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Ticket lottery sparks student gripes

Student complaints vary, but UK says system works fine as is

By Megan Boehnke, Troy Lyfe and Darlusch Shafa
THE KENTUCKY KERNEL

UK students outnumbered tickets by about 2-to-1 at Monday night's ticket lottery and the crowd exceeded the fire code safety limits for Memorial Coliseum by more than 1,000 people.

The lottery's large turnout was because of the games the tickets were for: the Dec. 3 North Carolina game and the Dec. 17 University of Louisville game.

Students were lining up as early as 7:30 p.m., said staff support associate Lori Menter with UK Athletics.

"I arrived at about 7:30 p.m. and students were already lined up down the

block," Menter said. "It doesn't make sense; that's the point of the lottery — so students don't have to stand out there all day long. If you're first in line or last in line, you have the same chance to get your number called."

According to the lottery's rules on UK Athletics' Web site, students must be inside by 9:15 p.m., when the doors close. But administrators kept the doors open beyond that time Monday night.

"That was an executive decision," Menter said. "They were going to close (the doors), but there were so many people outside they didn't want to start something, so they let them in."

Associate Dean of Students Tony Blanton made the decision to keep the doors open longer.

"We've never closed the doors at 9:15," Blanton said. "If we did that, we'd never get anybody in there."

"We try to leave the doors open until the lines are gone," he said.

Although turnout was far greater than expected, so many students left that 200 unsold tickets went on sale yesterday morning.

"We expected about 5,000 students — 7,000 showed up," Menter said.

When not under construction, the maximum occupancy of Memorial Coliseum under the state fire code is 8,000. Be-

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Arrest made in series of car break-ins

Suspect detained in Student Center lot

By Megan Boehnke
THE KENTUCKY KERNEL

UK police arrested a man Friday evening whom they believe is responsible for many of the thefts from automobiles around campus this semester, said Maj. Joe Monroe.

Police stopped Charles Smith Jr., 32, in the Student Center parking lot during the women's basketball game against Indiana-Purdue after police received a tip that he was looking into vehicles.

Officers found Smith with a hammer and a flashlight, and they arrested him on charges of possession of burglary tools and fraudulent use of a credit card.

Smith matches descriptions given in earlier incidents of theft from automobiles this semester and was using a similar method of breaking into cars as had been reported, Monroe said.

"That is, smashing the window and grabbing whatever is in plain sight," Monroe said.

Police are still trying to link him to earlier incidents. Still, Monroe said thefts from vehicles have not been any higher this year than in the past, although they do spike during the beginning of the year and before holiday breaks.

"Criminals 'Christmas shop.' They find what they want and then pawn it to get money for shopping or whatever," Monroe said. "It always spikes right before the holidays and dies off right before the end of the semester."

Most of the time, thieves take valuables left on the seat or in plain sight such as radar detectors, CD notebooks, stereos and speakers, Monroe said.

He advised students not to leave valuables in their vehicles. If they do decide to leave valuables in the vehicle, Monroe said students should cover them or place them in the glove compartment.

Monroe also warned that vehicles with tinted windows are five times more likely to have things stolen. "When you smash a window, tint stays all together and only makes a bit hole," he said. "When you bust a window that doesn't have tint, it makes a louder noise and shatters."

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"The Bent" was placed in the engineering complex courtyard in 1970 by the Kentucky Alpha Collegiate and Bluegrass Alumna chapters of Tau Beta Pi. Students regularly scour off the grime that the statue accumulates.



(From left): Chemical engineering junior Terry Horn, electrical engineering senior Steve Dominick and mechanical engineering senior Josh Henry, members of the Tau Beta Pi engineering honor society, polish "The Bent," a sculpture in the engineering complex courtyard. The sculpture needs to be sanded regularly to clean off pollution residue, a task usually reserved for pledges, Dominick said.

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COMMENTARY

Give thanks for the truth about Turkey Day

As the holiday season opens in full force with Thanksgiving tomorrow, most students have declared their semester at an end. Indeed, I'd be amazed if anyone is actually reading this in lieu of packing their cars, hopping on planes or sleeping in ridiculously late. Nevertheless, Thanksgiving provides a time for reflection not only on our proverbial blessings, but also on our national heritage.



Ian Conley
KERNEL COLUMNIST

Of course, one can't discuss the fables of Thanksgiving without briefly touching on the idea that eating turkey makes you sleepy. Dealing with one's family often requires heavy sedation, so we all try never to forget to give thanks for tryptophan.

Yes, tryptophan can make you sleepy,

but not directly. Tryptophan helps produce niacin, which helps produce serotonin, which makes you mellow out and plays a large part in sleep. Weren't you paying attention in biochemistry?

