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Senators pass early budget in first meeting

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At the end of Student Government's first full Senate meeting last night, senators were still not in agreement on the provisional budget.

The preliminary budget includes \$13,500 going toward SG office renovation and \$4,000 more than last year for executive and legislative staff salaries. Not all senators think it is necessary.

Sen. Lauren Russow, a political science sophomore, and Sen. Tegan Alexander, a journalism senior, had objections with the staff salaries.

"I just don't understand why these numbers have increased," Russow said. "I just want some reasoning for why they are getting paid more."

Alexander agreed. "We just need to know why these numbers are higher than last year's," Alexander said.

SG President Jonah Brown ad-

ressed questions regarding the budget in a general statement.

"Please keep in mind that we are now dealing with a completely new administration," Brown said. "That means a whole new set of salaries, a new set of responsibilities and my own expectations that I have set forth completely separate from the previous administration's salaries."

Sen. Justin Rasner, a second-year medical student, was in favor of the budgeted salaries.



Brown
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"These figures are just not that high," Rasner said. "I know of many student organizations who get paid double these salaries to do the same job. We can't expect these people to take time out of their own schedules and work for us free."

In the end, only two senators — Alexander and architecture senior Erik Dyer — did not vote in favor of the budget.

"I urge all senators to go home and look through this suggested budget thoroughly," said Sen. Josh Odoi, a mechanical engineering senior. "But it is important to pass this provisional document tonight so we can get this money working for the students."

The provisional budget was approved after much debate, questioning
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Controller only got two hours of sleep

By Sean Rose
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The lone air-traffic controller manning the tower during Sunday morning's crash at Blue Grass Airport only got two hours of sleep the night before, investigators said. The controller had nine hours off before he started the shift that involved the crash, the National Transportation Safety Board said based on interviews.

"He advised our team that he got approximately two hours of sleep," said NTSB member Debbie Hersman in the final press conference in Lexington last night.

The controller worked an eight-hour shift on Saturday that ended at 2:30 p.m. He had nine hours off until he took his next shift at 11:30 p.m. Saturday. That shift was supposed to end at 8 a.m. Sunday.

Flight 5191 crashed at 6:07 a.m., about an hour before sunrise.

Hersman said the investigation would continue to examine if this was normal scheduling for a traffic controller. She said a controller is required to have at least eight hours off between shifts.

"We will continue to look at shifting and policies," Hersman said. She would not comment if the controller's lack of sleep played a factor in the crash.

The controller handled 16 takeoffs after his second shift started before Flight 5191 crashed. Two planes took off within five minutes before the crash.

Hersman said the controller was performing several duties, such as clearance, departure control, approach control and ground clearance, since he was the only controller in the tower. Hersman said that near the time Flight 5191 was taking off, the controller was vectoring the plane that took off 3 minutes before Flight 5191 around weather.

Earlier in the week NTSB announced that there was only one controller working the airport, whereas the Federal Aviation Administration requires two to be working. The controller working Sunday morning said he turned his back to perform administrative duties and did not actually see Flight 5191 turn onto the wrong, shorter runway at Blue Grass Airport, the NTSB said. A second controller arrived at 6:30 a.m.

Hersman said that 244 more feet were needed on the runway for Flight 5191 to accelerate to take-off speed, amending statistics from earlier in the week. Even more room would be needed after that minimal 3,744 feet for the plane to become airborne.

The plane, a CRJ-100, would also need 138 knots to become airborne. It reached 137 knots, the NTSB said.

Flight 5191 took off from the 3,500-foot Runway 26 at Blue Grass Airport, whereas it had been cleared for the 7,000-foot Runway 22. It crashed after 29 seconds of acceleration, killing 49 of the 50 people on board, including 11 with UK ties.

The co-pilot, James Polehinke, is the
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'Our hearts are not without hope' Gov. Fletcher encourages grieving for families of crash victims



By Elizabeth Troutman
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Gov. Ernie Fletcher offered a prayer of hope to the congregation of a local church last night, urging the community to cling to the memories of loved ones who died in the crash of Comair Flight 5191 on Sunday morning.

