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Students' choice Chick-fil-A opens on campus

Student Center hopes it will be anchor for revamped food court

By Kyle Fields
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Soon students will finally get the chance to "Eat More Chicken," as the company's slogan says, when Chick-fil-A opens today in the Student Center.

This is the first of a string of planned restaurants to hit campus in the future. Today's opening ceremony is set to have a ribbon-cutting ceremony with President

Lee Todd and Student Government President Becky Ellingsworth. Beginning at 11 a.m., the first 50 customers will receive a free entrée.

Jeff DeMoss, director of UK dining services, said he's excited about the addition.

"Chick-fil-A was brought in because it was the No. 1 national brand students said they wanted to have when surveyed," DeMoss said. "It's in every (Southeastern Conference) university."

Chick-fil-A's opening is the first step in an overhaul of sorts for the Student Center's Food Court, DeMoss said.

"We're looking into revitalizing the Food

Court by making Chick-fil-A a cornerstone," he said. "Other restaurants were planned for this semester, but the university ran out of booster money."

"In addition to the Food Court, we wanted to revitalize Blazer, Commons and K-Lair for a total of \$6.1 million. However, we couldn't do it because of larger priorities on campus, such as, justifiably, the hospital."

In the future, DeMoss said he wants to create a "Panera-style" deli/bakery on the first floor of the Student Center. The restaurant would include a European-style bakery, deli sandwiches, paninis, coffee and tea.

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Plus Account succeeding off campus

By Walter Smith
THE KENTUCKY KERNEL

More students are using their Plus Accounts at a growing number of off-campus locations. Currently 13 stores take the Plus Account and that number is rising, as more businesses look to get on board.

"We talked to four people today," said Student Affairs Director E.R. "Chip" Carter. "When they call, we send out an information packet."

Businesses around Lexington have been joining with UK in using the Plus Account, which is a declining balance system that can be added to students' Wildcard. So far, more than \$199,000 has been spent off campus using the Plus Account.

"It's going very well; everyone seems to be pleased with it," Carter said.

The Plus Account has been in use at off-campus locations since the beginning of the semester, and students seem eager to spend money off campus.

"We use a lot of Plus Account," said Tolly-Ho manager Jimmy Woods. Woods said that around 50 percent of Tolly-Ho's sales during the day come from the Plus Account.

The Plus Account can be used at restaurants that serve alcohol, but students cannot use their Plus Account to purchase alcohol or tobacco products. Carter said students' parents are pleased to hear that the money can only be spent on food when used off campus.

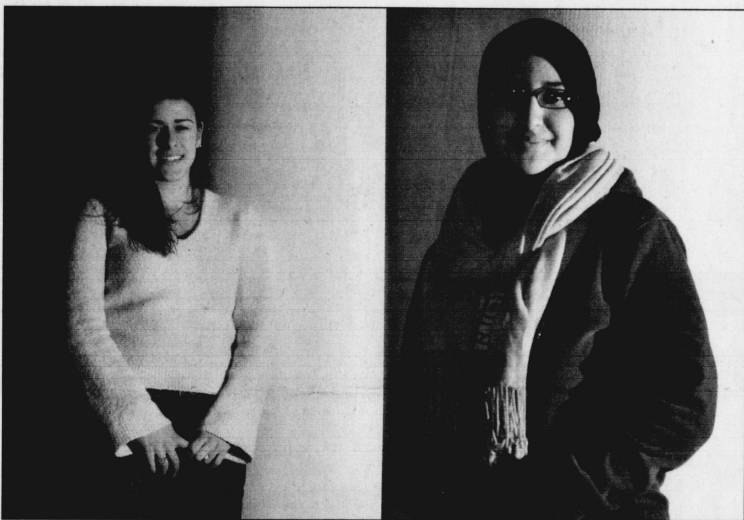
Some businesses have expanded to use the Plus Account for deliveries as well. "Students are surprised to hear we use the Plus Account for delivery, too," said Papa John's shift leader Leanna Lilly. "Some days we'll have a couple hundred dollars on the Plus Account."

Papa John's has been using the Plus Account for two months and Lilly said that although the card reader can be slow, there have been no problems.

Students are excited about being able to

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Greek letters, Islamic principles



Amira Shalash (left), a communications freshman and Boushra Aghil (right), a secondary education junior, are trying to start the first chapter of Gamma Gamma Chi at UK. Founded last spring, Gamma Gamma Chi is the nation's only Muslim sorority.

UK students aim to found first chapter of the nation's only Muslim sorority

By Sean Rose
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The first chapter of the Muslim sorority Gamma Gamma Chi could be on UK's campus by late February said the sorority's founder and president Althia Collins.

Created last spring by Collins and her daughter Imani Abdul-Haq, the only Muslim sorority in the country has been looking for schools with interest in having the first campus chapter. The national founding chapter is based in Alexandria, Va.

"What will determine who is first will be the level of interest we've seen," Collins said.

Along with UK, Collins said

the Massachusetts Institute of Technology and the University of Maryland at College Park have shown strong interest.

Secondary education junior Boushra Aghil said she thought the sorority would be an extension of the Muslim community in a college setting.

"We're trying to find a way to unite our Muslim sisters and work for a better community," Aghil said. "We're basically bringing together the best of the east and the best of the west."

Collins said her daughter came up with idea for the sorority when she was interested in joining a sorority but didn't want to join a Christian-based

sorority with a typical Greek social life.

