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## Current and former students at risk for identity theft

Information stolen from classroom, about 6,500 potentially affected

By Crystal Little  
THE KENTUCKY KERNEL

About 6,500 former and current UK students are at risk for identity theft after their academic and personal information was stolen last month, university officials announced Friday.

A professor in the School of Human and Environmental Sciences left a flash drive — also called a thumb drive, which can hold up to four gigabytes of information — in a classroom. It contained as many as 130 files with class rosters from 1988 to 2006, the pro-

fessor said. UK officials declined to identify the professor, who left the drive in a classroom by accident in late April, said UK spokesman Jay Blanton.

The drive held grades and Social Security numbers, which UK uses to ID its students.

"This is a regrettable incident, and we are deeply sorry that it has occurred," Frank Butler, UK's executive vice president of finance and administration, wrote in an e-mail to the UK community. "We are doing everything possible to alert students and former students who may have been impacted."

Though it is unknown how many of the 6,500 students' information was on the drive, UK contacted all the students who were

mentioned in some way on the professor's office computer, Butler said in the e-mail.

However, identity theft may not be the motivation behind the theft.

"It is our suspicion that a student may have taken the thumb drive in an attempt to steal a final exam," the university's Office of Legal Counsel wrote in a letter to the students and alumni last week. "However, we have no proof of that suspicion as well as no proof of possible identity theft."

UK officials learned about the theft on May 26, after it was reported to UK police. The university waited until Friday to publicly address the theft because it was trying to find contact information for the students and former students who may have been af-

fected, Blanton said.

This is the second time in less than a month that UK has alerted students, faculty and staff about possible identity theft. In May, the personal information of about 1,300 current and former employees was accidentally made available on the Internet for 19 days.

Currently, UK is phasing out the usage of students' visible Social Security numbers — they no longer appear on students' UK identification cards, and by October, students' Social Security numbers will not be used as primary identification numbers, Blanton said.

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## Radio Eye lands new home

Radio reading service for the blind will move to new public library branch

STAFF REPORT

When UK asked Central Kentucky Radio Eye, a radio reading service for the region's blind population, to move from its location in M.I. King Library after 15 years last summer, public outcry prevented the eviction. UK allowed the station to stay while it searched for another space.

Radio Eye has found a permanent home — at the new Northside branch of the Lexington Public Library.

"Now that we've found a new home, we believe the university will be delighted," Margaret Chase, volunteer executive director of Radio Eye, told the Lexington Herald-Leader last week. "It's a win-win situation for everyone."

Last summer, UK sent Radio Eye an eviction letter, informing the station that it had to start paying rent or get out, as the space was needed to accommodate UK's growing enrollment and research programs. Though the station has an operations budget of about \$35,000, UK has allowed it to stay in the King Library at no cost.

Having to pay for its own space would have killed the station, Chase told the Herald-Leader last July.

In its new space in the soon-to-be-built expansion of the Northside library branch, Radio Eye will have custom-made studio space.

"Since we're starting from square one with the library building, we're having a space tailor-made for the radio station as opposed to made-to-fit," Doug Tattershall of the Lexington Public Library marketing department told the Herald-Leader last week.

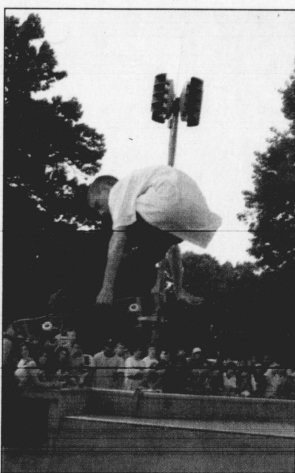
Volunteers for the station, which runs 24 hours a day, read local news from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. and national news, magazines and books for the rest of the day. About 2,000 listeners across the region tune in to the station's programs each day, and in 2002, the Lexington Public Library's Insight Cable Channel 20 began airing Radio Eye's programs 12 hours per week.

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Top: John Fredrickson jumps off the roof of the bathrooms at Woodland Park yesterday during Invasion 2006.

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Below: Ryan Borge competes in Invasion 2006, which included an exhibition by professional skaters Adam Alfaro and Don Nguyen of Lords of Dogtown fame.

## airmen of the board

## More brutal tactics expected after 'barbaric' murders of two U.S. soldiers

By Mohamed Bazzi  
NEWSDAY

BEIRUT, Lebanon — Abu Musab al-Zarqawi is dead, but his brutal tactics live on.

