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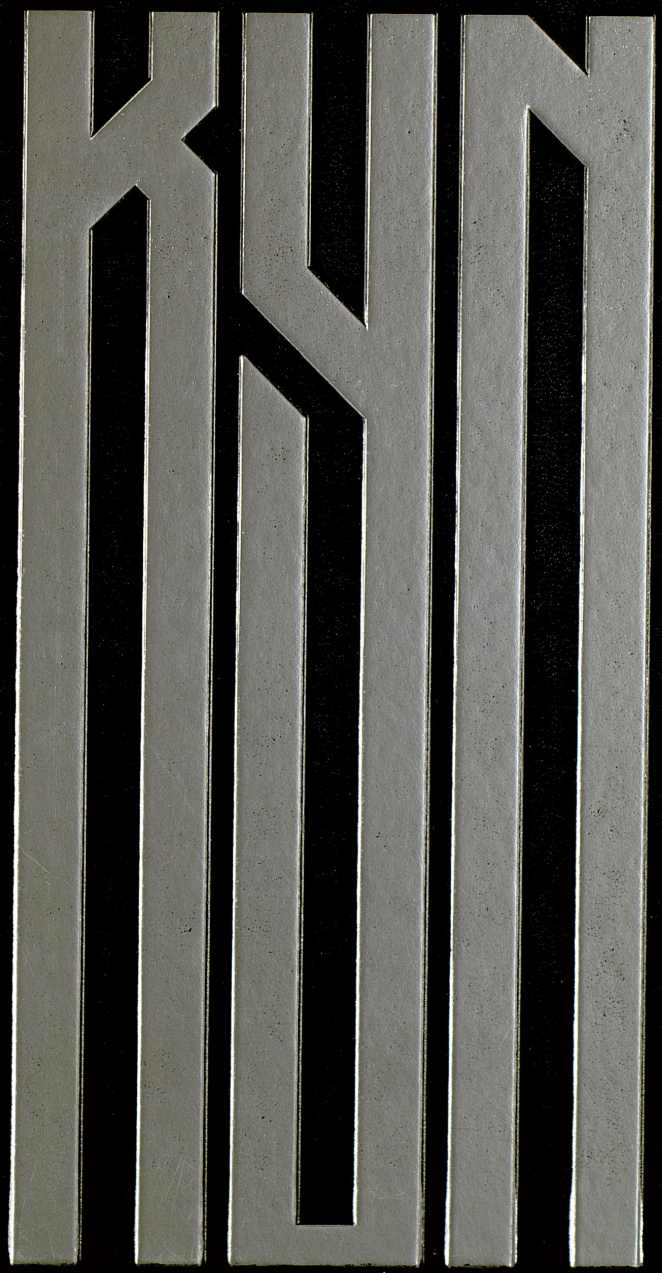

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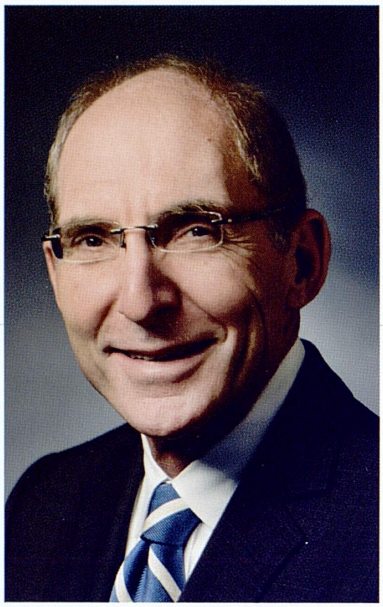

From the desk of university President

Eli Capilouto

Dear Wildcats,

Since 1894, The Kentuckian has captured campus life at the University of Kentucky. Over its 120-year evolution, it has held different names, had many purposes and chronicled the history of our storied institution.

The original publication served as a monthly magazine with essays, poems and editorials. Today, UK's yearbook is carefully crafted by a team of devoted students who want to provide their fellow Wildcats with a collection of "see blue" memories.

The university family experienced exciting progress during the 2013-2014 academic year. We welcomed new students, faculty and staff; listened to national thought leaders; attended events with popular music groups, comedians and entertainers; invested in our campus's future; experienced the tradition of UK athletics; and grew together as Wildcats.

As you progress through your academic career and after graduation, you will look back with fond memories of your time at UK. The Kentuckian will help build that bridge to your cherished college days.

Please enjoy the 2014 edition of The Kentuckian, and all that we have accomplished and celebrated over the last year at the University of Kentucky.

Sincerely,

Eli Capilouto

From the desk of Student Government President

Roshan Palli

Fellow Wildcats,

The 2013-2014 academic year was a dynamic one for the University of Kentucky. We saw the enrollment of the largest freshman class in the history of the university and the dawn of the Stoops era. We danced together to raise $1,436,606.24 for childhood cancer during DanceBlue and supported our basketball teams throughout their unexpected runs in the NCAA Tournament. Our university continued to progress in our partnership with real-estate company EdR as five new residence halls are set to open next semester.

I have been extremely proud of the work that Student Government has done. The team I have worked with is truly incredible, and our success can be attributed to our student leaders. Through the all-student tailgate, the burgeoning liaison program, and the emerging success of the Presidential Advisory Board, we have been able to reach more students and better represent our student body. As for policy, we were able to get changes to the alcohol policy. And, many students' voices were added to the conversation as we secured approval for a new student center.

Our campus had a palpable sense of energy and purpose throughout this year unlike I've experienced before. The student body understands where our university and commonwealth are heading, and that every one of us contributes to make our university a better place.

I cannot thank you all enough for giving me the opportunity to serve as your student body president, and I cannot adequately thank those who served with me and helped me along the way. Every member of our Student Government team poured their hearts into the work they did to serve our student body, and our administration did the same. To those who are graduating this year, you will be missed, but your legacy on this campus will continue. To those who will return for another semester or year on campus, I look forward to enjoying 2014-2015 with you.

Go Cats!

Roshan Palli

01/Campus Life

New members of Kappa Delta sorority run to their sorority house after receiving their bids on August 22.
PHOTO BY MICHAEL REAVES

K-Week

UK students enjoy a night of dancing and eating while attending the annual Christian Student Fellowship Luau on August 23 at the Christian Student Fellowship. CSF hosted the event to welcome students, new and returning, to campus for the 2013-2014 school year.

PHOTO BY JONATHAN KRUEGER

FRI 08/23

9 am - 5 pm: Move-in
Noon - 2 pm: Dodgeball
8 pm - 10 pm: K-week kick-off
10 pm - 2 am: CSF Luau party

SAT 08/24

3:30 pm: New Student Induction Ceremor
7:30 pm: Big Blue U
9:30 pm: Campus Ruckus

uction Ceremor

SUN 08/25

3 pm - 5 pm: Lex Mart
8 pm - midnight : Student Center Spectacular

MON 08/26

9:30 am - 4 pm: FUSION
9 pm - midnight: Meijer Mania

TUE 08/27

5 pm - 8 pm: We Are UK

FALL FASHION

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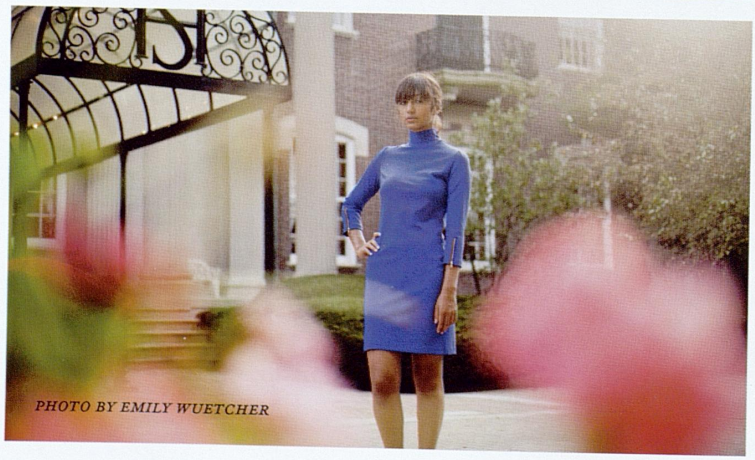

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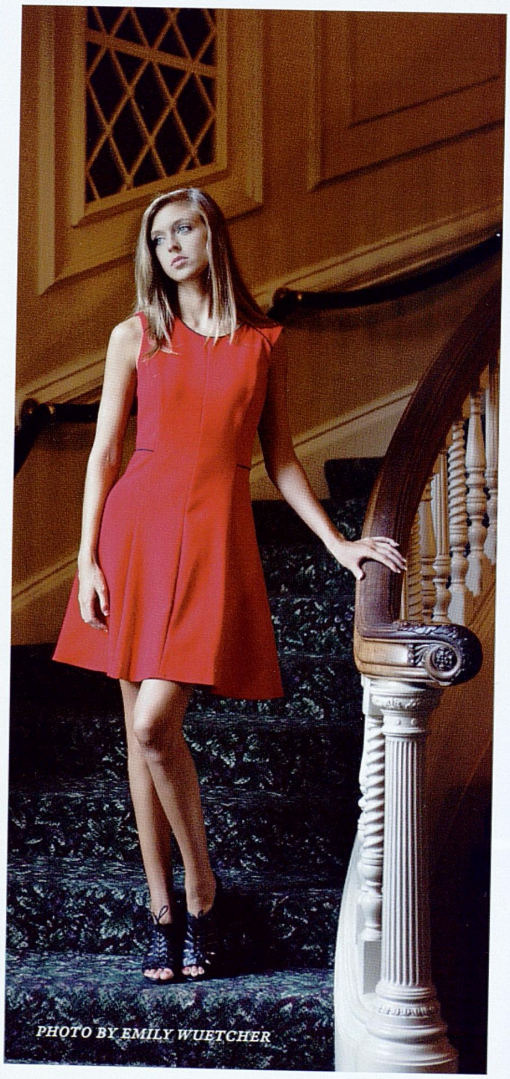

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Most people, when pondering fashion, envision the iconic cities of style: New York, Los Angeles, Paris, Milan. But right here in Lexington, we have our own style. Where Southern sensibilities and urban ingenuity meet, Lexington fashion is born.