Gamma Gamma Chi is open to both Muslim and non-Muslim women who exhibit the six pillars of the sorority, which include Islamic awareness and involvement as well as social awareness and involvement.

"A lot of people don't really know what our religion is about," said pre-pharmacy junior Sundus Elgumati. "This gives them an idea of what we're about."

Elgumati contacted Collins with interest in starting a UK chapter and Collins visited UK on Nov. 6 for a "Gold Presentation," the sorority's version of rush week. Going to the Gold Presentation was required to apply for membership in the sorority and Collins said it was a heartening experience.

"The enthusiasm was obvi-

ous and the chemistry was great," Collins said. "They came together and it was just a great opportunity to get to know each other."

There are no promises that any of the students will have a sorority however. There is a Jan. 10 deadline for membership applications and the women interested are currently trying to rally as much interest in the sorority as possible.

Originally, Collins said there needed to be 15 to 20 members for the chapter to open. Collins said the number had been lowered to roughly 10. Elgumati and Aghil estimated there are at least five girls who know they want to join.

"The interest is there," Aghil said. "But right now it's such an untouched subject many don't know what will

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Campus police gets new sets of wheels

By Megan Boehlke
THE KENTUCKY KERNEL

UK police will soon be cruising campus in two new golf carts to patrol its new route.

The department received a donation to fund two golf carts equipped with flashing lights and police logos to help patrol the new CATS Path.

The carts primarily will be used at night to both help transport students who may want to be escorted and to be visible on the path to help deter crime, said acting UK Police Chief Kevin Franklin.

"This is a lot more visible than just individual officers walking around," he said.

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UK President Lee Todd sits with Richard Barbella in the UK police department's new golf cart. Barbella donated the money needed to buy this cart as well as another one.

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Engineer

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in which they will survey and plan their construction and listen to what the community wants accomplished.

The students are responsible for the planning and construction of the new bridge and must make it in a way so the locals can keep up maintenance. The planer must submit another application with its charter to

EWB-USA, and once approved the students can begin their construction.

Mechanical engineering senior and chapter vice president Jamilyn Walter said the construction would most likely be in the summer to allow more students to go.

"I think it will be a really good experience for everyone to see the fruits of our labor," Walter said.

Stamatiadis said that most likely six to 12 students would be part of the construction as well one faculty member beside himself.

UK's chapter originally applied for a water distribution project in Belize but was turned down for it. Walter said they decided to apply for the project in the Dominican Republic because travel expenses would be low and because of the chapter's interest in structural engineering.

"I'm absolutely thrilled," Walter said. "To work in conjunction with professors and engineers is a really good experience for students."

All agreed that the project

was worth more than engineering experience.

"Degrees aren't just about making money," Walter said. "We're providing the world a service with our jobs."

"Typically in this day and age the bottom line is for people to think about profit," Stamatiadis said. "It's very positive to hear about a group of students willing to donate their time and money to help a community."

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Plus

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eat off campus as an alternative to UK dining services. "I like it," said Libbie McElhanev, a pre-pharmacy sophomore. "I think they need to have more places you can use it, though."

Students like the simplicity of being able to use their Wildcard to buy food off campus.

"That's the best part — my parents just put money on there, and I can spend it whenever I want," McElhanev said.

Most business owners were optimistic about increased use of the Plus Account.

"We got going two weeks ago — it's a small percent right now — but we hope that will grow," said Mellow Mushroom owner Damon Coates.

"It's a pure convenience thing for students, they don't feel like their spending money."

Some business owners have seen the use of the Plus Account off campus as a way to attract new customers.

"I'm thinking about offering special discounts or prizes," said Sam Saeed, owner of Campus Cafe.

Campus Cafe has been using the Plus Account for three months and Saeed said it currently makes up about 15 percent of his sales, but he hopes that will grow.

The Plus Account can currently be used off campus at Tolly-Ho, Johnny Print, Qdoba, Good Fortune, Wing Zone, Papa John's, Gattilow, Bedminster Coffee and Tea, Blimpie, Campus Cafe, Domino's, Gattilow, Good Fortune, Johnny Print, Papa John's, Mad Mushroom, Mellow Mushroom, Tolly-Ho, Qdoba, and Wing Zone.

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Off-campus

Plus Account locations:

- Bedminster Coffee and Tea
- Blimpie
- Campus Cafe
- Domino's
- Gattilow
- Good Fortune
- Johnny Print
- Papa John's
- Mad Mushroom
- Mellow Mushroom
- Tolly-Ho
- Qdoba
- Wing Zone

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Should the restaurant come into fruition, it would replace Block & Barrel Deli.

DeMoss said his plans extend beyond the Student Center.

"We want to come back to Blazer," he said. "The first phase was (changing) the tables, chairs and lighting. Phase two is going to be Indian, Greek, Italian and Pacific cooking, where you see it cooked in front of you."

In the meantime, Student Center patrons will have its

newest restaurants to enjoy, including Off the Hook, the Hershey Creamery and Chick-fil-A, though some students said they don't think the choices offer enough variety.

"We're taking steps closer, but we're still not where we should be yet, as far as variety of food goes, as compared to other universities," said biology freshman Chris Searcy.

Others are more positive about the changes they've seen in UK's dining services.

"I like the additions," said undeclared freshman Greg Haney. "I love me some chicken."

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Cart

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"People will see that (the golf cart) and know that we're here."

President Lee Todd agreed that the carts would be beneficial to students around campus and in helping to deter crime.

"(It could be) very comforting to students to see these vehicles going along the same route they are," Todd said. "Hopefully it will be a deterrent for any negative events that might happen on campus."

