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## School year starts, but SG doesn't

Court will decide who's in charge 6 months after election

By Sean Rose  
THE KENTUCKY KERNEL

With a string of summer lawsuits following him into the fall semester, the schedule of the SG president is keeping Will Nash busy — for now.

He has been working on organizing the Kentucky Welcome, budgeting the \$355,000 in Student Government funds and planning the Gator Roast street party for the Florida vs. Kentucky football game next month.

"It's been a busy week," Nash said in an interview after he was reinstated as SG president.

Two upcoming hearings — one Friday and another on Sept. 1 — will decide the winner of the March election after almost five months of legal battles.

Nash and running mate, Michelle Bishop, won the presidential election with 1,307 of the 2,818 student votes on March 31. Nash was disqualified after former presidential candidate Tommy Cunningham and Justin Raser, chairman and communications director for the Ellingsworth campaign, filed claims against the Nash campaign. The complaints accused the campaign of using a tax exemption certificate not available to other students, causing them to overspend their limited budget by \$16.37.

Ellingsworth and her running mate, Kyle Burns, were sworn in as president and vice president on April 18.

The SG Supreme Court voted 4-2 to uphold the disqualification, but on May 18 the University Appeals Board recommended that Nash and Bishop be reinstated as the winners.

This sparked Ellingsworth to file suit in Fayette Circuit Court on June 7 arguing that the SG Supreme Court should have the final decision on the matters.

Ellingsworth declined to comment until after the hearings.

The SG Supreme Court has made the final

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## Boone Center back on table for UK trustees

By Troy Lyle  
THE KENTUCKY KERNEL

UK President Lee Todd resumed discussion on the future of UK's Hilary J. Boone Center Monday by proposing a smaller \$2.7 million renovation project to the Board of Trustees.

The new proposal focuses on renovating the interior of the dining facility, previously used by faculty and alumni, by creating a dining space capable of handling 300 people, and making changes to the bar, library and outdoor cafe.

The board tabled Todd's original \$4.4 million renovation plan last September.

The previous plan included a 3,300 square-foot extension of the building, which would have expanded the facility to almost 23,000 square feet in size.

"The important thing is, we need to make this campus a friendlier and classier location for events," said Todd, pointing out that faculty and alumni currently go to Rupp Arena, the Marriott, the Lafayette Club and other off-campus locations to hold their functions.

Last year, the university spent \$1.9 million for food and entertainment services off campus, Todd said.

"That's money that should be going back into the university," he said.

Todd thinks the renovations could be accomplished without having to use university general funds, citing private dollars and fund raising as the main sources of income. University general funds, which can be used for anything on campus, provided half of the needed money in his previous renovation proposal.

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"It was a huge shock, and I really still can't believe it. I just talked to him (Monday). I can't even believe I'll never be able to talk to him again."

— Nick Reeves (below), speaking about former UK track teammate and childhood friend Thomas Byers (left), who died early yesterday

## Student killed on tracks



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Nick Reeves, a sophomore on the UK track team, grew up with Thomas Byers, and the two competed together last season. Byers, a second-year English major, was killed by a train near Virginia Avenue early yesterday.

### Train struck 19-year-old as he ran from UK police

By Megan Boehnke  
THE KENTUCKY KERNEL

A UK student was struck and killed by a train early yesterday morning after running from police at an off-campus party — marking the second straight year a student has died the day before fall semester.

Thomas Joseph Byers III, an English sophomore, died trying to cross the railroad tracks near the Virginia Avenue overpass before an oncoming train passed.

Byers, 19, and another subject were among what police estimated to be a crowd of 200 to 300 students partying on the 100 block of Conn Terrace around 1:20 a.m.

UK police officers were trying to clear the street when they approached the two men, who were holding alcoholic beverages, said Maj. Joe Monroe at a press conference yesterday.

Monroe said the subjects "threw down their drinks" and began to run once police asked them questions aimed at determining their ages. Officers caught the first suspect, but soon lost sight of Byers after he crossed Press Avenue.

"Apparently this was a sit-

uation where the officers felt the subject needed to be taken into custody for his own protection," Monroe said in response to a question about Byers.

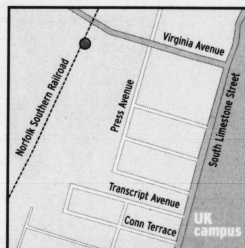
Police gave Byers' acquaintance a citation for alcohol intoxication, but declined to press further charges due to the circumstances, Monroe said. Police will not release that suspect's name until later, he added.

After searching for Byers for three or four minutes, UK police received a call from Norfolk Southern Railroad that a train had hit a person on the tracks behind the Holiday Inn Express on Export Street. Officers involved in the initial encounter identified the individual as Byers.

He was pronounced dead at the scene from multiple blunt force trauma injuries less than one hour after the initial encounter with police, according to a Fayette County coroner's report.

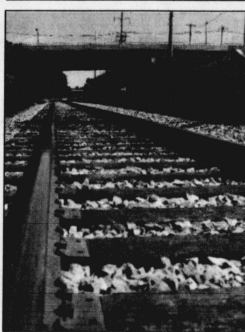
Byers, a former member of the UK track team, transferred to the University of Mississippi last year after his family moved from Dublin, Ohio, to Germantown, Tenn.

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### Sequence of events:

- Byers was partying in the 100 block of Conn Terrace
- After police approached him, Byers dropped his drink and fled
- Police lost sight of Byers near Press Avenue
- The Norfolk Southern Railroad Co. reported that a train hit someone on the tracks near the Virginia Avenue overpass (bottom left)
- Police officers identify Byers' body



## Students move into first new dorms since '79

By Elizabeth Troutman  
THE KENTUCKY KERNEL

"Top 20 Housing" translates into clean carpets, modern technology and new furnishings for many students who moved on campus last weekend.

The 684 students living in the new residence halls are enjoying such amenities as plas-

ma screen televisions, gas fireplaces, a full kitchen on each floor and new furnishings in each room.

But to students such as junior Nicole Lally, the dorms — the first on UK's campus since the Greg Page Apartments opened in 1979 — are about more than just new furniture and private baths.

Lally, a resident adviser in Baldwin Hall on South Campus, said she thinks the dorms are all about community.

"With UK being so big, there are a lot of ways to make a large university feel smaller," she said. "The dorms are the best way to do that."

Baldwin Hall, Ingels Hall and Smith Hall are located on

South Campus. The North Campus dorm, unofficially named "New North Hall," sits on the Avenue of Champions.

Lally, a sociology and education junior from Frankfort, lived in Kirwan II last year. She said the new dorms make her job promoting social interaction between residents easier.

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# SG

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decision on past battles over the presidency. Burns, who isn't involved in the current case because of academic reasons, said that Ellingsworth went to the Fayette Circuit Court because SG's existence as a self-authoritative government was violated when the University Appeals Board stepped in to instate Nash. Burns said that Ellingsworth thought that students' rights were violated.

"Becky ran her campaign based on student rights, and in her eyes that's what it's about," Burns said.

In June, the Fayette Circuit Court barred the university from naming Nash the president until the legal system determined the winner.

The Court of Appeals vacated that injunction earlier this month, which allowed Nash to be sworn in as acting president on Aug. 12.

"There's been a lot of hurdles we've had to cross, but we're hoping in the end the student voice will prevail and we'll be in office as we were elected to



Will Nash (right) chats with UK students Maria Teresa Reynolds and Bobby Seiter at the Student Government table at Saturday's Campus Ruckus at Haggin Field.

be," Nash said.

The injunction against the university produced a situation where the students had no representation for about two months over the summer.

"I certainly think there's been a cost to the student body for not having a student body president," said Pat Terrell, vice president of student affairs.

There was no student representation at the June Board of Trustees meeting, in which subjects including tuition costs and parking were discussed.

"By her (Ellingsworth) filing these motions, it has affected every branch of Student Government, which has been detrimental to the student body," Bishop said.

Student organizations such as Safe Cats, 221 Ride, Elevation Tutoring Project and Wildcat Wheels all depend on funding budgeted by the SG president. Nash said the lack of student representation this summer put these programs at risk.

The injunction also halted summer Senate meetings, Bishop said.

Burns agreed that the student body needs an official representative to start the semester.

"It's good that the student's voice is being heard for now, regardless of whether it's the right or wrong person," Burns said.

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# Boone

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posals.

The Boone Center opened in 1987 and has not received any major renovations since that time. It was closed in September 2004.

The project is in a preliminary stage, said Jay Blanton, executive director of UK public relations.

"As of yet, no exact funding mechanism has been determined," he said.

Todd will have to present a detailed and comprehensive package to the trustees for approval before anything else can happen, he said.

Even if the board were to approve the \$2.7 million in renovations, said Blanton, the university would still have to get ap-

proval from state legislators before any construction could begin.

All university construction projects over \$400,000 require state approval. The next session of the Kentucky General Assembly is set to begin on Jan. 5, 2006.

Blanton said most universities similar in size to UK have an on-campus entertainment facility, and he thinks renovating the Boone Center could "achieve substantial savings for the university."

Several board members agreed, citing that the center already exists, is structurally sound and is centrally located on campus.

Phillip Patton, a board member, said the center is an "embarrassment" because it's been closed for almost a year and isn't being used for anything.

Not all board members thought renovating the Boone Center was a good idea. Billy Wilcoxson, who's

served on the board since 1987, said the center has never made money and added that he doesn't think the renovations are worth pursuing.

"I understand that the faculty and university need a place," he said. "But at what cost?" He continued by arguing that the center won't be able to operate without extra financial support in the future.

Roy Moore, one of two faculty trustees, said regardless of timing, the process must involve strong support and input from faculty.

"Everyone agrees the building needs to be used in some way," he said. "The question is what to do with it and how to secure the money."

The board will likely discuss the plan in a special Sept. 7 board meeting.

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## UNIVERSITY OF KENTUCKY CRIME REPORT

Selected crimes from the UK Police crime log from Aug. 9 to Aug. 20:

- Aug. 9: Theft at Kentucky Clinic reported at 1:30 p.m.
- Aug. 9: Criminal mischief at Pi Kappa Alpha reported at 1:30 p.m.
- Aug. 10: Drug/narcotic violation at UK Chandler Medical Center reported at 5:10 p.m.
- Aug. 11: Theft at 160 Patterson Drive reported at 12:10 p.m.
- Aug. 12: Theft at Wethington Allied Health Building reported at 11:10 a.m.
- Aug. 12: Theft at Kirwan Tower reported at 1:38 p.m.
- Aug. 12: Assault at South Limestone Street and Leader Avenue reported at 3:30 p.m.
- Aug. 12: Theft at Nursing Learning Center reported at 5:05 p.m.
- Aug. 12: Theft at Boyd Hall reported at 7:24 p.m.
- Aug. 13: Counterfeiting/forgery at South Limestone Street and Virginia Avenue reported at 5:20 a.m.
- Aug. 13: Drug/narcotic violation at Nicholasville Road and Cooper Drive reported at 5:53 a.m.
- Aug. 13: Theft at Keeneland Hall reported at 3:50 p.m.
- Aug. 14: Drug/narcotic violation at South Upper and Scott streets reported at 1:55 a.m.
- Aug. 14: Terroristic threatening at UK Chandler Medical Center reported at 8:30 a.m.
- Aug. 15: Theft at 1995 Virginia Dr. reported at 9:05 a.m.
- Aug. 15: Criminal mischief at Lucille Little Fine Arts Library reported at 9:15 a.m.
- Aug. 15: Criminal mischief at the Student Center reported at 11 a.m.
- Aug. 15: Weapon law violation at Nicholasville Road and Alumni Drive reported at 8:45 p.m.
- Aug. 16: Theft from a vehicle at K-hot reported at 2:30 p.m.
- Aug. 16: Theft from a vehicle at Parking Structure No.1 reported at 2:55 p.m.
- Aug. 16: Criminal mischief at Parking Structure No.1 reported at 4:40 p.m.
- Aug. 16: Theft from a vehicle at Parking Structure No.1 reported at 5:05 p.m.
- Aug. 16: Theft from a vehicle at Parking Structure No.1 reported at 5:10 p.m.
- Aug. 16: Theft from a vehicle at Parking Structure No.1 reported at 5:35 p.m.
- Aug. 16: Theft from a vehicle at Parking Structure No. 4 reported at 5:40 p.m.
- Aug. 17: Theft at UK Chandler Medical Center reported at 12:15 p.m.
- Aug. 17: Theft at Agricultural Science North Building reported at 1:15 p.m.
- Aug. 17: Theft at Fine Arts Building reported at 6:50 p.m.
- Aug. 17: Criminal mischief at Columbia Terrace reported at 10:20 p.m.
- Aug. 18: Drug/narcotic violation at Pine Avenue and South Upper Street reported at 1:20 a.m.
- Aug. 18: Theft at Fine Arts Building reported at 9 a.m.
- Aug. 18: Burglary and breaking and entering at the Student Center reported at 9 a.m.
- Aug. 18: Criminal mischief at 417 Columbia Ave. reported at 9:15 a.m.
- Aug. 18: Theft at Alumni Gym reported at 1:30 p.m.
- Aug. 19: Criminal mischief at Cooperstown Apartments reported at 1:20 a.m.
- Aug. 19: Theft at UK Chandler Medical Center reported at 12:28 p.m.
- Aug. 19: Theft from a vehicle at K-hot reported at 3:30 p.m.
- Aug. 20: Robbery at University Drive and Huguelet Drive reported at 4 a.m.

