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Cats, dogs and cell phones: Yearly compilation provides numerical perspective on diverse aspects of nation's life

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WASHINGTON — Here's the truth about cats and dogs: Canines rule in American households, though just barely.

About 36 percent of homes with pets have a dog, while 32 percent of such homes have cats. Feline fa-

naties can take heart with this statistic: your pet sees the vet less often.

Those are just two examples from hundreds of pages of facts and figures about America found in the new Statistical Abstract of the United States, being released Tuesday by the Census Bureau.

The nearly 1,000 pages in the 122nd edition are light on words but heavy on numbers detailing life for Americans.

"We got all kinds of tidbits in here," said Glenn King, director of the staff that assembles the abstract. "It's America in numbers."

Here are some of them: The average cell phone call in 2001 lasted just under three minutes, and the average monthly bill ran \$47.37.

In 2000, 44 percent of adults did volunteer work, contributing an average of 15 hours per month.

"U.S. residents spent over \$38 billion on lottery tickets in 2001, with about \$2 of every \$5 going toward instant scratch-off games.

"Cat owners are slightly more likely to have more than one pet roaming the home. Dogs, meanwhile, are more likely to visit the animal doctor — 85 percent of

dog households took the pet to the vet in 2001, compared with 67 percent of cat homes.

"Nearly one in 20 pet-owning homes had a bird, and one in 50 owned a horse. Households that made at least \$55,000 a year were more likely to have a dog, cat or horse, while homes that made less than \$20,000 were more likely to have a bird.

"The larger the family, the more likely it was to own a pet, no matter what the animal.

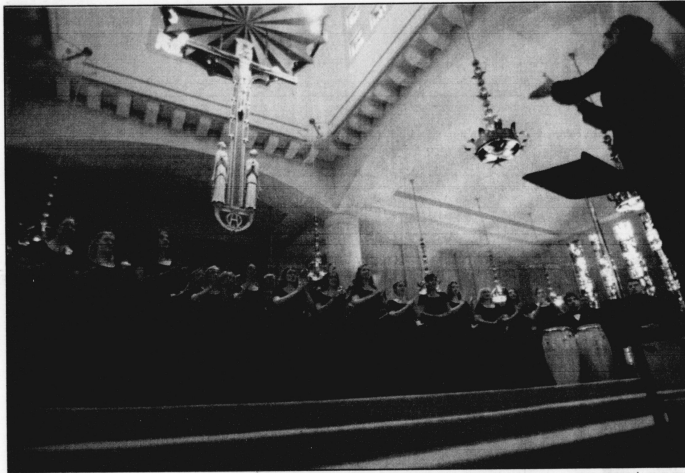
The government puts together the fat fact book each year, compiling statistics collected by the Census Bureau as well as from private sources. For instance, the American Veterinary Medical Association supplied the data on pets.

It's not all fun and games, of course. This year's compendium includes a summary of recently released

See LIFE on 2

It's such an honor to be invited to New York City, especially by an organization that has set the standard for music education nationwide,"

- JULIE BUTZ, PRESIDENT OF UK'S WOMEN'S CHOIR



SCOTT LASHINSKY | KERNEL STAFF

Practice

The UK Women's Choir performs at the Cathedral of Christ the King Sunday afternoon before heading off to New York City today to perform a series of concerts at the historic Carnegie Hall.

Singers take stage at Carnegie Hall

Tough crowd: Performers will sing before an audience of 10,000 choir directors at national convention

By Christie Hegarty
CONTRIBUTING WRITER

Lauren Moss, a theater senior, hasn't sung in front of an audience since the summer of 1999.

But her time is coming. This week, Moss, along with the UK Women's Choir, will perform for her largest audience ever in one of the most sought-after venues — New York City's Carnegie Hall.

Moss isn't a member of the choir but she'll join in as part of the gospel arrangement that the group will perform at The American Choral Directors National Convention Wednesday.

"This is such an honor," she said.

Moss spent a lot of her school career performing, so when the opportunity arose for her to perform with UK's

choir, she jumped at the chance, she said.

"The Women's Choir offers the chance for everyone to take part, regardless of major or experience," said Moss. "Having a diverse choir shows the variety of music and the diversity of people that the choir will perform for."