The police department has received one cart already and is waiting for the amenities to be added to the second one, including the lights, Franklin said.

The carts, which cost about \$7,300 each, were purchased with a donation from UK alumnus and former employee, Richard Barbella.

"I've known Ken Clevidence (UK's director of public safety) for a long time and

he asked me if I was interested in providing for a need," Barbella said. "I worked here for a long time, I graduated from here, so I like to help out in any way I can."

The carts can go 21 mph and can travel 40 miles before their batteries need to be recharged, Franklin said.

"It's a big campus and to be able to cover it, you need some modern means," he said. "It gives

police quicker access to points on campus."

Aside from patrolling the CATS Path, the police department will use the carts at football games and other events, Franklin said.

"We'll use them anytime a vehicle is not safe to go through a crowd," he said.

"Like street parties, when we can't take a vehicle through all those people."

The department has been trying to get the carts for five years, Franklin said, but never had the funding.

"While no student dollars have been put into this, hopefully a lot of students will be helped by it," he said.

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Sorority

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come from this."

Susan West, UK dean of sororities, said it was important for sororities and fraternities to have more support than other campus organizations because they are more

involved in the community and take on more projects. She added that because it's such a new organization it might be slow come together.

"We want to be sure that any group will be successful and have the support it needs," West said.

She added she supported the new sorority's efforts. "I would support any

group that supports women," West said. "I think women that have a common value system, it's good for them to be together and support them in a college environment."

If enough students complete the application requirements and are accepted by the national founding chapter then Collins will work with UK to establish

the sorority

Even if UK isn't the first campus chapter, Collins said she was pleased by the students' interest here and they would have a chapter eventually.

"I would love to have every one of them," Collins said.

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Saddam lectures judge at trial

BAGHDAD, Iraq — A combative Saddam Hussein lectured the judge and lashed out at his treatment by American "occupiers" as his murder trial resumed yesterday and then adjourned for a week to allow a co-defendant to replace a murdered lawyer.

The televised hearing lasted less than three hours but was long on drama. One of the deposed dictator's seven co-defendants complained of death threats. Another claimed that doctors were injecting him with poison. A third demanded treatment for cancer. Throughout the second day of proceedings, Saddam took notes on a legal pad and at times interrupted lead judge Rizgar Mohammed Amin. When Amin came back from a recess, Saddam refused to stand until the judge admonished him to do so.

Saddam came ready to test the judge and provided much of the theatrics, as he did on the trial's first day.

When the judge asked him to sign papers giving former U.S. Attorney General Ramsey Clark and former Qatari Justice Minister Najib Nautimi power of attorney, the former president seized the moment to deliver a Quranic verse and a litany of protest.

"They brought me here and I was handcuffed," he complained to the judge. "They cannot bring the defendant in handcuffs."

The 68-year-old defendant said he had been obliged by "foreign guards" to walk up four flights of stairs because of a broken elevator.

"I will tell the police about this," the judge said in the firm but polite tone had he maintained during several tirades by Saddam on the first day of the trial.

"I don't want you to tell them," Saddam bellowed. "Order them! You are Iraq. You have sovereignty. They are in your country. They are invaders. They are occupiers."

SpaceX's first launch rescheduled

The maiden flight of a new rocket designed to dramatically slash the cost of sending satellites into orbit has been rescheduled for mid-December after the maiden launch was scrubbed Saturday because of technical glitches.

Space Exploration Technologies Corp., also known as SpaceX, a fledgling El Segundo, Calif., rocket maker founded by Silicon Valley entrepreneur Elon Musk, hopes to shake up the aerospace industry with its Falcon 1 rocket. The craft is designed to cost a fraction of the current generation of satellite launchers.

In a telephone interview from his El

Segundo office yesterday Musk said the inaugural mission was scrubbed about 10 minutes before launch because of glitches with a liquid oxygen tank and an onboard computer. The rocket is carrying a small satellite built by Air Force Academy cadets and funded by the Pentagon.

The exact date of the next launch attempt will depend on how quickly SpaceX can get a new supply of liquid oxygen from Hawaii to the launch pad on Omelek Island in the western Pacific.

Saturday's delay was the second in as many days. The rocket was initially scheduled to be launched Friday but was postponed at the request of the Army, which has been conducting missile defense tests in the region.

A successful maiden launch is crucial for Musk, who has risked much of his fortune on developing a new generation of cheap and reliable rockets. Musk co-founded Internet payment company PayPal Inc. and made \$150 million from its sale to eBay Inc. in 2002 before starting SpaceX.

Greenhouse gas level soaring

The level of carbon dioxide in the atmosphere today is higher than at any time in the past 650,000 years, according to study published Friday in the journal *Science*.

By drilling into a deep ice core in East Antarctica and analyzing the content of air bubbles trapped when the ice was formed, a group of European researchers has been able to chart the level of CO₂ in the atmosphere more than 200,000 years further back in time than previous studies. Their research shows that the level of carbon dioxide, a "greenhouse gas" linked to global warming, is rising 200 times as fast as at any time during the past 650,000 years.

"It's the rate of increase that's alarming," one of the paper's lead authors, Thomas Stocker, said in an interview Wednesday. "These are tremendous changes in the climate system."

Stocker, professor of climate and environmental physics at the University of Bern in Switzerland, said the findings will provide a new baseline for computer climate models, allowing scientists to make more accurate predictions about Earth's changing atmosphere and climate.

