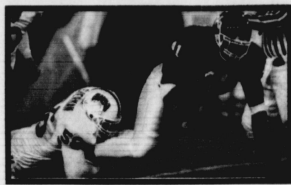


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Natural gas may cost more this winter

By Rebecca Neal
ASSISTANT NEWS EDITOR

Just in time for winter, natural gas bills are predicted to rise 10 to 40 percent. That's big news for students who live in the campus area, where old homes are mainly gas-powered. The increase in natural

gas prices, industry workers said, can be blamed on higher prices during the summer. "Normally we buy our gas during the summer, when rates are lower, and then store it for the winter to use with more expensive gas," said Lisa Smith, communications manager for Columbia Gas of Kentucky. "We weren't able to

store the cheaper gas this year." Demand for natural gas has increased, she said, as electric power plants have begun to burn less coal for environmental reasons. "With the trend toward gas-fired power plants instead of coal, the demand is higher in the summer," Smith said.

When the companies submitted their price estimates to the government recently, it was obvious that the consumers would be paying more to stay warm. "This high demand shows that the natural gas that will be coming in the

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A 'W' isn't bad on a transcript, adviser says

Today is the last day for students to withdraw, a 'W' may not be bad unless they are numerous

By Erin Gray
CONTRIBUTING WRITER

Today is the last day to withdraw from classes, according to UK's calendar.

While many students fear a "W" on their transcripts like they fear a "D" or an "E," advisers say a "W" isn't necessarily a bad letter.

"The most important thing about a 'W' is not that it looks bad," said Danita Turpin Tevis, an academic adviser. "It's when it becomes excessive that it becomes a concern."

Accepting a "W" for a class indicates a withdrawal from the course; it does not indicate pass/fail, Turpin Tevis said.

A pattern of "W's" could be an indication of a problem, though, she said.

For example, if a pre-medical student presents a transcript bearing a list of five "W's" in organic chemistry, there is an indication of a persistent challenge within this course, and the student needs to be able to explain this problem, she said.

Students should be sure to keep the following advice in mind, advisers said.

- Consult your schedule book.

The schedule book is a student's guide to crucial academic dates and reminders, Turpin Tevis said.

During the initial drop window, which was Aug. 27 to Sept. 17, students could drop classes, and it would not appear on their transcripts.

Once the secondary window opens from Sept. 18 to Oct. 24, which ends today, students must take a "W" on their transcript.

- Talk to your adviser and instructor.

It is also suggested to talk to an adviser before dropping classes, Turpin Tevis said.

When students approach her about dropping a course and taking a "W" on their transcripts, she begins by examining their status in the class.

Students are encouraged to explain why they are choosing this course of action, said Sarah Tully Marks, linguistics instructor and a pre-medical graduate student.

Students often choose to drop courses based upon their current course load, academic success in the class or scheduling conflicts.

It is also important to speak to the instructor to ensure that withdrawing is the best possible choice, many said.

The instructor can provide explanations of grades and any misconceptions of the grading procedure.

"If the student feels that he or she doesn't have the time to commit to the class to earn a decent grade, especially in a class that is important to (his or her) career or post-grad education plans, I would tell (him or her) to consider withdrawing," said Melody Carswell, a professor of psychology.

- Get involved in order to make the most educated decision.

It is crucial that the student get involved and participate, taking charge of his or her academic career, Tully Marks said.

"In my experience, people who let their grades go early are not doing homework and not studying," she said. "If the student has a recoverable grade, especially if they start coming to office hours and corresponding with me regularly, I encourage them to stay."

Students should show effort by completing assignments, studying for exams and contacting their instructors or appearing at designated office hours, she said.

"I think that people believe that admissions committees consider 'W's' as if someone failed or decided to slack," Tully Marks said. "I don't believe this is true, since I know that students can go to successful careers or graduate studies with 'W's,' 'D's' or 'F's.' I am sure that the penalty for a few 'W's' is small."

It's when it becomes excessive that it becomes a concern."

