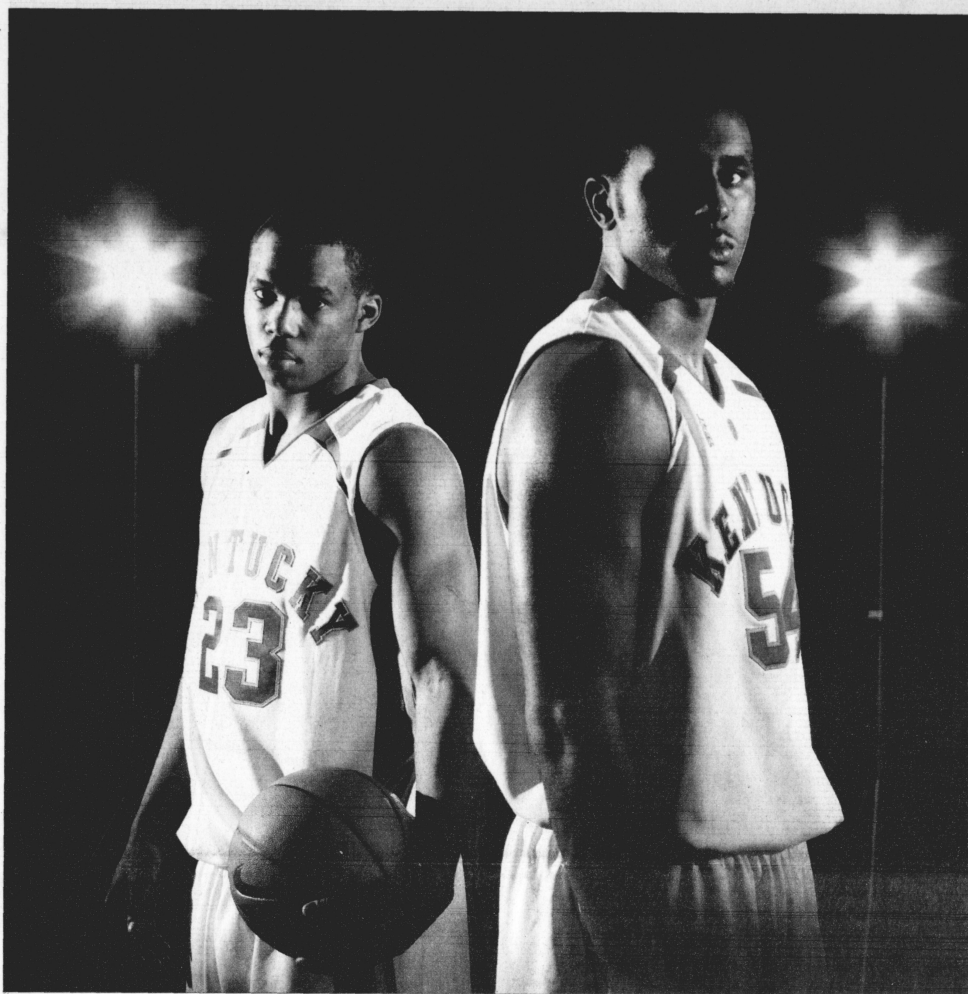


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Meeks, Patterson ready to take ownership of team

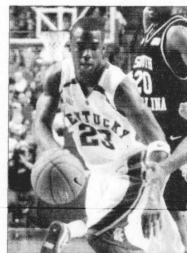
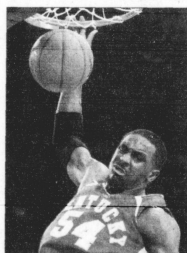
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Miles Simon celebrating with Lute Olson in 1997. Mateen Cleaves' hobbled ankle at the RCA Dome in 2000. Juan Dixon jumping on top of Lonny Baxter in 2002.

When leadership is discussed in basketball, the image of an athletic, gifted senior is usually a solid reference. Kansas won last year's national championship on the legs of its seniors and juniors. North Carolina is considered the front-runner for the 2009 NCAA title because of senior Tyler Hansbrough and a veteran cast.

However, this year's UK men's basketball team is different.

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Left: Sophomore forward Patrick Patterson dunks against Georgia. Right: Junior guard Jodie Meeks dribbles through South Carolina's defense

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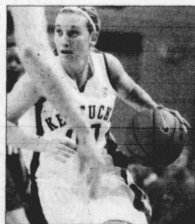
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Point guard battle could be season-long test for Gillispie

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Billy Gillispie may have completed his college education in 1983, but UK's head coach still faces crucial exams today like he did at Texas State.



Galloway



Liggins

want to do whatever the team needs, rebounding, playing defense, however I can help the team."

Another veteran Gillispie is considering to run the point is Porter. In his previous two years at UK, Porter's on-court contributions have been subpar: He has 51 assists compared to 61 turnovers for his career. However, Gillispie has taken notice of Porter's demeanor leading up to the new season.

"His approach has improved. He was like everyone else last year, he didn't really know what to expect," Gillispie said. "I probably wanted more for him last year than he wanted for himself. I think he grew and matured into that thought process later in the season. I think he made his mind up that he is a good enough player to play at this level. He has worked extremely hard this summer. He's showing a great deal of leadership."

Meeks and Porter will be competing for the job with two newcomers in Galloway and Liggins. Galloway, a junior-college transfer, is a fresh

face to Cats fans, but he has major college experience. He spent his freshman season at Southern California and his sophomore year at a junior college, the College of Southern Idaho, where he finished fourth in the nation in assists.

Although the road to Lexington has been long and winding, Galloway thinks each stop along the way has helped him prepare to compete for a starting job.

"I got to play at Kansas and a couple other big schools so being in that environment really helped me know what that is like," Galloway said. "Being at a junior college really helped me to work on parts of my game that are going to make me a much better player."

Just like Galloway, Liggins is new to Gillispie's squad, but his path to the Bluegrass is a bit different. Liggins attended Findlay College Prep School in Henderson, Nev., and was a highly touted recruit who chose UK over Memphis, Illinois and Kansas. Even though Liggins is the only contender in the point guard battle with no

college experience, he has an idea of what Gillispie wants from his point guard.

"Coach wants you to think like him and that takes a lot," Liggins said. "Being the point guard is a hard position in basketball. You have to think about feeding the ball to the post, cut through and pushing the ball every time I get the rebound. Coach wants the ball pushed every time and that's what I'm good at, that's the way I played in high school. I have good people around me to help push the ball down the court."

Gillispie has made it clear that whomever he chooses as the starter will have to prove himself in practice before he is rewarded with playing time. No matter which player he chooses to carry the load, Gillispie will have to wait until the end of the season to see how he did on his exam.

"I think we're going to have a good mix of options," Gillispie said. "There are a ton of questions, but I'm excited because of their approach and their attitude."

Ramel Bradley and sophomore Derrick Jasper to lead the team from the point. Since then, Bradley graduated and Jasper transferred to the University of Nevada-Las Vegas. Gillispie may ultimately choose to fill the void with an experienced player, an inexperienced player or a committee of veterans and newcomers. No matter what, Gillispie feels good about his options.

"I like the guys that we have," Gillispie said. "I like the talent that some guys possess. We've talked about maybe having Jodie Meeks out there a little bit. We've also talked about DeAndre Liggins maybe a lot, Kevin Galloway maybe a lot, and Michael Porter maybe a lot."

Of those Gillispie named, Meeks may be the most familiar veteran to Cats fans. After a Freshman All-American season in 2006-07, Meeks missed 20 games in his sophomore year due to injury. Whether he plays point guard, shooting guard or anything else, Meeks says he is healthy and ready to go.

"If the team needs me to do it, I'll play point guard. If coach asks me to do it, I will," Meeks said. "I am willing to be the guy to take the shot, but I am a team guy, I

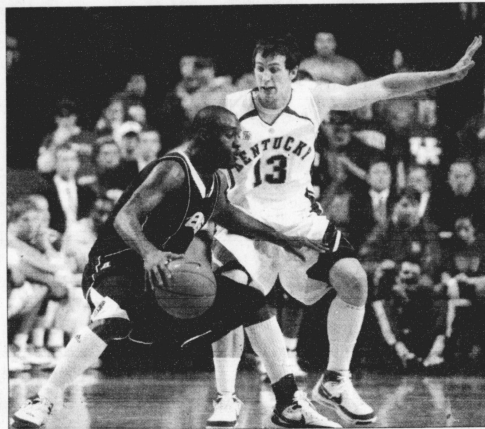


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Junior Michael Porter defends a Texas Southern player last year in Rupp Arena. Porter is battling with juniors Jodie Meeks and Kevin Galloway, and freshman DeAndre Liggins for time at point guard.

LEADERS

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With only one senior on the 2008-09 squad, UK head coach Billy Gillispie will turn to sophomores forward Patrick Patterson and junior guard Jodie Meeks to be the faces of leadership for the team.

"Patrick and Jodie have talked to each other about leading this team," Gillispie said. "They're understanding the responsibility of leadership is not when things are just going good or bad, but it's a 24-hour job."

Gillispie said Patterson has taken a leadership role on from the moment he stepped onto UK's campus, excelling at it even as a freshman.

"Patrick was a great leader as a freshman, even if he was overshadowed by (Joe Crawford and Ramel Bradley)," Gillispie said. "He's not a good leader, he's a great leader."

But part of being a great leader could be shouldering an even larger scoring load. Patterson will have to pick up the scoring load left by Bradley and Crawford.

Patterson showed he had the ability to last year, scoring 16.4 points per

game. But will he be able to overcome last season's ankle injury and the likely double- and triple-teams he'll face after a successful freshman campaign? Gillispie thinks he'll be able to due to Patterson's desire and hardworking attitude.

Along with Patterson, Meeks will be called to be a major scorer this year. During his time at UK, Meeks has shown flashes of being a prolific scorer, notching two 21-point games last year. However, after being injured and missing nearly the whole 2007-08 season, there are questions whether Meeks can handle the scoring pressures he'll be asked to take over.

Whether he answers the questions by scoring 20 points a game is not of any importance to Meeks. He's interested in only one thing: Winning basketball games.

"I'm not into stats and all that stuff," Meeks said. "A big year for me personally would be us winning everything."

Gillispie said the key to Patterson and Meeks being successful leaders is their ability to know when to talk both on and off the court, something Gillispie preaches to his team.

"It's always important to be talking in basketball," Gillispie said. "You have

to yell out different plays and defensive setups, and that's what makes a good leader."

In an effort to help solidify the team and strengthen their own leadership abilities, Patterson and Meeks decided to room together this year. Gillispie said he may not always know what's going on between the two, but he sees strides being made.

"With me and Jodie living together, we can continue to build on our relationship and be the leaders of this team," Patterson said. "We also hope the other returning guys can step up too and be leaders."

Meeks said the choice of rooming with Patterson was a good decision, because now the two can easily discuss the team behind closed doors.

"With us being the two leaders of the team, we're able to discuss at night what it's going to take to get the team through the year," Meeks said.

Patterson and Meeks are trying to expand their feeling of family to the rest of their teammates. Freshman forward Darius Miller said Patterson and Meeks have extended that feeling to him.

"They have been like older brothers to me since day one," Miller said. "They've been there for me through everything."

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Both of UK's basketball coaches addressed similar dilemmas last year

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This time last year, things were different. Both of UK's basketball teams were adjusting to new head coaches. Men's coach Billy Gillispie and women's coach Matthew Mitchell were eager to show their fans what their teams could do.

Neither Gillispie nor Mitchell realized how similar their two rosters would compare, how the teams would fare or even how alike the teams would be one year down the road.

Last year, the men's squad was spearheaded by senior leaders Ramel Bradley and Joe Crawford. The veteran tandem accounted for almost 35 points per game last season, but Gillispie valued their experience just as much as their output on paper.

"They both showed a tremendous amount of leadership," Gillispie said. "We will be in tough situations again and we can draw up plays, but we have to have guys that are willing to make plays. We will miss the experience and a lot of different things from Bradley and Crawford."

While Bradley and Crawford led at Rupp Arena, two seniors were leading their charge at Memorial Coliseum: guard Samantha Mahoney and center Sarah Elliott. The two veterans were first and second on the team in scoring, which wasn't a surprise to Mitchell.

"Last year we had two scorers that had been proven scorers over the course of their careers," Mitchell said. "And so we kind of had an idea, we kind of tried to build it around them."

For both squads, the season started with more of a sputter than a sprint. In non-conference play, Gillispie's team fell to smaller op-



PHOTO BY ELLIOTT HESS | STAFF
Head coach Billy Gillispie reacts to a call during his first year as head coach at UK. Both Gillispie and UK Hoops' coach Matthew Mitchell struggled at times.

ponents like Gardner-Webb, Houston and San Diego en route to a 6-7 record. Mitchell's team, faced with a brutally tough non-conference schedule featuring matchups with three ranked opponents, limped into SEC play with a 6-8 record.

Once league play began, both teams reversed their fortunes with strong play. Behind the play of Bradley, Crawford and an emerg-

ing star freshman, forward Patrick Patterson, the men's team charged forward to a 12-4 conference record and a first-round bye in the SEC Tournament.

Mitchell and the women's squad needed a strong SEC record to boost them towards consideration for the NCAA Tournament. Just like the men's team, a freshman star emerged — forward Victoria Dunlap — to help established leaders Mahoney and Elliott. The team scored upsets over nationally ranked Auburn and Georgia on its way to an 8-6 conference finish — good enough for fourth place in the conference and a first-round bye in the SEC Tournament.

Now, Gillispie is faced with replacing the scoring and leadership of Bradley and Crawford. Many are looking to Patterson, a preseason All-SEC selection who finished second in the voting for SEC Preseason Player of the Year.

"Pretty much, coach Gillispie expects me and the other returners to be the leaders this year," Patterson said. "That's one of the main things we need to do, especially with all the freshmen and transfer newcomers."