The gluttonous act of eating Thanksgiving dinner itself may be enough to put you to sleep, though — it's a ton of food full of those deliciously sinful carbohydrates. If you're still hankering for relief or an instant holiday coma, you can always break down and indulge in some designer drugs and red wine, but that's neither terribly classy nor recommended.

Looking back into various journals written by the Pilgrims about the original event reveals that "venison and wild fowl" were the only meat dishes served; there was no turkey or dressing to abdicate your responsibility of talking eight hours with your grandmother about how things used to be.

The Pilgrims themselves have been victims of historical public relations. No, they didn't land at Plymouth Rock, and

no, they didn't wear those quintessentially ridiculous black clothes. History (read history, not the coloring books called such from elementary school) notes that the Pilgrims actually landed in Provincetown, Mass. As for the clothes, this was an occasional Puritan practice, but contrary to popular belief, the Pilgrims were not Puritans, they were Separatists.

The two are terribly confused in the minds of most Americans. While the Puritans were part of the established church, the Separatists did not recognize the established institution and doubted the validity of the Church of England. In fact, the Pilgrims didn't even know themselves to be pilgrims; they rather referred to themselves as planters. The term "Pilgrim" didn't come into fashion until the early 19th century, when nationalism was on the rise in the United States.

Also, while it is a matter of fact that the Pilgrims likely held harvest festivals

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UK 84, STETSON 38

Cats' 'D' drives Hatters mad

By Ryan Wood
THE KENTUCKY KERNEL

The visiting Atlantic Sun champions left Memorial Coliseum defenseless last night after UK's stifling defense and junior guard Jany Pfeiffer's 21 points led UK to an 84-38 win over Stetson.

"Once you get the first shot under your belt, you gain a lot of confidence," Pfeiffer said, who came off the bench to bury five of nine 3-pointers. She said she enjoyed the zone defense Stetson (0-2) played against UK (2-0) most of the game.

"I call zone 'the shooter's dream,'" she said smiling. "It gives everybody the opportunity to hit the 3."

The Hatters were held to 18 percent shooting, making nine field goals in a game UK controlled from

opening tip to the final buzzer.

Wildcat coach Mickie DeMoss said she was pleased with her team's tough, physical play, but she felt UK gave Stetson too many opportunities from the charity stripe.

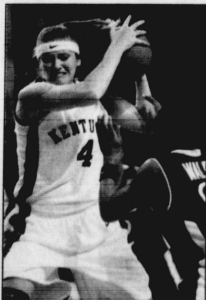
"I was very pleased with our defense, but I thought we fouled too much," DeMoss said.

The Cats took a 12-0 lead to start the game on 3-pointers by freshman point guard Carly Ormerod and sophomore guard Samantha Mahoney.

"(We) take no prisoners," sophomore forward Jleia Roddy said. Roddy grabbed 12 rebounds and added six points in the Cats' 46-point win.

After jumping out to their early 12-point lead, the Cats started to put Stetson at the line and allowed them

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UK sophomore center Sarah Elliott looks for an opening toward the basket during the first half of the Cats' 84-38 win over Stetson Hatters last night at Memorial Coliseum.

Elliott finished with eight points and four rebounds on the night.

KEITH SHAWLEY | STAFF

AAA: Prices won't dampen holiday travel

By Evan Israel
THE KENTUCKY KERNEL

In spite of higher gas prices and slightly fewer flight options, a greater number of Americans plan to travel this Thanksgiving than last year, according to national figures.

According to AAA estimates, more than 37 million Americans will travel at least 50 miles this year, an 0.8 percent increase from last year.

Lilla Mason, a spokeswoman for AAA, said even though gas prices are a good deal higher than last year's, Americans will find ways of covering the prices through methods such as driving more fuel-efficient cars, visiting relatives who live closer to their home and packing lunches to eat on the road.

In addition to the highway travelers, about another 4.6 million people plan to travel by airplane, an estimate 1.3 percent higher than last year. Another projected 1.8 million travelers will travel by train, bus or other transportation method.

Air travelers are urged to get to the airport early in order to not miss flights.

"If you miss your plane, it's unlikely that there will be an empty seat for you on the next flight," Mason said.

Higher gas prices aren't the only concern of travelers; prices for hotels and car rentals will also be higher than last year, according to AAA's Leisure Travel Index. Hotel rates are expected to be up about 1.5 percent and rental car rates are expected to be up about 3.2 percent.

The AAA figures also indicate that 55 percent of travelers are expected to stay at a friend or relative's home.

"My travel plans consist of going home to my family in Shelbyville, Ky., and having dinner with my family on Thanksgiving Day," said integrated strategic communications junior Alise Marshall.