"We are thankful for the compassion around us that gives us the strength, for our hearts are not without hope," Fletcher said.

Fletcher, who participated in a prayer service at Centenary United Methodist Church on Tates Creek Road, encouraged the congregation to take time to grieve for those who died Sunday. About 200 people attended the event.

"We will let their unique gifts and memories live on," he said.

Rev. David Thomas read the names of the crash victims as 49 candles were lit before the congregation. Thomas, whose neigh-

bors died in the crash, empathized with those grieving for friends and family members.

"I know biblical answers are only salt on the wound," he said. "Even the best answers can't stop the bleeding."

Thomas's message spoke to members of the community searching for answers after tragedy. He told his church to rely on their faith.

The congregation joined hands in small groups to pray at the close of the ceremony. Fletcher, who spoke to a crash victim's father earlier that day, met with members of the congregation after the service to offer encouragement to the community.

Bishop James R. King, who is head of the United Methodist Church of Kentucky, asked the congregation to reflect on the lives of those who died.

"Go into those memories you shared with loved ones, and find reasons to celebrate," King said.



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Top: Paige Williams reads scripture from Romans and Revelations during a vigil for the victims of Flight 5191 last night at Centenary United Methodist Church.

Above: Gov. Ernie Fletcher sits next to candles lit in memory of the victims of Flight 5191 during the vigil. Fletcher spoke at the memorial service, encouraging the congregation to pray for the victims and their families.

Get slammed, wax poetic at the Cats Den

By Ryan W. Evans
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Rhyme, reason and a yearning to perform. All three will be on stage for the first poetry slam of the semester at the Cats Den in the Student Center tonight at 7:07 p.m.

Poetry slams, such as those seen in coffee houses or on HBO's "Def Poetry Jam," are events where participants perform poetry before an audience. Writers use their personal lyrical styles in their performance.

"It seemed to draw a pretty good crowd last year, and we're hoping that it's just going to get better as we hold more of them," said Kathryn

Goldley, an economics and French freshman who is the Cats Den's events coordinator.

More slams are being scheduled for the future. This particular event has been held at the Cats Den since November 2005.

A slam in February will award the winner a paid trip to the National Slam in Tennessee hosted by the Association of Colleges Unions International.

"We see this as an opportunity for students to express themselves poetically," Goldley said. "One of my concerns is that people are hesitant to get on stage, but the slam is very welcoming and rewarding for the performers and the audience."

The Cats Den also hosts a number of events on campus throughout the year, including weekly Bingo games on Tuesdays at 7:07 p.m. and Comedy

Caravan on Wednesdays at 8 p.m. Other large events are being planned as well. The time 7:07 p.m. was chosen to stick out in people's minds.

"We're planning for our first open-mic night on Sept. 14," Goldley said. "We've also got table tennis and poker tournaments being scheduled for October." Despite signs throughout campus, some students — especially freshmen and other incoming students — are unaware of the events sponsored by the Cats Den.

"To tell the truth, I really haven't noticed the signs all that much," said Max Webb, an undeclared freshman. "But, with it being the first week of classes and a lot of new students trying to find their way

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and confusion over parliamentary procedure, something Senate President Brent Burchett hopes will be clarified by the next meeting.

"Senators, I promise not all meetings will be this confusing," Burchett said. "We will all come to understand these official orders and know how to use them, and we'll get business taken care of faster and more efficiently."

Brown offered a recap of SG's summer activities, including its Kentucky Leadership Academy retreat, the Commerce

Lexington retreat and the Student Activities Leadership retreat that some senators attended.

"We really appreciate all of the senators who were active with our projects this summer," Brown said. "It was great to have so many get involved."

Brown also discussed the success of Welcome Week and the State of the Campus Address.

"There were a lot of students who showed support of the changes we are beginning to make. Now it is important that every single one of you get out there and work towards more change," Brown said.

The orders of the day opened with the unanimous approval of the legislative appointments of Angie Smits and Ash-

ley Hull as Senate clerks and Bradley Joe Hartsock as parliamentarian.