No one knows this better than local boutiques. Filled with the passion of small business and a broad vision, local retailers play as important a role to Lexington style as the fashion-conscious citizens.

SPRING FASHION

PHOTOS BY EMILY WUETCHER

Rebekah Bowsher and Ryan Downs enjoy the 72-degree fall weather outside the W.T. Young Library as they study on September 23.
PHOTO BY CALEB GREGG

Participants are tackled by Christian Student Fellowship security volunteers as they enter the water balloon area prior to the beginning of the fight. The University of Kentucky Police Department entered the field after the first few people ran inside the police lines.

PHOTO BY ELEANOR HASKEN

A Few Burst Balloons

BY MORGAN EADS

09/07/2013 — At least six people were tackled by student volunteer security officers after prematurely rushing the William H. Pieratt Intramural Fields, where thousands of people gathered for the annual water balloon fight.

With nearly 11,000 people at the Christian Student Fellowship's World's Largest Water Balloon Fight, a national expert said an event of that size should have had a detailed security plan that included trained security personnel.

"Touching somebody and tackling them is a no-no, unless the situation is dire," said Paul Wertheimer, a crowd-management consultant based in Los Angeles. "I don't think popping some water balloons could be considered dire ... I understand wanting to maintain order, but that is why you should have a proper plan."

Wertheimer graduated from UK in 1972 and was assistant executive director and assistant general manager for the Lexington Center, which houses Rupp Arena. He was involved in investigating The Who concert where 11 fans died from asphyxia from overcrowding in 1979.

Most of the people tackled were led back into the crowd, but at least two were handcuffed and removed from the event, said Brian Marshall, the head campus minister for CSF. The 100-person security team was made up entirely of volunteer CSF students and alumni, Marshall said.

After a few people attempted to rush the field, others decided to join in, said Kernel photographer Eleanor Hasken, who was photographing the water balloon fight. At that point, UK police were called in, she said.

PHOTO BY ADAM PENNAVARIA

UK Police Chief Joe Monroe said nobody was actually arrested and it was unclear how many were handcuffed and escorted out.

Nearly 11,000 people gathered at William H. Pieratt Student Recreation Fields.

"Our job was to support the CSF security," Monroe said. "If things got out of control we would step in." UK police did not approve a security plan for the event, he said.

Marshall said the sight of a strong police presence can incite unrest, so the department did not want to have a lot of police officers present. The volunteers were given "basic crowd control tips," he said. They were also trained to avoid any physical contact with the participants, though some cases demanded it, said Austin Wofford, the CSF water balloon fight coordinator.

Both Wofford and Marshall said CSF officials met with the administration and UK Police to discuss security. Monroe said he had no knowledge of a meeting about security that involved UK Police.

"Everyone was required to sign a waiver upon entry," Wofford said, "so CSF would not be held responsible for injuries during the event. This is common practice for such events."

Marshall would not expand any further on what training security officials had. Tackling students could leave the security volunteers and the university liable for any injury, Wertheimer said. Providing basic crowd control tips does not count as training, he said, but the volunteers cannot be held solely responsible.

"Untrained people — students or not — cannot be expected to know the proper procedure," Wertheimer said. He added that most of the blame lies with the people who rushed the field.

"The people who were tackled, whether they were tackled in a proper way or not, should be dealt with," Wertheimer said. "They are primarily responsible for causing the disturbance of the event."

238,174 balloons were filled for the event, 2,000 more than the previous year.

"The situation could have been much, much worse," Wertheimer said.

UK spokesman Jay Blanton said organizers of any event of that size on UK's campus must submit an application to the Campus Recreation office.

President Eli Capilouto greets families as students move in.

Move-in Day

BY WILL WRIGHT

08/23/2013 — The sounds of the Wildcat Marching Band and the smell of hot dogs cooking gave move-in day a celebratory atmosphere.

More than 2,200 students began settling into their dorms with the help of UK President Eli Capilouto and his wife, Dr. Mary Lynne Capilouto, who greeted families and students on South Campus. Move-in day officially marked the beginning of K-Week, an introductory week with hundreds of events for new students. In total, more than 5,000 students moved into campus residence halls over the week.

"It could not have been any smoother," said Melissa Napier, the mother of integrated strategic communication freshman Will Napier. "I could not be more impressed with everything."

Sarah Nikirk, the associate director of auxiliary services at UK, said she thinks it was one of the best move-ins UK has had.

Those who organized the event wanted families to enjoy themselves on a day that marks the beginning of a new chapter in students' and parents' lives.

"All of this is an event they can experience with their family, and we don't want it to be sitting in a car," said John Zachem, a utilities manager for the Physical Plant Division at UK.

UK Residence Life, the UK Police Department, Dining Services and volunteers from other groups, such as Greek organizations and local churches, all played a role in move-in day.

"It's a combination of many, many groups," Nikirk said.

All the facets of move-in day began months before students arrived. Zachem said meetings began when students left in May.

The opening of Central Hall I and II and the construction of future dorms led to new traffic routes around campus, he said.

Zachem and his team also had to account for the large class size, the largest in UK history. He said spreading out the times students could move in reduced a lot of the pressure. Students in living-learning communities, the marching band and sororities were some of those who moved in early.

"It's still a busy day, but it has helped some of the impact of additional students," he said.

Students wait in line to move into South Campus dorms.

Kirsten Hensley moves into Kirwan Tower.
PHOTOS BY EMILY WUETCHER

EVERY BRICK LOST...

Buildings closed in 2013:

Haggin Hall - Closed in May
Boyd Hall - Closed prior to fall semester

Buildings closed in 2014:

Jewell Hall - Closed in January
Donovan Hall - Closing in summer 2014
Holmes Hall - Closing in summer 2014
Keeneland Hall - Closing in summer 2014
Reynolds Building - Closing in summer 2014

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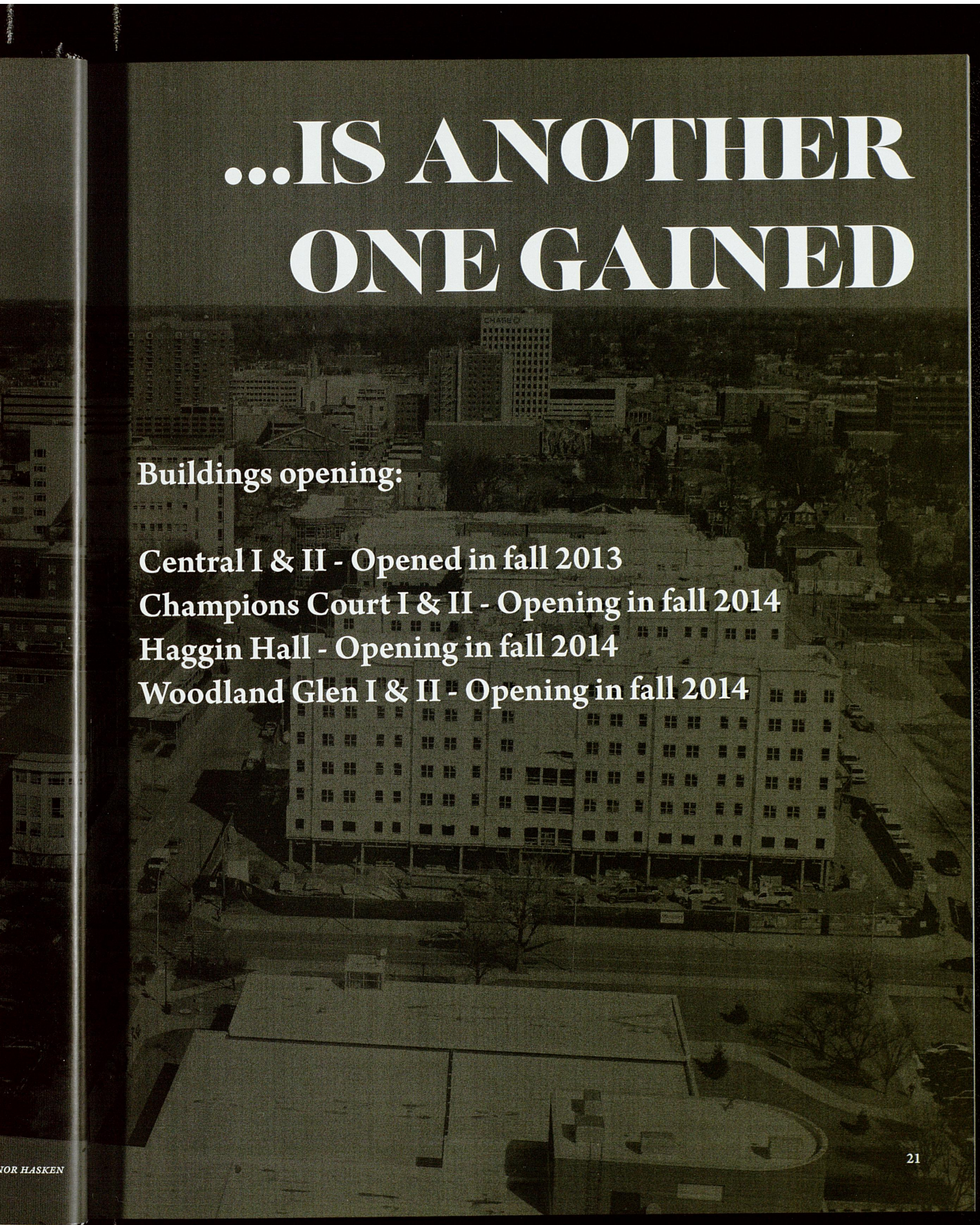

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Buildings opening:

Central I & II - Opened in fall 2013
Champions Court I & II - Opening in fall 2014
Haggin Hall - Opening in fall 2014
Woodland Glen I & II - Opening in fall 2014

Morgan Shipps, an art senior, works on a project in the Reynolds Building, which was set to close after the 2013-2014 school year.