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# Students sample new meal plans

By Shaun Cox and Darliah Shafiq  
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UK students are utilizing a new dining plan this semester — one that UK officials say tallies more toward individual needs.

"The majority is pushing for higher plans" with more options, said Jeff DeMoss, executive director of dining services. In the new plan, food is purchased by the meal; previously, all items were sold individually.

Flexibility is the main factor that makes the new dining plan a better alternative to the old plan, DeMoss said.

"We're being able to offer more venues and different concepts to draw from," he said.

All students living in residential housing — estimated at 5,200 — are required to

choose one of the seven plans. Two other plans are available to students in Greek housing and Greg Page Apartments, faculty, staff and commuter students.

"As far as the plans being required, that's just the facts of life," DeMoss said. "We have to have a guarantee that the money will be available to keep the facilities running."

The previous plan required all residential students to pay \$825 per semester on a declining-balance system for about one meal and one snack every day. The new minimum plan costs about \$60 more and offers about eight meals per week, including the "unlimited choices" that some on-campus facilities offer.

DeMoss said 40 percent of students have upgraded their plans to something more than the required minimum

plan.

The availability of "unlimited choices" is why some students think the new plan is better.

"I like it because you only pay one price," said dietetics junior Jacquelyn Evans. "It's all you can eat."

Students will be able to upgrade their plan at any time. Students can also downgrade their plans at any time, but they will only receive money back during the first two weeks of classes. Meals also do not carry over to the next semester.

All but the minimum and maximum plans include \$100 in "flex" dollars, which can be used only at UK dining facilities. For every \$100 deposited into a student's flex account, UK will add \$5 extra to their balance, although balances do not transfer over to the next semester.

"The extra monies left over in flex accounts (will) all go back into the facilities," DeMoss said. "Everything from buying new facilities, remodeling older ones, painting, everyday maintenance, that stuff all costs a lot of money so it all has to go back in to help cover those costs."

"The only way for us to keep up with the top universities is to serve good food and keep our facilities updated," he said.

Students have mixed views of the new plan and its options.

"I like it because I'm a freshman," said Adam Mesaros, a business major. "I don't have to go off campus for anything."

Theater freshman Britney Saylor said she wants more options than the new plan offers.

"It's OK," she said. "I think there should be more restaurants" included in the plan.

Some say the plan doesn't offer the same flexibility as the old one.

"You have to get a meal," said social work senior Aaron Mann. "I just like the old way better, where I could buy what I wanted, when I wanted and budget it."

Others are waiting to make their decision.

"I think the true test of the meal plan will be if the food gets better," said economics senior Daniel Turner.

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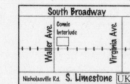


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6*	17.5	280	\$1,698
Maximum	21	336	\$1,873

\*Include \$100 in "flex" dollars

## Dorms

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"Some dorms don't have community because people don't take the initiative to hang out," she said.

had no flexibility to extend the completion date.

"We spent some sleepless nights worrying if it was going to happen," he said.

The four buildings provide 272,000 square feet of living space for students. About 5,000 students applied for one of the 684 spots last year.

Lally was impressed with the spaciousness of her single room, where she fit a futon. A student must pay \$500

more to live in a new hall. The floors of Baldwin Hall, for example, are split through the center so that men and women may live on the same floor, but on different sides of the lobby. Each room has a framed message board beside the doorway.

Lindsay Giauque, president of the Resident Student Association, said many returning juniors and seniors wanted to try out the new dorms. Students attended

some of the association's meetings last year to help select the interiors for each room, she said.

Giauque said the Resident Student Association is focused on improving the old dorms now that the new buildings are complete.

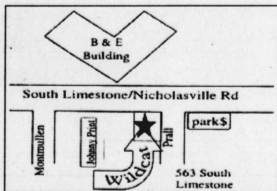
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# Dream Tour takes UK's show on the road

By Troy Lyle  
THE KENTUCKY KERNEL

Earlier this summer, President Lee Todd and UK representatives embarked on a grass roots effort to promote the university around the state.

UK's inaugural "Dream Tour" consisted of a five-day tour in late May and a four-day tour in early June in which deans, faculty members, students, the president and his wife traveled across the state.

The caravan traveled more than 1,600 miles, stopping in 16 cities speaking to communities about how UK research directly impacts the citizens of Kentucky.

Todd said the university must show Kentuckians why having a Top 20 research institution is important.

"Without a Top 20 status, we'll be picking up the crumbs of the industry while jobs and opportunities go elsewhere," Todd said. At a cost of about \$120,000, the majority of which came from UK's general fund, the tour was a bargain, said public relations executive director Jay Blanton.

"We thought this was a unique way to market the university," said Blanton, who participated in the tour.

Ernie Yanarella, chairman of the University Senate, said where the money came from is less important than whether it was used appropriately.



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UK's Dream Tour bus arrived shortly before 9 p.m. at Maxwell Place on Thursday, June 9, after completing the second and final leg of the summer's Dream Tour. The summer publicity tour took UK President Lee Todd, his wife, UK administrators and UK deans around the state, stopping in 16 cities.

"The president is charged with being a good steward of the university's money," he said. "I would assume he was mindful of where the money came from."

Yanarella added that he's heard nothing but positive feedback about the tour, citing the numerous newspaper editorials and extensive news coverage that followed it.

Todd wanted every aspect of this tour out in the open and as transparent as possible, Blanton said. He added that the tour's worth

far exceeded its cost.

Kelley Bozeman, UK's deputy director of marketing and special events, said the tour was a better use of \$120,000 than newspaper or television ads.

Those don't guarantee connecting with an audience, said Bozeman, who came up with the idea for the "Dream Tour."

The university could have spent more than \$120,000 on four or five television ads, she said.

"You have to tell people what you're doing — you have to tell your story,"

Bozeman said. UK felt it best to do that in a personal way, rather than through the media, she said.

Blanton said with the success of this first venture it's likely there will be another "Dream Tour" in the future. At this time, no specific date has been set, he said.

"The bottom line is, we have to engage with the state," said Blanton. "We must find ways to bring the campus to the commonwealth."

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## Death

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He later decided to return to UK. "I know he was extremely excited to get back and come to Kentucky," said Nick Reeves, a member of the track team who ran with Byers in high school and at UK. "When we found out he was coming back, we all were ecstatic."

Reeves, who had known Byers since the first grade, said the two of them would often exercise together.

"You get to know a lot about someone over an 8-mile run," he said. "He made me realize what it was like to have a friend who is always there for you."

Even after transferring to Ole Miss, Reeves said he would receive a call from Byers nearly every day. The two typically chatted about running and other events in each other's lives.

"It was a huge shock, and I really still can't believe it," Reeves said. "I just talked to him (Monday)."

"I can't even believe I'll never be able to talk to him again."

Byers is the second student to die in an off-campus accident involving underage drinking the day before fall semester began. At this time last year, 19-year-old sophomore Brian Muth was hit and killed by a tractor-trailer on New Circle Road after being released from the Fayette County Jail. Police had arrested him and charged him with alcohol intoxication.

Currently, Monroe said UK police is working with Lexington police and state authorities to crack down on off-

campus, underage drinking. He said the officers involved in the accident were among a group designated to patrol and cut down on underage drinking on campus and streets near campus.

"This is a time of year where you have a lot of parties," Monroe said. "We have our specialized officers who will be out looking for that."

Monroe spoke with Byers' father several times yesterday. "The whole family's very shocked," Monroe said.

Phone calls to the Byers home were not returned yesterday. Rutherford Funeral Home in Worthington, Ohio — minutes from Byers' hometown — is handling the funeral arrangements. Details of those plans haven't been determined yet, said Shea Titlow, a deputy coroner for Fayette County.

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Apparently this was a situation where the officers felt the subject needed to be taken into custody for his own protection."

— UK Police Maj. Joe Monroe, explaining why officers pursued Byers and his acquaintance

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## Google to launch IM service

By Yuki Noguchi  
The Washington Post

WASHINGTON—Instant messaging, a type of communication long dominated by chatty teens, has become the latest front in an escalating war among big Internet companies competing to make themselves indispensable to mainstream audiences.

Google Inc. plans to enter the fray Wednesday by launching Google Talk, its own version of a service that allows registered users to send instant messages or talk over the Web to other users.

The new test program will compete with more established services offered by America Online Inc., Microsoft Corp., Yahoo Inc. and Skype Technologies SA.

Instant-messaging software from those companies is available for free, but it is an important moneymaking tool because it is a traffic to those sites, which in turn helps generate more advertising or subscription revenue. Also, as companies of

fer more news and entertainment on their sites, having a communications tool to deliver and distribute that content is increasingly important.

Google comes relatively late to the game, almost a decade after Dulles, Va.-based AOL launched the first version of its Instant Messenger service. AOL remains the country's largest IM network, with 41.6 million users last month, according to Web research firm ComScore Networks Inc. Users typically sign up in groups, creating so-called buddy lists of co-workers, friends and family they communicate with.

In total, there are already 80 million users of other IM services in the United States, and many services are beginning to link to one another.

Skype, which has 51 million users worldwide, plans to allow its service to operate with numerous other applications or Web sites. And MSN Tuesday launched a

new version of its IM service that will link to Vodafone Messenger, which is offered by British mobile phone giant Vodafone Group PLC.

Google says Google Talk's user base could catch up quickly by tapping the multi-million-strong user base of its e-mail product, called Gmail, and by tapping into other IM programs that have open networks. It has an agreement with Internet service provider EarthLink Inc. to work with its Vling voice-and-messaging network, and plans to discuss similar agreements with other major IM providers, said Georges Harik, director of product management at Google.

"We think there's a lot of stuff you can do to improve what's going on now," such as linking e-mail and voice mail to the service, and improving the sound quality of computer-to-computer phone calls, he said. Over time, Google plans to add various features to its service, although he declined to discuss specifics.

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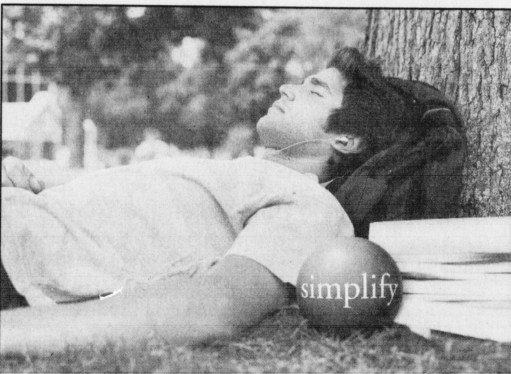
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## Gas costs soar, travel lags

By Debora Wana  
LOS ANGELES TIMES

Record high gas prices are putting a damper on travel expectations for Labor Day weekend, according to a AAA survey released Tuesday.

Nationwide, about 34.5 million Americans will travel at least 50 miles from home during the Labor Day weekend, up 0.9 percent from the same weekend last year but lagging behind strong year-over-year travel increases during other holidays, the auto group said.

Labor Day travel rose 2.4 percent last year compared to a 1.8 percent increase in 2003's Labor Day weekend vacationing.

AAA Chief Executive Robert L. Darbelnet blamed the slower growth on soaring fuel prices and an increase in the number of school districts whose fall semesters start before Labor Day, noting that "it's worth taking steps to save on gasoline and improve fuel economy to soften the sting of the highest ever summer prices."

The trend also is seen in Southern California, where an estimated 3.7 million people are expected to take a trip during the holiday weekend, a 1.8 percent increase from the same period last year, according to figures released Tuesday by the Auto-

mobile Club of Southern California.

That compares with a 2.2 percent increase in Labor Day travel last year, a 3.1 percent increase during this year's Memorial Day weekend and a 3.4 percent increase for Thanksgiving 2004, the Auto Club said.

"Gas prices are having a slight impact — but there's still going to be more people on the road," said Carol Thorp, spokeswoman for the Southern California group. AAA based its travel forecast on a national telephone survey of 1,300 U.S. residents.

Even the slight increase in travelers predicted for Labor Day was seen as good news for the travel industry, given that gas prices nationwide are averaging \$2.61 per gallon, 73 cents higher than a year ago.

On Tuesday the average cost of self-serve regular in Los Angeles County was \$2.80 a gallon, compared to \$2.11 a gallon during Labor Day last year, AAA said.

In California, which has the highest gas prices of any state besides Hawaii, the statewide gas price average was \$2.79 a gallon Tuesday. "We haven't seen any drop-off in travel from last year," said Bob Schwab, district manager at the Southern California auto club's office in West Los Angeles.

"People who are determined to go on a vacation and want to use their car are still doing it." About 80 percent of Southern California travelers will be going by car while about 83 percent of U.S. travelers will take driving trips.

To entice Labor Day travelers, some hotels and car rental agencies are offering cut-rate deals for the weekend.

For example, Enterprise Rent-A-Car in Southern California is offering 50 percent off its retail rates for the Labor Day weekend. Reservations are up more than 20 percent for the holiday weekend from last year, a spokeswoman said. "We're actually seeing reservations are about the same as the other holiday weekends this year," Duane McMurrey vice president of rentals for Enterprise.

"Even though the gas prices are high, car rental prices are not." At the 72-room Pismo Lighthouse Suites in Pismo Beach, Calif., where most of the guests drive from the Fresno, Bakersfield and Los Angeles areas. "We are pretty quiet at this point," said Lelayla Ayala, front office manager at the hotel, who said no special rates are being offered. "We're hoping to sell out at the last minute."

