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To go forward, she had to go back to Jackson



Above: Crystal Bruno sits in the window and surveys the damage done to Jennings Hall, a classroom building at Union University. Jennings Hall lost portions of its roof during the storm on Tuesday, which led to flooding later in the night.
Top Right: A car sits overturned as a result of the tornado that touched down at Union University on Tuesday night. Classes at Union are not expected to resume until after Feb. 18.

Union alum returns to help clean up campus devastated by tornado

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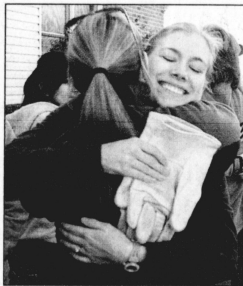
JACKSON, Tenn. — Crystal Bruno sat in silence after driving past the shadowy outlines of buildings with broken windows and collapsed roofs. She put her head on her arm and stared out the window into the dark.

"The more I think about it, the more I wonder why I came down here," Bruno said. "Like 'I'm here to save the day? Don't worry?'"

Bruno graduated last May from Union University, a Christian liberal arts college about six hours from her Lexington home. She had trouble seeing the campus at night, but the buildings on the edge of campus appeared damaged even in the dark.

The tornado that cut through Union University was one of dozens that swept across the Southeast on Tuesday night and Wednesday morning, killing 59 people and injuring others.

Bruno heard about the strength of the storms when a co-worker at UK's Experiences in Undergraduate Research and Creative Activities office told her what happened Wednesday morning.



Crystal Bruno, right, hugs Stephanie Vaughn, a fellow Union University alumna, when they arrived to volunteer for campus cleanup on Saturday morning.

Immediately she went to the computer to learn more about the tornado that hit Union's campus, hitting about 80 percent of its residence halls and causing as much as \$40 million in damages, according to the school. Another tornado had struck Union's campus in 2002, the year be-

fore Bruno started as a freshman. No one was injured in that storm, though, and it left only about \$2 million in damages.

Bruno began calling her friends in Jackson to make sure they were not among the students injured during the storm. No deaths were reported at Union, but about 50 people were sent to the hospital and some students had to be rescued from a collapsed dorm.

Her friends were all fine, but Bruno could not get what had happened off her mind.

"I didn't feel guilty, but something like that, because the night before I slept like a baby, and so many people didn't," she said.

After two restless nights, Bruno packed her bags and left Friday to drive to Jackson, arriving around 11 p.m. The next morning, she went to the university ready to volunteer.

The scene on campus was not as devastating as the initial news reports because cleanup efforts were well underway, but the view was still dra-

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At retreat, Greek councils try to bridge racial divide

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At the beginning of the first meeting of UK's three Greek councils, members were given three things — balloons, tape and straws.

The group task, to build the largest free-standing structure, was one of many group exercises given to executive members of the three councils during Saturday's Greek Leadership Retreat.

The three councils participating in Saturday's event were the Interfraternity Council, the National Panhellenic Council and the National Panhellenic Council. IFC and NPC are umbrella organizations for historically white fraternities and sororities, while NPHC represents historically black Greek organizations.

The three presidents of the councils planned the retreat so council members could get to know each other, and also to improve teambuilding, leadership and communication among the organizations and their members.

The Greek leaders planned the retreat after seeing various articles in the Kernel after the racially charged Oct. 5 cartoon likening UK's Greek system to a slave auction, said Patrick Keal, president of IFC.

"We realized after the cartoon incident we weren't focusing enough on diversity, so we brainstormed some ideas, thinking that the leadership retreat would be best," said Julie Meador, president of NPC.

After teambuilding exercises, officers from the councils came together to answer questions on the challenges they face and how they could bring their organizations closer together.

Ideas included going around to chapter houses to build personal relationships, attending each other's events on campus, and hosting a collective social event. Officers also discussed spending more time together so they could plan for the future.

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Doctors urge flu shots despite drop in cases

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While coughing, fever and muscle ache are keeping some students from class, there are fewer cases of the flu in Lexington than last year.

There are currently 13 confirmed cases of the flu in Fayette County compared to 15 cases in February 2007, said Kevin Hall of the Lexington-Fayette County Health Department. Last year, there were 84 reported cases by the end of March, when peak flu season ends, according to the health department.

Despite the downturn in flu cases, Hall said students should still consider getting flu shots.

"The flu shot takes two weeks to take effect, and the Kentucky flu season can last until May," Hall said. "It is still beneficial to get a flu shot."

The first confirmed flu case at the Kentucky Clinic was on Nov. 7, said Scott Black, a doctor at University Health Services.

"This is peak week," Black said. "We hope to see cases fall off soon."

Flu shots are available at the Kentucky Clinic for \$10, according to University Health Services.

The Lexington-Fayette County Health Department is offering flu shots for \$5 at a community clinic on Feb. 13 from 4 to 7 p.m. at the North Lexington Family YMCA. The shots are also offered daily by appointment at Lexington Health Department locations at 805 Newtown Circle and 2433 Regency Road.

"I wish I had gotten a flu shot," said Megan Drees, an interior design junior who caught the flu last month. "Recovering in my classes was as bad as recovering from the flu."

The flu is more than the common cold — it is a specific illness caused by the influenza virus, Black said.

"You may be experiencing symptoms of the flu if you feel good one minute and not the next," Black said. "The flu is usually as bad as it gets in the first 24 hours. As long as you can control fever, eat and drink fluids, it's OK to treat the flu at home."

"The flu can leave you feeling as if you have been hit by a truck," he said.

For more information on flu shots, call the Newtown Circle Health Department at 288-2483 or the Health Department on Regency Road at 899-5201.

“We will rebuild, and hand in hand with the community and with our friends and family and God, we'll be back into it within a week.”

— Josh Clark, Union University employee

Kernel launches Web site for audio, video projects

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The Kernel will launch a new mixed-media Web site today to deliver news in a way that goes beyond text and still pictures.

Mixed media is an approach to reporting that involves piecing together audio clips, videos, photos and text to deliver news, said Brad Luttrell, editor of Kernel Mixed Media (www.kernelmixedmedia.com).

"It's a beautiful way to tell stories," Luttrell said. "You can convey a message in five minutes that is so powerful."

The launch of the new site will

deliver news to UK students in ways the Kernel never has done before, Luttrell said.

"In many ways, this is the start of a new publication," said Chris Poore, UK student publications director and Kernel adviser. "It has its own editor and even its own style."

Several stories will be accessible on the site today, including a feature story on Miss Lexington pageant winner Dana Elliot, a package on wheelchair basketball tournaments, a piece from a reporter who spent a night riding along with UK police, and recent footage of tornado destruction in Jackson,

Tenn.

With the Internet providing a new outlet for journalism, Web sites with mixed-media stories have become a popular feature for newspapers, Poore said.

"Traditional dailies are changing dramatically, and our students will need to tell stories using all kinds of media," Poore said. "Hopefully this will transcend all kinds of storytelling, using audio, video, still pictures and even graphics."

Kernel Mixed Media is most of the staff's first experience with these forms of journalism.

"We are all kind of jumping

in head first with this, because we don't have much experience with it," said News Editor Juliann Vachon. "But it is a lot easier than I thought it was going to be."

Luttrell said the site is more photo-driven than the paper's current Web site (www.kykernel.com) but is a similar format to what other papers are doing.

"I think the Kernel is smart to do what the editors are attempting to do," said Mike Farrell, assistant professor of journalism. "Newspapers all over the country are conducting the same experiments."

