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Todd seeks new approaches to campus diversity

President wants larger role for diversity commission

By Troy Lyle
THE KENTUCKY KERNEL

President Lee Todd announced several objectives Friday aimed at improving campus diversity and addressing UK's recent shortfalls in black student enrollment and black employment.

Both of these issues were part of the reason UK had to file for a waiver two weeks ago from the state's Council on Postsecondary Education. Without this waiver, UK would not be permitted to add any additional graduate or undergraduate programs through December of this year.

In a campus-wide e-mail Friday, Todd said he accepts full responsibility for the recent drop-offs. "As the leader of this institu-

tion, I am ultimately responsible," he said in the e-mail. "This is one of the most important issues our university faces. It must be — and it is — a top priority."

Todd said despite the fact that UK had increased its number of black first-year students enrolling by 30 percent and 20 percent the prior two incoming freshman classes, far too many of Kentucky's top performing black students choose to go elsewhere — of-

ten to Ivy League colleges or other benchmark institutions.

To tackle this issue, Todd said he has already met with several black faculty members at UK to seek their input and discuss the issue in detail.

In addition, he has arranged to meet with black community leaders and state legislators later this week to discuss UK's plans, as well as seek advice on other measures

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"As the leader of this institution, I am ultimately responsible."

Lee Todd

UK president, on the drop in black freshman enrollment

WALKING TOWARD ACCEPTANCE

Third-annual "Buddy Walk" promotes greater understanding of people living with Down syndrome — the most common genetic abnormality among children.



Karen Boudreaux and her daughter Kate pose for a picture with Karen's Murray State sorority sisters after the third-annual Buddy Walk at Keeneland on Saturday. The fundraiser contributes to research, educational programs and organized activities for people living with Down syndrome.

By Elizabeth Troutman
THE KENTUCKY KERNEL

Like most five-year-old girls, Kate Boudreaux loves to watch Mary-Kate and Ashley Olsen, hear stories and play with noodles before she eats them.

Kate's mother, Karen Boudreaux, said Kate shares her two older sisters' love for swimming. Kate jumped off the diving board for the first time at the neighborhood swimming pool last summer.

But unlike other children, Kate was born with an extra 21st chromosome. This condition, known as Down syndrome, slows Kate's development. It took her longer to learn how to walk, crawl and sit up when she was a baby. Kate can only speak in one-word phrases.

To Boudreaux and her family, Kate is a normal child. She goes to school, interacts with others in a typical classroom and has the capabilities of any other child.

"She's a typical five-year-old," said Boudreaux. "She's sweet and wants to be involved in what's going on. She will model anything that is going on."

Boudreaux, who is the president of the Down Syndrome Association of Central Kentucky, organized the third annual "Buddy Walk" at Keeneland Saturday. The event raises money that contributes to research, educational programs and organized activities for people living with Down syndrome.

Megan Culler, a biotechnology sophomore at UK, has partici-

pated as a volunteer for the event for the past two years. Culler, who is also Kate's babysitter, is pursuing a career in genetic disease research. She said babysitting Kate is just like watching any other child.

"She's a little slower at putting things together, but she is still capable of doing things," said Culler. "She is making a lot of progress."

According to the National Down Syndrome Society, Down syndrome is the most common genetic abnormality. About one in every 800 to 1,000 children are diagnosed with it. The condition causes 50 percent of miscarriages.

Boudreaux is adamant about educating families expecting a child diagnosed with Down syn-

drome about the realities of the condition. When she was pregnant with Kate, a geneticist at the Centennial Women's Pavilion in Nashville, Tenn., reassured Boudreaux that Kate had the potential to live a normal life with early intervention and therapy.

Boudreaux said the way doctors communicate the diagnoses of the child's condition, during pregnancy or after the birth, is just as important as informing the family of the condition itself.

"Your whole demeanor and the way (the family) reacts to it means everything," she said. "Too often, doctors have given their own opinion."

Harold Kleiner, the executive director of human development at UK and member of the

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'Reversing Roe' lets images do the talking

Anti-abortion group trucks message through city, campus

By Sean Rose
THE KENTUCKY KERNEL

Students on campus may turn their heads to campus streets today and tomorrow to see trucks communicating a pro-life message through graphic images.

An anti-abortion movement called the Reproductive "Choice" Campaign will drive three or four large trucks on campus and city streets, acting as moving billboards displaying 8-foot-by-22-foot images of first-trimester aborted fetuses.

The group's "Reversing Roe" college tour began Sept. 29 and will visit seven universities in Kentucky, Ohio and West Virginia. The campaign is headed by the Center for Bio-Ethical Reform, a national pro-life organization.

Mark Harrington, the executive director for the Midwest branch of the center, said "the purpose of the project is to make abortion real."

"Many have never seen (an abortion)," Harrington said. "It's education. Any injustice has to be seen to be understood."

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"You cannot have a fair debate on abortion without showing it."

Mark Harrington
executive director,
Midwest branch of
Center for Bio-Ethical
Reform

Supreme Court set to hear right to die, abortion cases

By David G. Savage
LOS ANGELES TIMES

WASHINGTON — The Supreme Court opens its term today with a new chief justice and facing a series of major cases on the "right to die," abortion, free speech and the death penalty.

Chief Justice John G. Roberts Jr. will be sworn in today during a court ceremony and then take the center seat as the justices hear the first round of oral arguments.

His first case might not prove memorable to him or to the law. It concerns whether slaughterhouse workers are entitled to be paid for the time it takes for them to don protective clothing at the start of each work shift.

On Wednesday, however, the court will hear the Bush administration's challenge to the nation's only "right to die" law, a case that might give an early clue as to what kind of conservative John Roberts is.

Oregon voters twice have approved the Death With Dignity Act, a measure that permits dying persons to obtain lethal medication from their doctor. Since 1988 when the law took effect, 208 persons have used medication to end their lives. Most of them were dying of cancer.

But shortly after President Bush won the presidency, his attorney general, John Ashcroft, decreed that Oregon doctors who prescribe lethal medication are violating the federal drug-control laws. He threatened them with a loss of their license to prescribe drugs.

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I would eliminate the word 'retarded' from the dictionary. Too many times, people use it and they don't know who they are standing by in line at the football game."

— Karen Boudreaux, president, Down Syndrome Association of Central Kentucky

The facts on Down syndrome

- About 5,000 children are born each year with Down syndrome in the United States
- Today, Down syndrome affects more than 350,000 people in America
- Studies show the risk of Down syndrome increases with the age of the mother at the time of conception
- There's a 50 percent chance that women with Down syndrome will have children with the condition
- There's only one documented case in which a man with Down syndrome has fathered a child

For more information on Down syndrome, visit www.ndss.org

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board of the Down Syndrome Association of Central Kentucky, is the creator of the "Bright Tomorrow" project. The project uses interactive computer programs to train residents at the UK Medical Center on ways to inform a family that a child has Down syndrome.