PHOTO BY EMILY WUETCHER

a bittersweet farewell

BY WILL WRIGHT

10/18/2013 — The move from a run-down warehouse to a renovated space has sparked both anticipation and nostalgia among art students who work in the Reynolds Building.

The building, which is about a block from Tolly-Ho off of South Broadway, will no longer house the School of Art and Visual Studies.

The UK Board of Trustees gave the official go-ahead for a plan to improve buildings for the College of Fine Arts, which include the Reynolds Building.

The School of Art and Visual Studies will move to the University Lofts building on Bolivar Street, and is expected to open in the winter of 2014 or spring of 2015, said Bob Wiseman, UK's vice president for facilities management.

"I'm excited that I have an opportunity to move the program I teach to a new space," said art professor Arturo Sandoval.

Sandoval, who has been teaching in the building for about 40 years, said he would not be nostalgic when he leaves the Reynolds Building.

"Not when you move from a filthy building to one that's cleaner," he said.

Students and faculty have said that one of the faults of the Reynolds Building is poor air conditioning.

Rob Jensen, the interim director of the School of Art and Visual Studies, said it would get so hot in the Reynolds Building that classes would have to be cut short.

The new building will be fully climate-controlled, he said.

"We've been waiting a long time for this," Jensen said. "It's going to be transformative."

Art studio senior Ivy Johnson said there are positive and negative aspects to the Reynolds Building.

Johnson, who has a studio in the building, said she basically lives there.

"When I first walked in, I was really excited to use it because it looked like an arts building," she said. "But I quickly realized all its flaws."

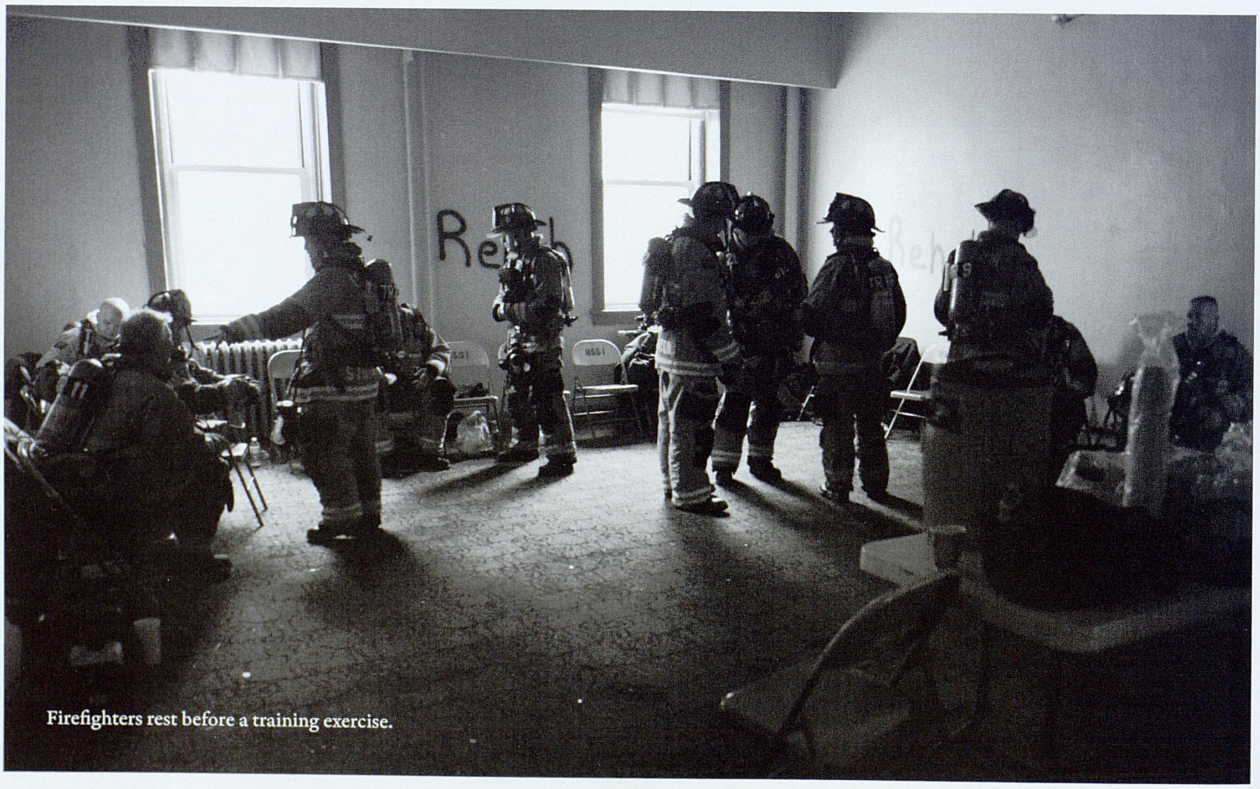
Though some students say the Reynolds Building is in bad shape, many enjoy the freedom that comes with the poor condition, Johnson said.

However, Jensen said he thinks students will enjoy the new buidling.

"I think it's going to be a really high-energy place."

Unused furniture is stored in the Reynolds Building.
PHOTO BY EMILY WUETCHER

Firefighters descend a stairwell outside Boyd Hall.



Firefighters rest before a training exercise.

Learning To Lead

BY MORGAN EADS

01/15/2014 — Multiple fire engines and an ambulance surrounded a smoke-filled Boyd Hall on North Campus, but it was not because of an emergency.

The exercise was part of Lexington firefighters' training. All of the participants in the exercise were up for promotions from firefighter to lieutenant, or from lieutenant to captain.

"It is fantastic. This is the hands-on, knuckle-dragging kind of way to learn these skills," Lt. Gerald Evans said after an exercise ended.

The authenticity of the exercise was not lost on Evans, who shouted to a fellow firefighter, "This is very real, this will happen," when smoke returned after the fire was thought to have been knocked out.

The large group of firefighters hauled hoses up two flights of stairs in the decommissioned residence hall and onto the second floor, where dense smoke from two barrels full of smoldering hay spilled from abandoned dorm rooms.

"It is invaluable to have the ability to use a building like this, one that is still intact that we can go through with hoses and smoke up," said Maj. Maria Roberts of the Lexington Fire Department. "You can't do this at the training station."

The doors, hallways and stairways of the residence hall enabled firefighters to encounter real-world obstacles that they would not see in a training simulation in a station, Roberts said.

Maj. Chuck Bonta, who was helping with equipment, said the instructors tried to make the exercise as full-scale and realistic as possible.

"A lot of them have fought fires, but they have just been at the nozzle doing what someone told them to do," Bonta said.

Now, the soon-to-be-promoted firefighters will have to learn to lead and be responsible for their units when they arrive at a fire, Bonta said.

"We've just got some of the best instructors working with us," Evans said. "They are sort of passing the torch."

The UK Fire Marshal's Office asked the administration and housing offices for permission to train in Boyd Hall, said Assistant Fire Marshal Jason Ellis. Ellis was a firefighter for 21 years before he began working at UK and said that in his entire firefighting career, he only had one opportunity for real-time training like the exercise in Boyd Hall.

Firefighting is a "very intense job," Ellis said. Firefighters have to carry hundreds of pounds of equipment, and the training helps the fire department make sure that they are up to the task.

"It is fantastic. This is the hands-on, knuckle-dragging kind of way to learn these skills."

"These are people training to be officers," Ellis said. "If there is an emergency on campus, they will be calling the shots."

Battalion Chief Brian Wainscott said the fire marshal's office was helpful in setting up the training in the building.

"We often work as partners, we take advantage of their help and we help out when we can at events and things," Wainscott said. "It's a great relationship, and it's one that a lot of places don't have."

Advertising freshman Alexandria Gibson and biology freshman Diana Diaz debate whether to pass through the firefighters during their training exercise at Boyd Hall, which is no longer being used for housing.

PHOTOS BY ELEANOR HASKEN

New Dorms, Old Problems

BY DAVID SCHUH

02/18/2014 — UK joined several major universities around the country in abandoning most of its old residence halls in favor of a large, homogeneous sprawl of suite-style living spaces.

The project aimed to ensure a cheaper and quicker process to develop student housing. UK partnered with EdR, a Memphis, Tenn.-based real estate company that was financing and building all the new residence halls on campus. The partnership was set to produce 9,000 beds over the next few years.

In fall 2014, construction was to begin on Limestone Park I and II, which replace Boyd, Holmes, Jewell and Keeneland halls on North Campus. Those halls all closed by the end of the spring 2014 semester.

Champions Court I and II, Woodland Glen I and II, and Haggin Hall were to open in fall 2014, with a combined total of 2,381 new beds. Woodland Glen III, IV and V were to open in August 2015. They join the 601 beds in Central I and II, which opened in fall 2013 as EdR's first completed halls at UK.