## Study gives insight into Alzheimer's

By Shankar Vedantam  
THE WASHINGTON POST

WASHINGTON — The brain areas involved in daydreaming, musing and other stream-of-consciousness thoughts appear to be the same regions targeted by Alzheimer's disease, researchers are reporting Wednesday in an unusual study that offers new insights into the roots of the deadly illness.

The strong correlation between the two suggests there might be a link between the sort of thinking that people regularly do when not involved in purposeful mental activity and the degenerative disease that is characterized by forgetfulness and dementia, said scientists who conducted the federally funded study.

Randy Buckner, a neuroscientist at Washington University in St. Louis, said the implications of the finding are far from clear. It is too early to suggest that daydreaming is dangerous, he said, or that avoiding such musings could make a difference to the risk of Alzheimer's disease. Rather, he and others said, the study adds to the evidence that everyday mental and physical activities play an important role in the course of neurological disease.

"It suggests an avenue between brain activity patterns and Alzheimer's disease that we just hadn't been thinking about," said Buckner, who led the study.

"It is going to take some time to understand the relative potential of this link." Other neuroscientists

agreed the work was intriguing — and joked about its implications.

"There goes half my day," said Ronald Petersen, director of the Mayo Clinic's Alzheimer's Disease Research Center, about his own propensity for creative musing.

"It is really going out on a limb," he added of the new study. "But for the sake of generating discussion, it is interesting. It is useful to get people thinking along these lines."

Further research is underway to probe the link, said Buckner, who is affiliated with the Howard Hughes Medical Institute in Chevy Chase, Md. While some unknown third factor may be responsible for triggering daydreaming as well as Alzheimer's, the neuroscientist said a causative link between the two would explain a mystery that has long bothered scientists: why Alzheimer's generally affects memory first.

"When we muse to ourselves and plan our day and think about the recent past, we tend to use memory systems," Buckner said. "Through some as yet unknown pathway or metabolism cascade, use of these systems may be what underlies Alzheimer's disease."

Although daydreaming is usually seen as intellectual downtime, Buckner said that might not be true.

Such musings are far from passive, he added, and might help people be creative.

But the undirected thought patterns that most people slip into readily may

result in the kind of "wear and tear" that ends in Alzheimer's disease, Buckner said.

This theory, however, clashes with the evidence that intellectual activity plays a protective role against Alzheimer's disease. Far from the "wear and tear" model, other research has suggested that the brain runs on a "use it or lose it" system.

"To be honest, all of these should be taken with a grain of salt," said Petersen of the various theories of risk factors and protective factors. Because Alzheimer's typically strikes the elderly, high-quality, long-term studies that track people for decades are difficult to conduct.

Although Buckner's study focused on one aspect of Alzheimer's — the buildup of amyloid plaques in the brains of patients — Petersen said it is still not clear what role the plaque plays in the disease or how it is linked to another signature of the disease, tangles of nerve fibers.

The tangles, Petersen said, may be more linked to changes in cognitive activity than the plaques.

The new study, which is being published Wednesday in the *Journal of Neuroscience*, made use of several advances in brain imaging.

Different techniques allowed scientists to map the complex brain patterns of young adults while they were daydreaming and to compare those findings with more recent research pinpointing the location of amyloid plaques in the brains of Alzheimer's patients.

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# Israeli evacuation ends as troops move remaining settler holdouts

By Ken Ellingwood and Laura King  
LOS ANGELES TIMES

**SANUR, West Bank** — Armed with a mortar arsenal ranging from ketchup to sharpened spikes, the last holdouts in two Jewish settlements briefly battled Israeli troops Tuesday before surrendering, putting the final seal on the uprooting of 25 communities in the West Bank and Gaza Strip.

Israeli police and soldiers evacuated 1,329 settlers and their supporters from the remote West Bank communities of Sanur and Homesh before declaring their mission to have been accomplished.

About 30 troops suffered minor injuries, as did about a dozen protesters.

Fears that the final day of the pullout would flare into serious violence proved unfounded. Only token resistance was offered to 6,000 Israeli police and soldiers that moved in at first light, bulldozing their way through the yellow-painted settlement gates.

Police rushed the rooftop of a former British Mandate-era fortress in Sanur, overcoming three dozen protesters whose daylong vigil represented the final standoff between Jewish settlers and those assigned to remove them.

In the end, about 60 police in riot gear were lifted by crane inside a cargo container

to the roof, where they quickly subdued protesters with high-pressure jets from a fire hose.

Soldiers, unarmed but carrying shields and wearing helmets, had earlier used circular saws to cut open the iron doors of the ground floor of the fort, where the fiercest opposition had been expected.

One boy of about 10 kicked and shouted as he was carried off by four policemen.

Most of the families who lived in the settlement had departed earlier.

The encounter capped what authorities had feared might be a violent confrontation with activist youths in Sanur and neighboring Homesh.

Two other West Bank settlements, Ganim and Kadim, were already empty after residents had agreed to go on their own.

Worries quickly evaporated that the protesters, mostly teenagers from elsewhere in the West Bank, might have stockpiled weapons.

The teens had adopted a swaggering attitude in the hours before troops arrived, slashing tires of media vehicles and turning away some arrivals at the settlement gate.

Leaders in Sanur said they had collected weapons, some of them army-issued, the previous week and had pledged beforehand that there would be no violence.

The activists gathered atop the fort used long poles to poke at containers carrying police, but were easily overpowered.

In Homesh, police used an improvised ladder fashioned from a broken fence to scale the rooftop where about 20 youngsters were holed up.

With nudging, the protesters stepped onto the raised blade of a front-end loader, leaving behind police officers smeared with paint, eggs and ketchup.

"We're closing a chapter," said army Brig. Gen. Tai Russo, calling the minor clashes "on the level the settlers deserve to be able to protest."

In the early hours, the standoffs had elements of a medieval siege, with protesters scattering spikes and cooking oil on the road to try to slow down the inexorable advance of the Israeli forces. Acrid smoke from trash fires and burning barricades filled the air.

From nearby hilltops, Palestinians watched the melee with binoculars and distributed sweets in celebration when it became clear the settlers were leaving.

"We lived in total fear," said Saleh Hantouli, the mayor of the adjoining Palestinian town of Silat Al-Dahr. The settlers' presence, he said, "was a nightmare, and now we hope this nightmare will go away."

In the West Bank, Israeli troops will

maintain control of the evacuated area, in contrast to Gaza, where the entire territory will be handed over to Palestinian authorities within a matter of weeks.

The final encounter of the settlement evacuation that began Aug. 15, when troops fanned out among the Gaza settlements, was initiated when about 3,000 police and soldier entered Sanur, encountering trash fires and sharpened spikes strewn along the entrance road.

But once inside, they met limited resistance compared to that mounted last week in Gaza.

Teams of police and soldiers carried residents from their homes in the small enclave, whose population had swelled to nearly 600 with the arrival of outside activists.

In a now-familiar ritual, families remained indoors, praying, until officers entered to remove them.

In the Gaza settlements, the Israeli army's bulldozing of abandoned settler homes moved ahead at an accelerated pace, just as the pullout itself had done.

Lt. Gen. Dan Halutz, the army chief of staff, said the demolitions would be finished within 10 days, paving the way for the handover of settlement land to the Palestinians.

“ We lived in total fear ... we hope this nightmare will go away.”

—Saleh Hantouli, a Palestinian mayor, about the Israeli evacuation


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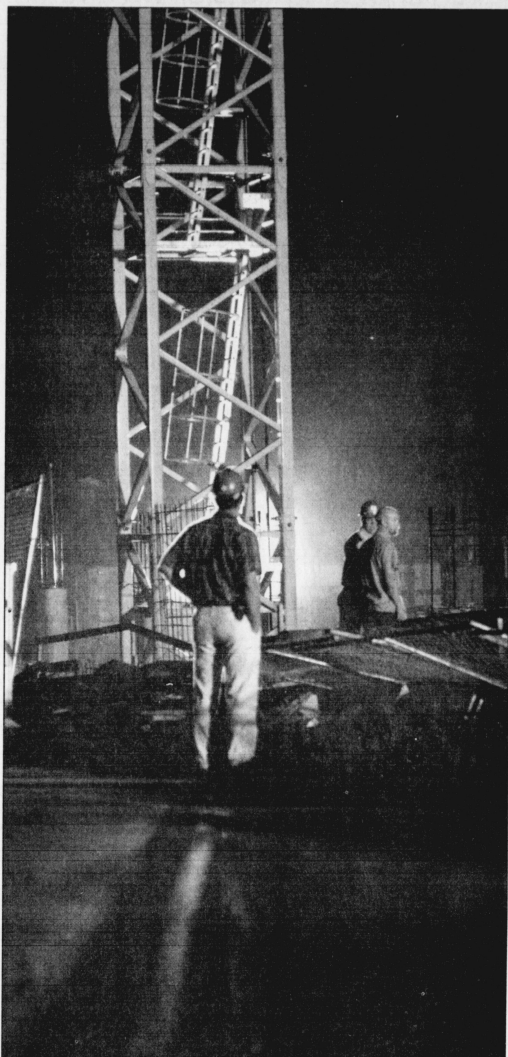
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## TV evangelist urges Bush to kill Venezuelan leader

By Alan Cooperman  
THE WASHINGTON POST

WASHINGTON — Pat Robertson, the television evangelist and Christian Coalition founder, has set off a diplomatic fracas with Venezuela by calling for the assassination of its populist president, Hugo Chavez.

"We have the ability to take him out, and I think the time has come that we exercise that ability," Robertson said Monday on his Christian Broadcasting Network. "We don't need another \$20 billion war to get rid of one, you know, strong-arm dictator. It's a whole lot easier to have some of the covert operatives do the job and then get it over with."

Venezuelan officials responded Tuesday by demanding that the U.S. government condemn Robertson and guarantee Chavez's safety during a scheduled visit to the United Nations in September.

"The bill is in the U.S. court after this criminal statement by a citizen of that country," Venezuelan Vice President Jose Vicente Rangel told reporters, according to the Associated Press. "It's huge hypocrisy to maintain this discourse against terrorism and, at the same time, in the heart of that country, there are entirely terrorist statements like those."

Robertson's comments came at a time when some members of Congress and Bush administration officials have been trying to ease tensions with Venezuela, which is both an ally of Cuba's Communist regime and a major supplier of oil to the United States. Chavez has repeatedly claimed that the United States is plotting to overthrow him, a charge that U.S. officials deny.

The State Department, Defense Department and some religious leaders across the theological spectrum quickly distanced themselves from Robertson's remarks.

"This is not the policy of the United States government. We do not share his views," State Department spokesman Sean

McCormack said, calling the evangelist's comments "inappropriate."

Secretary of Defense Donald Rumsfeld told a Pentagon news conference that assassinating foreign leaders is "against the law." "Our department doesn't do that kind of thing," he said, adding that Robertson is "a private citizen" and that "private citizens say all kinds of things all the time."

The Rev. Bob Edgar, general secretary of the National Council of Churches and a former Democratic congressman from Pennsylvania, said it "defies logic that a clergyman could so casually dismiss thousands of years of Judeo-Christian law, including the commandment that we are not to kill."

The Rev. Rob Schenck, president of the National Clergy Council, a conservative advocacy group in Washington, issued a statement saying that he has always held Robertson in the "highest esteem" but that the evangelist "must immediately apologize, retract his statement and clarify what the Bible and Christianity teaches about the permissibility of taking human life outside of law."

Robertson, 75, made a bid for the Republican presidential nomination in 1988. Although his influence among evangelical Christians appears to have waned in recent years, he still has a substantial personal following in Virginia Beach, Va., where he founded Regent University in 1978, and on television. He made his remarks on "The 700 Club," a news show that claims to have a million daily viewers.

He has sparked controversy in the past by praying for God to create vacancies on the Supreme Court; calling Mohammed, the Muslim prophet, a "robber and brigand"; defending Liberian warlord Charles Taylor; and agreeing with Jerry Falwell that the Sept. 11, 2001 terrorist attacks were God's punishment for "pagans, abortionists, feminists, gays, lesbians, the ACLU and the People for the American Way."

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## Despite rising gas prices, buyers still crave SUVs

By Frank D. Roylance and Mariana Minaya  
THE BALTIMORE SUN

The weekly visit to the gas pump is starting to bite, and bite hard. The fill-up that drivers shrugged off at \$25 is suddenly putting a real dent in family budgets at \$50 or more.

So, is the pain of \$2.70 a gallon enough to end America's love affair with gas-guzzling sport utility vehicles? Not quite yet, industry analysts say. Buyers are beginning to put fuel efficiency higher among their priorities for their next car — but there's no SUV divorce in sight.

"It's not accurate to say SUVs are no longer popular, or are not being sold because of their fuel economy," said Brian Chee, an analyst with Autobytel, one of the most popular Web sites for new car buyers. "Lifestyle and price are still very important, probably more important. Fuel economy is probably No. 3 at this point, where it was 5 or 6."

He might have been talking about Richard Goodale, an adviser at Ameriprise Financial in the Baltimore area, who thought about mileage but still bought a 14-mpg Toyota Sequoia this year.

"When people need a vehicle, they're going to buy what suits their needs," Goodale said. "I just purchased a big SUV because my family needs one to get everybody to and fro. It's a little bit of a shock to fill your car up for \$65, but it's what it takes to do what you have to do."

There's little question that some of the bloom has come off the SUV rose. Surveys by Kelley Blue Book, which tracks car prices and market trends, found that the proportion of buyers looking for SUVs dropped from 40 percent last year to 34 percent in 2005.