She won't be the only person going to a small town, as AAA estimates that 37 percent of Thanksgiving travelers will be going to small towns and rural areas, followed closely by cities, which are expected to see 34 percent of the travelers.

Journalism freshman Jeremy Greer is anxious to get home to his family and hopes the trip is easy. "I'm going to visit my family in Muncie, Ind., and I hope that the roads aren't too crowded."

For others who are concerned about their holiday journeys, AAA offers a Web site that can help with planning trips at www.AAAMaps.com.

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Lottery

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cause of the construction of the new basketball practice facility behind it, that number has been lowered to 5,800, said associate athletic director Russ Pear.

Some students were upset that so many people were allowed in.

"It was total craziness. I got caught in the crowd. Everyone started rushing the door and you couldn't even stop," said communication freshman Erin Bevins. "They kept letting people in and it just didn't make any sense when they're just going to get disappointed."

"It was unfair to let all those people in and just not have enough tickets," said Megan Chapman, an undeclared freshman.

Officials said despite the large crowds, the lottery was orderly and there weren't any problems.

"There weren't any incidences last night. Students were excited to get in, but no fights. Everyone was calm," Menter said.

Some students' accounts didn't agree with that.

"I almost got in a fight with someone who was cutting in lines because I was trying to regulate — or at least keep them from getting in front of me," said integrated strategic communications senior Kyle Fertig.

"It was pretty much madness," said political science freshman Lauren Russow. "They were pushing, shoving, running and trampling on people."

After standard lottery tickets were exhausted, lottery officials began writing numbers by hand, students said. One of those newly formed groups was the third group called to get tickets.

"Those that had been there a long time didn't get tickets, and those who were penciled in did," Chapman said.

Officials said there are no plans for any changes to the way the lottery is conducted.

"There were thoughts of going to an online ticketing system, but every time it's brought up, it gets a negative response from students," Menter said.

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UNIVERSITY OF KENTUCKY CRIME REPORT

Crimes reported to UK police
Nov. 15 through Nov. 21

Nov. 15: Theft from a UK vehicle reported at Dickie Drive and the cooling plant at 6:36 a.m.

Nov. 15: Stolen credit card with fraudulent charges reported at Greg Page Apartments at 6:08 p.m.

Nov. 15: Hit and run reported at 409 South Limestone St. at 6:38 p.m.

Nov. 16: Hit and run reported at Dickie Drive and the cooling plant at 12:10 a.m.

Nov. 16: Criminal mischief reported at the College of Medicine in room 567 at 7:47 a.m.

Nov. 17: Marijuana use reported at Blanding Tower at 12:45 a.m.

Nov. 17: Suspicious vehicle reported driving erratically in parking structure on Rose Street at 1:44 a.m.

Nov. 17: Suspicious person reported looking into windows behind Keeneland Hall at 3:22 p.m.

Nov. 17: Possible larceny from automobile reported at Commonwealth Stadium at 5:02 p.m.

Nov. 18: Criminal mischief reported at Commonwealth Stadium when a vehicle with a window broken out at 8:42 a.m.

Nov. 18: Female subject, who was also the subject of a warrant, reported being disorderly and starting a fight in parking lot at 202 Avenue of Champions at 8:42 a.m.

Nov. 18: Fraud from UK Credit Union account reported at the UK police station at 1:02 p.m.

Nov. 18: Criminal mischief to a vehicle with scratches on it reported at 2:07 a.m.

Nov. 18: Suspicious person reported looking into vehicles at the Student Center at 8:08 p.m.

Nov. 18: Theft of a laptop reported at Keeneland Hall at 8:45 p.m.

Nov. 19: Suspicious circumstances reported on Rose Street and Euclid Avenue where passengers in a Monte Carlo was reportedly throwing objects out the window at 10:13 p.m.

Nov. 20: Three suspicious male subjects reported vandalizing vehicle in Commonwealth Stadium at 11:13 p.m.

Nov. 21: Suspicious person exposed himself in Coopertown apartment building at 9:13 p.m.

Nov. 21: Extra patrol requested for basketball lottery at 9:40 p.m.

Nov. 21: Suspicious person reported hiding in bushes behind Blanding III at 11:48 p.m.