He added that through activities such as deforestation and the burning of fossil fuels, humans are releasing carbon dioxide "never seen in the atmosphere in millions and millions of years," which helps account for the sudden climate shift.

Four abductions confirmed in Iraq

BAGHDAD, Iraq — Two prominent Sunni Arab politicians were shot dead in Baghdad yesterday, and diplomatic officials confirmed that four Western aid workers had been abducted by gunmen one day earlier. An American was believed to be among those kidnapped.

Ayad al-Alizi and Ali Hussein, members of the Iraqi Islamic Party, one of Iraq's leading Sunni organizations, were attacked and killed, along with a bodyguard, while traveling by car in a predominantly Sunni region west of Baghdad, said Nasseer Ami, the party's political head. Al-Alizi was to be a candidate in legislative elections slated for Dec. 15.

The Iraqi Islamic Party is one of several Sunni Arab groups that boycotted the country's last elections in January but will compete for seats on a unified Sunni ticket this time.

Fakhri al-Qaisi, a spokesman for one of the other parties on the Sunni slate, was seriously wounded in a similar attack in Baghdad this month.

Meanwhile, the name and organizational affiliation of the U.S. citizen believed kidnapped Sunday was not released by embassy officials, who would say only that an American was missing. British peace activist Norman Kember was among those taken captive, according to British Embassy spokeswoman Lisa Glover.

Two Canadians were also seized, government officials said.

Bush pushes guest-worker program

TUCSON, Ariz. — President Bush promoted his administration's efforts to get a grip on illegal immigration, spotlighting a plan to tighten security along the southern border and calling for a guest-worker program that would allow about 11 million illegal immigrants to work legally in the country temporarily before forcing them to return home.

Speaking yesterday at an Air Force base here about one hour north of the Mexican border, Bush put his rhetorical emphasis on measures sought by many Republicans fearful of swelling illegal immigration: stronger border enforcement with high-tech detection systems, larger centers to detain those captured, swifter proceedings to deport them and increased policing of illegal immigrants in the interior.

"Those who enter the country illegally violate the law," Bush said. "The American people should not have to choose between being a welcoming society and a lawful society. We can have both at the same time."

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Wildcat Wild NIGHTS

Thursday Night 9:00 pm Student Center

Students find new social network at XuQa.com

By Keith Brooks
THE KENTUCKY KERNEL

There is another phenomenon that is taking students away from their studies and making them waste hours on the Internet. And it rhymes with "hookah."

XuQa (www.xuqa.com, pronounced "zoo-kah") is a new college networking site that includes colleges all over the country and has recently expanded on a global level. It is becoming very popular among students who are already on the Web site Facebook.com, one of the most widely used college networking sites.

To create an account, students must have an active e-mail address from their college. XuQa works very much like an online directory; students place a picture along with biographical and contact information on their personal page.

Like Facebook, they can also add more descriptive information such as their taste in music and relationship status. There are links to other friends' pages and XuQa allows users to write "Anonymous Blogs" on the XuQa home page, a commonly used feature where users can write about anything anonymously and others can comment. XuQa also gives students the option of sending friends virtual kisses or gifts, such as a computer or an energy drink.

Features like these make XuQa more human oriented, said Murtaza Hussain, one of the creators of XuQa.

"We offer a Web site that is more human interactive," said Hussain.

Hussain, an anthropology sophomore at Williams College in Williamstown, Mass., worked on a similar site called "i-Venture" before starting XuQa. That Web site didn't last, so he eventually met up with several friends and went back to the drawing board. By raising investment in San Francisco and brainstorm-

ing again, he and his friends came up with the Web site, and the term "XuQa" stuck.

"It's actually a spin from the smoking pipe, hookah," said Hussain. "Someone came up with XuQa at the time and it just sounded cool."

XuQa has reached enormous popularity in a very short time. After starting two months ago, the web site is now available to students at 7,500 colleges and universities in the United States. Community colleges are also included, which makes it more inclusive than the Facebook.

Since XuQa has become more accessible to people, it is easier to abuse. Until recently, several groups of users were writing racist and homophobic posts in the Anonymous Blogs section. Although the moderators are laissez-faire in terms of free speech, they feel these sorts of things are indecent.

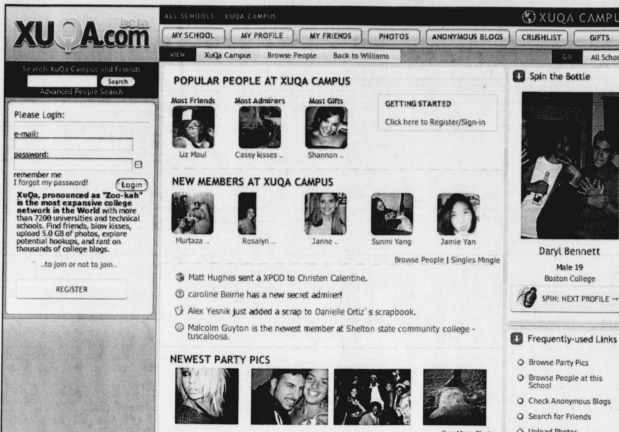
"For the first two weeks we didn't censor anything," Hussain said.

Since he and other moderators monitor the site daily, they are constantly exposed to the activity and know which users are writing profane blogs. Now they deactivate accounts if members post offensive material more than twice.

"People like this, you'd rather not have on the site," said Hussain. So far, the moderators have deactivated six accounts. Some users don't use XuQa enough to notice the changes. Some others who are already on Facebook don't find XuQa as appealing and rarely use it.