Rick Wainschel, Kelley's vice president of marketing research, said fuel economy had eclipsed rollover worries as the main reason buyers turn down SUVs. Shoppers are also worried about U.S. dependence on foreign oil. "I think the love affair is over," he said. But,

"I think the need for them (SUVs) still exists."

In a general survey of 1,016 adults this summer by Scripps Survey Research Center at Ohio University, 41 percent said gas prices were affecting them "a great deal."

Fifty-six percent said high pump prices would make them consider a more gas-efficient car next time they buy, while 37 percent said they wouldn't.

Some motorists, of course, need big cars and SUVs to haul supplies and truck the kids off to college or the team to soccer practice.

And big cars did fly out of showrooms this summer, spurred in part by thousands of dollars in discounts on trucks and SUVs. Industry reports say U.S. automakers sold more than 1.8 million vehicles in July, up by 100,000 from the previous record, set in August 2002.

SUV sales by the three biggest U.S. automakers rose 31 percent in July. Sales of the 14-mpg Jeep Grand Cherokee jumped 85 percent in June and 78 percent in July over the previous year.

"If you can afford a \$60,000 vehicle, you can afford to put the gas in it," said Laura Siltman, who sells Buicks, Pontiacs and GMC trucks at a dealership in the Baltimore area. In the past two weeks, five of the eight cars she sold were SUVs.

Goodale, the financial adviser, said buyers don't limit their calculations to the pump price. For example, with gas prices up, dealers are slashing prices on big vehicles, offering upfront discounts that will cover years of potential savings from greater fuel efficiency.

How much you drive your SUV makes a difference, Goodale said:

"If you put 15,000 miles a year on that vehicle, (a more efficient car) would make a significant difference. But if you buy it to ... run a few errands, and drive it just 3,000 miles a year, I don't think you would take the cost of gas into consideration."

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# 'Digital dirt' can cost a job

By Patricia Kitchin  
NEWS

Most job hunters never even know when they've lost out on an interview because of "digital dirt." That could include your chat-room tirade on an ex-roommate's sex life or that photo of you and college buddies smoking something that's not exactly tobacco — stuff a prospective employer finds by Googling your name that causes her to scratch you off the "to call in" list.

Such ignorance would have been bliss for Hamilton Linn who, back in 1997, the days before we Googled everything, was interviewing with an Internet Explorer manager at Microsoft headquarters. The interviewer called up on his screen Linn's personal Web page, which revealed Linn's advice for people to use Netscape Navigator instead of Explorer and a photo illustration of Bill Gates morphing into the devil.

Granted, it was back during the "browser wars," before Explorer emerged as king. And the photo was actually a link to the site of his Bill Gates-hating friend. But "suffice it to say, the rest of the interview didn't go well," says Linn, 27, of New Hyde Park, N.Y. "Needless to say, I didn't get a job offer at Microsoft."

Today, job hunters can count on being Googled. Three out of four recruiters do Internet research on candidates and one in four has dropped candidates based on what the searches found, according to 102 recruiters responding to a "digital dirt" survey conducted by ExecuNet, a Norwalk, Conn.-

based networking organization for his members. Of course, you might say your opinions, rants and mementos of playful moments have nothing to do with your job qualifications. But, ExecuNet chief executive David Opton says, like it or not, "how you present yourself to the world goes beyond 9 to 5."

It shows "you don't know how to manage your professional reputation," says Charlie O'Donnell, an analyst with a Manhattan-based venture capital firm. He also writes blogs on several subjects, including the use of blogs as career development tools, at Successblogging.com.

Nevertheless, "you don't have to pretend you don't have a life after work," she says. Online photos of you and friends enjoying happy hour are fine — as long as you're not doing a hula on the bar, or worse.

And some of your beliefs and opinions may trump certain jobs. One of O'Donnell's friends worked in public relations for a reproductive rights organization, and those press releases she wrote are high on the list of Google links to her name. But, says O'Donnell, her feeling is that she probably wouldn't want to work for someone who would object.

Of course, experts tell us not to post anything online that we wouldn't want a

prospective boss to see. And if we all behaved impeccably, we would refrain from saying anything salty or sassy — and what a boring place the Web would then be.

"You don't want to miss out on digital wave riding. The whole thing is fun, it's historic, and you want to be a part of it," says Keshia Richmond. "I would adopt a pseudonym." That would protect your privacy as well as your livelihood, says Richmond, who was caught in two online transgressions — after she was hired: posting her resume to a job board, and setting up a Web site for an after-hours work endeavor. She talked her way out of the first, but not the second. She's now her own boss at Richmond Technology Solutions Inc., a Long Island information technology consulting firm.

For those who should have used a pseudonym but didn't, here are some thoughts on digital-dirt damage control. First, get rid of anything truly tacky that you control, and ask buddies to do the same. Do not, though, try to get other Web sites or blogs to remove your comments, especially if you've engaged in a fiery debate, says O'Donnell. Your request may well get posted, along with who knows what else.

Counterbalance the negative dumb stuff by posting

more professional-sounding smart stuff on frequently visited, well-respected blogs or forums, ones that emerge high on the list of Internet search results. Those classic, image-enhancing comments should bump the others down further on the search results list, even to the second or third page.

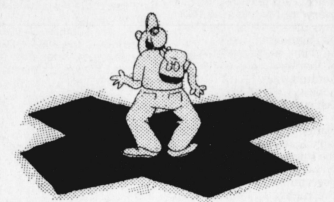
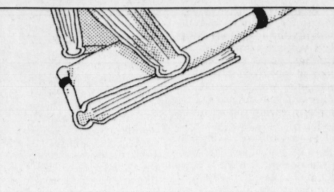
You can use your own blog or Web site to put some of your rants and inflammatory comments posted elsewhere in perspective. OK, it's called spinning it to your advantage, Linn says.

And, despite his missed opportunity at Microsoft — a "blessing in disguise," he calls it — he went on to work for Goldman Sachs and now runs Wall St. Training, which helps new hires at investment banks get up to speed in financial analysis areas.

Even if you're squeaky clean, an employer may still find dirt attached to your name. "That's because someone with the same name is out there ranting on Nazi-type sites or proposing odd activities with orangutans."

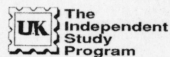
Which makes it useful to set up a Google alert, Richmond says, which will let you know by e-mail whenever your name — or one just like it — shows up at the Internet.

O'Donnell shares this advice: The best way to get interviews and jobs is through personal contacts — and that means being part of an active network of professionals, people who will vouch for you. "If Google is the only place people go to find out about you," he says, "then you've got a problem."



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# Corporate corruption rattles Germany

By Jeffrey Fleishman  
LOS ANGELES TIMES

BERLIN — It's been a dispiriting and, at times, titillating summer of scandals, prostitutes on expense accounts, a home bribe for a lover on the Spanish coast, a bribe here, a kickback there, rich men wearing tans and sheepish grins, tabloid headlines, resignations and, every now and then, shame.

The marquee names of the German corporate world, including Volkswagen and DaimlerChrysler, have been entangled in corruption investigations that have angered a public accustomed to seeing only their politicians paraded before news cameras for financial sins.

The backroom dealings of business people have further agitated a nation facing federal elections next month with tattered pride and a wobbly sense of destiny. The economy is slumping, the welfare state needs harsh reforms and, for many, the leading conservative and liberal parties are peddling rhetoric instead of inspiration.

"All this coming together means you have to be very careful that people don't lose faith in the private sector," said Hans Joerg Elshorst, director of Germany's office of Transparency International, a corporate watchdog organization. He added that the public has been mistrustful of political parties for years, and if businesses lose credibility "then you would have faith in nobody."

The corporate world was once like the vaunted Deutschemark, a symbol of ingenuity and strength rising from the destruction of World War II. The coin of the realm was reluctantly sacrificed to the euro six years ago when Germany joined the single monetary policy of the European Union. And now the reputations of corporate executives are in jeopardy as greed, reprehensible to the ro-

mantic German vision of the socially conscious state, becomes the stuff of headlines.

"In Germany, there is the virus of corruption — not only in officially protected niches or in the profit-crazy milieu of stock exchange brokers, but everywhere," Uwe Jean Heuser wrote recently in a front-page editorial in the weekly Die Zeit. He charged that the scandals proved "nothing undermines scruples" more than a false sense of entitlement.

The Volkswagen scandal was among the most sensational. The German media reported that company executives had bribed union representatives with vacations and prostitutes in exchange for labor support on cost-cutting measures.

The reports and police investigations led to the resignation of Peter Hartz, VW's director of human resources and the architect of Chancellor Gerhard Schroeder's economic-reform plans that have outraged Germany's working class. Hartz has denied wrongdoing.

The disclosures also forced labor leader Klaus Volkert to step down, raising questions about Germany's policy of granting union representatives seats on corporate boards and work councils. Union brass has been involved in company decisions in Germany for decades as a means to reduce friction between labor and industry during collective bargaining.

Other scandals also have played for the public's attention. Prosecutors are investigating five Commerzbank officials for alleged money-laundering involving millions of dollars and a Russian telecommunications company. The U.S. Security and Exchange Commission is investigating whether DaimlerChrysler violated the United Nations oil-for-food program in Iraq after some of its trucks were reportedly shipped to Saddam Hussein's regime. A company spokesman

told German radio that DaimlerChrysler was cooperating with the SEC on the matter.

"These kinds of things happen," said Elshorst, adding, however, that Germans were stunned that renowned companies would be involved in such allegations. "We're very happy about it as corruption fighters. Now the public realizes this happens in the private sector, too. But I'm not sure it points to an overall breakdown of morals in corporate culture."

Union leader Michael Sommer told a crowd of several thousand at a rally in Mannheim in May that business "managers excel each other in displaying naked greed. Small wonder workers' rights are increasingly perceived as an obstacle and something that should be done away with."

Germany ranks among the least corrupt nations in the world, according to Transparency International, but prosecutors and business executives are concerned that abuse is more widespread than previously believed. A recent survey by the Forsa polling organization found that 84 percent of small and medium-size businesses said they had lost contracts after refusing to pay kickbacks.

Such an atmosphere exists, according to government officials, because for years corporations have not policed themselves and have resisted calls for transparency.

The mood against big business shifted last year during a trial in which it was disclosed that a handful of executives received about \$70 million in bonuses when Vodafone took over Mannesmann in 2000. Facing an 11.6 percent unemployment rate and a sluggish economy, Germans were stunned at such high-stakes capitalism as the media compared the scandals to the Enron case in the United States.

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## Most respect 'do not call' registry, but a few keep on dialing anyway

By Don Oldenburg  
THE WASHINGTON POST

Remember when you'd sit down for dinner and inevitably the telephone rang? And you answered knowing another maddening, won't-take-no-for-an-answer telemarketer would be on the other end insisting on selling you a miracle product or vacation plan you didn't want?

Seems almost quaint now, like a Norman Rockwell scene or something out of an "Ozzie & Harriet" episode. But only two years ago, consumers considered "telemarketing" calls to be a scourge of everyday life, ranking them near the top of all gripe lists. Telemarketing scored No. 4 on Time magazine's survey of the Worst Ideas of the 20th Century. In a Gallup Poll on honesty and ethics, it ranked last out of 21 professions.

Then came the almighty National Do Not Call Registry. Launched by the feds in the summer of 2003, it actually worked — a phenomenal government success. Almost overnight, the registry sent the raging telemarketer whimpering off with its tail between its legs by making it a federal offense to call phone numbers on the list.

Consumers clamored to sign on, registering more than 7 million phone numbers the first day, some 55 million in the first six months. Now registrations surpassed 100 million — a ringing endorsement from consumers. But not quite the last call for telemarketers.

"For quite a while, those annoying phone calls did not come in," says Charlotte Weill, a Silver Spring, Md., early registrant. "However, in the past two to three weeks, I have received four calls from businesses that I have never dealt with before."

That's not supposed to happen. Weill wonders if, maybe, she needs to renew her listing? Or, she asks, if those were illegal telemarketing calls, "what's the remedy?"

First, if Weill hasn't

moved or changed her phone number, she doesn't need to renew yet. To keep telemarketers at bay, renewal is required every five years, according to the Federal Trade Commission, which operates the program with the Federal Communications Commission.

And while Weill says she's certain these were businesses calling, many consumers get confused about calls that are exempt from the restrictions. That's why like it or not, you still hear from charities, political groups and pollsters. By law, they can call — even during dinnertime.

So can companies with which you have "an established business relationship" — such as your credit card company offering upgrades, card protection plans, etc. or Sports Illustrated hounding you to re-up your subscription in time for the swimsuit issue. But, if you tell them to stop calling ("Put me on your company do-not-call list"), they're supposed to stop.

Lois Greisman, associate director of the FTC Bureau of Consumer Protection's Division of Planning and Information, advises that before you get into a tizzy over suspect telemarketing calls, verify by phone or online that your number is still registered. Hey, stuff happens in government — and in computer systems, no?

Telemarketers' compliance with the rules has been good, however. The registry has received nearly 1 million complaints, a fraction of the number of registrations. And, so far, the FTC has brought just nine violation cases and four fraud cases related to the registry, including its first "pure" do-not-call case last year against time-share telemarketers who made more than 300,000 sales calls to registered numbers, a breach that cost them \$500,000 in civil penalties. The FTC has issued an additional 20 citations against companies for violating regu-

lations, in some cases settling the \$11,000 per illegal call penalty for hundreds of thousands of dollars.

Greisman says if your number is registered and you receive a call that wasn't exempt, chances are a legitimate company called illegally or a scammer is on the other end of the line. "There are some actors out there who just don't follow the rules," she says. "And it doesn't surprise me at all that guys engaged in serious fraud do not follow the rules."

