicide and AIDS combined," said Dr. Julie Cerel, an assistant professor of social work at UK and the Kentucky Suicide Prevention Group's vice chair.

Dr. Mary Bolin-Reece, director of UK's Counseling and Testing Center, agreed that suicide is a major problem.

"Preventing suicide is everybody's business and not just the responsibility of mental health professionals," Bolin-Reece said. "It is crucial that any hints of suicide risk be taken seriously."

As part of a national Youth Suicide Prevention campaign, Congress allotted \$20 million nationwide through the Garrett Lee Smith Act,

named after a current congressman whose son committed suicide. Kentucky was among 11 states that received part of the funds. The grant will be given to the state in increments of \$400,000 over three years and must be used to target the age range where suicide is most common, people under the age of 24.

The grant will be used in a variety of ways, Cerel said. "Increasing the number of gatekeepers, people who are educated in the signs of people who are considering suicide; enacting new policies; and marketing how big of a problem suicide is and how to prevent it will be goals for across the state," Cerel said.

According to the Web site for the Suicide Prevention Resource Center, suicide was the 11th-ranked cause of death in Kentucky from 1999 to 2002. In the same time frame, Kentucky averaged 507 suicide deaths per year, which is nearly seven suicides every five days.

"The money from this grant will go to drop-

ping the rate of suicides," Cerel said. Bolin-Reece said she didn't think the numbers would go down right away but thought the increase in funding would still help.

"Because of the unnecessary stigma surrounding suicide, (suicides) in the past have often been recorded as accidents unless the deceased left a note or other definite indication of suicide," she said.

"Kentucky ranks high in deaths by suicide and low in funds dedicated to mental health services," Bolin-Reece said.

"In the long run, deaths by suicide are likely to be lowered most by increased availability of affordable and accessible services — medication and/or 'talk therapy' — to persons across the lifespan, particularly to those higher-risk persons who experience untreated or under-treated mental illness and/or substance abuse," Bolin-Reece said.

The Kentucky Department for Mental Health and Mental Retardation Services submitted the

application for the grant with the help of Cerel and the Kentucky Suicide Prevention Group, and it will be the official recipient of the state grant. One community mental health region will be chosen to receive extra benefits through an application process.

Bolin-Reece said 15 percent of people seen at the Counseling and Testing Center reported having suicidal thoughts and 12 percent had actually attempted suicide at some point in their life. The Counseling and Testing Center coordinates Question-Persuade-Refer suicide prevention training provided free to faculty, staff and students at UK.

Cerel said there is one mission for suicide prevention and one broad goal for the use of the grant.

"We need to help suicide survivors, the loved ones, friends and other people connected to the person," she said. "How many people have been affected (by suicide), and are their needs being met? We need to educate people on support."

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Horoscopes

By Linda C. Black

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

Aries (March 21-April 19) - Today is a 9 - It's not quite time to go yet, although you're getting impatient. Actually, you've always been impatient. This time, if you stay cool, you can make it happen.

Taurus (April 20-May 20) - Today is a 7 - You can afford to throw an expensive celebration. Do have the party but don't spend the money. Stash that away in the bank.

Gemini (May 21-June 21) - Today is an 8 - Yes, you're still busy enough for two or three people. Don't let that scare you. Get one

person who will do what you don't like to do, and you'll be fine.

Cancer (June 22-July 22) - Today is an 8 - Taking care of business today is more fun than it is a burden.

You do well when your clients do well. It's a win-win situation.

Leo (July 23-Aug. 22) - Today is an 8 - Ideas are coming fast and furious but not all of them are good. Some are downright ridiculous.

Wait until tomorrow to decide which is which.

Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) - Today is a 7 - There are a few things you'd like to change about your living conditions. Get tough and get organized. And get your family to help.

Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) - Today is an 8 - The more you learn, the more questions you want to ask. This is good but don't do everything the others suggest. Use your own common sense.

Scorpio (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) - Today is an 8 - You're in line for a nice

bonus. This could be for work already done, since it doesn't look like the job's very difficult now.

Sagittarius (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) - Today is an 8 - You don't even know how powerful you are or what you can accomplish. Make a wish list, and not just for yourself.

Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) - Today is a 7 - Push hard now, while you can. Conditions are changing. You can relax after then. You'll know when it happens because you'll fall in an exhausted heap.

Aquarius (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) - Today is an 8 - Take time to run a survey of your group, and all the others. It's always good to know what they think, especially if you intend to change it.

Pisces (Feb. 19-March 20) - Today is a 6 - You can pretty much write your own ticket, and design your own career. What would you like to be, do and have? And who would you like to serve?



