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MLK search at least one year away

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The Martin Luther King Jr. Cultural Center will go without a permanent program director for the rest of this academic year.

Velechia Smith left her position as director of the MLK Center at the end of August following her resignation in the spring.

The search for a replacement will not begin until UK has decided how to reorganize multicultural affairs and diversity efforts, said Pat Terrell, vice president for student affairs.

The responsibility of reorganizing falls to July "FJ," Jackson, vice president for institutional diversity. Jackson's began the new position on July 1.

Jackson said her main aim was to get to know the staff and the work they've been doing.

"I need to know what's already going on, what's working well, and then have some time to visit with folks before I make too many decisions about what needs to change," Jackson said.

Smith's position is currently filled by the first MLK Center director, Chester Grundy. Grundy, interim director through June 2009, said because Jackson is new, she is still assessing all of her resources and other staff positions.

Grundy said holding this position for an entire year was a smart decision.

"It would be difficult to bring in a new person in the middle of the year to take Smith's position," he said.

Smith is now the assistant director in the Office of Multicultural Affairs at Western Kentucky University. Smith could not be reached to comment on the reorganization or why she left.

Terrell said Smith resigned to be closer to her family.

Also on Jackson's plate is the replacement of Mahjabeen Rafiuddin, the former director of Student Diversity Engagement who resigned in June. Rafiuddin resigned, and like Smith's position, hers remains unfilled with no date for a replacement.

Once Rafiuddin's position is filled, it will operate under a new title and report to the Office of Student Involvement instead of the Office of Multicultural Affairs, Terrell said.

Legendary coach broke race barriers

By Kevin Sherrington
The Dallas Morning News

When "Glory Road" came out a few years ago, Don Haskins got a different reaction from when he lived it the first time.

The Bear had no idea what he was getting himself into when he started five black Texas Western players in the 1966 NCAA basketball championship game against Kentucky. Wanting simply to win, he started his best players.

"I was young," he told The Dallas Morning News in 2005, "and I wasn't thinking."

He didn't mean he wouldn't have done it. He meant he had no idea people could be so ugly, ignorant and cruel.

Haskins died Sunday in El Paso, Texas. He was 78.

In only two weeks after the historic win by Texas Western, now UTEP, he received 40,000 hate letters. Most were from the South, but he also heard from civil rights leaders accusing him of exploiting black athletes.

The response was so overwhelmingly negative that Haskins at one

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Provost: five dean vacancies normal

By Leticia James
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While six of UK's college deans have left their positions in the past two years, UK Provost Kumble Subbaswamy said the turnover isn't out of the ordinary.

The national average for a dean's tenure is about 6.5 years, Subbaswamy said. This makes the vacancies of the positions at UK normal, he said.

"Deans typically move on to higher positions or return to the faculty after their service," Subbaswamy said. "We are fortunate that some of the senior deans who have stepped down in the past couple of years will remain on the faculty."

"We benefit from their experience while enjoying the ideas and enthusiasm of new leadership."

Since 2006, six of UK's 18 college deans have resigned from their positions. David Mahoney of the College of Design was replaced by Michael Speaks during the spring semester.

Still vacant are the positions left by Steve Hoch in Arts and Sciences, David Johnson in Communications and Information Studies, Jim Cibulka in Education, Allan Vestal in Law and Kay Hoffman in Social Work. Each dean served between five and 13 years.

Four of the deans — Hoffman, Johnson, Mahoney and Vestal — will return or have returned to faculty positions, said UK spokesman Tom Harris.

UK is continuing its search to replace the deans of the remaining colleges. The committees are actively searching for

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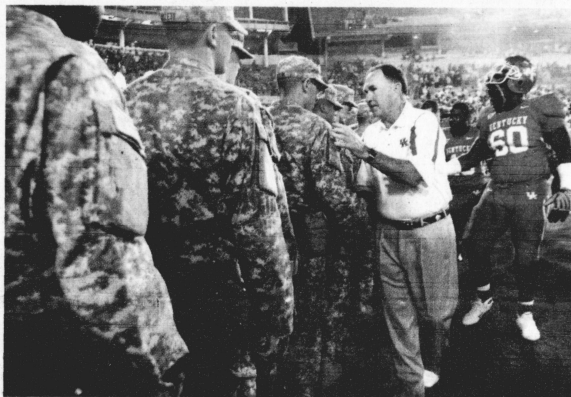
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New looks, same result



UK head coach Rich Brooks and sophomore defensive tackle Shane McCord shakes hands with military personnel after the Cats 38-3 victory over Norfolk State on Saturday. The Cats held the Spartans offense to 165 total yards.

Changes in offense and a constant defense guide Cats

By Kenny Colston
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Anyone in Commonwealth Stadium could see the changes. An inflated helmet for the Cats (2-0) to run through during introductions, fancy signs along the stands, new Southeastern Conference logos on the 25-yard line of each side of the field.

But any of the 69,118 watching the first 11 minutes of UK's game against Norfolk State (1-1) could see that one thing had not changed: the Cats were still struggling on offense.

Until head coach Rich Brooks made the change.

The one that put freshman Randall Cobb in at quarterback, the change that jump-started what had been a slow offense for Brooks' squad.

"I planned on putting Cobb in around the end of the first, early second quarter," Brooks said. "Cobb gave us a real spark, running the ball with speed and athleticism."

But that wasn't the only change Brooks made. He switched out senior Tony Dixon and sophomore Derrick Locke for junior Alfonso Smith at running back. From that point, UK's offense was changed.

"That's what I was going in the game to do," Cobb said. "I went in there to give us some life."

It took Cobb, the first freshman to see action at quarterback since Dusty Bonner in 1997, a little over a minute to excite the UK faithful, using three plays to put the Cats on the board.

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UK sophomore running back Derrick Locke looks to make a play in the Cats 38-3 win over Norfolk State.

A decision to make: Hartline or Cobb?

In light of the upcoming 2008 presidential debates, what better time is there to

have a debate about the UK quarterback position than now?

In one corner we have the flashy true freshman Randall Cobb.

In the other, the steady sophomore Mike Hartline. Both are inexperienced. But both could very well hold the fate of the 2008 UK football season in their hands.

Let's start the debate. First up is Cobb. From the second Cobb spurned Tennessee and landed on UK's campus, he's been one of the most talked about players on the team. Brooks has praised the kid's talents and effort. Offensive coordinator Joker Phillips has commonly referred to Cobb as having that "it" factor, whatever "it" really is.

But nobody was sure what effect Cobb would really have on the UK offense. Brooks said they would have to find a way to get the kid touches whether it be at the quarterback or wide receiver position, but nobody really expected Cobb to stake a legitimate argument for the starting quarterback position as a true freshman.

Until Saturday. Cobb replaced Hartline near the end of the first quarter Saturday and immediately

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First Gluck Center director dies at 81

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For James Rooney horses were a passion that lasted as long as his life.

Rooney, the first director of the UK's Maxwell H. Gluck Equine Research Center, died of complications from cancer in his Chestertown, Md., home Friday. He was 81.

Rooney was an expert on equine pathology and anatomy, and he studied the way horses move.

What many people say is their strongest memory of Rooney is his gift with words, said Audrey Rooney,

his wife of nearly 48 years. James Rooney authored several books on equine science and acted on-and-off in plays throughout his life.

In fact, it was while acting that Audrey Rooney met her husband in 1960. Her all-women's school, Hood College, needed a man to fill the role of Mr. Darcy in its production of "Pride and Prejudice." James Rooney, at the time working as a pathologist in a government lab auditioned and got the part.

When she took the stage as Elizabeth Bennett, Mr. Darcy's love interest, Audrey Rooney was struck by

James' sonorous voice and strong arms.

"I can't say it was love at first sight — that's kind of cheesy," she said, "but I went back and told my roommates this is the guy I'm probably going to marry."

Audrey and James Rooney married later that year.

Rooney became interested in horses while spending summers on a family farm in southern Maryland. He liked the way horses moved and wanted to solve the mysteries behind



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Horoscopes

By Linda C. Black

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Aries (March 21-April 19)

Today is a 7 — The almost miraculous turn of events occurs in the nick of time. You're gaining confidence in your abilities, too. That will come in handy later. Keep the faith!