The registry has made consumers "more sensitive and more skeptical" about any telemarketing calls they receive, Greisman says. If you receive a telemarketing call you think you shouldn't get, you are encouraged to file a complaint using the same Web site or phone number where you registered, she says. "We tried to make registering, verifying and complaining as simple as possible."

Getting telemarketing calls and advertising mail for a deceased loved one has always posed sensitivity problems. And it can be difficult to stop — especially since a popular anti-telemarketing strategy during telemarketing's heyday was to tell the caller the person he asked for is dead.

Last month, the Direct Marketing Association, the nation's largest direct-marketing trade group, established a Deceased Do-Not-Contact List (DDNC) to ease removal of names from marketing lists.

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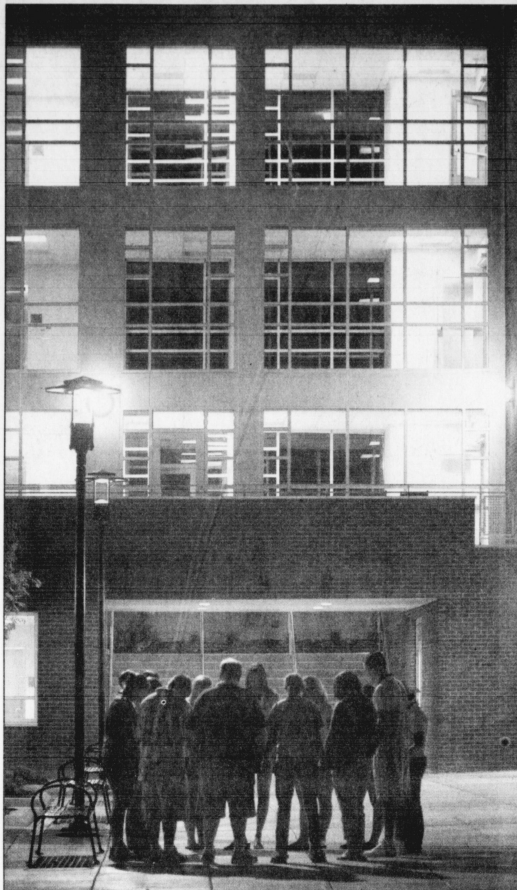
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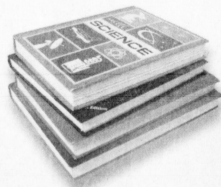
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## Florida State mascot removed from NCAA ban list

**By Paul McMullen**  
THE BALTIMORE SUN

Seminoles will be welcome at NCAA tournaments after all.

The NCAA Tuesday removed Florida State University from the list of 18 schools which were banned from using American Indian mascots, nicknames and imagery in national championship events. When that prohibition was announced three weeks ago, FSU administrators immediately denounced it and threatened to sue. Florida State was the first university to appeal the matter to the NCAA, and at least one other school will follow its lead.

"This is an outcome one would expect reasonable people to reach," Florida State Athletic Director Dave Hart said. "This is the right thing to do in this instance. I now hope other universities will benefit in similar fashion

from the appeal we submitted."

In June, the Seminole Tribe of Florida reiterated that it supported use of its tribal name by FSU, which is situated in Tallahassee, the state capital. An NCAA senior vice-president acknowledged that tribal support as a "significant factor" in a statement announcing yesterday's decision.

"The decision of a name-sake sovereign tribe, regarding whom and how its name and imagery can be used, must be respected even when others may not agree," Bernard Franklin said in the statement. "This decision applies to the unique relationship Florida State University has with the Seminole Tribe of Florida. Requests for removal from other institutions will be handled on a case-by-case basis."

A spokeswoman at Utah,

where the Utes will be host to first- and second-round games in the 2006 NCAA men's basketball tournament, said that it plans to file an appeal to the NCAA.

Illinois, which played in the 2005 NCAA men's basketball tournament final, is the most prominent Division I institution affected by the prohibition after Florida State. Asked if Illinois plans an appeal, Thomas Hardy, a university spokesman, said: "We haven't made any decisions yet. We're still reviewing our options."

"Chief Illiniwek," dressed in what a university publication describes as "authentic American Indian regalia," has limited his performances to Illinois home games since 1989. Chief Osceola, riding on horseback and flinging a spear to the ground, is one of Florida State's football traditions.

The NCAA restrictions, which go into effect Feb. 1, 2006, forbid teams with American Indian nicknames from displaying them on team uniforms in the 88 national championships that are conducted on three levels. The ban does not extend to football bowl games.

Florida State, a member of the Atlantic Coast Conference, is a national power in football and a regular in the NCAA baseball tournament. It last went to the NCAA men's basketball tournament in 1998.

"For nearly 60 years, this university has proudly identified itself with the indomitable spirit of the Seminole Tribe of Florida," FSU president T.K. Wetherill said in a statement, "and we look forward to continuing our close relationship with this courageous tribe for years to come."

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## EDITORIAL NOTEBOOK

■ Returning students should appreciate a repaved Euclid Avenue/Avenue of Champions/Winslow Street and the subsequent savings on tire alignments.

■ Nine current and former Fletcher administration officials have been indicted on misdemeanor charges of violating state hiring laws, which protect state employees and positions from political influence. Dan Druen, former administrative services commissioner in the Transportation Cabinet, has also been charged with felony counts of witness and evidence tampering.

Since his May 16 announcement that he would probe the Fletcher administration's hiring practices, Kentucky Attorney General Greg Stumbo launched a special grand jury investigation in Franklin County to determine whether the personnel laws were violated. The investigation was sparked by complaints from Transportation Cabinet employee Doug Doering to the Executive Branch Ethics Commission and the state auditor's office, in December 2004, shortly after the development of the governor's personnel initiative.

Whether Fletcher is guilty of awarding jobs based on politics and not merit, or if his incompetence caused myriad shady hirings and firings in overly eager state government coordinators, neither is an attractive attribute for a governor.

■ Following the announcement of US Supreme Court Justice Sandra Day O'Connor's retirement, President Bush nominated D.C. Court of Appeals Judge John G. Roberts Jr. as her replacement. Roberts, whose legal credentials are impeccable, now faces a heavily contested confirmation battle in the Senate.

Forces on the left and the right have done the country a disservice by politicizing an institution that is supposed to interpret and uphold the law, not rewrite it.

Activist judges beholden to special-interest groups are not a figment of the imagination. They have existed for some time. But deference to confirmation precedent has been thrown away like yesterday's garbage. Political litmus tests have replaced the traditional legalistic qualifications that brought a 96-3 confirmation of Supreme Court Justice Ruth Bader Ginsberg and an 87-9 confirmation of Justice Stephen G. Breyer, both nominated by President Bill Clinton.

Yes, senators should conduct thorough nomination hearings, but they aren't entitled to completely scrap long-established standards for ones that serve their political agendas. Returning to precedent would be a great credit to Democrats and Republicans.

■ The disagreement over the Kentucky vs. Louisville college football rivalry was so heated the state legislature felt the need to intervene and try to secure the annual rematch when it looked like it was doomed.

UK Athletic Director Mitch Barnhart and his counterpart at UofL, Tom Jurich, couldn't agree. Barnhart wanted more time for UK to prepare for its annual thrashing, and Jurich wanted the almost-guaranteed exposure from it.

What UK did wasn't compromise, but surrender. Barnhart made UK look sore and weak by asking that the game be played later in the season when hosted at UK — while the game will continue to be a season opener in Louisville. But there shouldn't have been a contract battle at all. If Barnhart was so concerned about giving the Wildcats more time to prepare and perhaps win the game, he should have hired coaches who could get the job done in the first place.

■ Last month, the UK Police Department appointed a new interim police chief, Capt. Kevin Franklin, relieving UK public safety director Ken Clevidence of the position. Clevidence, who had held the position since last November, took over the position after former UK Police Chief Fred Otto III resigned.

This recent appointment will free up Clevidence, who has an already full plate as safety director, manager of the departments of Environmental Health and Safety, Parking and Transportation and Real Property at UK as vice president of auxiliary and campus services.

Otto relinquished his position after being reprimanded in October for getting a UK police employee to help him with coursework for his doctoral degree at Eastern Kentucky University. We hope Franklin, who has 21 of his 22 years in law enforcement with UK's police department, can restore integrity to the position of police chief.

■ In July, UK gave the boot to Central Kentucky Radio Eye, a reading radio service for the blind populations of Central Kentucky, after giving the nonprofit organization free rent and utilities for 15 years. The service's volunteer executive director, Margaret Chase, told The Kernel in July that the organization cannot afford to pay rent and utilities. She said UK had given Radio Eye "no indication" of the change before informing the service on July 13 that it had three months to move out. Considering the growing student population here, it's understandable that the university needs more space, but UK should have been considerate enough to give Radio Eye suitable notice of the change.

— Kernel Editorial Board

## IN OUR OPINION

# SG achieves a new record low

This is not a rerun — the Student Government presidential election is still being contested.

While summer sped along, the battle between candidates Becky Ellingsworth and Will Nash raged on. Nearly five months have passed since Nash and running mate Michelle Bishop received 171 more votes than Ellingsworth and vice presidential candidate Kyle Burns, but Ellingsworth refuses to concede.

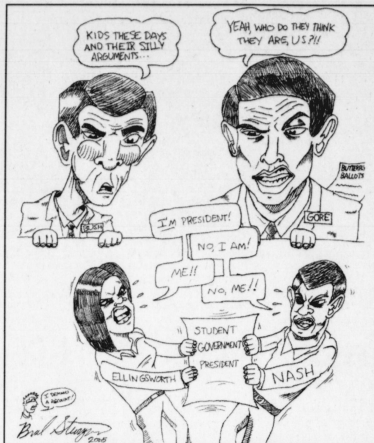
In the immediate days after the election, Ellingsworth challenged the results by claiming Nash had violated campaign rules by exceeding spending limits, failing to document all expenses and improperly using SG tax-exempt status for his campaign.

The SG Elections Board of Claims considered the violations felonies and disqualified Nash. The decision was upheld by the SG Supreme Court, a collection of partisans with ties to both candidates.

Wait — it gets better. In a hasty ceremony April 18, Ellingsworth was sworn in as president before the appeals process had run its course. On May 18, the University Appeals Board sided with Nash.

So Ellingsworth filed suit — in Fayette Circuit Court (yes, the actual court of law, not just a student one).

After more legal jousting, Nash has been given the oath of office. But Ellingsworth's suit remains in court.



BRAD STURGEON, THE KENTUCKY KERNEL

There are almost too many problems here to count.

The entire election claims process is flawed. Although the SG Constitution has an entire page to explain the rules for campaign posters, it contains only a few ambiguous clauses about election violations and the appeals process. The difference between minor and major offenses is completely arbitrary.

The SG Supreme Court has

no consistency, no respect for precedent and no credibility. It is unclear how the spending violations committed by former president Rachel Watts differ from Nash's missteps. The court fined Watts and running mate Matt Rippetoe \$100 and required them to complete 50 hours of community service — but Watts still took office. How the court turned its back on precedent and disqualified

Nash stifles the imagination. (By the way, there is no explanation for how Ellingsworth's infractions received only a fine).

No matter the court's decisions, the losers in this race are the students, whose voices have been obscured by all this legal wrangling. While Nash and Ellingsworth fight it out before judges, the true purpose of SG has been lost.

This has become a personal battle for the ultimate resume item. Nash won on election night, and that's where it should have ended. Instead, Ellingsworth refused to let go and accept defeat.

For years, SG has found new lows. This time, UK administrators decided they had seen enough.

"I certainly think there's been a cost to the student body for not having a student body president," said Pat Terrell, vice president of student affairs.

It is a joke that college students needed adult supervision like this.

Even after this is resolved, the fundamental problems remain. Students need an organization responsive to their needs. They need leaders with enough maturity to deal with real issues, not personal vendettas. But students aren't blameless either: If this incestuous cesspool of corruption is to be drained, students must assume responsibility. Otherwise, everyone gets what they deserve.

## Kernel has 'new digs' and 'retooled attitude'

In the first Kernel of every school year, the mug shot of the new editor appears (much to my dismay) with a column explain-

ing this newspaper's role as the student voice on campus and how you — UK's faculty staff and students — can help us do our jobs better. Our mission, after all, is to produce fair, accurate and powerful journalism that creates constructive change at UK.

I firmly believe all of that. What's different this year, however, is that we've got a renovated newsroom and a retooled attitude to make sure that's the case.

To help make The Kernel a more welcoming place and a more practical workspace, we decided to knock down some walls — literally. Over the summer, we removed two storage closets, both located near the front of the room.

As a result, The Kernel seems almost twice as big as before (it's no bachelor pad, but it does the trick). It's got the look and feel of a real newsroom — a place where college

journalists, like us, can hunker down and produce journalism that matters to your everyday life — and to your future.

Better yet, the bonus square footage eliminates the rat maze that The Kernel used to be. If you made the right turns, you found the newsroom; oftentimes, though, people guessed incorrectly and had to be rerouted. The traffic in the Grehan Building's basement occasionally flowed about as smoothly as Rose Street during rush hour.

You shouldn't have to take a shot in the dark to find us to give us ideas for articles or point out errors that should be corrected, or to offer suggestions or complaints. Instead of having to choose between door No. 1, door No. 2 or door No. 3 to get to The Kernel, all the desks — News, Features, Sports, Opinions and Projects — are now clearly visible from the entrance.