Families involved with the Central Kentucky association acted as consultants for Kleinert's program. The families, who had experienced a doctor's diagnosis of Down syndrome, provided input on how doctors should inform families.

Kleinert tested his program with 34 residents earlier this year. Thirty residents are using the program this month to learn about the proper way to inform patients. He said he hopes to use the research from the study on

idents to make the program a mandatory way to train future doctors.

"The basic issue is that physicians often don't give families accurate information," Kleinert said.

"Often, physicians act like it's a tragedy, which can be devastating to families. There is a need to re-educate physicians."

Boudreaux said family participation and early therapy was key to Kate's development. Kate started therapy when she was six weeks old. Her sisters, Kala, 8, and Kelsey, 6, are teachers and playmates in Kate's life.

"As a family unit, working with our other children, she thinks she is playing," Boudreaux said. "But really, she is learning how to do things."

Boudreaux wants the Lexington community to be more accepting of people living with Down syndrome.

"She is more normal than not," Boudreaux said of her daughter. "Too often, people want to see her as so much different."

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Karen Boudreaux speaks with Dia Davidson, the grand marshal for the Buddy Walk, while giving away door prizes at the Buddy Walk on Saturday.

More than 2,000 people attended the third-annual event.

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UK could take to improve in this "vitaly important area."

Last week, state Rep. Darryl Owens, D-Louisville, sent a critical letter to Todd about the drop in black freshmen enrollment.

Owens will be attending a meeting with other state legislators scheduled for later this week.

UK has 151 black freshmen in this fall's class, down

from 256 black freshmen in the fall of 2004.

According to the e-mail, Todd will take three immediate, initial steps to address these issues:

■ Increase the size of UK's admissions staff "to allow fuller consideration of applicants and predictors of college success."

■ Head a rethinking of UK's recruitment process "to create a more holistic and comprehensive approach to attract a diverse student body."

■ Appoint a new chair for the President's Commission on Diversity and charge the group to aggressively pursue the recommenda-

tions developed under the leadership of former Chairwoman Deneese Jones.

"These measures represent solid, but only initial, steps to address the serious challenge before us," said Todd. "They are a beginning, not an end."

"We must now work together as a university to make our vision of a truly diverse campus a reality by creating and executing the most effective policies and practices to identify, recruit and retain black students, faculty and staff," he

said. UK spokesman Jay Blanton said it's important that UK focus on moving forward.

"Everyone must play a role in making UK more diverse," he said. "We must look forward; we need to be, and are committed to, doing better."

Blanton said there will not be a solution to this problem overnight, but he hopes UK can make significant strides in addressing these issues in the coming weeks. Todd said UK will also

provide additional training for hiring officers and use a new online employment system that will provide better access to minority job candidates to address the short-

falls in employment of blacks in top- and mid-level management positions.

As is the case with increasing enrollment of black freshmen, these are initial steps and are by no means the end, he said.

Phil Kraemer, associate provost for undergraduate education, said in an earlier interview with The Kernel that UK had been making significant gains in both of the above areas, but he reiterated Todd and Blanton's

positions in that there's still work to be done.

"We've got to do more," he said. "We've got to do more for all of UK — the students, the staff and the faculty."

What's important is for all of UK to come together to address this issue, Todd said in his e-mail.

"Ultimately, our actions — and our results — will be the only thing that counts, much more than any words or promises I can make today," Todd said. "At UK, we have to be committed — and we are committed — to ensuring a diverse campus."

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This campaign is a precursor for another event on campus in two weeks called the Genocide Awareness Project. The group is returning to UK, sponsored by a student group called UK

Students for Life. That group has filled out an application requesting space outside White Hall Classroom Building. The project compares abortion to the Holocaust and other episodes of genocide throughout history. The project last came to UK in 2002.

John Herbst, director of UK's Student Center, said he's reviewing the group's request for outdoor space. When an application from a

student group comes in for an outdoor event, the main concern isn't on the content of the event but on management issues, such as making sure space is available, he said.

"The bottom line is, students have the right to put on programs that are in the interest of their organization," Herbst said.

Harrington said both these projects are targeted toward college campuses be-

cause of the liberalism that he said tends to come with higher education.

"Take a poll of college professors; the vast majority would be pro-abortion," Harrington said. "We're just leveling the playing field."

Harrington also said his group targeted higher education for its campaign because college students represent the future decision makers of the country. Harrington said the

graphic pictures of abortions are necessary to effectively convey the message.

"It's disingenuous to say it's going too far," Harrington said.


"You cannot have a fair debate on abortion without showing it," he said. "That's where we come in."

Harrington said these moving billboards were created out of necessity because the mainstream media doesn't discuss abortion

openly. He said his group had to create "our own mass media venue."

"That's our goal," Harrington said. "To get these pictures in as many people's heads as possible."

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City of RVs in Louisiana ready to roll

By Dana Hedgpeth and Sara Kehaulani Goo
THE WASHINGTON POST

BAKER, La. — Today, families displaced by Hurricane Katrina will move here into a "mini city" of neatly spaced rows of about 600 white RV trailers that was, just over a week ago, a 65-acre cow pasture outside of Baton Rouge. A team of 200 engineers, plumbers, laborers, draftsmen and city officials have worked around the clock to install water and sewer pipes to the grassy fields, converting the area into what some evacuees working on the project call the "City of Hope."

The Federal Emergency Management Agency once envisioned "cities" of 500 to 600 RVs scattered across the South to house evacuees uprooted from their homes by Katrina. But those plans have bogged down as FEMA has tried to make its way through a maze of bureaucratic hurdles to fully comply with local zoning laws and overcome local opposition to "FEMA cities" within their borders.

"Our infrastructure cannot handle it," said Riley "Pee Wee" Berthelot Jr., president of West Baton Rouge parish, of FEMA's plans to install 700 mobile homes in his parish of 22,000 residents. The parish has already accepted more than 400 children in its

schools, and Berthelot adds that many of the parish's rural residents are uncomfortable with the former city residents now moving in.

More than 830,000 families have applied for housing vouchers. FEMA has set up some trailers in the driveways of homes destroyed by the hurricane so that residents can remain on their property as their permanent homes are rebuilt. But the bulk of trailers and mobile homes will be set up on large state-owned properties, the first of which is the one here about 10 miles north of Baton Rouge. A spokeswoman for Louisiana Gov. Kathleen Babineaux Blanco, D, said the state has identified 52,000 acres it can use for setting up temporary homes.