The 110-member choir has been invited to take part in the convention at Carnegie Hall and Riverside Church, where 10,000 choir directors will watch them perform.

The choir's journey to New York began in spring 2000, when it took part in a divisional convention for 11 states in Orlando, Fla. Of 300 tapes sent in, 32 choirs, including UK, were chosen to perform.

After the success in Orlando, Dr. Lori Hetzel, UK associate director of choral activities, decided the choir

was ready to perform on a national level. She sent an audition tape to the National Convention.

The choir was notified in summer 2002 that they were invited to perform at the convention in February.

"This is a great honor for all of us ... to me, the women in the choir, the school of music and the University as a whole," Hetzel said.

The choir ranges from freshman to graduate students. About half of them are music majors.

"The non-music majors bring a certain work ethic to the choir," Hetzel said. "They enjoy the choir and put in just as much work as the music majors."

The choir rehearses intensely for two hours each week. Hetzel said that although this amount of time is shorter than a number of

other choirs' practice times, the choir works extremely hard every time they meet.

The four-part choir will perform a 25-minute program at the convention. The program includes a chant by medieval composer Hildegard of Bingen and a new piece commissioned for the women's choir by contemporary composer Paul Baser, accompanied by oboe professor Nancy Clauter.

They will also perform a song by Mendelssohn, two Venezuelan folk songs featuring percussion, a solo by voice professor Noemi Lugo and a gospel finale with a solo by Moss.

"It's such an honor to be invited to New York City, especially by an organization that has set the standard for music education nationwide," said Julie Butz, president of the Women's Choir.

Coughing up money: Doctors say syrup may be ineffective

Sick: Some say cough medicine helps treat symptoms

By Jade Mishler
CONTRIBUTING WRITER

Cough syrup doesn't work, according to one member of the largest medical society in the United States.

With most coughs due to colds and minor illness, cough syrup ingredients are a "total waste of money," said Vincenza Snow, senior medical associate at the American College of Physicians-American Society of Internal Medicine.

"People start taking these medications ... at about the time when they really can't stand it anymore, which is about the time they would start feeling better anyway," Vincenza said. She added that this can then lead to the patient mistakenly associating improvements with the medicine they took.

Cough syrup's ingredients include suppressants to stifle a cough and expectorants make it easier to cough up phlegm. But, Vincenza explains, "There was never any evidence that expectorants are of any benefit in upper or lower respiratory tract infections."

Still, cough syrup sales are up this time of year. "I think I sold twelve bottles today since 4 (p.m.)," said Michael LaCapitan, a special education sophomore who works in the Corner Store in the Commons on South Campus.

Dr. Spencer Turner, director and head team physician clinical professor at UK Health Services, disagrees with Snow.

Turner said that though there are some times when coughs are a necessary part of life, there are also times when it's understandable to try to cure it.

"When it's appropriate, you need to suppress the cough centrally in the brain," he said. "Codeine does this, and it's con-

See COUGH on 2

Cold driving you nuts? Try being a UK squirrel



SCOTT LASHINSKY | KERNEL STAFF

A squirrel searches for food in the snow on campus near the Classroom Building.

By Ben Pain
CONTRIBUTING WRITER

There's an extra shiver in their skip this time of year. But it seems fewer of their bushy tails skip around campus during this latest snap of cold weather.

What do UK's signature squirrels do in the winter? They stay here and try to survive, according to experts.

"When it's really cold, they just stay in their nests in the hollows of trees," said Jim Krups, a biology faculty member. Squirrel deaths also explain their winter absence.

"They have a 50 percent mortality rate this time of year," said Tom Barnes, an extension wildlife specialist and professor.

Hawks, cats, hunters and cars kill many of them, he said. But the trees on campus help them survive.

"UK has an ideal squirrel habitat with large trees that are lightly scattered, which produce nuts," Barnes said. When winter hits, they take cover in these trees, in hollows and nests made out of balls of dead leaves.

The population of squirrels will soon begin to rise.

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The Low-down

Two of three campus assaults cleared

Two of the three assaults reported during the week of Jan. 31 have been resolved without charges filed. An assault at the University Commons Apartments at 845 Red Mile Road was reported at on Jan. 31, and has been declared unfounded. "The case was investigated and no criminal act was committed," said Sgt. Greg Hall, a UK Police detective. Another assault reported in Kirwan Tower on Feb. 1 at 5 a.m. was cleared because the victim refused to file charges against the accused, Hall said. A third assault was reported from 758 Woodland Ave. at 2:35 a.m. on Jan. 31. The female subject reported she was assaulted by Sigma Alpha Epsilon members. This case is still being investigated.