Bobby Helton, a family science sophomore, joined because several of his friends were already on it. He feels that the two sites are competing and that ultimately XuQa is a rip-off of Facebook.

"Right now they both do the same thing," he said. "But I think



XuQa.com, a new social network for students, is creating new competition for sites such as Facebook.com. XuQa features a monitored blog for its members. On XuQa, members can send one another gifts and virtual kisses.

that before more people use XuQa, it will need to surpass Facebook by offering more options and whatnot."

Helton also thought XuQa's design was too cluttered, which made navigation a hassle.

Other students think XuQa is more entertaining than other social networking sites. Nina Toles, a music performance freshman, uses the site everyday.

"There are so many things you can do on XuQa to find out about (a student's) personality and not just (his or her) contact info," said Toles. "It's just a more social atmosphere."

Despite this, she doesn't think XuQa and Facebook are in competition, but she does feel that the Facebook is more immediate.

"It seems like Facebook is more resourceful because you can find

out about parties and send out news," she said. "It's just a lot quicker to use the Facebook."

It's hard to say whether XuQa and Facebook are just trends or whether they will continue in the near future. Both XuQa and Facebook now offer free photo hosting, a feature popular with many networking sites. Beyond that and other features, some find it difficult to articulate why they join the sites.

"I don't mind it, I guess," said Helton when asked if XuQa was a good idea for students. "I think it's a good idea as long as people don't get hooked on it and constantly want to check it and stuff."

Toles disagrees with the notion of networking sites being too distracting. But she couldn't explain why they're so favored among many students.

"I don't know why they're so popular," she said. "It's better to be on one of these Web sites than other things that will get you in trouble."

To Hussain, XuQa's development is still a fluid process. He mentioned the site plans to allow students to upload 1,000 photos at a time, as well as offer a larger collection of virtual gifts. Making these adjustments doesn't come without its costs. Hussain and his fellow creators work hard to make XuQa a success, usually 16 hours a day. But Hussain feels their contributions are warranted.

"At the end of the day, if we don't treat it like a business, it's not sustainable," he said.

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FOOTBALL NOTEBOOK

Cats regret sending off seniors with a loss

By Chris Johnson
THE KENTUCKY KERNEL

After Saturday's 27-8 season-ending loss to Tennessee, the underclassmen Cats and their coach shared their disappointment for not getting the job done for the senior class.

"The seniors are real emotional, especially Tommy Cook," said sophomore wide receiver Keenan Burton. "Some games I didn't think would make it through without Tommy or Glenn (Holt, a senior wideout.)"

Head coach Rich Brooks thought this year's senior class kept a steady hand despite season-long adversity.

"I'm extremely disappointed the whole year hasn't been better, especially this game," head coach Rich Brooks said. "I was very impressed with the way they handled themselves this year, taking care of businesses, working hard, trying to do the right thing."

Rafael Little said this year's senior leadership helped him progress as a player and a person.

"Last year we didn't have leadership," the sophomore running back said. "They showed us a lot."

The seniors, who went through their four years at UK with two head coaches and a 16-30 record, including a 7-5 season in 2002, regarded their careers as disappointing in the number of wins, but not in any other way.

"It was a disappointing season — we didn't make a bowl game," senior captain and safety Muhammad Abdullah said. "I have no regrets, but I wish we had more wins."

Many seniors expressed the sentiment UK football was more of a family this year — a tight-knit group that stood up in the face of piling injuries and mounting losses.

"It's been a rough three years," senior running back Drak Davis said. "We haven't won like we should have. But I got to live my dream. I don't regret it."

Aside from the losing effort, Davis, who forced and recovered a fumble at the Tennessee 9-yard line that led to one of UK's only two field goals Saturday, said the play was a highlight of his career.

"It was great, especially to do it on such a big day," Davis said.

Cook, the team's choice for most inspirational player, said that despite his embattled, injury-plagued career at UK, he was proud.

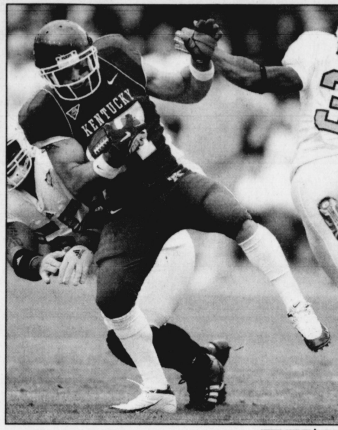
"If I had to take five or six injuries, I'd do it all over again," Cook said.

Little racks up team awards

Little was voted by his fellow players as the team's most valuable player, Brooks announced yesterday.

Little, who finished the 2005 season with 1,045 yards rushing and nine touchdowns, becoming only the sixth Wildcat back to rush for 1,000 yards in a season, was also named the team's most outstanding offensive player.

It was the first time one player has received both awards since individual



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UK senior wide receiver Tommy Cook avoids a tackle during the Cats' 27-8 loss to Tennessee on Saturday at Commonwealth Stadium. It was the last game at UK for Cook who spent six years as a Cat.

awards were reinstated at UK.

Little leads the Southeastern Conference in all-purpose yards (1,982) and in punt returns. Little broke Derek Abney's all-purpose yardage record of 1,922.

Other team awards included Cook, who played six years at UK and suffered through five major injuries, being voted the most outstanding player by his teammates.

Junior cornerback Bo Smith was named the team's most outstanding defensive player.

