



Campus life

Get stupid

By now, I am assuming most of you have seen or at least heard about MTV's new show "Jackass." The premise is basically people being a jackass or doing stupid things to see how people will respond. Be it urban kayaking or leaving a baby carrier atop a moving vehicle, the show seems morbidly and disgustingly entertaining. The Kernel does not condone doing anything illegal. But, most of these could be on that MTV show "Jackass!"

Streak through campus during a class change yelling how much you support Jimmy Glenn.

Cover yourself in peanut butter and then roll around in birdseed. Stand in a park with pigeons in it for 10 minutes. Protect your eyes. Tell about how much the pigeons love you so why can't Chelsea Clinton?

Extreme swimming. Get a pair of Speedo's and those water wing things. After a UK basketball game lets out at Rupp, go swimming in the fountain at Triangle Park. After a while act like you are drowning.

Dress in skydiving garb and prance around POT. Talk to yourself loudly. Say things like, "I hope I can make the jump." "The tower looks high enough," and "Maybe for my first jump ever I should try something higher." Then try to gather people to form a human safety net to catch you in case something goes wrong.

Sit at the end of a long, crowded hallway or other space with a friend. Roll grapes into the crowd and see how far they get. Roll many at a time and occasionally throw one at somebody who gives you a weird look.

Go to a class that you are not enrolled in for a test. Continually moan and groan. Sharpen your pencil three or four times. Try to peer onto your neighbor's paper. After awhile, wad up your paper, throw it at the teacher and talk about how little you know about this because they didn't teach you anything.

Ron Norton
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E-mails to date-66
Only a couple of e-mails recently. I won't beg for any over this weekend even though there is no UK football game.

THE 411

Tomorrow's weather



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Hi Lo
Grab a frisbee and blanket and head to the park. It's gonna be a great day.

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THE SAGA OF SGA

Freshmen senators enthusiastic

The new kids: Freshmen four bring history of high school leadership to the table, ready to tackle college issues

By Kim Armstrong
CONTRIBUTING WRITER

The race is over. The posters, banners and other remnants have been stripped from campus.

Remaining are the four new Student Government Association freshmen senators who were chosen in this year's election.

The senators, Robin Bryant, Ben Franzini, James Monroe and Leslie Proffitt, said they are ready to take hold of any new challenges.

"I'm excited to contribute enthusiasm and I plan to work as hard as I can to represent my class," said Bryant, who is

undeclared.

The freshmen senators said they want to respond to issues that are important to their classmates and help them resolve problems.

Several freshmen told Monroe they would like to see visitation hours in the dorms extended to 2 a.m. on weeknights.

Proffitt, a biology major who received the most votes with 113, said the CATS bus system needs to be more efficient in transporting freshmen from the K-Lot at Commonwealth Stadium to the dorms late at night.

She and Bryant said more freshmen should have attended orientation this year

and that they need to unite through campus activities.

More campus activities, such as dances, should be held to provide alternative entertainment for freshmen who aren't involved in Greek life, Bryant said. She also said she wants to work on better parking for freshmen, especially on North Campus.

Monroe and Proffitt said they wished more freshmen had participated in the elections. "I didn't know the elections were going on," said freshman Sarah Law, adding that she only saw a few signs in her dorm.

"Out of all the posters on campus, I only saw two candidates, one of which was mine," Monroe said.

He said more students need to know about the elections and the issues facing the student body because they need to become involved on campus.

Bryant, Monroe and Proffitt became in-

involved with SGA because they were involved in leadership roles in high school and want to help students resolve problems.

"I don't like to see problems, I like to do something about it," Monroe said.

Bryant, who also was involved in her high school's student council and was a class officer, said she is excited about accomplishing her goals as a freshman senator for SGA.

"I want freshmen to know that if any issues are expressed to me, I will always take them to SGA," said Bryant, who also is a member of the Junior Panhellenic Council and the Freshmen Representative Council.