Crimes taken from UK police crime log
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last week: 5-2

UK 26, Tennessee 13
Georgia 28, Georgia Tech 24
Florida 21, Florida St. 13
Texas 70, Texas A&M 3
Oklahoma 35, Oklahoma St. 14
Mississippi St. 17, Ole Miss 13
Colorado 28, Nebraska 21

Adam Sichko (60-24)

last week: 6-1

Tennessee 28, UK 24
Georgia Tech 31, Georgia 17
Florida 34, Florida St. 17
Texas 49, Texas A&M 20
Oklahoma 28, Oklahoma St. 21
Ole Miss 13, Mississippi St. 7
Colorado 28, Nebraska 10

Chris Johnson (60-24)

last week: 5-2

W. Michigan 31, N. Illinois 28
Georgia 37, Georgia Tech 20
Florida St. 31, Florida 24
Texas 45, Texas A&M 10
Oklahoma 21, Oklahoma St. 17
Ole Miss 12, Mississippi St. 10
Colorado 34, Nebraska 21

Doug Scott (58-26)

last week: 5-2

UK 61, Tennessee 23
Georgia 60, Georgia Tech 24
Florida 24, Florida St. 24
Texas 58, Texas A&M 26
Oklahoma 57, Oklahoma St. 17
Mississippi St. 57, Ole Miss 27
Nebraska 35, Colorado 29

Andrew Martin (57-27)

last week: 5-2

Tennessee 24, UK 21
Georgia 28, Georgia Tech 17
Florida St. 21, Florida 14
Texas 42, Texas A&M 14
Oklahoma 28, Oklahoma St. 21
Ole Miss 21, Miss. St. 20
Colorado 42, Nebraska 31

Megan Boehnke (57-27)

last week: 4-3

Tennessee 35, UK 20
Georgia 24, Georgia Tech 21
Florida 28, Florida St. 27
Texas 42, Texas A&M 24
Oklahoma 28, Oklahoma St. 7
Ole Miss 17, Miss. St. 7
Colorado 26, Nebraska 12

Josh Sullivan (55-29)

last week: 4-3

Tennessee 35, UK 18
Georgia Tech 28, Georgia 17
Florida 24, Florida St. 10
Texas 70, Texas A&M 5
Oklahoma 17, Oklahoma St. 13
Ole Miss 27, Mississippi St. 21
Colorado 28, Nebraska 27

Tim Wiseman (53-31)

last week: 3-4

UK 21, Tennessee 20
Georgia 24, Georgia Tech 21
Florida 28, Florida St. 24
Texas 35, Texas A&M 17
Oklahoma 35, Oklahoma St. 21
Ole Miss 14, Mississippi St. 12
Colorado 24, Nebraska 14

Hilly Schiffer (48-36)

last week: 4-3

Tennessee 14, UK 7
Georgia 21, Georgia Tech 17
Florida 35, Florida St. 21
Texas 42, Texas A&M 24
Oklahoma 14, Oklahoma St. 10
Mississippi St. 49, Ole Miss 35
Nebraska 35, Colorado 28

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Charlie (John Cusack) and Vic (Billy Bob Thornton) have just successfully embezzled \$2 million from several businesses in Wichita, Kan. But what Charlie really wants is strip-club owner Renaia (Connie Nielsen). In fact, Charlie wants to skip town with Renaia, but Vic and some others have different ideas. Great cast and interesting ideas. At Regal and Woodhill.

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Nightclub DJ Darryl (Usher Raymond) saves the life of a mob boss (Chazz Palminter). As a reward, Darryl is given the job of watching over the mob boss' gorgeous daughter (Emmanuelle Chriqui). Sparks inevitably fly, and the Don isn't happy — but he's got a mob war to deal with. To quote the producers, "All's fair in love and gangster warfare." Uh, whatever you say. At Lexington Green, Regal and Woodhill.

JUST FRIENDS

Why, Hollywood, why? Band geek Ryan Reynolds turns into a high-powered music label executive. Later, stranded in New Jersey, he bumps into a girl he had a crush on in high school (Amy Smart) and discovers he's in love with her. Apparently, some sort of hilarity ensues after this. Chris Klein, who Katie Holmes dumped to join the Hollywood Scientology cult, gets some screen time, and Reynolds wears a fat suit. Who green-lights these things, and where can I go to slash their tires? At Regal and Woodhill.

PRIDE AND PREJUDICE

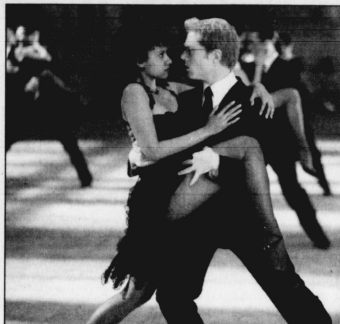
The latest update of the famed Jane Austen novel. And no, it doesn't star Colin Firth. Elizabeth Bennet (Keira Knightley) is of the age that she is to be married, but while everyone else in her family wants to settle down with a rich suitor and spend their lives the way they already are, Lizzie wants to see the world. A wealthy businessman named Mr. Bingley moves in nearby, and courts Lizzie's eldest sister Jane. But Lizzie is more interested in Mr. Bingley than in her own suitor, Mr. Darcy. A battle of the sexes ensues, though apparently, American audiences get a more sexed-up version of the film, and a different ending than the Brits. Let's hear it for our vulgar nature. At Lexington Green and Regal.