"I think it's a smart move," said Mark O'Bryan, an associate dean in the College of Design and registered architect who also had a minor role on the university's design review team.

"They need to be competitive with other campuses," he said. "Parents are being a lot more selective in choosing where to send their kids. And part of that package is the amenities."

The cost to students for the new dorms was the same as the suite-style dorms on South Campus: Baldwin, Ingles, Roselle and Smith halls.

Students were to pay $3,325 per semester, about $1,000 more than what they paid to live in the Kirwan/Blanding Complex. Built in 1967, Kirwan and Blanding would be the only remaining residence halls owned by UK once EdR's plans are completed.

And despite the higher price, the demand for the new residence halls dwarfed the demand for the Kirwan/Blanding Complex.

As of February 21, 2,928 applications had been submitted for the seven EdR-owned facilities for the fall semester, just 54 shy of the total allotment of beds for those halls.

That's compared with 887 total requests for Kirwan, Blanding, Baldwin, Ingles, Roselle and Smith, which was 27 percent of the 3,237 available beds in those halls.

Patterson Hall, the oldest dorm on campus, was closing in fall 2014 for construction. The 110-year-old building would no longer be used as a residence hall, though UK had not decided what its use would be, said Penny Cox, the director of the Housing Project Implementation and New Strategies.

EdR made it possible for UK to orchestrate the major housing overhaul. It was a great agreement for UK, said Eric Monday, the executive vice president for finance and administration.

"You don't want to enter a public-private partnership because it may be the last option," Monday said. "You want to do it because it's the best option. ... It's working, and it's going to continue to work."

Still, experts disagreed about whether building cheaper meant building with less quality. O'Bryan, in the College of Design, liked the university's plan moving forward.

The university's partnership with EdR would provide revenue based on the number of student occupants each year. For Central Halls I and II, UK received nearly $730,000 annually. UK would receive that annual payment for as long as the halls housed students, Cox said.

A portion of the money would go back into the hall to pay for maintenance, resident advisers and more, Cox said.

Originally, renovation was an option, but at a greater cost to UK, said Bob Wiseman, the vice president for facilities management. It also would have prevented the university from creating more living-learning communities, which are at the core of the new residence halls. These communities house students with similar majors and colleges.

"Our strategy all along has been to create these communities of students who, actually, from an academic perspective, work very well together," Cox said.

She also noted that UK's analysis had shown higher retention and graduation rates among students in living-learning communities.

For UK, however, renovation wasn't, and has never really been, the most desirable option.

PHOTO BY MICHAEL REAVES

Psychology sophomore Mellisa Estebo shops at Premiere Home Video for clearence DVDs, about a month before the store was closed permanently.
PHOTOS BY BECCA CLEMONS

Reeling from the Loss

BY KYLE ARENSDORF

03/05/2014 — Two posters featuring "Grown Ups 2" and "Evil Dead," both movies with 2013 DVD release dates, were all that remained in the window of Premiere Home Video on Euclid Avenue.

Bob Jefferson, the store's manager, closed the doors of one of the last remaining video stores in Lexington on April 1. He said it was a business decision.

Former Premiere manager Terri Robbins said she heard that Kroger had plans of leasing the space where the store sits at the corner of Euclid and South Ashland avenues.

The current Kroger building on Euclid was set to be demolished in 2014 and replaced with an 86,000-square-foot facility with rooftop and surface-level parking.

Tim McGurk, a spokesman for Kroger's Mid-South division, said that Kroger was still in talks with Jefferson to take over the lease of the store.

Two customers scoured the nearly empty shelves of Premiere Home Video on March 5, picking up as many clearance DVDs as they could carry.

"I wish I could have come earlier so I could have gotten the good movies," psychology sophomore Mellisa Estebo said, holding an armful of discounted DVDs.

Estebo, a Premiere customer for more than a decade, said she was against the decision to close, and hated the idea of renting movies online and not being able to hold a hard copy. "It's like a book. There's something to be said about holding an old DVD case in your hands."

"(Redbox) isn't any different than a Coke machine; you're going to get what you get and the service is going to be what you'd expect from a machine," Robbins

Premiere Home Video, at the corner of Euclid and South Ashland avenues, rented movies and games to Lexingtonians and UK students for about 30 years.

said.

Netflix occasionally retires movies — like "Top Gun" — and then they are hard to find in any form, said Ray Preston, a Premiere customer since the late 1990s. "I prefer to have a collection. I like to have a library, something I can keep."

Preston said he had been coming to Premiere Home Video every day for about three weeks to buy films for his collection. "I've bought well over 100," he said.

Robbins now helps out in her husband's store, the Premiere Home Video in the Hartland Shopping Center, the last remaining movie store in Lexington.

"We vowed that we would be the last video store standing in this town, and now we are," Robbins said. "We hope that we can keep it going as long as possible."

While students can rent movies from the W.T. Young Library, Robbins said that the Hartland store had been gaining a new clientele of students in need of movies for school. They planned to start accepting the Plus Account by the start of the fall semester.

Despite the Netflix craze, many people still prefer the personal touch of renting from a store, she said.

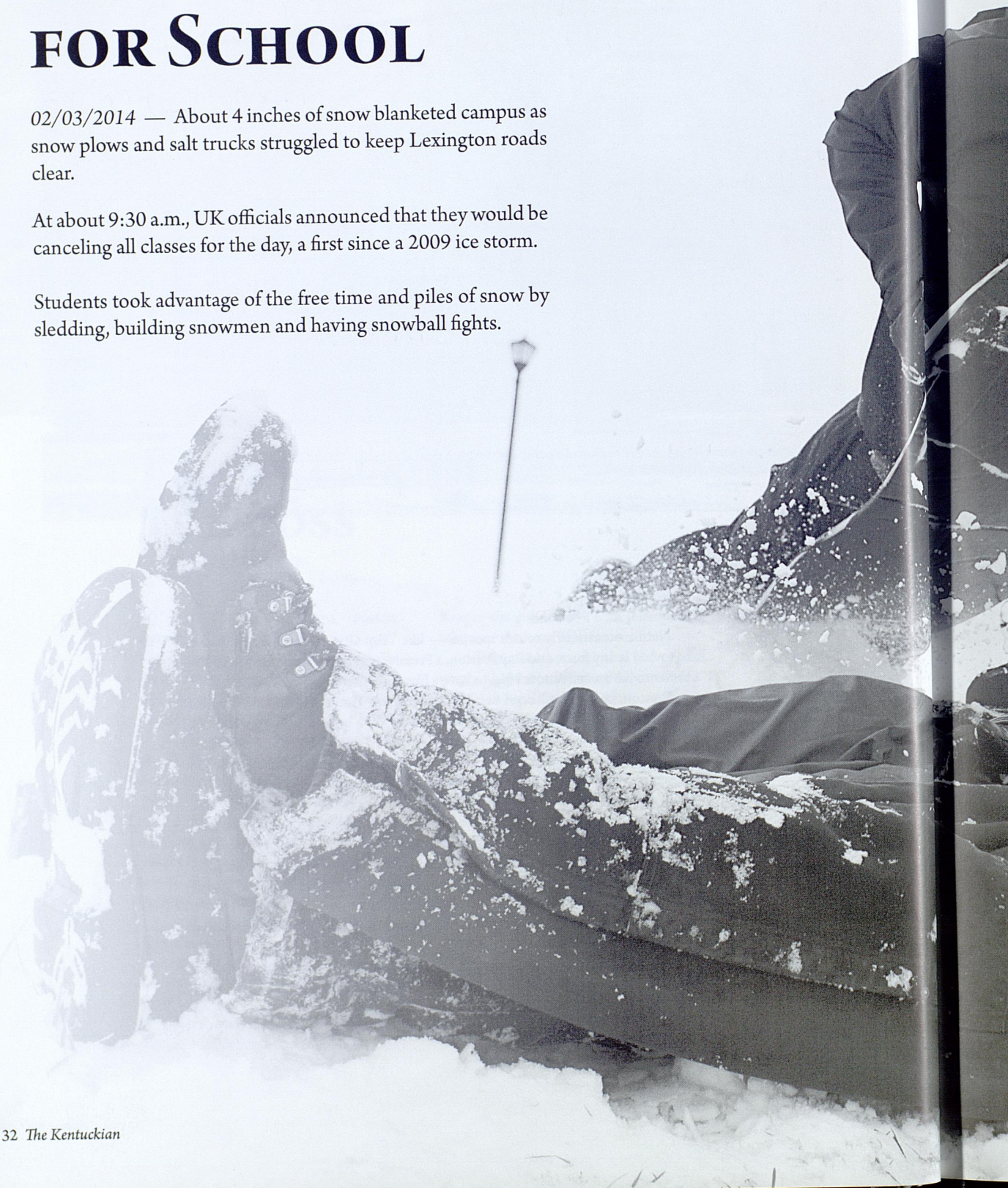
"People want to talk to others about their favorite movies, or want suggestions of what movie to watch," Robbins said. "You just can't get that online or with Netflix."

Too Cool for School

02/03/2014 — About 4 inches of snow blanketed campus as snow plows and salt trucks struggled to keep Lexington roads clear.

At about 9:30 a.m., UK officials announced that they would be canceling all classes for the day, a first since a 2009 ice storm.

Students took advantage of the free time and piles of snow by sledding, building snowmen and having snowball fights.



Civil engineering senior Taylor Menard sleds over a snow ramp in The Bowl outside W. T. Young Library on February 3, the first snow day for UK students since 2009.
PHOTO BY MICHAEL REAVES

Jenna Day during the first night of the Miss Kentucky Pageant at the Singletary Center for the Arts on June 27.
PHOTO BY TESSA LIGHTY

Miss Kentucky, Jenna Day

BY ANYSSA ROBERTS

If Day could only eat one food for the rest of her life it would be spinach. "I know that's not a very appealing answer, but if I can only eat one thing for the rest of my life, might as well make it a long, healthy life," she said.