Proffitt enjoyed learning about government in high school and hopes this year to apply what she learned now and in the future.

"My eyes are wide open, ready for a learning experience."

TRANSPORTATION

UK decries bus fee options

Get on the bus: Fees not an option, officials say

By Lamin Swann
ASSISTANT NEWS EDITOR

UK has no plans to add a \$35 student fee to tuition for unlimited bus rides on LexTran, the city's transit authority, administrators said.

"We have no intention to implement a student fee," said Joseph Burch, UK vice-president of University Relations.

An article in *The Lexington Herald-Leader* Thursday reporting talks between UK Parking and Transportation officials and LexTran officials prompted the administration's response.

The *Herald-Leader* reported that Parking and LexTran will meet Nov. 1 to discuss two plans, including one to charge students a \$35 fee to ride LexTran.

That meeting has been canceled, according to Jimmy Glenn, Student Government Association president.

UK administrators said they have not met with LexTran officials to discuss any plans for student transportation.

The idea must have been discussed at a LexTran board meeting, Burch said.

"The idea is good, but accessing a fee would not be feasible," he said.

LexTran were able to implement the student fee with UK, possible plans would be to extend the free bus route on campus.

"If the University adds a student fee, LexTran would put an extra concentration on a route around student housing," said Jenny Williams, director of marketing at LexTran.



AMY CRAWFORD | KERNEL STAFF

Give us a ride

UK Parking and Transportation and LexTran are considering plans to extend bus service at UK.

Williams said LexTran has not talked to any officials at the administration level at UK, but has discussed the issue with UK Parking and Transportation. The talks are preliminary.

Don Thornton, director of UK Parking and Transportation, was unavailable for comment Thursday.

LexTran also is planning other options regarding students. One plan would allow UK to purchase unlimited semester LexTran bus passes and sell them at a discounted price. Current semester-long

passes with LexTran are \$50.

Currently they are four accessible LexTran city bus routes on the edges of the UK campus, but no routes directly cover the campus streets. LexTran city routes are not the same as the free route available on campus for students traveling from Commonwealth Stadium and Greg Page Apartments to campus.

Glenn said having a bus route on campus would make the campus and Lexington more accessible for students and the community.

JUST VISITING

President coming to Louisville

'A tremendously invaluable endorsement': President Clinton will support 3rd District candidate Eleanor Jordan

ASSOCIATED PRESS

LOUISVILLE — President Clinton will visit Louisville one week before the election, trying to boost Democrat Eleanor Jordan over the top in her race against Republican U.S. Rep. Anne Northup.

Clinton's appearance Tuesday shows that Democratic leaders think Kentucky's 3rd District seat is attainable, Jordan spokeswoman Martha McKenna said Thursday. The election is Nov. 7.

Details of Clinton's visit were not immediately announced.

Clinton narrowly carried Kentucky twice, and each time Louisville provided him his strongest base of support.

Terry Carmack, Northup's chief of staff, questioned how much effect Clinton would have. The president made two visits in 1996 for then-Rep. Mike Ward, and Northup unseated Ward, anyway, Car-

ck noted.

But Laurie Rhodebeck, a University of Louisville political scientist, said Clinton's visit would make an impression on blacks and other important Democratic constituencies.

"This is a tremendously invaluable endorsement for Jordan, and in a close race I think that could be an important factor," Rhodebeck said.

Clinton was invited to Louisville by Jordan, a state representative seeking to become Kentucky's first-ever black congresswoman. A spokesman for Al Gore's Kentucky campaign said other Democrats should benefit as well.

"It definitely will energize the Democratic base in Louisville," the spokesman, Jonathan Beeton, said, "inasmuch as it does that, it helps all Democrats on the ticket, including Al Gore."

Terry McBrayer, a Democratic nation-

al committeeman, said earlier this week that he thought Gore was trailing Republican George W. Bush by 5 or 6 percentage points in Kentucky.

McBrayer, a prominent Democratic strategist, said a Clinton visit was one way to try to swing the momentum late in the campaign.