Taurus (April 20-May 20)

Today is an 8 — No need to share news of a recent windfall with your friends and co-workers. Savor the knowledge in secret and get yourself a special treat.

Gemini (May 21-June 21)

Today is a 7 — Once you've decided upon your objectives, it's time to go shopping. Put your resources together with somebody else's, so

you can get the best

Cancer (June 22-July 22)

Today is a 7 — By now you should be ready for a break. How can you give yourself one? By asking someone to do a noxious chore for you, that's how. Pay, if you must.

Leo (July 23-Aug. 22)

Today is a 6 — Make sure you understand the objective before you begin the job. An itty-bitty mistake could grow all out of proportion quickly. Take care.

Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)

Today is a 7 — After a little preparation, you'll be ready to relax. Invite a favorite person to join you. You've earned a mini-holiday.

Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)

Today is a 7 — You're generally able to keep your temper well under control. Usually there's no reason to raise your voice. That's harder to remember now.

Scorpio (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)

Today is a 7 — Wind up your shopping now, while you have a slight advantage. You could also

sell at a profit, if you have a

Sagittarius (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)

Today is an 8 — You have to be telling the truth, but you don't always have to be telling it. That's an old Irish saying that applies in this situation. Discretion is advised.

Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)

Today is an 8 — You're the lucky one, and getting luckier all the time. Make a suggestion that helps your company increase profits. You're getting smarter, too.

Aquarius (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)

Today is a 6 — Get into that stack of stuff that's been piling up. There's something in there that can't be put off any longer. There's also something that will bring in cash.

Pisces (Feb. 19-March 20)

Today is a 7 — Keep quiet about your finances, even to your friends. You're making personal decisions and don't need their input. Or maybe you do? If so, choose your advisors carefully.

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'I've always felt different'

THE DISH

America's Next Top Model contestant was born a man

Last season on America's Next Top Model, she was one of five homeless women who posed behind the finalists in a photo shoot. From that dimly lit image, she was chosen to compete this year (CW Wednesdays, 8 p.m.) — but that's not the most interesting part of aspiring designer Isis King's bio. The single Maryland native, 22, is also the reality show's first transgender contestant. She tells Us' Natalie Thomas how she got this far — and how fervently she desires the transition to come.

Q: How did you go from homeless to Top Model?

A: I wasn't on the street; I was in an assisted-living program and heard they needed models. I basically gave my all. I asked Mr. Jay [Mannell, the art director], "Have you ever had a girl that was born in the wrong body?" He said no. Later, I got a call saying, "We want you to come back. We liked the way you did things." I was skeptical, but I decided to see what could happen.

Q: When did you first realize you were "born in the wrong body"?

A: From as young as I can remember, I've always felt like I was different. I visually looked like a boy, but I never felt like one on the inside. I played with Barbies and did double Dutch with the girls. In high school, I came out as a gay male, even though I felt like that's not who I was, it started to change things for me. I was voted Most Outgoing.

Most Unique. I was the artist, the fashion designer.

Q: Did you make the change gradually or all at once?

A: I used to take my mother's shoes. I've been practicing catwalk for years! I didn't start trying on her clothes until middle school. After college [King earned an associate's degree from the Art Institute of Philadelphia], I knew I was going to start transitioning. I went out with my best friend, and we got my shoes.

Q: How are you completing the transition?

A: I started hormones last summer. [They facilitate development of feminine characteristics, such as breasts.] When I first started taking them, I got sick a bit, and that's normal. My body is filling out nicely. I'm -skinny — I think if I were a little thicker, I would have seen more dramatic changes. I go through electrolysis every week and a half, two weeks.

Also, I used to wear silicone [breast enhancers] for shoots, but it's too hot with all that extra stuff. Most models don't have breasts anyway! I would also tape [my penis] at first, but since then I've found new ways to make everything smooth. What I use is like a thong. I made it myself with a piece of denim.

Q: Do you plan to have a sex-change operation?

A: If I could have had it years ago, I would have. Finances were the only thing

holding me back. My goal is by my 25th birthday.

Inside Jen's 30 Rock Spot

The friends star has found her way back to the small screen — Jennifer Aniston, 39 — who has four movies awaiting release — will make a cameo appearance next season on NBC's 30 Rock, though she won't play herself. "Her character's free-spirited and -granola-ish," a source tells Hot Stuff. "And she was extremely nice and cool to everyone on set — just a regular person." A second insider says that in one sequence, the star — who broke up with her beau of four months, John Mayer, in August — "is walking by a fire hydrant that begins spewing -water, and she starts dancing in it!"

Tom and Katie's baby sequel

Suri Cruise soon may be a big sis. A source close to Tom Cruise, 46, tells Hot Stuff that he and wife Katie Holmes, 29, "have decided that Katie will get pregnant as soon as she can." But when? After all, Holmes makes her Broadway debut October 16 in All My Sons — and will be on stage through January. Says the source, "That's not stopping them from preparing!"

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LINDSEY

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injected life into a stagnant UK offense. His first play he bolted up the middle for 16 yards. Two snaps later, he scampered 18 yards for his first career college touchdown.

Then he fired a laser beam to Kyrus Lanster for 27 yards, capped that with a touchdown run, and then floated a beautiful 14-yard fade to Dicky Lyons Jr. in the end zone. Just like that it was 21-0.

"When we made that substitution, it gave us a real spark," Brooks said.

More like it added fuel to an offensive that was in desperate need of a little firepower. In just three drives, Cobb did what Hartline could not do: put points on the scoreboard.

Cobb led UK to 21 points in just over a quarter's worth of work. Hartline, on the other hand, had mustered just seven points in over a game, with the one touchdown coming at the benefit of a Louisville turnover last week.

But Cobb turned the ball over twice. One was a fumble where Cobb sat in the pocket too long, and the other was a bad interception where he tried to force the ball into space that just wasn't there. They were typical freshman mistakes.

They were mistakes Hartline, UK's second candidate, hasn't made yet. He's been steady, reliable and almost boring to a point. That isn't a bad thing.

Sometimes you need a quarterback who can manage the game, not make mistakes and let everybody else do what they need to do to win



PHOTO BY ALLIE GARZA | STAFF
The UK offense awaits instructions from freshman quarterback Randall Cobb during its 38-3 win over Norfolk State on Saturday at Commonwealth Stadium. Cobb contributed on three UK first-half scores.

the game. With the way the defense has played through the first two games, that doesn't sound like too bad of an idea.

Plus, Hartline has shown the qualities of somebody you want leading your team. Amid the pressure of replacing All-Southeastern Conference quarterback Andre Woodson and the saga of Curtis Pulley, Hartline has said and done all the right things. His teammates and coaches rave about his leadership on and off the field and have been behind him from the moment Woodson was drafted by the New York Giants.

But is leadership alone enough to keep the starting job? After all, Hartline doesn't possess the speed, potential or big-play ability that Cobb does, plus it was pretty obvious Sunday who was running the offense more efficiently.

Maybe five quarters wasn't enough to warrant the

change at the quarterback position, but Brooks said they had planned to play both guys all along. That's why Hartline, despite clearly being outplayed by Cobb, started the second half.

That brought about a classless chorus of boos from Commonwealth Stadium, which was completely unprepared for the limited action we've seen from both quarterbacks. "There's no place for that in this stadium," Brooks said. "Those two young men are both inexperienced quarterbacks. They're both going to probably play as we move forward. We need them both, and we'll put the players on the field when we need to win the game, but we don't need to be booing our own damn players in Commonwealth Stadium. That just makes me sick to my stomach."

The spattering of jeers made it pretty obvious who the nearly 70,000 fans want

throwing the pigskin. But that isn't going to affect who Brooks decides to go with under center. For now, Brooks said he won't name a starter for the Middle Tennessee game until later this week and that both will see the field for the foreseeable future.

"If we're not moving the ball, we're going to shake it up," Brooks said. "If I had my druthers I'd rather not do that, but that's where we are right now and that's what we're going to do."

"I know we're going to probably have a lot of people that want to help us make this decision, but we're going to do what's best for the young men we're working with."

Those people might not be able to help make Brooks' decision, but there's certainly nothing stopping them from voicing their opinions.