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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 an 8 — Continue your determined quest for truth. If you don't understand the answers you get, gather more information. Make sure you ask in a way that denies any subterfuge.

Taurus (April 20 - May 20) Today is a 5 — Your margin of profit could dissolve if you have to go very far to get what you want. Figure in your transportation costs. It might be cheaper to have it delivered.

Gemini (May 21 - June 21) Today is an 6 — Others look to you for advice and inspiration. Luckily, you're good at this. Tell them what they should do and they'll love you for it.

Cancer (June 22 - July 22) Today

is a 5 — Continue to be quick in finishing whatever's left on your lists. Postpone a financial discussion. If the subject comes up, ask more questions than you answer.

Leo (July 23 - Aug. 22) Today is an 8 — You find the very person you've been looking for by looking farther away than you've ever done. Lack of geographical proximity does not present a problem.

Virgo (Aug. 23 - Sept. 22) Today is a 5 — Don't spend all your money on toys, even for other people. Follow the investment advice of an older person, instead. If none have offered any, ask.

Libra (Sept. 23 - Oct. 22) Today is a 9 — It may be hard to concentrate on business, with the mood you're in. Unless, however, your business is writing romance novels. You have some good stories.

Scorpio (Oct. 23 - Nov. 21) Today is a 5 — You may not be in the mood to hurry, but if you can, you'll show the competition you have the right

stuff. Go ahead, be intimidating.

Sagittarius (Nov. 22 - Dec. 21) Today is an 8 — A compromise can be worked out with a person of strong opinions. Even better, it looks like you can get most of what you want. Logic overrules passion again.

Capricorn (Dec. 22 - Jan. 19) Today is a 6 — Home and family draw your attention, but you must take care of other chores too. Balancing all your responsibilities is a full-time job in itself. Luckily, you're good at this.

Aquarius (Jan. 20 - Feb. 18) Today is an 8 — You're learning fast, and that's a good thing. The game is intense and quick. Put your plan into action and be ready to make immediate corrections.

Pisces (Feb. 19 - March 20) Today is a 5 — Grease the squeaky wheel and you'll improve the quality of your life. Others will benefit, too. This is a win-win situation, and you'll be the hero.

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LOVE LIVES

Nick & Vanessa's Valentine's surprises!

THE DISH

Think Valentine's Day is a holiday only women love? Not so, says Nick Lachey. A full two weeks before the big day, the singer tells Us, he already has plans in the works for his beloved of a year and a half, Vanessa Minnillo, 27!

"It's a huge surprise right now, but I do have a few things for her. We'll see what happens," gushes the star, 34, who's been hard at work on his next album. "I'm hoping she surprises me too." But when it comes to deciding what he'd want to get from his girl, Lachey admits nothing could make him happier than he already is. "You know what?" he says. "I'm a happy man. I'm already fulfilled, it's really good."

Camilla & Matthew psyched for baby!

Matthew McConaughey may not have wedding arrangements in the works ("We're just living," he answered when asked if he'll wed his four-months-pregnant girlfriend, Camilla Alves), but he's certainly feeling in the family way. The actor, 38, not only brought along the Brazilian model mother-to-be, 24, to the January 30 Hollywood premiere of his February 8 flick, *Fool's Gold*, but his own "momma," Kay McConaughey, as well.

And she couldn't be more excited about the couple of about nine months' baby news. "Just when I think life cannot get any sweeter, Matthew and

Camilla fill life with more." The former kindergarten teacher recently wrote on her son's Web site. "So here I am, drinking from my saucer, because my cup is indeed overflowing with this new baby!"

Jason Biggs: Meet my fiancée!

Jason Biggs brought a very special date to the January 29 L.A. premiere of *Over Her Dead Body* (his flick with ex-flame Lake Bell): "This is my fiancée," the actor, 29, gushed to Us of Jenny Mollen. "It happened recently!" But apparently not soon enough for Biggs. "I asked her the first night we met," he jokes of the actress, 28 — his costar in September's "My Best Friend's Girl."

Admits the "Angel" alum: "He asked me over and over again, but I was skeptical. I'd never dated an actor before, so I'd kind of hoped to steer clear. He won me over." Now, on to the big white wedding? "I think we're going to elope," Mollen confesses. "We don't want to deal with all of the drama of my family... They're really into the idea of throwing a party."

Daniel Day-Lewis' devotion to family

Work may have brought Daniel Day-Lewis to his wife, Rebecca Miller, 45 (they met on the set of 1996's "The Crucible," adapted from the play by her father, Arthur Miller), but to

day he doesn't want to let it get between them. That's why the "There Will Be Blood" Oscar nominee, 50, has said he's happiest when playing dad to sons Cashel, 5, Ronan, 9, and Gabriel, 12. "They don't get to see a lot of me when I'm working," says Day-Lewis. "So I wish to make up for that when I'm not."

Tamara talks up Christian

Christian Slater and Tamara Mellon only became an item this fall, but the Jimmy Choo president, 40, tells Us she knows they're in it for the long haul. "With Christian, it is perfect because he has that badness as part of his genetic makeup, but he is completely reformed," she says of the rehab vet, 38, whom she met through a pal and who has finished "Swimming With Sharks" on the London stage. "It's wonderful to be with a man who has a past but put it behind him."

Neil's recipe for romance!

Forget chocolates on Valentine's Day: Neil Patrick Harris says he gets delectable treats every day from his love, Broadway actor David Burka, 32. "My better half, David, is an amazing chef; so he cooks all the time," says the "How I Met Your Mother" star, 34. His job? "Dicing onions... I say, 'Yes, chef,' a lot!"

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Tim Call, a junior at Union University, helps clear personal belongings out of residence halls on Friday afternoon. Students, staff and community members volunteered to clean up the campus starting Friday morning. PHOTOS BY BRITNEY MCINTOSH | STAFF



Crystal Bruno hangs her head in disbelief after seeing where her old residence hall once stood. About 80 percent of the dorms on Union University's campus were heavily damaged as a result of Tuesday night's tornado, and 1,200 students were left without a place to stay.



Crystal Bruno works to clean up the lawn of Union University on Saturday, which was littered with bits of shingles and personal belongings following Tuesday's storm.

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matically different from what she had seen as a student. The sides of some of the campus' 13 dormitories had been torn off while others were reduced to piles of rubble.

The roof of Jennings Hall, the classroom building Bruno volunteered to clean, was partially caved in. She walked through the barely-lit halls and looked into each room. Some were almost untouched, while others were littered with insulation, ceiling tiles and shattered glass.

After cleaning for a few hours, Bruno walked across campus with other volunteers. The school was quiet — classes will not resume for at least a week, and most of the people who lived in the dorms were staying with family and friends. As she toured campus, she pointed out the buildings she remembered and where her old dorm room would have been if it were still standing.

Walking down the empty hallway of the student center, which was left untouched by the tornado, Bruno ran into

an old friend, Union alumnus Josh Clarke, who is now an admission coordinator at the university's pharmacy school, was in a dorm with friends as the tornado came through. After the storm passed, he ran outside and started looking for anyone trapped in the rubble.

"That was the hardest — the split second of time I had a choice to either freak out, or go on about my business and feel sorry and cry and not do anything good, or get a grip and pray and have God just kind of guide me," Clarke said.

Clarke helped find injured students in the storm until paramedics and police took over, and he continued volunteering over the next few days.

"We will rebuild, and hand in hand with the community and with our friends and family and God, we'll be back into it within a week," Clarke said.