- Danita Turpin Tevis, an academic adviser, on having 'W's' on a transcript

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A FAMILY BARBECUE

Thicker than water

UK football players (clockwise from left) Elery Moore, Chad Anderson, Antonio Hall, Shane Boyd, and Daniel and Andrew Hopewell are more than just teammates. Moore, Anderson, Hall and Boyd are cousins; the Hopewells are brothers.

In football, it's all in the family

By Jeff Patterson
ASSISTANT SPORTS EDITOR

UK football player Elery Moore didn't imagine he was going to a family reunion.

As he waited in the car while Antonio Hall and Shane Boyd talked in Hall and Moore's grandmother's house, he planned on hanging out with his friends.

But Boyd and Hall, his teammates, rushed to the car with some unexpected news.

They're all family. Boyd, Hall, Moore and Chad Anderson have more than UK football in common.

They're cousins. Hailing from Ohio, Anderson, Hall and Moore knew they were cousins, but the addition of Boyd into their family tree surprised everyone.

Boyd and Hall had been in the house talking about their families. They realized they might be related.

"We were just joking around and they were talking about how they used to go to

Kentucky, and they were talking about which part of Kentucky they used to go to, and they said Keene," Boyd said.

Boyd's great-grandmother lived in Keene, Ky.

So did Anderson, Hall, and Moore's great-grandparents.

Turns out, their great-grandparents are all first cousins.

That information came as no shock to Boyd and his "new" cousins.

"Usually everybody from Keene is related," Boyd said.

Avoiding any coincidence, they began branching the family tree.

Once they saw the tree, they knew they were family, said Boyd, a quarterback.

"It is always cool to find new family members," Moore said. "You say, 'One day you are going to run into someone you never knew was your family,' but it happened on our football team and that is a good thing."

For Hall, this just formal-

ized their relation.

"Me and Shane, we have always been boys since we first got here," Hall said. "We were real tight living in the dorms."

"We have been like family. Now we realize that we are."

Anderson, a linebacker, said he guesses that something magical either lurks in the water or marinates the food the cousins eat.

"I guess there is something in the ribs we have been eating," Anderson said.

He also prides himself in how well his cousins play. Finding out Boyd is part of the family just made him intensely that pride.

"When I found out that he was my cousin, I went, 'Damn, all the good players on the team are family of mine,'" Anderson said.

But just because they are family, it doesn't mean they lighten up on each other in practice.

When Moore, a nose tackle, lines up in practice against

Hall, an offensive tackle, he plays with extra fervor. He doesn't want Hall knocking him to the ground.

"You never take it easy on your family members," Moore said. "You probably give it to them more because it's bragging rights when you call home."

"You don't want to call home and hear, 'I heard Antonio beat you on a pass block,' or something like that. You never want to hear that."

Hall sees it differently. "They ain't no good at football," Hall said of Anderson and Moore. "I don't like either one of them."

All jokes aside, Hall said he loves playing with his cousins.

"Fortunately for us, we have some pretty good athletes in our family," Hall said.

Luckily for Boyd, he doesn't have to worry about Anderson or Moore gunning for him. During practice, Boyd

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"We have been like family. Now we realize that we are."

- Antonio Hall, UK offensive tackle, on his relationship with quarterback Shane Boyd

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next few months will be more expensive," said Andrew Melnykovich, director of communications for the Kentucky Public Service Commission, which regulates the natural gas industry.

Columbia Gas' rate until Dec. 1 is \$9.7569 per 1,000 metric cubic feet, the industry's measuring standard. Last quarter, the rate was \$8.1067. Columbia Gas sets its rates every three months.

The rate affects the wholesale cost of natural gas, which the company makes no profit from. The companies only profit from the delivery charges, which make up about 20 percent of a gas bill.

According to company officials, students can take measures to lower their bills. Replacing weather stripping, the rubber strips sealing windows and doors, can help reduce drafts. Also, students should ask their landlords about placing more insulation in the attic, Smith said. Warm air rises, so that can help keep warm air in the house.

"Work with the landlord and encourage them to weatherize the house," she said.

Turning down the thermostat can cut costs as well. Turning it from 72 degrees to 68 can save almost 15 percent, Melnykovich said. Keeping it turned down while away for the weekend or in class can also help.