"They're nice, but some people say they're awfully small," said Jessie James, 57, of the RV city being set up a mile away. James is a New Orleans resident now living at Baker's City Hall, which has been converted into a shelter. "I would use the RV temporarily, but I want my family to go home," she said.

Stephen J. Saucier, an architect who is one of the lead project managers of the RV park in Baker, said local officials are doing more than just setting up rows of homes. They are trying to erect a semblance of a community with a large kitchen

hall that will serve three meals a day, grassy areas for picnic tables, basketball courts and laundromats. His team had to install a complex system of underground sewer pipes, water and electrical lines, and a sewage treatment facility that can process 130,000 gallons of sewage a day.

There are two kinds of homes that displaced residents will get. FEMA has purchased or ordered 125,000 travel trailers, the kind of RVs that are towed behind a truck. Each of them costs between \$16,000 and \$20,000 and is at least 30 feet long and contains a stove, a refrigerator, an air conditioner, a furnace and a bathroom with a shower.

The agency has also purchased or ordered thousands of mobile homes, also known as "manufactured homes," for about \$30,000 each. They are similar to the temporary offices used at construction sites. These homes are not on wheels. They are 60 feet long and contain the same amenities as the travel trailers.

FEMA stores some trailers used in previous disasters in regional locations near rail lines. But in the days after Katrina, the agency scrambled to buy as many as it could find.

Phil Ornstein, sales manager for Dick Gore's RV World in Jacksonville, Fla.,

received an e-mail from a FEMA official asking if he had 30-foot travel trailers. The agency bought the entire lot: 304 trailers for \$6 million.

"I don't want to live on someone's misery," Ornstein said. But in Florida, the RV dealers have learned to order extra trailers every year for when FEMA comes calling. "Business is business. We were ready for this hurricane," Ornstein said.

RV dealers said they have hired dozens of truck drivers to deliver the trailers to FEMA — in some cases filled with donated goods from Rotary Clubs or other groups — only to find FEMA's staging areas closed with supplies.

"We've got trailers coming out our ears," said Sheila Speights, the clerk for the city of Purvis, Miss., one of a handful of FEMA's designated cities that are talking in trailers from RV dealers in Indiana, Florida and as far away as New York.

FEMA has leased a large vacant lot near an interstate. Speights said, where truckers have lined up at least 3,000 of the white trailers until the agency can find a more permanent place. "It blew away the first time I saw it," Speights said. "They move about half of them a day and bring half that many in."

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DeLay's influence will continue despite legal troubles, loss of post

By Jeffrey H. Birnbaum and Jim Handley
THE WASHINGTON POST

WASHINGTON — For the indefinite future, Washington will remain Tom DeLay's capital. Dislodged by a criminal indictment last week from his post as House majority leader, DeLay in his decade of steering the Republican caucus dramatically — and in many cases inalterably — changed how power is amassed and used on Capitol Hill and well beyond.

Proteges of the wounded Texan still hold virtually every position of influence in the House, including the office of speaker. DeLay's former staff members are secure in the lobbying offices for many of the largest corporations and business advocacy groups.

But even more than people, DeLay's lasting influence is an ethos. He stood for a view of Washington as a battlefield on which two sides struggle relentlessly, moderates and voices of compromise are pushed to the margins, and the winners presume they have earned the right to punish dissenters and reward their own side with financial and policy favors.

His take-no-prisoners style of fundraising — in which the classic unstated bargain of access for contributions is made explicit and without apology — has been adapted by both parties in Congress, according to lawmakers, lobbyists and congressional scholars. Democrats, likewise, increasingly are trying to emulate DeLay's perfected methods for enforcing caucus discipline, rewarding lawmakers who follow the dictates of party leaders and

seeking retribution against those who do not.

Most of all, DeLay stood for a blurring of the line between lawmakers and lobbyists so that lobbyists are now considered partners of politicians and not mere pleaders — especially if they once worked for Republicans on Capitol Hill. Former representatives turned corporate lobbyists such as Bill Paxson, R-N.Y., and aides such as Ed Buckingham, DeLay's former chief of staff, remain among the most influential figures on Capitol Hill — often more involved than lawmakers in writing policy and plotting political strategy.

For a vivid sign of how what was once considered controversial has gone mainstream, consider the K Street Project. That was the name for a DeLay-inspired campaign — often more in name than in reality — to demand that lobbying firms seeking access hire loyal Republicans. Rather than going underground, the project has gone unabashedly public, with a Web site, www.kstreetproject.com, providing news about the latest lobbying vacancies.

"People who have worked for Mr. DeLay become, like other senior Republican staffers, members in good standing of a club and are accepted back by many members (of Congress) and staffers," said Andrew Shores, chief of staff of the House Republican Conference. "The idea is that we are a team. What's good for one is good for all; anything to cultivate that team mentality is seen in a positive light."

Usually, staffers-turned-lobbyists lose their cachet

when their former bosses retire or lose their jobs. But the DeLay fraternity — so large that it is called DeLay Inc. — does not look like it will suffer the same fate.

"Has the value of these people diminished? I would say no," Shores said. "As they transition into the private sector, the benefits are shared by the (Republican) conference. There's a symbiosis between the former staffers and many members of the conference."

None of the tactics used so effectively by DeLay and his allies were invented by them. The Texan's innovation was to systematically institutionalize them within the GOP. It's possible his zeal in these methods could ultimately bring about his downfall.

Texas prosecutor Ronnie Earle won a grand jury indictment of DeLay on a charge of conspiring to illegally evade fundraising restrictions. DeLay, still in Congress, has vowed to return to his leadership post after clearing his name at trial — though his future is shadowed by a tall stack of other legal and political problems. But scholars say his methods are imprinted on Washington like a tattoo. "Even if Boss DeLay leaves, his legacy stays," said James Thurber, director of congressional studies at American University.

Part of the reason for this is that DeLay's temporary replacement, Rep. Roy Blunt, R-Mo., is a DeLay protégé whose rapid rise was spawned by the Texas Republican. So were the careers of almost everyone else in the House Republican leadership, including Rep. Eric Cantor of Virginia and Thomas Reynolds of New York. They are all social conservatives who support such

pro-business policies as deregulation and tax cuts.