Near the student center, a line of students waiting to collect their salvaged possessions formed outside the gymnasium. One of the student volunteers in the group, Leah Littlefield, was watching TV in a friend's dorm room when she heard that Jackson was under

a tornado warning. Such warnings are common for Union, Littlefield said, so she didn't take the storm too seriously at first. Then she heard the tornado coming.

She ran for the bathroom and about three feet from the door, she heard the window break. She dove on top of two other people, and one girl jumped on top of her. Debris flew over the girls through the open bathroom door.

"It just felt like the world was just being ripped apart," she said. "I felt like at any second everything would be ripped apart and we would be gone."

When the storm passed, Littlefield and about 10 of the women from her building found that a metal staircase had fallen and blocked the door leading out of the dormitories. After they climbed across steel beams and fallen trees to get to a safer place, Littlefield could not stop thinking about what had just happened.

"I couldn't even sleep that night," she said. "I was awake, because every time I would close my eyes, I would relive the moment."

On Saturday, Bruno walked with her shoulders slumped past students like Littlefield, who were there to volunteer or get their belongings. After

three nights without sleep, Bruno was exhausted.

"I think if I weren't here, I don't know necessarily. I would have been missed because it was so little — you know, picking up trash with my hands," Bruno said after sitting down on a bench in the student center. She paused for a minute, and a smile formed at the corner of her mouth.

"Whether or not I made an impact on helping Union recover, that's up for debate," she said. "But it helped myself recover, and helped my friends recover and get back to some level of normalcy. I think, yeah, it's definitely been worth it."

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German astronaut misses spacewalk due to illness

By Robert Black
The Orlando Sentinel

CAPE CANAVERAL, Fla. — The space shuttle Atlantis reached the International Space Station on Saturday, carrying the first science laboratory in seven years. But the trip may have proved a little rough for one astronaut.

NASA delayed the first spacewalk of the mission by 24 hours and announced that American Astronaut Stanley Love will take the place of his European counterpart, Hans Schlegel of Germany, on the extra vehicular activity, now scheduled for Monday. Love will work with U.S. lead spacewalker Rex Walheim.

NASA said the delay and swap were due to a "crew medical issue." Shuttle Commander Steve Frick had earlier placed private medical calls to Mission Control in Houston, apparently about Schlegel. NASA does not discuss astronaut health issues because of privacy concerns, but motion sickness is not uncommon during the first few days in zero gravity.

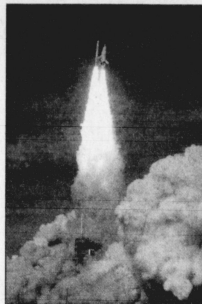
John Shannon, the co-chair of the Mission Management Team, would not confirm that Schlegel was ill or provide any details about what prompted the change in the spacewalker lineup and the delay. However, Schlegel did look a little queasy in the first pictures beamed to earth when the crew left the shut-

tle and entered the space station. Atlantis' crew is scheduled to carry out three spacewalks during the 11-day mission to install and outfit the Columbus lab module, Europe's biggest contribution to the International Space Station. The first spacewalk to move Columbus out of the shuttle's cargo bay was originally scheduled for early today. NASA will also reschedule the other two spacewalks, according to Mission Control. Astronauts need at least 24 hours between forays into space. NASA is trying to finish construction on the space station by 2010, when the agency wants to retire the shuttle fleet.

Atlantis blasted off from Kennedy Space Center on Feb. 7,

following a two-month delay so engineers could repair a faulty fuel gauge. Atlantis arrived at the station early on Saturday. Before docking, the shuttle performed a back-flip maneuver that enabled the crew on the space station to take pictures of the ship's underbelly to check for damage to the heat-absorbing tiles from foam or ice during launch.

Video shot while Atlantis was rocketing through the atmosphere showed that a few small chunks of foam from the shuttle's external tank came loose and hit the shuttle during liftoff. Atlantis appears to have made its fiery trip without any obvious signs of damage to its delicate heat shield.



Space shuttle Atlantis launches from pad 39A at the Kennedy Space Center, in Cape Canaveral, Fla., on Thursday.

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GREEKS

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"I thought it went really well — everyone seemed very comfortable with each other," said Susan West, dean of sorority and fraternity affairs, who attended the retreat as an advisor along with NPHC advisor Monique Beckham. "They did well in communicating with each other, and everyone fully and freely participated."

The follow-up to this retreat will be up to the councils, with hopes that all executive members who are leaders in their chapters will spread their knowledge throughout their organizations, Keal said.

"It's going to have to be much more than one day to build that trust between our organizations," said Alise Marshall, president of Alpha Kappa Alpha sorority. "It will take continuous effort in our cross-cultural relationships before any change can happen."

The councils hope that this idea will spread beyond Greek life to the whole campus, Keal said. "There is so much more we can get done together," he said.

Colombian guerrilla group forces women fighters to have abortions, defectors say

By Jenny Carolina Gonzalez
McClatchy Newspapers

BOGOTA, Colombia — Carolina was a member of Colombia's FARC guerrillas when her twin sons were born. Her commanders quickly ordered them turned over to a family in a small town near the area where her unit operated.

"I would see them from afar when I would pass by the town, because the lady lived near the entrance to the town and they were always sitting on the curb. But I was not allowed to get close," she recalled. "It hurt me a lot. It was tough to see them there and know that I could not stop by to visit them."

Latin America's oldest and most powerful guerrilla group regularly forces its women fighters to have abortions or hand over their babies to families living in FARC-ruled areas, several women defectors told The Miami Herald.

The drama of the FARC's children was highlighted by the case of Emmanuel, the boy born to politician Clara Rojas while she was a FARC hostage. The rebels gave the sickly boy to a family for treatment, and he ended up in a government foster-care home. Rojas and the boy were reunited after she was freed Jan. 10, along with another hostage.

Although there are no figures, anecdotal evidence gathered during interviews with the defectors suggests that abortions and handovers happen often within the Revolutionary Armed Forces of Colombia, or FARC. Defense Ministry officials estimate that women make up 16 percent of the FARC's 7,000 to 8,000 fighters.

The ban on pregnancies is even contained in rebel instruction manuals, according to one defector, because children are a clear burden for guerrillas, who stay on the move, carry heavy loads and suffer a precarious diet.

"It is the law of the guerrilla, the orders — if a woman gets pregnant, there is punishment and abortion," said one former FARC fighter who was in charge of a rebel "hospital" in Colombia's eastern plains.

"We have evidence that there are many cases," said Deputy Defense Minister Sergio Jaramillo. "How many? Very difficult to say, but we know it is a common practice that whoever has a child will lose him. The children are given to another family."

That was the story of Carolina.

"They want you to forget about your children, but you can't forget your children because they are a part of you," said the former FARC member, who

requested that her full name not be published out of fear for her safety.

Carolina said she joined the FARC just months after turning 15 and became pregnant twice by different men. The first pregnancy, in 2006, resulted in the twin boys. The father never knew about the boys because he was transferred to another guerrilla camp and was later killed in combat.

"One can't have a serious relationship," said Carolina, who is now 21. "Over there, it is like, today I met him and we last two months together in the same camp. If we like each other, we have something, but you can't think about building a family."

Jaramillo cast the guerrilla liaisons in a harsher light. "Communities that are so isolated, such as the FARC camps, have a need for women," he said. "The promiscuity that exists is brutal. In some way, the women are used to keep the men entertained."

Carolina said that on orders from her superiors, the twin boys were turned over to a family in a small town in the eastern province of Vichada, close to where her unit, the FARC's 10th Front, was operating.