Some rental companies said the increase in natural gas prices is prompting them to find alternatives. "We're slowly switching to electric instead of gas because of the high prices," said Dave Rioux, a manager for Wassmer Properties.

He said bills for some of the larger rental houses can be too expensive for students. "Students can't afford \$200 a month during the winter. It's too much," Rioux said. However, electric heat pumps aren't always cheaper than natural gas, Melnykovich said.

"It's not really cheaper once it gets past 20 degrees. Then, it gets so cold, even new pumps won't really heat all the house," he said. "It's like trying to heat a house with a big toaster."

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dons a red shirt because of his position, which means no one can hit him.

According to Anderson, the red shirt is the only thing that is saving him.

The "family tradition" doesn't end with these four players.

After graduating from Harrodsburg High School, Daniel Hopewell thought he would never play football with his brother again.

But Andrew Hopewell joined his brother at UK, keeping the family legacy strong.

Their father, David Hopewell, played football at UK in the 1970s.

They even have cousins, Emily and Sarah Foster, who play tennis for UK.

The Hopewell brothers also invite teammates, such as Chris Bernard, on family outings as dove hunting.

"Last few weeks, I have been going every week, every chance we got off," Andrew Hopewell said.

The brothers attempt to break the tradition of picking on each other.

"He's about as big as I am, so I don't pick on him too much," Daniel Hopewell said. "He picks on me a little bit, but not too much."

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UNIVERSITY OF KENTUCKY CRIMEREPORT

Selected reports made to UK Police from
Oct. 14, 2003 to Oct. 19, 2003.

- Oct. 14: Theft from Boone Tennis Center at 2:06 p.m.
- Oct. 14: Harassing communication reported at 404 South Limestone Street at 3:09 p.m.
- Oct. 14: Theft from 465 Rose Street at 3:17 p.m.
- Oct. 14: Theft from bookstore at 404 South Limestone Street at 3:26 p.m.
- Oct. 14: Criminal mischief reported at 729 South Limestone Street at 6:09 p.m.
- Oct. 14: Disorder in progress at 800 Rose Street at 10:32 p.m.
- Oct. 15: Criminal mischief reported at 175 Library Drive at 7:55 a.m.; theft from vending machine in basement.
- Oct. 15: Wireless piece stolen from 538 Rose Street at 1:32 p.m.
- Oct. 15: Medical run, assistance given to 700 Sports Center Drive at 4:29 p.m., where an 18-year-old male was hit in the head and complaining of numbness.
- Oct. 16: Disorder investigated at 800 Rose Street at 3:39 a.m.
- Oct. 16: Medical run, assistance given to 160 Funhouse Drive at 1:07 p.m., where someone was suffering a seizure.
- Oct. 17: Disorder in progress at Smoothie King on South Limestone Street at 1:44 a.m.
- Oct. 17: Money bag stolen from room K116 at 740 South Limestone Street at 7:57 a.m.
- Oct. 17: Disorder at Kentucky Clinic Drive at 1:21 p.m.
- Oct. 16: Burglary and arrest made at South Limestone Street and the Speedway station at 2:44 a.m., where a male and female tried to get in the construction site at Kentucky Clinic.
- Oct. 18: Fight in progress at 456 Rose Lane at 3:17 a.m.
- Oct. 18: Criminal mischief reported at 1405 Veterans Drive at 10:24 a.m.
- Oct. 18: Criminal mischief reported at 1435 Nicholasville Road at 1:21 p.m.
- Oct. 18: Six arrests for alcohol intoxication at Commonwealth Stadium.
- Oct. 18: Five arrests for alcohol intoxication, including one charged with a forged instrument, at 1540 University Drive.
- Oct. 19: Theft from the medical center at 6:20 a.m.

Source: UK Police Log at www.uky.edu/Police and police reports.

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Correction

A story in Thursday's Kernel incorrectly identified a fraternity. The fraternity Alpha Kappa Psi bought the red bench in the free speech area near the Student Center.