The apparent torture and possible beheading of two U.S. soldiers captured by insurgents after an attack on a checkpoint last week is the latest example of how al-Zarqawi's followers are carrying on his strategies in Iraq.

"Al-Zarqawi brought the level of brutality to unprecedented levels," said Diaa Rashwan, an expert on Islamic militants at the Al-Ahram Center for Political and Strategic Studies in Cairo, Egypt. "Every indication is that his supporters will continue on that same path."

Since al-Zarqawi was killed in a U.S. air

strike on June 7, members of his militant group — al-Qaida in Iraq — have vowed to avenge his death with "spectacular" attacks that will "shake the enemy."

Al-Zarqawi had defined that enemy broadly: He was notorious for beheading foreign and Iraqi captives, and he pioneered the use of car bombings against Iraqi civilians, especially the country's Shia Muslim majority.

Four days after his death, al-Qaida in Iraq released a videotape showing the beheading of three Shias it claimed were members of Iraq's security forces. On Friday, the group dispatched a suicide bomber to a Shia mosque in Baghdad, killing 13 people. Al-Zarqawi championed attacks on Shia leaders and institutions as a way to instigate a civil war in Iraq.

After the bodies of the two U.S. soldiers were recovered Tuesday, a senior Iraqi Defense Ministry official said they had been tortured and killed in a "barbaric way." In a statement posted on a militant Web site, the Mujahideen Shura Council — an alliance of seven insurgent groups that includes al-Qaida in Iraq — said the soldiers had been "slaughtered," a reference that likely meant they were beheaded. The statement said al-Zarqawi's successor, Abu Hamza al-Muhajir, had carried out the killings himself.

Al-Zarqawi was believed to have personally beheaded two American captives in Iraq: Nicholas Berg in April 2004 and Eugene Armstrong in September 2004. Videotapes of those killings were distributed on the Internet and to Arab television net-

works, helping al-Zarqawi gain worldwide attention.

But many Muslims condemned the beheadings and relentless attacks on Iraqi civilians. Even Ayman al-Zawahiri, the deputy leader of al-Qaida, criticized the tactics and warned al-Zarqawi in a letter last year that they were alienating the Muslim world.

If it is confirmed that al-Zarqawi's successor beheaded the two soldiers, it would signal that al-Muhajir is not going to change the group's brutal strategies.

"With al-Zarqawi's killing, it was possible that al-Qaida leaders would make sure that his successor changes these methods," Rashwan said. "But that doesn't seem to be happening."



Camp Woodward in rural Pennsylvania is a summer extreme sports camp that features skateboarding, BMX, inline skating and motocross. Here, freestyle motocross rider Mike Metzger works out in preparation for the upcoming Dew Action Sports Tour, which starts today in Louisville.

JONATHAN NEWTON | WASHINGTON POST

## Louisville kicks off second-annual Dew Action Sports Tour today

By Thomas Heath

Nearly 80 construction workers have been beavering away in downtown Louisville, Ky., for the last week to build the action sports version of an Olympic host city. Two dozen tractor-trailers carried in everything from a \$350,000 prefabricated skateboard vertical ramp to a mobile mini-hospital. Dump trucks hauled 300 loads of dirt to a downtown parking lot for a bike course. One sponsor built a temporary, 3,000-square-foot colonial model home. NBC has sent a production crew of 100.

Welcome to the second annual launch of the Dew Action Sports Tour, NBC's attempt to create a new sports league targeted at the most coveted and hard-to-reach audience in America — 12- to 34-year-olds. It aims to capitalize on the popularity of extreme sports, the genre of sports that includes skateboarding, snowboarding and dirt biking.

The tour will visit five cities over the next five months, starting today with four days of competition in Louisville, and features six disciplines: vert (vertical) and park skateboarding; vert, park and dirt BMX biking; and freestyle motocross.

"This is a big investment," said Kevin Monaghan, vice president for business development at NBC Sports. "We are really committed to this."

The network, which is owned by General Electric, and tour partner Clear Channel Communications are trying to succeed where others have not. NBC has a lot at stake: it has \$30 million to \$50 million in the venture, according to published reports. The Dew Tour reportedly lost money last year. It drew respectable crowds and television ratings, although both were below rival ESPN's X Games, which the Disney-owned network launched 12 years ago.