One year later, she became pregnant again, this time by a top aide to her unit's commander.

At least 45 die in Iraq as Gates arrives

By Steve Lannon
McClatchy Newspapers

BAGHDAD — On a day when the U.S. secretary of defense arrived in Iraq to discuss U.S. troop withdrawals and Iraq's halting but real political progress, carnage from car bombs and internal battles around the country claimed at least 45 lives.

Pentagon chief Robert Gates arrived unannounced in the Iraqi capital Sunday evening for talks with Iraqi leaders and U.S. commander Gen. David Petraeus and Lt. Gen. Ray Odierno, a military spokesman confirmed.

A few hours before he landed in Baghdad, a big suicide car bomb exploded near a local market in Yathrib, north of Baghdad in Salahuddin province, killing at least 23 people and injuring 45. The explosion brought down part of the market building and may have trapped shoppers in the rubble, according to police.

Another car bomb exploded near Ramadi, killing three, and further north two car bombs were reported in Mosul, Iraq's third-largest city. Both of them targeted Iraqi soldiers and four were killed in one of the explosions, police said.

To the west of Mosul, 21 people were killed in fighting between insurgents and members of the U.S.-funded local awakening council militia. An Iraqi army official said al-Qaida insurgents provoked the battle by killing a family of six in the town of Sinjar, and awakening council members retaliated at the insurgents' hideout.

Five awakening members and 10 insurgents died in the early-morning fighting, a U.S. Army spokesman said.

Also Sunday, a court martial convicted Sgt. Evan Vela, of St. Anthony, Idaho, for murdering an Iraqi man who stumbled on the soldier's hideout last year. Vela was accused of killing the man, planting an AK-47 on him and making false statements to investigators. Vela's defense attorney argued he was too sleep-deprived to grasp what he was doing. Vela was sentenced to 10 years in prison. Two other soldiers had been convicted of planting false evidence but were acquitted of murder charges.

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UK 62, ALABAMA 52

Cats' defense will keep them competitive

Kentucky has lost by 11 or more points five times. All but two of their losses have been by at least nine points.

In most of the games the Cats have lost this season, they've been out of it late in the second half. That's not going to happen anymore.

UK is definitely going to lose again this season — that's for sure. But the Cats are going to be competitive in every game from here on out because of their defense.



JONATHAN SMITH
Kernel columnist

They might blow some teams out, but they aren't going to get blown out.

"I think that's the most important thing in basketball because shots are not always going to go down," Crawford said. "You have to rely on your defense."

UK is third in the Southeastern Conference in points allowed. The Cats are yielding just 66.5 points per game. That number definitely went down after Saturday's 62-52 win over Alabama at Rupp Arena.

The game, especially the second half, was a perfect example of UK's outstanding defense.

The Cats locked down on Mykal Riley on the perimeter after he hit two 3-pointers in the first half. They also locked down on Alabama big men Justin Knox and Yamene Coleman. After scoring just 14 points in the first half, they combined for just two in the second half.

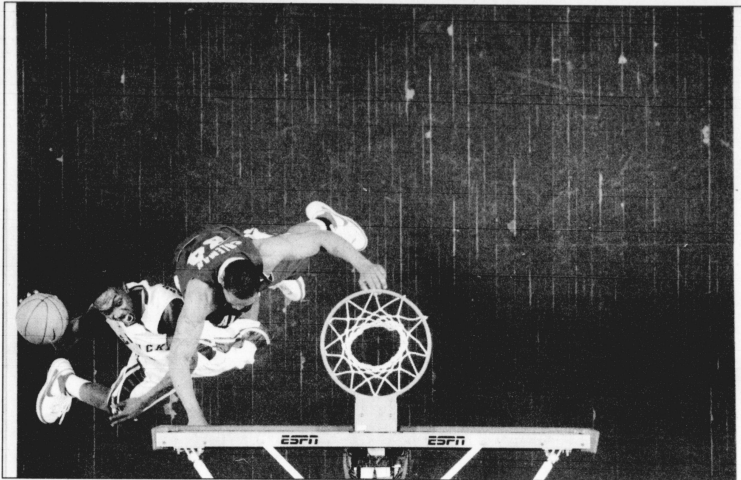
That was one of the main reasons Alabama, with less than two minutes left in the game, had scored just 15 points in the second half.

"Fifty-two points, that's not going to win you a lot of basketball games," said Alabama head coach Mark Gottfried. "That's fairly obvious."

To be sure, Alabama was without Richard Hendrix, the SEC's third-leading scorer, but Gottfried downplayed his absence by saying, "You're not going to reinvent the game with one guy out."

The Cats had to deal with the same problem for most of the Georgia game and all of the Auburn game with Ramel Bradley out. Bradley returned from the viral infection and

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Senior guard Ramel Bradley is fouled by Alabama's Yamene Coleman during a drive to the basket in Saturday's game against Alabama. Bradley returned to action after sitting out most of the Georgia game and all of the Auburn game because of a concussion and viral infection.

Bradley makes 'Smooth' return in UK win

By **Travis Waldron**
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Ramel Bradley stood still as a statue, his right hand raised in the air. Pandemonium surrounded UK's senior guard, accenting just how still Bradley stood.

"Once it went in," Bradley said, "I was just holding my pose for the photographers."

As his 3-point shot from the top of the key swished through the net, the Rupp Arena crowd of 24,190 erupted. The Cats had all but sealed their 62-52 win over Alabama.

Bradley helped the Cats extend their

winning streak to five — their longest since 2006.

Even with more than 10 minutes left in the game, Bradley sensed his bucket was a big play.

As the shot clock ticked under five, freshman forward Patrick Patterson had his shot blocked, but the ball deflected to Bradley, who tossed the 3-pointer in as the buzzer sounded. It was an emotional dagger for the Tide (13-11, 2-7 Southeastern Conference). Bradley's basket pushed UK's (12-9, 6-2 SEC) lead to six, and Alabama never challenged again.

"That was kind of one of those where you shake your head," Alabama

coach Mark Gottfried said. "That was right when the game was hanging in the balance, and it turns into a big-time 3-point play for them."

After missing the entire Auburn game and much of UK's win over Georgia with a viral infection and a concussion, Bradley returned to the court in style. He scored 19 points to pace the Cats, but his leadership was what head coach Billy Gillispie said fueled UK.

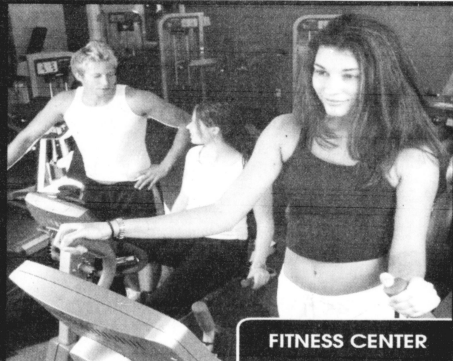
"He was probably just happy to be out there, and I definitely thought he was suffering from post-concussion syndrome the first five minutes,"

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Johnston, Trgovich win seventh straight as tennis picks up pair of Saturday wins

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Although the women's tennis team's unbeaten streak ended with a loss at Indiana on Feb. 2, four other streaks were on the line for UK on Saturday.

The unblemished records of two of the Cats' teams and two individuals continued, as UK hosted Middle Tennessee State and East Tennessee State for the second double-header of the season at the Hilary J. Boone Tennis Complex.

UK dominated both Tennessee teams 6-1, extending the Cats' overall record against Middle Tennessee State to 11-0 — tied for the second-best record over a single opponent in the UK history — and 4-0 against East Tennessee State.