UK looks for student graduation speaker

UK is now taking applications for a student commencement speaker. Applicants must be seniors receiving an undergraduate degree from UK at the May graduation exercise who have contributed significantly to the university through campus or community activities or through his or her field of study. The applicant must also show evidence of demonstrated public speaking ability and be willing to present his or her address to the commencement speaker selection committee. The application deadline is March 21. More information is available at www.uky.edu/Law/Davis/Commencement/StudentSpeaker/.

Research vice president elected to committee

Wendy Baldwin, UK's vice president for research, has been elected to the American Association for the Advancement of Science Committee. The committee is one of the most important of the association, the world's largest scientific society. Baldwin will serve a two-year term on the committee. At the end of 2002, Baldwin left the National Institutes of Health to become vice president for research at UK.

Iraq agrees to U.N. surveillance flights

BAGHDAD, Iraq — Iraq agreed Monday to allow U-2 surveillance flights over its territory, meeting a key demand by U.N. inspectors searching for banned weapons as European opposition to American military action mounted. President Bush, however, brushed aside Iraqi concessions as too little, too late. "This is a man who is trying to stall for time," he said after a meeting with Australian Prime Minister John Howard, a staunch U.S. ally against Iraq. "The reason we need to fly U-2 flights is they're not disarming." Iraq's acceptance of the U-2 flights, as well as its submission of new documents to the United Nations over the weekend, marked Baghdad's latest step to stave off a U.S.-led attack and convince other governments that it was now ready to cooperate in full with U.N. inspectors. Key European governments insist that Iraq's cooperation is sufficient to allow inspections to continue and delay military action. On Monday, France, Germany and Belgium vetoed a U.S.-backed measure to authorize NATO to make plans to protect Turkey in the event of attack by Iraq.

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data from the 2000 census, covering income, education and poverty.

One section covers solely crime and law enforcement statistics. Another covers politics and voting data. Page 238 shows that Republican

COUGH

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tained in most over-the-counter cough syrups.

Turner does agree that the overall necessity of cough syrup can be questioned because without medicine, "we'll get over it anyways." The Food and Drug Administration defends cough syrup.

"If a product performs better than a placebo, then it's approvable as effective" under FDA regulations, and "cough syrups would not be available to consumers if they were ineffective," said FDA spokeswoman Laura Bradbard.

Still, many UK students aren't looking to cough syrup

SQUIRREL

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"I think there might be more squirrels in the summer. This is because the babies are being born ... So I think the number drops due to death over fall and winter, then builds up in spring and fall as young leave the nest,"

George Bush received about 1,000 more votes for president than Democrat Al Gore in Florida in the 2000 election, according to statistics rounded off to the nearest thousand. (The final, certified tally showed Bush won by 537 votes.)

New information is added, too, to keep up with America's changing preferences.

For instance, statistics on snowboarding were first added two years ago. More than 4.3 million people like to "get air" down the slopes.

for relief.

Justine Everman, a biology freshman, has had a cough since September and has taken penicillin, codeine, cough syrup, vicodin and more cough syrup. Everman said that the only thing cough syrup did was "make me sleepy."

Lydia Sallade, an undeclared freshman, has had to put up with a loud cough this winter, but she's not buying any cough syrup for it.

"There is no cure for the common cold," she said. Other UK students are finding alternatives.

Anna Bard, an undeclared freshman, drinks a lot of tea and water when she's sick. Bard also has an air purifier in her dorm room.

Bard says the purifier makes the dorm clear of germs and the air fresher. "I can tell a difference, definitely," Bard explains.

Krupa said.

Right now, the female squirrels are tending the nests of their young who were born in the fall, which also explains their disappearance from campus.

But squirrels rarely disappear into buildings.

Jack Applegate, UK's physical plant director, said that maintenance crews rarely replace a rotten piece of roofing or add a screen due to squirrel problems.

"We try to keep buildings sealed," he said.