Although NBC executives have said they have a long-term commitment to the games, the network adheres to a strict bottom line: it pulled the plug on the NFL, its NFL rival, following a single season in 2001 that lost millions. The Dew Tour needs big crowds and respectable television ratings to prove it has a future, according to media experts. Last year's Louisville opener drew 36,000 fans over four days; the finale in Orlando, Fla., five months later drew 59,000.

The jury is still out on how big action sports can be," said Peter Carlisle, director of Olympic and extreme sports for Octagon, a sports management firm. "NBC is pushing a totally different business model (than the X Games). Can you do three of these (tour) events? Can you do four of these? Will it be as big as baseball one day? Who knows?"

In addition to Louisville and Orlando, Denver, San Jose, Calif., and Portland, Ore., will host the tour this season.

"We helped with everything from grassroots promotional programs to working arm-in-arm with the NBC staff to help manage the event on the ground," said John Saboor, executive director of the Central Florida Sports Commission, who helped Orlando win the coveted final stop on the tour.

With NBC guaranteeing 22 hours of live coverage (four hours per weekend event) and 10 hours of late-night coverage on its cable subsidiary USA Network, event sponsors such as Panasonic, Gillette, Toyota, Vans and Sony signed on at around \$2 million each. Mountain Dew, whose brand was resurrected a decade ago on its identity with the high-octane sports world, signed on as the title sponsor for nearly \$4 million — a crucial addition because sponsorship represents more than half of Dew Tour revenue, according to people close to the tour.

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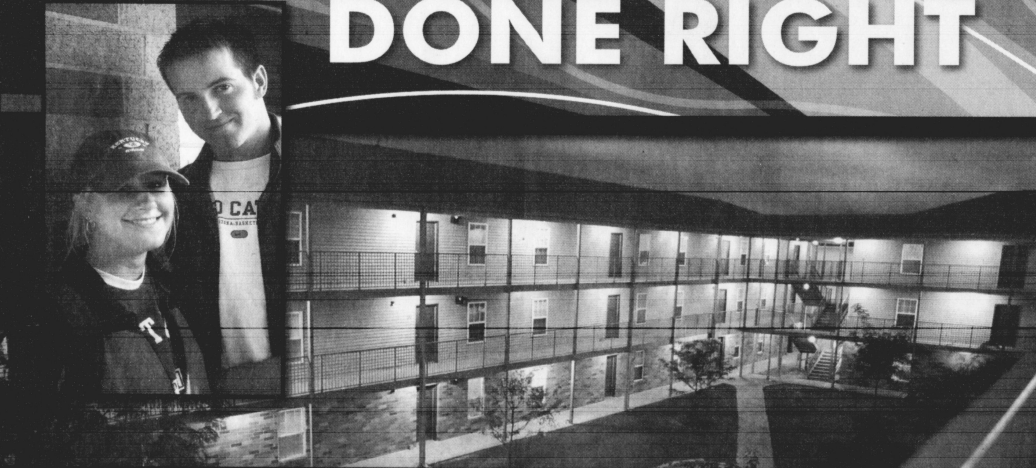
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Comedian Adam Sandler of "Happy Gilmore" and "50 First Dates" fame stars in "Click," where he controls life with a magical remote.

### WAIST DEEP

An ex-convict trying to get his life back together (Tyrese) has to make a last stand after his car is hijacked with his son inside. Larenz Tate ("Ray," "Love Monkey"), Meagan Good ("You Got Served") and The Game (bad rapper) also star. Should be an absorbing distraction from everyday life, which is what movies are for. It's got a solid cast, the action scenes should rock, and the popcorn should be good. It'll also get your girlfriend back for making you stay in and watch "A Walk to Remember" for the 19<sup>th</sup> time. I'd rather inject hot pancake syrup into my system than watch that movie. Does the title to this movie even makes sense? What's he waist deep in? Oh, the things we ask ourselves. Rated R for strong violence, being another movie about black-on-black violence, and pervasive language. At Regal.