Sophomore Christine Johnston and freshman Alaina Trgovich won both of their singles matches, improving their winning streaks to seven matches, the longest of their college careers.

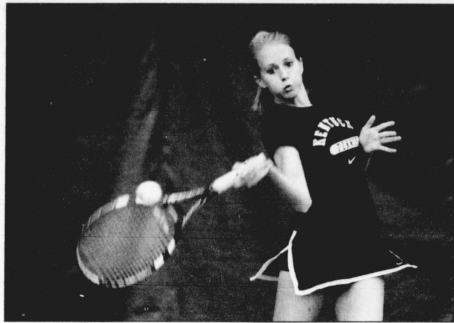
"They play well under pressure when it matters," head coach Carlos Drada said. "It's a testament to the level of attention that they have when they are playing and at practice."

UK swept the courts in playing matches. The only points the Cats lost were both doubles matches and singles matches that sophomore Whitney Spencer was scheduled to play but did not. Drada said Spencer did not play because she needed to rest for upcoming matches.

Johnston won her first singles match 6-1, 6-1 against Middle Tennessee State's Shannon Hartmann.

"I played my own game and waited for her weakness," Johnston said. "She didn't like to hit her backhand, and the longer the points, the easier it was for her to finally miss."

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Christine Johnston delivers a forehand in her singles match against East Tennessee State's Yevgeniya Stupak. Johnston won both of her singles matches Saturday.

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Johnston dominated the match, which was played on the center court, 6-3, 6-2. Johnston showed power in the backcourt, coming out strong from the beginning and winning the first two games. Stupak came back to tie the game at 2-2 and again at 3-3 before Johnston seized control and took the match.

Trgovich governed her singles match on center court against Middle Tennessee's Stephanie Parkison, winning 6-0, 6-1. And against East Tennessee's Shannon Hartmann, Trgovich conquered the first set 6-1.

However, in the second set, Hartmann came back to take the first four points, and despite Trgovich's attempt at a comeback, Hartmann won 6-4.

"Alaina has a powerful game, but she has to be disciplined in pressure situations with her shot selection and self-talk," Drada said. "She was able to change and realize that she was playing well."

Trgovich's came back to take the third set 6-0.

"I needed to relax and not be so tight," Trgovich said. "I need to be confident that I can hit my forehand like I know that I can."

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concussion against the Crimson Tide on Saturday, but for a major part of the game, he looked like he was still feeling the effects of his injuries.

He scored 19 points and hit a huge 3-pointer that sunk Alabama midway through the second half, but he had four turnovers and only one assist. He had a hard time getting into, and leading, the offense.

Bradley wasn't the only UK player who struggled on offense. Actually, the entire team did. The Cats had 10 turnovers by the seven-minute mark of the first half, and they finished the game with 18.

But it didn't matter. The guys who couldn't play offense certainly played defense.

"It doesn't matter if the game's pretty or not," sophomore forward Perry Stevenson said. "In fact, we want the game to be as ugly as possible."

What does an ugly game look like, Perry?

"Tough defense," Stevenson said. Moments before that, he said that means coming away from the game with "bumps and bruises."

That's the trademark of this team. And that's what's going to give them a chance to win every game this season.

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BASKETBALL

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Gillispie said. "He really picked it up. You have a different level of confidence (in Bradley). I know all of our players were (more confident)."

Except for an early tie, Alabama held the lead for the first 19:52 of the game. That changed when UK senior guard Joe Crawford hit a mid-range jump shot to give the Cats a 28-27 lead at halftime.

Crawford, who scored 13 points, finished off a 13-4 UK run to end the half.

The Cats' defense lacked fire in the first half, and Gillispie took the blame.

"I think I made them a little

bit tentative today," Gillispie said. "I knew the importance of the game, and I think they played not to make some mistakes because of my attitude."

But in the second half, the UK defense came alive. The Cats held Alabama to just 15 points during the first 18 minutes of the second half and 37 percent shooting overall. The result was a season-low 52 points below their season average.

"We stepped it up and made it hard for them to get the ball moving, not letting them getting in their offense," Crawford said.

Alabama played without junior forward Richard Hendrix, who averages a double-double. Hendrix made the trip to Lexington with the team, but he told Gottfried before the

game he couldn't play because of the flu.

Without Hendrix, Patterson and sophomore forward Perry Stevenson took advantage. Patterson scored 12 points and grabbed seven rebounds, while Stevenson scored eight points and grabbed a game-high nine rebounds.

The game wouldn't end without yet another injury for the Cats. Sophomore forward Ramon Harris was fouled hard on a fast break and suffered a hip pointer after falling to the floor. Before the injury, Harris scored four points, grabbed five rebounds and dished out five assists. Harris could have returned to the game, Gillispie said, but the coach elected to keep him on the bench.

Harris's play was another positive sign for the Cats, Patterson said. "I think Ramon is realizing his strengths," he said. "I think he's realizing that he can drive to the basket and he can contribute to our team and be one of the key factors in our offense."

In the end, it was another "ugly" win for the Cats. UK shot 48.7 percent but turned the ball over 18 times, Patterson said as long as the Cats are ahead on the scoreboard, ugly suits them just fine.

"Coach always says that's the way he likes it. He'd rather have an ugly game than a pretty game," Patterson said. "A win's a win, (even if) it's by one point. No matter how you write it down, a win's a win."



Billy Gillispie tries to fire up his players from the UK sideline. The Cats' head coach has led his team to five straight wins.

A gutter fight hits Roger Clemens

By Rick Morrissey
Chicago Tribune

CHICAGO — Either Roger Clemens is a filthy, stinking liar or Brian McNamee kept the materials because "he got a sense that Roger was not trustworthy and would betray him ultimately. He said about himself that if he was going to get thrown under the bus by Roger, he was going to take Roger with him."

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So, yes, it's getting down and dirty. Or farther down and further dirty. The two men will now take 10 paces and draw their syringes.

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and human growth hormone into Clemens. He is Clemens' former personal trainer.

According to one of McNamee's lawyers, Richard Emery, McNamee kept the materials because "he got a sense that Roger was not trustworthy and would betray him ultimately. He said about himself that if he was going to get thrown under the bus by Roger, he was going to take Roger with him."

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will go to keep up appearances. Somebody is doing some industrial-strength lying here, even with the knowledge prison time looms for perjury.

Who has the most to lose? Clemens, by miles. If, for a moment, we take the liberty of assuming he's lying, a natural question pops up: Are you out of your mind? You're so concerned about your image, your reputation and your Hall of Fame enshrinement that you're willing to risk 5 years in prison for lying to federal officials? You're willing to take it this far to prop up a facade few people believe anyway?

Those who have a lot often are willing to go a long, long way to defend it.

McNamee's motivation to lie doesn't match Clemens' motivation, but that doesn't prove he's telling the truth. Maybe he wanted notoriety or money or whatever inner propellant pushes people into the spotlight. Perhaps, as Clemens' attorney said Thursday, he simply wants to destroy the seventh-time Cy Young Award winner.

But right now, the needle seems to be pointing toward McNamee on the telling-the-truth meter.

SPORTS BRIEF

Softball falls on walk-off grand slam

University of Tennessee-Chattanooga freshman Lyndsey Flores hit a walk-off grand slam in the bottom of the 10th inning to beat the UK softball team 9-6 in the final game of the Chattanooga Shootout yesterday afternoon. The Cats took a 6-5 lead on an RBI double from sophomore Molly Johnson in the top half of the extra inning. But in the bottom half, the Lady Mocs loaded the bases for Flores, who belted the game-winning home run.

