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rebuilding lives in Katrina's wake



Volunteers with UK's chapter of Campus Crusade for Christ clean up the home of Larry and Lynn Hughes in Pass Christian, Miss., two weeks ago. The group spent three days in Mississippi helping clean out the inside of houses to aid rebuilding efforts. Pass Christian was one of the cities hardest hit by Hurricane Katrina in August.

Mississippi angels

Seven weeks after Hurricane Katrina hit Pass Christian, Miss., the residents of Bayou Drive were struggling to piece their lives and their homes back together. In one weekend, a group of UK students gave them reason to believe that they could.

Story by Adam Sichko | Photos by Keith Smiley



Above: Stephanie Cutler, a biosystems and agricultural engineering junior, takes a break from removing insulation from the attic of Larry and Lynn Hughes' house in Pass Christian, Miss., on Oct. 15.

Right: A twisted and damaged road sign marks the corner of Bayou Drive in Pass Christian. Hurricane Katrina destroyed more than 80 percent of the city.



PASS CHRISTIAN, Miss. — They knew. Huddling from howling winds in their hunting camper behind a Florida Wal-Mart, 180 miles east of their Gulf Coast home, Jake Mladinich III and his two sons knew. And 160 miles northwest of the same small, historic Mississippi town, watching Hurricane Katrina rip through the coast on TV, Larry and Lynn Hughes knew.

They could virtually see the 30-foot-high surge of water invading their homes, bursting through windows and doors, tossing their possessions around in a sick spinnecycle. They could hear trees snapping and debris crashing into their prized hunting trophies, their pianos, their photo albums. They could smell the putrid odor of thick Mississippi mud and raw sewage caking every memory in a rude and unwarranted violation of their private lives.

Their homes — and all the houses on their small street called Bayou Drive — were gone. They were sure of it. And it hurt.

"We knew, 'Oh man, this thing has turned and has just obliterated (us)," Mladinich said.

"I knew what I was coming (back) for," Larry Hughes said. Almost seven weeks later, about 60 University of Kentucky students thought they knew, too.

As the members of UK's chapter of Campus Crusade for Christ boarded a charter bus two weeks ago to drive about 750 miles to Pass Christian, they recalled the many photos and newscasts they'd seen from the area. They thought they were traveling to Pass Christian to help some families continue cleaning up after Katrina, only for a short weekend.

But these volunteers didn't know that the residents of Bayou Drive would actually help them, too — in more ways than anyone involved could realize.

THE SMALL BUS FILLED with UK students turned left onto Bayou Drive and came to a stop at the front steps of Larry and Lynn Hughes' residence, a dust cloud trailing behind it.

Well, technically, they're the front steps. And, technically, the hurricane turned the Hughes

house almost 100 degrees clockwise, so that the front door was actually nowhere near the overturned concrete stairs.

"Smells good, don't it?" the wiry 64-year-old Larry said, grinning. The students' surgical masks only somewhat disguised their utter repulsion at the sickening odor emanating from the roadside heaps of people's ruined lives.

And if the smells weren't sickening enough, the sights inside the house certainly were.

Lynn's Baldwin piano, muddied and beyond playable. Owens-Corning insulation, dangling from the ceiling, still wet. Grandkids' toys, strewn about the rooms. Bed frames snapped. Windows just plain gone. And mud-covered carpet that shouldn't feel so spongy underneath your shoes.

"It was kind of overwhelming, but at the same time, I felt so distant from it," said Stephanie Cutler, a biosystems and agricultural engineering junior. "I just felt like I was walking through a movie scene."

One thought went through

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"We can only be here three days, but we'll be praying for them forever."

Bethany Savko, early childhood education senior

SG set to pursue clarifying changes to its constitution

By Sean Rose
THE KENTUCKY KERNEL

Student Government took its first step to revising its constitution in its shortest Senate meeting of the year last night. A 20-person committee was formed to evaluate and make recommendations about changing the SG constitution. Thirteen people in that group are SG members, including SG

President Becky Ellingsworth and Senate President Nick Phelps, who sponsored the bill for the creation of the committee.

"Our constitution needs to be more clear-cut," Phelps said. "Certain things like the election process need to be revised or re-done."

The committee will also have seven non-SG members on the committee, including

Will Nash, a presidential candidate last year. He originally won the March election but was disqualified because of campaign violations. The final decision over who would serve as this year's president was not decided until early September, when Fayette Circuit Court Judge Gary Payne awarded the office to

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Fish-ing for trouble

Liberal arts critic visits UK tonight to stir up controversy

By Allison Burtner
THE KENTUCKY KERNEL

He's no Fish out of water when he's digging up dirt.

Stanley Fish, one of the most noted liberal arts critics in America, will present his talk "Why the liberal arts cannot be justified" at this year's Blazer lecture in Memorial Hall



Fish

tonight at 7:30.

"Stanley Fish is kind of the 'bad boy' of the academic world, digging up the dirt and challenging people's thoughts of liberal arts," said Mimi Ward, senior development director for Arts and Sciences. "This is a purposely antagonizing subject."

"His purpose is to create awareness of arts and sciences with a critical voice," she said.

Formally acting as the dean of Liberal Arts and Sciences at the Uni-

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Study: Binge drinking, sexual assaults mix too often

By Mallory Moore
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Heavy drinking and sexual assaults are more likely to go hand in hand, according to a recent study.

According to a study at Indiana State University, 40 percent of male students play drinking games to take sexual advantage of their opponents. Another 30 percent play because they're trying to get their opponent drunk enough to have sex, and 20 percent said they assaulted an opponent after a drinking game.

Binge drinking, which is defined as four or more drinks in one sitting for women and five or more drinks for men, occurs when

playing these games and is a problem at UK, according to Meg Quarles, a student affairs officer for the UK's Alcohol Health Education Program. Quarles cited a statistic that 49 percent of UK students admitted to binge drinking in the last two weeks.

Perhaps more disturbing is that UK is not alone in these numbers, she said.

"That's right on the national average (of all universities for binge drinking)," Quarles said. "We're right there with all of the other four-year universities."

Students may have varying reasons for binge drinking and some believe nefarious motives aren't involved. "I guess to escape," said

political science senior Taylor Sawyer. "There's no valid answer. Everybody drinks for different reasons."

Pharmacy junior Megan Chase participates in drinking games, but said she is cautious about how much she drinks. She plays with people she knows well, and often members of the same sex.

"If you don't know how to control yourself, then it's a problem," she said.