But that's not the only place that Kernel staffers will be seen this semester.

We're aiming for meaningful, engaging content in every newspaper; to do that, we've recommitted ourselves to better reporting. We'll be seeking the stories that hit home with our readers, sometimes in the form of in-depth articles or series from our Projects

desk. The first such project — one that captures a UK med student's summer trip to Africa to help treat and combat HIV/AIDS — will hit the newstands around campus next week.

All that means more conversations with you, our readers, and that also means you should be seeing our staff at more campus events this year. Our photographers will probably be easier to spot than our reporters, but when you see us, be sure to introduce yourself. We're interested in what you have to say.

Seriously, we've recalibrated our mindset and altered our newsroom so that we can better serve you with a higher-quality product. We want your input, regardless of where it falls on the compliment-complaint spectrum.

I encourage you to stop by our new digs. It's certainly not a product of ABC's "Extreme Makeover," but I think you'll like it.

At the very least, we'll see you around campus. And if we're succeeding at our jobs, you'll consistently see the campus you know as UK in this newspaper.

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EDITOR IN CHIEF



Andrew Martin  
KERNEL COLUMNIST

I was walking to The Kernel last week when I heard a man shouting across the street. I ignored him initially because, since I was walking alone and minding my own business, I thought he was speaking to someone else. But he persisted and got my attention.

"Did you park your car in this space?" he demanded to know, pointing angrily to the parking spot next to what I assume was his vehicle. I had not even been within two blocks of the particular lot when driving my car.

Amazed at his tone of voice and his baseless accusation, I responded sharply with an emphatic and indignant "No."

After feeling an initial sting of guilt for the manner of my response, I decided my indignation was righteous. He was out of line, and I'm quite capable of worse.

As I continued my walk to The Kernel, I pondered the exchange's significance. Leave it to someone like me to find significance in a random and meaningless event, but conflict isn't random; it inevitably comes to all of us, whether we're ready or not.

Here is where most UK students have their first brush with serious conflict (we'll exclude fighting over toys as a child and arguing with parents as teenagers).

So when conflict comes — and it will, be it with a roommate, professor, landlord, stranger, person of authority, etc. — it has to be handled with courage, resolve and civility.

While the vast majority of college students choose to employ civil behavior when conflict arises, many of them do not approach contentious situations with courage or resolve.

We've all failed to stand up for ourselves at one time or another, but the problem cuts deeper: There's a mentality among many students — perhaps because of their inexperience dealing in such matters, perhaps for some other reason — that it's better to avoid conflict at any cost.

"I know (adversary here) is wrong, but I'll give in, because

it's really not that big of a deal. I'm showing more character by sacrificing my own objective, so I'll chalk it up as a moral victory to sell out on your values?"

In my three semesters on the Opinions desk at The Kernel, I've seen several students submit letters to the editor and cartoons without identification. Some contain an appended note, requesting the material be published anonymously — which violates Kernel policy for obvious reasons.

When I explain this to the individual and ask them if they want it published with their name, most of them withdraw the submission. The person's fear of potential conflict with the subject of their criticism or with another reader trumps their desire to exert their rights in an open forum, and so they willingly surrender them.

Most editorial page submissions to The Kernel come from a coterie of frequent contributors, participation in Student Government elections is tepid and few students will ever openly challenge a professor or instructor in the classroom when they disagree.

Students shouldn't shy away from conflict

It's time students put down the white flag. In a free society — and on a college campus, no less — conflict is perfectly healthy.

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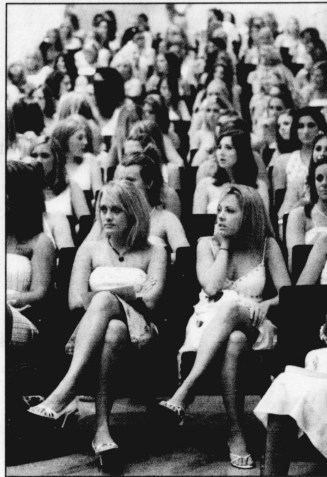


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Above: (left to right) Lauren Hunter, Adrienne Lind, Ashlee Loftis and Christine Speicher react after receiving their sorority bids during a ceremony at Memorial Hall last Friday. Lind pledged Kappa Delta while Hunter, Loftis and Speicher pledged Chi Omega.

Right: Sorority rushes wait to learn what sorority they will pledge during the bid day ceremony.

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## Coach builds 'Miracle League' diamond for kids

By Jessica Rouse  
THE KENTUCKY KERNEL

When former UK baseball coach Keith Madison got a call from Lexington attorney Kevin Weaver to help out with a "Miracle League," he couldn't say no.

"I was hooked," Madison said. Weaver wanted to create a league in Lexington that allows children with physical and mental needs participate in America's pastime. "This is an opportunity for them to experience camaraderie like they never have before."

On Aug. 27, Madison, Weaver and other members of the Bluegrass Miracle League board of directors will announce the new league at Shilto Park.

Weaver began the push to form a league in Lexington when NBC's "The Today Show" featured a story about a children's baseball league in Georgia. The Miracle League allowed children with special physical and mental needs to participate in America's favorite pastime.

"I want to do that here," Weaver said. And it was done.

The YMCA of Central Kentucky and the Lexington Rotary Club are helping to build the platform as well. Kevin Haury, senior program director at the High Street YMCA, will also be the executive director of the league.

"The YMCA is a community service for everyone, and we have not been able to serve everyone," Haury said. "This is a population that needs serving."

The Rotary Club of Lexington will be serving this part of the population as well by taking on the funding project that adds up to \$650,000. The bulk of this total will go to building a safe surface for the children with special needs to play on.

The field will enable them to play baseball like their peers, which has not always been the case. With steps leading to cramped dugouts, rough surfaces and elevated bases, a ball field is not a very welcoming place for a child in a wheelchair.

These uncompromising surfaces led to the start of the Miracle League in the first place, Haury said. A group of children with special needs in Georgia began playing on a Little League field after the scheduled games were over. Kids were tumbling over bases and having a hard time playing on the field.

The field for the Bluegrass Miracle League will be made of rubber and will be an entirely smooth surface. The bases are painted on instead of being placed higher off the ground.

The Bluegrass League had to consider many factors in choosing a site to build the field in Lexington. Shilto Park was chosen because of its prime location and established baseball program as home to the South Lexington Youth Baseball Program.

"It gives kids a sense of normalcy to be playing at a ball park where other leagues play," Weaver said.

The league needs volunteers to do other things for the league as well, Weaver said.

See Wheelchair on page B2



Music performance senior Brad Meyer (left) and music education sophomore Brian Archinal return to Lexington this semester, mere days after spending the entire summer competing across the country in drum corps. Meyer's corps won the Drum Corps International World Championships, and Archinal's corps took second.

## UK percussionists snare top awards in competition

By Ian Conley  
THE KENTUCKY KERNEL

Your heart is pounding as you walk into a stadium packed with thousands of cheering fans. Light bulbs flash against your retina, piercing the night sky.

Sound a little overdramatic? Hardly. UK students Brad Meyer and Brian Archinal know the feeling well, after participating in opposing corps in this year's Drum Corps International World Championships.

Meyer, a music performance senior, never really had any passionate interest in the activity before he started doing it. His corps, the Cadets, won the championship this summer.

"I never wanted to get involved, really. I had seen it on videotapes, but I just went to the audition really to get a Friday off from school," Meyer said.

Archinal, a music education sophomore, was an avid fan of drum corps during his tenure in his high school marching band.

"I used to watch drum corps tapes," he said. "I had this massive collection. It's totally badass. It's so perfect, and I wanted to be a part of that perfection."

Drum corps began to form in the early 20th century as a forum for veterans to cele-

**"The goal wasn't getting a score; it was just to see how hard we could push ourselves."**

Brian Archinal  
music education sophomore

brate the fervor of American nationalism in the wake of World War I. Using remarkably simple instruments, namely snare drums and basic no-valve trumpets, groups of the soldiers-turned-musicians participated in festivals and parades.

Drum Corps International, the governing body of the sport, was formed in 1971 as a means to establish rules and regulations as well as to organize growing competitions. It is now broken into three hierarchical divisions and one international division, with the number of participants reaching into the thousands.

The corps also logged plenty of miles; Division I corps, the most advanced and most competitive group, averages 10,000 miles. It's no vacation, either; members of a corps work all day in search of perfection.

"The first four weeks of tour you go

(from) 8 in the morning till 10 at night doing rehearsals," said Archinal, who played snare drum in the Cavaliers, an all-male corps based in Rosemont, Ill. "The goal then wasn't getting a score; it was just to see how hard we could push ourselves."

"It's a 3-month-long activity," Meyer, a marimba player, added. "You get three days off all summer to do laundry or catch a movie or whatever. On show days we rehearse for about eight hours, perform, then get on a bus and go to the next show."

It's easy to imagine that spending an entire summer in a perpetual state of competition and travel would begin to wear thin on someone's sanity.

"You have to build friends on tour," Meyer said. "That's really why some people leave; they don't build enough friends. You need people to support you."

The fact that Meyer and Archinal were in competing corps for the championship didn't seem to faze the communal bond of touring they developed.

"We always know who's in other corps, so I knew Brian," Meyer said. "The teams are competitive, but until you're in uniform and on the field, everyone's really close. We work all day in search of perfection."

See Drum on page B2

## Armstrong calls charges against himself 'tabloid journalism'

John Jeansson  
NEWS

Cycling giant Lance Armstrong has dismissed as "nothing short of tabloid journalism" Tuesday's report in the French sports daily L'Equipe that he used a banned blood booster in 1999 during the first of his record seven Tour de France victories.

The newspaper, under a front-page headline "Armstrong's Lie," said it obtained laboratory results proving the presence of erythropoietin, or EPO, in Armstrong's urine samples taken during the 1998 and 1999 tours.

EPO, a hormone known to increase endurance by stimulating the production of oxygen-rich red blood cells, was at the center of the 1998 doping scandal that threatened the tour's existence and led to the creation of the World Anti-Doping Agency to police performance-enhanc-

ing drugs in international sports. One legitimate use of EPO is the treatment of anemia associated with chemotherapy. Armstrong was diagnosed with testicular cancer in late 1996 and it spread to his lungs, abdomen and brain. The use of EPO, however, typically is discontinued as soon as a patient goes into remission or stops chemotherapy.

In a statement posted on his Web site Tuesday, Armstrong did not mention any therapeutic use of EPO.

"I will simply restate what I have said many times: I have never taken performance-enhancing drugs," he said. "Of the L'Equipe story, the most recent in several accusations that doping contributed to his spectacular run of four victories, Armstrong said, "Unfortunately, the witch hunt continues ..."

Armstrong, 33, has declared retirement from competition and recently estimated he passed more than 170

anti-doping tests in his career. After his only positive result, during the 1999 Tour de France, he was cleared based on medical documentation that he had used a cream for easing saddle pain that contained a prohibited steroid.

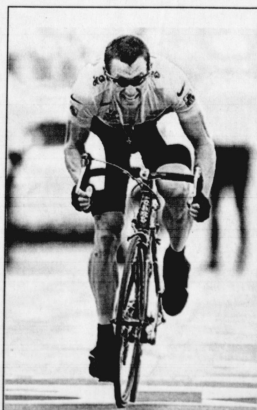
In its report, L'Equipe published laboratory documents showing positive EPO results for six anonymous samples with identifying numbers it matched to a statement signed by Armstrong. Those results were from "B" samples, the second half of a split specimen typically analyzed only when the "A" half turns up positive. In this case, tests for EPO did not exist in 1998 or 1999 and the "B" samples were frozen and retested last year during efforts to fine-tune EPO screening.

Doping experts and members of the cycling world acknowledged a number of gray areas in connection with the L'Equipe story, not

the least of which is the retroactive testing. Tour de France director Jean-Marie Leblanc, in an interview on French radio, said that tour officials were "very shocked, very troubled by the revelations" but that sanctions against Armstrong are unlikely.

Lab records of the tests were to be turned over to the anti-doping agency, but "on condition that they could not be used in any disciplinary action." And agency chairman Dick Pound proved that his organization would be powerless to impose penalties since it did not exist until four months after the 1999 tour. A urine test for EPO wasn't approved until 2000.

Still, Pound said it will be "very interesting to see what UCI (Union Cycliste Internationale, cycling's global governing body) does and what the U.S. cycling federation does and what Lance Armstrong has to say."



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# New coaches, optimism meet 'Cats in 2005

By Laura Nelligan  
THE KENTUCKY KERNEL

Andre Woodson is dedicated to winning.

"A lot of players come on just thinking they can walk through," the UK quarterback said. "This is a team game. There is no one player. All of us totally believe in ourselves."

Pushing last season as far from their minds as possible, the UK football players are trying to get along, move ahead and adjust to new faces.

One of the main challenges for spring and summer practices was getting players to fine-tune themselves to changes in the offensive scheme with new offensive coordinator Joker Phillips. Last season, UK had one of the worst-ranked offenses in the country and struggled to put up points.

Other additions to the offense will help make this process smoother. After being at Ole Miss for six years, Kurt Roper was hired as quarterbacks coach. Roper successfully developed Eli Manning and All-SEC QB Romaro Miller. Coaching

the new offensive line is Jimmy Heggins, who comes to Kentucky after 19 years at powerhouse Florida State.

Returning to the field this year are 14 starters and 47 lettermen. One returning player whose role will be crucial to the team is Andre Woodson, the new starting quarterback.