Sophomore pitcher Amber Matonsek pitched all 10 innings for UK, striking out seven batters. Johnson finished the game 4-for-5 from the plate with a double, a triple and the 10th-inning RBI.

The Cats also fell to Wichita State 6-2 in yesterday morning's game. The losses came one day after UK picked up wins over both Wichita State and UT-Chattanooga in the opening day of the Chattanooga Shootout.

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McCain, Obama favored to win Tuesday's Virginia primary

By Steven Thomma
McClatchy Newspapers

RICHMOND, Va. — They know things about presidents, the people of Virginia.

They gave birth to eight of them — more than any other state — including four of the starting five. They even hosted a rebel president — Jefferson Davis' Confederate White House was in Richmond.

They also know racial politics. The state that served as the capital of the confederacy, which saw its rolling countryside scarred by Civil War battles, went on more than a century later to elect the nation's first black governor, Doug Wilder in 1989.

Tuesday, all that history comes together when Virginia holds the next big presidential primary.

The main event is the Democratic clash between Illinois Sen. Barack Obama and New York Sen. Hillary Clinton, locked in a close contest nationwide for their party nomination. Obama has the edge to win the bigger share of the state's 85 delegates, according to polls.

On the Republican side, Arizona Sen. John McCain is heavily favored to win the state's 65 delegates over his last remaining challenger, former Arkansas Gov. Mike Huckabee.

But on both sides, candidates are finding a state far different from the history books.

"It's not the Virginia you remember," said Larry Sabato, a political scientist at the University of Virginia.

"It's transitional. You can go to certain parts of the state and think you're in the Deep South. And you can go to parts and think you're in the suburbs of Boston."

Once solidly Republican at the presidential level — it hasn't gone for a Democrat in the fall since 1964 — it's now a battleground at the state level with widely different audiences that

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Asian	5%	5%	3%
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Household income**	\$57,019	\$51,103	\$46,211
Poverty rate	9%	10%	18%
Home ownership ('00)	68%	68%	41%

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royalty or dynasties, Bushes OR Clintons."

Clinton is looking for strong support from rural Southwest Virginia and from professional women, particularly in the Washington suburbs.

"We've known her a lot longer than Obama," said Hannah Grausz, a doctor from Fairfax. "She's been an advocate of health care for a long time. And I have to admit, there's something positive about having a woman in the White House."

"It's her intelligence," said Hazel Rigby, a retired high school teacher from Alexandria. "And familiarity. We lived through eight years of her and Bill and we thought that was wonderful."

The growing Virginia suburbs of Washington "will be very interesting," said Sabato. "They don't participate in governor's contests. They're Washington oriented. They don't think of themselves as belonging to Richmond. Northern Virginia is going to be schizophrenic. Women activists, who dominate the party in Northern Virginia, are mainly with Clin-

ton. High income, highly educated men will vote for Obama."

The Republican contest is less watched since McCain became the presumptive nominee. But it also offers the two candidates a diverse landscape to navigate.

Navy veteran McCain appeals to military families in the Hampton Roads, where the Atlantic Fleet is based, as well as in the Washington suburbs where Pentagon workers live.

"McCain will carry the military vote and Northern Virginia pretty handily," said Coker, whose Mason-Dixon poll for several Virginia newspapers Sunday showed McCain leading Huckabee statewide by 55-27.

McCain's strongest support was in those Northern Virginia suburbs of Washington, where he had 69 percent. His weakest was in the southern and western parts of the state, where he and Huckabee each had 42 percent. They had a margin of error of plus or minus 5 percentage points.

Huckabee's likeliest support was from conservatives and evangelical voters in Southwest Virginia.

However, Coker, added, "the rural evangelical vote isn't enough to offset the military vote."

Ultimately, the primary is one thing, the general election another. Democrats won the last two governor's races. They also took Republican George Allen's U.S. Senate seat last year. And they think they've got a shot at carrying the state in November.

"It's never been like this," said former governor Wilder, who thinks the state will be in play this fall.

Perhaps. But Virginia tends to elect moderate Democrats, more to the right of Clinton or Obama. Should one of them win Virginia in the fall, then the state truly would have changed.

Permanent-residency permits to flow without all background checks

By Marisa Taylor
McClatchy Newspapers

WASHINGTON — In a major policy shift aimed at reducing a ballooning immigration backlog, the Department of Homeland Security is preparing to grant permanent residency to tens of thousands of applicants before the FBI completes a required background check.

Those eligible are immigrants whose fingerprints have cleared the FBI database of criminal convictions and arrests, but whose names have not yet cleared the FBI's criminal or intelligence files after six months of waiting.

The immigrants who are granted permanent status, more commonly known as getting their green cards, will be expected eventually to clear the FBI's name check. If they don't, their legal status will be revoked and they'll be deported.

The decision to issue green cards demonstrates how federal agencies are struggling to keep up with surging immigration applications while applying stringent post-Sept. 11 background checks.

About 150,000 green card and naturalization applicants have been delayed by the FBI name check, with 30,000 held up more than three years.

DHS officials are determining exactly how many are affected, but confirmed that tens of thousands of people could be eligible for the expedited procedure. The new policy was outlined in an internal memo obtained by McClatchy Newspapers. Officials said the policy will be posted this week on the department's Web site.

Attorneys who represent immigrants applauded the new policy and predicted green cards would be issued faster.

However, advocates of stricter immigration enforcement accused DHS of creating security loopholes, rather than solving the backlog problem.

"It's a decision driven by the bureaucratic imperative to move the line along rather than addressing national security concerns," said Mark Krikorian, executive director of the Center for Immigration Studies. "It defies the imagination that you can require a security check only to decide that you're going to ignore it."

DHS officials said the new process does not pose any new security risks because green card applicants have been allowed to remain in the country while they wait to be screened.

"We will do nothing that cuts corners or compromises national security," said Chris Bentley, a spokesman for Citizenship and Immigration Services, the DHS agency that processes green cards and citizenship. "This is something that we're doing to get benefits to people who deserve them as quickly as possible."

Immigrants seeking U.S. citizenship will continue to be required to clear the name checks before being naturalized. Officials said the requirements remain in effect for naturalization because U.S. citizenship is more difficult to revoke than a green card.

The backlog of background checks for both naturalization and green cards swelled in the wake of the 2001 terrorist attacks after immigration officials resubmitted 2.7 million names to the FBI.

At the same time, the bureau tightened its background check requirements. The FBI not only runs applicants' names against lists of suspects in criminal and intelligence files but also looks for names of applicants that have surfaced during the course of an investigation or any associates of suspects.

"It's a very complicated process," said Bill Carter, a FBI spokesman. "It involves dozens of agencies and databases and often foreign governments." Adding to the backlog, a surge of applications flooded Citizenship and Immigration Services last year, prompted partly by the announcement of fee increases.

Although the FBI clears about 70 percent of the name checks within 72 hours, the bureau struggles to keep up with more than 74,000 requests per week, roughly half arising from immigration applications.

Slowing the process even more, many of the applicants who don't immediately clear are flagged for extra scrutiny merely because their names are similar to those of suspects.

Hundreds of people caught up in the backlog have sued the government to force the agencies to initiate background checks. Some of the plaintiffs have found the FBI inexplicitly clears them soon after a lawsuit

is filed.

Michael Baylson, a federal judge in Philadelphia overseeing six of the lawsuits, recently expressed frustration with the government for what he described as "a strategy of favoring delay by litigation, instead of developing an orderly and transparent administrative resolution."