Quarles said she blames the media in part for influencing this college behavior. She also said the term binge drinking is moving toward "dangerous" drinking.

Binge drinking can cause problems such as hangovers, run-ins with au-

thorities and bad grades due to not going to class, Quarles said. Focusing on negative consequences will hopefully open students' eyes to the serious nature of this problem, she said.

Acting UK Police Chief Kevin Franklin said responsible, low-risk drinking can prevent many negative consequences. Students believe they are "10 feet tall and bullet-proof," he said, and that attitude leads them to participate in high-risk behaviors.

"(That attitude) puts them right there in the high-risk category and opens (them) up to the possibility of assault or unwanted sexual advances," Franklin said.

Other alcohol-related accidents are just as dangerous. According to Franklin, 29 percent of the 18-24 age group are killed in car accidents in Kentucky, and roughly a third of those accidents are alcohol-related.

Franklin also said positive peer pressure is an effective way to stop things before they escalate.

"The No. 1 (means) to help people not do bad things is their peers," Franklin said.

Several groups at UK are spreading the word about smart decision-making.

The student organization the Genesis Group focuses on student safety in the Greek organizations by offering designated drivers for

students who have been drinking. College Alcohol Use Students Education peer group is another campus-wide organization with a goal to prevent drinking-related harm. That group supports drinking abstinence, while also providing students with information about different low-risk drinking behaviors.

Quarles said more students should step up and help others.

"I'd love to see more students get on board."

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versity of Illinois at Chicago. Fish is also a writer for the Chronicle of Higher Education. Fish is also known for his challenging questions and controversial lectures on the liberal arts.

That's why he was invited. "He has written some very insightful articles, some hilarious, some talk about being part of the faculty and some talk about the faculty and administration," said Steven Hoch, dean of the College of Arts and Sciences. "He is really one of the great academicians of our time, and he will be raising some very provocative questions about what the liberal arts do."

Part of the Fish article, "First, Kill All the Administrators," reads, "What do we need administrators for anyway? They don't do anything except get in the way of the business of teaching by building ever more Byzantine structures designed chiefly to

provide cushy jobs for still more administrators."

Kicking off the college's Hall of Fame weekend, Fish will talk about what he thinks the goals and aspirations of liberal arts are and should be, Hoch said.

Three alumni of the College of Arts and Sciences will be inducted into the college's hall of fame: Wendell Berry, poet and novelist; Dr. Joseph Kramer, who has a practice in Brooklyn, N.Y.; and Louise Slaughter, a congresswoman from New York state.

Taking place since 1950, the Blazer lecture series is one of UK's annual events started by Paul G. Blazer, founder of Ashland Oil Inc., and his wife, Georgia, who was the first female on the UK Board of Trustees.

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If you go

Stanley Fish will speak in Memorial Hall tonight at 7:30. The event is free and open to the public.

Muslims invite campus to share in celebration of holy month

By Troy Lyle
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To celebrate the month of Ramadan, the UK Muslim Student Association is sponsoring a free dinner today at 6 p.m. in the UK Student Center Small Ballroom.

The event, co-sponsored by the UK's Office for Multicultural Affairs, will offer a taste of the Middle East with such food items as Sumac chicken, Lebanese fattoush salad and baklava. There will also be two speakers discussing the Islamic faith, the spiritual aspects of Ramadan and the first time someone takes part in fasting.

Roula Allouch, a third-year law student who helped organize the event, said the event's focus is for non-Muslims to experience and learn about Islam and Ramadan, which she describes as much more than an annual festival.

"It's a very spiritual, religious and holy month where friends and family come together each evening

If you go
The "Spirit of Ramadan" event is at 6 p.m. in the UK Student Center Small Ballroom. Everyone is welcome to attend the free event. Speakers include Jenny Amr-Sutton, who converted to Islam more than 10 years ago, and Javaid Siddiqi, a local and prominent Muslim.
If you would like to learn more about the Muslim Students Association or this event, e-mail ukymusa@gmail.com

to break fast and celebrate life," she said.

Muslims fast from sunrise to sunset through the lunar month of Ramadan, which began on Oct. 1.

"We're trying to put a face to the religion," Allouch said. "People read about Islam all the time, but when they see a Muslim man or woman speaking eloquently and openly, and laughing and having fun, it serves to eradicate any stereotypes they might have."

Cristalle Maraman, a third-year law student, said this event is important for everyone of UK, regardless of religious affiliation.

"It's important to be exposed to many different aspects of human experience and other cultures," she said. "An event like this makes something you've heard and read about more tangible."

Boushra Aghil, a secondary education junior, agreed, and said she hopes the event will broaden people's horizons and promote diversity.

The Muslim Student Association is one of the most diverse organizations on campus with people of all ethnicities, she said.

"At a time when there's not a lot of diversity on this campus, this event is an opportunity to come experience a small piece of what diversity UK offers," Allouch said.

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Rosa Parks, 1988

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Pageant crowns couple, celebrates black tradition

By Jenisha Watts
THE KENTUCKY KERNEL

Support, love and encouragement epitomized last night's Mr. and Miss Black UK pageant.

"Most contestants encouraged, even when people faltered," said Chester Grundy, director of UK's African-American Student Affairs office.

The Mr. and Miss Black pageant has been an annual event since 1968. Rosalind Welch, a secondary education senior and president of UK Black Student Union, said the event was sponsored by the union and Delta Sigma Theta sorority. The event raises canned goods and promotes other charity work for the community.

"A part of the formula for success has to do with not only feeling good," Grundy said. "These events go along with helping contribute to a sense of community and self."

Many students came to support contestants involved in the pageant.

"This is an opportunity for black students at UK to come together, unite and help diversity on campus," said Dexter Estes, family consumer science junior.

Some of the entertainment for the pageant included the UK Black Voices Gospel Choir, led by director Diana Mabson-Barnes. The Black Voices performed during the pageant's intermissions.

"This is something we do every year," Mabson-Barnes said. "It gives the university the chance to ex-



Above: LaShala Porter, psychology junior, hugs her mother, Sheila Davis, last night after winning the title of Miss Black UK at the Mr. and Miss Black UK Pageant at Memorial Hall.



Left: Christopher Harper, agricultural communications sophomore, sings for the talent portion of the Mr. and Miss Black UK Pageant last night at Memorial Hall. Harper won the Best Talent category.

pose their (black students') talents when normally, they wouldn't be able to."

The winners of this year's pageant were psychology junior LaShala Porter and pre-pharmacy sophomore James Frazier.