Mitchell is faced with a similar challenge. Two of the team's seniors, guard Carly Ormerod and center Elexia Roddy, sat out large chunks of last year with lingering injuries. With their status unclear until the season starts, Mitchell is working to see who will produce for his team in the upcoming campaign.

"We're trying to get some of the unknowns to come out and see what they can do. Last year, we felt like we had a lot more insight to what the team could do," Mitchell said. "It's sort of the opposite from last year."

Now, Gillispie and Mitchell are still at the helm — that much is the same. But with so many variables, Gillispie anticipates things will continue to be different.

"Successful coaches are the ones that figure out what needs to get done first," Gillispie said. "They put their heads down, go to work and try to get those things done. We are going to try to handle those tasks and enjoy every single day of it. That's the only thing I know how to do."



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— Billy Gillispie, UK head coach

“Successful coaches are the ones that figure out what needs to get done first.”

Fans get their answer in the form of Gillispie

For 64 minutes, UK head coach Billy Gillispie fielded questions from a circus of media at UK's basketball media day.

He took questions about the point guard situation, talked about the leadership of Patrick Patterson and Jodie Meeks, and spoke about the losses of Ramel Bradley and Joe Crawford. He answered just about every question imaginable regarding the state of the UK basketball team.



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Yet, when DeWayne Peevy, associate athletic director of UK media relations, ended the hour-long session with the media, Gillispie, positioned front and center in a room full of reporters from every corner of the state, turned to Peevy with an uncanny comfort and said he would answer more questions if any reporters wanted to stick around.

More questions? Oh, how a few years — and a coach — change everything.

If you (dare to) look back to the Tubby Smith era, things weren't always quite like they were at this year's media day. Smith would answer whatever was asked, but there was a general feeling of distaste toward the media. To him, the media was a reflection of the UK fan base, the most intense, passionate and high-pressured fans in all of college sports. When the fans weren't happy — which, despite 10 straight winning seasons, they weren't most of the time — the media let Tubby have it.

They questioned his style of coaching, the offense he ran and the recruits he was bringing in. Tubby, in turn, froze up during the latter years of his tenure and became a distant shadow of the coach who helped the Cats cut down the nets in 1998.

And who could blame him? Tubby, by all accounts, was an excellent coach and an even better man. But after winning an NCAA title in 1998, Tubby faced unrealistic and impossible expectations that he couldn't meet. He, as almost any other coach in the nation, couldn't face and deal with the pressure and scrutiny that comes with UK basketball.

Billy Gillispie can. He's only been on the job for 18 months, but he's been anything and everything this program wanted and needed. He is, after all, a rock star like we've never seen. He is the anti-Tubby.

UK Athletic Director Mitch Barnhart wouldn't quite phrase it that way, but Barnhart would agree that there's something special about the way Gillispie has handled the job since joining the program in April 2007.

"I think that people find their rhythm in what they want to do in a job and how they approach it," Barnhart said. "I think Billy has clearly found his rhythm in what he does and how he does his work and what it means to be at the University of Kentucky."

Now that Gillispie has had a year under his belt, we'll find out what he's truly made

of. UK fans have had a taste of what he can do, so they'll expect national titles in a hurry. He'll no longer be pardoned with the first-year honeymoon period he was granted last year when UK stumbled to a 6-7 start.

Yet, Gillispie is taking it all in stride. He's as easygoing as he's ever been since arriving at UK. He's embraced Lexington as his hometown, become a local superstar and said and done all the right things so far.

During all that, he's battled tough losses to Gardner-Webb and San Diego, fought off rumors of his nightlife, and faced criticism about his recruiting tactics and moving Big Blue Madness. All the while, Gillispie embodied the expectations and pressure that come with being the head basketball coach of the most visible program in the nation.

"He knew the competitive piece of it," Barnhart said of Gillispie's transition. "What he couldn't experience until he went through with it was the total, all-encompassing platform that the head basketball coach has in the state of Kentucky and nationally. Until you've gone through that, you just can't explain it."

What got him through last season was his passion for the game. That, more than anything, is what stuck out in Barnhart's mind when he hired him a year and a half ago. He has a relentless work ethic unlike anything UK has seen before, and that passion is what fueled him through the tough times early on last season.

"I never saw that waver from day one to now," Barnhart said. "His demeanor has always been a passionate one, and I don't think that's ever changed."

That's exactly why Gillispie can't fail. He understands what the UK basketball tradition is all about — and that's winning national championships. It isn't so much that Tubby didn't get that, but Gillispie might just be crazy enough to believe, like the fans, that UK should and could win it all every single season. It's a perfect, screwed up marriage. The fans want greatness, and they just might get it from Gillispie.

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And that's the only thing he can do. There's really no telling what UK will do behind the new reign of Patterson and Meeks. The Cats could crumble without the leadership of Crawford and Bradley. But if Gillispie continues to embrace the lofty expectations and face the adversity that comes with UK basketball, there's no way he won't win — he's too relentless and too passionate not to.

"He has done a remarkable job early on here," Barnhart said. "Now we just have to find our way through the season, gather some wins and take those next steps for our program where we want it to go in getting us back to the Final Fours and national championships that we all desire."

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PERRY STEVENSON JUNIOR

Hometown: Lafayette, La. Height/Weight: 6'9"/207 lbs.


When Patrick Patterson went down near the end of last season, Stevenson stepped up and filled the void underneath. With Patterson healthy, the two big men should complement each other very well. Stevenson's reputation as a defensive stalwart should grow even more this season, as Gillespie expects him to be the Cats' most viable shot-blocker threat.



JODIE MEEKS JUNIOR

Hometown: Norcross, Ga. Height/Weight: 6'4"/208 lbs.

Meeks spent his sophomore season bogged down by injuries. Despite only playing in 11 games in 2007-08, Meeks was tied for the third-most 3-pointers on the team, and he is the top outside shooter returning to the squad this year. Gillespie said Meeks may spend some time at point guard this season in addition to his usual shooting guard role. Either way, expect Meeks to light it up from outside.



PATRICK PATTERSON SOPHOMORE

Hometown: Huntington, W. Va. Height/Weight: 6'9"/235 lbs.

Last year, Patterson was named SEC Co-Freshman of the Year, despite missing the final five games of the season after suffering a stress fracture in his left ankle. Patterson spent his offseason rehabilitating his ankle, and he is back to full strength. Patterson finished second in the voting for SEC Preseason Player of the Year, and is expected to be a vocal and emotional leader for the Cats this year, as well as a presence beneath the basket.



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Diary of a walk-on

Part 1

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Most boys in Kentucky — from Paducah to Pikeville — grow up dreaming of being the next Tony Delk or the next Cameron Mills. Only a select few have enough talent to lead their high school basketball team. Even fewer have the talent to play college basketball, much less at the top level. Those who do are usually targeted by top-tier programs, like UK, with scholarship offers.

However, there are the few that become part of UK's tradition another way. They simply walk on. This is the diary of Mark Krebs, a walk-on of a different sort.

Krebs had the chance to be a Division I player out of high school. He was a prolific scorer for Newport Central Catholic in Newport, Ky., where he averaged 19 points per game while garnering All-State honors his senior year. He had the likes of American University in Washington D.C., as well as other mid-major schools calling his number.

However, Krebs' mother, Terri, was battling breast cancer and was severely sick at the time of Krebs' graduation. With the fear of the worst-case scenario in the back of his mind, Krebs decided to attend Thomas More College, a Division III school in northern Kentucky because it was close to home. Krebs credits his mother, who has been battling breast cancer for the last seven years and has gone to over 300 chemotherapy treatments, for his work ethic.

"My mom is a trooper," Krebs said. "She's great and is honestly my hero. For everything she has done." After a handful of games at Thomas More, Krebs was still playing at a high level and felt he had the potential to still play at an elite level. Without any prior contact before, Krebs decided to deliver personal, handwritten letters to former UK head coach Tubby Smith.

"Tubby just told me to come down and try," Krebs said. "I spent my first two months at the school not knowing if I was on the team, but Tubby told me he knows who I am and that I seemed to be a good candidate for a walk-on position."

Despite not having a guaranteed spot on UK's roster, Krebs decided to transfer to UK and attempt to walk

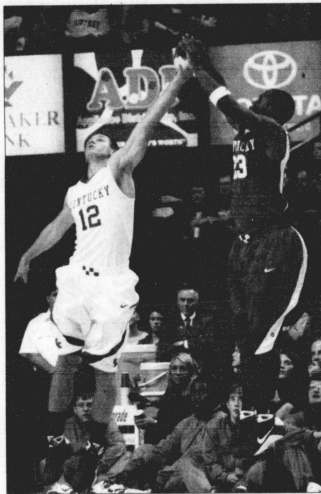


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Junior walk-on Mark Krebs contests a shot during the Big Blue Madness scrimmage on Oct. 10 in Rupp Arena. After growing up a lifelong Cats fan, Krebs is living out his dream of wearing the blue and white.

on. He said even if he didn't make the team, UK was a quality school and he would love to be a part of the UK student body.

"If I failed at least I tried it," Krebs said. "If I didn't try, I would have regretted it my whole life."

However, after a handful of pickup games with the team and more contact with Smith, Krebs found he wouldn't have to worry about giving up the game he loves. Krebs, a self-proclaimed lifelong Cats fan, made the UK roster.

"It's a dream come true," Krebs said. "Being from Newport, Kentucky, my whole life, coming here has been unbelievable."

Krebs said the dream truly kicked in the first time he sat on the bench during UK's Blue-White scrimmage during 2006 when there were 23,000 people in the stands. It marked the first time Krebs was in Rupp Arena for a game.

"I was scared and nervous and will never forget that day as long as I live," Krebs said.

Krebs said he feels no

difference of being a walk-on player compared to those on scholarship. Krebs said the only difference is he pays for his own schooling.

Entering his third season as a walk-on, Krebs has no regrets of leaving guaranteed playing time behind at Thomas More. He credits the closeness of the teams at UK for that feeling.

"The guys don't treat me any different," Krebs said. "You're a part of a team and you try your best to make Kentucky better, yourself better and just be a good teammate."

The one-time scoring machine has adjusted to the role of working hard in practice every day and hopes to see a few minutes throughout the season on the Rupp Arena floor. Despite the change, Krebs has never complained once and his work ethic has been noticed by his teammates.

"He comes in every day and never has a bad attitude," senior center Jared Carter said. "He doesn't worry about playing time, he just comes in and works his butt off every day."

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CARLY ORMEROD

SENIOR

Hometown: Louisville Height: 5'8"

Ormerod, who has been used almost exclusively a point guard during her time at UK, will likely spend a majority of her minutes at shooting guard this season. Ormerod says she flourishes and is able to run an offense, but she also has shown the ability to create her own shot and drain long-range jumpers.



AMBER SMITH

SOPHOMORE

Hometown: Winter Haven, Fla. Height: 5'5"

Smith was named to the All-Southeastern Conference Freshman Team last year after averaging 9.4 points and 5.5 rebounds per game in conference play. A torn anterior cruciate ligament and meniscus suffered in early February could limit her explosiveness, but she is still expected to start the season as the top point guard.

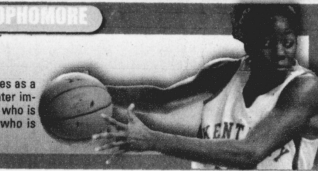


VICTORIA DUNLAP

SOPHOMORE

Hometown: Nashville Height: 6'1"

After leading the team in rebounds and starting all 33 games as a freshman, Dunlap will be expected to make an even greater impact in the post during her sophomore campaign. Dunlap, who is the team's top returning scorer, is an excellent athlete who is also a member of the UK track and field team.



SENIOR

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Louisville, 5'8"

1 Eola Hooty
Columbus, Ohio 6'3"

21 Jenni Jackson
Radcliff, Ky. 6'1"

JUNIOR

2 Jackie Sanders
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Same faces, different places drive Cats

By BW Jones
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Old and new. Those aren't two words that usually mix, but they may have to for the UK women's basketball team to succeed in the 2008-09 season.

How well the players react to their new positions, old injuries and the potential for a more up-tempo offense will likely dictate the outcome of the upcoming season. UK head coach Matthew Mitchell knows that the biggest questions facing the team are nothing new.

"As we go into the season, we have a collection of players that I think are talented, but are going to have to play in roles that they have not necessarily played in before," Mitchell said.

A year after finishing 17-16 and fourth in the Southeastern Conference, the team said goodbye to a number of productive seniors, including Samantha Mahoney, Sarah Elliott and Chelsea Chowning. With no high school recruits and only one transfer eligible to play, junior post player Jackie Sanders, a set of familiar faces will determine whether or not the Cats will finish better than seventh in the SEC, the position the Cats are expected to finish, according to the SEC media.

For the team to defy those meager expectations and return to the NCAA Tournament for the first time since 2006, a pair of gifted sophomores will need to take the next step. Sophomore forward Victoria Dunlap and sophomore guard Amber Smith were both named to the All-SEC Freshman Team and both will likely become featured players this season.

Dunlap, the team's leading rebounder last year and top returning scorer, may be the team's top post performer this year. One year after Mitchell arrived at UK, Dunlap can already sense a change in the atmosphere.

"I think our goal last season was with coach Mitchell coming in, being a new head coach with the team, new players, old players meshing together, just trying to form a unit, trying to form a team," Dunlap said. "This year we know what to expect from him and what to expect from ourselves."

More question marks surround Smith, who is working to return from a torn anterior

cruciate ligament and torn meniscus suffered in February. Smith, who took over the point guard position after senior Carly Ormerod went down with turf toe, will now likely share a backcourt with Ormerod. Despite the new situation, Smith feels that she and Ormerod will work well together.

"I think we're both there together," Smith said. "I definitely learned a lot my freshman year from her. She was a junior and I definitely looked up to her and tried to just learn things from her game, see what she was doing."