"Flaws, warts and all, he's the best there is," McBrayer said. "He's entitled to take substantial credit for the economy."

McBrayer said Gore needs to campaign in Kentucky to try to catch Bush.

Beeton said Thursday that he had no word of an impending Gore visit, "but that does not preclude it from happening."

Bill Stone, a prominent Louisville Republican, predicted that Bush was poised to carry Kentucky by a comfortable margin.

"Unless George Bush does something monumentally wrong, I cannot conceive of a set of circumstances that would allow Gore to come back," Stone said earlier this week.

As for the 3rd District, where Democratic outnumber Republicans 2:1, Carmack said the Northup campaign remained confident.

MUSIC

Met auditions come to Lexington

A big break: Professor brings most prestigious vocal competition to UK

By Tracy Kershaw
NEWS EDITOR

UK vocal professor Gail Robinson credits her career to the Metropolitan Opera Company of New York auditions.

In 1966, she auditioned upon a stage in Memphis and broke into the opera world with a win at the audition. Only 19, she was one of the youngest singers to win the competition.

After two decades of performing with the Met and other opera companies worldwide, she spent 13 years as director of the Met auditions, giving other young singers the opportunity that the Met afforded her.

This Saturday more than 16 Kentucky singers, including two UK students, will test their opera skills at the Met auditions in Memorial Hall.

Robinson, who now holds an endowed chair in the UK School of Music, is credited for bringing the auditions to Lexington.

The competition is perhaps the most prestigious vocal competition in the United States, she said.

"The fact that one is declared winner signals that they possess a voice of operatic proportions and potential," she said.

The program's aim is to identify exceptionally talented opera singers and to assist them in their development, to discover new talent for the Metropolitan Opera and to search for possible participants in the Met's Young Artist Development Program.

Winners of the district competition, which includes competitors under the age of 33, will advance to the regional Metropolitan Opera competition to be conducted at Butler University in Indianapolis, Ind., Nov. 18.

One regional winner will then be eligible for the national competition and a final concert for the 10 winners to be held April 1, 2001, at the Lincoln Center in New York City.

The national winner performs in New York City for a more than 4,000 person-crowd. Among those are many influential agents, conductors and opera company managers, Robinson said.

Gregory Turay, a voice student of UK Opera Theatre Director Everett McCorvey, and who graduated in 1996, won the Metropolitan Opera competition and has gone on to an award-winning and internationally acclaimed opera career. Turay returns to Lexington periodically to perform in UK's Singers' Center for the Arts.

Keith Dean, a vocal performance senior and Patricia Address, a vocal performance doctoral student, will audition. "I think they are both very interesting singers and certainly competitive," Robinson said.

The experience alone is valuable.

"It is good to put yourself in company where everyone around you is good," she said, "because that is how we stretch ourselves and how we grow."

Talent show

The Metropolitan Opera auditions will begin at noon Saturday in Memorial Hall. Admission is free.

FANCY FOOTWORK

A wee taste of Irish dancing



Feet of fury
With feet that seem to move independent of their body, these crazy Irish (and Irish wannabes) are at it again as Riverdance makes its way back to the stage.

PHOTO FURNISHED

By Brandie Bright
STAFF WRITER

If you thought that the Irish were best known for their drinking abilities, after experiencing *Riverdance* it becomes quite obvious where true Irish talent lies. *Riverdance* opened Tuesday evening in Cincinnati's Aronoff Center to a toe-tappin', hand-clappin' crowd. Although the "Lord of the Dance" Michael Flatley is no longer with *Riverdance*, this show's star, Michael Patrick Gallagher, impressively fills his shoes... literally. Tara Barry, also in a leading role, captures the admiration and envy of everyone

watching. Within the first three seconds, she soars across the stage. Gallagher and Barry both have been Irish dancing since they were toddlers and have won numerous World Championships. Barry has been with the show since its 1995 premier in Dublin where the five-week sell-out run astounded unsuspecting audiences. After the release of videos, CDs and a Broadway run, the world became consumed by these mad Irish cloggers who can move their feet faster than Neal Peart's drumsticks. Aside from the talented Irish dancing troupe, there are other factors that contribute