Both said they got something special out of the event.

"I feel really good to be a good representation of the black community," Porter said.

"It's overwhelming,"



PHOTOS BY WHITNEY WATERS | STAFF
William Frazier, pre-pharmacy sophomore, accepts the crown for Mr. Black UK from Albert Shumake, last year's winner, during the Mr. and Miss Black UK Pageant last night at Memorial Hall.

Frazier said.

"It was fun and a real bonding experience."

"These events ... contribute to a sense of community and self."

Chester Grundy
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Top vote-getter resigns from SG

By Sean Rose
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Student Government Senator Fredy Perry — "Fredy P" as his name appeared on the election ballot — resigned from his position Tuesday after missing the first three SG Senate meetings of the year.

The SG constitution states that a senator may be removed after three unexcused absences.

Senate President Nick Phelps met with Perry on Tuesday to discuss his performance and his future in SG. Phelps said Perry couldn't come to the meetings because he has a class each Wednesday at the same time as SG meetings. Perry could have faced impeachment for his absences, but he chose to resign his position to the next highest vote-getter, senatorial candidate Nick Lizzo, instead.

"He (Perry) is a very involved and busy student, serving as manager for the women's basketball team," Phelps said. "We agreed that he could not give the full effort that the Senate needs from its representatives."

"He resigned his position to Jeff Lizzo in a respectful and understanding manner."

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Ellingsworth. Phelps said Nash would serve the committee well because he is very familiar with the constitution after last year's controversial election.

"He really knows the constitution needs revisions," Phelps said. "I think he will be a great asset to this committee."

The committee could have its first meeting as early as next week. Jeff Dembo, a faculty representative on the UK Board of Trustees, will represent the university on the committee, but he won't have voting power. Phelps said Dembo didn't want voting power, but wanted to represent UK in presence and opinion.

Ellingsworth said she hoped to explore the possibility of Internet voting in the committee for the spring elections, as well as pursuing independence from the university.

"Everyone in student government has recognized there needs to be changes made," Ellingsworth said. "Hopefully, it will prove to the university and the board of trustees that we're capable of making our own decisions instead of being told what to do."

Ellingsworth was referring to the proposed governing regulation changes that UK Student Affairs recently released. The changes would give Pat Terrell, UK's vice president of student affairs, oversight of all SG activities. Ellingsworth issued a press release last week calling the changes "an obvious power play to gain control" over SG. She said she had no new comments on the subject but would speak against the proposal at the next student affairs committee meeting on Nov. 2.

The Senate also swore in four new freshman senators and two senators at-large, one from the UK College of Pharmacy and the other representing Bluegrass Community and Technical College, formerly

known as Lexington Community College.

Two senators were sworn in to replace two others who could no longer serve. Fredy Perry resigned from his position Tuesday because he could not come to the meetings. Matt Ray withdrew from UK because of medical reasons and could not serve as a student senator without being a student. The next highest vote-getter, finance sophomore Nick Lizzo and integrated strategic communication junior Carly Messmer, took the vacant spots.

Ellingsworth also said she hopes to form a Legislative Lobbyist Core, which would consist of SG members who would make trips every week or twice a month to Frankfort to further represent students on a higher level and to encourage and learn how to raise student involvement in student-oriented political issues.

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Something wicked this way comes



Elliott Calligan, political science freshman, waits in costume for students to pass through the Boyd-Patterson Haunted House last night on North Campus. The annual event is sponsored by the staff of Boyd and Patterson Halls and raises money for the Hospital Hospitality House on South Limestone.

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UK students compete to give The Dame a makeover

By Charlie Denison
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It was just another night in Atlanta for David Yost. The owner of The Dame chatted at a bar with a Georgia Tech interior design student about ideas for a new look that would improve the venue's image. The girl asked, "Why not have students at the university work on it?"

Yost gladly took her advice. On Tuesday night, UK students and professors were invited to The Dame for a special "thank you" celebration. The final projects were scattered along the booth and by the wall. Displayed on a stand next to the new, comfortable couches was the winning project, which replaces The Dame's current setup of booths with couches and chairs, as well as outdoor seating for patrons. The second-place group's screen idea provided an 8-foot-by-8-foot backdrop and played a little slideshow of Dame images from the '40s and '50s all night.

Designing a renovation for The Dame was a group project that consisted of two interior design students and one architecture student per project.

"This project really introduced me to a different way of designing," said architecture junior Lauren Schiech. "It gave me a more realistic approach."

Professors Terry Rothgeb, Henri De Hahn and Lena Nalbach were enthused to have students work on something real that makes an impact on a place familiar to UK students.

"The groups learned a lot from each other as far as discovering differences in discipline and establishing a common ground," Rothgeb said. "They also did a good job creating a space that promotes more conversation and relaxation."

"This project is a great experience to get under your belt," said interior design senior Jonathan Thompson, a member of the win-



Architecture junior Lindsey Fister looked at upcoming performance flyers at The Dame Tuesday.

ning group. "You learn a lot trying to mesh with someone who has a different design philosophy."

Interior design senior Kathryn Stewart said although other classroom projects simulate the real-world, working with The Dame added a new dimension to the experience.

"Most of the projects we do are portrayed as real but are made up," Stewart said. "It was exciting to take on a project where we have a chance to see the result."

When Stewart arrived at the event, she was unaware that her group had won. She looked around for their design and was worried when she could not find it around the booth by the others. Once she realized that hers was on a stand next to the ideas they had sketched, she was shocked.

"I'm totally flattered," Stewart said.

"It was very easy for the groups to go over their budget," Nalbach said.

The students were given a budget of \$5,000, so many proposed changes were subtle in nature.

"We still have the same motif," said Dame publicist Michael Powell. "The change just helps accentuate the class of this place."

"We're not changing the place," Yost said. "We're amplifying it."

Yost mentioned that the new pieces are to provide a more conversational feel that will be more noticeable on slower nights or before a show.

Schiech, Stewart and Thompson won a \$200 gift certificate to Wildcat Textbooks. The second place winners received a \$100 gift certificate.

Rogers and Hammerstein once sang, "There is nothing like a dame." And Lexington's Dame has a new look, thanks to some UK students.

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Renowned drummer tours to teach his craft

By Ian Conley
THE KENTUCKY KERNEL

Someone's going to be getting the proverbial beat-down at The Blue Moon tonight.