If Day was stuck on a desert island she would want: "A boat — that worked. I would go crazy on an island alone. But if that answer is off-limits, I would bring my Bible."

Her favorite musician is Dean Martin because "his voice is incredible."

09/15/2013 — Past the preliminary round, the semifinal round and onto center stage, Miss Kentucky Jenna Day stayed in the running for the title of 2014 Miss America but was cut after the swimsuit competition.

Day's sorority sisters in Alpha Delta Pi watched every tense moment of the competition from the Cats Den in the Student Center.

More than 12,000 people were in the audience in Atlantic City, N.J., but the voices of about 70 women in ADPi rivaled the crowd in enthusiasm and intensity as they watched their sister cross the stage.

Each of the 53 Miss America contestants introduced herself before the first cut of the competition.

Miss Kentucky's introduction was: "From the home of fast horses and beautiful women — better not get those two things mixed up — I'm Jenna Day, Miss Kentucky!"

And the Cats Den erupted.

But when the 15 semifinalists were being called, the tension was thick enough to slice with a knife.

Day made it through the semifinals and onto the Miss America Lifestyle and Fitness Competition, otherwise known as the swimsuit competition, which counted for 20 percent of her overall score.

Day twirled and strutted across the stage in her red bathing suit, but when the time came for the final 12 contestants to proceed, she was among the three eliminated.

"We wanted to see her do more … We've just all enjoyed her on this journey," said Christine Mattingly, the recruitment vice president for ADPi.

Day holds two titles, Miss Berea and Miss Kentucky. She won Miss Kentucky in June after beating more than 30 contestants in the evening wear, swimsuit and interview portions of the competition.

Since earning her title, Day kept busy with her platform and her duties as Miss Kentucky, but her sisters assured viewers that her pageant personality was her true personality.

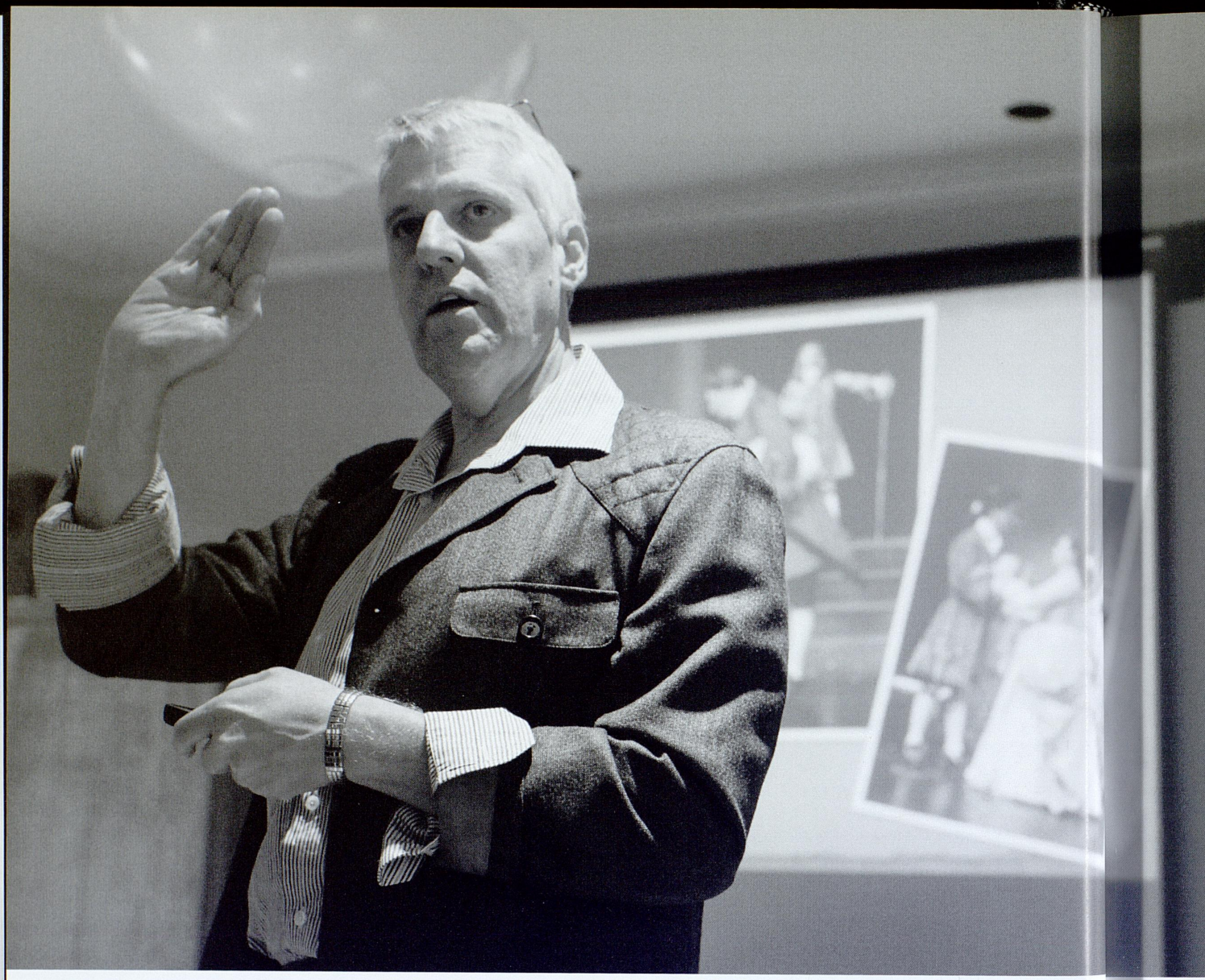
"What you see is what you get with her," said Lee Foster, the membership education vice president for ADPi.

Day is a political science and vocal performance double major and most likely would have performed opera as her talent in the Miss America pageant, Mattingly said.

Not to be confused with Miss USA, Miss America is a scholarship program that focuses on the four points symbolized by the four points on the crown: style, service, scholarship and success.

The title of Miss Kentucky comes with prizes like a car and more than $12,000 in scholarships, and the full-time position as spokeswoman for the Kentucky Department of Agriculture's Kentucky Proud program. Day also got to continue her platform of "improving the lives of special-needs children."

"Just to see her in Miss America is a huge accomplishment," Mattingly said.



Nelson Fields, an associate professor of Costume Design, leads a discussion titled "Costumes in Context" in the Lucille Little Fine Arts Library. The event was an installment in the Living Landscapes series presented by the College of Fine Arts.

Business freshman Sophia Labriny plays the morinhur, the Mongolian traditional horse-head fiddle, with help from a Living Landscapes performer.

PHOTOS BY ADAM PENNAVARIA

Painting a Living Landscape

BY WILL WRIGHT

09/24/2013 — Homesickness, beauty in destruction and the apocalypse were some of the themes that inspired students from UK and Inner Mongolia University to create art that filled the Barnhart Gallery in the Reynolds Building.

The gallery was part of the weeklong "Living Landscapes" collaboration festival among UK, the Art College of Inner Mongolia University and the UK Confucius Institute. The gallery showcased different kinds of work, including paintings, pictures, sculptures and molds.

Mayuresh Moghe, a UK art graduate student originally from India, made miniature landscapes using spices, and photographed them to give the impression of a real landscape.

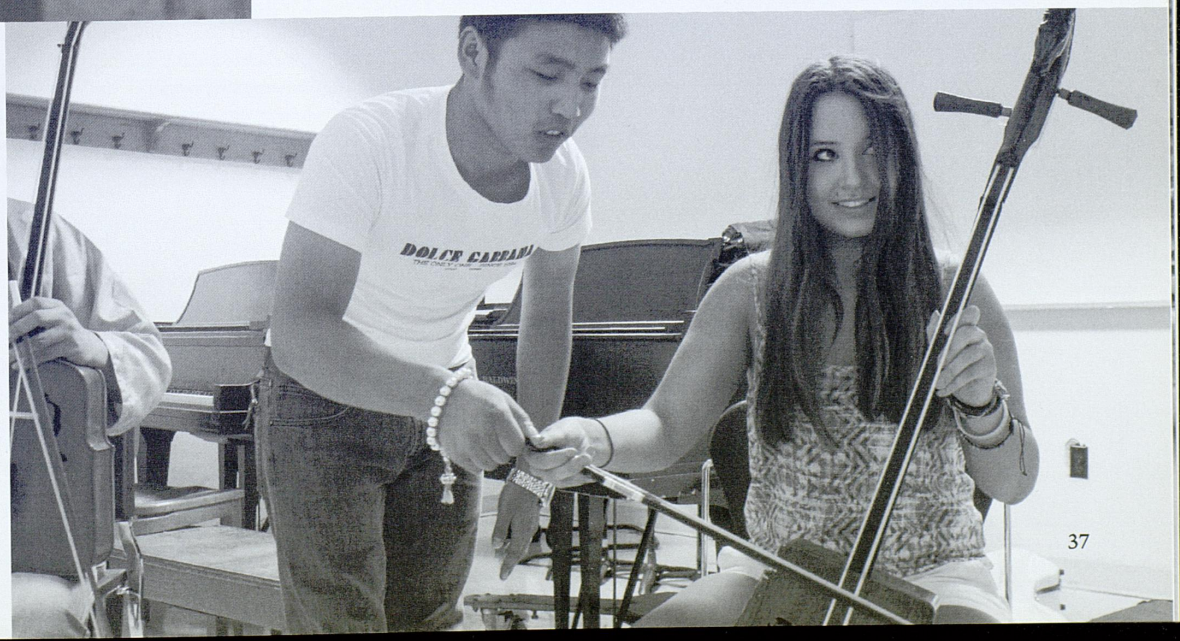
"My goal is not to fool people," Moghe said. "But I think the fact that this isn't a real landscape will make (a viewer) a little more interested." Moghe said that being away from India inspired most of his art.