The DeLay network is just as formidable in downtown Washington. Former DeLay aides Buckingham, Tony Rudy and Karl Gallant form the core of one of Washington's largest and fastest growing lobbying firms, Alexander Strategy Group. Susan Hirschmann, a former DeLay chief of staff, is a senior member of Williams & Jensen, another major lobbying firm. Congressional aides said that these and other DeLay alumni are part of their "team" and will be welcome in their offices no matter what happens to their old boss.

Speaking of Hirschmann, Mike Stokke, deputy chief of staff to Hastert said, "Having DeLay in her background is a strength; having worked for Tom is a formidable asset."

There has been no sign that DeLay personally has been active in the K Street Project since he was admonished by the House ethics committee for pressuring the Electronics Industries Alliance to hire a Republican as its president seven years ago. Nonetheless, the project is still going strong; other lawmakers and lobbyists have taken up the cause. Job listings on K Street are still distributed in regularly scheduled meetings held by other GOP lawmakers, including Sen. Rick Santorum of Pennsylvania lobbying executives report that former Republican aides and lawmakers have telephoned them to suggest that their top openings should be filled with loyalists. The kstreetproject.com Web site is run by well-connected conservative Grover Norquist of Americans for Tax Reform.

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Enjoy Your Fall Break!

American military leaders point to progress in Iraq

By Tyler Marshall
LOS ANGELES TIMES

WASHINGTON — Amid growing concern in Congress and sagging public support, two Army generals made their case to the American people yesterday, insisting that progress was being made in Iraq but adding that victory could take years.

Appearing separately on four current-events programs, Gen. John Abizaid, the commander of U.S. forces in the Middle East, and Gen. George Casey, the commander of American forces in Iraq, sketched a picture of steadily improving Iraqi military forces that have already begun to take on more of the fighting against the insurgency.

Both also pointed to heavy voter registration in advance of a constitutional referendum later this month, describing that as a sign that most Iraqis wanted to take part in the American-backed political process, not the armed resistance. But Casey acknowledged that Sunni Arab participation was motivated mainly by a desire to defeat the constitution, and that failure to do that could end up fueling the insurgency.

"It could happen," Casey said on ABC's "This Week."

The generals said it was important Americans not to turn against the war in Iraq, arguing that defeat there would be a catastrophic setback in the larger struggle against terrorism. Their com-

ments seemed clearly aimed at steering public support for the war in the face of mounting casualties and few overt signs of weakening in an insurgency they said now likely numbered as many as 20,000 participants.

Expressing concern about recent opinion polls, one of which showed nearly two-thirds of those questioned favoring a complete or partial pullout of American forces, Casey made his case for public backing.

"I think it's important for the American people to understand that we should not be afraid of this fight," he told CNN's "Late Edition." "This is a tough fight. (Iraq's) armed forces are committed to this, the Iraqis are committed to

this. ... This is worth it and we have a plan and a strategy in place that will allow us and our Iraqi colleagues to prevail."

On NBC's "Meet The Press," Abizaid said that the doubts and frustration that permeated much of the questioning both generals faced during last Thursday's high-profile hearing before the Senate Armed Services Committee was not matched by his commanders close to the fight.

"I go up on the Hill and everybody's wringing their hands and everybody's worried, but when I talk to my commanders in the field, when I talk to Iraqi commanders in the field, people are confident," Abizaid said. "They don't think it's going to

be easy. They know that there's a lot of fighting ahead, but they're confident that they're moving in a good direction."

Appearing on CBS's "Face The Nation," Abizaid said that while the insurgency was becoming more sophisticated, it remained no match militarily for American forces.

"We have never lost a single platoon-sized engagement in four years of combat in the Middle East," he said. "It's true that the enemy is capable of developing things that can do us damage, but ultimately they can't beat us, and they know it."

But neither general elaborated on one of the single biggest causes of last week's congressional concern: the

revelation that, of the 100-plus Iraqi army battalions now going through training, the number capable of conducting effective combat operations on their own, independent of U.S. forces, had slipped from three to one in recent months.

Both generals emphasized broader, across-the-board advances in the combat readiness of Iraq's forces. At one point, Abizaid told NBC, "It is a difficult thing to start talking about one battalion here or two battalions there or three battalions in another place."

The issue of Iraqi troop readiness is crucial to the U.S. military strategy, which calls for Iraqis to gradually shoulder more of the fight as the United States draws down its own forces.

Court

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As a legal matter, the case, now known as *Gonzales vs. Oregon*, pits the state's traditional power to regulate the practice of medicine against the federal government's authority to regulate drugs.

It also poses a test of different styles of conservatism. Libertarian and so-called "small government" conservatives probably would side with Oregon, because it allows dying persons to decide for themselves whether to end their lives. Conservative advocates of federalism also have been inclined to defer to the states, not Washington, D.C., to make the law.

The case has similarities to the case testing California's medical marijuana law, a dispute that split the court's conservatives in June. Justices Clarence Thomas and Sandra Day O'Connor as well as Rehnquist sided with California and the patients who used marijuana to relieve their pain. They said this was an issue for the state and its voters to decide.

But Justices Antonin

Scalia and Anthony M. Kennedy joined the majority in saying federal authorities had the power to ban all use of marijuana, a prohibited drug under the federal drug-control laws.

Challenges to abortion

In late November, the court will revisit the abortion issue. A New Hampshire case does not ask the court to overrule *Roe vs. Wade* and the right to abortion, but it might make it much harder for doctors to challenge a state's regulation of abortion.

New Hampshire, like 34 other states, passed a law that requires doctors to notify a parent of a minor girl before performing an abortion. Unlike most such laws, however, this statute did not make an exception for medical emergencies that threaten the health of the young woman.

A federal judge and the U.S. court of appeals in Boston blocked the law from taking effect. The state's attorney general, Kelly Ayotte, and Bush administration lawyers urge the court to put the law into effect as written. They say doctors whose patients need emergency abortions may go to a judge and ask for a waiver of the parental notice rule.

Abortion rights advocates

say doctors who face medical emergencies should go first to a hospital, not to a court-house. The court will hear the case of Ayotte vs. Planned Parenthood on Nov. 30.

Free speech cases

Two important free-speech cases will be heard in the fall. One concerns the rights of public employees, the other whether colleges may restrict military recruiters on campus.

At one time, the Supreme Court said public employees did not have a free-speech right to challenge their employer. Justice Oliver Wendell Holmes summed up this view in a 1906 case when he wrote that a policeman "may have a constitutional right to talk politics, but he has no constitutional right to be a policeman."

But the court changed direction in 1969 when it ruled that a school teacher could not be fired for writing a letter to a newspaper editorial page complaining about how the school board was spending the taxpayers' money. The justices said public employees had a right to speak out on matters of public concern.