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ACADEMIC	
*Nathan Club Round Table, 4:00-6:00pm, Pazzo's Pizza (stairs)	
*Math Tutoring, All 100 Level Courses, 9:00am-9:00pm, Mathskeller (POT)	
SPORTS	
*Friday Football, 2:00pm, Good Barn Field, across from Commonwealth Stadium	
*Tau Kwon Do Club Practice, 5:30-7:00pm, Alumni Gym's Loft	
SPECIAL EVENT	
*Dwell 2003, 8:30PM, Singletary Center For Arts, Rm. Concert Hall	
ARTS/MOVIES	
*Lambada Movie "Broken Hearts Club", 8:00pm, WTY Library, Rm. Auditorium	
*True Grit: Seven Female Visionaries Before Feminism, Noon-8:00pm, UK Art Museum Galleries	
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*UK Football Game vs. Mississippi State, 7:00pm, Commonwealth Stadium	
*Tau Kwon Do Club Practice, 11:00am-12:30pm, Alumni Gym's Loft	
MEETINGS	
*College Worship Service, 8:12pm, Southside Church of Christ	
ACADEMIC	
*Math Tutoring, All 100 Level Classes, 6:00-8:00pm, 307 Commons	
*Chemistry Tutoring, All 100 Level Classes, 7:00-10:00pm, 307 Commons	
*Physics Tutoring, All 100 level classes and 211/213, 7:00-10:00pm, 307 Commons	
*Statistics 200, 251, 4:30-7:00pm, 307 Commons	
SPORTS	
*Ultimate Frisbee, 10:00pm, Haggin Field	
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Have your pie, eat it too: Kernel picks pumpkins



By Lindsey Keith
STAFF WRITER

As cool air comes and leaves paint the ground, pumpkin pie makes its annual comeback to kitchens everywhere. What makes a pumpkin pie tingle the taste buds? The Kernel asked two taste testers to decide.

Pumpkin pies from Missy's, Frisch's and Kroger were put to the test by the tasters to see which they thought was the ultimate pie.

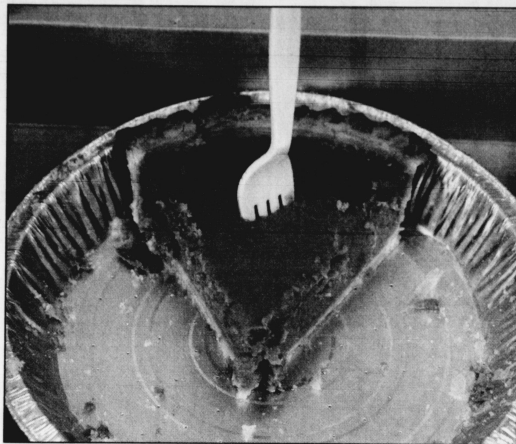
The pie-tasting panel was made up of Lindsey Catavolos and David Hardin, both integrated strategic communications juniors. They tasted the pies without knowing where the desserts were from and were asked to comment. At the end of the tasting, both judges chose their favorite pie based on flavor, smell, texture and appearance.

The panelists were split as to which was their favorite, but agreed upon the pumpkin pie that did not make their taste buds tingle. The pie from Missy's was first put to the test. The small pie shop's delicacy made the top of Catavolos' list.

"It melts in (my) mouth — it is delicious. I think it is perfect," Catavolos said. "It was the combination of smell, appearance and taste that just screamed perfection."

Hardin, however, was not as impressed with the Missy's pie. "A little too much ginger for me," he said. "It has a tempting aroma, but it is just a little too pasty." Both judges said the cinnamon and ginger flavor seemed overpowering in Missy's pie. Catavolos agreed, though she chose this pie as her favorite.

Next up was Frisch's famous pumpkin pie. After Hardin savored the taste for a few seconds, he claimed that



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As Thanksgiving draws closer, the Kernel decides to put three pumpkin pies to the ultimate taste test.

it had already topped the creation from Missy's without taking another bite.

"It has (a) beautiful pumpkin taste," Hardin said. He added that the first pie had too many spices, but Frisch's flavor blended seamlessly with no single ingredient surpassing the others.

Catavolos enjoyed the pie, but said she was not too impressed. "Don't get me wrong — I like it — but it did not meet my expectations," Catavolos said. "It does not have much flavor (and) it does not have the zest a pumpkin pie should have."

The final and least favorable pie tested was from Kroger.