Let the debate begin.
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ran eight times for 49 yards and two touchdowns.

With both quarterbacks looking to split snaps, Hartline believes defenses will have trouble game planning against the Cats, a problem that was evident with the Spartans.

"Definitely we give different types of looks to keep defenses guessing," Hartline said. "Randall can throw and run. We're both young to the game, so we try and help each other as much as we can."

While the quarterback competition stole the show, Brooks said he did see another improvement for the offense — the running game. Sophomore Derrick Locke led all backs with 96 yards on five carries and one touchdown. Sophomore Moncell Allen ran for 71 yards on seven carries — all in the fourth quarter — and one touchdown. Not what Brooks called a great running attack, but better.

"We're a little happier," junior Alfonso Smith said. "Felt we could have done more. But everyone got out there and we were pounding them."

The defense also continued its dominance on the field. Despite a few drives

deep into UK territory, Norfolk State came away with only one field goal. It's the first time UK has opened the season without allowing a touchdown since 1958. It's also the first time the Cats haven't allowed their opponent to score a touchdown in consecutive games since 1978, when UK held both Virginia Tech and Vanderbilt scoreless. That type of defensive performance wasn't exactly what Brooks had in mind when the season started.

"Did I expect us to only give up three points," Brooks said. "Probably not. But now I think we can do better."

So does junior linebacker Micah Johnson.

"There's still a lot of room for improvement," Johnson said. "Little things, a lot of things to continue to work on."

While the running game is still progressing, the defense is still dominating, and the quarterbacks are dueling, it seems nothing can knock UK off its perch. Not even a competition.

"I don't consider it a battle," Hartline said. "Randall's a teammate to me. Seeing Randall's success is great. We're winning games. That's what matters."

FOOTBALL

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UK never looked back in a 38-3 victory over Norfolk State. Eight minutes later, Cobb again put UK on the board with a quarterback sneak on the 1-yard line. The change was official.

But it wasn't, not isn't, permanent. Hartline re-entered the game at quarterback to start the third quarter. The rest of the second half, the two quarterbacks played to a virtual tie. After the game, Brooks said the position was completely split.

"We will not decide who starts until late in the week," Brooks said. "Maybe at game time. Both will play. Rather than say I have a designed plan, if we aren't moving the ball we'll shake it up. I would rather not do that, but that's where we are."

Even with Cobb's first half spark, the two quarterbacks finished with similar stats. Hartline was 9-of-15 for 60 yards, while Cobb completed 6-of-11 for 87 yards and one touchdown. Cobb also

Correction

In Friday's Kentucky Kernel, the equestrian team's national ranking was misstated. Two years ago, not last year, the team was ninth in the nation. Last year the team won the National Championship.

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NEWS BRIEF

Abduction near campus, sexual assault reported

The Lexington Division of Police and the Jessamine County Sheriff's Department are investigating an abduction near campus connected to a sexual assault early Friday morning, according to the Lexington Division of Police.

The victim reported she had been abducted from Elizabeth Street near Waller Avenue, then driven to a remote location in Jessamine County where she was sexually assaulted, according to an LPD press release. The attack is reported to have happened between 2:30 and 3:45 a.m. Friday.

The suspect is still unknown. He is described as a white male in his 30s, tan and with short dark hair. He is also described as being about 5'9", having a large build, a gap in his front teeth and prominent ears.

The suspect was driving a dark-colored, full-size pickup truck.

Anyone with any information related to the investigation is asked to call the Special Victims Section of the Lexington Division of Police at (859) 258-3700 or Bluegrass Crime Stoppers at (859) 253-2020.

HASKINS

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point declared that he wished he'd never won the title.

Time eventually softened both sides. Unlike coaches now, who move at the least provocation or success, he stayed in El Paso.

He drove his teams hard, especially on defense, and none harder than the '66 champs. Not that it showed in their easy demeanor off the court.

"They were the most confident team I ever saw," he said. "It drove me nuts."

Haskins was gruff and funny and well-respected in his profession. The rest of the world was slow to catch on.

In his last years, as his body slowly deteriorated, his wit remained. When he could still make games, even the refs paid homage.

"I tell them they look a lot better than when I was coaching," he said.

Everything about basketball looks different from the way it looked before 1966. Haskins made it happen. Here's hoping he took some comfort in that.

His legend was about more than winning.

DEANS

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candidates, Harris said, and each has its own process and criteria for the position.

When a dean decides to step down from the position, he or she will discuss future plans with the provost and then make an announcement with his or her respective faculty, said Kris Hobson, provost institutional staff officer.

Hoffman, dean of the College of Social Work for 11 years, announced her decision to return to faculty in August 2007, but she will serve as the dean until a replacement is appointed. Hoffman said while she's enjoyed her stay, it was finally time to leave.

"I had hoped to stay 10 years. So, I got what I wanted and I just think it is time," she said.

"Life is short and I want to try myself in new arenas. I am excited about new possibilities, and stepping aside is right for me."

Hoffman said she couldn't speculate as to why other college deans are leaving.

"Mine is very clear. I think I have been dean long enough," Hoffman said. "New faces, ideas and perspectives help institutions. This is the fifth social work program of which I have been a part and each time I took a position at a new school, I think I brought good ideas and energy."

Faculty members have expectations for the dean who will replace Steve Hoch, the dean of the College of Arts and Sciences who resigned in May to take a provost position at Washington State University.

"The talents of a dean is vital to the morale of the college," said Mark Summers, professor of history in the College of Arts and Sciences for 30 years. "I think when choosing a dean for the College of Arts and Sciences (the candidate) should have tolerance, have a sense of humor and a sense of his or her fallibility."

The search for the dean of the College of Social Work continues Monday, when the second candidate, Santos Hernandez, will participate in an open forum. The forum, in room 209 of the Main Building, will be from 3:30 to 4:30 p.m.

Firefighters host charity run for children's hospital

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Despite overcast skies and drizzling rain, a field full of cars waited Saturday to watch Lexington firefighters and community members in a race to benefit Kentucky Children's Hospital.

More than 100 people walked or ran in Saturday's "The Run to Remember" at Coldstream Research Park on Newtown Pike. The amount raised for the hospital has not been counted yet, said Lorilyn Cecil, event coordinator for the children's hospital.

The run, sponsored by firefighter's groups, was 4.03 miles long to commemorate the 403 civil ser-

vants who died on Sept. 11.

Firefighters running in the race also had the option of donating 20 percent of their entry fee to either the Kentucky State Firefighters or the Lexington Fallen Firefighter Memorial.

Several Lexington-area firefighters visited patients at the children's hospital, and the kids decorated shirts for them to wear during the run.

"It's a wonderful thing," said Capt. Shaun Brown of the Lexington Fire Department. "(The kids) have a lot of talent and spirit, I'm glad we were able to help and we're here for support."

Cecil, who helped organize the event, said she was impressed by how "genuine

and sincerely motivated the firefighters are."

"They not only want to help the children and run, they really want to help the community," she said.

Kentucky Children's Hospital has no plans on what to do with the money yet, said Sherri Hannan, director of the Safe Kids Fayette County injury prevention program. Safe Kids is a program in Kentucky Children's Hospital.

Still, Hannan said the money and the effort are appreciated.

"It's great that the community is able to find out about sick children and rally around the hospital and help provide for that," she said.

ROONEY

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diseases that plagued the animals, Audrey Rooney said.

As a student at Dartmouth College, Rooney studied English drama and biology. After graduating from Dartmouth in 1948, he attended veterinary school and, while in veterinary school, published his first book, "Autopsy of the Horse."

After leaving his post as a pathologist at Fort Detrick's biological warfare lab in Maryland, Rooney joined UK as a professor in 1960. He left UK in 1969, working in roles at the University of Pennsylvania School of Veterinary Medicine and at other posts, but returned in 1984.

He served as head of the Gluck Equine Center from 1987 to 1989. He stepped down because of professional differences with UK's then-president, David Roselle, Audrey Rooney said.

At UK, Rooney used his sense of stage presence to command a room, giving some of the best lectures around, said Ernie Bailey, a professor in the Gluck Equine Center. As an administrator, he had a knack for listening to people and responding to their problems, Bailey said.