The simultaneous play of Smith and Ormerod, if they both stay healthy, should give the Cats the ability to spread the offense and run the court. Mitchell acknowledged that the team has the potential to be more athletic, but also felt that UK will rely on their trademark defense and rebounding.

"I think we have a possibility, if everyone stays healthy, to definitely be a quicker team and more athletic team. Does that translate into us being a better team? We'll still have to find that out," Mitchell said. "But obviously, with the change in personnel, I think that we can

do some different things and play a little bit more up-tempo."

"This year we know what to expect from him and what to expect from ourselves."

VICTORIA DUNLAP
UK sophomore forward

"There's more uncertainty surrounding this SEC season than any I can remember being involved in," Mitchell said. "It's a great year of opportunity. I'm confident the players are going to understand where that opportunity is and I want to encourage them to go out and do everything they can to win it."

The players have even higher hopes for the year. Smith said the team had control over its own destiny and could go as far as they wanted to go. Dunlap has her own opinion of the team, far removed from what any outside source could have expected.

"I think we can go all the way, personally," Dunlap said. "A lot of people might not think that but I have confidence in my teammates because I think there's a lot of talent on this team."

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2008-09 Southeastern Conference BREAKDOWN

The following are the projected final standings for each team in the Southeastern Conference, as predicted by the Kernel staff.



UK players celebrate after defeating Florida in Rupp Arena last season. The Gators are expected to contend for the SEC title this season.

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EAST

1. Florida

Last season: 24-12 (8-8 SEC)
Postseason: Lost to Massachusetts in the semifinals of the NIT
Head coach: Billy Donovan (285-114, 13th year)
Key returners: G/F Nick Calathas, G Walter Hodge, G Jai Lucas
Key losses: C Marreese Speights
Key additions: F/C Eloy Vargas, F/C Kenny Kadji, G/F Ray Shipman
Outlook: The Gators were scary last season as a young team. Calathas is an absolute beast and UK could really use Lucas right now (don't lie to yourself). The addition of Vargas and Kadji could be enough to replace Speights in the middle. On paper, Tennessee looks like the team to beat. In reality, the Gators are, even without the dominant Speights.

2. Tennessee

Last season: 31-5 (14-2 SEC)
Postseason: Lost to Louisville in the Sweet 16
Head coach: Bruce Pearl (77-24, fourth year)
Key returners: F Tyler Smith, F Wayne Chism, G J.P. Prince
Key losses: G Chris Lofton, G JaJuan Smith, G Ramar Smith, F Duke Crews
Key additions: G Bobby Maze, G Scotty Hopson, F Emmanuel Ngedu
Outlook: The reigning regular season SEC champions could easily repeat, despite losing a lot from Lofton and two of the three Smiths. Will they be able to recreate last year's success? Unless Prince and Williams blossom and Maze is better than advertised, it's doubtful. But will they contend? Definitely.

3. Kentucky

Last season: 18-13 (12-4 SEC)
Postseason: Lost to Marquette in the first round of the NCAA Tournament
Head coach: Billy Gillispie (18-13, second year)
Key returners: F Patrick Patterson, G Jodie Meeks, F Perry Stevenson
Key losses: G Ramel Bradley, G/F Joe Crawford
Key additions: G/F Kevin Galloway, G DeAndre Liggins, F Darius Miller
Outlook: If Meeks returns to his freshman form, this is a dangerous team. If Patterson brings what is expected and stays healthy, UK will scare Tennessee and Florida. But the season really relies on whoever plays point guard. If you can't find someone to run the offense, you can't win. It's that simple.

4. Vanderbilt

Last season: 26-8 (10-6 SEC)
Postseason: Lost to Siena in first round of the NCAA Tournament
Head coach: Kevin Stallings (163-112, 10th year)
Key returners: C A.J. Ogilvy, G Jermaine Beal
Key losses: G Shan Foster, F Ross Neltner
Key additions: F Jeffery Taylor, G/F Lance Goulbourne, F Steve Tchiergang
Outlook: Last season Vanderbilt was a two-man machine. Well, half the machine is gone and so is Vanderbilt's serious threat. Let's be honest, Vanderbilt is pulling in good recruiting classes, but Foster kept the Commodores in games. The incoming freshmen are solid, but until that pure, scary shooter shows up again, Vandy slides.

5. South Carolina

Last season: 14-18 (5-11 SEC)
Postseason: None
Head coach: Darrin Horn (first year)
Key returners: G Devan Downey, F Dominique Archie, G Zam Fredrick
Key losses: G/F Dwayne Day
Key additions: None
Outlook: You want to know what team is going to scare everyone else in the division? Darrin Horn's Gamecocks will, for sure. Downey is way ahead of the pack for the Best Player on a Bad Team award. He can take South Carolina as far as his shoulders can carry. With a 5-foot 9 frame, that's probably only good enough for fifth in the East division.

6. Georgia

Last season: 17-17 (4-12 SEC)
Postseason: Lost to Xavier in first round of the NCAA Tournament
Head coach: Dennis Felton (75-80, sixth year)
Key returners: F Jeremy Price, G/F Terrance Woodbury
Key losses: G Sundiata Gaines, G Billy Humphrey, C Dave Bliss
Key additions: F Howard Thompkins, F Travis Leslie
Outlook: Ouch. That's the type of reaction Georgia fans are going to have this season when they realize how much they lost. Do-everything Gaines is gone, as is the infamous Bliss. Kicking Humphrey off the team was probably good for principle, bad for winning games.

WEST

1. Louisiana State

Last season: 13-18 (6-10 SEC)
Postseason: None
Head coach: Trent Johnson (first year)
Key returners: F Tasmis Mitchell, G Marcus Thornton, G Garrett Temple
Key losses: F Anthony Randolph
Key additions: F Storm Warren, F Dennis Harris
Outlook: LSU has the pieces to win the SEC West. Mitchell and Thornton are second-team All-SEC players and Temple is the type of veteran you need from a sixth-year player. Just kidding, Temple is only a senior. Still, if Johnson is the type of coach in Baton Rouge, La., that he was at Stanford, good things are on the way.

2. Alabama

Last season: 17-16 (5-11 SEC)
Postseason: None
Head coach: Mark Gottfried (498-123, 11th year)
Key returners: G Ronald Steele, G Alonzo Gee
Key losses: F Richard Hendrix, G Mykal Riley
Key additions: F JaMychal Green, G Andrew Steele
Outlook: Alabama's backcourt should be taken care of with Ronald Steele returning from last year's red-shirt season. The real question is how to recover from the loss of Hendrix, who provided a dominant presence in the paint. If Green or Mitchell can't step up, we hear there are quite a few big cats on the football team.

3. Mississippi State

Last season: 23-11 (12-4 SEC)
Postseason: Lost to Memphis in the second round of the NCAA Tournament
Head coach: Rick Stansbury (208-115, 11th year)
Key returners: F/C Jarvis Varnado, G/F Ravern Johnson
Key losses: G/F JaMont Gordon, G Ben Hansbrough, F/C Charles Rhodes
Key additions: G Twany Beckham, F Jacquiese Holcombe
Outlook: With reigning SEC Defensive Player of the Year Varnado still hanging around, the Bulldogs are able to compete for a repeat in the West. That's more of a testament to how down the division is, not MSU's ability. Johnson will be expected to pick up where Gordon left off.

4. Ole Miss

Last season: 24-11 (7-9 SEC)
Postseason: Lost to Ohio State in semifinals of the NIT
Head coach: Andy Kennedy (45-24, third year)
Key returners: G Chris Warren, G David Huertas
Key losses: C Dwayne Curtis, F Kenny Williams
Key additions: F Terrance Henry, G Terrico White, F Murphy Holloway
Outlook: Looking for the West's darkhorse? Look no further. A solid recruiting class will help boost Warren and Huertas down in Oxford, Miss. None of the three teams above the Rebels are a lock to finish where they are slated. Simply put: Don't be shocked if Kennedy turns some heads with his Rebels.

5. Auburn

Last season: 14-16 (4-12 SEC)
Postseason: None
Head coach: Jeff Lebo (57-64, fifth year)
Key returners: F Korvotney Barber, G DeWayne Reed, G Quantez Robertson
Key losses: None
Key additions: None
Outlook: Here's the thing about Auburn: They didn't have any key losses because they didn't have anyone better than decent that left. Their key players returning are just OK. And the majority of their recruiting class was junior-college transfers, real transfers that can't play and freshmen walk-ons. The only saving the Tigers is that Arkansas will be too young to realize it could be a good team.

6. Arkansas

Last season: 23-12 (9-7 SEC)
Postseason: Lost to North Carolina in second round of the NCAA Tournament
Head coach: John Pelphrey (23-12, second year)
Key returners: None
Key losses: F Sonny Weems, G Patrick Beverley, F/C Steven Hill
Key additions: G Courtney Fortson, G/F Jason Henry, G Rotnei Clarke, F Michael Sanchez
Outlook: Not good at all for Pelphrey. His best forward is in the NBA and his best guard is not playing this year. Oh, and Arkansas touted Sanchez, a red-shirt freshman, as a veteran player. If you list a guy who hasn't played in a single game as a veteran, help is needed. Quickly.

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UK head coach Billy Gillispie talks with the late Bill Keightley, UK's equipment manager for 47 years, after Gillispie was announced head coach last year.

Not forgotten

Memories of Keightley still prevalent to Cats

By Jon Hale
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For 47 years, Bill Keightley sat on UK's sidelines.

He never called one play or made one substitution. But he won three national championships and won the hearts of Big Blue Nation.

"For thousands of years, however long they play basketball here, you can never do enough to honor him," said UK head coach Billy Gillispie.

When the team takes the court for its first exhibition game Nov. 3, UK will do so for the first time in since 1962 without Keightley on the sidelines.

Keightley, known affectionately as "Mr. Wildcat," served as a UK equipment manager from 1962-2008 before he died March 31 after falling during his annual trip to the Cincinnati Reds Opening Day game. Keightley died from internal bleeding resulting from a previously undiagnosed tumor on his spine.

While Keightley may not physically be on the sidelines, memories of him still remain. The team's new uniforms feature a black "K" in Kentucky and a black patch with "Mr. Wildcat" stitched in white letters on the right shoulder to honor the long-time equipment manager. During Big Blue Madness, UK unveiled a stamp featuring a "K" and "Mr. Wildcat" on the Rupp Arena floor in front of his familiar seat on the UK bench.

"I think it's a great idea," Gillispie said. "I'm not sure whose idea it was. We can never do enough to honor him."

The men's basketball team was 1,113-351 with Keightley on the bench. He worked with six different head coaches. In 1997 Keightley became one of two non-players or coach-

es to have his jersey retired. He was one of 88 charter members inducted into the UK Athletics Hall of Fame in 2005.

"I can see his face right now," Gillispie said, referring to what he thought Keightley's reaction would be to all the tributes to him. "He'd crinkle his face, make a bad expression and say 'ah!'"

Those tributes, likely to continue throughout the season, were extended when a small stool was placed on the Joe Craft Center court during media day festivities. Above it, a sign read "reserved for Mr. Wildcat."

"His seat is still over there," senior center Jared Carter said. "Every time we look over there it inspires us."

Fans wishing to hear Keightley describe his time at UK in his own words will have the chance when the Louie B. Nunn Center for Oral History releases its collection of interviews with Keightley in November.

Excerpts from 20 interviews conducted with Keightley are currently available on the Nunn Center's Web site. (http://www.uky.edu/Libraries/libpage.php?lib_id=13&web_id=11). Keightley discusses a wide range of topics in the interviews, ranging from the difference between head coaches Adolph Rupp and Joe B. Hall to his time as a marine during World War II. The Nunn Center plans to have the complete collection available this fall.

While the university and fans have found a variety of ways to honor Keightley's memory, the best way to honor him is with the team's effort, Carter said.

"We know he would want us to work hard in practice and just take it a day at a time," Carter said.

"I think it's a great idea. I'm not sure whose idea it was. We can never do enough to honor him."

—Billy Gillispie, UK head coach

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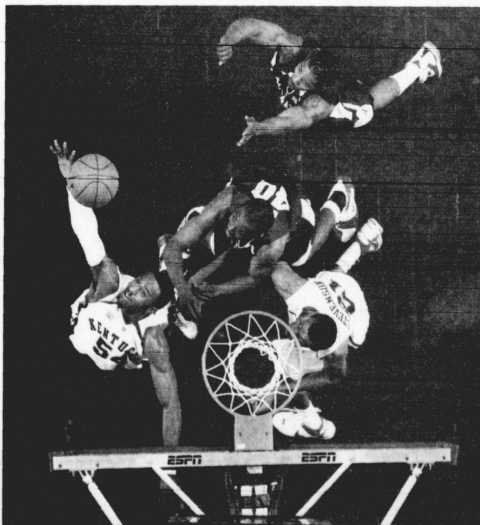
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Sophomore forward Patrick Patterson pulls down a rebound during last year's Alabama game in Rupp Arena. This season, Patterson is expected to take on an even bigger role than he did as a freshman.



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Potential drives UK Hoops' hopes

With some prominent figureheads in and around Lexington boldly taking their position as UK Hoops fans, the lingering question has been: "What about you?"



J.D. WILLIAMS
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As each day brings the Cats closer to tipping off the 2008-09 season in an exhibition game against Kentucky State, there are plenty of reasons to believe in a team that is beginning to establish a winning reputation for itself. More importantly, the recent performances of the women's basketball team are insisting that there's another team at a school which houses the winningest team in college hoops, and it's not coached by Billy Gillispie.

Headed by second-year coach Matthew Mitchell, the Cats shouldn't be taken lightly. They're coming off their school-record fourth consecutive postseason appearance.