"Pumpkin Jell-O," said Hardin.

"It was almost like pumpkin pudding with a touch of ginger," Catavolos said.

Both judges said they did enjoy the aroma, but it just didn't meet their expectations.

The basic ingredients of a pumpkin pie are brown sugar, salt, cinnamon, ginger, eggs and pumpkin (packed).

Pumpkin pie has been a fall tradition since the North

American Indians introduced settlers of the New World to pumpkin seeds. The settlers then began to extract the oil from the seeds and boil it to make soup. They also dried the oil from pumpkin seeds and ground it into meal for bread and pudding.

Colonial women began dicing ripe pumpkins and stewing them, adding butter, ginger and vinegar to sweeten the mix. Thus, the first pumpkin pie came about, and has since evolved into the present-day autumn treat.

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The Cats must beat the Bulldogs because a loss could turn this season into a bad rerun from the Bill Curry era.

UK head coach **Rick Brooks** needs this win to prove his Cats are on the right track after a win over Ohio. He needs to show fans and recruits that this is not the same old UK football program.

UK offensive coordinator Ron Hudson needs this win to prove his offensive scheme is no joke.

Jared Lorenzen needs this game to prove his best days are not behind him. Every UK player needs this win because another tough loss might be too much to take.

This season, Brooks has faced expectations greater than any recent UK coach has encountered in his first year. Fair or not, most fans view this season as a test of Brooks' coaching ability.

So far, Brooks has not

impressed. He cannot afford another poor performance because his most critical grader will not be offering extra credit any time soon.

UK fans are not the only ones grading Brooks these days. Across the state and throughout the country, football recruits watch the Cats.

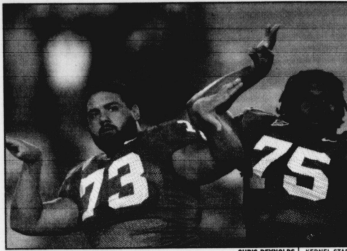
Another loss could make them forget about UK for good.

If Brooks (or anyone for that matter) is going to turn things around with UK's football program, he has to recruit. Selling UK is never easy, but pathetic showings against even more pathetic opponents (Mississippi State, I am looking at you) make that sale almost impossible.

Recruits have to believe in the future of the program to commit themselves for four years. Losses to teams like Mississippi State make that belief tough, even for the most optimistic homegrown high school players.

A win Saturday will not win over dozens of recruits, but a defeat might lose those recruits once and for all.

Nothing has been more disappointing than UK's offense this year. As the season began, most expected that the combination of Jared Lorenzen, an experienced offensive line, and a talented group of receivers would equal success for the Cats.



Senior offensive linemen Antonio Hall (left) and Sylvester Miller celebrate after UK's much-needed homecoming win over Ohio Saturday.

Instead, the offense has bumbled and stumbled its way to being the worst in the Southeastern Conference. UK has yet to have a player rush for 100 yards or throw for 300.

Last season, running back Artose Pinner led the SEC in rushing. This year, backup quarterback Shane Boyd is UK's leading rusher with a paltry 219 yards.

Now offensive coordinator Ron Hudson must answer for his squad's inability to move the ball.

In Mississippi State, he and the Cats face the SEC's worst defense. If Hudson's offense cannot score against the lowly Bulldogs, the questions surrounding him will turn into exclamations of disapproval.

And then there is Jared

Lorenzen. He roared onto the scene as a record-breaking freshman, but lately, those days seem so long ago.

Time is running out for Lorenzen and he needs a win. Now.

With Boyd emerging as a playmaker, Lorenzen needs a solid performance to secure his playing time and erase the rising doubts of UK fans.

UK cannot lose to Mississippi State. Its coaches and players cannot survive another disappointing loss.

UK fans have endured years of heartache. They won't keep watching the same hopeless reruns forever.

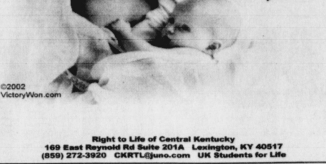
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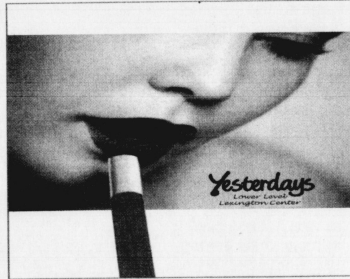
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"They ain't no good at football. I don't like either of them."