No, really. Keith Carlock, famed drummer who recently provided his talent for keeping the beat on Sting's "Sacred Love Tour," will be the centerpiece of a drum clinic that will include performances, drumming demonstrations and product giveaways at The Blue Moon, sponsored by Yamaha and Carl's Music Center.

Carlock comes from a traditionally trained drumming background, originally finding his talent in his high school marching band on the drum line.

"I practiced all the time, so much that my parents built me a soundproof room in the garage," Carlock's Web site biography says.

Carlock is emblematic of university music studies paying off in the big time. He studied at the University of North Texas for four years under Ed Soph, learning and used the Moeller technique of drumming. This technique involves playing a series of triplets in each hand in one fluid, controlled motion. For those of you who aren't quite sure as to what that means, it's basically playing three notes to the value of one. So, a quarter note would have three notes. In sum, it sounds really gnarly.

After graduation, Carlock developed an extensive career in the music industry, including an on-going relationship with the touring Blues Brothers band.

Carlock was offered the opportunity to record the studio drum track for the title track of Steely Dan's seminal album "Two Against Nature." You'll likely remember the album, even if you're not the biggest Steely Dan fan; it went on to win four Grammys including best album in 2001.

Carlock's career has been on fire as of late; he scored a 2003 Modern Drummer magazine cover story and tours with Steely Dan and Sting.

Tonight's clinic will offer the opportunity for Lexington drummers and drum fans to get a first hand look at Carlock's abilities and glean some knowledge and inspiration. For the less-than-informed, clinics entail drumming demonstrations, both solo and with accompaniment, as well as learning basic tips and a plethora of anecdotes. Think in terms of a large-scale group lesson, only fun.

Jodi Johnson, the office manager for Carl's Music, said door prizes would be given out in a traditional raffle style.

"When you come in, you get a ticket with a number and we'll be pulling numbers out of a hat so the holder of that ticket will win something," Johnson said. "We have Remo drum heads, drum sticks and other accessories."

Johnson noted that the evening will be beneficial to everyone from rookies to the most advanced drummers.

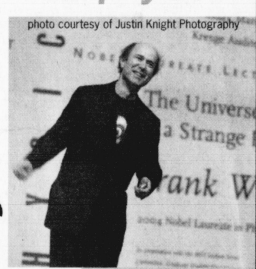
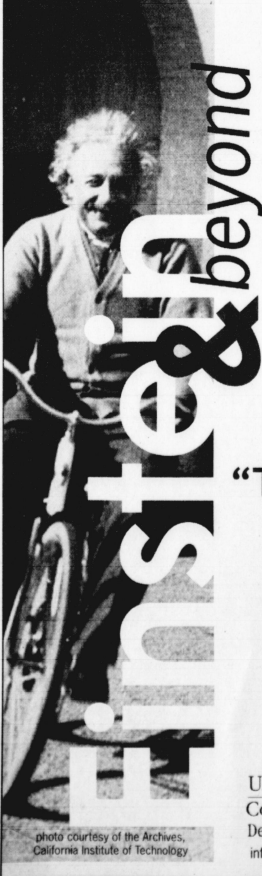
"If you're into drums or percussion at all, you'll definitely learn something," Johnson said. "Keith has been on tour with Sting and Steely Dan, so he's obviously a great drummer."

If you go

What: Keith Carlock Drum Clinic
Where: The Blue Moon on Euclid Avenue
When: 7 p.m.
How much: Tickets are \$8 in advance from Carl's Music, \$10 at the door

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- >> 5K Run/Walk UK Arboretum 1:00 pm
- >> Paint the Town Blue 8:00 am [Sunday] - 8:00 am [Monday]

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- >> Paint the Town Blue judging 9:00 am
- >> Playin' All Over the World Trivia Challenge Grand Ballroom 8:00 pm

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- >> Patio Party Near Mineral Building and Classroom Building 11:00 am - 1:00 pm

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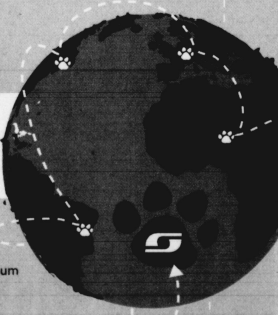
- >> Parade 7:30 pm starting at Commonwealth Stadium
- >> Pep Rally following Parade

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 29

- >> Homecoming Game: UK vs. Mississippi State
- >> Royalty and Wildcat Cup Winners

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WHAT'S THE DEAL? | Demystifying campus trends

Don't get mad, get even

Did you know that, according to recent research statistics, 85 percent of college freshmen will not be living with their current roommate come senior year?

Okay, maybe that stat is slightly made up, but based on a personal perspective, it doesn't seem like a bad assumption.

I'm willing to bet most of you possess one of two views on the whole roommate issue: either you've enjoyed the company of your current roommate(s) thus far in the school year, or you are about to tear someone's head off for taking the last bagel you had left for breakfast this morning.

Most freshmen have never had to live with someone in a closed environment before, such as a dorm, unless you had to share a bunk with your kid brother back home. It's a daunting task having a random roommate assigned to you, or even trying to live with your best friend. The things you encounter throughout the year are very unpredictable. Your ability to live and share a space with another person will not only determine how well your living conditions will be for the year, but will also affect your grades and social life. For you upperclassmen who may have more than one roommate, this challenge becomes more and more intense the more residents you add to your household.

Take it from me — I have had my fair share of roommate experiences. There are enjoyable times, yes, but don't lie to me and say you've never thought about getting even with your roommate for

being a slob or plain annoyance. Let me help get you jump started.

The first thing that comes to mind when thinking of living with others is their daily food habits. Often you have to share a fridge, most of the time a small one, with everyone in the house or dorm. We all like to go grocery shopping and get our own stock of fresh produce and dairy products to take up all of the room, but sometimes that doesn't fly. Try to come up with a "shared vision" when deciding who gets what for food. Not everyone needs to buy a giant container of pickle relish or milk. Take turns buying these condiment/perishable products as the need for replacement comes.

On a meander note, if you have had problems with roommates consistently eating your food, try to beat them at their own game (all while being smooth about it). Try purchasing products you know they won't want, such as sweet acidophilus milk, put laxatives in your most popular food item, or covertly sneak their food away from them in a manner unnoticeable to the untrained eye. Much like the concept you used in high school to refill your parents' liquor bottles with water, imply the same method with your roommates' food and drinks. When you steal one of their chicken breasts from the freezer, cook it when you know they won't be around, put the package back where you found it, and clean all dishes of the residue afterward. If the provider starts to catch on and blames you, just say she/he was drunk one night and cooked a batch on his own. They'll never remember.