RENT

A modern update of "La Boheme," this rock opera is the movie version of the successful Broadway show. Basically, a bunch of starving artists are all living in the East Village in New York and doing their best to get by while struggling with AIDS, poverty, and relationship problems. The play won a Pulitzer Prize and several Tonys, so unless the screenwriter is a complete moron, this should be a good movie. At Lexington Green, Regal and Woodhill.

YOURS, MINE & OURS

Dear God, I know that humans aren't perfect, and I realize that we



Tracie Thoms and Anthony Rapp star in director Chris Columbus' big-screen adaptation of the hit Broadway rock opera "Rent," opening today.

need to change our ways in some regards. But why did you decide to punish us by giving us this movie? Also, what information do you have on Dennis Quaid and Rene Russo that would make them star in this remake of a Lucille Ball film? And why does Paramount Pictures feel that the biggest part of this movie is the fact that the word "and" was changed to an ampersand on the posters? At Regal and Woodhill.

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9 p.m. The Dame. Tickets cost \$5.

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9 p.m. The Dame. Tickets cost \$5.

Clay Aiken
8 p.m. Louisville Palace Theater. Tickets cost \$55 to \$80.

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9 p.m. Southgate House, Newport, Ky. Tickets cost \$10.

SATURDAY
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9 p.m. The Dame. Tickets cost \$5.

Mudvayne
7:30 p.m. Hara Arena, Dayton, Ohio. Tickets cost \$24.

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7 p.m. Piere's, Fort Wayne, Ind. Tickets cost \$10.

SUNDAY
Rob Thomas

7:30 p.m. Louisville Palace Theater. Tickets cost \$45.50.

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Casting Crews
7 p.m. E.J. Nutter Center, Dayton, Ohio. Tickets cost \$18 to \$40.

TUESDAY
Chris Campbell Band w/ Enjlan
9 p.m. The Dame. Tickets cost \$3.

Allister and Fenix TX
7:30 p.m. Top Cats, Cincinnati. Tickets cost \$12.

WWE Smackdown
7:30 p.m. US Bank Arena, Cincinnati. Tickets cost \$21.50 to \$41.50.

Cracker
8 p.m. Little Brothers, Columbus, Ohio. Tickets cost \$15.

— Compiled by On Tap Editor
Ryan Ebelhar

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several times per year, it was certainly never an institutionalized annual event. The holiday we all know today wasn't a quintessential piece of American dogma until President Abraham Lincoln declared Thanksgiving a holiday in 1863.

Lincoln's declaration, full of hubris and highly Christian rhetoric, was meant to stir up latent senses of patriotism and unity that had fallen by the wayside in the midst of the Civil War. "I do therefore invite my fellow citizens in every part of the United States," Lincoln wrote, "to set apart and observe the last Thursday of November next, as a day of Thanksgiving and Praise to our beneficent Father who dwelleth in the Heavens."

James W. Loewen, in his book, "Lies My Teacher Told Me: Everything Your American History Book Got Wrong," notes that Thanksgiving works as a ritual of our cultural consciousness and collective memory. "The ideological meaning American history has ascribed to Thanksgiving compounds the embarrassment (of historical whitewashing). The Thanksgiving legend makes Americans ethnocentric," Loewen writes. "After

all, if our culture has God on its side, why should we consider other cultures serious?" Of course, this isn't to diminish the holiday; we all need time for reprieve and an excuse to throw ourselves into an inexcusably large amount of food and drink in a cauldron of booze, but one wonders how truly different that is from any other day in the life of an undergraduate. E-mail: features@kykernel.com

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IN OUR OPINION

Study abroad program needs more money

UK's John Yopp wants 1 million American students to go abroad — and he is part of a national campaign to get \$125 million to fund such trips.

It's a lofty goal, but a good one. Yopp, an associate provost and director of the Appalachian Mathematics and Science Partnership, has served on the Commission on the Abraham Lincoln Study Abroad Fellowship Program that seeks to secure enough funding to send 1 million students abroad each year.

Finding \$125 million is difficult to say the least, but funding more trips abroad should be part of the discussion. More students should have the opportunity to travel and learn far from home. As it is, the chance to study abroad is often a privilege for just a few on any campus. That

should start to change.

"It is so important for of today to have the understanding of other cultures, other peoples and other languages so our citizens can better work in a globalized world," Yopp told The Kernel Nov. 15.