— Joked UK football player Antoine Hall, when talking about his cousins, Chad Anderson and Ellery Moore.

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IN OUR OPINION

Loan program has potential

In an effort to encourage downtown home ownership, the Lexington-Fayette Urban County Government, Samaritan Hospital and UK will offer forgivable loans for employees purchasing a home in the downtown area. The program organizers hope the financial assistance will attract young professionals to new residential areas.

The program, named "Live Where You Work," may also have positive effects on the always-troublesome commuter traffic and downtown parking.

Perhaps most important, however, is the fact that new residents will mean economic growth for the area. Conceivably, downtown stores will thrive and locals will not be forced to drive across town to shop. This will help to develop the College Town area surrounding UK.

While the plan is a good idea to fill downtown housing at reasonably lower prices, certain issues need to be addressed. As an area with a proportionally high ratio of student residents, employees considering taking advantage of the loan should be aware that they might not be purchasing the quietest property in town.

This caveat goes both ways, however: Facing a

potential influx of new neighbors, students living in the downtown area should party responsibly, being careful not to disturb their non-student neighbors.

There's still stress between students and homeowners after last year's Lexington Area Party Plan. While it's a great idea to have a mix downtown, the two groups obviously have different living styles, which must be a consideration.

At least we know the money won't be given away without thought. To ensure that first-time home-buyers are not overwhelmed with costs and management, the program requires those receiving loans to pass a homeowner education program. It also requires that applicants be approved for loans through one of the two participating banks. These checks in the system show that organizers have worked to minimize complications and possible abuse within the program.

All in all, "Live Where You Work" is an innovative and potentially beneficial program for downtown employees. With attention to certain issues from both new residents and students already in the vicinity, the plan can benefit everyone.

A sports fanatic's growing dilemma

It's looking more and more like college and professional sports have degenerated into a celebration of the worst components of human nature. On-field brawls and pre-game insult contests seem to be the sexiest stories to come out of America's most popular sports.

Last week I, along with millions of others, watched Chicago fans drench Steve Bartman with beer while the Cubs were blowing game six of the National League Championship Series. Bartman had tried to catch a foul ball that Cub right-fielder Moises Alou may have been able to catch for the second out of the inning.

After the Florida Marlins took the lead, fans released their frustrations on Bartman, who had to be escorted out of the stadium by police for his own safety.

A week earlier, football fans watched as Warren Sapp, defensive tackle for the Tampa Bay Buccaneers, insulted



Josh Sullivan
DIALOGUE EDITOR

the entire Indianapolis Colts team by skipping through its warm-up drills on his way to the other side of the field. Later on, Sapp deliberately bumped into a referee who had his back turned.

A few days later, the NFL league office fined Sapp for his history of mistreating officials and threatened to suspend him if he interrupted another team's warm-up drills again. After the league took action, Sapp responded by comparing the NFL to slavery in an interview.

That's funny. As far as I know, slaves never signed multi-million dollar contracts and endorsement deals, nor were they treated like the second coming of Christ because they could catch a ball.

The list of disgusting displays of bad sportsmanship goes on and on. Terrel Owens, wide receiver for the San Francisco 49ers, has made a career out of taunting his opponents and throwing temper tantrums on the sidelines.

The major story of baseball's American League Championship Series was of game five's brawl that was prompted by a pitch thrown at a New York Yankee player's head by Red Sox pitcher Pedro Martinez. Camera flashes

lit up the stadium and fan cheering rose to a fever pitch as the benches cleared.

A Lexington sports radio show host later said the scrap was great for baseball. Tell that to the millions of little league players who emulate these professionals and dream of playing in a World Series some day.

Since ESPN burst onto the scene in the 1980s, the channel has celebrated players who make a name for themselves through laudable achievements on the field. It has also celebrated players who make their names by acting like barbarians. Pull a Sharpie out of your sock and sign a ball after scoring a touchdown, throw a punch at another player or come up with the most ridiculous endzone dance possible and you're sure to make SportsCenter that night. It's getting harder and harder to truly believe that "sports build character."