Outside of the classroom, Rooney always took special interest in talking to peo-

ple from across the horse industry, from the top officials to the horseshoers, Bailey said.

"I think it was pure enjoyment," Bailey said. "That's your mission here at the university is to take that knowledge and put it in the hands of people. Jim was one of the best at that."

Rooney retired in 1995, but he continued his research until the end of his life, focusing on paleopathology, the study of ancient diseases. During his final months, he also spent time with friends who knew he had cancer.

Toward the end of his life, Rooney remained upbeat, keeping the traits friends remember well, said David Powell, a professor in the Gluck Equine Center.

"Jim Rooney was quite a dynamic and forceful character," Powell said. "Certainly you always knew when Jim Rooney was in the room."

James Rooney is survived by Audrey Rooney, daughter, Melinda Florsheim of Mequon, Wis.; son, Alec Rooney of Roanoke, Va.; and five grandchildren.

A memorial service will be held in November in Maryland. One may also be held in Kentucky at a later date.

At Rooney's request, his ashes will be scattered at Assateague Island National Seashore, an island off the east coast of Maryland famous for its herds of wild horses.

Gloomy employment news underscores economic struggles

By Tony Pugh
McClatchy Newspapers

WASHINGTON — The combination of falling home equity, the rising cost of food, health care and housing, tighter credit and eight straight months of job losses — 84,000 in August alone — has put the squeeze on middle-class families struggling to stay afloat in a slumping economy.

Although economists haven't yet labeled the economic downturn a recession, every time payrolls have declined this consistently since 1948 the economy has been officially in recession, according to the Economic Policy Institute, a Washington-based liberal think tank.

"We view this as a crisis economy for American workers," said Andrew Stettner, deputy director of the National Employment Law Project, a pro-labor advocacy group in New York. "It really adds up to a lot of hardship and a lot of uncertainty for people looking for jobs and a lot of insecurity for everyone who's already working."

For job hunters, this summer has been unforgiving. The number of people out of work for six months or more jumped by 160,000 from July to August. And the number of new workers who want full-time employment but

can't find it has hit 10.7 percent — a recessionary level, according to economists Jared Bernstein and Heidi Shierholz of the Economic Policy Institute.

Food and beverage costs are up 5.8 percent from July 2007 to July 2008 and have jumped 8 percent over the past three months.

Falling gasoline prices will help many families. But Ken Goldstein, an economist at the Conference Board in New York City, doesn't think that consumers dealing with rising inflation and health-care costs will notice much difference.

"It's not easing the squeeze on the household budget," Goldstein said of the falling price of gasoline.

Many companies already have cut employee health coverage or shifted more of the costs to covered workers through higher deductibles, co-pays and out-of-pocket spending. Currently, average annual worker contributions for single and family coverage are \$694 and \$3,281, respectively, according to the most recent data by the Kaiser Family Foundation.

But 59 percent of U.S. businesses plan to increase employee deductibles, co-payments and out-of-pocket spending limits next year, according to a new survey by Mercer, a New York-based consulting firm.

European physicists bring their monstrous supercollider to life

By Jeremy Manier
Chicago Tribune

CHICAGO — Sounds like the premise of a bad sci-fi movie: Big-time physics experiment accidentally destroys the Earth. Scientists really don't think that will happen when the Large Hadron Collider fires up at the Swiss-French border on Wednesday, but the fact it's being debated tells you how unprecedented the new device is.

Seven times more powerful than Fermilab's main particle collider in Batavia, Ill., the new facility will smash together intense beams of subatomic protons, producing so much energy that some theories predict it could form tiny black holes. That has led to two lawsuits — one filed in Europe, one in Hawaii — seeking to halt the project and

save the planet.

The most far-out fear is that the device's little black holes could blossom into big ones, with gravity so strong that they swallow first the collider, then the Swiss-French countryside, then the Earth as a whole. Brrp.

Still, don't quit your job expecting a physics-aided apocalypse in a few days. Even if the European collider gives birth to black holes — and that's only a theory — each one would be smaller than a subatomic proton, says Fermilab theorist Joe Lykken.

At that size, each black hole will evaporate almost as soon as it is created, in a shower of so-called Hawking radiation, named after famous black hole theorist Stephen Hawking. If a black hole somehow survives for longer than an instant in the pipe

that carries the proton beam, the immensely powerful magnets that steer the beam would also hold the black hole in place.

Experts also say that if powerful particle collisions really could spawn black holes, we probably would have seen one by now. Fermilab scientists have not found any black holes in 25 years of running the world's most powerful collider. And the Earth receives a constant rain of cosmic rays from deep space, some of which carry far more energy than the beam in the new collider.

"In theory, the probability that the LHC will produce pink elephants is not zero," Lykken said. He said the chances that the collider will spin off dangerous black holes is "in the pink elephant category."



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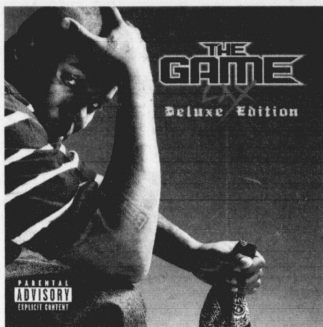
'LAX' needs a prescription from Dr. Dre

By Landon Antonetti
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In 2005 when Jayceon Taylor dropped "The Documentary" he had G-Unit, Dr. Dre and the rest of the Inter-scope family at his back. Now, three years later, The Game stands alone, alienated from nearly everyone who got him started in rap. As we barrel into the fourth quarter, Mr. Taylor proves on this release that he still wants beef with anything that moves and especially anything that raps, and that he's still literally begging Dre for beats. Welcome to "LAX," The Game's third studio album.

From the beginning, "LAX" already has one strike against it: the intro is of DMX reciting one of his patented gravel throat, sardonically sincere, coked-out prayers. Now, I don't know if any of you are familiar with DMX's current situation, but let's just say he's having some trouble putting down that snow.

After finally — and painfully — getting past that intro, I skipped straight to "Bulletproof Diaries" with Raekwon hoping that if this track is any good it might be a precursor to the rest of the record. The beat is of typical fashion that you would find Rae rhyming over, pure gangster-ism with enough room for Raekwon to crack open his slang dictionary and take



us all to school. The Chef goes in on this one — dropping some hard-hitting bars and trading lines with "The Game '88-style." The Game drops some decent words too. At only the third track of the record, I'm already growing tired of The Game's name-dropping in nearly every verse.

The rest of the album consists of enough cameos to make this more of a compilation than an album. Lil' Wayne stops by with his vocoder on "My Life." Lupe Fiasco chops it up on "Ya Heard," dropping some ill

punch lines, and some on-point metaphors as well. Former Blink 182 drummer Travis Barker provides the percussion for "Dope Boys," a heavy-hitting track that will beat you down, take your money AND your girl. To round things off, Common blesses us with a verse on the heavily Jill Scott-sampled "Angel," produced by Kanye West while Nas flexes his storytelling skills on "Letter to the King." Finally, Earl Simmonds hits us with another prayer to end the show.

One thing that sets The Game apart from most of to-

day's popular rappers is that he knows how to select above average beats. Obviously, we saw this on "The Documentary" as Dr. Dre produced or co-produced seven of the 19 songs on the album. This time around we see Kanye, DJ Toomp, Hi-Tek and Scott Storch behind the boards. It's good to see that someone is employing Scott Storch these days; I was beginning to think that his financial woes had permanently deadened his music career. With solid production, an impressive list of cameos — most of them whom our rap The Game — and mediocre rhymes delivered by the host MC, I'd give "LAX" a meager 2.5 out of 5 on the dope-o-meter.

If any of you read this review and think "Damn, homie must really have it out for The Game," this is absolutely not true. I think The Game is one of the best rappers occupying the so-called "mainstream" today. I had high expectations for this album, but ultimately Mr. Taylor came up short, almost totally abandoning the formula that seemed to work so well on "The Documentary." My only hope is that Dre will answer one of The Game's 15 daily phone calls to his crib and jump into another project with him. Until then, I'll be listening to Ice Cube's new album to get my West Coast fix.

Vilified vittles reconsidered: Some foods with a bad rap not as bad as we thought

By Janet Helm
Chicago Tribune

Maybe you think nutritionists flip flop as often as political candidates seem to do. Eggs are bad, no eggs are OK. Switch to margarine, no go back to butter. Drink eight glasses of water each day, no never mind.