The benefit of increased cultural awareness is obvious. And in today's economy, it's not hard to believe that a graduate may have to go far from home for a job.

"Unless we understand what's going on with other countries, we can't be competi-

tive," Yopp said. In the 2003-04 school year, the United States sends 191,321 students abroad — 450 of which were from UK.

It's important for students to get the opportunity to study in other countries and learn about different cultures and societies.

The commission seeks to raise that group to 1 million students by the 2016-2017 school year. That would represent about half the number of undergraduate degrees awarded each year by American colleges and universities.

"This could have a very positive effect," David Betze, director of UK office of international affairs,

told The Kernel Nov. 15. "I think if they can actually meet their goal of a million students going abroad in the next 10 years, it's going to have a tremendous impact."

Funding for higher education is tight, to say the least. And of course, there should be higher priorities than sending students abroad. Throwing millions at study abroad programs would be great, but it should not come at the expense of vital needs.

Still, American universities should keep talking about study abroad opportunities, which could help produce more rounded, competitive graduates. And they should find more ways to send students abroad — and not just those who can afford it on their own.



AMANDA FINNEY, THE KENTUCKY KERNEL

Lottery was a barbaric melee

Memorial Coliseum is a seasoned fortress.

Monday night, it was besieged by students who descended on it like Vandals about to sack

Rome. Only they were pillaging and plundering for tickets to UK men's basketball games against North Carolina and Louisville.

I've been to several basketball games, but never to a ticket lottery. The sheer number of students who showed — about 7,000 people — was a surprise to me. To meet my brigade would require traveling down Avenue of Champions, around the corner of Rose Street and behind Coliseum Liquors. Making it inside wasn't a certainty at this point.

Shortly after picking up some dinner at Qdoba and returning to the line, the doors opened. And that's when order began to break down. The line had wound around the parking lot in behind the liquor store and back out onto Rose Street, and the people further back on Rose Street attempted to cut in line. This act of deviance solicited interception from the rightful next-in-line, who began yelling and muscling their way down Rose Street toward Avenue of Champions.

Once traffic began moving, the crowd began walking briskly, people attempting to weave in and out of line and toward the coliseum doors in whatever way possible. My platoon struggled to stay together, causing me to suggest we form a triangle formation in order to better penetrate the crowd.

Stepping and stumbling over beer cans and litter, and being pushed and shoved through bodies aroused the Nordic instincts of the mob. I felt a savage sense of excitement.

But the real test of grit came in front of the coliseum, where students began packing in so tightly that one could envision an invisible but ubiquitous dry vacuum over the sea of bodies. Over the noisy protestations and chants of students rose columns of cigarette smoke

(apparently there is no such thing as a bad time to smoke), choking confined students and contributing to the growing rage.

Infiltration through the double doors was a smashing experience. This was no place for pacifists or peaceniks; only the aggressive were going to push hard enough to get through the portal. In my aggressive haste, I nearly crushed a poor woman who I'm sure was two feet shorter than myself.

Then it was up, up, up the ramp toward the lottery ticket distributors. I felt a hand repeatedly brush across my backside. Was it inadvertent or "bad touching"? A Kernel colleague spotted me and requested to write about how awful the experience had been (by this time the idea had occurred to me as well). Through the thicket of impatient fans I shouted, "You realize we endorsed this editorially?"

At this point I concluded that large crowds must be intrinsically disposed toward antisocial behavior under the right conditions. And the theory makes sense. When in a large crowd, one ceases to be an individual. No one really stands out (except for a few hardcore participants). Everyone is treated the same way and usually has the same end in mind, never mind the means. The concept of personal space is obliterated and that everyone who wasn't seated for unruly behavior is impossible for almost any authority.

So people get lost in a state of sensationalism, comfortable behaving in a way they would not ordinarily if it were possible to make a distinct judgment about their behavior individually. Group-think mentality prevails, and where the worst, lead others will surely follow.

After waiting for 30 minutes inside, I was at the very front of the line before being informed by battle-hardened UK officials that they were out of tickets and that everyone who wasn't seated for the lottery would have to get tickets on the front, who had been waiting longest, would be the very last to get inside the arena area.

As someone who sometimes succumbs to the childish tendency to get worked up about a small problem, I was

surprised that I didn't feel emotionally distraught by the news. Perhaps the behavior of other students was too scintillating for me to probe my disappointment. But the announcement didn't settle well with other students, who began booing and hissing at lottery workers. One man verbally thrashed the staff with a cacophony of profanity telling him he would have none of it (but of course he would; he still wanted to go to the games). The staff curtly suggested he leave if he couldn't settle down. I would later hear him proclaim himself the protector of student rights.