A resolution condemning violence against women at UK that Vice President of Student Affairs Pat Terrell has been working on over the summer was passed by unanimous consent.

"The purpose for resolutions like this can be used to get an issue out to the public," Burchett said. "Everything we discuss passes the UK president's desk and is out in the media."

The presidential appointments in the executive branch — including Robbie Hopkins as chief of staff, Chris Crumrine as executive director and Nick Phelps as cabinet secretary — passed unanimously.

This act also introduced a

new position, the historian, into the executive branch.

"The historian is a position we think will be of great importance this year and in the future," Brown said. "This person will be responsible for taking pictures of all Student Government events, putting them onto our new Web site and documenting them for future use."

Courtney McGonnel will serve as historian.

Brown explained the executive cabinets, and Phelps urged recruitment of new members.

"We need around 60 students to serve on these cabinets," Phelps said. "They can be anyone: freshmen, seniors, grad students. I want a good variety. And we plan to have four to six freshmen in each cabinet to help build them up."

Hersman said much of the investigation will result in the publication of a report and an opinion that will be voted on by the entire board.

CRASH

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only survivor and has been in critical condition at UK Chandler Medical Center since Sunday.

Polehinke was handling the

aircraft during take-off, and pilot Jeffrey taxied the plane to the wrong runway, the NTSB said in previous press conferences.

First responders reached the burning and mangled aircraft eight minutes after they received a call about the crash. It took 6 minutes to put the fire out.

Airport cameras had video of the plane taxiing but a parking

garage was obstructing some of the views. The turn onto the wrong runway could not be viewed and only the beginning of the take-off roll could be seen.

Hersman said much of the investigators were moving off-site for interviews and further analysis. Much of the investigation is now based in Cincinnati

and Washington, D.C. Some investigators will remain on-site for a couple more days.

Hersman would not give a concrete timeline for the investigation but said many of them took over a year.

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CATS DEN

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around, it's kind of understandable that something like that might happen."

Some returning students aren't aware of what is going on at the Cats Den either. "I've definitely heard and read about the Cats Den, but I've never really looked into what's going on," said Mary Hughes, an undeclared sophomore.

The intent of the slam is to reverse that and get students informed and involved.

"We're just hoping that this first slam will get the word out and that we'll get a big turnout," said Goldey. "I just want people to come out and have fun. That's the most important thing with all of this."

Participants must perform an original poem, which must last three minutes or less. Any poem and subject matter is welcome. No props may be used during the performance. Participants can show up and perform. Sign-ups may be used in future shows. More information is available at www.uky.edu/Student-Center/CatsDen.



Members of Circlefour perform Empty Now from their self-titled album. Circlefour opened up for Voodoo Blue, a pop, punk rock group from Maryland.

Bush highlights themes for midterm elections

By Michael Abramowitz THE WASHINGTON POST

NASHVILLE, Tenn. — Sandwiching politics between anniversary commemorations for the two pivotal events of his tenure, President Bush campaigned Wednesday on behalf of two Republican candidates facing unexpectedly strong Democratic opposition in Southern border states dominated in recent years by the GOP.

A day after visiting New Orleans to mark the first anniversary of Hurricane Katrina, Bush flew to Little Rock to appear at a closed-door fundraiser for former congressman Asa Hutchinson, who is trailing state Attorney General Mike Beebe in his bid to become Arkansas governor. After little more than three hours on the ground, Bush moved on to Nashville to help Bob Corker collect funds for his contest against Democrat Harold Ford Jr. for Tennessee's open Senate seat.

Appearing before a friendly crowd of about 500 GOP partisans at a downtown Nashville hotel, Bush previewed some of the themes he will strike at an address Thursday in Salt Lake

City at the American Legion's national convention.

Terrorism and Iraq loom large in the coming midterm elections, and the GOP majorities in both chambers of Congress are at risk. In many of the most competitive races, Republicans are still hoping the public trusts them more to defeat terrorism, and Bush highlighted the issues on behalf of Corker, who is bidding to fill the seat of retiring Senate Majority Leader Bill Frist.