equally to this intoxicating experience. The lighting and scenery whisk the viewer in to a dream-like world where the background itself becomes a character choreographing its own dance. Audience members are enchanted by the deep reeds and ghostly blues that are reminiscent of Irish ancestors. The other contributing pseudo character is the infiltrating and mesmerizing music. Violins, flutes, multiple percussive instruments and guitars all combine to create the perfect mixture of Irish folk and a splash of rock. In a matter of minutes, the melodic undertones can erect tear-jerking sadness and then overpowering

urges to jump out of your chair and shake an Irish tail feather. Along with Irish dancing, there are Spanish, American and urban influences involved with the show. In fact, in one sequence there is a dancing duel between Gallagher's straight and tall Irish jig versus three urban "step" dancers. What one comes away with is a deep appreciation for all variations of this percussive dance, whether it is traditional or modern. *Riverdance* leaves a lasting impression that is like no other. Next time, instead of just going to a pub to absorb a little Irish tradition, go see these phenomenal people who love to get jiggy with it.



You're so dead
The Actors Guild performance of *This is Our Youth* runs now through Nov. 16. Showtimes are 8 p.m. Thursday through Saturday and 2 p.m. Sundays. Ticket prices are \$15 for the general public and \$10 for students and senior citizens. Sunday Nov. 29 is pay what you can night, where admission is whatever you decide to pay. The box office will open 45 minutes before the show.

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Big time oops...

Nike makes apology for tasteless ad

BEAVERTON, Ore. — For the second time in a month, Nike has withdrawn an advertisement and apologized to those who found the material offensive. The magazine advertisement spoofing the dangers of trail running was withdrawn after complaints it insulted the disabled.

The ad promoted Air Dri-Goat trail running shoes and claimed they would prevent the runner from slamming into a tree, "rendering me a drooling, misshapen, non-extreme-trail-running hulk of my former self, forced to roam the Earth in a motorized wheelchair with my name embossed on one of those cute little license plates you get at carnivals or state fairs, fastened to the back."

Nike spokesman Lee Weinstein said the ad appeared in several outdoor magazines this month.

"We have a long and diverse record of supporting disabled athletes, and we're extremely and sincerely apologetic," Weinstein said. A corporate apology also was posted on the Nike web site, noting that "disabilities of any form are no laughing matter."

Dirty business...

Fertilizer truck hits van carrying 12 inmates

LONDON, Ohio — A van transporting 12 female prisoners and two sheriff's officers was hit Thursday by a truck carrying 700 gallons of fertilizer. All the prisoners were taken to hospitals, authorities said. The extent of their injuries wasn't immediately known, but at least one inmate was in serious condition at Doctors Hospital West in Columbus.

The TruGreen ChemLawn truck slammed into the side of the van in heavy fog near London, about 25 miles west of Columbus. About 100 gallons of fertilizer spilled, a spokeswoman for the Ohio Environmental Protection Agency said. She said the health risk was minimal and the company was cleaning up the spill.

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READERS' FORUM

Expressions

Nader, don't fight to be in "main" debates and then abandon third party debates

To the Editor:

A funny thing happened to me this past Friday as I walked by the Classroom Building. I was confronted by two young individuals promoting their candidate, Ralph Nader.

They had a table set up and were passing out fliers. I won't even go into the fact that UK has made it clear that this is a violation of rules and yes, I did feel a bit harassed. This disregard to UK's policies did nothing to carry favor in my mind to Mr. Nader. I did however, take the opportunity to listen, to Friday's third party debate, which I caught on C-SPAN Sunday evening. After all his commotion about not being invited to the "main" presidential debates, Nader did not have the decency to show at the third party debate. Do

not fight for the inclusion, then abandon the third party as it fights a true fight for respect. Browne, Haeglin and Phillips did show. At times their views teetered on insane, but they did have the decency to show. Nader dropped the ball. Stop harassing me outside the Classroom Building when your candidate is too afraid to even debate!