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New UK shirt is the rage after victory over Gators



ROBBIE CLARK | KERNEL STAFF

New threads

Katherine Tabor, of Tampa, Fla., and '68 UK graduate buys the new 'See Ya' Later Alligator' shirt for her daughter who attends UF.

Get 'em while you can: Fanzfirst creates new shirt, hasn't seen such a demand since '98 championship

By Robbie Clark
ASSISTANT SCENE EDITOR

UK basketball fans now have the opportunity to commemorate the celebrated victory over the University of Florida Gators with a locally printed T-shirt.

The only trouble is getting your paws on one.

Fanzfirst, a UK sports apparel store, began printing the shirts that bear the phrase "See Ya' Later Alligator" and the score of last Tuesday's game on Wednesday after the Collegiate Licensing Company approved of the shirt. Both universities must agree to the design.

"We can't keep them in stock," said Joey Martin, a Fanzfirst manager.

The company printed 500 shirts over the weekend, and a limited supply is available at the store located on the corner of Broadway and Virginia Avenue next to B.W.'s. Fans can also purchase the shirt at the Web site www.fanzfirst.com. Shirts cost \$15.

Martin said Fanzfirst will continue to print the shirts until the demand subsides but recommends those interested to "get them now, either at our store or online."

Originally the store printed only 200 shirts but had sold out within 24 hours

with Internet orders coming in at a rate of about 20 orders every half hour, Martin said.

"We didn't expect the rush," he said. "We ordered right at 200 and immediately sold out."

Tim Seeburger, a co-owner of Fanzfirst, said he had not seen such a demand for a UK shirt since 1968 when the UK basketball team won the NCAA championship.

"It's near the same caliber of the national championship," he said. "There hasn't been a reason to commemorate something like this win since then."

The shirt was designed before the game, which is a slight risk in the event UK did not finish the game triumphant.

"It's a gamble," Martin said. "But it's something we do all the time. We expected the win, so we had it ready."

The company plans on making shirts for the five remaining UK home games. Surprisingly, UK fans are not the only shoppers interested in the shirt. Katherine Tabor of Tampa, Fla., purchased a shirt yesterday for her daughter who attends the University of Florida.

"I graduated from UK in '68," Tabor said. "My daughter and I have a small family rivalry. I think she'll like this shirt."

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CAMPUS CALENDAR

Week of February 10- February 16

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Tues 11

- *Anime, 7:00pm, Student Center, Rm. 119
- *UK Lambda, 7:30pm, UK Student Center, Rm. 231
- *TNT Worship Service, 7:30pm, 429 Columbia Ave
- *Conversational English Class, 8:30pm, Baptist Student Union
- *Green Thumb Environmental Club Meeting, 7:00pm, Student Center, Rm. 106
- *Lifeset Student Union Meeting, 8:00pm, Student Center, Rm. 228

ACADEMIC

- *Chemistry Tutoring, (All 100-level courses), 6:00-9:00pm, Holmes Hall Lobby
- *Biology, (All 100-level courses), 6:00-9:00pm, Holmes Hall Lobby
- *Math Tutoring, (All 100-level courses), 6:00-10:00pm, Commons Rm. 307
- *Math Tutoring, (All 100-level courses), 6:00-9:00pm, Holmes Hall Lobby
- *Physics Tutoring, (All 100-level courses & 211213), 6:00-9:00pm, Holmes Hall Lobby

SPECIAL EVENTS

- *UK Men's Basketball Game vs. Georgia, 9:00pm, Lexington, KY @ Rupp Arena
- *Women's Rugby Practice, 4:45-7:00pm, Rugby Pitch
- *UK Shaolin-Do Karate Club, 5:30pm, Alumni Gym Loft
- *Tae Kwon Do practice, 6:30-8:00pm, Alumni Gym Loft
- *Phat Cat Car Show April 12th, 2003, Currently accepting applications online at: www.phatcatcarshow.org

MEETING

- *Encounter, 7:00pm, Student Center, Rm. 230
- *Institute of Religion/Dogma & Covenants Study, 8:00pm, Student Center, Rm. 119
- *Table Francaise, French conversation group, 3:00pm, Student Center, Rm. 119
- *Elihu Hall, Private Dining room, FREE
- *Dressage Team, 5:00pm, Garrigues, 2nd floor conference room
- *Lavender Society Meeting, 8:00pm, Student Center, Rm. 106
- *Judo Club, 5:00pm, Alumni Gym Loft
- *Fellowship of Christian Athletes, 9:00pm, CSF Building/Center of Woodland and Columbus