"Congress certainly did not intend for the process to become tortuous, expensive, mystifying and delayed, but it has," the Bush appointee wrote in January when ordering the government to explain the delays.

Critics have charged the naturalization delays could unfairly shut potential voters out of the upcoming presidential election. Last month, Emilio Gonzalez, director of Citizenship and Immigration Services at DHS, pledged to hire 3,000 new and retired employees to reduce the backlog.

Immigrant advocates question why applicants waiting for naturalization couldn't be approved before the FBI clears their names, too. Many people who apply for naturalization are green card holders who have lived in the United States for at least three years and have undergone similar background checks before.

"These people already have been scrutinized," said Daniel G. Anna, an immigration lawyer.

Two of Anna's clients, a Pennsylvania psychologist and a doctor who works at a New York veterans' hospital, have waited years to become U.S. citizens even though they have green cards. The doctor, who is from Pakistan, recently cleared the name check after she filed a lawsuit, but the psychologist, who is from Nigeria, is still waiting.

"If you're going to speed it up for green cards, then it makes sense you should do the same thing for naturalization," Anna said.

Krikorian said the better solution would be for Congress and the administration to earmark more money for both agencies to conduct the complete background checks or to reduce the number of people who are eligible for green cards or citizenship.

"The demands we've placed on the FBI for security checks is greater than their resources," Krikorian said. "We have such a tsunami of legal immigration that our infrastructure can't keep up."

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■ KERNEL EDITORIAL

Solar-house project calls for broad effort from UK community

UK students and faculty have been given a tremendous opportunity with the university's inclusion in a solar-house competition.

UK is one of only 20 schools in the world to compete in the event as part of the U.S. Department of Energy 2009 Solar Decathlon, the Kernel reported Feb. 4. In this competition, students and faculty will design and construct a house operated solely by the sun.

The opportunity to build a house that is environmentally friendly and self-sustainable is a worthy project for the university to invest in. UK's selection indicates the university is taking positive steps in tackling environmental issues and raising environmental awareness.

This project is complex and requires interdisciplinary collaboration. It challenges the university's different colleges and departments to work together.

Already, colleges and departments have answered that challenge. Six of UK's colleges and 16 departments and centers are aiding in the planning and construction of the house, the Kernel article reported. We commend the departments and colleges already involved with the project.

In addition, the project should seek representation from all levels of campus on UK's solar house team. Professors, graduate students, undergraduate students and even alumni should be involved. While it is understandable and likely that professors and graduate stu-

dents will take leading roles in the project, undergraduates should be given the chance to make their contributions as well.

The project also serves as an educational opportunity outside the standard curriculum the university offers. Students involved in the project will get invaluable hands-on learning experience in disciplines including architecture, engineering, economics and communications.

Much like student clubs, organizations and various other extracurricular activities, the solar-house project provides people with the opportunity to get involved at UK. If students interested in engineering, environmental issues or architecture are looking to become more involved on campus, the 18-month project, which will conclude in the Fall 2009 semester, is a perfect place to start.

Donald Colliver, the project leader, said in the Kernel article that he and others are still in the beginning stages of finding students to work on the design. The entire university should become aware of this project's importance and jump on board.

Alternative energy sources and sustainability are issues that are only going to increase in importance as we progress into the future, and now is the time for our university to join the movement. With its involvement in the solar house competition, UK takes another step forward in the green movement.

Nixed clean-coal project another burned promise

The following editorial appeared in the St. Louis Post-Dispatch on Thursday:

New technology promises to unlock the potential of coal, America's most abundant energy resource, to generate electricity without releasing carbon dioxide into the atmosphere.

But until that new technology is commercially proven, that's what it always will remain: a promise dangling forever just out of reach.

FutureGen, in Mattoon, Ill., was supposed to be the proving ground. It would have married decades-old methods of turning coal into gas with cutting-edge technology to capture and store carbon dioxide deep underground.

But last week, the Bush administration pulled the plug. U.S. Energy Secretary Samuel W. Bodman said FutureGen would have been a bad bet for taxpayers.

"Innovations in technology and changes in the marketplace have created other viable options," Bodman wrote in a letter published in Wednesday's St. Louis Post-Dispatch. "That diminished the need for a demonstration project."

That's not quite the way private industry sees it. In fact, with electric demand continuing to rise and emission caps on the horizon, economists already worry that energy costs will squeeze future economic growth.

This week, a group of leading investment banks adopted tough new lending standards for borrowers who want to build new coal-fired power plants. That's causing utility executives to turn their attention to natural gas.

But forecasters say supplies of natural gas will decline or remain flat in

coming years. Electricity produced by burning natural gas already is significantly more expensive than that from coal or nuclear plants. Part of the higher cost stems from increased demand that occurred when a spate of new natural gas power plants were built in the 1990s.

FutureGen could have eased some of that crunch. Because it was to be built in Mattoon, near the Illinois coal fields and above giant salt caverns that were perfect for storing captured carbon dioxide, it was uniquely situated to prove the new technology.

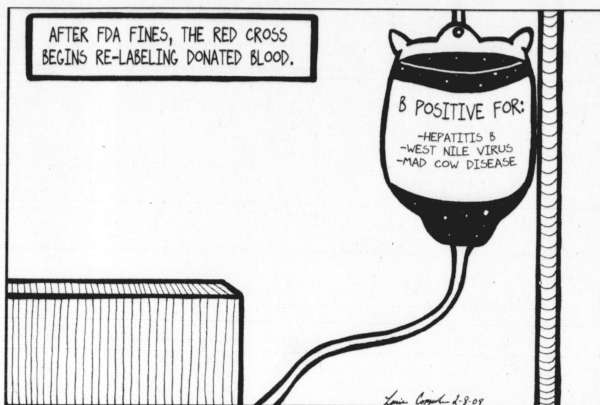
Given the long lead time necessary to get ideas off the drawing board and into the field, and the need to act now to curtail the most damaging effects of global warming, it makes no sense to throw in the towel at this point.

But ever since Mattoon was selected over two Texas cities for FutureGen, rumors have swirled that the Bush administration would pull the plug. When it happened, a headline in the Dallas Morning News proclaimed, "Texas back in the game for clean coal."

It may be that political considerations and the desire to deliver an expensive federal project to the president's home state trump all the careful planning that already had gone into FutureGen.

Or perhaps the project was just a fig leaf for an administration that repeatedly denied the reality of global warming, an administration whose environmental and energy problems have left the nation in a serious mess.

But five years later, the promise of clean coal technology remains just out of reach. America is the poorer for it. We can't burn promises to heat our homes.



LOUIS COPPOLA, The Pitt News

McCain's policy positions no cause for right's anger at him

Apparently the word "conservative" carries a superlative meaning in politics.

In the Republican camp, now that Mitt Romney has dropped out of the race, John McCain is all but locked to be the party nominee. However, a large percentage of Republicans are absolutely outraged and are still in denial that McCain will be their party's presidential candidate, citing evidence that he is not a true "conservative."

Members of the Republican Party are forming a "Republicans against McCain" group, the sole purpose of which is to prevent McCain from getting the presidency, according to a BBC News article on Friday. In the article, one member even said that he would vote for Hillary Clinton before he votes for McCain. Which leads me to wonder, are such Republicans really true conservatives or do they have a personal grudge against McCain?

Conservative voices like Rush Limbaugh and Ann Coulter have also been attacking McCain vehemently, calling him a liberal in disguise and claiming that his nomination would be a disaster for the Republican Party.