Another way to get back at your roommate(s) for wearing your clothes or watching the television at the maximum volume while

you are trying to study, is to use what I like to call the "Crap Bandit" routine, the process of secretly leaving a surprise in your roommate's toilet. While they are at class simply do your business and sneak out without a trace. Again, when you are blamed for the incident, turn the blame on another roommate, or just say you saw some crazy guy run in, squat and leave before you could get a glimpse of who it was.

One of the more touchy subjects is money. Whether it is rent your roommate owes you or some other monetary payback, when you are not getting paid on time, it puts a severe drain on you. So, if your roommate is having trouble coming up with living expenses, help her/him out by hosting a fundraiser. They don't necessarily have to know about it or even take part in it. All you have to do is pick the clothes out of their closet they don't need and sell them to Plato's Closet, located at 2220 Nicholasville Road. You can use your own discretion on which items to use (just search the laundry they loaded before leaving for class), and help them raise some money. See, wasn't that nice?

I guess I need to put a disclaimer at the end of this article (if only I could use fine print). Of course, these suggestions are hypothetical and should only be used in dire need of revenge. Should you get caught and sued for any of the above damage, better luck next time. The bottom line is: be sure to enjoy your roommate living conditions. It is not easy being packed into a dorm or house with other people, who have different class schedules and daily habits. Be a good roommate and be respectful of other's belongings.

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Much of shell-shocked Florida reeling

By John-Thor Dahlborg
LOS ANGELES TIMES

MIAMI — Officials in southeast Florida struggled Tuesday to restore power, clear roads and rush water and ice to residents unprepared for the damage inflicted by Hurricane Wilma.

A day after the unexpectedly fierce Category 3 storm blasted in from the west — killing seven people — close to 3.1 million Floridians still were without power, said Kristy Campbell, a spokeswoman for the state emergency operations center.

"I don't think anybody anticipated the damage we woke up to," Broward County Mayor Kristin Jacobs said. "It's truly unprecedented."

Wilma carved a path of destruction across southern Florida's Atlantic seaboard from Palm Beach County to the Florida Keys. Traffic lights lay smashed on the pavement or dangling precariously from overhead cables. Downed wires, poles and trees obstructed streets.

While some flights re-

sumed Tuesday at Miami International, the region's two other major airports — Fort Lauderdale-Hollywood International and Palm Beach International — remained closed.

In the greater Miami area, 177 of 2,600 traffic lights were working. "What you have here with this storm is a lot of damage everywhere in the county," said Miami-Dade Mayor Carlos Alvarez.

Wilma's winds, which gusted at more than 120 mph, ripped the roof off Erzulie Denis' three-bedroom North Miami home.

At midday Tuesday, Denis joined about 3,000 people who were anxiously waiting in shopping center parking for officials to pass out much-needed water and ice. She had spent the night in her car with her 14-year-old son, Schiller, who has asthma. Denis was afraid he would have an attack if he slept in their soggy home.

"I don't know what to do," said Denis, 34. Neither of her cellphones was working, an

all-too-common problem in the areas pummeled by Wilma. When she went to her local police department and a hospital to ask for assistance getting housing, Denis said, she was given more telephone numbers she couldn't call.

Denis had laid in hurricane supplies, she said, but the bread, potato chips and other foods had gotten waterlogged. "We don't have anything now," she said.

Throughout southeastern Florida, where the weather was sunny and pleasant Tuesday, lines began forming as early as 9 a.m. for water and ice. In one spot in Broward County, emergency services spokesman Carl Fowler said, there were at least 2,000 cars. In many cases, the supplies had not arrived by late afternoon.

Deliveries to 15 distribution points in Broward County were delayed when the trucks couldn't be gassed up because there was no power to the pumps, said Robert Lincoln, an official with the state Division of

Emergency Management. Voicing her frustration, Jacobs — a Democrat — accused the state government and Republican Gov. Jeb Bush of failing to meet its promises. "We can't get any answers from the state right now as to when those trucks are expected," Jacobs said.

Water and ice deliveries also were tardy at some of the 11 distribution points opened in Miami-Dade County. "Ladies and gentlemen, we're trying. We're really trying," Alvarez told a televised news conference.

During a visit earlier in the day to Miami, Bush vowed that help was on the way. "My heart goes out to people that have lost a lot and they can be rest assured that the state government and the federal government will be working to provide support."

The governor's brother, President Bush — who plans to travel to Florida Thursday — also promised swift assistance. "There are a lot of people without power, and that's obviously a priority right

now," White House spokesman Scott McClellan said. "We're working to support the state of the Florida efforts, and they were well prepared for this."

Some Floridians disagreed with that assessment. "To get water, you have to stand five hours in the hot sun. That's ridiculous," said Jackie Penha, 30, a bank employee who was among those waiting in the parking lot of a North Miami Beach shopping center.

Esther Feinerman, a Miami Beach real estate agent, had come with a little cart to haul the water and ice back home, but fumed that the police and National Guardsmen couldn't tell her when supplies would arrive.

"Florida is a Third World country operating in the U.S.," said the woman, who gave her age as "over 50." She had gone down with a spaghetti pot to scoop water from her apartment building's swimming pool to fill up her toilet tank so that she could flush it, she said.

New study offers an eye-opener on shut-eye

By Jamie Talan
NEWSDAY

People believe the thought that sleep is necessary to let the busy brain and body take a break, but a new study by California researchers may put this notion to bed — at least as applied to other species and perhaps for humans, too.

The scientists say there is such a range in sleep patterns among species that it makes no sense that a set amount of sleep is always important for optimal health.

"This is just not the case," said Dr. Jerome Siegel, a professor in residence at

the University of California, Los Angeles Neuropsychiatric Institute and chief of neurobiology research at the Sepulveda Veterans Administration Medical Center in Los Angeles. "Conventional wisdom is that sleep has a single vital function across animals. But our studies show that some animals go for long periods of time without sleep with no ill effects."

The UCLA team has completed a range in sleep patterns and quality of sleep in various animals. The findings appear Thursday in the journal *Nature*.

"Evolution has determined sleep times to regulate

activity rather than to fulfill a vital function," Siegel said. "As we understood how this ... occurred, we may be able to alter our sleep times."

That doesn't mean, he added, that humans will ever sleep as little as giraffes, for example, which require two to four hours a night at most.

Meat-eating species sleep the most and grazing animals the least, he said. Dolphins can reduce their sleep by 90 percent for months without problems.