Although the appearance was in the Women's National Invitation Tournament opposed to the NCAA Tournament, it was a stepping-stone that set the stage for this season.

During the transitional season, as Mitchell settled into his outside seat, he motivated the Cats to overcome injuries to key players. In the process, UK still won games.

That mindset will linger into this season as UK looks to continue to nourish the program with the right pieces.

One such piece that the Cats will need to continue their rise as a respectable program is senior guard Carly Ormerod. The Cats were without her for a stretch of 14 games last year as she battled sesamoiditis and turf toe. Her loss was costly.

"It's very important for her to come back healthy," Mitchell said. "There's not a lot of players better than her in our league at her position that have her kind of speed and that type of game changing talent."

Another part that must be found is a go-to player. The Cats are without their top two scorers from last year. Two likely candidates will be from the core of young players that Mitchell has at his disposal, specifically sophomores Victoria Dunlap and Amber Smith. Although a forward, the 6-foot-1 Dunlap lacks the size of departed 6-foot-6 Sarah Elliott, who got most of her points in the paint. But what she lacks in size, Dunlap makes up for in versatility. She is not anchored at the rim and slashes to the basket, which presents more scoring opportunities.

The transition game is where the Cats will be dangerous this season. Dunlap and the happy-footed Smith could push the Cats to play at a quicker pace. If that's the case, Ormerod and Smith can get the ball up the court making easy transition baskets for Dunlap if defenses don't get back.

But fast break points alone won't be enough to seal their success.

If the Cats want to make it back to the postseason again this year, especially if the NCAA Tournament is anywhere in their future, then they must answer the question of who will hold down the paint areas. Mitchell must find consistency in the post after Elliott's departure. The inside game is an unknown for the Cats and won't be answered until the season is underway. But no team is perfect, and there is always a weak spot on every roster. The Cats are in prime position to make a strong push in the 2008-09 season. The leadership of Ormerod and the play of the Cats' young players give reasons to support UK in their push for respect in the Southeastern Conference. They believe in their potential, what about you?

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Ormerod welcomes new roles

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High expectations are nothing new for senior guard Carly Ormerod. To hear her tell it, her final season won't be any more difficult than the last three.

"I love pressure," Ormerod said. "I'm excited to be in the position that I am this year."

That's no ordinary attitude for a player coming off a season in which she missed 17 games due to injury. But then again, Ormerod isn't expected to have any ordinary role on the UK women's basketball team this year. After missing much of her junior year due to turf toe and sesamoiditis, Ormerod is determined to do whatever she can to help the team in her final year, even moving to a new position.

Despite being one of the most effective point guards in the recent history of the program, UK head coach Matthew Mitchell has said that Ormerod may be spending a majority of her minutes at shooting guard this year. The move makes room for sophomore guard Amber Smith, an All-Southeastern Conference Freshman Team selection last year, to run the point.

"(Ormerod) needs to score for us," Mitchell said. "She needs to have that in her mindset, that when she's open she needs to shoot. She needs to make good decisions with the basketball, but she needs to have a scoring mentality."

On a roster with only a handful of proven scorers, the team will look to Ormerod to regain her 2006 form, when she averaged 9.9 points per game as a sophomore and was a pre-season second-team All-SEC selection. To transition to her new role, Ormerod said she spent several hours in the gym over the summer, working to get her shot back.

Ormerod said the injury last season hampered her well into February, limiting her effectiveness even after she had been allowed to return to the court. Mitchell said that the team has been careful with how they've handled her in practice, "trying to get as close to the season (as we can) before we turn her loose full speed."

Mitchell couldn't understate the on-court impact the loss of Ormerod had last season, particularly after an injury to Smith left the team without a healthy point guard on the roster.

"Just her ability to manage a game, to make plays, to get to the basket, make threes, all of that was devastating to (lose) for us last year," Mitchell said.

The injury put Ormerod in unfamiliar

territory, leaving her with a new set of responsibilities. Sometimes, it was difficult for her to be satisfied with her new role on the team.

"I had never been injured before, not even in high school," Ormerod said. "It was just really hard because, obviously, you want to give all that you can to your team and especially being one of the leaders out there on the court, it was hard to take a step back and only be able to help them out verbally and with encouragement."

Still, several team members felt that Ormerod remained a valuable contributor to the team even when she was unavailable to play. Her steady stream of support and advice from the bench especially had an impact on the younger players.

"When she went out she was real positive, just encouraging everyone," Smith said. "We still had her leadership off the court, when you came to the bench she would be there giving pointers and stuff."

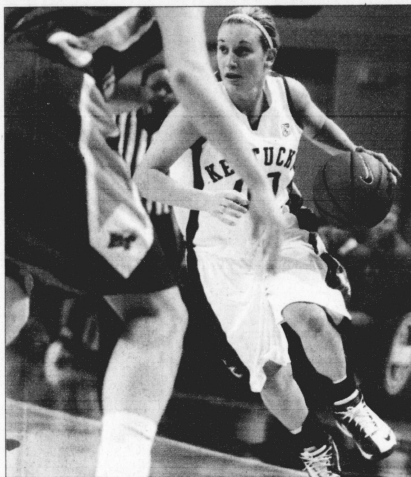
In addition to hoping for a physically rejuvenated Ormerod, the team will continue to look to her as a leader.

Sophomore forward Victoria Dunlap views Ormerod as a natural leader who is coming into her own at just the right time for the team.

"I would say she's one of the biggest leaders on the team," Dunlap said. "One, being a point guard. Two, being a senior, being on this type of level for a lot longer than all of us have. She knows how to play the game; she knows the right mentality to make sure she's doing the right thing."

For the team to improve on their 17-16 record from last season and return to the NCAA Tournament for the first time since 2006, Ormerod, as well as the rest of the team, will have to transition to new roles and accept additional responsibilities. Still, Ormerod makes no qualms about where she wants the Cats to end up this year.

"This is my last year playing here at the University of Kentucky, which has been a dream of mine since I was little, so I want to make it the best year that I can," Ormerod said. "I want to lead this team to the SEC Tournament and to the SEC Championship. We want to be there and we want to win it."



Senior guard Carly Ormerod drives to the basket during last year's game against Middle Tennessee State.



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Most faculty, staff not trained for emergencies

By Laura Clark
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If an armed intruder were to walk into a classroom, a professor probably would not have been trained any more than his or her students on how to deal with the threat.

From summer to this month, UK Police trained Human Resources for emergency situations such as an active shooting or workplace violence.

Human Resources is the only UK department that has undergone this training.

"This is the first training tailored toward active shooters or violence," said UK Police Maj. Joe Monroe.

While UK Police have offered emergency training by request, UK departments have not been required to be formally trained for those situations.

"This was the first test pilot project to see what we need to change to make the program better for the rest of the university," Monroe said.

UK Police are working to complete the training program for all UK employees and students by the end of this semester.

"We hope to start in January by rolling out a schedule with training sessions," Monroe said.

Human Resources officials signed up for the training program to make their staff mem-

bers feel more secure and better trained, Monroe said. It is also possible Human Resources will incorporate training classes into employee orientations, he said.

"Since Virginia Tech, college campuses realize they have to not only change internal police training, but also better train the university ... and let them know how we're going to respond," Monroe said.

Because the emergency training program is only available upon request, other staff and faculty have not participated.

"I would be shocked if a fellow faculty member told me they took a training program, because I haven't heard of any," said history professor Daniel Smith. "I think I'm literally

out of the loop."

Christina Stowe, an agricultural economics assistant professor hired by UK this year, said she was required to participate in the new faculty orientation, as well as various teaching and advising programs. None of the programs involved safety.

"Since I'm new, I don't have a good feel of the campus," Stowe said. "I think emergency training should be highly recommended, even though it's hard to prevent anything from happening."

"I know there would be lots of faculty and staff who would be interested to be armed

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Group helps students access campus services

By Evanne Floyd
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On a campus of over 26,000 students, it may be easy to become overwhelmed by the number of people milling around.

The Peer Resource Team wants to help. Designed to encourage students to become more involved on campus and help match students to potential organizations they would enjoy, the resource team has ties to the 300-plus student organizations on campus.

The team will host an open house Wednesday from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. in the Center for Student Involvement, room 106 of the Student Center.

The open house marks the one-year anniversary of renovations made to the Center for Student Involvement. On Wednesday, students can expect information about organizations including the Student Activities Board and Student Government, as well as food and giveaways.

At 1 p.m., there will be a tour of the Center for Student Involvement and an information session about the Web site to show students how they can become involved.

MaryCatherine Wright, president of the team and a political science sophomore, said the team is hosting the open house to attract more students.

If you go

What: Open House
When: Wednesday from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.
Where: Student Center
Admission: Free

"The Peer Resource Team wants to increase involvement whether you're a freshman or a senior," Wright said. "We want to help students find their niche on campus."

The eight team members sit down one-on-one with students to help match them to an organization and meet with groups to help them in many ways, from becoming more productive in meetings to organizing fundraisers.

"People only know about a couple of the organizations that are huge and pull money from student fees; we want to help the smaller groups get their names out there and pull in more members," said Josh Pasqua, a geography junior.

Team members are involved outside of meeting one-on-one with students. They have been speakers for UK101, with faculty bringing students to the Center for Student Involvement and Peer Resource Team members going to the classrooms. They have facilitated over 30 classes and Saturday talked to the YMCA Black Achievers about making a difference in the community and answered questions about college life, said team adviser Lauren Goodpaster.

"Students don't know what's on campus, what's available, and are going home every weekend instead of taking advantage," said Kaelysia Woods, a finance management junior. "We want to enhance people's leadership skills and help them enjoy college."

Their bodies pay the bills

By Megan Hurt
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Over the summer Erica Chappell found a job that allowed her to make an average of \$800 a week while doing something she loved. She could go to work in the evening, attend classes during the day, use a fun fake name, play dress up and dance on a stage.

Chappell, a French and theater freshman, found a well-paying job as an exotic dancer.

"I thought dancing looked like fun," Chappell said. "I mean, who gets paid to dance and have fun? It's a very interesting job."

With recent increases in tuition and the U.S. economy in a recession, many college students like Chappell are discovering unique opportunities to make fast money by using the resources they were born with — their bodies.

Nude modeling, donating body fluids like plasma and sperm, and participating in medical research studies provide students quick paychecks for little work.

Because college students have not completed a degree and have to schedule work around classes, there are fewer jobs available to them that pay very well. Exotic dancers can bring home up to \$1,000 a night, said Ashley Ehrhardt, a dancer who has been performing at various clubs in Lexington for over a year.

"Probably 20 percent of the dancers I know are college students," said Ehrhardt, 24, who decided to focus on raising her two children instead of attending college.

"You hear the girls talk about what it's like to be in school all day and then come and work all night," Ehrhardt said. "They definitely struggle, but they need the money to keep them in school."

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French theater freshman Erica Chappell used to make up to \$300 a week as an exotic dancer. She no longer dances because of a heavy course load, she said, but says she loves dancing and plans to start again.

Students search for health care solutions

By Caroline Peterson
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With 27 million Americans uninsured and millions more struggling to keep their current plans, something must be done to fix America's health care problem, said organizers of a Wednesday event.

An event for AARP's national "Divided We Fail" campaign will be in the Cats Den from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. with free food and drinks and the opportunity to learn more about the health care campaign.

The event is being co-hosted by AARP, Kentuckians for the Commonwealth, UK College Democrats and College Republicans.

Jayne Powell, a UK graduate, said she has been working since her internship last spring to bring the campaign to UK's campus. This is the first time UK has had an affiliation with "Divided We Fail" or AARP.

"It's interesting to open other eyes," Powell said. "In a college setting, you have to force people to look at the future and see how they will afford health care."

During the event, people will have the opportunity to learn about the campaign and sign a pledge stating they will elect officials who will find a way for all Americans to have affordable health care and lifelong economic security.

Following the information session, there will be general discussion in which students will be encouraged to share their stories or ask questions.

"It should be an interesting discussion," said Kentuckians for the Commonwealth President John Ghajlian. "I think we'll see varying views from these groups."

Joe Gallenstein, president of the UK College Democrats, said he hopes people on campus will be come more aware after this event.

"This is an issue that affects everyone in the country and we hope to see health care on voters' minds as they go to the polls on Election Day," Gallenstein said.

While most college students

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Diane Lawless

By Laura Edelen
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Diane Lawless said she does it for love.



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of her dedication to the city. "I know how government works," she said. "I've been politically involved for over 30 years."

Lawless became a volunteer with the Bluegrass Rape Crisis Center in 1977. She soon became the center's director, where she served in that role for 26 years. She helped with the passage of the Rape Shield Law in 1978, lobbied for the Victims of Crime Act of 1984, and helped pass the Violence Against Women Act.

She was a founding member of the Kentucky As-

sociation of Sexual Assault Programs and the chair of the legislative committee for 15 years.

The most important issues for Lawless in this race are reclaiming and restoring our neighborhoods, downtown and economic development, and protecting green space and rural community, she said.

Lawless says she wants to make Lexington a place students want to call home so they will stay after graduating by having more student involved projects in Lexington.

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***** ELECTION 2008

The Kernel will be spotlighting candidates before the Nov. 4 election. These profiles will highlight candidates' top issues and their stance on higher education.

Eric Thomason

By Danielle Pritchett
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One local candidate is betting on the success of a focused campaign.

Eric Thomason, a candidate for the 3rd district seat on the Lexington-Fayette Urban County Council, which includes UK, has a campaign centered on cultural, economic and environmental sustainability.

He said while he noticed Lexington becoming less car-centered, no infrastructure exists to support the change. More money is needed to switch the current

car-focused structure into one friendly to pedestrians and cyclists, according to Thomason's Web site.

Another issue important to Thomason's campaign is improvements to downtown, including revitalizing downtown while keeping its historical aspect, according to his Web site.