To be fair, McCain is probably best categorized as a "moderate Republican" as opposed to a "conservative conservative," but he is a Republican nevertheless, certainly more so than Clinton.

As a stronger supporter of the war in Iraq and backer of the U.S. troop surge in 2007, McCain is a hardliner on foreign policy. He is also a fiscal conservative who believes in a balanced budget.

Two of the main issues McCain draws ire on are abortion and same-sex marriage. Both are closely linked to religion, and McCain takes conservative stances on both. But apparently his stances are not extreme enough to satisfy the evangelical right.

So how "conservative" must one get to satisfy the religious right?

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contender in the presidential race. What infuriated me more than Huckabee's second-grade logic is how

Are Republicans who threaten to vote for Clinton over McCain really true conservatives, or do they have a personal grudge against McCain?

little reaction these well-publicized comments generated in the country. The fact that Huckabee has yet to retract his comments is enough to show the pathetic lack of pressure he faces from the media and the public.

These damning comments alone should bring his campaign to a crushing end, yet even today, he still enforces a solid base of supporters.

If Huckabee is the kind of conservative these voters look for, then so be it. Those Republicans who are still discontent with McCain's lack of "conservatism" must face the fact that he will be their party's eventual nominee. If they still refuse to vote for him when November rolls around, to stay true to their conservative ideology, they should probably take a hard look at the independent candidates before voting Democratic.

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As privacy gives way to security, biometrics are a cause for concern

In the beginning was the fingerprint.

It was in the 19th century that scientists realized the ridged whorls on the tip of the finger constituted a unique marker that could be used to tell one person from another. And eventually, the FBI built a massive database of fingerprints.

Then came DNA. In the 20th century, scientists learned to use the double helix nucleic acid molecule as a means of identification even more definitive than the fingerprint. And the FBI built a DNA database as well.

Now the feds are building yet another database. And it has some folks worried.

Maybe you missed it in the run-up to Super Duper Tuesday, but CNN and the Associated Press reported last week that the FBI will soon award a \$1 billion, 10-year contract for construction of an electronic file that would store not just fingerprints and DNA, but a vast compendium of other physical characteristics. We're talking eye scans, facial shape, palm prints, scars, tattoos and other biometrics, all for the purpose of identifying and capturing bad guys.

But at least one privacy advocate thinks even good guys — and gals — have cause for concern. Barry Steinhardt, director of the ACLU's Technology and Liberty Project, told CNN: "It's the beginning of the surveillance society where you can be tracked anywhere, any time and all your movements, and eventually all your activities will be tracked and noted and correlated."

I know what you're saying and it makes a certain amount of sense: If you haven't done anything wrong, you have nothing to worry about. Well, I haven't done wrong, but it worries me just the same.

Still, I am forced to admit that in a way, there is nothing new here. The government has for years collected fingerprints — not just of criminals, but also of certain job applicants. And no one raises any concerns about that. What's happening now, it could be reasonably argued, is only a high-tech extension of that. Except that instead of just your fingerprints, the government will also have on file the shape of your irises, that scar from your childhood appendectomy, and the butterfly tattoo on your inner thigh.

What troubles me is the comprehensiveness of the information the feds propose to gather. It calls to mind disconcerting reminders of the totalitarian states so chillingly depicted in "Fahrenheit 451" and "1984": oppressive regimes that saw everything, knew everything, regulated everything. Given the advances in technology and the ominous, Or-

wellian turn our government has lately taken, the comparison seems far less far-fetched than once it might have.

It's not just the government, though. In recent years, the right to privacy, the right to simply be left alone, has also been eroded by the corporate community — everything from supermarket discount cards that track your buying habits to online businesses that install secret spyware in your computer to monitor your behavior online. And we haven't even mentioned that there is a camera on every street corner nowadays.

"I always feel like somebody's watching me." That used to be just the hook from a schlocky '80s song. Increasingly, it is an apt description of modern life.

Now the FBI proposes to collect and collate still more personal information. It swears that information will be protected, will be used only to ferret out criminals. And it's hard to argue with that: Who doesn't want law enforcement to have every available tool for tracking down criminals?

But I can't help a certain wariness when I consider the ease with which the program could expand far beyond that mission. As Steinhardt sees it, first criminals, then job applicants and then, "Eventually, it's going to be everybody."

I admit, he might be wrong. But you know something? He might not. Leonard Pitts Jr. is a columnist for the Miami Herald. E-mail opinions@kykernel.com.

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Hollywood writers consider studio offer

By Verne Gay
McClatchy Newspapers

LOS ANGELES — It ain't over until it's over, as someone with the initials "YB" once famously observed, but the writer's strike could be over by as early as Monday.

Some five hundred New York-based members of the Writers Guild of America attended a meeting at Time Square's Crowne Plaza Saturday to learn details of a proposed agreement that would end a three-month-long strike that has killed the TV and motion picture industry. Most writers gave the new deal a thumbs-up at the conclusion of a 90-minute meeting.

"We had a very lively discussion," said Thomas Winship, president of the Writers Guild of America-East told reporters at the meeting's conclusion. "I'm happy with what happened (and) at the moment, I feel strongly it has a strong chance of going through."

The bulk of the membership of the WGA, however, is based in Los Angeles. WGA members there were scheduled to meet Saturday night at the Shrine Auditorium to discuss the proposed deal. WGA leadership is also

expected to meet on Sunday to determine when or if the strike should end. Assuming the Shrine meeting — scheduled to begin at 10 p.m. EST — has a positive outcome, the strike could end by Monday.

Earlier Saturday morning, the WGA e-mailed a letter to members, saying in part, "an ongoing struggle against seven, multinational media conglomerates, no matter how successful, is exhausting, taking an enormous personal toll on our members and countless others. As such, we believe that continuing to strike now will not bring sufficient gains to outweigh the potential risks and that the time has come to accept this contract and settle the strike."

When the New York meeting concluded, documentary producer Michael Moore told reporters, "it's an historic moment for labor in this country."

According to the Associated Press, which had obtained a copy of the proposed agreement, the new deal is similar to the one reached between studios and the Director's Guild, including a provision that compensation for ad-supported streaming doesn't kick in until after a window of between 17 to 24 days that's considered "promotional"

by the studios.

Also per the AP, writers would get a maximum \$1,200 flat fee for streamed programs in the deal's first two years and then get a percentage of a distributor's gross in the third year of the proposed three-year deal.

"This is a historic moment for writers in this country," Moore told reporters outside the Crowne Plaza (as quoted by Variety). "There is a certain irony about the achievement. I would have thought it'd be autoworkers or ironworkers getting this victory but instead it's the people who got beat up in school for writing in their journals."

"Late Night with David Letterman" writer Bill Scheft also talked to reporters, and endorsed the deal. Seth Myers, of "Saturday Night Live," was apparently so confident of resolution that he told Variety that the show could be up and running as soon as Feb. 16.

What could be a possible caveat at this juncture? Simply that most New York-based writers are somewhat different from their West Coast counterparts, who write sitcoms and dramas; New York writers are more heavily represented in daytime and late night.

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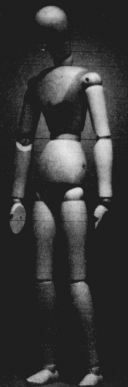
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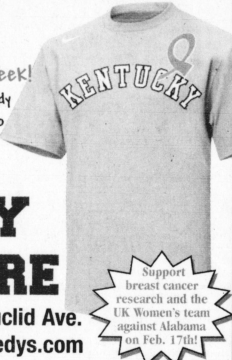
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