Horses and elephants also require only a few hours of slumber during the day. By contrast, bats, lions and tigers can sleep their days

away clocking 15 to 20 hours of slumber.

Animals with short sleep cycles are light sleepers. Those that sleep a lot are harder to rouse. "Any theory of sleep function should deal with this incredible range in sleep patterns," Siegel said.

So what, perchance, is sleep for?

"It's to help the animal better adapt to their environment," Siegel said. "Sleep allows them to conserve energy and remain safely hidden until the next meal."

"We are proposing that different sleep patterns correlate with the diet of that particular animal," he added.

"In a competitive environment, all successful animals have specialized so they can optimize their survival."

He said that there has been a growing concern that decreased sleep could harm the individual.

But Siegel said that studies have shown that humans sleep somewhat less than animals with similar physiological features — an average of seven or eight hours compared with 10 to 12 for other primates.

This suggests that humans may have evolved in order to have more awake time to better compete with other humans.

Weight-loss drug might hit shelves soon

By Shari Roan
LOS ANGELES TIMES

Drugstore shelves are brimming with shakes, herbs and other products to facilitate weight loss — but the vast majority of them have not been shown to work. A proven medication that helps modestly with weight loss might join their ranks next year.

The pharmaceutical company GlaxoSmithKline has asked the Food and Drug Administration for permission to sell a low-dose version of its diet drug Xenical over the counter. If approved, Xenical would be the first weight loss medication to make the switch from prescription to nonprescription status.

In data presented last week at a national obesity meeting, researchers reported that 36 percent of overweight people taking a low-dose version of Xenical lost more than 5 percent of their initial body weight, compared with 28 percent of people taking a placebo. The researchers also found that users did not abuse the drug

by, for instance, exceeding the maximum dose.

The application to sell Xenical over the counter was filed with the FDA in June — reflects the growing concern over American's obesity epidemic and the need to make a variety of weight-loss tools easily accessible to consumers, says Steven Burton, vice president of weight control for GlaxoSmithKline Consumer Healthcare, a division of the company. About 64 percent of U.S. adults are overweight or obese, and in such a climate, Burton says, it makes sense to market an over-the-counter aid. "People want and need help. ... But many consumers, for a variety of reasons, don't or won't talk to their doctor about their weight status," he says.

Xenical, also known by the generic name orlistat, was approved as a prescription diet drug in 1999. The effect of the medication in the marketplace has been modest. Studies show the drug can increase weight loss by 50 percent to 80 percent when used faithfully. For example, a dieter who lost 10 pounds

without medication might expect to lose 15 to 18 pounds if taking Xenical.

But the drug doesn't appeal to all dieters. It works in the gut by inhibiting absorption of dietary fat and can alter bowel habits and cause diarrhea and gas. Xenical can also decrease the absorption of fat-soluble vitamins, and users are advised to take a multivitamin.

In my experience, the patients for whom Xenical has been effective have been those who say, "It keeps me honest. It reminds me if I go off track, I will have a physical consequence," says Madelyn Fernstrom, director of the University of Pittsburgh Medical Center's Weight Management Center.

"But that will be a very small portion of the population. Most people are not going to stick with this."

The Xenical study was presented in Vancouver, Canada, at the annual meeting of the North American Association for the Study of Obesity, which last week changed its name to NAASO, the Obesity Society. Conduct-

ed by GlaxoSmithKline, the study included 391 people who were assigned to take either Xenical or a placebo. Both groups received self-instructional educational materials on weight loss.

Overall, 57 percent of the Xenical users lost 3 percent of their total body weight, compared with 42 percent of placebo users. Orlistat users who lost weight also had significant decreases in the total cholesterol, low-density lipoprotein (bad) cholesterol and blood pressure. About one-quarter of each group dropped out of the study.

A second GlaxoSmithKline study, also presented last week, reported that most people purchasing the product in one of 18 participating drugstores used it correctly. Only one person among the 237 subjects, who were aware they were part of a study, exceeded the recommended daily dosage.

The majority of users followed advice on the product label to take a multivitamin. No one who was underweight bought the product, and 73 percent said they

thought it helped them lose weight.

Fernstrom, who was not involved in the Xenical studies, expresses doubts about the direct-to-consumer route. She says most people do better if they receive some professional guidance when embarking on a weight loss plan — and an over-the-counter pill would bypass this.

Burton says that if the over-the-counter version of Xenical (as yet unnamed) is approved, it would be sold with an educational booklet on how to implement a weight-loss program that includes diet and exercise. "We want to develop this not just as a pill but as a program," he says.

The product would be sold only to people 18 and older and is recommended for six months of use. No price has been set, but Burton said the daily cost would probably mirror what consumers spend "on a can of Coke or a bag of chips."

An FDA decision on the Xenical application is expected in the first half of 2006.

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IN OUR OPINION

UK should shelve textbook policies

State Rep. Rick Nelson recently filed legislation for consideration during the 2006 General Assembly that would require Frankfort lawmakers to look into the high cost of textbooks at Kentucky universities.

"I find it ridiculous that a student has to pay \$150 for a textbook only to find out that they can't sell it once the semester's over," he said in an interview with *The Kernel* last week.

If Nelson's bill is approved, state legislative staff will study the college textbook market to try and determine what factors are causing the cost of college books to rise at such an alarming rate.

A study released by the Government Accountability Office in July revealed that textbook prices rose at twice the rate of inflation between December 1986 and December 2004. The report also concluded that textbook and supply fees account for more than a quarter

of overall tuition and fee costs for full-time students at four-year public universities. There's no viable excuse for such a blatant fleecing of our pocket-books.

Nelson deserves praise for showing concern for college students. We hope his bill will pass and the legislature can help get to the bottom of the issue and prompt individual universities to address the problem.

The legislature certainly doesn't need to be involved in regulating the textbook market. It's very likely that it wouldn't have the authority to do so, even if leaders in the General Assembly felt so inclined. The universities need to

take steps to keep prices down, especially considering that tuition is out of control, and doesn't seem to be leveling off anytime soon.

It's time UK professors and administrators take steps to help out students. First, ISBN numbers should be published online so that students can take advantage of Internet shopping, and not have to rely on campus bookstores. UK could also form partnerships with services like UKBookexchange.com, which allows students to

sell and trade textbooks between themselves, avoiding the borderline extortion practices of monopolistic college bookstores that

charge exorbitant prices for both new and used books, but offer next to nothing for sell-backs.