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- *Biology, (All 100-level courses), 8:00-10:00pm, Commons Rm. 307
- *Beginning and Intermediate Japanese Tutoring, 7:00-8:30pm, Young Library, check out consultation desk for the room.
- *Math Tutoring, (All 100-level courses), 10:00-2:00pm, Math Resource Center 063 Classroom Building
- *Math Tutoring, (All 100-level courses), 6:00-10:00pm, Holmes Hall Lobby
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- *Physics Tutoring, (All 100-level courses & 211213), 6:00-10:00pm, Commons Rm. 307
- *French Tutoring, 4:00-5:00pm, Keeneland Hall Lobby

SPORTS

- *Women's Rugby Practice, 4:45-7:00pm, Rugby Pitch
- *Equestrian Team, 8:00pm, Ag. North Building

SPECIAL EVENTS

- *Phat Cat Car Show April 12th, 2003, Currently accepting applications online at: www.phatcatcarshow.org
- *Bake Sale, 11:00am-1:00pm, Student Center Bridge

MEETINGS

- *Institute of Religion: History of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, 12:30-12:50pm, UK Medical Building 2nd floor
- *Devoctions & Lunch, 12:00pm, 429 Columbia Ave, \$1.00
- *Freshman Focus, 7:30pm, Baptist Student Union
- *Conversational English Class, 7:30pm, Baptist Student Union
- *Synergy, 8:00pm, CSF Building
- *Annex International Meeting, 7:00pm, Student Center, Rm. 228
- *Annexer Radio Club, 7:00pm, Chemistry Physics, Rm. 163

ACADEMIC

- *Math Tutoring, (All 100-level courses), 2:00pm-6:00pm, Math Resource Center, 063 CB
- *Resumes for Technical Majors, 3:30-4:30pm, Career Center
- *UK Shaolin-Do Karate Club, 5:30pm, Alumni Gym Loft
- *Women's Rugby Practice, 4:45-7:00pm, Rugby Pitch

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- *Battle of the Bands, 8:00pm-9:00pm, Student Center Grand Ballroom, \$5.00 (Ticket sales at the Commons, UK Bookstore, Student Center, and Kennedy)
- *Tae Kwon Do practice, 6:30-8:00pm, Alumni Gym Loft
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- *Angel Social Club Auction, 7:00pm, Student Center, Rm. Center Theatre, Admission: \$3.00 with a car good and \$5.00 without
- *INTRAMURAL/RECREATION
- *Self Defense/Kempo class, 6:30-8:00pm, Alumni Gym Loft, Free! No experience needed!

HAPPY VALENTINE'S DAY!

MEETINGS

- *Revival Bible Study, 7:00pm, Student Center, Rm. 245 FREE!
- *Locating Globalization, 2:00pm, Singletary Center, Rm. President's Room

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- *Arboretum Volunteer Fair, 10am-12:00pm, E.S. Goodbar
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- *Self Defense/Kempo class, 3:00-5:00pm, Alumni Gym Loft, Free! No experience needed!

MEETINGS

- *International Student Bible Study, 6:30pm, Baptist Student Union
- *Alpha Kappa Psi Executive Board Meeting, 7:00pm, Student Center, Rm. 203
- *Judo Club, 5:00pm, Alumni Gym Loft
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- *INTRAMURAL/RECREATION
- *Self Defense/Kempo class, 3:00-5:00pm, Alumni Gym Loft, Free! No experience needed!

MEETINGS

- *International Student Bible Study, 6:30pm, Baptist Student Union
- *Alpha Kappa Psi Executive Board Meeting, 7:00pm, Student Center, Rm. 203
- *Judo Club, 5:00pm, Alumni Gym Loft
- *Math Tutoring, (All 100-level courses), 6:00-10:00pm, Commons Rm. 307
- *Math Tutoring, (All 100-level courses), 6:00-9:00pm, Holmes Hall Lobby
- *Physics Tutoring, (All 100-level courses & 211213), 6:00-10:00pm, Commons Rm. 307
- *Chemistry Tutoring, (All 100-level courses), 6:00-10:00pm, Commons Rm. 307
- *Biology, (All 100-level courses), 6:00-10:00pm, Commons Rm. 307

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Plan can improve lottery efficiency

If you attended the most recent basketball lottery Feb. 3, you were likely approached by a member of Student Government and asked to sign a petition. Recently, two SG senators-at-large proposed a referendum that would establish an online basketball ticket lottery system. Rachel Watts and Matt Rippeotte are offering to give students the option to vote on the issue in the SG spring elections.