### ON DVD

#### WHAT'S EATING GILBERT GRAPE

The release of the 1993 classic featuring Johnny Depp as the glue trying to hold together his dysfunctional family that includes an autistic brother (Leonardo DiCaprio) and an obese mother (Darlene Cates). Can you say "1993" and "classic" in the same sentence? Whatever. The special collector's edition includes commentary with Depp, DiCaprio, Juliette Lewis, Cates (the mom), director Lasse Hallstrom and writer Peter Hedges. John C. Reilly is also featured.

and the American forces that aided the fledgling country. Set in 1898, it covers the first American battle since the Civil War, and follows one unit that covers the American melting pot ideal: black and white, red and brown, tall and short, rich and poor. Tom Berenger is Secretary of the Navy Theodore Roosevelt, who if you didn't sleep through your high school American history class, you would know led the fight of the Rough Riders. Sam Elliott (the Marlboro Man from "Thank You for Smoking"), Gary Busey, and a bunch of people no one's ever heard of also star.

### ROUGH RIDERS

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## IN OUR OPINION

### UK must protect sensitive information

Few things are more valuable than one's personal information — especially Social Security numbers — and now, more than ever, this information needs protection.

In the last few weeks, the personal information of thousands of former and current UK students and employees was not so well guarded.

The instances were clearly mistakes, but it should jumpstart UK's effort to safeguard the information of students and employees.

In May names, e-mail addresses and Social Security numbers of about 1,300 employees were posted on the university's Web site by mistake, according to the memo UK sent to affected employees.

The error was discovered by a friend of one of the employees who found the information via a Google search, the Lexington Herald-Leader reported.

A few weeks later, UK was forced to apologize again when a faculty member's portable electronic storage device was reported stolen.

The small device, called a thumb drive, contained the academic and personal information of about 6,500 current and former students who had taken the professor's courses over the last 18 years.

Since the theft, UK has been working to contact all those affected.

In both cases, officials have responded the right way by taking

blame and reaching out to those who could become victims of identity theft. But the better move is to prevent such instances.

For the last few years, UK has been implementing IRIS, a new system for handling information electronically.

As part of the plan, which is set to be completed in 2008, UK will assign students and employees random identification numbers instead of using their Social Security numbers.

These instances should speed that process, as Social Security numbers still remain the way UK identifies students and employees. (Only in the last few years did UK remove Social Security numbers from the front of student IDs.)

Until then, UK must be ever vigilant in protecting sensitive information.

As large as the UK community is, and as vast as the Internet is, this is a daunting task.

And so part of the responsibility falls on each member of the community to pay attention and speak up when there are concerns.

In the next few months and years, UK must protect its community's personal information.

This must happen sooner rather than later, because now someone's identity can be swiped with a few keystrokes.

UK cannot make the Internet perfectly safe, but it can at least keep valuable personal information locked away.



AARON SMITH, THE KENTUCKY KERNEL

### 'Star Wars' civic education a battle for the republic

It was not like I was a Jedi knight trying to save the republic or anything.

I was just grading papers in my summer Journalism 101 course when I got jolted.

That's what I get for trying to teach journalism's role in democracy. Here was one of the responses to a question about the mayoral primary election:

"I could care less," my student writes, "democracy is not that big of a deal."  
Holy Darth Vader's ghost, I think, what do I say to that? "You're taking America for granted," I scribble in the margin. Then my mind wanders.

I flash back a couple of months to the inaugural gathering in Louisville's Brown Hotel of the 13-state Southern Coalition on Civic Education and Civic Engagement.

I was invited to speak about my Citizen Kentucky Project designed to engage college students at the crossroads of journalism and politics to help graduate more good citizens for Kentucky and enhance civic life.

Why would so many people from so many states care so much? It's because I am not alone in having such a joining educational experience.

At the inaugural conference, keynote speaker Ted McConnell,

director of the national Campaign to Promote Civic Education, called Kentucky Secretary of State Trey Grayson the "Obi-Wan Kenobi" of the movement to make civic education a priority in America.

Do you have your own nomination for a poster child of the civic education movement? If so, let's hear it: Frankfort needs a civic wake-up call.

In case you missed it, a bipartisan legislative effort joining State Sen. Jack Westwood (R-Crescent Springs) with State Rep. Tanya Pullin (D-South Shore) has aimed to bolster civic education in the Commonwealth, but in the last legislative session, Senate Bill 115 died a quiet death.

That's the bad news. The good news is that Kentucky is building a nationally ranked team of civic education activists.

Grayson served as chairman of the Kentucky Workgroup on Civic Literacy and Engagement, which organized the three-day (April 20-22) inaugural Southern Coalition conference this year.

The conference focused on developing a strategic plan to improve civic education and civic engagement from now through 2010.