So it was back down the ramp, past more litter and an abandoned flip-flop for my poor, unfortunate souls, and up another ramp.

Eventually, we entered the dark arena, illuminated by the glow of cell phones and laptop screens. Ironic it was to see sophisticated technology juxtaposed with barbaric behavior — yelling, screaming and general belligerence. I sat down with my beleaguered Qdoba sack and inhaled my food.

The lottery emcee announced that many students wouldn't get tickets to a chorus of boos. And the tension between the workers and students was evident the rest of the night.

To be sure, the lottery had been ill-organized. There weren't enough lottery tickets to be passed out, it took forever to get students seated, and in general, everything seemed to be in disarray until game ticket sales actually began. But none of that justified the generally crude behavior of the students.

The sermon isn't necessary for everyone there. Many people behaved themselves in a dignified manner. And in no way am I sacrosanct; I myself succumb to rudeness and lack of restraint. And I hate to be prudish about behavior at an athletic-related event. As aforementioned, disorder has a way of appealing to my less noble sensibilities. But with so many people receiving unwarranted harassment Monday night, the behavior of some students cannot pass without noting its inappropriateness.

If you disagree, I have one question: Since when did civility become a vice? Andrew Martin is a journalism and political science senior. Email: amartin@kykernel.com.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Every day gives us cause for thanks

Don't get me wrong; I'm as big a fan of turkey as the next guy. Still, I have to admit feeling a bit jaded whenever Thanksgiving rolls around (no food pun intended). It seems that all holidays (Thanksgiving included) have lost a bit of relevance in our everyday lives lately.

Apart from this weekend, how many of us will have actually sat down and been genuinely thankful for what we have this semester? It seems like this is one year when we've got quite a bit.

Let's face it, this year has been pretty rough: a record hurricane season, war in Iraq and political tension felt across the country are just the most visible causes of strife in the world right now.

Yet, we in the university atmosphere live (for the most part) a blissfully sheltered life while we are here. We should be thankful that we have the opportunity to study under some of the brightest minds in the world. We should be thankful for the relative safety of Lexington, Ky. (a veritable sanctuary as far as college towns go), and we should be thankful for whatever other little things go unnoticed all too often in our daily lives.

Some of us have been more fortunate than others — that much is certain. But we can all take at least one moment in between bites of turkey this weekend to try and make a commitment to be thankful, even if we aren't out of class for a holiday.

Thanksgiving is great, and who doesn't love the Christmas/Hanukkah/Kwanzaa/New Year's season? But just remember that holidays are supposed to be reminders of how to live throughout the entire year.

CHAD REESE
philosophy freshman

Ticket lottery was chaotic nightmare

I was completely disgusted by the lack of organization at Monday night's basketball lottery. I felt disrespected as a lottery-veteran (and no, this was not my first lottery where I went home empty-handed). The problems began before entering Memorial Coliseum, though.

While many of us waited anxiously outside in the freezing cold for an hour or two, students who were just arriving shortly before 9 p.m. simply decided to cut the line, creating a horde of people eager to trample each other in pursuit of tickets. Their rudeness was not the issue, but they made it so that some who had patiently waited were turned away at the door, where latecomers got inside almost immediately.

Inside, we were forced to leave our seats in the back balcony, because the lack of fire exits. We then tried to sit in another section but were told by an SAC worker that the fire marshal would kick us out for sitting there, only to see others sitting there later.

So the long wait began, and it would have been more bearable had those in charge explained why the start-up took so long. Instead, those running the lottery seemed to be more interested in watching the UK men's basketball game against Louisville than starting the ticket distribution.

Once started, we learned that that there were only tickets for 50 percent of us. Why they let in 7,000 students when there were only tickets for 3,500 is beyond me. When the distribution list was finally posted, it became clear I would be watching the Louisville and North Carolina games from my couch.

After three hours of waiting, I returned to my couch empty-handed and with a sense that UK Athletics has no appreciation for their loyal student fan base. We were treated so disrespectfully that I could barely remember how lotteries had previously run smoothly in the past. Then I turned on my TV, to see the Cats lose. It was a tragic night for Kentucky basketball, indeed.

LIZ MUNNINGHOFF
political science sophomore

Columnist was right about men

I have to be the first to say that I second every word that columnist Danielle Meadows wrote in her Nov. 21 opinion column, "Dating older men isn't a bad idea." In my time here at UK, I have never been able to relate to an article as well as I could the one by Meadows.

I feel that her opinion accurately depicts the truth in the reasons why so many females prefer seasoned males as opposed to the younger guys. Older guys truly do know exactly what it is you may want and need to make sure that you not only stay around, but also will not soon have a reason to leave.