The law remains unclear, however, on whether whistleblowers have a right to speak out with impunity regarding

what they have seen or heard on the job.

On Oct. 12, the court will hear a case to clarify the law. Richard Ceballos was a deputy district attorney for Los Angeles County five years ago when he alleged that another prosecutor had lied about evidence in order to obtain a search warrant. He persisted in raising his complaint with his superiors, and alleges he was reprimanded and transferred to an outlying office because he had spoken out.

He sued several of his superiors, including then-District Attorney Gil Garcetti. At first, a federal judge dismissed his claim, but the 9th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals revived it. Judge Stephen Reinhardt wrote that the First Amendment should protect government whistleblowers who disclose wrongdoing.

Bush administration lawyers have intervened in the case of Garcetti vs. Ceballos to urge the court to restrict the free-speech rights of public employees. They argue that while these employees may speak out as citizens, they do not have a right to speak freely on matters involving "the performance of their job duties."

A ruling on this issue

could affect the rights of millions of public employees, including school teachers, college professors and police officers as well as nurses, technicians and doctors at publicly funded hospitals.

Colleges and military recruiters square off

In December, the court will consider whether colleges and universities that receive federal funds must give military recruiters equal access to their students. Congress in the Solomon Amendment threatened colleges with a cut-off of federal funds if they discriminated against military recruiters.

But a group of law schools and professors challenged this rule as violating their free-speech rights. They said their schools routinely reject recruiters for employers who refuse to hire gays and lesbians, and the Pentagon has such an anti-gay policy. A U.S. appeals court agreed the law schools have a right not to adopt the military's anti-gay message, but the court will hear the Pentagon's appeal (*Rumsfeld vs. FAIR*).

The justices also will decide whether persons with a disability can sue a state agency for discrimination if they are denied equal access


to a public facility. The Americans With Disabilities Act barred such discrimination, but the court in the past has said states are shielded from being sued. The case arose when a Georgia prisoner in a wheelchair said he was confined in a tiny cell that made it hard for him to even turn his chair in United States vs. Georgia.

DNA forces issue of reopening, retrying cases




Early next year, the court will hear a Tennessee case to decide whether and when new evidence in an old murder case requires federal judges to order a new trial. Paul House, a parolee sex offender, was convicted of the 1985 rape and murder of a neighbor woman based largely on semen and blood samples linked to him. He was sentenced to die, and his appeals failed.

But new DNA tests showed the semen came from the woman's husband, not from House, and the blood samples did not match his. Nonetheless, a U.S. appeals court refused to reopen his case on an 8-7 vote.

The Supreme Court will hear the case of House vs. Bell in January to clarify under what circumstances federal judges can reopen a state case.



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Ex-Cat keeps school in his sights

By Alex Saunders
THE KENTUCKY KERNEL

Jeff Hamberg is no longer a member of the UK rifle team, but he continues to make headlines.

He recently received the honor of first-team Academic All-American in ESPN The Magazine — one of 15 such student-athletes in the nation.

While at UK, Hamberg became fluent in German and studied international economics. He graduated with a 3.89 GPA.

The ESPN list covered 11 sports, and Hamberg was the sole member from any rifle team selected. He was one of the 15 student-athletes selected to the first team out of 360,000 student-athletes around the nation.

Hamberg said the team practiced three hours every day of the week except for Sunday. The team practices from September to the middle of March. Studying three hours a day, Hamberg said it took a lot of work and that he had to stay up late or wake up early in order to get all of his work finished.

"It was a matter of personal motivation to get everything done, to make sure I excelled at school and on the team," Hamberg said.

Hamberg said his parents were proud of his accomplishment, but didn't grasp the magnitude of the ESPN list.

He also said he was surprised himself.

"Absolutely, how could I not be?" he said.

He said he could not think of a time when school and the team had a negative effect on each other. Hamberg said he remembered the times when he felt like he needed to study more, the schedule for rifle was not that bad.

"That's the good thing about a winter sport," he said. "When finals roll around, you have time to study."

Rifle head coach Harry Mullins said he was ecstatic when he heard that Hamberg had been named to the list.

"One, I was excited as a sports fan. We weren't really an ESPN team. For him to be put on the same level as athletes on teams that are more visible, I was very ecstatic for him," Mullins said.

Hamberg began his stint on the rifle team as a walk-



COURTESY OF UK ATHLETICS
Former UK rifle team member Jeff Hamberg is now pursuing an MBA at Michigan State, with a concentration in finance and corporate accounting.

on, but by his junior year, he had worked hard enough to earn a scholarship.

Mullins talked about the fact that a lot of students have a bunch of free time because they only have to juggle school and a social life. Hamberg had time for some of those activities, but not as much as other students.

"Some college students see that as a sacrifice," said Mullins.

Mullins said Hamberg possessed a strong work ethic. "He would stay until the job was done. Rain, snow or sunshine, he was always there giving 110 percent," Mullins said.

Brad Donoho, a biology senior, was Hamberg's teammate for three years. He said it was difficult to balance the team and school. "Being on the team is like a part-time job," Donoho said. "Spending 20 hours a week on the range and balancing school is a

pretty daunting task."

Since Hamberg was the only senior on the team last year, he took a leadership role.

"When he was on the range he was all about shooting," Donoho said. "He was able to leave academics on the side. When he left, he picked the academics right back up."

"He became a leader by the time he left here," Mullins said.

Donoho remembers his former teammate as a vital part of the team. He said that Hamberg shot on the first team at the NCAA qualifiers and NCAA championships.

"We relied on his numbers to win," said Donoho. Hamberg is currently at Michigan State University studying to get his master's degree in business administration. His concentration is in finance and corporate accounting.

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Unit comes up Big for Yankees

By Jeff Jacobs
THE HARTFORD COURANT

BOSTON — Four Yankee teammates had just surrounded Randy Johnson, reaching up on their tiptoes to douse him with champagne, when Joe Torre spotted his towering left-hander. Torre took Johnson's wet face in his hands, and with those basset eyes, looked up at him.

Torre pulled him close. "Joe said he was excited for me," said Johnson, his pitching hand squeezing a Korbel bottle that had been raised to celebrate another Yankees AL East title. "He said that this is what I came here for. As important as this game was, initially it could have gotten out of hand. He said I showed good poise."

That's not what folks were saying in mid-June when Johnson was carrying the burden of a 5-5 record. He was a .500 pitcher on a .500 team and all the tough questions had begun.

But after the Yankees' 8-4 victory over the Red Sox Saturday, Torre called this eighth consecutive AL East title the sweetest of all.

"Because of everything that went on this year," he said.