Kentucky's prominence was unmistakable on the roll call of states and conferees: Alabama (2), Arkansas (1), Florida (1), Georgia (1), Kentucky (18), Louisiana (3), Mississippi (1), Missouri (1), North Carolina (3), Tennessee (4), Texas (1), Virginia (3) and West Virginia (1).

The Southern Coalition is leading a national effort that has

enlisted the help of former Supreme Court Justice Sandra Day O'Connor.

The battle cry is "If it's not tested, it's not taught," meaning that if the "No Child Left Behind Act" cannot be amended to include testing on civic literacy, then teachers are unlikely to make it a classroom priority.

**Civic education will ensure future generations don't take our democracy for granted.**

In the Commonwealth, with its Kentucky Education Reform Act, the challenge is the same to get more civic literacy tested.

Of course, it will take more than required testing to keep another professor from reading such a chilling comment.

It will take good citizens like you to lobby state lawmakers, to help schoolteachers provide students with civic enrichment opportunities and to make civic literacy a priority in your own home.

You should care, my friend. Democracy is a big deal, so please don't take it for granted. May the force be with you.

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### Score one for UK Athletics; we'd give DeMoss a raise, too

UK and women's basketball coach Mickie DeMoss agreed to a new five-year contract yesterday, keeping the Southeastern Conference coach of the year in Lexington until 2011.

The deal is worth \$350,000 per year, and is significant compensation for the improvements DeMoss has made to the basketball program.

The best part of the deal, in this editorial board's eyes, is the \$200,000 buyout clause that DeMoss and the athletic department agreed upon. The clause says that if DeMoss leaves Lexington for another Division-I school, she must pay back the \$200,000 base salary she would make that season.

Her base salary under her old contract was \$180,000. The \$120,000 she received per year for television and radio appearances was increased to \$150,000. DeMoss will net a \$50,000 raise in her new

deal. Not bad — but also deserving for a coach who took a team which won 20 games the two previous seasons and guided them to 22 wins in 2005-06. The Cats finished in the top four in the SEC, narrowly missed advancing to the NCAA Sweet 16, and have a top-30 national recruiting class coming in.

Under DeMoss' watch, all 10 players who have finished their basketball eligibility have earned a degree. Not too many other coaches can say that.

Congratulations to DeMoss, but also to the athletic department. Not only did they keep one of the nation's rising coaching stars in town, they also managed to throw in a buyout that keeps her in town, conceivably until the end of the new deal.

Hopefully they can have another deal ready to sign by the time the current one expires.



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### United 93 heroes deserve salute from Congress in September

On March 25, 1776, the Continental Congress awarded the United States' first Congressional Gold Medal to then-Gen. George Washington for his "wise and spirited conduct in the siege and acquisition of Boston."



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COLUMNIST

Since that date, 129 persons ranging from Gen. Ulysses S. Grant to Thomas Edison and Bob Hope have been recipients of the nation's highest legislative recognition of "distinguished achievements and contributions."

The awarding of Congressional Gold Medals is, in addition to requiring sponsorship by two-thirds of the House of Representatives, nominees must meet certain criteria set by the House Committee on Financial Services.

First, the recipient must "have performed an achievement that has impacted on American history and culture that is likely to be recognized ... long after the achievement."

Second, the recipient must be living; or if deceased, "shall have been deceased for not less than five years and not more than 25 years."

Finally, nominees' works must "represent

either a lifetime of continuous superior achievements or a single achievement so significant that recipients will be recognized for the "highest honors" in their particular fields.

The events of Sept. 11, 2001 remain so fresh in the minds of most Americans that a reshaping of those acts is unnecessary. The emotions generated on that tragic day were exemplified in April by moviegoers who were vocally disturbed by trailers for Universal's "United 93."

When the trailer aired in Hollywood's Grauman's Chinese Theatre, patrons shouted their disapproval with cries of "too soon." An AMC Loew's theater in Manhattan pulled the trailer after repeated complaints by customers. Theater manager Kevin Adjodha was quoted in Newsweek saying, "One lady was crying ... She was saying we shouldn't have [played the trailer]."

He added, "I don't think people are ready for this."