But no matter how tired I get of all the antics one day, I always come back the next. I guess it's because there's always a triumphant story amidst the chaos.

For every Allen Iverson, there's a David Robinson, spending huge chunks of his

wealth on efforts to improve education in his home state of Texas. For every Warren Sapp there's a Brett Favre, who has played the game of football with as much passion, heart and class as any player I've ever seen.

For every Pedro Martinez there's an Aaron Boone, crying his eyes out at a farewell press conference after being traded from the Reds to the Yankees and thanking the fans he loves as well as the organization that let him go.

On Sept. 18, a young man named Neil Parry took the field on San Jose State's punt return team in the fourth quarter of its game against Nevada. Three years earlier, Parry ran onto the same field and left with a leg that was broken so badly it had to be amputated. It took 25 surgeries, 15 prosthetic legs and years of rehabilitation, but Parry persevered and took the field again to become the first non-kicker to play in a college football game with a prosthetic leg.

Moments like that are why I keep coming back.

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Kentucky's deficit awaits new governor

The biggest issue waiting for Kentucky's next governor will no doubt be how to deal with this year's budget shortfall of \$280 million, with an anticipated \$600 million shortfall in the cards for the next fiscal year.

Yet, at the same time, many groups are pressing gubernatorial candidates Ernie Fletcher and Ben Chandler to increase funding to several areas of the state budget. The Kentucky Board of Education wants an extra \$820 million over the next two years.

The Kentucky AARP wants to raise cigarette taxes by 25 cents a pack to generate \$100 million in revenue for Medicaid. Ben Chandler and Ernie Fletcher both want to expand drug courts, and Chandler is seeking to increase the police force by five percent.

We're just getting started here. Would somebody like to tell me where we're going to get all of this money? Kentucky law requires its General Assembly to balance the budget. Kentucky does have a Rainy Day fund of \$54.8 million, but that's not nearly enough money to cover the shortfall.

Chandler and Fletcher have both vowed to cut "waste" in the education budget. Fletcher says he will cut administrative costs, unnecessary paperwork and fraud or misuse to cover his improvements. Chandler wants to fund education spending increases with revenues from slots installed at race tracks, but also wants to cut waste and fraud in all areas of government.

Okay, now what about the deficit? Do we want to put more money into programs where we're sure there is waste? I realize you can cut from one area of the program and increase funding to another, but how can we, the taxpayers, be assured that some of the funds aren't going to go to waste? This problem isn't specific to Kentucky. States all over the nation face this problem.

California recalled a governor primarily because he and state legislators failed to address their budget problems, allowing a huge deficit even though California's state constitution calls for a balanced budget. Obviously, everyone would like to see government programs that impel them to improve; however, it's not feasible for everyone to get their way. In fact, it looks as if many people will end up disappointed.

When following the issues, it's important to realize that activists will often exaggerate their positions to create a sense of urgency or even fear among voters so they will acquiesce to higher spending. When state budgets are tight, we need to realize that deficit spending will leave the state in worse shape for future generations.

Yeah, tuition increases stink. Everyone, including myself, complains about them. However, barring exceptions that I'm sure exist, we're still here. UK enrollment is up from last year. Isn't your education valuable enough to you for you to spend the extra money?

Senior citizens may have to pay for more health care. Guess what? Seniors as a whole are the most affluent age group of our population, and most of them spend several times the amount of money on entertainment, eating out, etc., than they do on prescription drugs. There are exceptions, and I'm confident we can take care of those. However, why should seniors who can afford it be opposed to spending a few extra dollars on health care? They still have Social Security, Medicare and a new prescription drug plan passed by Congress. With the future in mind, why couldn't those who can afford it channel a few extra dollars towards their own healthcare? After all, isn't health the most valuable asset a person has?

There has been talk about Congress pitching federal aid to states in trouble. How convenient. Instead of cutting spending, we can further run up a federal budget deficit that is projected to be \$480 billion next year.