Thomason was a leader of Preserve Lexington, a preservation society involved in the fight against CentrePointe, a new development project on a historic downtown city block was demolished to make room for this project.

"We need to have a unified vision for where we

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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 a 5 — Slow and easy does it. Don't gamble. Don't even take risks, like not coming to a complete stop at the corner or driving five mph too fast.
Taurus (April 20-May 20) — Today is a 7 — Don't follow a leader who's going to get you into trouble. If somebody's talking about breaking rules, let them do it on their own.
Gemini (May 21-June 21) — Today is an 8 — Set aside a favorite fantasy, there's no time for it now. Do what you have to do, and you can do what you want later.

Cancer (June 22-July 22) — Today is a 7 — It's usually good to follow your heart, but in this situation, your mind would be a better choice.
Leo (July 23-Aug. 22) — Today is a 5 — Your personal experience clashes with somebody's fantasy. The best you can do may simply be to issue a warning.
Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) — Today is a 7 — Take care. You're in danger of being so interested in your favorite topic that you overlook important work-related paperwork. That would cause big trouble.
Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) — Today is a 7 — Make sure you get any contracts you enter into down in writing. That handshake business works sometimes, but don't rely on it now.
Scorpio (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) — Today is an 8 — You're determined to get your way, but somebody's resisting. Can you overpower them? Probably, but take care.
Sagittarius (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) — Today is a 7 — You can make a lot of money if you choose correctly now. It's not going to be the dreamer's option. Don't buy into a fantasy.
Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) — Today is a 7 — Assign somebody to take notes. It's also not a bad idea to leave a tape recorder running during the proceedings.
Aquarius (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) — Today is a 7 — The people who outrank you are very pragmatic now. Don't even bother to suggest theories that are still in the development stage.
Pisces (Feb. 19-March 20) — Today is a 7 — Some of the things that prevent you from achieving your goals have no substance. They can be overcome with education, discipline and practice.

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Lies, cheating and abuse

Details of fights emerge as Madonna and Guy Ritchie go public with their split

She jumped rope, pumped up the crowd and, as always, introduced the song "Miles Away" by proclaiming, in a pointed dig at her estranged husband, Guy Ritchie, "This is dedicated to the emotionally retarded." Still, concertgoers at Madonna's Oct. 18 show in Toronto were otherwise hard-pressed to detect signs that the singer, 50, was reeling from a messy divorce announced just three days earlier. "She was completely upbeat," a fan tells Us. Meanwhile, more than 3,000 miles away, Ritchie was exhibiting similar professionalism on the London set of his movie Sherlock Holmes. On Oct. 15, a source says, the director, 40, waved a copy of the U.K.'s The Sun (which trumpeted the split) during a morning meeting. "He said, 'Today's going to be a weird one, but don't feel awkward because this is where I want to be, so let's get this job done!'" an insider tells Us. "No one has mentioned it since."

Well, at least not to his face. In what is shaping up to be one of the most scandalously epic splits in recent Hollywood history, fans on both sides of the Atlantic have feasted on salacious details of bitter fights and humiliating insults. And now it's clear neither party is wasting time moving on. Madonna's kabbalah-fueled bond with New York Yankees slugger Alex Rodriguez, 33, is still going strong. And, as Us can exclusively report,

Ritchie has entered into a relationship with Sherlock Holmes actress Kelly Reilly, 31. So how bad were the final days? "Two months ago, Madonna and Guy actually stopped speaking," says a source. Seconds another insider, "Only their assistants talk to each other." Yet, as Us first reported in the July 14 issue, the two agreed to cover up their problems. Ritchie escorted Madonna to her 50th birthday bash in August and she turned up at his Rockn-Rolla premiere on Sept. 1. "Madonna's people wanted to wait until the tour was over to make the announcement," says a source. "Everything was masterminded." Ritchie may have had another incentive to forge ahead with the divorce: Reilly. "Guy and Kelly have spent time out of work together," an insider tells Us. The union between the high-maintenance pop icon and an aloof British bloke ten years her junior was perhaps doomed from the start. In recent years, friends of the couple (set up by mutual friend Sting in 1998 and wed two years later) say the two had bitter personality clashes, leading to emotional and sometimes physical abuse. "She would taunt Guy, saying, 'I should have married someone like me: strong, hot-blooded, intelligent, ambitious, spiritual,'" reveals a Ritchie source. "Their fights would often get heated. A few times Madonna slapped

him or poked him." His reaction? "Guy called her old, fat, ugly and wrinkled and said that she was stupid and couldn't sing," another Madonna pal tells Us. Over time, Madonna — already infamous for her reg-impeted workouts and mac-robotic diet — began taking her self-discipline to the extreme. A source says she now exercises with trainer Tracy Anderson at least two hours a day, six days a week. She sticks to meals that consist of steamed, organic vegetables and unprocessed fish. Plus, she conditions herself daily with an expensive regimen of moisturizers and oxygen facials. Says the source, "Everything she is doing now is a reaction to Guy's comments and to prove him wrong." And living by Madonna's rule book took its toll on Ritchie. On her list of no-nos: TV and junk food. "Sometimes Madonna would find chocolate bar wrappers in the car, and she would call Guy sneaky and sly and a coward," a Ritchie source tells Us. "It really irritated him." Seconds a Madge source, "He wanted to go out all night to the pub, and she was like a machine, in bed by 11 every night." Her discipline also proved emasculating: One British tabloid breathlessly claimed that Ritchie went 18 months without sex, and indeed, a Madge source tells Us, "They hadn't had sex in a long time."

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are still under their parents' coverage, some still view health care as an important issue, said Jacob Sims, president of the College Republicans.

"I hope we can find some common ground on the issue," Sims said. "I hope to get both sides out there and come up with a general idea of how our sides view health care."

If you go

What: "Divided We Fall"
When: Wednesday at 6:30 p.m.
Where: Cats Den
Admission: Free

College partisans give final push before Nov. 4

By Rory Greene
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At the Red vs. Blue presidential debate, the UK College Democrats and the College Republicans got a final chance to educate those who are undecided as Nov. 4 draws near.

About 80 students and Lexington citizens showed up to listen to the UK College Democrats debate the College of Republicans on issues such as the War in Iraq, health care, women's rights, community involvement and gay marriage.

Each group had a four-person panel. The main theme of the evening dealt with presidential nominees Republican John McCain and Democrat Barack Obama.

Obama, even without a typical Washington background, is a "leader with a vision, and has accomplished things no one ever thought he could," said Joe Gallenstein, the president of the

UK College Democrats.

College Republicans President Jacob Sims replied, "the only thing he's really done is inspire and win an election. He hasn't done little or nothing to accomplish his vision."

Despite a moderator with questions, the majority of questions came from audience members who challenged both party's nominees.

The economy was also discussed at the Tuesday forum. Both parties' answers revolved around the same point: the economy was getting worse fast and their respective candidates had enough initiative to get the job done.

The debate focused more on finger-pointing and about the candidates past than their stance on the issues, said Jerrica Moore, a biology freshman. Without the issues, she thought it was interesting.

"(I) answered a lot of unanswered questions I had," she said.

Staff to brainstorm boosting UK Alert sign-up numbers

Staff Report

Getting more students signed up for UK's emergency alert system will be the focus of a small discussion Thursday in the Student Center.

Professional staff members at UK will talk about different strategies UK can take to get students signed up for UK Alert, a system that sends text messages, e-mails, voicemails and other electronic messages to those on this list whenever an emergency occurs on, or in some cases near, campus.

Ryan Wagoner, men's programming coordinator for the Violence Intervention and Prevention Center, said he wanted to hold the meeting to discuss ways to get most students signed up.

UK Alert has about 11,600 people signed up for the system, about 5,300 of who are registered as students, said Christy Giles, UK's director of emergency management, in an interview with the Kernel Oct. 22. About 26,650 students are currently enrolled at UK.

Wagoner wants people to know that UK Alert exists, it only takes five seconds to sign up, and it is something everybody on this campus should be signed up for.

One of his ideas to reach students, including using Facebook, handing out fliers to students and setting up tables with laptops like the method used during Student Government elections.

"It's just covering campus as many ways as we can to get people to sign up for UK Alert," Wagoner said.

Wagoner plans to limit the meeting to professional staff that he feels the size small, he said. The meeting will be at noon in room 206 of the Student Center.

Some ignore balances during market's wild ride

By Susan Chandler and Colleen Mastony
Chicago Tribune

CHICAGO — Heidi Henning is in denial and she knows it.

Since her third-quarter 401(k) statement arrived recently, it has been sitting on her desk at home. She has heard some horror stories from co-workers and she isn't in the mood to confirm what she already knows — her retirement savings is shrinking faster than a cashmere sweater in hot water.

"I need to feel more positive about where the economy is going before I feel brave enough to open my statement," says Henning, 42, who has worked for 15 years at the National Association of Realtors in Chicago. "I figure: Why get depressed? I'm not going to retire for 20 years."

That's a good attitude, according to behavioral economists. It's a natural tendency for people to monitor the ups and downs of their investments, especially now that many retirement accounts can be accessed online.

But if those bad feelings translate into hasty actions, worse financial damage will occur, warns Emir Kamenica, an economics professor

at the University of Chicago Graduate School of Business.

"If it's going to distress you, you might as well not look. The distress will not do you any good," said Kamenica, whose research focuses on the intersection of psychology and economics.

His best advice: Sit tight and ride out of the current financial storm, especially if you have years to go before retirement. "It would be more of a mistake to pull allocations out of equity than to just ignore the current movements in the market. In the long run, there is no reason to expect returns to be different than they have been historically."

People certainly have a right to be queasy, after suffering through the worst market crisis since the Great Depression. The Dow Jones Wilshire 500 index, the broadest stock market measure, is off 41 percent from a year ago and as of Tuesday roughly \$8 trillion has evaporated from the portfolios of investors large and small since last year's market peak in October 2007. Yet such giant numbers are abstractions until someone who had \$250,000 socked away in a 401(k) last year sees that number shrivel to \$150,000.

LAWLESS

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"I will be a voice for every constituent whether they're a long-time resident or a student at UK," Lawless said.

Lawless believes right now in Lexington this involves having a plan for downtown development that encompasses the entire downtown.

"I believe that we need to be wise about our planning. It needs to be looked at from a large overview rather than project by project," Lawless said.

More work needs to be done for alternative means of transportation and bringing people together, she said.

"We need a more bike- and pedestrian-friendly city, more park and ride programs, and an arts community that embraces all ages and tastes," she said.

Lawless came to Lexington in 1969 to attend UK and graduated with a degree in business administration.

She went to work as an accountant and then became a stay-at-home mom and started working in the non-profit sector volunteering for arts and civic organizations in Lexington. She later returned to UK and received her master's degree in social work.

Lawless was on the advisory board for UK Center of Research of Violence Against Women and Children in 2005.

She has worked with groups toward student safety, helping create the Cat's Path, a path on UK's campus illuminated at night and police-patrolled.

"I know how to get things done. I'm very good at bringing people together to have respectful conversations that bring creative ideas," Lawless said.

THOMASON

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want to go as a city," Thomason said.

The 2010 Alltech FEI World Equestrian Games, the world championships for eight equestrian sports held every four years, will play a role in this vision, he said.

"We have to put on our best face and be a good host," he said. "The World Equestrian Games will either be a huge asset or a huge liability."

The plans for improving Lexington for the games should include simple beautification including the streetscape study, an improvement plan for Lexington developed by the Kinzelman Kline Gossman firm, he said.

The plan, endorsed by the Urban County Council in August, includes 39 recommendations costing a total \$51 million.

Short-term plans include rebuilding sidewalks on Main and Vine streets, burying utilities on Main Street and changing Short and Second streets to two-way traffic. Most of these goals could be met by the Equestrian Games, he said.

"It is my goal to encourage positive downtown growth and unique approaches to creating a 24-hour-a-day, seven-day-a-week downtown that we can all be proud of and one that will remain in the minds of visitors to Lexington during and after the approaching 2010 World Equestrian Games," Thomason said on his Web site.

Thomason also hopes to improve relations between college students and community members if he is elected.

A current problem between the university and residents in surrounding neighborhoods is home UK football games, Thomason said.

Cooperation and communication are the two keys to solving most of the problems in the relationship between UK and the rest of the city, Thomason said.

He added it is important to connect students to the Lexington community to increase the chances of retaining those students in the area, including through a trolley system currently being proposed for the city.

Overall, Thomason said he felt he could help make needed changes.

"I feel well-suited to be on city council, because we need someone to take a long-term approach to decision-making," Thomason said.

SAFETY

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with the best actions to take," Stowe said.

At the University of Georgia, a benchmark school UK uses to measure its growth, the Building Safety and Security Representative Policy is used to ensure a similar campus response to emergency situations. It certifies a primary representative, as well as a number of backup representatives, stationed in each building that has received extensive training for emergency situations.

John Newton, UGA's emergency coordi-

tor, said out of the 300 buildings the university owns, only a handful have not signed up for the program.

"Each building has a safety plan rather than the departments, because the entire building has to respond in a similar fashion," Newton said.

Professors at UGA are not involved in emergency training because it is not necessary, Newton said.

"Professors have a lot to do anyway, not only with teaching but with research, too," Newton said. "That's why we have a primary representative in each building; we only need one person to take the lead, because if every one was in the lead, nothing would get done."

Are credit cards the next collapse?

By Christine Rexrode
McClintock Newspapers

CHARLOTTE, N.C. — U.S. banks charged off 5.47 percent of all credit card loans in the second quarter, according to the Federal Reserve, representing some \$50 billion that they'll likely never collect.

First came trouble with mortgages, then home equity loans and commercial real estate. Now, banks are starting to worry about credit cards.

As the economy slows and unemployment rises, consumers are defaulting on credit card payments more often. And though that trend is unlikely to create a crisis in line with the mortgage fallout, it's still a headache for banks that are already hurting.