What appears to be conflicting news about nutrition is held to the ever-evolving nature of science, said Linda Van Horn, a professor of preventive medicine and nutrition researcher at Northwestern University.

New discoveries about the composition of foods are often behind these seeming nutrition flip-flops, said Van Horn, who serves as editor of the Journal of the American Dietetic Association and is charged daily with the task of translating emerging science.

Sometimes new research reveals that certain foods fail to live up to their early hype. Yet, often we learn that foods have hidden qualities not previously recognized.

Even lard doesn't look quite as bad these days compared to the trans-fat-laden hydrogenated oil that replaced it.

We'll never get to the fantasy in Woody Allen's movie "Sleepers" where he wakes up in the future to discover that junk food is actually good for you. However, some demonized foods turn out to be better for you than you think.

Here are five often-vilified foods that deserve a second chance.

1. White bread
Why the bad rap? Viewed as fattening and devoid of nutrients compared to its whole-grain cousins, white bread got kicked to the curb.

Reasons to reconsider: White breads are far from empty calories. They're actually enriched with several essential nutrients that many of us lack, including folic acid, iron and B-vitamins. Half our grains should be whole, but the other half can be white — primarily so we don't miss out on these vital nutrients.

Best ways to enjoy: Choose whole-grain bread for your morning toast and sandwiches, but don't feel bad eating a sourdough roll, crunchy baguette or crispy flatbread at dinner time.

2. Frozen and canned vegetables

Why the bad rap? With the emphasis on locally grown fresh produce, frozen and canned vegetables have gotten a rotten reputation that's been hard to shake.

Reasons to reconsider: Frozen and canned vegetables are picked

and processed at their peak of freshness so nutrients are not lost. Studies have shown that the nutrient level is comparable to fresh produce. Plus, it's hard to beat the convenience of having vegetables stashed in your freezer or pantry.

Best ways to enjoy: Buy the varieties without sauces and give canned veggies a quick rinse to reduce the sodium content.

3. Potatoes
Why the bad rap? Spuds became synonymous with starch and were dismissed for their perceived waist-thickening carbs and high glycemic index.

Reasons to reconsider: An average potato is only 100 calories and packs in several key nutrients, including potassium and vitamin C. Recent studies indicate that potatoes contain resistant starch, a type of dietary fiber that "resists" digestion and may help boost your calorie burn and keep you feeling full.

Best ways to enjoy: Keep whole and out of the deep fryer. Watch out for the high-fat toppings that are more to blame than the potato itself. Serving potatoes cold in salads helps to amp up the resistant starch.

4. Red meat
Why the bad rap? It has become almost fashionable to say you avoid red meat, which has taken a hit due to its saturated fat, especially in well-marbled steaks and juicy hamburgers.

Reasons to reconsider: Beef is an excellent source of protein and vitamin B-12, and is one of the richest suppliers of iron, zinc and selenium — a trio of important minerals. Portion size and cut of beef are what you need to keep in mind. Many lean cuts have less fat than a skinless chicken thigh.

Best ways to enjoy: Choose the leanest cuts with "loin" or "round" in the name, such as tenderloin, sirloin or top round. Rather than a huge slab on your plate, aim for a portion about the size of deck of cards or combine it with vegetables in stir-fries and kebabs.

5. Cheese
Why the bad rap? There is no denying that many cheeses are high in calories and fat, especially saturated fat.

Reasons to reconsider: Cheese is a good source of calcium and protein. Newer studies indicate that cheese contains conjugated linoleic acid or CLA, a "good" fat that may help reduce the risk of cancer, heart disease and diabetes.

Best ways to enjoy: Go for the real stuff. Nonfat cheeses don't fully cut it. Try strong-flavored cheeses that require only a sliver for satisfaction.

FEATURES BRIEF

Ushers needed at Lex Opera House

The Lexington Opera House is expanding its volunteer usher staff for the 2008-09 season. No experience is necessary and training will be provided through orientation sessions scheduled on Sept. 29, Oct. 1 and Oct. 6, all sessions begin at 6:30 p.m. The sessions are 90 minutes long and will include a tour of the newly restored building. Responsibilities will include ushering at events produced by local arts groups as well as Broadway LIVE and Variety LIVE performances held at The Lexington Opera House. To reserve a space at the orientation or for more information, call The Lexington Opera House at (859) 233-4567 ext.3287.

'Smallville' endures minus Lex, Lana

By Bill Radford
The Gazette

TV's "Smallville" has weathered cast losses before. But this season, the eighth, faces a special challenge: Michael Rosenbaum, who played Clark Kent's arch-enemy Lex Luthor, and Kristina Kreuk, Clark's first love, Lana Lang, have left the cast.

And, behind the scenes, the show's creators, Miles Millar and Alfred Gough, are gone. The show is moving forward, though. And this season, which begins Sept. 18 on The CW, will feature major new villains, the return of some old allies and a new chapter in Clark's life as he moves closer to his destiny as Superman.

With Millar and Gough gone, the series is now in the hands of Kelly Souders and her three fellow executive producers, who have all been with the show since Season 2.

Clark's relationships with Lex and Lana have been key underpinnings of "Smallville." Souders acknowledges, and so do the departures of Rosenbaum and Kreuk are more than just bumps in the road.

"When we heard neither would be back full time, to say it was devastating is not overstating it," she says. "However, we have these other great characters." While Kreuk is no longer a regular, she will be back for a handful of episodes, Souders assured. Similarly, while Laura Vandervoort, who played Clark's Kryptonian cousin last season, is gone from the cast, she'll make a return appearance.

As for Rosenbaum, "the door is always open," Souders says. And Lex's presence will still be felt, she says, even if he's not there. Meanwhile, there are other relationships to explore, such as the one between Clark (Tom Welling) and Lois Lane (Erica Durance), who will become co-workers at The Daily Planet in Metropolis.

The two stars have an undeniable on-screen chemistry, Souders says — a good thing, since it's Lois, not Lana, whom Clark is destined to be with. This season's theme is double identities. As Clark spends more time in the big city instead of Smallville, he'll find it tougher to swoop in to save the day and then escape unnoticed, Souders says.

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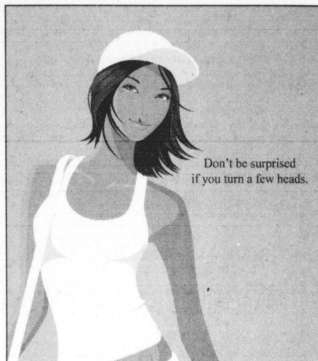
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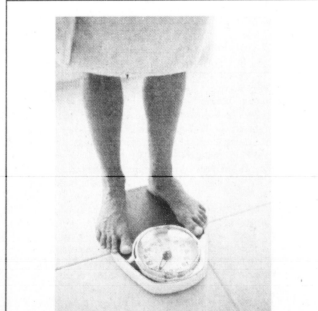
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A different type of football for foreign exchange students

By Travis Waldron
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Fourteen German college students walked through Commonwealth Stadium's Red Lot, their eyes wide and their jaws dropped.

Football Saturdays in the South can be overwhelming to an American with a perfect understanding of the game. For someone who has never been exposed to American football, a football Saturday in the South can be downright scary.

That was the feeling for the 14 German students visiting UK as part of the German Fulbright Commission's Summer Institute for Students with Immigrant Backgrounds, a program that brought the students to Lexington to study American society, culture, history and politics.

Saturday, the students got a firsthand look at the game of football, a game none of them were familiar with.

"I doubt any of them have seen their first play in American football," said David Bettez, the director of the Office of International Affairs at UK.

Bettez spent about a half-hour teaching the students about football, touching on the intricacies and hammering the basics.

"I'm teaching you football in 30 minutes," Bettez told the students. "It's a sport that may take me 30 days to actually teach."

The students, who got to see UK's 38-3 win over Norfolk State from seats in the upper deck Saturday, were eager to learn. However, the eagerness didn't necessarily translate to understanding.

Coming into the session, the game was as foreign as anything they'd learned in the U.S. In Germany, where soccer reigns, football is unknown. Because of time differences and the

general unpopularity of the game, the students weren't even familiar with the Super Bowl.