If you are a Red Sox fan, there are two ways of looking at the weekend drama: Either your team is in strong position to nail down the wild card Sunday play Chicago instead of those damn Angels and then win it all (circa 2004), or everything — angst, Yankee dominance, fatalism — is back to normal (circa every other year).

Either way the division title arrived so suddenly for the Yankees Saturday that they didn't even see it coming.

"It came out of nowhere," said Johnson, who finished the season 17-9 and 3.69 ERA. "I didn't even realize we had an opportunity to win it today. I thought it would be left to Moose (Mike Mussina) to clinch."

Right, instead, will start Sunday when Curt Schilling tries to save the Red Sox's season. After the bloody sock last year, we can only wonder what the Big Schilling has in store for us. A leather stigm-

"It's a great feeling to see ... guys who have never been through it before be so happy."

Randy Johnson
Yankees starting pitcher,
on winning the AL East title

mata where blood seeps through his glove? At any rate, it was left to Mussina, who'll start Game 1 of the Division Series, to use his mind and not his right arm to determine the division title.

"I came up to the clubhouse in the eighth and was icing my body when it came up on TV that Cleveland lost," Johnson said. "I realized it when the clubhouse kids started putting up at all the plastic and stuff. At first, I'm like, 'What are you guys doing?'"

As Mussina was busy using duct tape to attach the plastic to the lockers and preserve his teammates' expensive duds, here was Johnson explaining how he used duct tape to put his season back together.

Pitching coach Mel Stot-

temyre and backup catcher John Flaherty worked hard with Johnson after the All-Star break to figure out his mechanics. He grew more and more comfortable during the second half. If his back is bad — as many still surmise — Johnson said nothing about it in a visiting clubhouse giddy that they had completed their job of hunting down the Red Sox and wiping out a 512-game lead.

Johnson won his final six decisions. He improved to 37-4 lifetime in September. He went 5-0 against the Red Sox this year.

Let's see. Win when it counts. Check. Beat the Red Sox. Check. Hard to say the Big Unit hasn't been a success, eh?

"That's why they went out and got him. He's someone who can stop the Red Sox." Johnny Damon said. "He's a tremendous talent."

"This is pretty satisfying," Johnson said, "especially as inconsistent as I was. I got an idea what it's all about, the rivalry."

It was at that moment, a remarkable story named Aaron Small rushed in and let champagne flow all over Johnson.

"It's old hat for a lot of people here," Johnson said. "I've been through it a few times. But it's a great feeling to see Aaron, Chien-Ming Wang and Shawn Chacon — guys who pitched us out of adversity and have never been through it before — be so happy."

With that, Randy Johnson, a man given more to scowls, did the damndest thing.

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EDITORIAL NOTEBOOK

■ In the October issue of Men's Fitness magazine, UK was ranked the eighth-fattest college in the nation. The magazine took surveys of more than 10,000 students at more than 680 schools — an average of just over 15 students per school. It ranked each institution based on its students' weight, weight gain while at school, exercise, bad habits (e.g., pizza and beer at 2 a.m.), and how much the campus promotes physical fitness and activity.

Mississippi State was ranked the third-fattest campus, the University of New Orleans second-fattest, and Louisiana-Lafayette the fattest campus in the nation, followed by the University of California at Santa Barbara and Boston University.

UK's ranking is obviously not good news, but surveying only 15 students per school is far below the amount one would need to survey to get significant, accurate results. Here's to hoping the scientists at Men's Fitness stretched before they worked that hard. They could strain something.

■ It appears the media may have exaggerated the extent to which crime and civil breakdown were a factor in the aftermath of Hurricane Katrina. Several news outlets, including Fox News, The New York Times and the Los Angeles Times reported rapes, beatings, murders, violent gang activities and other atrocities in the streets of New Orleans.

Some outlets, however, are starting to question the claims. The Los Angeles Times has now reported that many unverified stories were aired amid the chaos of Katrina's aftermath, leaving coverage inaccurate and overly sensational. Meanwhile, more positive accounts from members of the National Guard were ignored.

The improper focus on the negative side of human nature not only painted an inaccurate picture of the people who live in the Gulf Coast region, but more accurate coverage pointing out the positive action, which apparently was abundant, would have been more truthful.

Maj. Ed Bush told the Los Angeles Times that reports of corpses at the Superdome may have impeded the rescue effort and were a distortion of what went on there.

"We had to convince people this was still the best place to be," Bush said. "What I saw in the Superdome was just tremendous amounts of people helping people."

■ On Friday, the Government Accountability Office issued a report saying the Bush administration's prepackaged "news" releases promoting the No Child Left Behind Act and the new Medicare drug benefit plan were "covert propaganda" in violation of federal statutes. The Department of Education and the Department of Health and Human Services both sent videos praising these policies to news stations — without identifying in the videos that the government was their source and producer.

We believe strongly in having a free, independent press, and it was wrong for federal officials to produce and disseminate promotional media disguised as news. Such behavior is more fitting of Cuba or China, not the United States.

Perhaps even more shameful, however, are the news outlets who decided to broadcast this material over their airwaves. Running a biased newscast from a government source is not only lazy, but a clear breach of journalistic ethics. No media outlet should ever let itself be used as a tool for government influence.

■ Though our initial reaction was to point and laugh along with the rest of the nation at former Playboy model Anna Nicole Smith and her impending Supreme Court battle, we've wisely stopped giggling. Estate settlements are, for lack of a better term, a big deal — especially those that could be worth as much as \$474 million for the plaintiff if she wins at the high court and gets a bankruptcy court judgment reinstated.

Smith, whose real name is Vickie Lynn Marshall, married Texas oil tycoon J. Howard Marshall II in 1994 when she was 26 and he was 89. Not to be judgmental, but we're almost certain both parties entered the relationship knowing it wasn't exactly based on mutual affection and respect.

After Marshall died in 1995, Smith claimed that her husband promised her millions but that his son, E. Pierce Marshall, cut her out of the estate. A decade-long legal fight has ensued.

The court will hear Smith's case early next year. If she wins, we can only hope she'll be too busy spending her long-sought-after millions to hear E.P.'s plaintive cries for a resurrection of the absolutely awful "Anna Nicole Show."

■ Republican House Majority Leader Tom DeLay was forced to relinquish his position, per GOP conference rules, after being indicted on a conspiracy charge. DeLay could face up to two years in prison and thousands of dollars in fines if found guilty of the charges, which accuse him and associates of conspiring to funnel corporate contributions to Texas state legislative candidates through national GOP organizations.