U.S. banks charged off 5.47 percent of all credit card loans in the second quarter, according to the Federal Reserve, representing some \$50 billion that they'll likely never collect. That's up from 3.85 percent the year before, and that is a movement that's on the radar of Ken Lewis, chief executive of Bank of America Corp.

Asked in a recent TV interview if credit card debt would be "the next shoe to drop" for the banking industry, Lewis replied: "It, in some ways, already is," adding that such losses have risen "pretty substantially."

Laura Nishikawa, an analyst at the Innovest ratings agency, predicts that banks such as Bank of America and Citigroup Inc. could be hit especially hard by credit card defaults. That's because those banks, which offer both consumer and investment services, have been depending more heavily on money made on consumer services such as credit cards as the returns in investment banking grow increasingly unpredictable.

To be sure, credit cards don't represent a huge portion of assets for most banks. For example, they comprise about 14 percent of all consumer loans and leases at Bank of America, the country's largest credit card issuer. The main problem, Nishikawa said, is that "everyone is so weak after what happened with mortgages that another blow to a consumer product would be hard to handle."

Consumer groups have long complained that credit card issuers push cards onto people who don't need them or can't afford them. They say that rising credit card defaults — just like mortgage defaults — are largely the fault of banks who lent to risky borrowers.

Innovest estimates that about 30 percent of Bank of America's credit card loans are to subprime borrowers — second only to the failed Washington Mutual Inc., which had almost half of its credit card loans held by subprime borrowers.

Innovest also estimates that more than half of Bank of America's credit cards are high-limit cards — second only to American Express Co. (Innovest classifies high-limit cards as those with lines of more than \$10,000.) Nishikawa says that combination could prove toxic for Bank of America, which may have "lent more than (borrowers) can be expected to pay back."

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Workers see fewer customers, lower tips

By Evan S. Benn
McClatchy Newspapers

MIAMI — The pint glass that doubles as a tip jar at Jesse Del Pozo's barber shop used to be stuffed with cash, even a few fives and tens peeking out by day's end.

But that was months ago, before gas prices got high and the stock market went low and people started cutting back on everything from restaurant visits to haircuts.

"Before the summer, I was getting 20 people a day in my chair, making \$100, \$120 in tips," Del Pozo said this week at Carrs Barbershop in Miami Beach. "Now, maybe I'll get eight people, and I'm lucky if I take home \$50."

In difficult economic times, it's often workers who rely on tips — restaurant servers, delivery drivers, hairstylists, cabbies, valet attendants — who struggle the most. They say they've been struck by a double whammy from the financial fallout: They have fewer customers, and the ones they do have are tipping less.

"It used to be everyone would tip \$5, but not for a while," said Del Pozo, who has worked with scissors since 1972. Carrs charges \$25 for a men's haircut; the barbers make a minimal salary plus tips.

"Sometimes people will say, 'Oh, I have to go to an ATM. I'll be right back,'" Del Pozo said. "And we never see them again."

Federal law requires that employers pay workers at least \$6.55 an hour (an increase to \$7.25 an hour will take effect next July), but tipped employees' minimum wage is lower — \$2.13. State laws may require higher minimum wages for employees who earn tips.

So while fast-food employees making minimum wage will earn about \$52 a day whether they sell one burger or 1,000, a waitress with no customers and no tips is looking at a \$17 workday, before taxes.

The economic squeeze is evident at Jimmy's Eastside Diner in Miami.

Customers still line up outside and pack the place on weekends, but most of the booths were empty around lunchtime Wednesday. Waitress Emmy Lopez said she figures the office workers who used to be regulars are now packing brown-bag lunches.

The customers who do come have shaved a dollar or two off their usual tips, Lopez said.

"If we used to get \$3, now it's more like \$1 or \$1.25," she said. "Thank goodness for weekend shifts, and for the customers we have who are always generous."

People tend to be more generous when they are happy, said Michal Ann Strahilevitz, who researches consumer behavior.

"As a nation, we are currently very worried and very unhappy," said Strahilevitz, a marketing professor at Golden Gate University in San Francisco. "The more we are worried about our own futures, the less generous we are. So generous tipping will be reduced."

In some situations, Strahilevitz said, outstanding service can milk a hefty tip out of even an otherwise frugal tipper.

And while she expects tipping to rebound when the economy does, "the good old days of 15 percent even for mediocre service are probably gone for now," Strahilevitz said.

Delivery driver Dagoberto Hernandez said he wishes he'd get 15 percent tips on his runs for La Provence French bakery in Coral Gables, Fla. Instead, he's seeing a lot of \$1 tips and quickly closed doors.

Business is down, too, Hernandez said. Up until a few weeks ago he was making about 50 deliveries a day. At noon on Wednesday, he was in downtown Miami dropping off only his second order.

"It's been slow, and the tips have been down, and on top of everything, the gas is still expensive," said Hernandez, 23, a part-time Miami Dade College student. "I've had to cut back on a lot of things."

In Asia, doubts grow about a nuclear-free North Korea

By Tim Johnson
McClatchy Newspapers

BEIJING — As talks over North Korea's nuclear program stumble along, some scholars and policy-makers around Asia now believe that the negotiations may never lead Pyongyang to cede all its nuclear weapons.

Instead, they say the best that can be hoped for is to halt North Korea from producing nuclear fuel to make any more weapons.

The view is far from universal, and the governments at multilateral talks over the North Korea nuclear program publicly stick to the objective of a nuclear-free Korean Peninsula.

Privately, however, some experts on North Korea note a changing mood, saying the talks have become unpredictable even by the usual standards applied to the reclusive nation.

"When you talk to the specialists, even government people, off the record, you hear, 'We don't have a better solution and if we can keep this thing frozen, that's the best we'll have,'" said Ralph A. Cossa, the president of the Pacific Forum CSIS, a Honolulu arm of the Washington-based Center for Strategic and International Studies.

Such views are rarely

voiced in public because they threaten the six-party talks that began in 2003, held by China with the participation of Russia, Japan, the U.S. and the two Koreas, with the aim of rolling back North Korea's nuclear program.

"No one dares declare that we are prepared to accept a part of the nuclear program in North Korea," said Shi Yinlong, an international relations expert at People's University of China.

Shi said, however, that the Bush administration has softened its demands on Pyongyang and other nations have come to see partial success in the talks as better than a rupture. He cited a long-standing stumbling block this year over North Korea's still-secret declaration of its nuclear activities, and its haggling over a plan to verify such activities.

"Everyone with common sense knows that this statement of denuclearization is not complete," Shi said, adding that the negotiators "will pretend that it is good and wonderful ... and declare it in ambiguous language and say (the talks have) made progress."

The senior U.S. negotiator on North Korea, Christopher Hill, traveled to Pyongyang Oct. 1-3 to seek the Kim regime's assent to a verification regime on its nu-

clear activities. On Oct. 11, the Bush administration removed North Korea from a list of nations considered state sponsors of terrorism, an incentive to get Pyongyang to resume disabling its nuclear plants.

The nuclear talks have stalled amid worsening tensions between North and South Korea, and rumors that North Korean leader Kim Jong Il, 66, remains in critical condition after reportedly suffering a stroke in early August.

Japan's Fuji Television showed footage Monday night of a man identified as Kim's eldest son, Kim Jong-nam, entering a Paris hospital last week for meetings with a neurosurgeon, who later departed for Beijing, a common stopover on the way to Pyongyang. The surgeon has declined to say whether he'd treat Kim.

Prime Minister Taro Aso of Japan appeared before a parliamentary committee on foreign policy Tuesday and said Kim's "condition isn't good."

"We don't think that he's in a state where he's incapable of making any decisions at all," Taro said, according to the Agence France-Presse news agency. "Our understanding is that if that were the case, we would be seeing different developments."

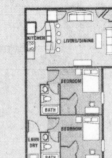
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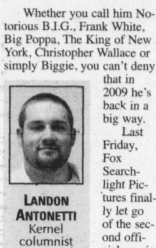
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New trailer on Biggie's life tale



LANDON ANTONETTI
Kernel columnist

Whether you call him Notorious B.I.G., Frank White, Big Poppa, The King of New York, Christopher Wallace or simply Biggie, you can't deny that in 2009 he's back in a big way. Last Friday, Fox Searchlight Pictures finally let go of the second official movie trailer to their upcoming January 16th release, "Notorious," a film based on the life of Brooklyn's own Notorious B.I.G. Until last Friday, not a lot was known about the film. A few screen shots were leaked onto the Internet, and vague details of the film were released in the first trailer. But devoted followers of the movie's progress were still unsure of the details for this highly anticipated release.

In the end, director George Tillman Jr. thought it best to go with Woodard, a full Brooklynite and an uncanny Biggie look-alike. The trailer is masterfully done, taking us all back to New York during hip-hop's golden years for a little over two minutes. It starts out with a roaring crowd and then the all too familiar "No-No-No-Notorious" kicks in reminding those who might have forgotten about the late King of New York exactly why the city cannot be touched when it comes to hip-hop greatness. This film chronicles Biggie's rise to the top, from stick-up kid to superstardom. Like all great stories, it starts from childhood, depicting a young Biggie Smallz becoming wrapped up in drug dealing and a life of crime. A devoted hip-hop fan from the start, Biggie never lost sight of his dream to become a rapper even in the face of criminals and crooked law enforcement. The film will no doubt show his relationship with Tupac, Faith Evans and Lil' Kim, a trio who pushed Biggie into the spotlight of controversy. www.TMZ.com only wishes they could've covered. Tragically, we will also be reminded of the death of a legend, and because Biggie's killer is still unknown and his murder left widely unsolved, it will be interesting to see how they portray his tragic death in Los Angeles. With all of these details on the film finally getting into light, the excitement can only build until its release date. With an impressive cast of fresh faces, a soundtrack that everyone can vibrate to and a beautifully done trailer backing it, "Notorious" looks as though it could do the late Brooklyn kingpin justice. Look for a film review of B.I.G. propositions coming in January. Landon Antonetti is a journalism junior and the production director for WRFL. E-mail: lantonetti@kykernel.com.

Fashion tips for the costume hunt



MAGGIE LANHAM
Kernel columnist

It's that time of the year again. When all fashion sensibilities fly out the window in order to fully celebrate my second favorite holiday of the year — you just can't beat the Thanksgiving leftovers. With Halloween only two days away, I thought I'd fill you all in on two stores to find some incredible costumes at some very reasonable prices. Because if you're like me, you still haven't figured out what hilarious costume you're going to wear, and you know you've seen far too many sexy kittens as of late. The first store for Halloween costumes is a recently-opened vintage shop, conveniently located right next to Coffee Times on Regency Road, called Street Scene, which boasts a colorful store full of goodies from the 1950s to the 1970s. If you're looking to be a fallen beauty queen, never fear! They have a plethora of fabulous dresses, gloves and enough jewelry to surpass every dream of a dead beauty pageant winner, even the dream of that elusive world peace. If

you're thinking about being a hippie or really just have a penchant for zoot suits, then you're in luck. The most beautiful part of the whole shopping experience is that most of what you purchase you're going to want to wear again and again in your normal garb, because even those dainty lace gloves always work, while walking to class. Plus, they're doing their part to help the world by offering TOMS shoes — one of the only places in Lexington — that are thrice cute, comfortable and support a good cause. The second store you'll want to stop by to grab some last minute Halloween costumes is Pop's Resale on Leestown Road. Possibly a little better known, but not to a good portion of UK's campus, Pop's has got some great costumes available for purchase. They've got a multitude of pretty incredible '80s dresses for the ladies (or men, we don't discriminate here) that can be matched with some bright, oftentimes sequined pumps. For men they have old army surplus gear, loads of fun hats and some old grandpa sweaters (is any of this inspiring your costume, yet?). And if you've already found your costume and go along with some friends for moral support, feel free to peruse Pop's infinite selection of records. One way or another, you're bound to be entertained, if not by the record

selection, then by the sight of your friends in, what appears to be, wait... is that what I think it is? Is that a Marge Simpson-esque wig? Good lord... Also, to supplement the amazing costumes you're obviously going to find at one or both of these stores, I always advocate the Goodwill or Salvation Army to add yet another facet of greatness to your costume or wardrobe. And even if trusty old Goodwill proves to be fruitless in your last minute desperation for a costume, there is always a fallback, which may not be the most creative, sexiest or funniest, but once in character can be quite special: dress up as a friend. Be a friend who has a distinct style or distinct personality so that on Halloween night, you're going to have something unique. And the best part of that costume is that it's totally free. Just raid your friend's closet/psyche and you're done! Halloween is supposed to be a chance to kick your heels up as another person and have a good ole time getting into costume, so whoever you are or whatever you dress up as, make sure to have a safe Halloween so that next year you can top your Robin from the Hood costume. But wait, is that even possible? Maggie Lanham is a merchandising, apparel and textiles junior. E-mail: mlhanham@kykernel.com

'NBA 2K9' fouls out with gameplay

By Victor Godnez
The Dallas Morning News

LACE 'EM UP: The NBA is one of the few remaining professional sports that hasn't been monopolized by Electronic Arts (seen any non-Madden NFL video games lately?), and so I want NBA 2K9 to do well. Competition, and all that. And 2K9 is a good game. But this year's edition commits some serious technical fouls that cannot be overlooked. **IN YOUR FACE:** The players, first of all, look stupendous. Not so much for their appearance (although we're getting within shouting distance of photo-realism) but for how they move. The quality is in both the big things (the players move and juke and jump and slide and tumble like they're propelled by muscle and hustle, rather than computer code) and

the small (semi-realistic facial expressions). Also, the fans have finally progressed from flat cardboard cutouts to autonomous, 3D human beings. They still clap their inflatable Thunder Sticks with a synchronous precision that would make the Rockettes jealous, though. **TIMEOUT:** There are more severe problems. First, the game makers apparently didn't read the NBA rulebook all that closely. Any semi-serious NBA follower knows that, if a player is fouled and injured in the act of shooting, and is so severely injured that he cannot shoot his free throws, then not only is that player forbidden from re-entering the game, but the opposing team gets to choose which of the injured player's teammates will shoot the shots. Well, I clobbered Miami Heat center Alonzo Mourning as he went up for a jumper.