"My work is mainly about the fact that I'm away from home," he said. "When I'm here I actually feel kind of homesick, but there's this emotional conflict. I want to go and explore different places and have new, different experiences, but there is still a draw to go back home."

Art senior Morgan Shipps said one of her pieces in the exhibition was themed around experimentation and expression. Shipps made one molded art piece every day for a few months. She then presented a collection of those pieces for the gallery.

"The thing about doing a piece every day is being able to see trends in yourself," Shipps said. "So you can see what days you had a lot of energy or what days you were tired." She said her works explore the landscape of the mind.

"My work is largely about states of mind ... and expressing that physically," Shipps said. "It's a lot about decay or mutilation, but a lot of it is about beauty despite that. I think (the work) treads the line between beauty and destruction, and beauty in destruction."



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Shutdown

by Becca Clemons

10/01/2013 - 10/16/2013 — After days of back-and-forth on the House and Senate floors, eleventh-hour negotiations failed and the government was partially shut down when the clock struck midnight on October 1. Lawmakers were stymied by a partisan divide, and Americans were left wondering how the politics would affect them.

The U.S. Capitol seven days into the government shutdown. Tourists in Washington, D.C., were unable to visit some monuments, and all the Smithsonian museums were closed.

PHOTO BY BECCA CLEMONS

The effects reached far beyond Washington, where some Republicans vowed not to pass any budget that financed the Affordable Care Act, President Obama's signature health-care law. Any agency with funds appropriated by Congress was legally required to operate only with employees needed "to protect life and property" until a budget was passed.

National Parks, from the Great Smoky Mountains in North Carolina and Tennessee (the country's most visited national park) to the Grand Canyon in Arizona, closed their doors to visitors for 16 days. Civilian employees for the military were furloughed, without an idea of when they could return to work.

Mammoth Cave National Park, about 40 miles northeast of Bowling Green, and Abraham Lincoln Birthplace National Historical Park in Hodgenville are among the 401 National Park Service units in the country, a collection of national parks, monuments and historical sites. All were forced to close for the 16 days that the government went unfunded.

Mammoth Cave sees up to 7,000 visitors on its busiest summer days, according to its website. The numbers may have been fewer in October, but they still meant more than two weeks in lost cave tour fees.

"We think probably between 15,000 and 20,000 people were not able to visit the park or take a cave tour," said Vickie Carson, a spokeswoman for Mammoth Cave National Park. Most of the park employees, about 90, were furloughed.

The shutdown came right at fall break time for many people, she said. In addition to cave tours, the park offers hiking, biking, horseback riding and trips down the Green River.

Nearby Hart, Barren and Edmonson counties also took a hit. "Tourism is a big part of their income and they were impacted," Carson said.

Civilian workers at Fort Knox and Fort Campbell were furloughed during part of the shutdown. But about 90 percent of the Defense Department's civilian employees nationwide were told to return to work in the shutdown's second week, under orders from Defense Secretary Chuck Hagel.

Federal research funding received by UK was already allocated before the shutdown, so campus saw no major impact. The federal government was unable to review new grant applications during the 16-day period, but it's unclear if that caused delays for any UK projects.

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Although it is mostly used as a study hub, the W.T. Young Library is also a popular napping spot for many students.
PHOTO BY JUDAH TAYLOR

Cat Naps

BY KELSEY HARPER

10/22/2013 —Students who need time to refuel and energize can be found sleeping everywhere from the cafeteria in the Student Center to the basement of the W.T. Young Library. Whether students sleep to get some rest or just pass the time, many nappers have discovered their own favorite sleeping spots on campus.

French and linguistics junior Kiarra Yarbrough said she likes sleeping in Patterson Office Tower because the people who frequent the building are culturally diverse.

"Sleeping in POT is really nice," Yarbrough said. "I like to hear all the different languages being spoken around me." She also enjoys napping in Student Support Services office in Alumni Gym because often there aren't many people.

Though students find places to get sleep around campus, some think more napping options should be available.

Taking time to nap throughout the day can be helpful for some, but Yarbrough said she thinks oversleeping can be harmful.

"I think it's helpful to nap ever so often," she said. "But it can be unhealthy to … nap too much."

The tunnel under Commons links to Kirwan Tower and other facilities on campus.
PHOTO BY EMILY WUETCHER

Underground Connections

BY LAURA SHRAKE

10/10/2013 — Every day, students, staff and faculty walk over thousands of square feet of tunnels, some of which are exclusively for utilities and others that are intended for pedestrian use. Most of the tunnels are used for housing steam and chilled water lines, as well as electric lines, said Kevin Kreide, the director of UK's physical plant.

The main pedestrian tunnel runs under Patterson Office Tower, White Hall Classroom Building and the engineering complex, Kreide said.

The main utility tunnel, referred to as the Panama Canal, extends from outside of the Funkhouser Building to just across the street from Memorial Coliseum, totaling almost 24,000 square feet.

A large network of tunnels on campus lies beneath the Kirwan/Blanding Complex. Although this network is exclusively for utilities and maintenance employees, it can also be used for storm shelters in case of an emergency, Kreide said. Storing anything in the utility tunnels is against code, according to Kreide. The tunnels are maintained annually, but some equipment receives quarterly preventative maintenance.

Lt. Rob Turner and police dog Becka patrol campus during their shift. Turner often left the door to her cage open so she could lean into the front seat with him.
PHOTOS BY EMILY WUETCHER

Last Call

BY MORGAN EADS

03/11/2014 — During basketball season, nearly 24,000 blue-clad fans pack into the stands of Rupp Arena every week. Below those stands, bomb-detecting K-9 officer Becka and her human partner, Lt. Rob Turner, scanned every crevice for danger for more than nine years.

But on March 4, instead of preparing for the UK game against the University of Alabama, Becka was receiving her fifth round of chemotherapy with Turner's arms stabilizing her.

After being diagnosed with lung cancer in early 2014, the 10-year-old black lab officially retired from duty on February 28. She started in 2004 as the UK Police Department's first-ever K-9 officer.

Becka did her last sweep of the tunnel below Rupp on February 22. Employees and ushers wished her well as she went into retirement.

"This marks the end of everything," Turner said after loading her into the UK police Chevrolet Tahoe, leaving the arena with his partner for the last time.

As she enters retirement, Becka's future is uncertain and her prognosis is unclear.

'She was just off the wall'

In the aftermath of 9/11, UK police was approved by the federal Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives to get an explosive detection dog. Dogs from the bureau search for explosive devices at large events and for evidence in crimes.

Because Turner was younger than other officers at the explosives training facility, he was paired with Becka, the most energetic and rambunctious in the class.

"She was just off the wall," Turner said.

Becka, like many police dogs, was originally in a program to be a guide dog.

"She's a seeing-eye dog reject," Turner

said, laughing. "I'm guessing she was just too hyper."

Though Becka has more responsibility than an average housedog, she is nonaggressive and still has mischievous tendencies.

In one of his first weeks on duty with Becka, Turner went through a Dairy Queen drive-thru during a shift. Almost immediately afterward, he pulled someone over.

When Turner returned to his Tahoe, he realized the door of Becka's cage had been left open and his Blizzard cup was empty.

"She had a ring of ice cream around her mouth," Turner said. "That was a lesson learned."

Turner had dogs when he was younger, but handling a K-9 officer is more of a responsibility than being a pet owner.

"I had to start worrying about her safety as well as my own," Turner said.

An unfamiliar diagnosis

Becka shakes when she knows she is getting ready to go in for chemotherapy.

She has a cancerous mast cell tumor in her windpipe, which are usually found in dogs' skin or liver, not the lungs. Though her veterinarian, Dr. Michael R. Putnam, gives her treats during every visit to the Richmond Veterinary Clinic, the injections into her front legs are not pleasant.

Turner stands beside the doctor's table and holds Becka steady, with a concerned frown.

"She hates it," Turner said.

Though it is less aggressive than human chemotherapy, there are still side effects: excessive thirst and fatigue, in Becka's case.