Nick Lachey: 'I Fell in Love Again'

Nick Lachey bared his skin and his soul to concertgoers at Las Vegas' Luxor Hotel & Casino on Nov. 11. After the singer, 33, stripped down to just a tank top, he announced to the screaming crowd, "Damn it, Vegas, I fell in love again!"

The object of his affection: his girlfriend of seven months, Entertainment Tonight correspondent Vanessa Minnillo, 26, who was backstage. After the concert, the enraptured pair celebrated their shared birthday (which was two days before) with an entourage of 18 friends at eatery Social House. Says a witness, "When a dessert platter with candles was brought out, the whole table sang 'Happy Birthday.' Nick and Vanessa pointed to each other and yelled out 'you!' at that part of the song. Then they shared a sweet, long kiss."

Minnillo's gift for her boyfriend? A source tells Hot Stuff she commissioned a portrait of four generations of Lachey men: an infant Lachey, his father, grandfather and great-grandfather. Says the insider, "It's based on one of Nick's favorite family pictures."

Chad: Why I Love Kenzie

Age is just a number for Chad Michael Murray, 25, who defends his relationship with finance Kenzie Dalton, 18 (who was in high school when they met), in December's *CosmoGirl!* He says she has "a very mature sense . . . [and] she gets me—and that's what's important."

Locklear & Lee Hang Out

On Nov. 7, five days after spending time with David Spade, 42, Heather Locklear, 45, was spotted with ex Tommy Lee, 44, after a Motley Crue concert. A source says "he closed the dressing-room door and they partied." (Lee's rep had no comment, and Locklear's couldn't be reached.)

Kate To Owen: Behave!

Kate Hudson can keep her man in line — even from thousands of miles away. An Owen Wilson pal tells Hot Stuff the actress, 27 (who's in Australia filming *Fool's Gold*), was so upset by reports of Wilson, 38, flirting with actress Amber Hay that she put the kibosh on that friendship. "Kate had her half sister, Emily, call Amber and ask her what was up with her and Owen."

At that point, continues the source, "Owen stopped calling Amber." Adds another Wilson insider, "He's being careful." Case in point: On Nov. 8, at the PlayStation 3 party in Beverly Hills, Wilson "was not with any girls, and left by himself," says the second source. So where do Hudson and Wilson stand? Adds that source, "They are trying to make it work."

Grey's Anatomy — The Set's Still Tense

Despite pumping his fist in the air as he read Patrick Dempsey's *People's Choice*

Award nomination on Nov. 7, Isaiah Washington is still at odds with the cast following his Oct. 9 fight with the other actor, a *Grey's Anatomy* source tells Hot Stuff. (Witnesses tell us Washington, 43, became angry when Dempsey, 40, was late to the set; after a heated argument, Washington began to choke Dempsey.)

"There's a distance between Isaiah and the cast now," the source says. "The camaraderie has been replaced by a nervous tension." A show rep tells us, "That's ridiculous. Everyone has moved on."

Nicky's & Paris' New Feuds

Hell hath no fury like Nicky Hilton scorned. On Nov. 10 at L.A.'s Les Deux, Hilton, 23, flipped when Kristin Cavallari's pal Britney Field — the woman with whom Hilton's ex-beau Kevin Connolly, 32, allegedly cheated (Field denies this) — arrived.

"Nicky wanted Britney kicked out," says a clubgoer. Though Field, 29, wasn't ejected, "Nicky told Kristin that Britney isn't welcome anywhere in L.A. anymore." Meanwhile, big sister Paris Hilton's peace talks with Lindsay Lohan have collapsed. On Nov. 8, Lohan told photographers, "Paris is a c-." Why? A source says Lohan, 20, is angry Hilton flirted with ex Harry Morton at Hyde on Nov. 7. "Paris's one guy she didn't want He's talking to."

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versity have both a fall break and a three-day Thanksgiving break.

Officials argue UK cannot have both because the university is allowed only a certain number of institutional holidays each year. That is what makes the plan to cancel Fall Break feasible, Tagavi said.

Not all students are for extending the Thanksgiving break.

Dominique Comer, a pre-pharmacy sophomore, is concerned that students would be induced to skip the first two days of the week if the break were extended.

This does not seem to be a problem for U of L, Drees said. Since the three-day Thanksgiving break began many years ago, professors have not complained about their students skipping the first two days of the week.

Even if a change to extend the Thanksgiving break is approved soon, hopeful students shouldn't get too excited.

Due to activities that are planned far in advance, students won't be having a longer Thanksgiving break next year, regardless of the committee's decision, Tagavi said. At the earliest, the approved change will be effective for the 2008-2009 academic year.