Currently, in order to participate in the ticket lottery, students must go to Memorial Coliseum on certain Monday nights. These events often last well into the morning hours, which causes many students to leave early without receiving a ticket.

Under the online system, students would register for the lottery, and if they are chosen to receive a ticket, they could pick it up at the ticket office. This would save students the time and trouble of making a special trip to Memorial Coliseum. It would also keep many from returning home disappointed after not receiving a ticket.

Obviously, the current system is no good for

students who work on weekday nights. Also, students who have early classes or exams to prepare for might be hesitant to attend the lotteries, knowing it could last for more than three hours.

There are some concerns with the online system, though. For instance, how will the system know some students will want to sit together at games? Also, some would say an online lottery would take away from the college community experience, where thousands of students meet and socialize while waiting for their group to be called.

Before such a system is implemented, a model should be developed so students can see for themselves whether they would prefer the current system or the proposed online system. This would also allow system administrators to work out the kinks so the lottery would operate as flawlessly as possible.

SG should be applauded for doing research on this proposal so that it figures to be beneficial to students. If this proposal passes, there is hope it will improve the efficiency of the basketball ticket lotteries.

Jared Whalen
KERNEL COLUMNIST

UK fans should appreciate Pitino, not criticize him for coaching U of L

If I were to walk around campus wearing a Christian Laettner jersey, I would expect to hear rude comments, to be bumped, into and wouldn't be surprised if I had things thrown at me. I would expect nothing less. But I fear wearing a shirt touting Rick Pitino might draw the same reactions.

I, like every die-hard Kentucky fan, felt a sense of betrayal when I learned he was taking the job at Louisville. I hooped at the first game against him in Rupp. I laughed at the jokes and the anti-Pitino clothing. But then I pulled my head out of my big blue self-righteous ass and thought about it.

This man has arguably done more for Kentucky basketball in its past 100 years than anyone. This man led our program out of the darkest days of our long and illustrious basketball history. He stepped into a program that had been given three

years probation, a two-year ban on postseason play, no television appearances and a reduction in scholarships from the NCAA. He then proceeded to pick up the rubble and build the foundation for the championship-winning program that we now see before us. In just two seasons, he was able to have a team that went 22-6 and had the best record in the Southeastern Conference. It's hard to say where the program would be right now if Pitino hadn't come in and made such an immediate impact. His up-tempo, 3-point shooting, full-court pressing style was the Wildcat basketball I grew up with and loved.

He returned the Cats to glory, won a national championship and barely missed winning two in a row. It was then that he decided to leave. No one wanted him to go, but how can you blame the man? He is a basketball coach, and an opportunity arose for him

to try to rebuild one of the greatest franchises in NBA history. Don't get me wrong, the money was there, too. And Pitino himself will admit it played a big role in his decision, but this was his next big challenge. A soul as fiery and driven as Pitino's lives for challenges and measures success in its ability to overcome adversity. Going to Boston was the natural choice.

Now he's at Louisville, coaching one of our biggest rivals, and he has been shunned by many of the once adoring fans. Why did he decide to go to Louisville? Was it because he wanted to spit on the Big Blue Nation?

No, Pitino started looking at coaching jobs that were available and he did some soul searching. He realized that the Boston area he thought of as home had been replaced by his love for the state of Kentucky. He wanted to be in Kentucky and

Louisville was a challenging opportunity that allowed him to do just that.

There is no reason to bash coach Pitino. We didn't end up with some reject coach when he left. We got Tubby Smith, and I'd have to say we came out on top there.

Pitino has simply been following his coaching dream, a dream that has led him into Kentucky twice now. He is a great basketball coach and for proof you need look no further than what he has done with his Cards this year.

He loves this state, he loves the game and he roots for the Cats in all but one game a season. I say we should respect this man who has done so much for the program that we all hold so dear.