The UK Police Department will pay for the first rounds of treatment, which are expected to cost a couple

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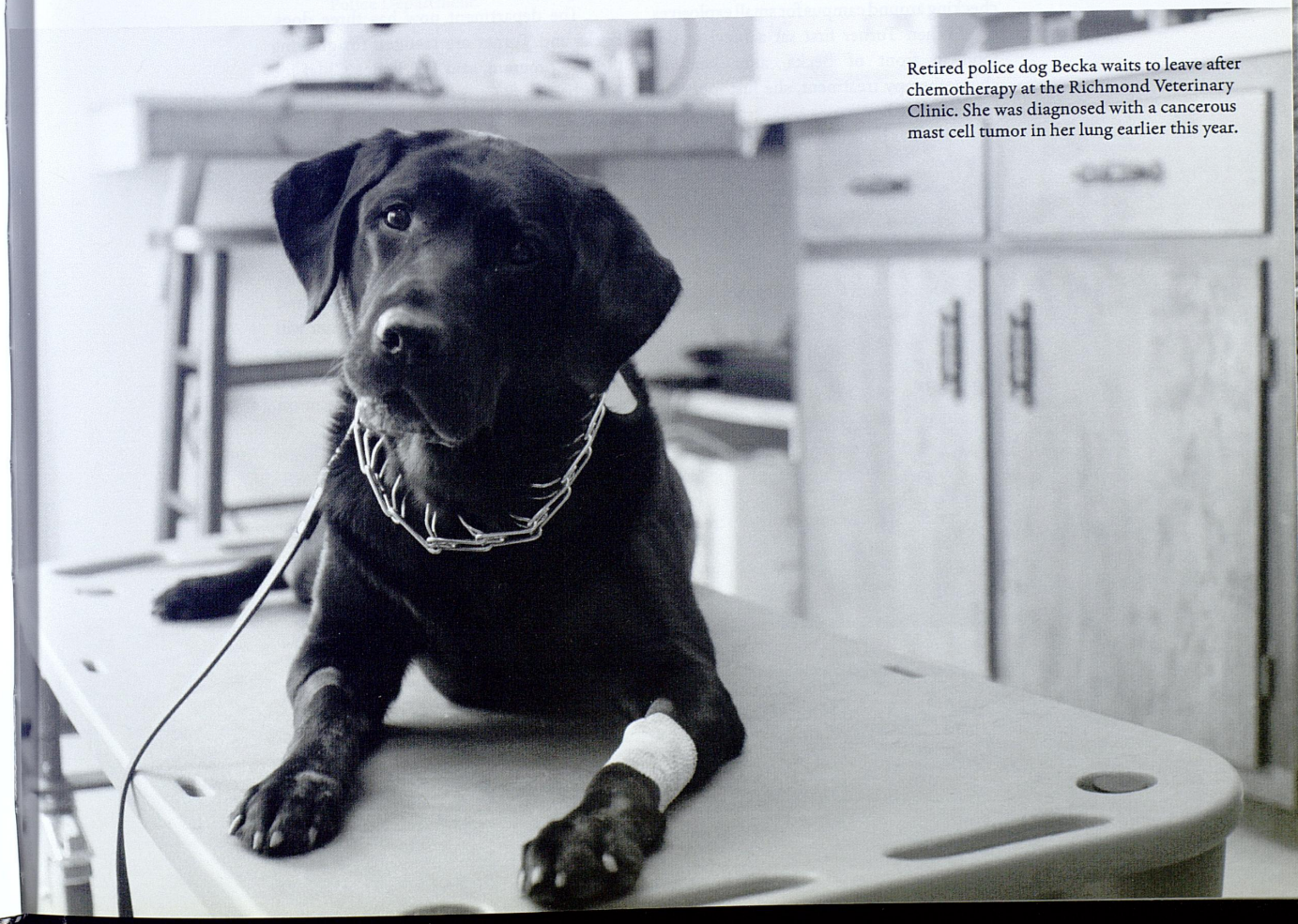


Retired police dog Becka waits to leave after chemotherapy at the Richmond Veterinary Clinic. She was diagnosed with a cancerous mast cell tumor in her lung earlier this year.

hundred dollars. Turner is responsible for the cost of Becka's chemotherapy after her retirement, which will continue every month for as long as they are effective.

"I think (the university) realizes the importance of these dogs," Putnam said.

'Eating out of my hand'

Among adjustments the pair will face in Becka's retirement are significant changes to mealtime.

Becka is on a food-based training system. She cannot be fed without working for her meals.

Every meal for the past nine years had been a training session, whether that meant searching for shell casings in the dog park or checking around campus for small explosives.

When Turner first sat a bowl of dog food in front of Becka, after her first chemotherapy treatment, she just looked at him, confused.

"She has been eating out of my hand for nine years," Turner said. "So her having to eat out of a bowl is a big change."

'She's a good dog'

Throughout her nine years as a UK police dog, Becka's work has reached far beyond the borders of campus.

She has done security sweeps for events like Super Bowls and PGA Tournaments. She has also been called to help Kentucky law enforcement agencies find murder weapons, shell casings and evidence.

Most of Becka's days are spent on campus, though, in the UK Police Department at the corner of Rose Street and Euclid Avenue, or patrolling campus.

On a normal day, the pair's shift runs from 4 p.m. to about 2 a.m. Becka has a bed in the back of Turner's Tahoe where she can nap. Turner often hears her snoring.

Her time on duty was spent close to Turner's hip, rarely straying too far from her partner, barking at him if she needed to go out or if she suspected popcorn was nearby.

When she got thirsty in the office or at home, she would grab her water bowl in her mouth and toss it with a clatter at Turner's feet. If that didn't work, she picked it up and ran in circles until someone filled it.

But when Turner put on his snack pouch, Becka knew it was time to go to work.

"There's never been a time when she's gotten out of the truck and not performed well," Turner said. "She's a good dog."

UK will not replace Becka right away, with trained explosive-sniffing police dogs costing more than $5,000.

The department now has three dogs. Becka and Turner are credited for growing the K-9 program, said UK Police Chief Joe Monroe.

'I will no longer have a partner'

Becka is still her energetic self, but her treatments sometimes leave her drained.

Becka's tumor type and placement are rare, and her doctor doesn't know how much longer she will continue to live a normal life.

Instead of hearing Becka's snores and rustling in the back of his Tahoe, Turner will be driving a marked squad car with an empty backseat.

"It will be hard to put the uniform on and not bring her along," Turner said.

"It will gradually hit me that she will no longer be going to work with me," he added. "That will be the biggest change. I will no longer have a partner."

Becka checks for explosives at Rupp Arena before UK's game against LSU. It was her last sweep of the arena before her retirement. She searched all of the trash cans and lockers below the stands at basketball games during her nine years at the UK Police Department.

Lt. Rob Turner and Becka share a moment off duty at home. Now that she is retired, Becka will live at home with Turner.
PHOTOS BY EMILY WUETCHER

Search for Missing UK Chef Ends in Tragedy

BY WILL WRIGHT

02/12/2014 — A chef at the Hilary J. Boone Center, Alex Johnson, went missing in December, just before winter break.

Johnson's family led an effort to find him in the weeks that followed, but after time, hope began to dwindle.

In mid-January, the police officially switched the case from a missing-person investigation to a homicide investigation.

A body had not been found, but a man named Robert Markham Taylor was wanted on murder charges. Another man, Timothy Ballard, had been charged with complicity to kidnapping.

Days after the investigation switched to homicide, news broke that the Lexington Fire Department had found a body in the Kentucky River.

Johnson's body was found stuffed in a 55-gallon blue barrel, submerged in 4 feet of cold river water.

Fingerprint examinations confirmed the identity of the body, which had been in the river for more than a month.

Backtrack to December 20, 2013. Johnson, 32, stood in his apartment, talking to his girlfriend, Lisa Horobin, on the phone, according to court documents.

She told police that she heard a knock at Johnson's door, and then a voice. Horobin told police she instantly recognized the voice as Taylor's.

"Come downstairs, I've got a surprise for you," the voice said, according to court documents.

Johnson told her, "Mark is here, I'll call you later," according to court documents.

That was the last time anyone heard from Johnson.

In an interview with the police, Ballard said he and Taylor lured Johnson into their car. Ballard then watched Taylor beat Johnson over the head repeatedly with a "foreign object" until he died, according to police documents.

Ballard told police that he was tasked with disposing of the body while Taylor cleaned the vehicle.

Taylor was arrested on January 22 in Texas, just a few miles from the Mexican border. He was charged with murder and kidnapping, and was later transported to the Fayette County Detention Center.

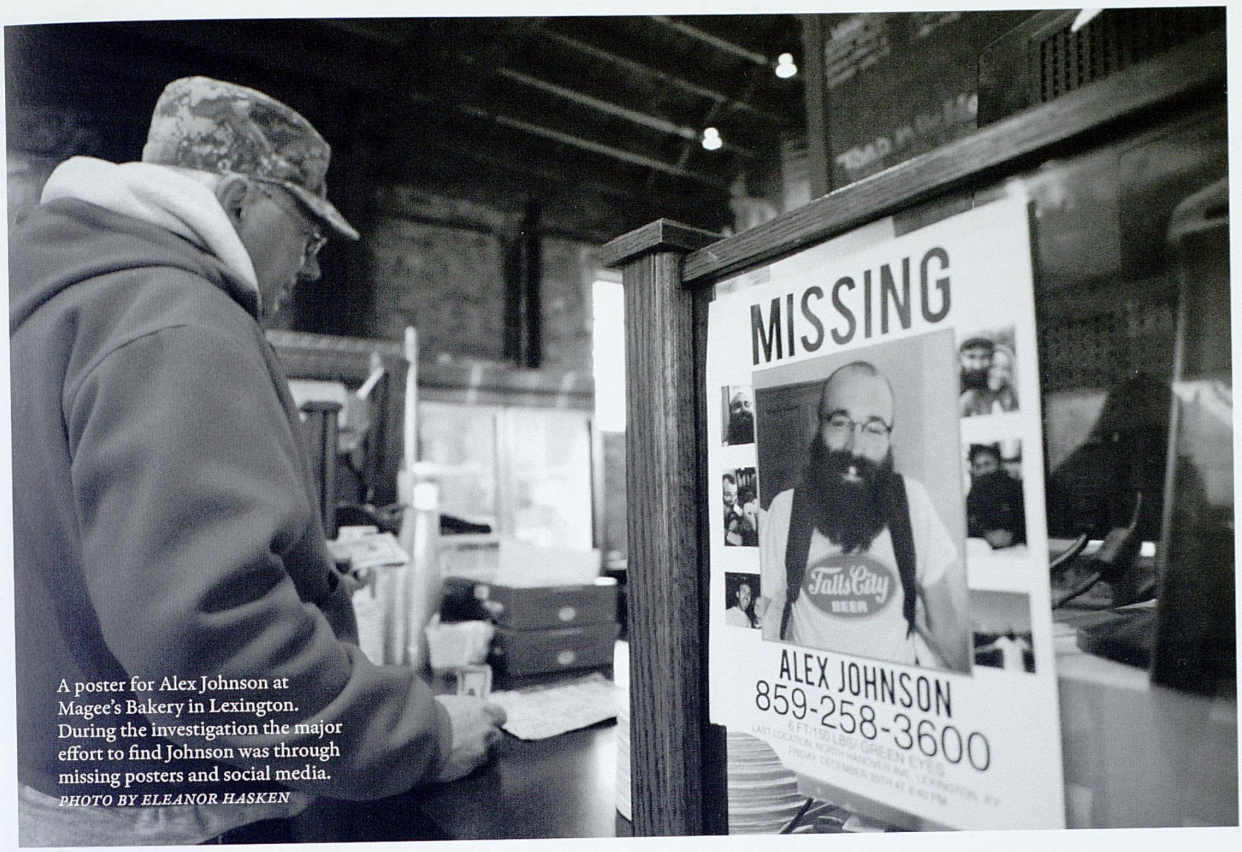
Johnson's family and friends gathered on January 28 to celebrate his life.