"I've never watched it," said Florentino Trezek, one of the most eager students.

Bettez explained the game in European terms, using meters instead of yards and kilograms instead of pounds to describe the field and the players.

The students picked up on the scoring system rather quickly; the concept of the down was confusing.

But the most interesting aspect for the students was the lack of violence, especially between rival fans.

"Football is an inherently violent game," Bettez told them. "But it's a beautiful game when it's done right. You won't see wars break out, as have happened over soccer matches in Latin America. You won't see opposing fans fenced off from each other, as happens in soccer stadiums in England."

The idea that fans could be so passionate about teams yet refrain from actual violence was astounding to the students. Understanding that a week ago, UK and Louisville fans could sit together and avoid everything but maybe a small scuffle was impossible.

When it came time to walk to the game, the excitement began. Trying to explain UK's position in the world of college football was difficult — it's nearly impossible to tell someone with zero knowledge of our system about conferences and the BCS.

But with the smell of charcoal grills in the air and the sun shining brightly as fans chanted "C-A-T-S, Cats, Cats, Cats" past the German students, one thing was clear: they couldn't wait to find out what they were in for.

"I'm excited," Trezek said. "I have no idea what to expect."

SPORTS BRIEFS

UK volleyball wins tournament

The UK women's volleyball team continued their hot start to the season by winning the University of Maryland tournament over the weekend behind the strong play of senior Zhen Nzenwa.

After dropping their first match to St. John's, the Cats battled back to defeat the University of Missouri in the second match. With the tournament title on the line, UK showed its dominance by sweeping the host Terrapins.

Nzenwa, a Baltimore native, was named tournament MVP.

Men's soccer drops close call

UK men's soccer fell to No. 7, UC-Santa Barbara on Friday 1-0, for its first loss of the season.

David Walker's header in the fifth minute, the first goal allowed by UK all season, proved to be the game-winner for the Gauchos.

Women's soccer suffers on Tobacco Road

The UK women's soccer team fell to No. 9 Duke on Friday 3-1 in the rain showers due to Tropical Storm Hanna.

After falling behind 2-0 at the half, UK was able to strike five minutes after intermission to cut the lead in half. Jenna Goblirsch, netted her first collegiate goal, after firing a shot from 18-yards out to the right of the net.

Looking to bounce back against No. 2 North Carolina on Sunday, the Cats suffered their first shutout of the season,

dropping a 4-0 decision. The Tar Heels struck just under four minutes into the match and never looked back as they notched two goals in each half.

Riley inducted into Hall of Fame

Pat Riley, a former member of Rupp's Runts, was inducted into the Naismith Basketball Hall of Fame on Friday.

Riley played at UK from 1965 to 1967, earning third team AP All-American honors in 1966 and ranks 17th on the UK all-time scoring list with 1,464 points.

Riley is the sixth Cat to be inducted into the Hall of Fame, joining Adolph Rupp, Cliff Hagan, Frank Ramsey, Dan Issel and C.M. Newton.

Favre shows he can still wing it, wins debut with Jets

By Randy Covitz
McClatchy Newspapers

MIAMI — Brett Favre winged it in more ways than one in his debut with the New York Jets on Sunday.

He winged it with his arm, throwing two spectacular touchdown passes in the Jets' 23-14 victory over the Miami Dolphins. And he winged it with his words, improvising plays he is still learning on the fly.

Favre, the former three-time MVP who joined the Jets last month after 16 seasons with the Green Bay Packers, spent Saturday night in his hotel room writing out the names of the plays over and over "so they looked and sounded normal to me."

But when he got in the huddle, the names melted in

the humid Florida air.

"Sometimes, I said, 'Hey guys, 'Same play. Ready, break.' " Favre said with a wide smile. "They'd say, 'Play what?' But sometimes you have to overcome."

Favre delivered one of his trademark bombs for his first touchdown pass, a 56-yard strike to a wide-open Jericho Cotchery that gave the Dolphins a 7-0 lead. Favre froze the Dolphins secondary with a play-action fake to running back Thomas Jones and hit Cotchery in stride before chest-bumping fullback Tony Richardson in celebration.

"I thought I overthrew it," Favre said. "That's the one thing I didn't want to do ... first big shot you have to unleash one and throw it in the second deck."

Favre's second touchdown

pass was unlike any of the previous league-record 443 TDs he's thrown in his career.

The Jets were in fourth and 14 from the Miami 22 but unable to try a field goal because kicker Mike Nugent was out of the game because of a thigh injury. So the Jets, tied 7-7, went for it.

Favre, under heavy pressure, eluded the grasp of Miami defensive end Randy Starks, and while sandwiched between Starks and the oncoming Joey Porter, Favre threw a high-arching pass up for grabs at the goal line caught by wide receiver Chansi Stuckey for a 13-7 lead.

Without a backup kicker, the Jets were forced to go for two, and Favre's pass for Jones went incomplete, a missed conversion that nearly came back to haunt New York.

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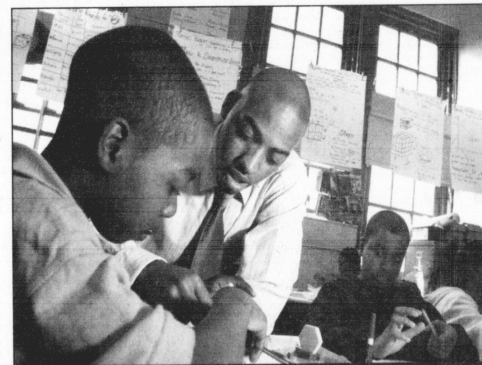
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A mobile home is flipped and destroyed in Houma, Louisiana, after Hurricane Gustav moved inland Monday. PHOTO BY TOM FEINMINGTON / FORT WORTH STAR-TELEGRAM

Cuba: Gustav is worst storm to hit island in 50 years

McClatchy Newspapers

LOS PALACIOS, Cuba — Some residents of this once-picturesque town, whose name means the palaces, have already rebaptized it: The Ruins.

Los Palacios was the first town that lay directly in the path of Hurricane Gustav when it made landfall Saturday with sustained winds exceeding 130 miles per hour and gusts of more than 200 mph.

"The devil came through here. It swept it completely," said Juan Carlos Rodriguez, who works for the municipal school management office and spent the night guarding the building.

Rodriguez estimated that 90 percent of the houses in the town were damaged and that 50 percent of the city's powerlines were down. No deaths or severe injuries were reported, however.

"This is very sad. It's unbearable to watch," a woman said, as she burst into tears and walked away without giving her name.

Authorities called the storm damage the worst since 1956. The 212-mph gusts registered in the city of Paso Real de San Diego were the strongest in Cuba's history, according to the provincial newspaper, the *Guerrillero*. Winds were so strong that the weather station instruments broke.

"Things that seemed safe are damaged," Ana Isa Delgado, president of the municipal civil defense committee, was quoted saying in Sunday's state media. "Cars in

parking lots went flying. Others are twisted. Rooftop water tanks, window and doors have been ripped out. Avenues are impassable."

The highway through Pinar del Rio province offers some inkling of the devastation. Tree branches partially block the road and electric towers lie on the ground, like fallen dominoes as far as the eye can see. Entire fields of banana trees have been flattened.

At a police station, all the lampposts have toppled over and the manufactured home that served as an office lay upside down in a ditch.

In San Cristobal, fallen branches and tree trunks blocked the main street into the town. Many houses had lost their roofs or are flooded.

But that paled in comparison to Los Palacios, where the town was a tableau of downed power lines, shattered roofing tiles, broken masonry from ornamental columns, random bits of wood, unhinged doors, battered blue telephone booths, and corrugated metal sheets that once served as roofs.

Dogs and chickens roamed the streets.

All the windows were gone from the main school's upper floor. Many houses lost their roofs; others had collapsed completely.

"This has been the worst," Rodriguez said. "It will take us at least six months to get back to a basic level of infrastructure."

There was no electricity, no gas, no fuel and no running water, although Rodriguez said residents have

enough drinking water stored for 72 hours.

Some residents looked dazed as they contemplated the damage from their porches. Others carried buckets or plastic bags filled with personal belongings. Light rain fell.