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KERNEL COLUMNIST

Grapefruit in the wasteland

And as I drove east, the fat moon sat above Interstate 64, staring down at my 1963 Ford Fairmont, which does not have a grill.

The desert of Illinois passed by without comment — the truck stops uniform, but infrequent; the soy fields surrounding the car and beckoning it toward and beyond the emergency lane.

National Public Radio scratched in and out, its signal extending from St. Louis, moving from tales of Lebanese guerrillas to the drug treatment of prisoners in New York.

Two of the Ford's windows are broken and do not roll down. Cigarette smoke had little opportunity to escape and had been collecting for hours in blankets around my mouth, making itself available to second and third rounds of inhalation.

Yellow lines vanished and submerged into the asphalt road as the Ford seemed to sink deeper into the highway. I was driving under some old wash of oppression and silence.

Her head had rested on my lap during such drives, as lamplights illuminated her in flashes. She was not there now.

The car seemed buried. Since when did I-64 run on the bed of the Ohio? If my windows hadn't been rolled up, the car would've been filled with water for sure.

This was a Friday. I hadn't been to class since Tuesday.

Wasn't there a meeting (or several) that I was supposed to be dutifully going to? I wasn't there some speaker being flown in that was supposed to dutifully listen to, all the while pretending that I cared?

I am a major player in student activism. Why is it that I now view the previous statement with so much irony and disdain?

There comes a point after seven hours of driving when a life can blend and mesh and merge until it becomes the size of a grapefruit, located just behind your chest.

After giving everything you have to a cause, a movement, an idea, a person, you become a husk, filled only with the smoke of a Kamel Red.

As the fat moon sat above the sunken highway like a distant buoy, I thought about the theater. I had walked with and been held by it, using it to release the waves of uncertainty that had filled me as I passed from high school to college.

I was going over old monologues out loud in Illinois desolation.

Why had I left acting and scholarship and a school on the first day of my sophomore year with the random decision to transfer to the UK?

Why had I given myself arbitrarily over from acting to activism in the span

of a semester? In each case, I wore the respective activity as I would a black beret or a corduroy hat, personally assuming the outward characteristics of artist or revolutionary. Neither persona is at my core.

Nothing makes anonymity easier than a persona.

Did I lose you?

Sorry, I tend to get a bit heady and self-indulgent over the course of a 400-mile drive through farmland.

I'm thinking about leaving school again.

Get the pattern: I find something to temporarily replace the grapefruit under the ribcage. Then, I walk away from it.

The Ford crossed the Illinois line into Indiana. I then learned that for all practical purposes Illinois and Indiana are really the same state. That emergency lane looked awfully inviting.

I was returning to UK and Patterson Hall and the activist movement and neglected classes on a Friday, after two days in Illinois with the person whom I had previously given myself to, before exchanging her for rallies and campaigns. The walking away had just occurred.

There had been no room for fancy and whims and the daily e-mails that accompany a long-distance romance.

Maybe there is still time.

The idea of loving something so much that you are burned by it and then abandon it is cliché and does not need to be explored in this article.

If I were to try to fit the previous article into a package with a clear message to make it more appropriate for this medium, I would write something about faith in your own personal core, perhaps to love only moderately, the need to maintain, to stay with those who want to give you a piece of their grapefruit without condition.

But I avoid trite summaries whenever possible, so please take a large black magic marker and blot out the previous paragraph.

As I drove east, I came very near passing the Lexington exit and landing my Ford somewhere in Appalachia, hiding out like Gollum under the mountains next to a pool.

It wouldn't have been hard. There was a moon guiding the way.

It will be back above the highway soon, appearing in my rear view mirror as the Ford passes foothills and coal mines, as I think of her, knowing that she watches it float through the sky behind me.