Bush offered an impassioned defense of his Iraq policy, linking the war to the battle against terrorists and once again rejecting the growing clamor from Democrats — and some Republicans — to begin setting a timetable for withdrawing the more than 130,000 U.S. troops. While acknowledging that many Americans are troubled by the violence in Iraq, he said "amazing progress" is being made and said defeating the insurgency in Iraq is essential to preventing terrorists from coming to America.

If America left Iraq "before the job is done," he said, it would be a "major defeat" for the United States and would create a "terrorist state in the heart

of the Middle East."

The Tennessee Senate race is shaping up as one of the most interesting this year, with Ford mounting a fierce effort to become the first African American since Reconstruction to be elected to the Senate from the South. Tennessee is a conservative state, and political analysts here say Bush's popularity has not fallen as steeply as it has in other states.

But Ford has been making inroads by stressing moderate positions on social and fiscal issues. He has supported the war in Iraq but told the Nashville Tennessee this week that he does not share a "stay the course" philosophy with the president.

On Corker's campaign Web site, he says: "We must complete our mission in Iraq, supporting the new emerging democratic government until Iraqi forces are prepared to defend their country."

The GOP believes its chances of holding on to the seat improved after Corker's victory in this month's primary over two more conservative candidates, although the Ford campaign released a poll last week suggesting it had a small lead. Other in-

dependent analysts are skeptical of those numbers.

John Geer, a political scientist at Vanderbilt University who specializes in campaign advertising, said Ford is trying to "turn the race into a referendum on the president, and some of Corker's moves have played into this," including Wednesday night's fundraiser.

But Geer said he doubts the fundraiser will hurt Corker too much, especially since GOP officials said they collected more than \$1.5 million for the campaign and for the Tennessee GOP.

Just the fact that the race appears to be so close is bad news for the Republicans, according to Geer and other analysts. A switch of six seats would give the Democrats control of the Senate for the first time since 2002.

"Democrats are going to have a good year in the Senate," said Jennifer Duffy, who tracks Senate races for the nonpartisan Cook Political Report. "Tennessee is the firewall between a Democratic majority and a Republican majority. If this state goes Democratic, it would likely mean the Democrats will be in the majority."

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Comic: How broke is your ass?

By Ellie Fairbanks
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If there's one thing college students need to know, it's how to manage money.

We've all been there: You come to school with a seemingly loaded bank account from your summer job, and you think you're set. In terms of a college kid, you're rich. However, a few weeks into the semester, your bank account is dry — and once again, you are the epitome of a broke college kid.

Last night comedian James Cunningham brought his "Funny Money" performance to UK to help students alleviate this problem.

Cunningham began his comedic/financial performance with a question and answer game called "How broke is your ass?"

Judging from the applause and shouts from the crowd, everyone's ass at Memorial Hall was broke.

If you missed the performance and are curious as to how

money you'll make and spend." According to Cunningham, students should follow three steps to achieve financial success: budget cash, organize debt and invest money now.

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Dining Services should heed students' voice

Students loudly voiced their opinions about the meal plan in a referendum in March's Student Government elections: More than 80 percent of voters said UK should go back to the declining-balance system.

As of now, it appears that the university is going to wish for the issue to fade away, rather than actually change the meal plan.

But when it comes to campus dining — one of the most crucial concerns for students living on campus — a philosophy of "ignore what the students think" is completely wrong-headed.

There is no reason for the university not to provide what students clearly want, especially when the desired system was in place just two school years ago.

We understand that the meal plan wasn't go-

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ing to be changed between the vote in late March and the start of the fall semester. By then, incoming students were already starting to pay for plans on the current system, and an abrupt switch would have been confusing.

It is entirely realistic, however, for a return to the declining-balance plan to be at the top of UK Dining Services' agenda for next school year.

Dining services director Jeff DeMoss told The Kernel last week that the vote may not have accurately reflected the sentiments of students who live on campus — who have the most stake in the meal plan, since they must purchase it — because it included off-campus students as well.

But his reasoning contains two flaws.