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Kelley Burke, left, a marketing sophomore walks her luggage down the street last night from her room on South campus while two other students return dollies. Burke was traveling home to Bloomington, Ill. for Thanksgiving break.

CANCER

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cance of this study," McDonagh said. "It's one of the most (valuable) clinical studies in the last two decades. It really validates the use of a new class or generation of cancer drug targeted therapy."

Most cancer treatments work in a "non-specific fashion," but new developments are paving the way for specifically targeted drugs, McDonagh said.

"Herceptin is one of the first (drugs) developed and implemented in this way," McDonagh said.

McDonagh said that Romond's involvement in the study "reflects extraordinarily well on this institution at UK."

He also said that Romond is finally getting the national attention he deserves.

"(Romond) hasn't been well known," McDonagh said. "He's finally receiving the national recognition that is appropriate for all his good work. It's a validation of his career."

Romond received other validation of his work when he was awarded the 2006 Celebration of

Life Award by the Lexington affiliate of the Susan G. Komen Foundation in September.

Nancy Officer, the executive director for the Komen Foundation affiliate in Lexington, said each year the foundation gives out an award at its Pink Tie Gala to honor a cancer survivor or someone who has made a great contribution to fighting breast cancer.

"Everyone in the community agreed that he had done such great work for the women in this area and the nation," Officer said. "We were so thrilled that (Romond) was our winner of this award."

Romond, a graduate of UK's College of Medicine, has now been employed at UK for more than 20 years, but he before he became a doctor he served his community in another way — as a high school math teacher in Boston.

Romond said his wife was earning her master's degree in nursing and he was meeting a lot of doctors through her. She then encouraged him to apply to medical school, and he ended up studying at UK.

"I loved teaching, but I was getting tired of geometry," Romond said. "So I wanted to do something different."

CD REVIEWS: Dave Matthews reshapes mediocrity

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DAVE MATTHEWS BAND "The Best of What's Around, Vol. 1"

Dave Matthews Band, spawned in the netherworld of the post-grunge, mid-'90s, where-do-we-go-from-here period of musical identity crises, is the most prolific pioneer of blandcore. DMB is also the poster-child for the sterilization of all things commercial, where complacency is king.

The "best" of DMB is chronicled on the new double-disc "The Best of What's Around, Vol. 1," indicating with great confidence that there will be a second volume. All of the cornhole background hits — "Crash Into Me," "What Would You Say?" and their prom-ready ballad "The Space Between" — appear here, along

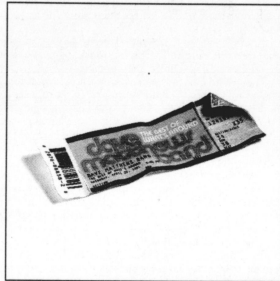
with a cross section of jammed-out live performances recorded in the last five years. Curiously, the darkly veiled "Don't Drink the Water," the closest DMB got to a pretty decent song, didn't make the cut (perhaps since it was their only blatant change of direction), but an uninspired live rendition opens the second bonus disc. Throughout their decade-long existence, they, just like Donald Rumsfeld, are interested only in staying the course.

As someone who plays music, I certainly understand and respect the technical dexterity and tight musicianship that DMB employs. However, talent does not equate to ambition, and historically, profound music tends to be ambitious. DMB is not profound. "The Best of What's Around" selects the most parent-friendly, dentist-office-ready music of DMB's catalogue. If predictability were strawberries, DMB fans

would be drinking a lot of smoothies.

DMB is not a bad band, and certainly their popularity can somewhat attest to that. But the absence of bad does not necessarily create an interesting listening experience. Their music is so glossed, pleasant, and unadventurous that listening to most of this album was similar to hearing your neighbor mow their lawn or hearing your kitchen linoleum curl — it's too inoffensive to really adopt any sort of opinion. Its music so formulated that it seems like it almost doesn't even exist.

Recommended if you dig: Playing cornhole, standing in the elevator, that annoying guy who also busts out his acoustic at parties to get chicks



FOUR TET "Remixes"

Leave it to Four Tet to once again push the whole thing forward.

Four Tet, if you're not yet hip to him, is the penname of Kieran Hebden, a British electronic musician hellbent on proving that laptop music not only is engaging but expands far beyond the stereotype of all electronic music being a derivative of dance. Four Tet is not dance, but he's everything else. Shades of free jazz, hip-hop, psych, downtempo and pop are sprinkled throughout his repertoire, and "Remixes" is the perfect introduction.