Academic departments and individual professors can help, too. Professors should decide on textbooks as early as possible to give students plenty of time to shop around, especially for the spring semester. The earlier professors report their book choices, the easier it would be for UK to publish an accurate list of ISBN numbers. Academic departments should examine the textbook decisions of their professors and make sure cost-effective decisions are being made. Often, students are required to purchase expensive books that are rarely used in class.

Universities should do everything they can to ensure that students aren't captive consumers. And hopefully, the legislature will work with school officials to help them help students.

Giving students better access to textbook information would allow students to increase their consumer savvy.



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Don't equate abortion with genocide

CAUTION: EXPOSURE OF "GENOCIDE" MISUSE AHEAD.

For the past few days, debate on campus has focused on whether the Center for Bio-Ethical Reform should have been allowed to bring its Genocide Awareness Project, consisting mainly of large photos of dead fetuses, to the center of UK's campus last week. The brouhaha has focused on the tastefulness of the display more than its message, obscuring the substantive question of whether abortion is indeed genocide.

That, of course, hinges on whether abortion is even murder on the matter at the heart of the decades-long abortion debate in this country. And, as anyone who's ever gotten into an extended argument over abortion knows, it's very difficult to convince someone else to change his or her mind on the issue.

The debate over abortion being genocide, however, is a matter of terminology rather than philosophy and theology. That puts it into a realm where there can be give-and-take without striking at the core of people's personal beliefs about what is moral and when life begins. Moreover, I think it's possible to disagree over whether abortion is murder but agree that it certainly isn't

genocide. Speaking with a volunteer at the display and perusing the CBR's literature helped me ascertain its logic in asserting that abortion is a form of genocide. Abortion targets a specific group, as is requisite for genocide — the group being the unborn, in this case. And, the volunteer told me, the systematic and centralized nature of genocide pertains to abortion insofar as Planned Parenthood and other organizations have made abortion readily available in every major city in the country.

I think the CBR's logic is twisted enough that you could use it to make a serious case for the absurd position that gun crime is genocide. Just like "the unborn" make up a group, so do the victims of gun crime — "the already-born," or perhaps even better, "the defenseless." And there are gun stores in every major city in the country; in fact, for those in rural areas, I would hazard to guess that it's far easier to find a local firearms dealer than an abortion clinic.

"But gun stores just sell you the gun, they don't know if you're going to kill anyone with it!" I have yet to see an example of someone hunting game with an Uzi. It's true that gun stores don't do the deed themselves, but the exclusive use of many products they sell is to kill humans.

"But there's no systemized coercion of people to buy and use guns!" Nor is there to get abortions. The only evidence I was offered in support of the notion that abortion has

the "concerted effort" element of genocide is the widespread presence of abortion clinics — just like gun stores.

"But someone who commits a gun crime isn't aiming at the destruction of all humanity!" And herein lies the crucial flaw in the CBR's logic: Women who get abortions don't want to see all unborn children killed, just as those who commit gun crimes aren't trying to extinguish the human race. That's in stark contrast to the other examples of genocide — the Holocaust, the enslavement of blacks, Rwanda in 1994, etc. — in all of which the killers were aiming at the total destruction of their targets.

Although I support abortion rights, I think the vast majority of anti-abortion supporters hold their position sincerely and in good faith. On the other hand, unless one can put forth rational evidence for the view that women who get abortions aim at the total extermination of the unborn, I can't see how the argument that abortion is genocide is anything short of disingenuous.

Genocide is not a term to be misused or tossed about lightly. In an age when the world turns a blind eye to actual genocide — in the Darfur region of Sudan now, or just a decade ago in Rwanda — abuse of the term serves only to minimize the sufferings of those who actually face genocide.

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Assignment taught me to be tolerant of others

Had you confronted me a month ago, I never would have believed that an assignment from a class could send me on a spiritual journey. But now I know the truth: it can, and it did.

The assignment I'm talking about is from my human sexuality class; it involved going to a strip club, gay bar, or adult novelty store and writing on my experience. When I first received the assignment I was shocked and dismayed. I struggled for weeks with my decision of where to go or if I should even do the assignment at all.

Over the past few weeks I have sought advice from many friends and influences in my life, nearly all of the advice accumulating on either side of a wide spectrum. I felt stretched in two directions, unable to loosen my grasp on either side of what had become a burgeoning heap of opinions.

On one side of the spectrum were those friends and advisers who told me to go to the strip club or venue of my choice and write the paper. Do exactly as the instructor had asked and address whatever he wanted to hear. Lay aside your daily values and pick up the cross of higher education.

On the other side of the spectrum were those confidants who instructed me to flee from this assignment, to run as quickly as possible and not look back for fear of turning into a pillar of salt. I was told to ask for an alternate assignment, appeal to the ombudsman, do whatever it took to get as far from this assignment as possible.

It took a few weeks and a few wise friends to realize that both of these viewpoints are wrong. I should neither go running towards this assignment with open arms nor away from it, screaming in terror.

The reason I was so afraid of this assignment was the fact that I was being asked to subject myself to what I had always been taught was prevalent and rampant sin. I was being told to venture into a spiritual wilderness where souls lie in ruins and thirst for truth. I had always considered myself somehow above this lifestyle. How could I be expected to journey into this wasteland filled with people who live in such despicable sin?

Then came a realization reigning down from heaven like a beam of light (actually it was via AIM and a very knowledgeable friend): I was one of these people.

My own life is full of rampant sin and despair. I am no better (and possibly worse) than strippers, transvestites or X-rated video storeowners. On my own, I would undoubtedly be living much more horrid lives than they.

I began to understand truly a thought that had been drilled into my head repeatedly: it is by the grace of God that I am where I am in my life. Nothing I have done or could ever do by myself is worthy of any praise.

I have been blessed with a sober and clean life because Christ loves me. I didn't do anything to deserve His love, just like these strippers and transsexuals have done nothing to deserve my love, but love is what I intend on showing them. Because I remember what it is like to feel unloved, and I now understand what it is like to receive love of which I am undeserving.

I want to thank my professor for this assignment, for it has taught me a very valuable lesson which I hope I can continue to employ from this day forward: truly following Christ's example of loving anyone regardless of merit or occupation. Hopefully now, I won't have any time left for self-righteousness.

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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

UK bonding priorities skewed

Enough is enough! On yesterday's cover of *The Kentucky Kernel* the headline read: "Trustees approve bonding for basketball facility."