DeLay has denied the charges and has accused Travis County District Attorney Ronnie Earle, who has pursued the indictment, of partisan motivation, although 12 of the 15 corruption cases Earle has prosecuted have involved Democrats.

— Kernel Editorial Board

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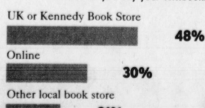
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IN OUR OPINION

Abortion signs should stir debate

We're all used to seeing trucks with large advertisements for potato chips or beer painted on their sides.

Today and tomorrow, however, we'll be seeing quite a different sight on some trucks driving around campus: 8-foot-by-22-foot pictures of aborted first-trimester fetuses.

The Center for Bio-Ethical Reform, an anti-abortion group, is bringing its "Reversing Roe" tour to UK's campus in an effort to persuade students to oppose Roe vs. Wade, the 1973 Supreme Court decision that legalized abortion across the United States. In two weeks,

the group plans to bring to UK its "Genocide Awareness Project," a series of posters comparing abortion to the Holocaust and lynchings. The display was at UK, placed prominently near the White Hall Classroom Building, in April 2002.

The group should be allowed to bring its ideas to campus — there's no better place than a college campus for the free exchange of ideas. With that, we believe UK should be just as accommodating if pro-abortion-rights groups wish to bring displays of their own.

The tour, which began Sept. 29, will visit eight col-

lege campuses in Ohio, Kentucky, Indiana and West Virginia in the next two weeks.

"The 'Reversing Roe' Campus Tour is targeted at our future decision makers and leaders on college campuses because they will be running the country in the near future," said Mark Harrington, executive director for the Midwest branch of CBR, in a press release. "If Roe v. Wade is overturned, they will be in position to outlaw abortion."

Students wishing to educate themselves on the issue of abortion should certainly consider this group's message, while also keeping in

mind its agenda and finding out what the other side has to say. It's nearly impossible to form an educated opinion on a controversial issue without first examining the viewpoints of both sides.

Whatever their intention, groups such as this anti-abortion one encourage students to engage in a dialogue on issues such as abortion, and help them find their voice in the marketplace of ideas. It is our hope that these displays will spark students' interest to become more informed on the issue of abortion and to engage in a fruitful exchange of views.



BRAD STURGEON, THE KENTUCKY KERNEL

Theft hurts the perpetrator more than the victim

Material ... I kept telling myself it was all just material.

I sat on a picnic table staring at the parking lot, now a crime scene, convincing myself that material wasn't worth tears.

Five minutes before, I was running around that parking lot, looking in every corner, searching through trash cans and questioning patrons in a desperate attempt to recover my missing bag.

Now, I was before a police officer with nothing but my car keys in hand. I watched him scribble on his notepad as I mumbled on about how I couldn't believe this happened to me. I gave him the description of my taupe canvas bag, which was a gift from an old employer.

My mind went down a list of things I had inside the bag. There was a black wallet that I had used since my sophomore year of high school. There were notes, syllabi, books, binders and a phone charger — nothing with any value to anyone else but me.

My little silver flip phone. My Macy's card. My first license. My debit card.

Then the officer gave me a card with instructions on how to get a copy of the police report, just in case I wanted it. He wrote "theft" on the card under the description of the crime.

Then I asked him the inevitable

question that all "theft" victims already know the answer to.

"What are the chances of getting my stuff back?"

The officer said that undercover investigators look into theft cases and that he would contact me if they recovered anything. In other words, there's no chance in hell.

It was a small tragedy on a muggy Sunday when I had let my guard down. I made the careless mistake of believing that people have the decency to respect someone else's property.

But this is the air of such tragedies that I have dealt with in the past three months.

On the eve of my birthday in July, someone smashed in the window of my RAV4 to retrieve a handful of CDs. Thanks.

Two weeks later, my makeshift window (a piece of cardboard) was re-broken into. This time the thieves took more CDs and my camera. Thanks again.

The last straw was the bag, the very epitome of my existence. The shell to my life, my personal information, my insurance information and the essential items vital to my everyday interaction in the world. The one thing that would aid my survival if I was stranded, lost or in need of food or money.

There are a series of words I came up with last Sunday to describe a cheap thief. Most of them are not printable.

But I can say with assurance that cheap thieves, who can't muster up the money to gain valuables without breaking the law, are a burden to soci-

ety.

At the time of the theft, there was no more than \$15 in my wallet. I canceled all my cards and my phone immediately. My license and insurance won't benefit a thief. My homework won't benefit anyone but me. My frequent-buyer coffee-shop card might get the thief a free latte.

Cheap thieves are wasting time and energy by taking someone's belongings. Beyond the lack of logic of theft, those who steal are performing an act of pure disrespect for themselves.

People who steal are not hurting those victimized by the theft as much as their own morale. Stealing is a selfish, desperate and senseless move that disregards any sense of ethics or integrity.

If there is something a person truly wants or needs, it is a respectable act to get a job, make money and accumulate belongings without ripping off others.

I would have gladly shed \$15 to have my wallet, my phone and all my material back. But, unfortunately, I have learned that everyone must be on guard of the inherently selfish nature of others.

Material is just material. It can be replaced.

But a thief can't take back his or her actions. A thief cannot cancel his or her act, or replace a theft with a good deed. Those who steal are the real losers. They may gain material, but they lose self-respect or any sense of achievement in their own lives.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

KFTC's main concern is student registration

As a UK student as well as a member of Kentuckians for the Commonwealth, I would like to redress a few of the inaccuracies in the Sept. 22 editorial, "Voters should do their homework."

First and foremost is the assertion that KFTC's "primary policy concern" is the local water battle and the sole reason for our presence on campus. This is false. Our "primary policy concern" is registering students, an oft-ignored and vastly underrepresented demographic, to vote.

In fact, KFTC does more nonpartisan voter registration than any other organization on campus; we have even worked with political science and UK 101 professors to help register students.

In stark contrast to this, not only are opponents of local ownership not registering voters, but RWE/Kentucky-American is now actively trying to prevent the local-ownership referendum from happening at all. This, the active deterrence of a democratic decision by those most affected, says a lot about the care for the concerns of the local community. Add to this the fact that RWE has already raised rates by 16.8 percent as well as moving the call center out of state — compared to their promise of "creating jobs." This is not "propaganda"; this is a well-known and easily verifiable fact.

In a rather more ironic twist, KFTC and the county clerk's office have worked out a deal whereby The Kernel could print a valid voter registration card in the paper, thereby distributing thousands of voter registration cards

simultaneously. To date, The Kernel still has not taken up this offer, despite its talk of "civic responsibility."