Smith compiled 63 tackles, four pass breakups, two interceptions and caused two fumbles a year after sitting out a season with a fractured skull.

Davis and senior kicker Taylor Begley were co-winners of the team's special teams player of the year award.

Tailback Arliss Beach was given the Jerry Claiborne Award. The award is given to the senior who exemplifies a commitment to academics and a team-oriented attitude.

Freshman linebacker Braxton Kelley was named outstanding first-year player, and sophomore safety Roger Williams was chosen as most improved player.

Cats eye top recruit

A Lexington television station reported yesterday that a source had told them coveted defensive end prospect Mitch Johnson, brother of UK freshman offensive lineman Christian Johnson, plans to join his sibling on the UK football team next season.

Mitch Johnson, the top-rated prospect in Kentucky and the No. 2 defensive end prospect in the nation according to recruiting magazine Rivals.com, met with four UK assistant coaches and spoke to Brooks yesterday, according to WLEX-18.

Fort Campbell coach Shawn Berner told

Rivals.com that the rumors surrounding Johnson's commitment were "premature."

Scout.com, a Web site devoted wholly to college recruiting, said Johnson is "perhaps the best 'big athlete' in the country."

Tony Neely said the team cannot comment on recruits until they officially sign with UK. Signing day for the freshman class of 2006 is Feb. 1.

Fulmer fires two assistants

Following the Volunteers' 27-6 win over UK on Saturday to finish the season with a 5-6 record, their first losing campaign since 1988, Tennessee head coach Phillip Fulmer has fired two of his assistant coaches.

Offensive line coach Jimmy Ray Stephens and wide receivers coach Pat Washington were let go in a season that saw offensive coordinator Randy Stephens resign in the middle of the year. The Vols' attack ended up 101st in the nation in scoring offense, at 18.6 points per game, ahead of only Mississippi and Mississippi State in the SEC.

"This was a difficult decision to make, but I feel it is in the best interest for the future of our football program," Fulmer said in a statement.

Former Vol offensive coordinator David Cutcliffe was introduced as Tennessee's new offensive chief in Knoxville yesterday.

"I'm very pleased to have David back at Tennessee," Fulmer said. "He is a great football coach, person, leader and teacher."

Cutcliffe was named assistant coach for offense and quarterbacks coach at Notre Dame in January, but resigned in June a few months after undergoing triple bypass heart surgery.

Cutcliffe was offensive coordinator with Tennessee from 1993 to 1998, where he helped lead the Vols to a 63-11 record, two SEC championships and the national title in 1998.

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IN OUR OPINION

It's time to bring Morris out of limbo

For Randolph Morris and UK, there is light at the end of the tunnel.

But it is shining a ray on a problematic scene that could potentially spell disaster for the No. 10 Wildcats.

The NCAA and UK have said that there is a conference call scheduled for sometime this week, and a decision regarding the prodigal center's eligibility for this season after a summer-long flirtation with the NBA can most likely be expected next week.

UK has hired a lawyer, Ron Evrard, who has experience in these matters. Two years ago, he helped former Connecticut standout forward Charlie Villanueva attain eligibility.

Either way, the hiring looks like trouble for UK. People hire lawyers when something doesn't go right or they want to make sure everything is being done that can possibly be done to have a situation turn out their way.

Evrard said in the Nov. 24 Lexington Herald-Leader that UK drew a "fact pattern" of the events surrounding Morris' summer flirtation with the NBA. The NCAA reviewed the fact pat-

tern and drew a conclusion that UK disagrees with.

Evrard's job is to convince the NCAA to reinterpret the facts of the case and appeal the decision in order to get last season's starting center back.

No specifics of the case were discussed in the Herald-Leader story.

Very few people are privy to the specific decision made, but if UK disagrees with it, the answer probably isn't that Morris can immediately suit up and play tonight against High Point.

It's good that a timetable has been set and the process is — at long last — drawing to an end, but it's unfortunate that the conclusion right now seems to be one UK doesn't agree with.

This summer, Morris spent time practicing with clients of the sports agency SFX in Los Angeles after not withdrawing his name from the NBA Draft. He then went undrafted and made it known that he wanted to return to UK.

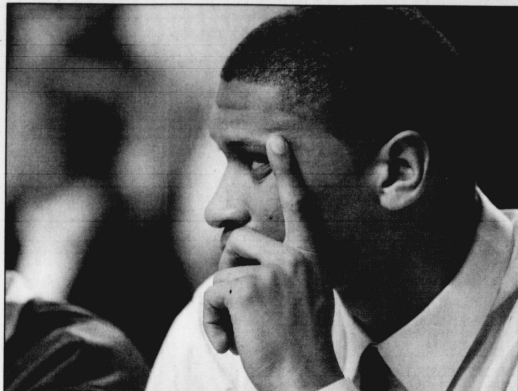
The thinking earlier in the season was that the Morris case would unfold in a similar manner to the Lawrence Roberts case of

2004, when the Mississippi State center went undrafted after leaving his name in past the deadline and was allowed to play for the Bulldogs again. Roberts, after reimbursing all of the travel expenses paid by the NBA teams he worked out for and sitting out a set number of games based on the amount of money he paid back, was allowed to return to the Bulldogs.

But the NCAA appears to be troubled by Morris' relationship with SFX, which set up workouts in front of NBA representatives for him and also sent out the press release stating Morris' intent to stay in the draft, in addition to being listed as a contact for him during the days leading up to the draft.

NCAA bylaws state that an athlete is ineligible if he or she enters a verbal or written agreement with an agent.