Kernel Columnist Chaz Martin is an English and history junior. His views do not necessarily represent those of the Kernel.

PARTING SHOTS

Final Word

The Question:

"According to a story published in Tuesday's edition of the *Lexington Herald-Leader*, nearly 7,000 Kentucky students who applied for financial aid this past fall had their applications rejected or delayed because of past drug convictions.

A new law imposed by Congress that took effect during this school year states that students can lose one year of federal aid eligibility for a first conviction on a drug-possession charge, and two years for a second conviction. They can be suspended indefinitely for a third conviction.

While the total of the two groups is actually less than 1 percent of those who applied, opponents of the law claim that the law is discriminatory and denies an education to young people who need it most.

Is this a fair attempt to ensure that college aid goes to help students who truly deserve it? Or is the law discriminatory and unfair, denying everyone with drug convictions (regardless of individual circumstances) a deserved chance at a higher education?"

What They Said:

This law is completely fair. People need to learn that there are consequences for their actions, and if one of those consequences is being denied funds for something they want to do, so be it."

Meg Marquis, Kernel Columnist

Of course, it's true that all college students never do drugs. College is a perfect society that is only for the privileged that haven't been caught yet."

Alan Slone, Kernel Columnist

There shouldn't be any tears shed for someone who chooses a momentary high over their continuation of higher education. Federal aid is a privilege, not a right — individuals seeking aid should be mature enough to know the risks."

Christopher Emmick, Senior Kernel Columnist

The law makes sense. After all, we need to identify potential drug dealers early so they can be trained on the streets and in prison. No need to educate them — it only hurts the drug supply."

Andrew Grossman, Assistant Dialogue Editor

Geez — so now we can't get financial aid if we shoot heroin?! What's next? Will financial aid get cut for serial killers too? I sure hope not!"

Kevin Clapp, Kernel Cartoonist

You do the crime, you do the time. They should have thought about the consequences before they did something illegal. It's like giving prisoners cable and exercise equipment. Oh wait..."

Abbey Lile, Kernel Columnist

Drug abusers aren't victims. They reap what they sow and it's a bitter harvest."

Clayton Sandford, Kernel Columnist

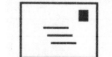
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Goals against average for UK women's goalkeeper junior Beth Wells. She ranks first all-time at UK.

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Points accumulated by the scoring trio of forwards Keri Boyce, Annie Gage and Elizabeth Ramsey. The three account for 48 percent of the Cats' scoring. Last year they accounted for 59 percent.

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Returning starters the UK men's soccer team returned from last year's Mid American Conference Champions.

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Seniors the men's soccer team loses to graduation after this season. Giovanni, Tyler Cook, Ryan Grady, Brian O'Leary and Brent Ramey are all seniors.

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UK soccer is this senior's life



One name
Brazilian senior midfielder Giovanni will conclude his UK soccer career during a road trip to Columbus, Ohio, this weekend. The Cats will wrap up their regular season against Ohio State and Penn State in the Ohio State Tournament before preparing for the MAC Tournament in Buffalo, N.Y. Nov. 2-3.

He'll be missing UK: Senior midfielder Giovanni has very few UK soccer games left and is emotional about his last days as a Wildcat

By Ron Cox
STAFF WRITER

His name is Giovanni Fernandes, but like most soccer stars on the field he's simply known as Giovanni.

And for the last three years, this senior has been a regular starter at midfielder for the UK men's soccer team. And in those three years head coach Ian Collins has looked for Giovanni to be his field general.

"His role has been defined over the last few years as our playmaker," Collins said. "He's the person we look to play through, and he's one of the best in college soccer that I've seen."

Not only does Collins look to Giovanni for leadership, but the team does as well.

"Everybody looks to him for leadership. He's a great captain," UK midfielder J.D. Stevenson said. "You can't ask for a better guy to have on your team."

All-American honors. He was named All-MAC and All-Mideast Region for both 1998 and 1999.