At nearly 20 years old, I cannot remember the last time that I was involved with anyone under the age of 25. I firmly believe guys my age are often intimidated by females who even remotely seem to have their "ducks in a row."

Young guys are more drawn to females who are more easily manipulated, thus, young, uncertain and sometimes looking for love in the entirely wrong place. In a society where rose gold "grills," as depicted in Nelly's newest song, are constituted as making a man desirable, I'm pretty sure that Meadows and I would have to disagree and opt for the old-schooler instead.

SADE JACKSON
finance sophomore

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Senior sendoff: Cats take on Vols in season finale

The Kernel asked UK football seniors what they would miss most about being a Wildcat



"I'll remember playing on the field with the friends I made. That's the best thing about college, all the friends you make."

Abdullah



"The color blue, because it really looks good on me."

Archer



"Playing in front of crowds. Home and away, playing in front of 80,000 people is something you gotta experience."

Beach



"All the relationships I've developed since I've been here. The first game I played in against Louisville we knocked them off and they were in the top 25."

Begley



"The camaraderie, my teammates. I'll remember making all the friends."

Bwenge



"I wouldn't change the way I play for anything in the world."

Cook



"The fellas. I'll miss the play-fights in the locker room, playing jokes on each other. The boys, that's what I'll miss the most."

Davis



"The family I built away from home. And the fans, we've been at the bottom a lot but the fans that stick around are what I'll remember the most."

Davis



"All the guys I've played with. That's probably the thing I'll miss the most is all of the guys."

Drobney



"All the relationships I've built with all the guys. Just being around here every day and the fun that we've had."

Fennell



"I'll miss Kentucky. It's a great place, a great atmosphere and the fans are great."

Gray



"The fun times being with my teammates. Just hanging with my teammates on a daily basis."

Holt



"The blocked punt against Arkansas. That will definitely be the highlight of my career. I'll remember that for the rest of my life."

Hopewell



"The fans. How caring, how supportive they are. The fans have always been behind us 110 percent."

Huffman



"Playing with my homeboys, the J-5."

Johnson



"Coach Archer. He was always yelling at me in my first semester here when I was playing outside linebacker. He kept me going the whole time."

Koger



"The friends I've met. It's been fun hanging out with them every day. I spend most of my time with them, so that's what I'm going to miss the most."

Mielsch



"Playing with this group of guys, especially my JUCO (transfers). We shared a lot of the same experiences."

Mitchell



"Playing with the J-5."

Parsons



"Spending time with my teammates. Getting ready for the games. Camaraderie."

Sprowles

Ernie Pelayo
"When I first came, a lot of the guys were real cool and they (teammates) helped to ease the transition."
Warren Wilson
"No matter how many hard times we went through with coaching changes and everything, fans were always there."

SENIORS RAYMOND FONTAINE AND DAVID HAMILTON WERE UNREACHABLE FOR COMMENT

No. 7 UK 80, No. 13 WEST VIRGINIA 66

UK finishes off Mountaineers in consolation

Cats use 20-0 run to pull away from West Virginia and never look back

STAFF REPORT

Senior guard Patrick Sparks scored 25 points and sophomore guard Rajon Rondo added 15 points and 11 rebounds, as No. 7 UK bounced back from a loss against No. 17 Iowa, beating No. 13 West Virginia 80-66.

After shooting below 40 percent in Monday night's loss against Iowa, UK (3-1) shot 54 percent against the Mountaineers, including hit-



Sparks

ting 12 of 26 3-pointers. The Cats trailed West Virginia 9-2 in the first half before back to back 3-pointers by Sparks and junior transfer Rekalim Sims helped UK run out to a 22-9 lead. Sims finished with nine points and eight rebounds.

Senior guard Ravi Moss added 11 points in the Cats

win. The Cats outrebounded West Virginia 31-28. The Mountaineers (2-2) were led by Kevin Pittsnogle who had 24 points and six boards.

UK slowly built on its halftime lead, and while West Virginia's Pittsnogle nailed a three to pull within three at 56-53, UK closed the game on a 24-13 run.

UK returns home to take on Liberty on Friday in Rupp Arena. Tip-off is set for 7 p.m.

But the Hatters shot 29 percent for the half.

After halftime, UK found its range, connecting on eight of 14 from the 3-point line for the half.

"(Last night) was a great team win," DeMoss said. "We're playing very steady... and we've got off to a really good start."

UK shot 40 percent in the first half and four of 14 from beyond the 3-point line.

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to stick around in the first half.

Stetson's Nefertiti Walker led the Hatters with 16 points. UK's Ormerod had 15 points on six of 12 shooting. "She's kind of ahead of

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