Finally, if The Kernel truly wishes to help voters "do their homework," perhaps it should do its own "homework" and stop bashing organizations such as KFTC, before it does a "grave disservice" to the students of this university.

MATT HEIL
Russian sophomore

To protect women, open E-lots

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Big Blue Madness!

Cool Cats net a couple of comebacks

By Laura Melligan
THE KENTUCKY KERNEL

The Cool Cats had no problem keeping fans — and themselves — on edge this weekend.

Kentucky was down at the start of the third period in both games, only to come back to beat Kennesaw State 6-5 and tie Georgia 4-4.

"We like to make things interesting, I guess," said freshman forward Tony Valerino, who had the game-tying goal against Georgia Saturday. "It's gonna come back to haunt us. If we had played like we did in the third period, we wouldn't have had much trouble beating (Georgia)."

Georgia led off scoring in the first five minutes of the game. Freshman forward John North tied it up 36 seconds later, when his shot deflected off of a Georgia defender into the back of the net.

Then the Cool Cats hit a rough spot.

Georgia scored on three power plays in a row, one in the first period and the other two in the second.

"I think we're just trying to make them think way too



Left: Andy Bertram, sophomore forward, passes the puck between a Kennesaw State player's legs during the UK Kennesaw State game on Friday at the Lexington Ice Center.

Below: UK hockey players celebrate a goal in the Kennesaw State game. UK won 6-5.

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much," said Cool Cat head coach Mike Sosnowski. "We're trying to cram offensively, defensively in the neutral zone, all these different things and the guys are just thinking 'Man, I don't want to make a mistake!'"

UK also had its fair share of power plays, but all ended in missed opportunities.

"We just kept telling the guys that if no one shoots the puck, it's not gonna go in," Sosnowski said. "We kept passing it around, kept moving it, kept circling, only no one would shoot the puck."

Sosnowski's message seemed to get through at the end of the second period.

Sophomore forward Mike Barnes scored with 2:07 left to play in the second. Then, a minute and a half later, freshman defense Alex Robinson scored off an assist from North.

"We finally said 'You know what? Heck with it. Let's play hockey,'" Sosnowski said. "That seemed to turn them around a little bit."

Sosnowski's interpretation of his pep talk was a little different from the players'. "Coach came in the locker room and gave us a pretty loud talk," Valerino said. "He really got the guys going, and he helped us relax as well. We came out and played much better."

Former Cool Cat forward and captain Alex Poulos also had a few words for his old teammates.

"Poulos came down and pumped us up, too," Valerino said. "He was just going around yelling and screaming."

After Valerino's goal tied the game at 4-4, UK continued to attack, but the game went into overtime. Even though

they had six shots to Georgia's two in the overtime period, the Cool Cats were unable to score and the game ended in a tie.

"The first period and a half, we looked like we never put skates on before," Sosnowski said. "The next period and a half, we just turned it on. From here on, we need to figure out how to settle down the first period and a half and play good hockey so we can play three good periods."

The team was proud of its comeback from a 4-1 deficit.

"We knew that we had to turn it up another notch," said senior forward Josh McConnell. "We showed a lot of heart two nights in a row."

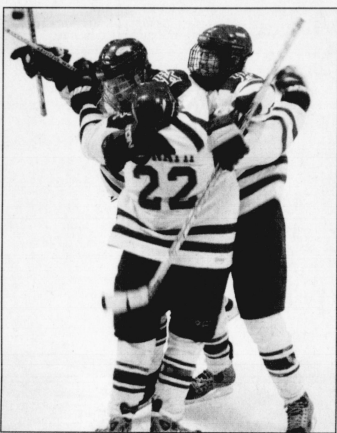
"It just shows where the team is at right now, that we can be down by three goals and come back to tie," he said.

Freshman forward Jonny Micka led the scoring for the Cool Cats in the game against Kennesaw State with two goals and one assist. Freshman forward David Polk scored in the second period, assisted by Valerino and sophomore forward Tommy Kinath.

UK began the third period down 4-3 to the Fighting Owls, but was able to win by one after goals from McConnell and sophomore forwards Kevin McQuade and Aaron Leichty.

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SPORTS BRIEFS

Women's golf takes fourth at home

UK finished fourth in the Wildcat Fall Invitational at the University Club this weekend, firing a three-round total of 894 to finish 13 shots behind champion Florida. North Carolina finished second at 891, while Miami shot 893 to edge the Cats. Sophomore Beth Patis finished seventh individually, carding a five-over-par 221 (70-74-77) to pace the Cats.

Women's tennis cruises to win

UK dominated its own tournament this weekend, winning 31 of the 35 matches it played and three singles flights, both doubles flights, and two backdraw brackets yesterday at the UK Fall Invitational. Junior Kim Coventry, No. 15 in the nation, won the singles Flight A over Denver's Suzana Makovic. Lara Maurer defeated fellow Wildcat Danielle Petrisko 6-3, 6-3 to win the Flight B bracket, and Caroline Winebrenner claimed the Flight C bracket over Marshall's Karolina Soor, who withdrew because of injury. In doubles, Coventry and Joelle Schwenk, the No. 9 duo in the nation, won Flight A while Petrisko and Maurer won Flight B over Winebrenner and Liis Sober.

Men's soccer ends weekend without 'W'

Matt Baum scored his first goal of the season five minutes into the second half, but UK gave up two goals within five minutes midway through the half to lose 2-1 to Central Florida yesterday. UK (3-3-4, 0-1-1 Conference USA) is winless in



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UK senior women's golfer Erin Faulkner chipped a ball out of the sand during the Wildcat Fall Invitational at the University on Saturday. UK finished the two-day tournament in fourth place.

its last five games, and lost for just the second time since 2003 when scoring first. The Cats' bid to send their fifth straight game into overtime, a school record, fell short on repeat occasions in the second half. Friday, UK tied its third consecutive game, this time with Florida International 1-1. Brandon Stewart scored for UK, who plays Tulsa this Friday at the UK Soccer Complex.

Women's soccer drops year's first match

UK women's soccer suffered its first loss of the season against Auburn yesterday.

day, as Courtney Crandall smashed in a rebound of a deflection off UK goalie Anne Ogundele in the 82nd minute to give the Tigers a 2-1 win. The Cats' record now stands at 5-1-6 (1-1-2 SEC). Sophomore midfielder Sarah Gaunt scored her team-leading fifth goal of the season in the 63th minute of the losing cause. UK tied Alabama 1-1 Friday in the other game of its first SEC road trip of the season. Freshman midfielder Nicola Holdsworth scored her fourth goal of the season against Alabama. The 11-game unbeaten streak to start the season set a school record.

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