Roberts didn't hire an agent, the NCAA found. Neither did Villanueva, the Connecticut forward who tested the 2003 draft waters before enrolling at UConn, being declared eligible in December with the aid of Evrard, and winning a national title in April.



Sophomore center Randolph Morris' future as a UK player is uncertain, although UK's recent decision to hire a lawyer in the case indicates that his prospects might be dim.

Though bringing Morris back may or may not garner UK a ninth national title — or even its first Final Four since 1998 — the 6-foot-10 sophomore's impact would

be measurable, to say the least, for a center position that has averaged 4.2 rebounds per game among the three 7-footers currently patrolling the paint.

Whether Morris is welcomed back or not, any decision on the matter will be a welcome respite from the purgatorial position Morris and UK are dangling in now.



CHRIS STEWART, THE KENTUCKY KERNEL

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Study abroad funds insufficient

Although many did not read last Wednesday's Kernel (due to people leaving early for Thanksgiving), that does not mean that ridiculous articles should appear — such as Wednesday's "In Our Opinion" piece about studying abroad, which discussed how John Yopp is trying to secure \$125 million for the Abraham Lincoln Study Abroad Fellowship Program. This funding is meant to help support sending 1 million students abroad each year.

Personally, I think studying abroad is a great idea to learn about other cultures and get an entire view of how the world works, rather than just Kentucky. But \$125 million in funding to send 1 million students abroad does not quite cover the cost. I'd love to go abroad, but the cost is thousands of dollars, and \$125 taken off my total cost is not anywhere near significant enough to change my decision to stay here. Most people I meet — myself included — are stingy college students, and giving us a 5 percent discount on studying abroad is about as much motivation as a friend paying me \$1 to buy and eat five Qdoba burritos. I'd love to try it, but something just does not add up here.

PHILL HEAVRIN
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Lottery planning was shoddy

I hope it's apparent to those responsible for organizing last Monday night's ridiculous men's basketball ticket lottery that better planning is needed in the future.

First, I'll disregard the fact that it was scheduled during a basketball game. After all, I'm sure no one attending a basketball ticket distribution would be interested in watching the team play anyway. Right. The single screen that was set up to allow students to watch the game was visible to less than half of the seats, and the sound was barely audible.

Moving the lottery ticket distribution tables to the top of the entrance ramps managed to create a chaotic bottle-

neck of pushing and elbowing that looked like the Friday after Thanksgiving at Wal-Mart. And yet, they kept allowing students to enter well beyond 9:15 p.m., the advertised time the doors of Memorial Coliseum are to close.

The first numbers were not called until 10:10 p.m., presumably to allow redrawing of the lottery numbers to accommodate 7,000 students — a number they apparently were not expecting. Really? No one expected a big turnout for the games against the Universities of Louisville and North Carolina, two of UK's biggest rivals?

Even when there were no longer enough seats to accommodate everyone, people kept pouring in, blocking the aisles and sitting in roped-off sections. I am curious what the fire safety capacity is, given the number of seats out of use because of construction.

Monday night proved why those responsible for ticket distribution need to stick to their guns. Please, close the doors at 9:15 p.m., or shortly thereafter. Maybe it's time to bring in more campus police for crowd control as well.

I understand the nature of the lottery is to give everyone equal opportunity, but what good is accomplished by admitting nearly twice as many students as there are tickets? Why not reward those who line up a little early to make sure they're on time? Is it worse to turn students away at the door or to make them wait around until the early hours of the morning only to go home empty-handed?

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To stay dry, spare the bad umbrella and flip-flops

Walking in the rain is like graduation. Every step you take in college is one step closer to your destination, but those steps are never easy.

You want to turn around and head back to where you started, but you can see your goal, so you continue. You turn up your iPod and take another step forward.

I have only a few pet peeves, and at the top of my list is walking to class in the rain.

Before I came to UK, other students advised me to come to school prepared to walk in different types of weather.

I took their word for it and came with what I thought to be a decent umbrella.

This was your average, bottom-of-the-line umbrella that would fit in my book bag. I thought this would be enough.

Oh, I was terribly mistaken.

It took only one instance of walking to South Campus in the rain for my umbrella to be caught by a gust of wind and allow its wires to fly straight up in the air and poke two boys walking beside me. I was mortified enough to run right over to Target and buy a top-of-the-line umbrella that I knew would not fly unexpectedly in mid-air and disrupt my fellow students.

This was an amazing umbrella. My umbrella was envied among my friends. I would actually get compliments from other students like, "Where did you get that? That's an awesome umbrella."

They were right.

The umbrella looked more like a dome on a stick than an average umbrella. It covered my entire head, my shoulders and the top of my book. Thankfully, it was transparent — preventing me from accidentally poking any more fellow students.

But like all good things, my umbrella had to come to an end. I lost too many battles with the wind between POT and the Classroom Building and found its way to the trashcan.

Also, when I was a young, unknowledgeable freshman, I, like many other college students, tested the rain. I was running late for class and put on my shoes sitting by the door — flip-flops.

I learned that just because you can wear flip-flops in the shower does not mean you should wear them in another water source.

Your feet get cold. The water flips up on the back of your leg at every flop.

Wearing flip-flops in the rain to save your fashion reputation isn't worth it.

In fact, fashion is the least of my worries when it comes to facing the rain on my way to class.

I have been known to wear tennis shoes with my jeans rolled somewhere between my ankles and knees with white socks sticking out the top of my tennis shoes just so my pant bottoms are dry when I reach my destination.