As Shane Boyd's backup last season, Woodson completed 61 percent of his passes, two touchdowns and one interception in 88 attempts.

"We have been working on reacting to plays faster and responding better," Woodson said. "With all of the athletes we have on offense, we should be explosive."

Defensive coaching newcomers are linebackers coach Chuck Smith, who coached Boyle County to five state titles and defensive-line coach Rick Petri, former defensive backs coach at Ole Miss. Petri coached five NFL first-round draft picks at Ole Miss, Miami (Fla.) and South Carolina.

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Quarterback Andre Woodson looks for his teammates to dedicate themselves this season. "A lot of players come on just thinking they can walk through," Woodson said. "This is a team game. There is no one player. All of us totally believe in ourselves."

COURTESY UK ATHLETICS

## Drum

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would talk after shows, but not about music or competition, just about life. We needed a mental break from it all."

"Me and Brad are cool," Archinal clarified. "The rivalry wasn't that serious. We were winning until the middle of the season until we

saw the Cadets play; then they beat us from then on, so it was sort of like a wake-up call."

Archinal said he intends to keep participating for at least two more summers until he reaches 21, the maximum age for marching, which Meyers reached this year.

This isn't the end for Meyers' passion for drum corps, however, as he will be teaching a corps next year. These road warriors

aren't paid in anything but pride, despite the huge personal — and monetary — investment.

"It's like hanging out with 130 of your closest friends and you're all busting your ass for the same thing," Archinal said.

"We were winning, and we were seeing results in ourselves. It was worth it."

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## Wheelchair

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The league will also be looking for college students and people in Lexington to volunteer: Madison is working on getting the UK baseball team and athletic department involved. Weaver will work on the rest of Lexington.

"Kevin (Weaver) has been remarkable throughout this project. When he wants something, he really goes for it," Madison said. "He's a guy I want on my

team."

Weaver not only wants this league to benefit the kids, but also the community.

"The city will benefit because there is no other place in Kentucky that these kids can go to play on a safe surface," Weaver said.

Madison agreed. "This has a chance to be something that Lexington can be very proud of," Madison said. "It shows the compassion that Lexington has for its children."

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# Top 20 | A little nudge for UK sports

State lawmakers threw UK a pretty big gauntlet when aspiring to make it a nationally-ranked Top 20 university.

Wildcat athletics is under similar constraints. A year after Todd was decorated with big blue ribbons and bows, he found himself dealing with a football recruiting scandal. Football isn't exactly racking up the 'W's and Athletic Director Mitch Barnhart has hired more than a half-dozen head coaches in his three years.

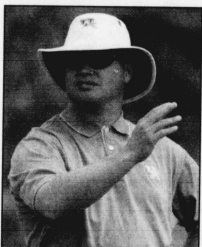


**Derek Poore**  
SPORTS EDITOR

While UK aspires to become America's next great university, athletics should follow the big blue leader.

Here are 20 observations and goals about the state of Wildcat sports. Some are my own personal requests, some are storylines to watch and a few are a little inside. Some are sarcastic; some are funny; some are serious. You be the judge.

**20** Coach Brian Craig's bucket hat needs to be the logo for men's golf.



MEN'S GOLF HEAD COACH BRIAN CRAIG

**19** Students: Don't wear sandals when kicking for tuition at home soccer games.

**18** Despite any notions to the contrary, baseball coach John Cohen does indeed talk and can carry on conversations.

**17** New turf at Nutter Training Facility doesn't necessarily equal more wins — but it looks pretty.

**16** Don't overlook UK cross country. Just because it took former Cat Thomas Morgan to run laps around the entire state of Iowa to get recognition doesn't mean senior runner Allison Grace doesn't rock.

**15** Maybe "70,000 Strong" isn't the best football slogan when UK is down 62-17 and dwindled fans are paying more attention to passing around the extra point than what's happening on the field.

**14** Don't knock coach Tubby Smith about letting men's basketball sophomore Randolph Morris back on the team. Morris be gone in a year anyway Right?

**13** And feed Morris the ball a little more. Maybe he'll wake up from his cat-naps on the sidelines.

**12** No, gymnastics coach Mo Muhammad will not give you rides while he's training for his pilot's license, but if UK is serious about budget cuts, maybe they could let him take the fly-over pictures of campus while he's up there.

**11** People complain about the atmosphere in Rupp Arena, but it's only quiet in there because the blue-haired season ticket holders don't make it to their seats until the 12:00 mark of the first half.

**10** DeNoting everything with DeWords isn't necessary to DeHype.

**9** Despite national accolades, the cheerleading squad and dance team needs a new cheer: there has got to be something more creative than ... Go! Go! Go! Go! Cats! ... or ... two! Two! Or three!

**8** Students in the eRruption zone at basketball games need to cheer for more things than Ashley Judd or Dick Vitale's bald head.

**7** Props to football stadium announcer Carl Nathe for being the most excited UK fan in Commonwealth when it's 45-17, Georgia. *Third down, Kentucky!*

**6** Enough already. Golfer John Holmes knows what his name is.

**5** Athlete alums do not have the plague — they should be appreciated and welcomed back to UK.

**4** Oh, and UK athletics should be reminded those former athletes include non-men's basketball players.

**3** Moving the UK-UofL football game doesn't allow the Wildcats more time to prepare. It delays a butt-kicking.

**2** Instead of jumping on Billy P(ACC)ker by making oh-so-obvious vulgar T-shirts, just print one with this quote by Rick Pitino emblazoned on it: "I had Camelot when I was at the University of Kentucky. And I lost it."

**1** If Rich Brooks wants to keep his job he doesn't have to just win more games or score actual points against Louisville. He needs to show his players are excited about his system and him. And that's no Joker.

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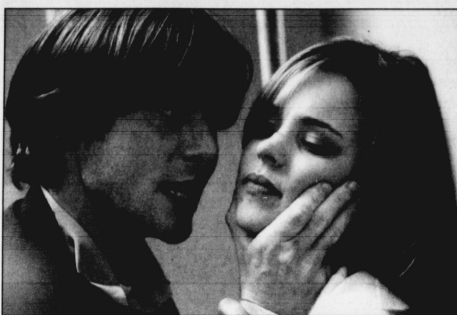
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Cillian Murphy and Rachael McAdams join the mile-high club of terror in Wes Craven's *Red Eye*, which opened at Regal and Woodhill last Friday.

### THE BROTHERS GRIMM

Heath Ledger and Matt Damon star as Jake and Will Grimm. These two gentlemen travel through Europe convincing people that their towns are haunted and then charge a price to rid the town of ghosts. They write down all of their adventures, and hence we get wonderful stories. Then General Delatombe catches them and they are sent to the village of Marbaden to solve a real haunting. Terry Gilliam (*Monty Python and the Holy Grail*) directs, so expect this to be a wonderful fantasy movie, but not quite on the level of the *Lord of the Rings* trilogy. Opens Friday at Lexington Green, Regal and Woodhill.

### FOUR BROTHERS

Mark Wahlberg and Andre Benjamin star as two of four adopted brothers who are on a mission to adopt their mother's murderer. The film, from director John Singleton (*Boyz n the Hood*), demonstrates both their mission of revenge and the bond that the family develops. At Regal and Woodhill.

### MARCH OF THE PENGUINS

Already the second-highest grossing documentary ever made, *March of the Penguins* chronicles the journey penguins make toward their mating grounds in Antarctica toward each year, and follows the penguins as they find their perfect mate and stay together for a year to produce eggs. It's an incredible story because it's real. The cinematography is breathtaking and offers insight into the world of penguins that few have ever seen before. Oscar-winning actor Morgan Freeman (*The Shawshank Redemption*, *Million Dollar Baby*) narrates. At the Kentucky Theatre and Regal.

### MYSTERIOUS SKIN

Joseph Gordon-Levitt ("3rd Rock from

the Sun") stars as Neil, a rebellious gay youth, and Brady Corbet, an awkward child with no social life who's also prone to blackouts. Brian grew up believing that these blackouts were the result of being abducted by aliens, and sets out to confirm this notion. Neil knows the truth — Brian has been blocking out incidents where their Little League coach had molested them. It's a gripping story of two men with differing views on sexual abuse dealing with the aftermath of shared childhood trauma. At the Kentucky Theatre.

### RED EYE

Rachel McAdams (*Mean Girls*, *The Notebook*) and Cillian Murphy (*28 Days Later*, *Batman Begins*) star in this thriller about a woman who is terrified of flying, and shares a drink with a man that is on the same flight, only to discover that the man is on a mission to kill the Deputy Secretary of Homeland Security. But if she doesn't cooperate, her father will be the next victim. Looks to be a good closed-space thriller in the vein of *Panic Room*. At Regal and Woodhill.

### THE SKELETON KEY

Kate Hudson and the underrated Peter Sarsgaard star in this horror movie about (surprise) a haunted house. Caroline (Hudson) receives a key that unlocks every door in the house, which belongs to an elderly couple she is caring for. She then explores the attic and finds a room that holds (ac-

ording to the press release) a "deadly and terrifying secret." Looks like a cheap thrill ride, worthy of a rental or possibly a date. But the fact remains that Kate Hudson has been in exactly one good movie. Let's hope that this breaks the mold. At Regal and Woodhill.

### SUPERCROSS: THE MOVIE

Really? They made that book into a movie? I should probably sum this preview up by pointing out that on RottenTomatoes.com, this film scored an astounding 2 percent rating — home movies of your first diaper change are probably more entertaining. At Lexington Green, Regal and Woodhill.

### VALIANT

Disney has an excellent track record with CGI movies — and by Disney, I mean Pixar. *Toy Story*, *Toy Story 2*, *The Incredibles*, and *Finding Nemo* are some of my favorite movies ever, so you'd think that this would be another incredible film. It even features an impressive roster of voice talent, with Ewan McGregor, John Cleese, and Ricky Gervais. Judging by Disney's recent in-house production, however, this film about World War II homing pigeons may not live up to the high benchmarks set by Pixar. At Reel Deal, Regal and Woodhill.

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8 p.m. Freedom Hall,

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## MONDAY

**Johnny Lang**  
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8 p.m. The Dame. Tickets cost \$3.

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## Networks get reality check

By Scott Collins  
LOS ANGELES TIMES

HOLLYWOOD — Movie studios wondering where filmmakers went this summer can rest assured of one thing: For the most part, those missing Americans weren't glued to the broadcast networks.

With the notable exception of ABC's "Dancing With the Stars," the six major broadcast networks have slogged through a disappointing summer, with household viewing down about 6 percent compared with the same period last year.

A number of heavily promoted reality series tanked, including CBS' "Rock Star: INXS" and NBC's "I Want to Be a Hilton," and David E. Kelley's first venture into reality TV, "The Law Firm," which moved to Bravo after two low-

rated episodes.

But scripted series failed to deliver as well. ABC watched its Roman epic "Empire" decline and fall. And viewers showed little interest in repeats of hits like "Desperate Housewives" or "Lost."

The network losses were good news for basic cable, which increased its share of the prime-time audience to a record high of 61 percent, up four percentage points from last year.

As in recent years, basic cable took advantage of broadcasters' summertime slowdown and unleashed a blitz of original scripted series. TNT's crime drama "The Closer" was a sleeper hit, averaging 5.3 million viewers — an impressive number for ad-supported cable — and the network also drew strong numbers with its series "Wanted" and the miniseries

"Into the West." FX's Iraq drama "Over There" started out powerfully, although it dropped in subsequent airings.

"The fall is the time when broadcast comes out with new scripted stuff, but summertime is when cable does it," said Jack Wakshlag, chief research officer at Turner Broadcasting, which includes TNT.

Over the last five years, network executives have increasingly eyed summer as a platform for new reality series. But the search for the next hot reality offering may have created a glut since May.

"It's not that the broadcasters struck out," said Steve Sternberg, executive vice president at New York-based ad firm Magna Global.

"There was just so much reality that there were more flops than successes."

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# One rich Hokie

Virginia Tech's head coach nears \$2 million deal to stay with ACC champs

Mark Schlach  
THE WASHINGTON POST

Virginia Tech Coach Frank Beamer is close to signing a seven-year contract that could pay him \$2 million per season, sources close to the situation said Monday.

Beamer's current contract expires Jan. 1, and Virginia Tech officials and his agent, Jimmy Sexton, are working on a deal that will make him one of college football's highest-paid coaches.

Sexton said Monday that he "hoped to have something done before the start of the season."

"The university and myself believes that Coach Beamer is the one who built this program, and we absolutely want Coach Beamer to be here for the very rest of his career," athletic director Jim Weaver said Monday night on the weekly "Hokie Hotline" radio show.

Tuesday, the Associated Press reported Virginia Tech had offered Beamer the \$2 million contract.

The Hokies, the defending ACC champions and ranked No. 8 in the preseason Associated Press poll, will open the season Sept. 4 at North Carolina State.

Sexton, who was hired by Beamer in January to negotiate the contract, declined to reveal the specifics of the compensation package being discussed.

Beamer and Virginia Tech Athletics Director Jim Weaver could not be reached for comment Monday night.

Beamer's current contract, signed in 2000 after he interviewed at North Carolina and talked to Alabama officials about their coaching vacancy, paid him more than \$1.2 million in guaranteed compensation last year. He earned another \$550,000 in outside endorsement income and bonuses, including more than \$368,000 for winning the ACC and playing in a Bowl Championship Series game.

Beamer's guaranteed compensation makes him the fifth-highest-paid coach in the ACC, behind Florida State's Bobby Bowden (\$2.5 million), Miami's Larry Coker (\$1.9 million), Virginia's Al Groh (\$1.7 million) and Maryland's Ralph Friedgen (\$1.5 million).