Jared Whalen is an engineering junior. His views do not necessarily represent those of the Kernel.

READER RESPONSE

Soldiers should be mourned, not just fallen astronauts

To the Editor:

Today the UK mourned the loss of the crew aboard the Columbia space shuttle. Students made gestures of sympathy by signing books of remembrance that will be sent to the families who so tragically lost their loved ones.

Thursday, Jan. 30, at 9:05 a.m., four members of the 160th Special Operations Aviation Regiment out of Ft. Campbell, Ky. lost their lives in a helicopter crash during a training mission in Afghanistan. Chief Warrant Officer 3 Mark O Steen, Chief Warrant Officer 2 Thomas Gibbons, Staff Sgt. Daniel Kislung Jr. and Sgt. Gregory Frampton — members of a company known as the Night Stalkers — were killed when their MH-60 Black Hawk went down 12 miles east of the Bagram Air Base.

These soldiers left behind a legacy that is no less important than that of the crew of the Columbia. Their families shed no fewer tears. Yet, there are no books to sign to tell their families of our condolences or thank them for their great sacrifice. There is not a student organization promoting sympathy for the wives and children of these soldiers. There was no national memorial service to honor these fallen men.

It seems, for some reason, the lives of the soldiers who serve our country have become less important than those of other people. Their deaths are hardly notable because apparently the life of a soldier is expendable and not worth the news coverage. Soldiers die every day; we might as well chalk it up to the growing number that we are not hearing about. However, the death of astronauts is a novelty. Immediately everyone takes notice. The country stops to watch the news coverage and the president gives an address noting that all mankind is in their debt. A memorial service is held, and students on campus feel they should sign a book to thank the families of the crew for their family member's service as well as send sympathy on their loss. Our sympathy should not be limited to those whose deaths are unexpected. If we are to be in anyone's debt or be sympathizing with anyone, it should be with our soldiers and their families whose lives are sacrificed to protect our country.

Tonight eight children cry for their fathers, four wives sleep alone and mothers and family members go to sleep wishing that they could just tell their soldiers one more time that they loved them. We as Americans have become numb to the loss of one of our defenders. We need to remember that in the midst of this war on terrorism many families each day have to deal with the loss of a loved one, not just those who work for NASA.

God bless our soldiers and their families and send them home to us safely.

ERIN CECIL
ACCOUNTING SOPHOMORE

All facts should be considered before forming opinion on Iraq

To the editor:

I write in response to a recent letter by James Hartman ("War with Iraq inevitable; Saddam can't be taken lightly," Feb. 5, pg. 4) in which he advocates a war justified by Saddam Hussein's evil actions throughout the Middle East. In referring to specific instances, he makes claims that are either completely false or based upon insufficient information. While I believe the misrepresentations were not deliberate, I hope to expose and correct the problems.

When calling Saddam a budding Hitler, Hartman refers to an attack at Halabjah during the Iran-Iraq war in which Kurdish civilians were killed with chemical weapons. After the event in 1988, Saddam became the scapegoat, earning the title of a murderous despot. What Hartman, and the majority of America, fails to realize is the deadly gas belonged to Saddam's opponent, Iran. A team from the US Army War College, led by Lt. Colonel Douglas Johnson and resident professors, concluded the victims died from cyanide, which was not present in Saddam's mustard gas. Iran, however, possessed and used cyanide gas throughout the war as a way of poisoning combatants. Thus, it is incorrect to claim the Kurds were victims of Saddam's genocide, when actually they were civilian casualties of war.

Hartman also argues that by invading Iraq, the United States will be a liberating force, freeing Iraqi citizens from starvation and oppression. If the United States is interested in protecting citizens, why has it placed sanctions on Iraq through the United Nations? Doctors in Iraq, interviewed by the British media, have stated that while medicine was available with Saddam, it has disappeared under the influence of U.N. restrictions. America is responsible for the starvation and health problems in Iraq, not Saddam.

As further justification for the war, Hartman refers to Sept. 11 and the need for America to defend itself. If ending terrorism is a motivation for this war, I weep at its irony. Our presence in Saudi Arabia is what first sparked Osama bin Laden's hatred of the United States, inspiring the embassy bombings, the USS Cole and the World Trade Center attacks. Returning to the Middle East for the war on terror would no doubt inspire a new generation of al-Qaida recruits. Are we so naive to think that by invading Iraq, we can eliminate terrorism? Could we do that in Afghanistan?