The double-disc set, at a very decent price, features a collective of Four Tet remixing songs of others and vice versa. The collection is quite eclectic, too, including his imagining of songs from Radiohead, Madvillain, Beth Orton, soothing trip-hop songstress Sia and everyone's favorite — Bloc Party. Madvillain's "Money Folder" and "Great Day" remixes still retain the urgent prominence of MF Doom, but with layers of undeniably gorgeous melody interweaving between schizophrenic beats, washes of white noise and reverse harmonies.

When Four Tet is not making hip-hop that sounds gorgeously sweeping, he's concocting verses and choruses out of nothing more than vocal snippets switching in polarity. Four Tet may sound otherworldly at first, but Remixes, as well as his previous releases, continues to utilize unconventional sounds to create traditionally beautiful and engaging music.

Recommended if you dig: M83, Massive Attack, Prefuse 73



TENACIOUS D "Pick of Destiny"

Every generation needs some version of Spinal Tap, and Tenacious D is ours.

We haven't heard from the boys who make fatness and baldness as cool as Carl Winslow did much in the past five years, and they certainly haven't changed a bit. However, why change if you have a winning formula?

The soundtrack to their latest film, "Pick of Destiny," features the same narrative songs, classically influenced riffs, skits (some of which are probably from the film) and Jack Black's syncopated scat singing. Like Ween before them, Tenacious D is in a small elite of satirical bands that are also good songwriters. Though other quirky comedy groups like King Missile III and Richard Cheese (the famous lounge singer who covers radio hits) may have a sharper punch, Tenacious D retains listening value long after the punch lines wear off.

Some of the jokes are a bit recycled ("Classico" is ultimately a song dedicated to the Bach-rock break down from the eponymous debut's "Rock Your Socks Off"), but biting satire is good. And in a time where the music industry and MTV darlings continue to take themselves too seriously, biting satire like this can be forgiven.

Recommended if you dig: Ween, They Might Be Giants, Spinal Tap



BEACH HOUSE "Beach House"

Like Galaxie 500's soothing vibraphone journey, Beach House's new self-titled album is a warm, dreamy jaunt through hazy melodies and ethereal keyboard structures.

Victoria Legrand's whispery vocals create a Nico-like, dark, almost bittersweet vintage sound, with melodies reminiscent of the analog sound of Broadcast's "HaHa Sound" or Radiohead's "Kid A."

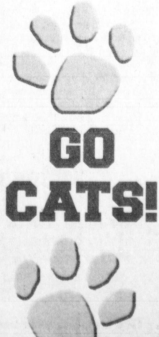
Beach House creates a celestial soundscape that shows how reverberated vocals, a single keyboard and occasional Hawaiian lap steel is all you need to create sensations. Beach House, incidentally, sounds like a nighty beach stroll, if this beach is extraterrestrial.

Recommended if you dig: Mazzy Star, Galaxie 500, Broadcast



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KERNEL EDITORIALS

Senate expansion still an awful idea

SG's push to expand the Senate continues unabated, though legislation to truly get the process rolling hasn't yet reached the table. But SG Senate President Brent Burchett wants to see the Senate expand as soon as possible, hopefully in time for the March SG elections.

"I'd like to see it happen for these upcoming elections," Burchett said in a column in the Kernel last week. "But that means we have to get it passed before we start passing out all of our election information."

Burchett did not return calls yesterday evening seeking comment in response to this editorial.

It's certainly not bad news that no legislation has been proposed. In fact, the best possible outcome would be for Senate expansion to be off the table permanently.

The plain and simple truth is that if SG wants to expand — as the leadership seems to believe it so badly does — it needs to provide sufficient justification. Its leaders have not given one yet.

Currently, students elect a senator from each college and vote for 15 at-large Senate seats. Unfortunately, SG and its candidates don't do enough to promote these candidates — along with the issues they support and the ideals they hold — to the student body. Thus, students are left with a veritable smorgasbord of guesses. With nothing more than names and smiling faces on a cornucopia of colored posters around campus as their guide, we suspect many voters pick at-large senators at random.

With talk of adding more SG Senate seats, the already-confusing situation now enters the realm of the near-astirine.

Adding seats to represent residence halls, colleges or non-Greeks is pure folly, leaving some students over-represented, which is wholly unacceptable.

Then there comes the question of at which point the number of senators should be limited to prevent leaving someone out. How can a line be drawn — keeping SG at a reasonable, functioning size — without leaving someone out? As much as it would be great to give everyone more of a voice, keeping SG at a size where it can get something accomplished prohibits this.