Beamer's negotiating leverage was probably bolstered by the six-year deal Groh received last week. Groh's new financial package includes a \$240,000 base salary and \$1.46 million annual compensation

for Auburn's Tommy Tuberville and Tennessee's Phillip Fulmer this year. Tuberville, who led the Tigers to a 13-0 record last season, signed a seven-year contract that will pay him \$2 million this season and includes a \$200,000 raise each year. Fulmer received a one-year extension that raised his compensation to \$2.05 million annually.

Beamer, 58, has guided his alma mater to a 135-77-2 record in 18 seasons.

The Hokies, led by all-American quarterback Michael Vick, played in the 1999 national championship game, losing to Florida State, 46-29, in the Sugar Bowl.

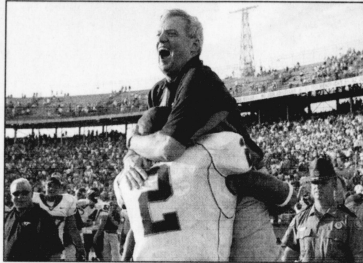
Last season, its first in the ACC, Virginia Tech was 10-3 and lost to Auburn, 16-13, in the Sugar Bowl.

Sources said Sexton and Virginia Tech officials have agreed on Beamer's salary and contract length, but were still apart on the compensation packages for his nine assistant coaches.

Three of Beamer's assistants — associate head coach-running backs coach Billy Hite, defensive coordinator-inside linebackers coach Bud Foster and offensive coordinator-offensive line coach Bryan Stine-

for services that include fund-raising responsibilities, radio and television appearances and product endorsements. Beamer's teams have beaten Virginia three of four times during Groh's tenure.

Beamer is apparently seeking a contract similar to the deals Sexton secured



JOHN MCCONNELL | THE WASHINGTON POST

Virginia Tech's Jimmy Williams gives Coach Frank Beamer a lift after the Hokies defeated Miami, 16-10, to win the ACC championship last season.

"(I) hope to have something done before the start of the season."

- Jimmy Sexton, agent of Virginia Tech head coach Frank Beamer



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8 p.m. Sept. 9. The Dame. Tickets cost \$10.

### Lyle Lovett

8 p.m. Sept. 9. Taft Theatre, Cincinnati. Tickets cost \$28 to \$48.

### Rickie Lee Jones

7 p.m. Sept. 10. The Dame. Tickets cost \$20.

### Friends of the Bob & Tom Show: Bob Zany, Drew Hastings and Chick McGee

7 p.m. Sept. 10. Lexington Opera House. Tickets cost \$24.50.

### Bluegrass Choral Music Festival

4:30 p.m. Sept. 17. Singletary Center for the Arts Concert Hall. Free.

### California Guitar Trio

7 p.m. Sept. 19. The Dame. Tickets cost \$12 in advance, \$15 at the door.

### Motley Crue

7:30 p.m. Sept. 20. Freedom Hall, Louisville. Tickets cost \$44 to \$64.

### Fruit Bats w/Scourge of the Sea, Rogue Wave and Chad van Gaalen

9 p.m. Sept. 21. The Dame. Tickets cost \$6.

### Jeff Bates

7 p.m. Sept. 22. Coyotes Niteclub, Louisville. Tickets cost \$9.75.

### UK Jazz Ensemble and Lab Band

7:30 p.m. Sept. 22. Singletary Center for the Arts Recital Hall. Free.

### Eumtaek Kim

8 p.m. Sept. 23. Singletary Center for the Arts. Tickets cost \$23 to \$41; students receive a \$5 discount with proper UK ID.

### Brian Regan

8 p.m. Sept. 24. Taft Theatre, Cincinnati. Tickets cost \$30.50.

### Little Brother w/The CunninLynguists

9 p.m. Sept. 26. The Dame. Tickets cost \$10.

### Social Distortion

8 p.m. Sept. 28. Bogarts, Cincinnati. Tickets cost \$25.

### Long Beach Shortbus featuring Eric Wilson of Sublime and RAS-I and Trey Pangborn of Long Beach Dub Allstars

9 p.m. Sept. 28. The Dame. Tickets cost \$10.

### Sounds of the Temptations

7:30 p.m. Sept. 29. Caesars Indiana, Elizabeth, Ind. Tickets cost \$35 to \$40.

### Built to Spill

8 p.m. Sept. 29. Bogarts, Cincinnati. Tickets cost \$15 to \$18.

### Hal Ketchum

8 p.m. Sept. 29. The Dame. Tickets cost \$20.

### Queensryche

8 p.m. Sept. 30. Louisville Palace. Tickets cost \$30.

### Lil Mo

9 p.m. Sept. 30. Jillian's, Louisville. Tickets cost \$25.

## OCTOBER

### Pops Concert: Always Sinatra

8 p.m. Oct. 1. Singletary Center for the Arts. Tickets cost \$20 to \$40; students receive a \$5 discount with proper UK ID.

### B.B. King

8 p.m. Oct. 1. Louisville Palace. Tickets cost \$39.50 to \$49.50.

### Chicago the Musical

7 p.m. Oct. 2. Lexington Opera House. Tickets cost \$54.50 to \$74.50.

### Trapt

8 p.m. Oct. 4. Bogarts, Cincinnati. Tickets cost \$17.

### Jason Aldean

7 p.m. Oct. 6. Coyotes Niteclub, Louisville. Tickets cost \$12.

### UK Symphony Band

7:30 p.m. Oct. 11. Singletary Center for the Arts Concert Hall. Free.

### UK Wind Ensemble

7:30 p.m. Oct. 12. Singletary Center for the Arts Concert Hall. Free.

### Amy Ray of The Indigo Girls

8 p.m. Oct. 12. The Dame. Tickets cost \$12.

### Shooter Jennings

8 p.m. Oct. 13. The Dame. Tickets cost \$10.

### A Concert of World Music and Dance

3 p.m. Oct. 16. Singletary Center for the Arts Recital Hall. Free.

### Story of the Year

7 p.m. Oct. 16. Jillian's, Louisville. Tickets cost \$17 to \$19.

### Nickel Creek

7 p.m. Oct. 17. Singletary Center for the Arts Concert Hall. Tickets cost \$22 for students; \$25 for faculty, staff and senior citizens; and \$28 for the general public.

### Chevelle

8 p.m. Oct. 21. Jillian's, Louisville. Tickets cost \$20 to \$22.

### Leo Kottke

8:30 p.m. Oct. 22. Bogarts, Cincinnati. Tickets cost \$25 to \$27.

### Thrice

7 p.m. Oct. 23. Bogarts, Cincinnati. Tickets cost \$16.50 to \$19.

### My Morning Jacket

8 p.m. Oct. 26. Bogarts, Cincinnati. Tickets cost \$15 to \$17.

### Eric Burdon and the Animals

7 p.m. Oct. 27. Coyotes Niteclub, Louisville. Tickets cost \$15.

### UK Opera Theatre: A Puccini Celebration

7:30 p.m. Oct. 28 and 29. Singletary Center for the Arts Concert Hall. Ticket prices TBA.

### Henry Rollins

8 p.m. Oct. 29. Bogarts, Cincinnati. Tickets cost \$17.50 to \$19.

## NOVEMBER

### The King and I

8 p.m. Nov. 1. Whitney Hall, Louisville. Tickets cost \$35 to \$60.

### UK Choral and Choristers Fall Concert

7:30 p.m. Nov. 3. Singletary Center for the Arts Concert Hall. Ticket prices TBA.

### Keeneland presents Music of the Horse, with the UK Symphony Orchestra

7:30 p.m. Nov. 4. Singletary Center for the Arts Concert Hall. Ticket prices TBA.

### Black Label Society

8:30 p.m. Nov. 5. Bogarts, Cincinnati. Tickets cost \$25.

### UK Band Spectacular

2 p.m. Nov. 6. Singletary Center for the Arts Concert Hall. Ticket prices TBA.

### A Salute to Our Veterans

8 p.m. Nov. 11. Singletary Center for the Arts. Tickets cost \$23 to \$41; students receive a \$5 discount with proper UK ID.

### Hanson

8 p.m. Nov. 13. Bogarts, Cincinnati. Tickets cost \$28.

### Nintendo Fusion Tour featuring Fall Out Boy

6:15 p.m. Nov. 20. Bogarts, Cincinnati. Tickets cost \$22.

### Rob Thomas

7:30 p.m. Nov. 27. Louisville Palace. Tickets cost \$45.50.

### Annie

8 p.m. Nov. 29. Whitney Hall, Louisville. Tickets cost \$35 to \$60.

## DECEMBER

### The Nutcracker

8 p.m. Dec. 9 and Dec. 10; 3 p.m. Dec. 11. Singletary Center for the Arts. Tickets cost \$15 to \$25.


### Hawthorne Heights

7:30 p.m. Dec. 10. Bogarts, Cincinnati. Tickets cost \$15.

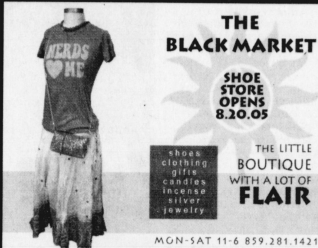
### Händel's Messiah

8 p.m. Dec. 16. Singletary Center for the Arts. Tickets cost \$23 to \$41.

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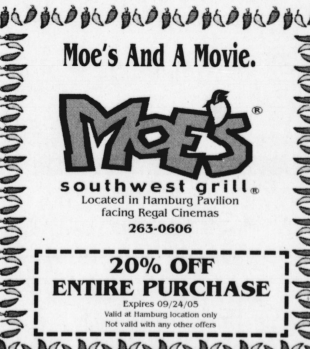
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## Skinner volleys new efforts for his first squad

By Chris DeTollet  
THE KENTUCKY KERNEL

New women's volleyball coach Craig Skinner has imparted a phrase on his players since he took over the program last December.

"Kentucky volleyball is a way of life," Skinner said, lounging in his office recently.

And as the team continues to prepare for the Sept. 2 season opener, Skinner is excited about the progress that has already been made in building confidence and work ethic among his players.

"It's about developing a winning mentality and maintaining concentration all the time," he said. "It's about having 100 percent effort. Effort translates into a winning mentality."

Skinner, who came to UK from Nebraska, served as an assistant coach for five years. He's been pleased with how quickly the team bought into his new system in the first two weeks of practice.

"We've gotten a lot accomplished," he said. "The players understand what we want to do. They have picked things up really quickly."

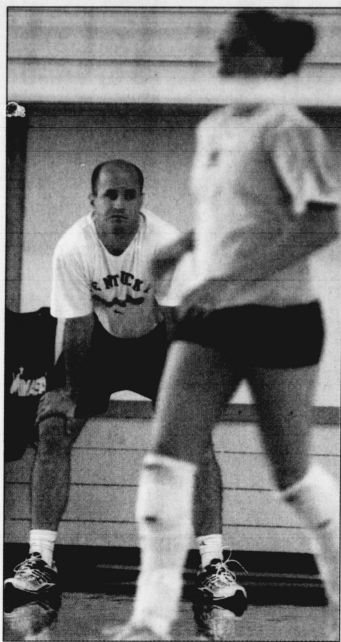
The team has been impressed with Skinner's leadership.

"He has been awesome," senior middle blocker Amy Kaplan said. "He's brought us to a whole new level with what he knows about the game. Our intensity has risen. It's been a total 180. He makes us want to work hard."

Skinner and his staff have overhauled the team's offense, and the new coach is promising some fan-friendly changes.

"We're going to go faster," Skinner said. "We will be more up-tempo, and we have some players who can do that. We were pleasantly surprised with our talent level."

The new coach had reason to be concerned with his



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Craig Skinner, UK's new head volleyball coach, watched his team yesterday during practice. Previously, Skinner was an assistant coach at Nebraska for five years. "We've gotten a lot accomplished," Skinner said of the preseason. "The players understand what we want to do. They have picked things up really quickly."

team's talent level, as the Wildcats finished 12-19 (3-13) last year, including 18-44 in games in Southeastern Conference play and just 1-12 in games in their last four SEC matches.

Kaplan, a four-year starter, is the most experienced returning player.

"Amy is an intense competitor and will give anything she can for the success of the team," Skinner said.

"She is all about working hard to build a consistent foundation for this program."

Kaplan will be depended on to lead a relatively youthful roster of players that includes five freshmen.

"I've just been trying to lead by example," she said. "I just want to set a good example for the freshmen."

Kaplan noted that although some may see this as a rebuilding season, the team hasn't shied away from setting high goals.

"We're here to win the SEC championship," she said. "It's a fresh start. Our goal is to work harder than any other team in the SEC."

Skinner said that playing time is wide open, as all five freshmen have made an impact in preseason two-a-days. "All of our freshmen will contribute," he said. "They are a great group and are very athletic. We've been pleasantly surprised with their talent and work ethic."

In the eight months since Skinner was hired, he has spent much of his time attempting to raise the profile of the program, both on campus and in the community.

"It is so important in building a program to develop a great camp structure," he said.

"We had 600 kids at our camp and 75-80 coaches at our clinic. I've also been getting myself in the community, trying to show people that volleyball has value and is entertaining."

In doing so, Skinner has spread his message of Kentucky volleyball as a way of life.

It is a mentality his players have adopted.

"It's just about pride," Kaplan said.

"Making it a way of life is just representing yourself and (the program). It's walking with your head held high."

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