He crumpled and retreated to the locker room, unable to crawl to the stripe. Just when I was considering which stone-handed towel-waver I was going to yank off Miami's bench, though, the computer subbed in a player automatically and let him shoot. Somewhere, Marv Albert is spinning in his grave. **BOTTOM LINE:** That's not the only bug. For example, there's a new feature in the online mode where as many as 10 human players can play at once, each game controlling a single player. Cool! But connecting to a game was often impossible, and when I did, the gameplay flowed at half the normal speed of an offline scrimmage. Overall, 2K9 is a fun, visually pleasing and realistic game. But I'd stick with a rental, unless and until some significant patches and updates are released.

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Switch to Cobb alleviates UK's problem

Crossroad: A point at which a vital decision must be made.

That's just where UK head coach Rich Brooks and the UK football team is after a 63-5 thumping at the hands of Florida. One would think that the program's third-worst loss in the last 60 years would be the low point, but things can always get worse.

Outside of a late fourth-quarter rally against Arkansas two weeks ago, the UK offense has looked only capable of leading this team to the Toilet Bowl. Lacking its two most proven offensive playmakers for the remainder of the season, the Cats have to be wondering where the offense is going to come from.

"We're not as bad as we looked out there," Brooks said on Saturday.

However, despite the forgettable performance at The Swamp, the Cats still sit one win away from that elusive third consecutive bowl eligible season. That's a feat the UK football team has only accomplished once in its history.

Which leads us to this crossroad.

Brooks and his staff are left with only questions after that elusive third consecutive bowl eligible season. Questions at running back, questions at wide receiver, questions on defense, questions on special teams and, most importantly, questions at quarterback.

Brooks answered at least one of those questions Monday by naming

freshman Randall Cobb the starter at quarterback for Saturday's vital game against Mississippi State. After weeks of defending incumbent Mike Hartline, Brooks finally relented by naming Cobb his starter.

When asked why he made the move, Brooks only had one answer.

"Production."

Which is the heart of the issue. While Hartline did all the right things during the off-season by seemingly grabbing the leadership role of the team by the throat, and by managing to avoid any run-ins with the law, his production just wasn't able to match his intentions.

As the starting quarterback in Southeastern Conference play, Hartline led UK to a total of 13 yards on its opening drives in four games. Not 13 yards average, 13 yards total. In four SEC games, Hartline is 67-of-133 for 665 yards and five touchdowns to go with six interceptions.

The best argument for keeping Hartline at quarterback — one which I've used until recently — centers on Cobb's status as the team's most consistent wide receiver. A look at Hartline's statistics show that only 16 of his 67 completions in SEC play have gone to a wide receiver not named Randall Cobb, and six of the 16 went to Dicky Lyons Jr., who will miss the rest of the season with a torn medial collateral ligament.

Just under 42 percent of Hartline's completions in SEC play have gone to a tailback. UK's leading receiver Saturday was fullback John Connor, who caught three passes for a whopping 26 yards. Senior tailback Tony Dixon chipped in with five catches for 19 yards.

The picture isn't pretty. The Cats are looking at a remainder of the season

without their leading rusher or receiver after Derrick Locke and Lyons both tore ligaments in their knee. The one consistent playmaker left appears to be Cobb.

Among those left to play out the season, Cobb leads UK receivers in receptions, yards and touchdowns. But he also ranks ahead of Hartline in completion percentage, yards per passing attempt and quarterback rating. Regardless of where he plays, the ball has to be in Cobb's hands.

While Cobb played quarterback Saturday, the Cats recorded their only points of the game and mounted the only scoring threats of the afternoon. If nothing else, the Cobb-led Cats managed to give their defense a breather.

"That gave us a chance to keep our defense off the field longer," said UK offensive coordinator Joker Phillips after the game. "We didn't get anything that first time because of a blocked field goal, but it helped out defense."

Brooks' decision wasn't an easy one, but it was the right one. The only way to guarantee Cobb gets the ball is to snap it to him, and that's just what the Cats are going to do.

No matter how bleak the outlook for UK appears now, it remains one win away from rare territory. Three straight bowl appearances would cement Brooks' status as the best UK coach since Bear Bryant, and would keep the momentum around the program moving in a positive direction.

Among UK's 12 bowl teams, none have featured a freshman starting at quarterback.

But after this crossroad, Brooks might just have picked the first.

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Despite ranking, Cats under radar

By Metz Camfield
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The UK volleyball team may be magicians when they're not on the court, with their specialty being a disappearing act.

The Cats (20-3, 11-1 Southeastern Conference) are enjoying one of their best seasons in 15 years, yet find themselves flying under the radar both nationally and on campus, only drawing an average of 500 people to their home matches. With their highest ranking since 1993, the Cats are currently tied atop the SEC standings with 17-time SEC champion Florida, thanks to Florida's loss to Georgia on Sunday, something the Cats aren't thinking about too much.

"No we're not worried about that," UK head coach Craig Skinner said. "Ever since I've been at Kentucky there have been things that we've had to continue to get better at and things we need to continue to improve on as a team."

The vault to the top of the standings with only eight games remaining on the schedule may have come as a surprise to some.

After all, Nicole Brientecker, the Cats' kills leader in 2007, graduated and the team is littered with underclassmen. However, the success was not surprising to the Cats. Thanks to a strong off-season regimen and good spring workouts, the Cats say that the success is what they were expecting, though the SEC might not have been.

"We always knew if we

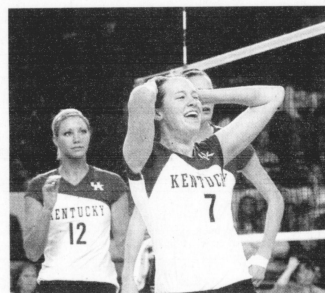


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Junior setter Sarah Rumely reacts after a close play during UK's win over Ole Miss in Memorial Coliseum.

worked harder and competed harder than anything could happen," junior setter Sarah Rumely said. "We're very competitive and work extremely hard in practice. After last year we knew it wasn't OK to come in fourth in the SEC, and we wouldn't be happy unless we won this year."

Two of the most well-known clichés in all of sports are "to take each game one at a time" and that "defense wins championships," and while these may seem to be a bit of a bore and watered down for some teams and fans, these mantras are the keys to the Cats' success, according to Skinner.

"At the beginning of the year there wasn't one team on our schedule that we didn't think we weren't good enough to compete against," Skinner said. "All year long we haven't gotten caught up with what's going on, we've just stayed in the present." Keeping one of those clichés in mind, the Cats lead the SEC in the opponents' hitting percentage and blocks categories, important cate-

gories in order to have an elite team defense. Skinner believes that part of the reason for their success on defense is that the Cats are "tall all around," but also their drive to work on their serving each day in practice. That work has given the Cats the second-best services average in the SEC, and the ability to serve to specific areas that make it more difficult for the opposing team to return it.

The Cats could cite many different reasons for their success on the court including their defense and serving, but it may be their attitudes and camaraderie off the court that give the Cats their biggest edge. Going out together on and off campus, including bowling in between road matches, such as they did on their current road trip at the "Bama Bowl" in Tuscaloosa, Ala., on Saturday.

"We all enjoy each other's company," Rumely said. "That way when we step on the court it's not about individual pride, it's about the team doing things well. Every time we step on the court it's one team goal, not 14 individual goals."

UK hockey canceled this weekend

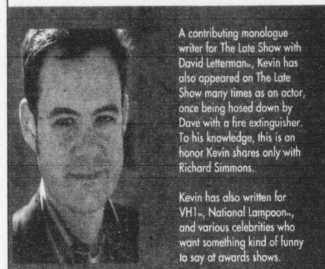
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The UK hockey team has been forced to cancel its home series this weekend against the Georgetown Hoyas, said UK general manager Ian Ward. The games, which were to be played on Friday and Saturday, will not be made up and UK Hockey was unable to find a substitute on short notice. The Cool Cats will resume their season with a home series against Robert Morris-Peoria Nov. 7 and 8.

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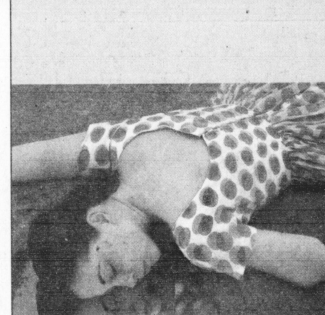
A contributing monologue writer for The Late Show with David Letterman, Kevin has also appeared on The Late Show many times as an actor, once being hosed down by Dave with a fire extinguisher. To his knowledge, this is an honor Kevin shares only with Richard Simmons.

Kevin has also written for VH1, National Lampoon, and various celebrities who want something kind of funny to say at awards shows.

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■ KERNEL EDITORIAL

First positive step in UK safety, more awareness needed

There is no shortage of complaints about UK's emergency notification system, UK Alert, but a member of the university is finally doing something progressive, for safety's sake.

Ryan Wagoner, men's programming coordinator for the Violence Intervention and Prevention Center, called a meeting of professional staff to brainstorm ideas to get more students to sign up for UK Alert, according to a Wednesday Kernel article.

Wagoner mentions using Facebook and setting up tables with laptops on campus to register students. These methods should be more effective than previous methods of e-mail and having booths set up at K-Week activities, which are heavily freshman-oriented.

Even though this meeting should have been called months ago or even before UK Alert was put into gear, the fact that it is happening at all is a step in the right direction. Wagoner deserves applause from those of us who understand the importance of being signed up for the UK Alert system.

For this to be a true positive step though, there must be productive decisions that follow. While signing up students is important, the two biggest tasks are setting up emergency plans for the buildings on campus and finding other ways to notify students rather than cell phone services. The office of emergency management openly said the messages are out of their control once they hit "send."

So let's find an alternative. With the recent Central Arkansas campus shooting and the scare at Western Kentucky University, the situations on campuses across the nation keep adding up.

It certainly shouldn't be said that it is only a matter of time before it happens at UK, but students and administration should keep that mentality. It very well could be UK that is next.

Since a Kernel survey of 163 students conducted on Thursday showed that 39 percent of those students didn't know what UK Alert is and 58 percent didn't know how to sign up, it is imperative for the university to have this discussion.

Virginia Tech has eliminated any option of not signing up; they put the message in every single classroom on their campus. UK should be exploring this technology, no matter the cost. With a digital board in every room, there is no worry of time delay with cell phone towers and the safety of the students is taken care of in-house.

UK — as a whole and not just the administration — must realize that safety is the one issue everyone must come together to change. This is bigger than the library being re-opened, the basketball game on Tuesday and the green fee.

If you disagree, think about it the next time you're in a class of 100 that only 5,300 students of the 26,650 are getting the school's emergency text messages.

Increase the number and register for UK Alert at the system's Web site, (www.uky.edu/EM/UKAlert).

■ LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

SG instrumental in many Greenthumb initiatives

David Rempfer's column in Monday's Kernel admonishing Student Government members to step up to the plate in this student to respond. I am also a fourth-year student at this university and became actively involved in the student-led environmental group Greenthumb my sophomore year.

Any avid reader of the Kernel should be aware of Greenthumb's continual efforts to implement a small "green fee" diverted from the mandatory student-fee payment included in tuition, to fund sustainability initiatives on campus. After several years of encountering bureaucratic bulwarks, Greenthumb members were crushed when former SG president and student trustee Nick Phelps, along with staff trustee Russ Williams, carelessly cut what was a \$0-cent fee (an overwhelming majority of students originally voted for a \$6 to \$8 one in 2006) so that the Student Center could have what was, to them, just a little more money.

As undergraduate students dedicated to making the UK campus a more sustainable place, many past and current Greenthumb leaders (including myself as one of this year's coordinators) can attest to the value SG serves to students with big ideas. Our work with this year's SG President Tyler Montell, as well as the actions of Greenthumb member and Arts and Sciences Senator Robert Kahne, has paved the way for a more tangible future for an official "green fee."

Here, I provide you with evidence that SG can either stymie progress if its members are disconnected with students, or provide an invaluable resource for students with goals to achieve, as the current SG officers have proven.

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Develop a relationship with your pharmacist this month

When most people think of October, they think of fall, midterms and Halloween. The fact that October is American Pharmacist Month is probably not at the top of many of their lists of exciting things that happen in October. However, as students in the UK College of Pharmacy, we are excited about American Pharmacist Month and the opportunity it brings us to promote our profession.

As student pharmacists, we learn more than just how to count pills. Pharmacy has evolved to become an integral part of the healthcare delivery system, and we are thrilled about this role. Pharmacists are involved in many parts of the healthcare delivery system: community pharmacies, hospitals, long-term care facilities and research in the pharmaceutical industry are just a few places you can find pharmacists.

The theme of American Pharmacist Month is "Know Your Medicine — Know Your Pharmacist." For many people, pharmacists provide the most direct access to healthcare. Patients who know their pharmacists are able to gain quick access to the answers they seek about their health. We encourage you to get to know your local pharmacist, and develop a relationship that will benefit you and your health.

As student pharmacists, we wish you a healthy month and hope that you will build a relationship with your pharmacist. We look forward to working with you soon!

Katie Long
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Thomason will best serve university, Commonwealth in 3rd district seat

In less than one week, all of us will (hopefully) be stepping into the voting booth. Whether this is your first time

voting for president, your first time voting at all, or even if you've voted many times before, I hope that you've all done your homework. Whether you vote straight Democrat, straight Republican, or some combination of the party candidates, it is important to have a

grasp on the candidates and the issues. There is, however, at least one race where student voters won't have the ease of voting the party line. This year's race for the 3rd district seat on the Lexington-Fayette Urban County Council, encompassing all of UK and the surrounding neighborhoods, is an interesting one. As is always the case with local elections in Lexington, the race is nonpartisan. But for the first time in many of our young careers as voters, we are faced with a choice between two very similar candidates.