Then there's the question of actually having enough to do to merit more senators. At the Nov. 8, there was no legislation for SG to consider. Going to all the trouble to create new senatorial positions would be for naught if they're just going to sit around with nothing to do.

This also brings up a greater point. The SG Senate has to prove that it is a body that can get things done. Having student representation on a body is well and good, but it would be far more beneficial if this body did things that benefited students, rather than pass useless resolutions that have no real power and are merely a shout in the dark.

As a student organization that receives about \$400,000 annually, SG is bound to produce actual results, tangible benefits that students and the campus as a whole can enjoy. Adding senators would only make for a larger and still-ineffectual SG, which benefits no one and in reality does more harm than good.

This is not meant to be an unfair coming-down on SG. It is simply a statement based on the current situation. Nothing would be better for the student body than for SG to fairly represent the student body in a truly useful and efficient way. However, SG is not focusing on what it should be to make this a reality, and this current distraction is a perfect example of how this is true.

There are more important things to be done, and expanding the SG Senate is not one of them.

Students will benefit from new UHS facility

In a few years, students may have a better chance of getting an appointment when they need to go to the doctor at University Health Services.

A new UHS building in the works will be able to accommodate 120,000 patients per year, in contrast to the 72,000 patients per year UHS currently sees. This will affect students, medical center employees and UK employees, and it should be a positive change for the university in general.

Although UHS is the only accredited student health service in Kentucky, it has lower clinical square footage per student than any of the clinics at UK's 19 benchmark universities, according to a Nov. 15 UK News article.

This \$24 million new facility should be completed by March 2008, President Lee Todd said Nov. 15. With four floors of 72,000 square feet, it should be a great improvement to the measly 13,000 feet UHS currently holds inside the Kentucky Clinic.

"The expanded space in this new facility will allow for increased productivity, improved privacy and expanded health programming for the university community," said Dr. Greg Moore, the director of UHS, in the same UK News article.

Student fees back up the bonds that are financially supporting the completion of the facility; for once, students not only know what their fees are going to, but they can appreciate the cause.

With this student money invested, however, and with such a need for an improved student health facility, the completion of the building had better make deadline. If it does, most current students, with the exception of seniors, should look forward to checking it out when spring allergies hit next school year.

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AARON SMITH, Kernel cartoonist

You thought election season was over? Think again, Kentuckians!

DEBATE



Praise the Lord! All of the political yard signs have come down, and television attack ads have been replaced with more "HeadOn: Apply directly to the forehead" commercials.

The majority population is breathing a collective sigh of relief because, at long last, campaign season has passed. But enjoy it while it lasts. Amid all the hubbub of midterm elections, Kentuckians have neglected to realize that primaries for statewide offices are only five months away. Remember that gubernatorial election we had a while back? Well, we've got another one right around the corner.

Kentucky Gov. Ernie Fletcher was seen as completely unelectable at the beginning of the summer, but Fletcher recently reached the million-dollar mark in his re-election campaign fundraising. With each passing day without a serious opponent, Fletcher and his running mate, Robbie Rudolph, grow stronger and appear more formidable to potential challengers.

But in Western Kentucky, it appears that Fletcher's campaign may not be as intimidating as it seems. Former Fletcher fundraising chairman and Paducah businessman Billy Harper has established himself as a fairly legitimate candidate over the past few months. Many pundits questioned the wisdom of spending money for large media buys on television networks across the state. But the ads are rumored to be an attempt to seek out a strong candidate for lieutenant governor among the pool of popular politicians in the state.

But when will the Democrats raise up the unholy savior for Kentucky? Their search for a willing candidate for governor has not gone as smoothly as expected. Blue dog Kentucky Democrats secretly hoped the GOP would retain control of Congress so that the prodigal son, Rep. Ben Chandler, would return to the Bluegrass for a Fletcher-Chandler rematch. But Chandler seems to be sitting pretty on Capitol Hill with a chance at getting a favorable committee assignment, so don't hold your breath.

Two other popular Democrats, Louisville Mayor Jerry Abramson and State Auditor Crit Luallen announced last week that they would not seek the Democratic nomination for governor or lieutenant governor, forcing state Democrats to dig up an old party dinosaur — former Gov. Breton Jones — to run. The last time Breton Jones was in politics, most of us were watching Ninja Turtles and having our birthday parties at Mr. Gattis. Jones appears to be the frontrunner, ahead of another prominent Democrat, Steve Henry, Henry, who served as lieutenant governor under Paul Patton, has already announced his candidacy and is rumored to be shopping for a running mate in Western Kentucky.