Not many feelings bother me more than wet jeans in a dry building.

My heart goes out to the people who walk around campus and look like they have just finished fly-fishing in 4-foot water.

In conclusion, I declare that we should ask the university to have covered sidewalks.

OK, just kidding, but think of the possibilities ...

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Online Poll Question

Do you think UK should have stopped recognizing Student Government as a student organization in response to Becky Ellingsworth's victory in Fayette Circuit Court?

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Cats hope post pretenders turn into contenders

By Josh Sullivan
THE KENTUCKY KERNEL

The UK men's basketball team is looking to toughen up down low in tonight's matchup against head coach Tubby Smith's alma mater, High Point.

Smith said the Cats have been concentrating on improving their inside scoring after a lack of post production forced him to play a smaller lineup for much of the season's first five games.

"We've worked hard to improve it," he said. "We've put in more time with our post people. We had a good session (on Sunday). The big guys especially played better than they've played all year long."

Of the 382 points UK has scored so far this season, just 138 have come from inside the paint. In last weekend's loss to Iowa in the third round of the Guardians Classic in Kansas City, Mo., they put up 18 points down low compared to 32 for the Hawkeyes.

Smith said the Cats can't keep relying so heavily on their outside game.

"We've been picking the ball up and swinging it to the other side without looking inside," he said. "As long as you get the ball inside you force people to foul you, your shooting percentage goes up. It's critical to get the ball inside."

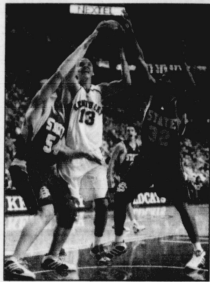
UK's trio of 7-footers has been ineffective so far this season, forcing 6-foot-6 forward Rekalin Sims to play center for long stretches in the last several games.

"The reason I'm playing at the five spot is no one is coming out and taking that position," he said. "Honestly, I'm not a five at all."

But Sims is confident he'll be able to switch back to his natural forward spot soon.

"I've got a lot of faith in our big men," he said. "I don't know what it is when they get in the game, but they dominate the rebounds in practice. I just think they all need to be more aggressively willing to score the ball. When they start to learn that, it'll be easier for them."

So far, junior centers Shagari Alleyene and Lukasz Obrzut have combined with freshman Jared Carter to account for 21 points and 21 rebounds through five games. Smith said if those numbers don't improve,



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Junior forward Bobby Perry goes up for a shot against South Dakota State Nov. 13.

he would continue to rotate the trio in lieu of cementing one as starter.

"Until somebody evolves and says 'this is my spot. I own it,' and takes charge, this is the way it's going to be and nobody's done that yet," he said. "That's the kind of presence we're trying to establish, but if we can't establish it with those guys we'll do it with Bobby (Perry) or Shera (Thomas) or Rekalin."

By contrast, 5-foot-11 sophomore point guard Rajon Rondo has swiped a team-high 55 rebounds on the year, averaging 11 per game.

"He's making us look bad out there," said Thomas with a smile. "We're boxing out and he's running in there and grabbing the rebound."

Though Smith said no one has taken ownership of the center position yet, Carter seems to be on the fast track to becoming a freshman starter. He's been on the court longer than his junior counterparts in the last two games, playing 10 minutes in the 81-51 victory over Liberty on Friday, and logging two points, four rebounds and two blocks. Neither Alleyne nor Obrzut left the bench during the 80-66 defeat of West Virginia.

When asked if Carter's improvement would lead to even more court-time, Smith said "That's up to him."

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Smith thankful for alma mater experience

By Ryan Wood
THE KENTUCKY KERNEL

Tubby Smith just wanted to fly. It was 1973 and Smith had just graduated from High Point University in High Point, N.C., with a degree in health and physical education. He joined the Air Force to follow one of his childhood dreams of becoming a pilot.

As a boy growing up in Scotland, Md., he worked at a local naval base where Navy pilots were trained, and he fell in love with the idea of soaring.

"Since ninth grade of high school I've wanted to teach and coach," Smith said. "The people who had the biggest influence on me were coaches."

Smith lettered in basketball all four years he attended High Point. He was team captain and an all-conference selection during his senior year.

Smith tried to become a pilot but decided to take the job as head basketball coach at his hometown high school when the opportunity arose.

After stints as an assistant coach at Virginia Commonwealth, South Carolina and UK, he landed his first head coaching job at Tulsa in 1991.

Beginning with his playing days, Smith can remember always wanting to win and be the best.

"I loved playing and competing," he said. "It didn't matter if we were running sprints, I wanted to be first. It may take me diving across the line ... I wanted to win."

Still a trustee of High Point — which rolls into Rupp tonight at 7 — Smith likes to emphasize how important it is to give back.

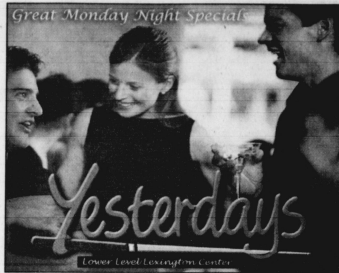
"The people at High Point were extremely helpful to me," Smith said. "(They) helped me reach my dream of getting a degree. My education was paid for by a scholarship. I feel like I owe it to the university to do all I can to give back."

Smith also hopes the players he coaches will one day look at things in a similar light.

"Kids need to understand how important it is to give back to your alma mater and show people you appreciate what they've done for you," Smith said. "Hopefully we can instill that in our players and they'll want to give back to Kentucky."

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