The film, directed by Paul Greengrass, follows in real time the flight of the fourth hijacked airliner, which crashed 150 miles northwest of its intended destination of Washington, D.C. After becoming aware of the attacks on the World Trade Center and the Pentagon through calls to relatives and officials on the ground, Flight 93's passengers mobilized in an effort to regain control of the doomed plane. Upon the passengers'

breaching of the cockpit door, the terrorists decided to crash the plane rather than allow the Americans — whose ranks included an experienced pilot — an attempt to land safely.

The actions of the passengers and crew of Flight 93 presumably prevented the ruin of the White House, or more likely, the United States Capitol. To a nation already shaken by the destruction of the World Trade Center to lose the Capitol — the worldwide symbol of American government — would have been devastating.

Visitors to the future Flight 93 National Memorial will be stepping on hallowed ground. This memorial, unlike others throughout America, will not serve to honor great generals or presidents. The names of famous authors, entertainers and inventors will also not be found etched into granite in the infamous field near Shanksville, Penn.

Instead, the memorial will immortalize average Americans — entrepreneurs, retirees and flight attendants, among others — who found themselves thrust into a defining moment in American history.

Soon after Sept. 11, the passengers and crew of Flight 93 were nominated for Congressional Gold Medals. Because their deaths had occurred so recently, however, they were ineligible for the awards. Thus, no action was taken.

Nearly five years after the United States

suffered its worst terrorist attacks, the Capitol still stands in Washington, a slap in the face to those who would like to see the American government both literally and figuratively crumble.

This September, with the fifth anniversary of the attacks, Flight 93 passengers will become eligible to receive Congressional Gold Medals. On the morning of Sept. 11, there should be a line 435-deep waiting to sponsor legislation to recognize those who risked and lost their lives to save the house of Congress.

No amount of public accolades can do justice to the heroic acts of those on United Flight 93. They were the first soldiers in the war on terror; and as President Bush said, their actions represented the first victory in that war.

Sept. 11, 2006 will be a somber day for many Americans. Few could forget the images of death and destruction, and the feeling of vulnerability, a phenomenon rarely experienced through United States history.

Fewer still should forget the ultimate sacrifices made by ordinary travelers on an otherwise ordinary late summer day nearly five years ago.

The nation and its Congress should ensure that no American forgets that Shanksville is the first battlefield in the war on terror.

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## WORLD CUP 2006

# Americans can't understand Cup fever

MUNICH, Germany — On June 9, millions of eyes were glued to TV sets around the world.

For some people it was the middle of the night, for others it was morning. Some had left work early; some hadn't even gone.



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Throughout the world, fans gathered around the glow of their TV screens, no matter what time of day, no matter where they were. Nothing mattered quite like this — simply because this was a moment that people the globe over had been waiting four long years for.

And as 11 players took their position on one end of a green field and another 11 did the same on the other, and a man blew a whistle, it could possibly be said that in the dead silence of space, a dim cheer could be heard from Earth because, at last, the World Cup had begun.

There are millions who celebrate (and I mean celebrate in the party-hard sense) a tournament that lasts from June 9 to July 9. Simply put, it's just a game where you kick around a ball and try and get it into a net. But for those millions of fans, this is a bigger deal than any Rose Bowl has ever been to a particular university. Stores close early, babies are either

born early or, if possible, late — if only so the mother can catch the game. City streets go empty as entire nations are captivated with every flick of a ball moving back and forth across a field.

Soccer — excuse me, football — is to the world what basketball, American football and baseball combined are to the United States. It is the most popular and universal sport on the planet. Period. And for football the biggest moment comes every four years in the form of the World Cup, an international playoff where 32 teams compete to be the champion of the world.

The Cup is inarguably the biggest sports tournament on the globe and could only be described to an uninformed American as March Madness, with the international flair of the Olympics, where every game, to each individual nation playing, is like a Super Bowl or World Series. Under that image, it's safe to say that things get pretty crazy.

In Germany, the host nation and epicenter of the global madness this year, an electric atmosphere runs through the streets and venues of every city. On June 9, the German national team kicked off the Cup with the opening game against Costa Rica. That game, like every other to come, was sold out. Outside the stadium and throughout the city of Munich, where the game was played, huge screens had been set up for audiences

who didn't have the good fortune of getting tickets. Thousands upon thousands of fans, some outfitted with a crazy costume, showed up to watch the game live on these screens. One venue, in Munich's Olympic Park, had nearly 40,000 people in attendance, 30,000 more than had been expected. The same was true all around Germany. And it wasn't even German fans that filled the ranks of onlookers. Brazilians, English, French, Koreans, Costa Ricans, Japanese, Australians and Americans have all swarmed into Germany for the Cup. Most don't even have tickets to a game and are only here to partake in the festivities, a party on an international scale.