Democrats would do well to put some support behind young Jack Conway, who narrowly lost to Congressman Anne Northup in 2002, but Kentucky Democratic Party chairman Jerry Lundergan probably will stick to traditional old party minions. As long as Lundergan is in power, Kentucky Republicans don't have much to fear. Any state party chairman that could sweep Republicans in the horrendous anti-GOP sentiments of this past election probably sucks at his job.

Enjoy the break while you can, voters. Next year's political campaigns are coming, and they'll probably be ugly.

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Don't let others' ambitions interfere with your own career choices

This week I was stunned by the story of a friend who is a very talented artist but majoring in business management because her parents would not allow her to major in art studio. How many UK students are spending their time in a program of study that they are not happy in?

A favorite teacher of mine always says, "Whose education is it?" when students complain that their parents are not supportive of a major or class choice, and she makes a valid point. Although parents may be providing the funding for a college education, ultimately, it is the student who will have to spend a lifetime with the degree and experience, and perhaps even the profession.

Why is it that so many students, myself sometimes included, allow others to influence our education decisions? This does not have to necessarily be a program of study; rather, it could encompass classes, research interests, extracurricular activities or jobs. Serving as a teaching assistant for a freshman Discovery Seminar class this semester was eye-opening — many of the students in our class had originally faced opposition from their parents before enrolling. The class, entitled "Regulating Sex and Gender: The Social and Historical Aspects of Sex and Reproduction" raised conflict between many of our students and their parents. One student actually lied to her parents, telling them she was enrolling in another section while enrolling in ours.

In addition to parental influences, many students' major and career decisions are influenced by the promise of a sizeable paycheck. Instead of choosing a lifetime in a career path they are particularly interested in, the appeal of a larger salary can have an impact on their decisions. One of the first things someone will say when you tell them you are studying social work is "You sure won't make any money in that field." After a few times, it gets old. We get it. We're not in it for the money.

The prestige of law school, the salary promises of medical school, and nagging parents and relatives all impact choices that students make when studying in college, but should they matter? Certain professions, mainly those that are not empirically math- or science-based, often receive disrespect from others. Why is this? Why should going into the restaurant business or kinesiology be looked down upon as a career choice? Why are individuals going into social work or education often considered to be settling?

Are our parents questioning our career choices because they are worried about our possible inability to support ourselves later? I know plenty of business graduates from last year who are working in retail.

Are they worried about the potential disrespect we will receive because of our career choice? I have more respect for a good friend who works as a waiter than another friend studying medicine. Regardless of the reasons, the real question then becomes why we allow other people's opinions of our choices to affect our own.

The biggest challenge I've faced with this in my own life has revolved around choosing a controversial field of study. Although I have been lucky to have family members who support my work, they do not always agree with my choices. It can be difficult to identify what you want to do and to be willing to stand up for yourself, but that is also something that is critical. If you do not respect your own decision, why should others?

You only get one chance at the college education you are having right now. Many people return to college later in life to pursue the degree that they originally put aside because of the concerns of others. As difficult as it can be, ultimately, it is your education, and you are the one who must live with the decisions you make while in college.

Some courses of study truly do not seem to be practical, but when was the last time you were flattered when someone called you practical?

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UK FOOTBALL

Cats experience 'mental letdown' against ULM

By Jonathan Smith
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If UK football players didn't know anything about Louisiana-Monroe before Saturday's game, they know a lot more now.

"A lot of us had never heard of Louisiana-Monroe, so I don't think they took us serious as they should have," said defensive end Durrell White about the team's lack of focus. "And as a result you saw what happened."

What happened was an almost unthinkable setback for the Cats, who were riding high after they clinched bowl-eligibility status for the first time since 1999.

UK (7-4 overall, 4-3 South-eastern Conference) blew a 28-10 lead and had to rally in the fourth quarter to escape with a 42-40 win over the Warhawks on Senior Day.

The narrow margin was not what most of the Cats were expecting in a game that appeared to be a walk.

Louisiana-Monroe played two SEC teams, Alabama and Arkansas, before taking on UK and lost both games by more than 30 points.

"I was fearful of a little bit of a mental letdown," head coach Rich Brooks said after the game on Saturday, "and I think we had a little bit of a mental letdown."

The Cats came into the game on a three-game SEC winning streak and with the assurance that they had already locked up a bowl bid.

But none of that mattered to the Warhawks, who rolled up 378 yards rushing and 501 yards of total offense.

The UK players admitted that after beating Vanderbilt and Georgia, the team overlooked ULM. "I think we actually got the

big head," said freshman tailback Alfonso Smith, who scored his second career touchdown against the Warhawks. "We're going to a bowl game, we're playing against Louisiana-Monroe, which was 2-7, and we kind of got the big head, and we kind of took them lightly — and it almost backfired on us."