First, the structure of the meal plan may actually be one reason that students choose not to live on campus.

Students, especially upperclassmen, may be reluctant to return to the dorms when doing so commits them to a plan that costs \$947 but provides, at most, one meal per day.

That comes out to about \$55.70 per week, which would purchase far more than seven meals at any local grocery store.

Second, if administrators wanted to find out how on-campus students feel about the meal plan, they could easily conduct a scientific survey.

They have e-mail addresses, phone numbers and local addresses for every student who lives

in the residence halls; they could get a sample, perform a survey and release the results to the public.

Of course, if it came back with the finding that students indeed want to return to a declining-balance system, UK would have to either start listening or own up to the fact that its actions fly in the face of the student body's desires.

Somehow we doubt that UK is about to back itself into that corner.

That leaves students who want to return to the old plan with one option: Keep demanding change, and do it as loudly as possible.

If students exert enough public pressure, they can achieve a return to a sensible dining system.

Plan B move a good step in preventing unwanted pregnancy

Last Thursday, the Food and Drug Administration approved the "morning-after pill" for over-the-counter sale to women over 18.

The drug's new availability sparks conflict from those who liken the drug to abortion.

Plan B, as it's commonly known, has been available with a prescription since 1999 and is now available over the counter.

But in order to obtain the pill, there must be proof of age. This is an important part of the drug's availability — a woman 18 years old, we believe, is responsible enough to obtain the contraceptive.

Plan B, however, should not be used as a substitution for responsibility and common sense.

Before making a snap judgment on Plan B, people should first become educated about the product. It is not equivalent to RU-486, which is effective

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tively an abortion pill.

As for any likeness to abortion, the emergency contraceptive does not affect fertilized eggs.

UK Feminist Alliance President Carrie Bass said, "It only prevents ovulation of eggs and stops sperm from fertilizing. So as for the medical definition of abortion, this does not apply."

We agree. While it should not be advocated as something to prevent sexually transmitted disease, it can prevent unwanted pregnancy.

Allowing women another option in preventing pregnancy is a good step forward.

With last week's decision, women have been given another choice with regard to their bodies.

Correction

An editorial in Wednesday's Kernel incorrectly characterized the Student Government Web site. The correct address for the new site is www.uksga.org, and it is currently functioning.

Follow your dreams, even if it leaves others scratching their heads

In 1993, I was so pissed at Michael Jordan.

When Jordan left the Chicago Bulls for the Birmingham Barons, a minor-league baseball team, no one knew quite what to think — and neither did I.

He was the best basketball player in the world, and suddenly he was just another hack on a team full of anonymous dudes.

(I realize this happened more than a decade ago, but that doesn't mean we've all forgotten about MJ, now have we? Stay with me.)

I thought it was dumbest, most selfish thing I had ever heard. My 10-year-old, grade-school self was heated. I mean, I bought that red Chicago Bulls Starter jacket with all the zippers. I had all the zippers. I watched every "NBA on NBC" Sunday game. By the way, the John Tesh-written theme for the "NBA on NBC" may be one of the greatest orchestral works of my lifetime, or at least the only one I can recall right now. I would hum it for you if I could, but you should find it online and "borrow" it for a while.

But the point is, I was an MJ fan more so than a fan of the Bulls — who really has a favorite NBA team? — and so I felt abandoned.

Sure, I watched as Mike swung and missed again and again in the minors, and I cheered his eventual return to basketball. But I still never understood what he was thinking or doing.

Now I think I do. He had to do what he wanted, and he trusted that he knew what that was. I am trying to do the same thing. OK, in no way am I comparing myself to Michael Jordan — he has a logo, for crying out loud — as he is awesome in ways I will never be. I am saying I think I get what

was going through his aerodynamically sound noggin.

I just left what I always hoped would be the right place for me — law school. (Note to College of Law: It wasn't your fault. It's not you; it's me. Can we still be friends?)

Law school is a fine, well-lit place with plenty of good people and never a dull moment. It just wasn't for me.

I walked away, and it probably doesn't make all that much sense to many.