Both Fletcher and Chandler have said tax increases are not out of the question. But if we increase taxes, it will do our budget no good if we pass our revenues out carelessly as if we were playing hot potato. We don't live in a world where everyone gets what they want. Spending must be cut. Even fiscal conservatives bring a butter knife to a gun fight these days. Bottom line: Everyone has to sacrifice something now to benefit Kentucky in the future.

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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Fletcher's habit of missing votes hampers his ability to govern

As a U.S. Representative, Ernie Fletcher has missed many, many votes — including more than 50 votes since the primary election. This is despite the fact that his only obligations as a legislator is to create, study, evaluate and vote on pieces of legislation. He has even missed votes in order to attend fundraisers to further his own political career rather than representing Kentucky in key votes.

These missed votes include votes on the Family Farm Bankruptcy Relief Act of 2003, the House Congressional Resolution 49 (against anti-Semitic violence), the Tax Relief, and the Simplification and Equity Act.

Recently Fletcher even missed a vote that will cost at least eight million workers their overtime pay. Instead of being present to secure overtime pay for struggling families, Fletcher opted to attend a Lexington fundraiser.

Ernie Fletcher is now running for governor of Kentucky — a position with far greater power and responsibility than the one he has now. He lacks the commitment to do his current job, and we cannot afford to gamble with Kentucky's future. He has been an irresponsible and self-serving representative and would probably be an irresponsible and self-serving governor.

Ben Chandler, on the other hand, has always been an extremely responsible and diligent statesman. He would make an excellent governor and has my support.

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Sputtering running game slows down Cats

By Jeff Patterson
ASSISTANT SPORTS EDITOR

Slow starts confuse UK football players.

Through seven games this season, UK (3-4, 0-3 Southeastern Conference) has scored one touchdown on its first drive.

The one touchdown came against Florida, when UK boiled out to a 21-3 lead. UK players and coaches are trying to figure out why the Cats start so slow.

"We go to practice and we try to concentrate more, try to get our assignments," said tight end Jeremiah Drobney. "We're just trying to get a game like Florida, where we came out and started off really well."

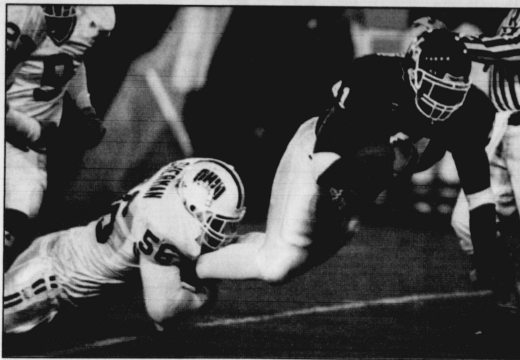
Against Florida, the Cats ran the ball all over the Gators. UK rushed 44 times for 175 yards.

But that has been the lone bright spot for the UK ground game.

This season, UK ranks last in the SEC in rushing with 124.7 yards per game.

But Saturday against Mississippi St. (2-5, 1-2 SEC), the Cats will face the worst rushing defense in the league. The Mississippi St. Bulldogs allow 191.6 yards per game.

Last year, the Cats would turn to running back Artose Pinner in times like these. But last year's SEC Offensive Player of the Year is now



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Ohio linebacker Willie Sherman tackles UK fullback Ronald "Rock" Johnson in UK's 35-14 win over Ohio.

playing in the National Football League.

But that was last year. This year the Cats leading rusher is backup quarterback Shane Boyd. Boyd has rushed for 219 yards this season.

UK head coach Rich Brooks attributes the lack of a running game to the short amount of time the offense is out on the field.

"We don't have as many snaps on offense (as last

year) because we aren't getting first downs and being on the field as much," Brooks said. "The remarkable side of that story is how many

points we're scoring versus how many opportunities we've had."

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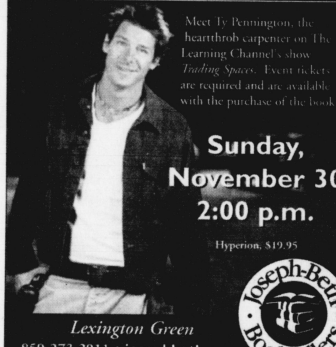
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