The purpose of this letter is to show that war is more ambiguous than Hartman pretends. Making the decision to invade a country is one of weight and requires a good deal of consideration. In choosing peace or war, it is important to know all sides of an issue and to use that knowledge responsibly. I urge everyone to review the facts on your own and make an educated decision.

ANDREW BOZIO
ENGLISH AND PHILOSOPHY SOPHOMORE

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Cats have Georgia's sweep on their minds a year later

Payback time in the SEC: UK talks about revenge after losing both contests to Dawgs last season

By Alex Williams
STAFF WRITER

UK has revenge on its mind tonight when No. 20 Georgia visits Rupp Arena.

The Cats (18-3, 3-0 Southeastern Conference) have risen to a No. 3 national ranking and are riding the crest of a 12-game winning streak, but are more concerned with a battle-tested Bulldogs team that defeated them twice last season.

"They beat us twice last year, so we owe them," Cliff Hawkins said. "We have to come out and play UK basketball because they're a great team. We'll have to play our 'A' game."

Georgia (13-6, 5-3 SEC) boasts two of the top five scorers in the SEC. Guard Ezra Williams averages 18.2 points per game, good for third in league play; forward Jarvis Hayes averages 16.6 points per game, good for fourth.

The trio of Hayes, Williams and point guard Rashad Wright poses a problem that UK hasn't dealt with much this season: containing perimeter players who stretch the defense.

Coach Tubby Smith said Wright, who averages a SEC-best 5.5 assists per game, is effective in orchestrating Georgia's high-powered offense — centered around Hayes and Williams — that averages a league-best 80.9 points per game.

"(Wright) knows where each player likes the ball delivered and he puts the ball right on Jarvis (Hayes) and Ezra (Williams). When they catch it they are shooting in a rhythm because he knows how to pass the ball," Smith said.

"(Hayes and Williams) are outside shooters who have great range, and that stretches your defense. If you try to double on the perimeter against those guys, they have a number of ways to beat you on the inside, because they are very solid on the inside."

UK plans to counter that attack with a staunch defensive effort that has carried the Cats throughout their winning streak. Coming into tonight, UK can stake claim to leading the SEC in scoring defense (57.6 ppg), field goal percentage defense (.402), three-point field goal percentage (.294), and turnover margin (+4.5).

The impressive defensive numbers are an indication of the players buying into Smith's defensive philosophy.

"I don't think we're superior physically," Smith said. "But I think our guys are playing well together right now and believing that we're a good defensive team."

"Guys that are primarily our best defenders are getting some recognition and identity, and I think that's a big key — that we have something we can hang our hat on."

Gerald Fitch, a Georgia native, dismissed the notion that rankings are important to the team. Right now Fitch and the Cats are more concerned with remaining the only team undefeated in the SEC.

"Whether we're No. 3 or No. 23, it's all the same," Fitch said. "We just need to pay (Georgia) back. Hopefully, we'll have a different ending this time."

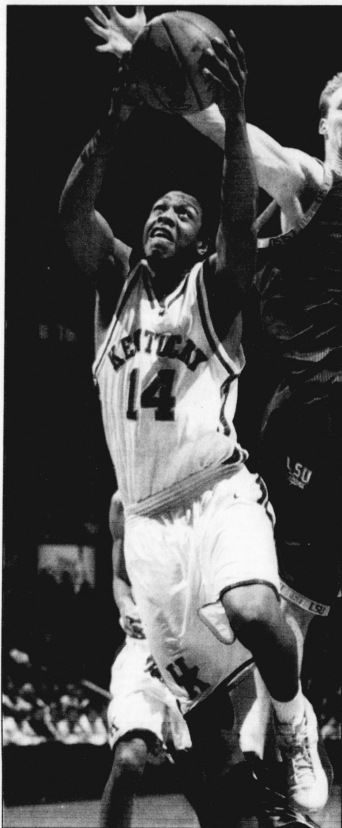


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The Big 'E'

Starting forward Erik Daniels is questionable for tonight's game against Georgia. Daniels had drainage removed from a cyst under his armpit and did not practice yesterday.

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