I knew I could handle the work and be all right. Again, I am not saying I was going to be the MJ of law school; my best I may have been the Will Perdue of law (he averaged less than five points and five rebounds per game over his 13-year career; in other words, he was fairly mediocre, but still a pro).

I knew I had to have had to chase (but with frequent stops for walking) another dream. I had to see if I could do what made me happy — reporting, writing and telling stories. If I have already failed at that with this effort, just keep that to yourself for a little while.

It was my dad who gave me the best advice when I was weighing this decision.

"It's the not the what; it's the why," he said.

He is exactly right. It doesn't matter what you're doing as long as you know why you're doing it. If you are doing something for the right reason, then it is the right thing for you. When I was honest with myself, I knew what I had to do — I had to go in a new direction.

When MJ tried baseball, it was the right thing for him to do. I am sure he just couldn't shake the questions of "What if?" — and so he had to find out the answers. It was a choice only he could make.

I understand about that now, and I still want to be like Mike, because he knew what he wanted and I hope I do too.

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The new Greyhound is underway — for those too cash-strapped to fly

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JONATHAN MEADOR, Kernel Columnist

into me with the force of a coal barge. I instinctively grip my cell phone as if it were a baby as I double over my luggage and onto the filthy tiled floor, greeted by a pair of meticulously clean Converse All-Stars and what appear to be the flattened remnants of a hamburger.

A voice — husky, vaguely feminine — says "Sorry, hon," as two pillars of marbled cellulite thunder past, followed by a diaper-clad toddler sporting a massive, vein-growth the size of an apple on the side of his globular blonde head.

If you can afford better means for traveling this nation, Going Greyhound will never cross your mind.

And for good reason. A typical Greyhound bus depot is a veritable cross-section of America's unwanted poor — comprised mostly of middle-class blacks, Grade-A white trash, a smattering of teenage dropouts, burnouts, and derelicts, a Latino or two, and the occasional bearded Mennonite

— people who are essentially here because they cannot afford to be anywhere else, and are thus at the mercy of some desk jockey who designs the bus schedules deep in the bowels of Greyhound's corporate offices, located somewhere along the seventh rim of hell. This combination of demographics is, to put it lightly, a volatile one.

If you can keep your xenophobia in check, perhaps the beggars will test your Judeo-Christian patience. They hover along the outskirts of the crowd like jackals, pandering for bizarre sums — one such specimen accosting me for "just 10 cents so I can get some fried chicken," another requiring "\$9.87 for an oil change," then disappearing

across the street only to reappear, rather depressingly, underneath the gentle neon of a nearby liquor store. Anyone who's ever spent time in a big city knows the mistake of giving in to the homeless: Forging over cash is a sign of weakness that the others can smell like blood.

Luckily I'm too drunk to experience the slightest pangs of empathy; I just brush them off with a shake of the head and a raising of my upturned palms, studiously conveying the universal sign for broke.

If you've ever been to a Greyhound bus depot, then you know the threat of violence always lurks beneath that moth-eaten blanket of societal normalcy we take for granted. The experience is wholly different from traveling in airports, where the threat of physical harm is impersonal, and therefore somewhat more acceptable.

For example, while surfing the net on your laptop via the airport Starbucks' wi-fi terminal, your biggest fears oscillate between A) "I hope no one steals my Dell/iBook," and B) "I hope there are no Muslims on board, because one of them could be a terrorist." This is probably true for most of affluent America, whose fears are usually as predictable as they are stupid. Worst-case scenario, you're painlessly blown up and/or unable to finish your TPS report, which will yield (at least) one ABC made-for-TV movie.

For the country's less well-to-do (i.e., everyone), whose options for travel are obviously limited, Greyhound is really the only way to go, aside from hitch-hiking or AMTRAK. So John Q. Public (that increasingly-vague and elusive middle-class archetype) must endure traveling at a snail's pace, making innumerable "detours" into various locales he's not even going to, often in the dead of night — places whose layovers are veritable black holes of human indignity, devoid of airport-esque amenities like VIP lounges, rudimentary air-conditioning, and a security force equivalent to the armed entourage of a South American drug lord.