Make no mistake about it, Eric Thomason and Diane Lawless agree on a lot of the big issues. The trouble is, local elections aren't about big issues — abortion, gay marriage, taxes, environmental policy and the like have absolutely no bearing in a race such as this. It is the local races, however, that are most likely to have a significant impact on your life. Many of us may have no idea what the real-life effects of a Barack Obama or John McCain presi-

dency will be — they exist in some far-flung world of hypothesis and hyperbole.

More important to us should be the local decisions about housing, planning, zoning, infrastructure improvements and economic development that, while often mundane and less flashy than hot-button national issues, impact us all on a daily basis. Two excellent examples of local issues which have had potentially massive effects on students and younger citizens in Lexington are last year's proposed student housing ordinance, proposed in the aftermath of burning couches after two big football wins, and the city council's role in the Centre-Pointe development and financing.

These issues, especially Centre-Pointe and the future of Lexington's downtown, have brought a greater involvement in local politics from students because these issues affect us directly. It is students who would have been restricted from living together or on the same block as each other under the proposed ordinance, and it's students who lost not only their favorite weekend hangouts, but also their faith in the local government when the city ignored the pleas of many to halt the destruction of our downtown. And even while these events pushed more students into the Lexington political arena, many students failed to notice the importance. With the many pressures of being a college student, often in addition to working full- or part-time jobs, it is important that we elect a candidate to the urban county council which will represent us without there having to be citizen outcry.

I would suggest to you that Thomason is that candidate. He is representative of us as students. At just 26, Thomason

is a young professional and Transylvania graduate who knows exactly what it is like to be a student in this day and age, as well as all the trouble that can come along with it. He was one of the founders of Preserve Lexington, an activist group dedicated to preserving Lexington's historic buildings and fighting the ill-conceived CentrePointe development downtown. The issue, similar to the housing ordinance, is of great concern to students and young professionals in Lexington who were thrown into the gutter during the decision-making processes that precipitated the destruction of an entire block of downtown Lexington, which housed several successful local businesses frequented by people our age. While he and Lawless have much in common, they represent different constituencies and different world views.

It is Thomason that better represents the students of UK, nearly all 26,000 of whom live in the 3rd District. With such an ardent supporter of, and advocate for, students on the urban county council, we can rest assured that our interests will be stood up for, as they were last year when such an invasive and unfair resolution as the student housing ordinance came before the council, and unlike they were during the consideration of the Centre-Pointe project.

Lawless is surely a great person and has done many admirable things for our community, but it is Thomason, with his history of community activism and intimate knowledge of the issues that most concern young Lexingtonians, who will best represent the many students who live here in the 3rd District.

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'Return to civility' a must after ugly, intensely-negative election season

It's no secret that this election season has seen a lot of mudslinging on both sides. Whether or not you think this is an effective (or moral) way of campaigning, it has nonetheless been cemented in the American political landscape, and it's unlikely to change anytime soon.

However, let's take a step back for a second and think in-depth about this. Namely, let's think about the candidates' motives for smearing their opponents in television ads and debates.

From the local campaigns all the way up to the presidential campaign, negative advertising and political smearing have one primary purpose: to get the candidate elected. Yes, there are some negative things candidates do that need to be mentioned in case they are elected. But with mudslinging, the accusing candidate is never thinking about one or two years down the road. He or she is thinking about what's taking place less than a week from today. The question: what message gives me the best chance of being elected on Nov. 4?

Positive ads almost always overstate how good a candidate is or has been. This is true for Democrats and Republicans. Likewise, negative ads almost always exaggerate a candidate's shortcomings. Most logical, unbiased people probably don't believe everything in all the negative ads about Sen. Barack Obama or Sen. John McCain.

Mudslinging is fashionable in today's political landscape. It's also a way that gets people's attention about a particular campaign. Everyone should naturally have an interest in the presidential, Senate and local elections; but negativity is a great way to get even more people interested. There seems to be a general opinion that people react more to negative campaigning than positive campaigning. Therefore, although quite unsavory at times, mudslinging is a logical course of action for many candidates.

It's important to remember that, though it may not seem like it, these candidates don't despise each other. Nobody will accuse Obama and McCain or Bruce Lunsford and Sen. Mitch McConnell of being buddies. You probably won't see one ask the other out for drinks after the election. But whoever loses these races, he or she will congratulate his or her opponent and wish them luck and success in office.

President George W. Bush defeated Sen. John Kerry in the 2004 presidential election, and the Republicans also retained control of both the Senate and the House of Representatives. Immedi-

ately after the election, Bush called upon his Republican colleagues in Congress to work with Democrats and reach out to them. I would like to think he did this because he knew America needed politicians in Washington, D.C. to work together to get things done.

One might argue that Bush had ulterior motives for doing this, namely the prospect of Democrats utilizing the filibuster for everything Congress tried to pass. Well, I certainly can't rule out this possibility, but I do give politicians some credit for at least partially mending fences after elections to try to get more accomplished. The political party system is great because it perpetuates an active American population. Parties help otherwise apathetic citizens become active in our democracy, but it's so important to remember that above all else, we are Americans first, and Democrats or Republicans second.

So please, as one of my professors once told me, let's strive for "a return to civility" after this election. The losing candidates will graciously concede defeat after the election and wish their opponents well. Democrats, tell your Republican friends to graciously accept it if their candidate loses. The same goes for you, Republicans. America will be better off for it.

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UNIVERSITY OF KENTUCKY CRIME REPORT

UK Police reports from Oct. 21 to Oct. 27.

- Oct. 21** Possible drug/marijuana use reported from Greg Page Apartments at 12:57 a.m.
- Oct. 21** Subject arrested after refusing to leave UK Hospital at 11:06 a.m.
- Oct. 21** Theft reported from the King Alumni House at 4:37 p.m.
- Oct. 21** Laptop theft reported from Blanding I at 9:53 p.m.
- Oct. 22** Theft reported from Warren Wright Medical Plaza at 8:28 a.m.
- Oct. 23** Disorderly conduct reported in the UK Hospital parking lot at 11:10 a.m.
- Oct. 23** Lab coat theft reported from UK Hospital at 2:10 p.m.
- Oct. 23** Theft of three cell phones reported from the Johnson Center at 6:20 p.m.
- Oct. 24** Alcohol intoxication reported on Avenue of Champions at 12:59 a.m.
- Oct. 24** Alcohol intoxication reported on Farm Road at 1:36 a.m.
- Oct. 24** Domestic verbal abuse reported from Greg Page Apartments at 4:09 p.m.
- Oct. 25** Alcohol intoxication arrest made on South Limestone and Avenue of Champions at 1:11 a.m.
- Oct. 25** Verbal disorder reported from the Pad-dock Bar and Patio at 1:46 a.m.
- Oct. 25** Alcohol intoxication arrest reported on Avenue of Champions and Lexington Avenue at 10:20 p.m.
- Oct. 26** Alcohol intoxication arrest reported on Memorial Coliseum at 1:58 a.m.
- Oct. 26** Alcohol intoxication arrest reported on Linden Walk at 2:22 a.m.
- Oct. 26** Criminal mischief reported from Columbia Terrace at 6:36 p.m.
- Oct. 26** Harassing communication reported from Smith Hall at 9:20 p.m.
- Oct. 27** Credit card theft reported from UK Hospital at 9:57 a.m.
- Oct. 27** Purse theft reported from UK Hospital at 12:37 p.m.
- Oct. 27** Alcohol intoxication reported at Donovan Hall at 7:56 p.m.

Compiled from reports at UK Police Department.
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THE GREAT PUMPKIN



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Communications sophomore Joe Elswick carves a pumpkin at the first annual Fall Field Fest at Haggin Field on Tuesday. Sponsored by Donovan and Haggin Hall students could play ping-pong, make caramel apples and enter a Play-Dough contest.

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“You hear the girls talk about what it’s like to be in school all day and then come and work all night. They definitely struggle, but they need the money to keep them in school.”

— Ashley Ehrhardt, exotic dancer

BODY

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Chappell said she brought home between \$2,500 and \$3,500 a month while she was dancing. She recently gave up her job because she enrolled in a heavy fall courseload but said she might return to exotic dancing for the money over winter and summer breaks.

Chappell knows people will see her job as distasteful, but she said she loves what she is doing and gets support from most of her friends.

“Some of my friends like that I do it and some of them hate it,” Chappell said. “For me, it’s a fun job.”

Students have found an alternative to exotic dancing that comes with all the nudity, observant audiences and fast money. Only instead of dancing, they’re posing.

Nude modeling for art classes at UK pays between \$10 and \$15 an hour, said Dawn Graham, an art studio graduate student. “A lot of art students (are nude models), but some students and people come in from the outside community,” Graham said.

Virginia Conn, an art studio and English senior, liked how easy it was to make money modeling for art classes.

“It paid wonderfully and it was only once or twice a week,” Conn said.

But not all modeling opportunities require students to strip down. Crystal Burton, a nursing student at Bluegrass Community and Technical College, said she makes between \$25 and \$35 an hour for promotional fashion modeling jobs.

The downside of this type of work, Burton said, is its inconsistency.

“Sometimes you have more work than other times,” she said. “I get offered jobs all the time, but it’s only about what I can accept.”

Burton said she does not rely on fashion modeling as a steady income, but to help pay some of the bills or for special expenses.

The body has more to offer a student looking for quick money than what is on the outside. Students also use what their bodies produce, like plasma, eggs and sperm for extra cash.

Blake Giles, a secondary education and English senior, was overwhelmed as a freshman in 2005 by the costs of textbooks. A friend gave him the idea to donate plasma to raise enough money in a couple of weeks to pay for his textbooks.

“Needles don’t bother me, and I had given blood before, so I thought this is easy money,” said Giles, who estimates he has donated plasma over 30 times.

Giles said he donates once a week during times when he needs extra money but doesn’t as much when he’s caught up on his bills.

“If my paycheck wasn’t coming in till Friday and I needed gas on Tuesday, I would go and donate plasma,” Giles said.

First-time plasma donors are pre-screened for any blood illnesses and undergo a physical exam, according to FDA regulations. After the first visit, donors are allowed to donate plasma once every two days but no more than two times a week, regulations state.

At ZLB Plasma in Lexington, where Giles donates, donors are compensated \$40 for the first two visits and then \$20 for each visit after that.

While plasma is an opportunity for both male and female students, women can make large amounts of money donating eggs.

The average egg donor makes \$4,000 per donation, according to a survey published in 2007 in “Fertility and Sterility,” an international medical journal for doctors. Compensation amounts are varied by race, education and age of the egg donor.

Lizzie West, the Donor Ovum program coordinator at the Cincinnati Institute for Reproductive Health, which matches egg donors with potential parents, said on average one-

third of the women donating eggs are college students. Because of their age, college students are the most prized donors.

There are some drawbacks to donating eggs, said Greg Moore, director of University Health Services. The procedure can be painful and any damage to the woman’s ovaries — while unlikely — could result in infertility if the organ has to be removed, Moore said.

The medication given to a donor to over-stimulate her egg production can also be risky, Moore said.

Male students can take advantage of sperm donation to help pay the bills.

Men who participate as sperm donors are required to donate their sperm twice a week for nine months, each sample paying \$40, according to Cryobiology, Inc., a sperm bank in Columbus, Ohio. Most men stay in the program for around a year and a half, said Donna Ridder, lab supervisor of Cryobiology, Inc. About 90 percent of men donating sperm are college students, Ridder said.

“College (students) need to find an income that has the shortest time commitment as possible,” Ridder said. “It’s about the extra money with a low-time trade-off.”

Sperm donors receive significantly less money than women get for donating eggs, something Moore said is directly correlated with the risks involved in donation and the amount of money a donor receives.

“Donating sperm is painless, while donating eggs involves pain and risks, which reflects the amount of money being paid for both,” Moore said.

Jordan Brown, an English senior, said he would have no problem donating sperm for the extra cash.

“As a college student who lacks a certain amount of funding, I would participate,” Brown said. “It’s helping out families who can’t have children on their own; I don’t see anything innately wrong about it. Right now I’m not trying to have kids myself and the money would be helpful.”

Students are also finding there are opportunities to make fast money by donating their bodies to medical research at UK. There are opportunities through the UK Clinic and various research departments for students to participate in paid research studies.

In 2001, the UK Medical Center was chosen as the location to test the effects of an experimental smallpox vaccine on humans. The center has since started recruiting people from the community to test the vaccine, including UK students like Chris Ward.

After hearing about the study from a friend, Ward decided to let the research team inject him with the experimental vaccine that contained a weak strain of the smallpox virus. Ward, then a sophomore, let the clinic take blood samples once a week for 11 weeks to make sure the smallpox vaccine was not harmful to his body and was safe for the general public.

For letting the clinic use him as a lab rat for three months and subjecting his body to potential harm, Ward said he was paid \$800.

“I definitely thought it was worth it,” he said.

The Psychology Department has been conducting research on the effects of alcohol for over the last 10 years, and 85 percent of the people they have recruited have been students, said Jamie Blackburn, research coordinator for the UK Psychology Department.

“When we bring someone in, we make sure they can handle the amount of alcohol we give them,” Blackburn said. “They have to drink socially and be able to handle the dose.”

Participants in the Psychology Department’s alcohol study are compensated \$30 for each session, and some students are given the opportunity to participate in up to seven sessions.

“Students will realize after doing one study that this is pretty easy money, so they want to come back,” Blackburn said. “Most students come in around Christmastime and Spring Break for that extra cash.”

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