White said the young players, like Smith, had the hardest time adjusting to the team's recent success.

"Since our team is so young defensively, and we have so many young players, they were not as focused as they were against Georgia and Vanderbilt, because those are SEC schools," White said.

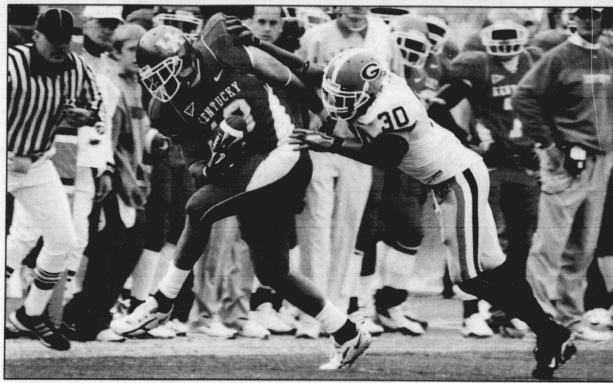
"I believe that game was a humbling experience for the younger guys to understand that yes, you're winning, but that you can get beat anytime," White said. On Saturday, the Cats travel to Knoxville to take on Tennessee — a team they haven't beaten since 1984.

If that streak is going to end, the players know they will have play much better than they did against ULM. "If we come into Tennessee with the same mindset we came into against Louisiana-Monroe," said offensive lineman Christian Johnson, "we know we're going to get crushed."

McCutchan honored

Matt McCutchan was named SEC offensive lineman of the week yesterday for his performance against Louisiana-Monroe.

McCutchan, a 6-foot-3, 310-pound senior center from Lebanon, Ohio, helped guide the offense to 457 yards of total offense and 98 yards rushing.



UK junior tight end Jacob Tamme tries to stay inbounds against Georgia on Nov. 4. After the Cats lost to LSU, Tamme challenged his teammates to win the rest of their games.

ELLIOTT HESS | STAFF

Cats chose right path at fork in road

After UK suffered through a 49-0 pasting at Louisiana State on Oct. 14, the Cats were 3-4, and the season was teetering on the edge of lost.

But somewhere in the walk back to the visitors' locker room, the Cats realized they were at a crossroads. UK was at a fork in the field and had to make a decision.

"We had one of two choices," head coach Rich Brooks said. "We could either roll up our sleeves or give in."

Considering the heat and humidity in mid-October in Louisiana, it's doubtful that anybody was wearing sleeves in the first place, but you get the drift. It was a mental rolling of the sleeves.

The Cats sat in a shell-shocked locker room — presumably after getting reamed by the coaches — and committed to following through with a strong finish to the

season. "We said, 'We've got five games left, and we can win all of them,'" said tight end Jacob Tamme.

Four down, one to go. That kind of talk is common in a losing locker room, but rarely does it mean anything.

That night in Baton Rouge, it meant something. Actually, the Cats, by their play, have made it mean something. You see, it's easy to talk about making commitment, but awfully difficult to follow through (ahem, Bobby Petrino). But UK has done it.

Things have happened in the last four weeks that haven't happened in a long time at UK. The Cats have won four consecutive games for the first time since a 4-0 start to the 2002 season. UK will go to its first bowl since 1999. The Cats beat Georgia for the first time since 1996.

"Everybody bought in," said offensive lineman Christian Johnson. "You could just tell after that game it was a totally different team."

It has been different. But totally different? Not yet. For this team to be totally different, it must accom-

plish things that haven't happened in two decades, or maybe even things that have never happened.

Which is exactly what the Cats have a shot at doing on Saturday.

In this rivalry, which is always played out in the final regular-season game, Tennessee has beaten UK 21 straight times. That's not a rivalry. It's a funeral.

These different, history-making Cats have their biggest job in front of them this week, and trying to end a losing streak that started before the first episode of "Saved by the Bell" is a daunting task. "It's hard to overcome failure," Brooks said. "History is history, but all of that stuff stacks up. It's another hurdle you have to overcome."

But if the Cats can overcome it, they'll hurdle into a second-place finish the Southeastern Conference eastern division. That has never happened before.

"It would be a milestone of huge proportions," Brooks said. It is supposed to be about 60 degrees on Saturday in Knoxville, Tenn. Just cold enough for sleeves. And just hot enough to roll them up.



CHRIS DELOTTELL
Kernel columnist

UK 87, DePAUL 81 Cats hang on to beat DePaul in Maui Invitational

UK advanced to the second round of the winners bracket in the EA Sports Maui Invitational after beating DePaul 87-81 yesterday at the Lahaina Civic Center.