In addition to the inherent and mind-boggling inefficiencies common to this mode of transport, Mr. Public must also confront Greyhound-specific fears: "I hope no one A) stabs me; B) kidnaps my children; C) robs me; D) sodomizes me; E) gang-rapes me;" (To wit, merely entering a Greyhound

depot bathroom at 2 o'clock in the morning gives one the impression that something very bad has happened, and just recently.)

Oh, worse-case scenario: The police identify John Q. by dental record, and his unsolved murder winds up on Court TV. Just FYI.

All of which is beside the point. I'll admit, except that right now the mood in this Cincinnati depot is quickly turning nasty.

We've been waiting over an hour for a bus that has yet to arrive. As murmurs of insurrection drift through the crowd, I take little comfort in our best safeguard against an all-out Hobbesian state of war: A lone, elderly rent-a-cop standing in the corner of this holding pen, napping upright like a damn Clydesdale.

Start your engines.

Recovering from my encounter with the human tanker, I feverishly check my pockets to make sure nothing has fallen out, locating my wallet, cell phone, keys, tickets and cigarettes in a fit of mechanical survival — one must frequently ensure that valuables are in order, at any given moment, simply for peace of mind — when, after another 15 minutes of idle standing, the PA crackles to life:

"All right, everybody, listen up! LISTEN UP!"

The roaring of the mob settles; everyone stares at the ceiling.

"The bus to Louisville, No. 2830, will arrive at 4:15 AM, boarding at Gate 13. I repeat: No. 2830, going to Louisville, will arrive at—"

Our bus is now very late. A wave of furious whining and moaning engulfs the crowd. Someone kicks over a plastic garbage can. All the ingredients of a full-scale riot fall neatly into place. Even the Mennonites look surly.

"This is f----- bull-----," the young black lady next to me says, casting her bright orange duffel bag to the floor and crossing her arms in disgust.

"How long we been waitin'?" barks the woman next to her. "Two hours? Two and a half?" She throws her hands into the air. "This just ain't right."

A Mennonite reaches into his backpack, withdrawing an Uzi 9mm, while off in the corner our ancient Clydesdale soundly sleeps.

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Intense battle ends in draw against rival

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The UK men's soccer team headed into Wednesday night's game against rival Louisville expecting a fight.

Last season's match up saw a tough game, and it wasn't until forward Riley O'Neill came off the bench to give the Cats a late goal that UK was able to claw its way past the Cards.

This game was no different. Both teams battled intensely for every possession on the field and the game ended in a 1-1 tie.

"It was war; it was battle," freshman goalie Dan Williams said.

But this game, as head coach Ian Collins put it, was nothing more than an ordinary game.

"We played to win, as they did," Collins said.

The crowd of 2,254 rang in the ears of the players.

"The fans were riding me the whole time," Williams said. "But it's pretty easy to block that stuff out."

Early in the first half, a handful of surges from the offense started the UK barrage. Its potent midfield, led by O'Neill, managed to get off a few of shots.

Louisville found its rhythm after about 12 minutes and pushed back forcefully.

The UK defense went into the game giving Louisville junior forward Frank Jonke, the

Cards most dangerous weapon, full coverage. That didn't stop U of L from beginning a counterattack led by its midfield.

Williams had saved a U of L free kick from becoming a goal in the 14th minute. Another U of L break came minutes later, when the Cards were able to break free of the UK defensive line and run unopposed to the goal, forcing Williams to make another quick save.

U of L kept attacking and controlled the remainder of the first half.

"We got counterattacked a lot," sophomore midfielder Masumi Turnbull said. "Then we started turning the ball over too much."

The Cards played physically, forcing the Cats to fight during every possession.

But the tide turned again as the Cats opened the second half strong, gaining possession of the ball in the U of L half of the field, using the Cards' own physicality against them by forcing fouls and free kicks.

Still, it was U of L that scored the first goal of the match off a long shot from junior forward David Guzman.

"We left him unmarked, and it was just a great goal," Williams said.