Football games bring with them a madness that is unmatched in any other sport. Hooligans come to mind, crazed fans dressed in the colors of their team, usually under the influence, screaming and waving flags, banners, lighting flares or whatever else they please. These are the people that have come to the World Cup. Germany has estimated that more than 500,000 visitors have come to enjoy the tournament. Each country brings its own particular flair. Japanese fans, no less than two dozen in every group all decked out in their team's blue, sing fight songs and chant at the top of their lungs. Costa Rican fans gather around one or two who have a drum and horn and dance to reggae. Brazilians, scantily

clad, dance the samba in the streets, grabbing onlookers by the hand to come and join them.

Everybody has a smile on their face. That is, until the games roll around. That's when things become bitter-sweet.

To tell the truth America has it easy right now. It is probably the only country in the world that doesn't have World Cup fever (even Mongolians like football). There is no national anxiety about how the U.S. team is doing. There are no crazed hooligans marching through the streets of Lexington with the stars and stripes painted on their naked bodies, en route to the nearest bar to see the Americans play and, similarly, no broken hearts after the team loses, as they lost their first game against the Czech Republic 3-0. And as the U.S. national team takes to the pitch in a crucial win or go home game on Thursday against a strong Ghana team, there will be very few of their countrymen cheering them on or even caring about the result.

For any other team it would be another story.

This is important. Right now there is no other place to be. This month-long tournament is what the world has been waiting years for. And the world, accordingly, celebrates it as such.

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### United States vs. Ghana

- 10 a.m. today, live on ESPN
- To advance to the knockout round of 16, the U.S. team (0-1) needs a little help. If the Americans defeat Ghana (1-0) in Nuremberg, Germany, they can advance with a victory by Italy over the Czech Republic. If Italy and the Czech Republic tie, the U.S. team must rout Ghana to win goal-differential tiebreaker. Simply put, this is a must-win game for the Americans if they wish to advance to the knockout round for the second straight World Cup.
- Italy and the Czech Republic play at the same as the Americans, so there will be some scoreboard-watching going on in Nuremberg.

... every game is like a Super Bowl or World Series ... things get pretty crazy."

## SPORTS BRIEFS

### UK extends DeMoss' contract

After Mickie DeMoss led the UK women's basketball team to its first NCAA Tournament appearance in seven years, UK has signed the coach to a new five-year contract.

DeMoss, who has been at UK for three seasons, signed a new deal that will pay her \$350,000 annually, UK Athletic Director Mitch Barnhart announced this week.

"Kentucky women's basketball has made significant progress under Mickie's leadership," Barnhart said in a press release. "Her ability to organize, recruit and mentor young people give me great confidence about the future of our program. Mickie wants to win championships at Kentucky, and we intend to support her in every way possible to help reach those achievements."

In DeMoss' three seasons at UK, the Cats are 61-42, including a 22-9 mark last season. In the two seasons before DeMoss' arrival, the Cats had won a combined 20 games.

In 2005-06, the Cats finished fourth in the Southeastern Conference, their highest finish in 23 years. UK also earned a berth in the NCAA Tournament for the first time since 1999. The Cats advanced to second round.

DeMoss was named SEC Coach of the Year by the SEC coaches and The Associated Press, the first time

a UK women's basketball coach had received the honor. In her three seasons as head coach, all 10 players who completed their eligibility also left with a degree.

"This speaks volumes of the commitment UK has made to the women's basketball program," DeMoss said. "Being at Kentucky has been a tremendous experience for me. This past season was very rewarding to see us make so many positive strides in the SEC and on the national scene. I'm looking forward to the future of the program and bringing more excitement to women's basketball at Kentucky."

### Cowgill invited to U.S. team tryouts

For the second straight season, the UK baseball team will be represented at the USA Baseball National Team Trials as sophomore Collin Cowgill was one of 35 players invited to the tryout. Of those, 22 will make the squad.

Cowgill, a Lexington native, hit 16 home runs and drove in 61 runs while batting .298 for the year. He also notched 15 doubles and scored 62 runs.

The trials are held from June 24 to July 1 in conjunction with the New England Collegiate Baseball League.



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