An elderly man gathered pieces of clay tiles with a hoe. A few blocks ahead, a woman swept her wet front porch. There was no flooding in Los Palacios, but the rain seeped into many homes and also fell directly into those who lost their roofs.

Many had terrifying stories.

"I stayed in my closet with my two children and prayed the whole time," said Mabel Ayerbe, a 36-year-old housewife. Her sons are 5 and 6. "The little one was crying and the older one wanted to see the wind. The first pass took about two hours. Then we were in the eye for some 45 minutes and the weather was totally clear. After the eye it lost some strength but the first pass was violent."

"I don't want to see this again," she said. "It was terrible."

Jose, 56, who did not want his last name used, recalled wind gusts ripping water tanks off the roof. Then, he said, "My roof caved in."

Residents expected more devastation on the beach, some 20 miles away, where many have second homes. The sea surged five miles inland, they said, and they have no idea how their houses have fared. Authorities are blocking access to the area.

Now things will get really interesting as countdown to election begins

By Larry Eichel
The Philadelphia Inquirer

With the conventions over, the stage has been set for the final acts of the amazing 2008 presidential campaign.

And the shape of things to come seems relatively clear.

From here on, the race will be about Republicans saying that Barack Obama is not ready to lead and Democrats countering that John McCain offers more of the same.

It'll be about whether the Republicans, with their groundbreaking vice presidential candidate, can now credibly claim to be the true agents of change.

About a political landscape — a worrisome economy, high energy prices, and an ongoing war, all tied to an unpopular president — that continues to tilt Democratic.

How those elements play out in the next eight weeks, against a set of battleground states in which Pennsylvania stands front and center, will go a long way toward determining who becomes the 44th president of the United States.

The experience argument remains central for McCain, even though he undercut his position somewhat by picking someone, in Alaska's Sarah Palin, who has been a governor less than two years.

McCain's supporters say their man has been preparing his whole life to be commander-in-chief, while Obama's executive credentials are nonexistent.

Obama and the Democrats counter that the Republican nominee, for all his talk of being a maverick, has voted with the Bush administration 90 percent of the time and failed to set a new course in his acceptance speech Thursday night.

Which gets to the Republicans' effort to "change" time and time again. The concept is personified in his running mate, he says, and by the solutions-oriented, bipartisan approach he would bring to Washington.

"We need to change the way government does almost everything," McCain said in his speech.

But analysts say it's hard for a party in power to get voters to buy it as an agent of change, particularly when the presidential nominee has been in Washington for 26 years.

The Democrats are offering new policy approaches (which the Republicans say are old, discredited big-government proposals) and a candidate who, as the first black nominee of a major party, embodies change in a huge way.

Said Obama last week: "The essential question of this campaign is who's got a better plan, a better agenda to move this country forward and fundamentally change it from

the economic and foreign policy failures that we've seen over the last eight years."

At the very least, McCain's selection of Palin has energized the Republican base and made party activists feel better about Republican prospects, thereby reducing the so-called "enthusiasm gap" with the Democrats.

Polls show that the race has tightened since the Palin selection. Obama now leads by an average of 2 or 3 percentage points, which is pretty much where the race was before the Democratic convention.

Even so, analysts say, nothing that happened in the last two weeks, in Denver or St. Paul, has changed the underlying fundamentals of this election.

The Democrats begin with such a huge structural advantage: Thomas Mann, senior policy fellow at the Brookings Institution, a Washington-based think tank with Democratic leanings, said last week. "We have no experience in American politics in returning a party under such adverse circumstances."

This contest remains close for several reasons.

One is the experience factor, not so much McCain's wealth of it at age 72 as Obama's relative lack of it at 47. The freshness that makes Obama seem so attractive to many voters makes him scary and unsettling to others, particularly those who are older.

Another is the nature of McCain, who might be the only sort of Republican who could keep this race close.

"McCain is a conservative Republican, but he's never been a partisan Republican leader," said Vin Weber, a former GOP congressman from Minnesota. "People are unhappy about the circumstances of the country. But it's not clear they want to go substantially to the left."

Either Obama or McCain could win. If there is a consensus among nonpartisan analysts, it is that a big McCain victory is the least likely outcome.

Their favored historical analogy remains the election of 1980, with Obama in the role of Ronald Reagan and McCain as President Jimmy Carter, even though the parties were reversed and Carter, unlike McCain, was the incumbent.

That year, all of the underlying elements — including high inflation, American hostages in Iran, and a very unpopular president — looked as if they should produce a win for the challenger. But the national polls remained tight until after the final week of the campaign and the one debate of that campaign season.

In the debate, Reagan managed to overcome the doubts among many swing voters, otherwise eager to punish the incumbent party, about his lack of foreign-policy experience. The race broke decisively in his favor, and he won by nearly 10 percentage points.

Treasury seizes Fannie Mae, Freddie Mac to bolster housing market

By Kevin G. Hall
McClatchy Newspapers

WASHINGTON — The historic seizure Sunday of mortgage finance titans Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac is expected to bolster the nation's sinking housing sector by lowering mortgage rates and jump-starting the obscure background market that is vital to home lending.

Treasury Secretary Henry Paulson announced in a Sunday morning news conference that the government was seizing Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac on the grounds that their weak accounting standards and ambiguous role as quasi-public enterprises posed a growing threat to global financial markets.

"We examined all options available and determined that this comprehensive and complimentary set of actions best meets our three objectives of market stability, mortgage availability and taxpayer protection," Paulson said.

The White House praised the move, saying that "Americans should be confident that the actions taken today will strengthen our ability to weather the housing correction and are critical to returning the economy to stronger sustained growth in the future."

Fannie and Freddie will continue to operate as normal but under conservatorship, a process similar to a Chapter 11 bankruptcy, where a business is allowed to restructure its operations.

Treasury will purchase, as of later this month, Fannie and Freddie bonds in the open market to boost home lending and set an example for investors. It also will provide a special lending fund to help Fannie and Freddie weather any future financial storms. This fund will be open-ended, so it guarantees the two can't become insolvent.

Paulson didn't put a price tag on his plan, but the Congressional Budget Office earlier this year estimated a rescue could cost as

much as \$25 billion. The Treasury plan was designed to recover the upfront costs over time and could result in profits for the federal government over a large horizon.

The plan, worked out with the Federal Housing Finance Agency, the regulator of the two entities, will eliminate the dividend on Fannie's and Freddie's common and preferred stock to save about \$2 billion in capital that otherwise would have gone to investors.

In the short run, the plan has the effect of diluting the value of current shares of Fannie and Freddie stock. But shareholders may win in the longer term if the plan stabilizes the housing market and leads to a rebound.

FHFA chief James Lockhart appointed private sector bankers to head Fannie and Freddie and said that their "compensation will be significantly lower than the (respective) outgoing CEOs," Daniel Mudd at Fannie Mae and Richard Syron at Freddie Mac. He was pointing to a frequent criticism of the for-profit entities that enjoyed implicit U.S. government backing but operated as private companies with huge bonuses for their directors.

Herb Allison, who was chairman of retirement-plan administrator TIA-CREF, will now run Fannie Mae. David Moffett, who was the chief financial officer of U.S. Bancorp until last year, will head Freddie Mac. He is a senior adviser to private equity giant The Carlyle Group, and his appointment suggests the Bush administration sees these entities eventually privatized.

The Treasury Department in late July was given by Congress additional powers to inject money into Fannie and Freddie, but Paulson determined an actual takeover would calm nervous markets more than pumping money into the two.

He was supported Sunday by Federal Reserve Chairman Ben Bernanke, who in a statement said the action "will provide critical support for mortgage markets in this period of unusual credit-market uncertainty."

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■ KERNEL EDITORIAL

Meal plan is not right for UK students

UK Dining Services asked students what they wanted out of their meal plan; students answered and a new meal plan was born. Only the new system — with a fixed number of meals per week — seems worse, and less compatible with students' needs than the old one.

In Friday's Kernel, Scott Henry, director of UK Dining Services, said the dining services advisory board reported at the end of last year "students want more flexibility" with their meal plans. Giving students more Flex Dollars was Henry's solution. But what he didn't mention was while more flex dollars were added to available plans, more restrictions to the number of meals per week were also tacked on.