After the goal, the Cats dug in and looked for a break, Collins said.

The Cats seemed to put themselves back into the game



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Sophomore midfielder Masumi Turnbull takes a shot on the goal during the first half of UK's game against Louisville last night. Turnbull went on to score the game-tying goal.

in the 70th minute after junior midfielder Michael D'Agostino headed the ball in off a free kick. The goal was negated, however, by a foul on the field.

The Cats finally connected in the 72nd minute when a chaotic scramble in the UofL penalty box allowed Turnbull slam the ball into the back of the net, bringing the game level again.

"I was in the right spots at the right time," Turnbull said.

Both teams continued their assaults on each other, but neither was able to pull ahead in

regulation.

"We're happy with a tie, I guess," Turnbull said. "We always want the win, but we're still undefeated, and we'll press on."

Collins said that game, when compared to the Cats' first two matches of the season, was a learning experience for the team's younger players.

"It was a very good college game," Collins said. "We came back and scored a very good goal."

"There's promise in this team."

UK's big hopes ride on Little's shoulders

By Jonathan Smith
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Last season, junior running back Rafael Little led the UK football team in four major statistical categories: rushing, receiving, scoring and returns.

Most of that was because of his talent and durability. Part of the load, however, was shouldered because of injuries to other players on the offense.

This season, head coach Rich Brooks said the team has the cleanest bill of health since he has been here.

So when offensive coordinator Joker Phillips was asked whether Little's amount of touches are going to decrease because he will have more players at his dispense, he responded emphatically.

"No, we don't expect to take the load off," Phillips said. "He's young. We expect for him to get the same amount of touches."

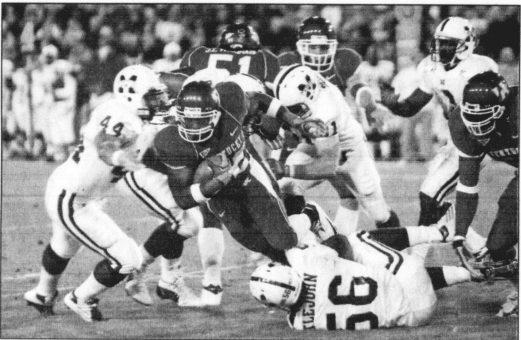
On top of leading the team in those categories, Little also paced the Southeastern Conference in all-purpose yardage and punt returns.

Phillips said that Little has put up league-leading numbers because he works just as hard as a player battling for field time.

"He's a guy that when your best player — and we feel like he's our best football player on this team — when your best player works as hard as he does, that makes it easier for us to get everybody else to try to work to his level," he said.

Sophomore Tony Dixon enters the season as Little's back-up. Dixon is slightly behind the first team in terms of conditioning because he sat out last season with a broken leg.

Dixon said he has had a



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Junior running back Rafael Little runs in last season's game against Mississippi State. Little led the SEF in all-purpose yards a season ago, and is UK's "best player" according to offensive coordinator Joker Phillips.

rough time from the sidelines watching Little perform after being regarded by many to be the back of the future when both were freshman.

"I felt like after I had the injury and Rafael starting doing so well, I felt like I never existed at one time," Dixon said.

Dixon added that after missing so many games due to injuries, he had to push himself further to catch up to Little.

"I know I'm behind," he said. "I haven't conditioned as much as they (the team) have and worked out as much as they have, so I tell myself that I have to work a little bit harder than they do to catch up."

Freshman Alfonso Smith played well enough in the Blue-White spring game to move up

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with the third team. Smith carried the ball 14 times for 97 yards and a score in the scrimmage.

Phillips said that Smith is the fastest of the three backs and that his lack of game experience will not hurt him.

"Alfonso Smith is still unproven in this league, but we don't think he's an unproven guy because of the practice field," he said. "He's done an

unbelievable job in doing the things we've asked."

With the three-running-back rotation giving the unit depth it has recently lacked, Little could afford to take a few more snaps off.

Don't count on it.

"We expect him to do exactly the same things he did last year," Phillips said. "Every opportunity we give him, we expect him to make the best of it."

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