The No. 20 Cats improved to 3-0 on the season while the Blue Demons dropped to 1-3. UK will play the winner of the UCLA-Chaminade game tomorrow night at 9:30.

Junior center Randolph Morris led the Cats with 20 points and nine rebounds, and scored nine of the game's final 11 points.

The Cats jumped out to an early 10-0 lead behind five points from Ramel Bradley.

Bradley, had 16 points in the game, opened up the scoring with a long range 3-point shot.

But DePaul rallied to within five at halftime behind seven consecutive points late in the first half from guard Dracon Burns.

In the second half, DePaul managed to take the lead twice, the last time coming with 14:59 to play on a layup by Sammy Mejia.

Mejia and Will Chandler both had 17 points to lead the Blue Demons. DePaul will play the loser of the UCLA-Chaminade game tomorrow afternoon.

Morris played 32 minutes for the Cats, and managed to stay out of foul trouble for the second straight game.

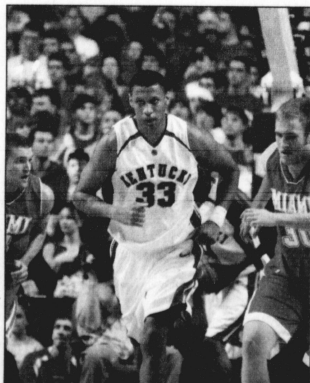
His last basket came with 2:10 left to put the Cats up by 11, but DePaul still wasn't finished.

The Blue Demons scored the next six points, but were doomed when the Cats converted on five of six free throws down the stretch.

Both teams made 32 field goals, six 3-pointers and shot over 53 percent from the field.

The difference for UK came at the free throw line, where they sank six more than the Blue Demons.

The Cats won their first game in the invitational since 1993. If they win two more games, they will tie the all-time record for wins in the tournament.



UK center Randolph Morris hustles down the court against Miami earlier this season. Morris scored 20 points in the opening round of the Maui Invitational yesterday.

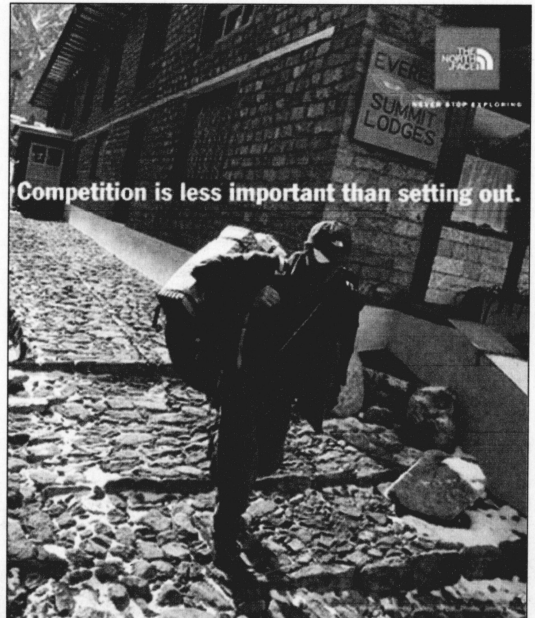
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Bradley	30	5-11	2-4	4	4	1	2	1	2	1
Perry	11	4-8	2-2	2	2	1	0	0	2	0
Morris	20	7-13	0-0	8-9	2	3	0	0	20	20
Shawnesson	12	1-2	0-0	1	1	2	0	0	2	0
Thomas	26	1-2	0-0	0-0	1	1	1	1	2	0
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Chandler	30	7-14	2-3	1-1	1	1	4	6	19	0
Waller	14	4-5	1-2	0-0	1	4	0	0	9	0
Green	10	2-3	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	10	0
Thompson	10	2-4	0-0	2-2	0	0	0	0	10	0
Harris	16	3-5	1-2	4-4	0	2	2	1	11	0
Crispkins	11	1-1	0-0	2-2	0	2	0	0	11	0
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Kentucky 87
DePaul 81

Field goal shooting: UK 57.1, DePaul 53.3. Free-throw shooting: UK 81.0, DePaul 78.8. Technical fouls: UK 11 (Bradley 3, Perry 2, Parter 2, Shawnesson 1, Morris 1, Crawford 1, Jacson 1), DePaul 11 (Coner 1, Melby 1, Chandler 2, Burns 1, Green 1), Brooks 1. (Note: UK 4 (Perry 2, Shawnesson 1, Morris 1), DePaul 2 (Chandler 2). Attendance: 2,400.)

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