This year's plan gives students \$300 in Flex Dollars, up \$175 from last year. However, the minimum plan allows only five weekly meals, which are discarded if not used at the end of each week.

By erasing the unused meals at the end of each week, Dining Services is taking away the one good thing about last year's meal plan: the pool of meal swipes each semester that could be used as needed. Limiting weekly meals available to students isn't likely to appease those students who requested "more flexibility."

This flexibility adds Flex Dollars but costs students about \$11 per meal in campus dining halls where their food choices are limited. Dining Services has come a long way in expanding their menu choices for students, but they can't possibly expect to appease the appetites or diets of every student on campus.

The current system encourages extremely unhealthy eating behavior. If students know they are only allowed one swipe per day, they are more likely to binge eat once a day, rather than eating three to five smaller meals.

Binge eating causes a host of physical problems, ranging from a drop in metabolism (which can lead to obesity) to a loss in concentration toward the end of the day. This means that the current dining system (among other things) may actually make it more difficult for students to perform well in school.

Instead of forcing students to purchase meal plans that may not be compatible with their dietary needs, the school needs to recognize students' right to choose by not requiring that they purchase a meal plan at all.

Doing this may also help with student retention, because students and their parents will feel less financial pressure from the school in such a challenging economy.

The university will still be able to make money from the dining halls, because they are convenient for on-campus residents. Additionally, if they continue to improve the quality of the food by bringing in fresh and local ingredients, students may actually prefer to eat in dining halls rather than seeking out other options.

If Dining Services is unwilling to give up its dictatorial policy requiring on-campus residents to purchase meal plans, it should at the very least return to the itemized model they used four years ago. Allowing students to purchase food by the item is infinitely more cost-effective (and healthier) for students than the dining fiasco they face this year.

■ LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Start diversity from within

I am writing this in response to Karen Lightbourne's Sept. 4 column regarding campus diversity. Although diversity among faculty is important, expecting every teacher to be an exact representation of the subject they teach negates the goals of diversity all together.

If we resign ourselves to the idea that only someone who has experienced a certain cultural perspective firsthand has the right to educate others on that perspective, we may as well concede that we, as a society, are incapable of evolving our cultural outlook.

Suggesting that only a native Spanish speaker is qualified to discuss Hispanic culture may well be as backward as believing that only a woman can have an opinion on abortion.

Lightbourne said that although she expects her women's studies professor to be a woman, she also expects male students to be in the class. But how could a male student benefit from such a class if, by the political correctness of his society, he is denied the right to express his opinion on the subject simply because he isn't a woman?

We need to stop whining about the insensitivity of others to our own cultural plights and start listening to what people have to say, even if it's different from our own opinions. How can we expect to become a diverse campus if we have no tolerance for differing views?

Diversity has become such a hot topic on campus, but perhaps it is for the wrong reasons. Rather than pointing fingers at administration to "fix" our campus, we should be looking to each other to facilitate the change so many are desperately seeking. While we can mourn the loss of great role models like Mahjabeen Rafiquddin and Veleshia Smith, we cannot simply give up because they are gone.

What does it say about our student body if we must rely completely upon the administration to change our attitudes? Are we all so childish that we cannot make a conscious effort ourselves to become culturally aware, but instead must be led like sheep to the green pastures of a diverse campus?

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Everyone can take time from their busy day to make campus cleaner

One of the first things I thought people were taught is to clean up after themselves — apparently I had some kind of special training only a privileged few receive.



WESLEY ROBINSON
Kernel columnist

I didn't expect to have to deal with it in the public realm.

I used to spend a lot of time in the library late at night and early in the morning. After being there for a while, the housekeeping staff and I became friendly. They would ask how I was doing, what I was studying, that sort of thing. And naturally, I would ask them how they were and how their day was.

The conversation evolved, and as the school year progressed, the tenor of the conversation changed, and deeper into the semester we got, the more the conversation

revolved around how dirty the library was. To the naked eye, there were old Kernels, empty bottles, wrappers, bags, containers, papers and any other form of conventional trash you could think of sitting around the library. But there were also the things that I didn't see — like dirty tampons thrown on the floor, and feces smeared on the stalls — things that would occur more frequently than they should on a college campus. If you don't believe that, I work in UK hospital and the housekeeping staff has often mentioned the medical student lounge and the bathroom in the medical student corridor as some of the worst places to clean.

Those aren't the only places on campus with these problems. You don't have to go too far to see trash in places that it shouldn't be, and usually it's within a few feet of a trash can.

People work too hard to make our collegiate experience easy. Just imagine if we had to take out our own trash or clean our own public restrooms. Clearly that isn't going to happen, but there should be a certain level of respect with regards to how we treat our local environment (classrooms, libraries, public restrooms, etc).

Furthermore, as people, we should

have more respect for each other to make the effort necessary to do something as simple as throw away our trash.

This problem extends beyond simple littering. As I get older, another thing I see is a lack of respect for our global environment. I am not a treehugger or a hippie, but I grew up on Captain Planet, where I was told the power is ours. So it is our job to be good stewards of the environment and look to new ways to cut waste, come up with cleaner energy processes and find renewable sources of energy.

On this campus, an institute for higher education, there is very little done for recycling and sustainability. Yet, if I turn on the Real World: Hollywood, there nine strangers picked to star in an MTV reality series and live in a house that has been deemed green. The roommates rode an exercise bike to power their computer, swam in a solar-powered pool, used paperless toilets and drove a hybrid car.

Something isn't right with this picture, to phrase things lightly.

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Never fear, you can find true love

Recently, an international business school known as INSEAD published a study on what they call the "value heuristic." It states that a person always perceives that what's valuable must be scarce, even when put in a situation where this is clearly not true.



TIM RILEY
Kernel columnist

Simply put, you always think that you can never find what you want. This phenomenon is easy to see for any college student. Simply find any single guy or girl and ask them how many quality, single people exist of the other gender. The answer won't be pretty.

A common lament among the unattached is that "all the good ones are taken." However, a simple click on the word "single" on Facebook.com reveals a multitude of available people. Surely then, this statement can't be true, or else there are too many repulsive people around. So unless most of the college population is truly revolting, why does this idea continue to persist?

Maybe we believe it because it is never as simple as availability. If we want a book, we stop by Barnes and Noble. If we want a pizza, we simply pick up the phone. But if we want a

meaningful relationship with another person, there is no playbook to reference. Unlike almost every part of life, it cannot be forced. Hard work can bring you praise, money and a sense of accomplishment. But it won't bring you love. How do you win a game in which force of will means so little?

The claim of scarcity is the easy way out. By believing that there is no possibility of victory, we don't have to admit that we just can't figure out the answer. Nobody feels bad about losing when they never really had a chance.

Taking that idea and applying it to relationships allows people to avoid dealing with the fact that they just can't figure out how to navigate the murky waters. It's so much easier for us to agree to a lie than to accept a harsh truth.

Thankfully though, there is always a light in the darkness. Although all the efforts toward this goal may seem in vain, there is a beautiful silver lining. While in baseball a team may have to win over 100 games to become champions, in this game it only takes one.

With that in mind, it is inconceivable that this lone victory would ever come easy. Throw a few good pitches and get a couple hits and you win a baseball game, but that must be done again and again. Finding that one, singular person who makes you happy could never be as easy a task.

As anyone who plays sports should have heard a million times, anything

worth having is worth working for. Not work in the sense of constantly forcing the issue to the point of exhaustion, but being willing to keep on trying when opportunity presents itself even if it means losing again and again. Because when it is all said and done, all that will matter will be that single victory.

Lou Holtz, a national championship-winning football coach at Notre Dame, once said, "Show me someone who has done something worthwhile, and I'll show you someone who has overcome adversity."

How do you win a game in which force of will means so little?

Truly connecting with another person will never be as easy as buying a book because it is so much more valuable. Humanity hates not having what it wants, so we tell ourselves that it simply cannot be found to ease our minds. There is nothing wrong with that, as long as it's not an excuse to quit trying.

The great hope is that as long as one keeps showing up to the game, there is always a chance to pull out a win. And like any good upset, on that day all the statistics of the world won't mean a thing.

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