That's saying a lot for a guy who came into UK possessing all the physical talents but could hardly bench-press 95 lbs.

"His game is night and day, and it's obviously shown in his results," Collins said. "Being a regional All-American and All-MAC two years in a row, people are really recognizing what a factor he is."

This year his play is no different, as he has started all 15 games so far this season. He is the Cats' leader in shots and is tied for second in goals, assists and points.

But not all of his honors have come from his on-the-field play. Last year, Giovanni was named to both the SEC and MAC Academic Honor Rolls. Also last year, the magazine *Black Issues in Higher Education* named him an Arthur Ashe Jr. Sports Scholar.

Quite an accomplishment for a man who came to this country five years ago and did

not speak a word of English. Giovanni appreciates all of the accolades he has received throughout his time at UK, and he credits the UK Athletics department for helping him through his time career.

"(The Athletics department) has such a good support system," Giovanni said. "They will help you with anything and put you on your way."

Last Friday, the soccer team had their senior night, and Giovanni and the five other seniors said goodbye to UK soccer and to their fans. It was a tough night for Giovanni.

"It was very emotional for me, because my life right now is UK soccer, not just soccer, but UK soccer," he said. "And next year, I'm off, and I'm not a part of it anymore."

However, look for Giovanni to move on and play soccer professionally.

"We will be working hard with him in the off season to find the right place for him," coach Collins said. "He definitely has a future in the game, no question about it."

Focus

"The games this weekend are pivotal for the team. They will have NCAA ramifications"

UK women's soccer coach Warren Lipka on his team's remaining games versus Butler and Indiana.

ROTATING

Cats find the cure to recent defensive woes

By Travis Hubbard
ASSISTANT SPORTSDAILY EDITOR

At the beginning of the UK women's soccer season it was obvious what weaknesses the Cats would have, if any.

UK coach Warren Lipka's only significant loss was defender Allison Peppers. However, Peppers was a NSCAA All-American and three-time All-SEC selection. Replacing her would not be easy.

Throughout the first 11 games of the season it appeared that Lipka had found a suitable equation. He moved junior defender Melinda Buemi from a defensive marker to sweeper and junior midfielder Aimee Brown to Buemi's old position.

In their first 11 games the defense only allowed nine goals and the UK offense buried its opponents scoring over three goals per game.

Then the Cats ran into their vaunted nemesis, the Florida Gators, whom they have never beaten. The Cats lost in an unusual 5-3 match, but more importantly, Buemi went down with an ankle sprain. She sat out in a win against South Carolina, but when she returned the defense was not the same.

"We were not happy with the goals we were giving up," said Lipka of losses to Georgia and Tennessee following the South Carolina win. In the losses the Cats gave up one and three goals, respectively, but managed only one.

Lipka saw a need to return to the system of defense that the Cats were able to succeed in last season. He could not bring Peppers back, but he had options that enabled him to return Buemi and Brown to their natural positions.

"We've improved defensively and we moved a few people around," Lipka said. "We inserted Kara McCue into the center and moved Buemi to a marker."

The move worked this past weekend against LSU and Arkansas. The offense was revived, led by sophomores Keri Boyce and Elizabeth Ramsey and they got a boost from seniors Jen Reese, Jaime Dellbringe and Emily Oetjen. They each scored one goal. The defense did their duty by holding LSU and

Arkansas each to one goal and resulted in two wins.

Those wins secured the fourth seed in the upcoming SEC Tournament Nov. 2-5. Had the Cats defeated Tennessee they would have earned the third seed and avoided playing Florida in the second round.

The Cats can not ponder on their past losses, however. With a first round home game in the NCAA Tournament in limbo, they must sweep the rest of their regular season schedule. This weekend UK travels to Butler and Indiana.

"We have to take care of the rest of our schedule and put ourselves in that position," Lipka said. "We need to continue to improve each game and continue to tighten up defensively."



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Sophomore forward Keri Boyce leads the UK women's soccer team in goals with 11 and points with 28.

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