I cannot truly express my disgust at this current time with the Board of Trustees. A decision has been made that affects 1 percent of the student population. Honestly, does the basketball team really need more perks than it already gets? What bothers me most about this is that UK is sending a message that basketball is more important than the overall survival of this university.

You have students living in residence halls with no air-conditioning, food services not meeting mediocre standards, drops in minority enrollment, faculty pay well below par and skyrocketing tuition. Top-20 institution? I think not!

Student Government President Becky Ellingsworth said she is representing the student interest. Well, I am a student too, and I guarantee the majority of the student population, which she says she represents, does not want or will not benefit from this new practice facility.

The BOT faculty representative Jeff Dembo was correct in saying, "We need to be very careful of where our priorities are at this institution." I believe that if the agreement was that boosters and private donations were going to pay for the

new facility, then it should be so.

Using university funds, as tight as they are, to finance this project is completely ridiculous and irresponsible. It is clear that the students are not the priority. If we were this would not be an issue.

UK Athletic Director Mitch Barnhart said this facility is needed to continue in our "rich basketball tradition." I say to him, "Donate your salary to the project because clearly you're way overpaid for the job you do."

This is one example of why UK's top-20 institution goals are far in the distance.

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VOLLEYBALL NOTEBOOK

Wildcats charge into second half

By Chris DeLotell
THE KENTUCKY KERNEL

Even though UK was picked last in the preseason Southeastern Conference volleyball coaches' poll, first-year head coach Craig Skinner never envisioned his team in the league's cellar.

"We were pleasantly surprised with the talent level when we got here," he said in an interview last month.

With UK (13-7, 6-4) holding a winning SEC record past the midpoint of the conference season for the first time since 1998, Skinner and his staff have been pleased with the team's progress.

"We feel good about where we are," he said. "We have to keep doing what we've been doing."

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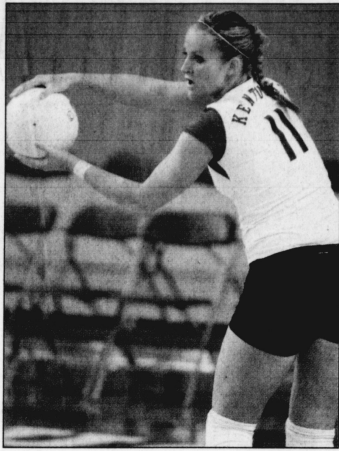
Skinner said the depth on the front line has been one of the biggest positives of the first 10 league games.

"It's been a strength of ours, to have the balance we've had on the front line," he said. "We've had big matches from every offensive player."

Senior middle blocker Amy Kaplan, a four-year starter, serves as the anchor. She leads all SEC players in hitting percentage in conference play at .498. Senior outside hitter Danielle Wallace has been solid as well and is fifth in the league in kills.

Kaplan and Wallace have proven they can be depended on in crunch time. Skinner said, as the team has won close matches with Alabama, LSU and Georgia with the two senior front line players coming up with kills at crucial moments.

Redshirt freshman middle blocker Queen Nzenwa has played well in some matches, but has been nearly nonexistent in others. She



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Freshman defensive specialist Alisa Pierce prepares to serve against Louisiana State.

must continue to mature and improve her consistency in the second half of the season. Nzenwa's powerful style has overmatched opponents at times, and she leads the team with an average of 1.31 blocks per game.

Perhaps the most surprising Wildcat has been true freshman middle blocker/outside hitter Ashlee Fisher. Like Nzenwa, Fisher needs to improve her consistency. She has carried the team in some matches, especially at Florida and at Georgia. She was named SEC freshman of the week on Oct. 4. However, her hitting per-

centage is just .145. For UK to compete with the top teams in the league, Fisher, like Nzenwa, needs to be more consistent.

"To beat Tennessee and Florida, we must have good offensive performances," Skinner said.

Defense

Skinner and his staff place a great deal on emphasis on defensive play, and that has showed so far: The defense has been the Wildcats' most productive unit. Led by all-time UK digs leader Jenni Casper, UK is third in the SEC in digs, with an average

of 17 per match. The junior libero leads the SEC with 5.83 digs per game. Skinner has credited many victories to the play of the defense.

"We as a staff feel we have to play good defense to compete in the SEC," he said. "It has paid off for us in some of our conference wins."

Junior Julie Gagnon has been the biggest surprise on defense. Gagnon, who came to UK as an outside hitter, made the transition this year to defensive specialist. Skinner likes the added dimension when Gagnon and Casper are on the floor together.

"We really have two liberos with Julie," he said earlier this season. "She's a very good athlete. She's also our strongest player, which is very important as a defensive player. She has great touch."

Setting

Fifth-year senior Leigh Marcum has been steady in the middle of UK's front line as the setter. She is third in the SEC with 12.77 assists per game and also manages 1.25 kills per game with her patented "dump shot." With her experience, she is able to make many instinctual plays that benefit her outside hitters.

"Leigh has done a great job distributing our offense," Skinner said. "Her team believes in her a lot."

The Wildcats, currently fifth in the SEC, finish up a four-match road trip this weekend at Mississippi State tomorrow and at Mississippi on Sunday.

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SPORTS BRIEFS

Hayes cut from Rockets

Wildcat head basketball coach Tubby Smith lauded former UK standout Chuck Hayes, who was cut from the NBA's Houston Rockets on Tuesday.

"The incident this spring probably tarnishes some, but he's a special person," Smith said. "I've never coached a better person. I don't know of a harder working person than Chuck Hayes. Obviously, his skill level was not up to what they were looking for in Houston. But he'll get a chance again some day."

An unnamed UK basketball player was the subject of a rape case that was dropped by Fayette County Commonwealth's Attorney Margaret Kannensohn in August.

Hayes' agent, Bill Duffy, said in April that Hayes had been contacted by police and had retained attorney Hayes was never charged with a crime.

Season tickets sales pass 4,400

The UK women's basketball team has sold a record 4,400 season basketball tickets for the upcoming year. The tickets include four games played in Rupp Arena: Louisville, Auburn, Tennessee and Alabama.

UK has been in the top 20 in national attendance the past two seasons. Last year, 4,381 season tickets were sold. The women's basketball team tips off the regular season 7 p.m. on Nov. 18 against Indiana-Purdue.

Single game tickets go on sale at 9 a.m. today in the Memorial Coliseum ticket office.

Injured Cats expected back Saturday

Sophomore wideout Keenan Burton and junior running back Terrell Bankhead are expected to be available against Mississippi State, head football coach Rich Brooks said yesterday.

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