Those in attendance spoke of his generosity, optimism and love for the outdoors.

Johnson's mother, Judy Johnson, said in a written statement read at the memorial that Johnson spent his childhood taking walks with his dog and catching fireflies.

His mother also said that his curiosity and enthusiasm did not diminish with age. The audience nodded in solemn agreement.

As of publication, the case had not yet gone to court.



A poster for Alex Johnson at Magee's Bakery in Lexington. During the investigation the major effort to find Johnson was through missing posters and social media.
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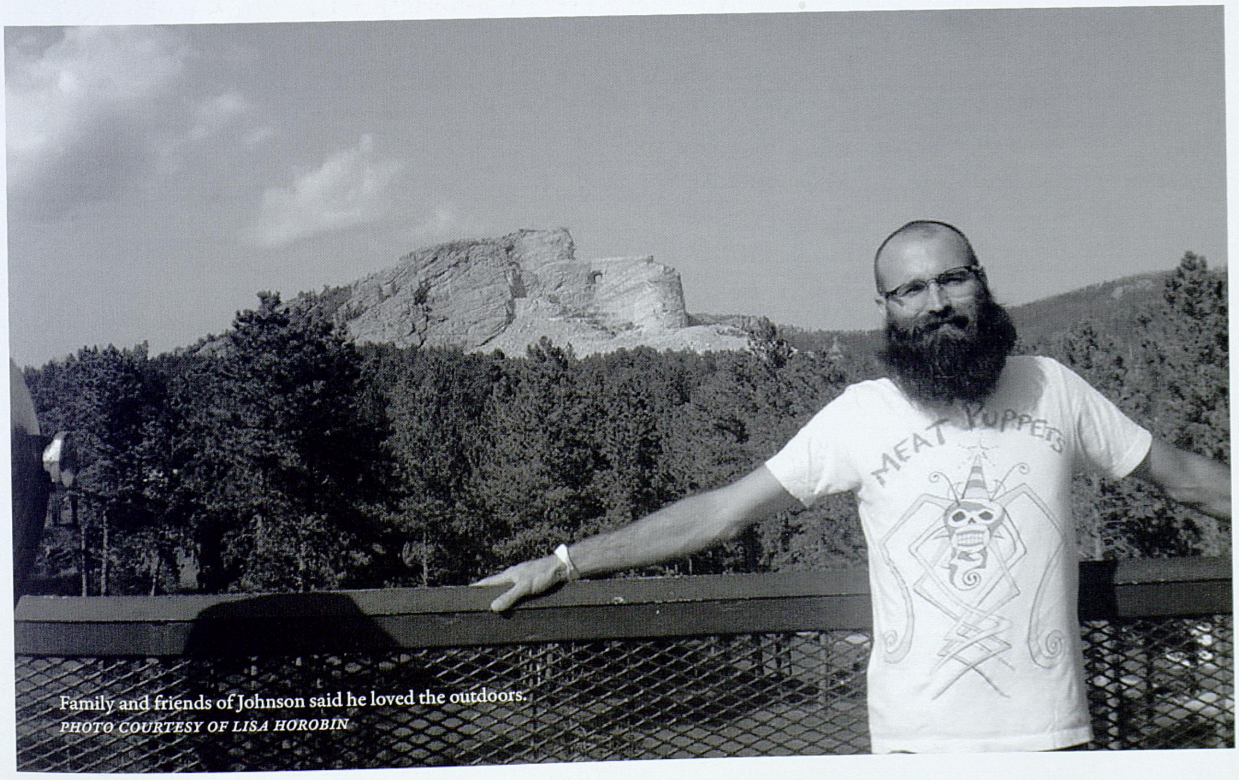

Family and friends of Johnson said he loved the outdoors.
PHOTO COURTESY OF LISA HOROBIN

Alexander Wade and Claci Ayers were named homecoming king and queen during halftime of the UK-Alabama State game. The Cats won their homecoming game, 48-14, on November 2.
PHOTO BY TESSA LIGHTY

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Josh Barnard, a food science freshman, battles gusts of wind near Patterson Office Tower while sporting a banana costume.
PHOTOS BY MARCUS DORSEY

Blown Away

BY ANNE HALLIWELL

Those who walk past Patterson Office Tower on a windy day risk losing their papers, their umbrella and even their footing.

The wind tunnel created by the proximity of POT to the surrounding buildings has caused students to pull coat collars tighter and walk faster through the especially gusty area.

Conservation of mass — a basic principle of engineering that states matter can neither be created nor destroyed, only converted — causes the increase in wind speed, said Sean Bailey, an assistant professor of mechanical engineering.

"The buildings are acting like a funnel and squeezing the air through," Bailey said.

Taller buildings, like POT, may prevent the air from rising over the obstacles in its path, leaving no way for the wind to travel except between the two obstructions, he said. This may make the blustery effects even more noticeable.

Bailey also made what he called a slightly educated guess that South Campus was less likely to suffer from wind tunnels given the alignment of its buildings.

Still, Bailey does not think the wind tunnel effect on campus is a "huge deal."

Some students had similar thoughts.

Erika Buchanan, a communication disorders sophomore, agreed that the wind tunnel is not a deterrent to passing POT.

"It's kind of annoying sometimes, but I just try to get through it as quickly as possible," she said.

"No one's going to get blown off their feet," Bailey said.

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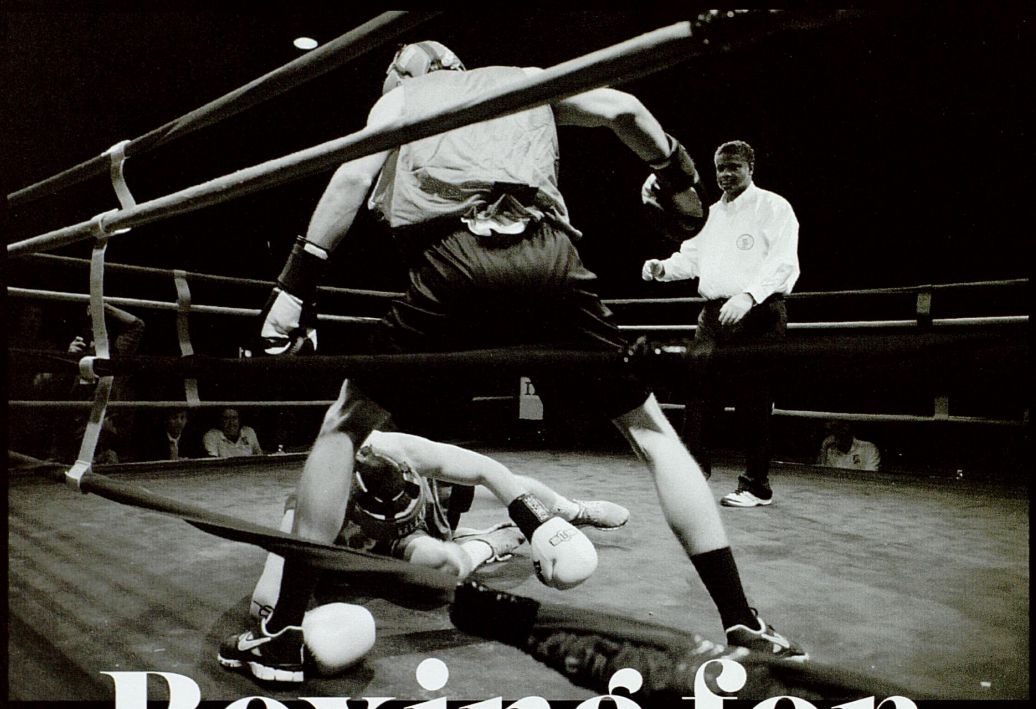
Wind blows back the hair of chemical engineering freshman Amanada Marques and undeclared freshman Rachel Mowl as they approach Patterson Office Tower.



Bryce England, a member of Sigma Chi fraternity, knocks Caleb Higdon of Pi Kappa Alpha during the 11th round.
PHOTO BY ELEANOR HASKEN

Boxing for Charity

BY MORGAN EADS

11/07/2013 - 11/10/2013 — With headphones on and music blasting in their ears, fraternity men prepared themselves by the side of the ring. "Ring girls" practiced their struts in the hallway before the boxing match began.

Spectators surrounded the boxing ring Thursday and Friday, cheering on the boxers in The Main Event, a philanthropic event put on by Alpha Delta Pi sorority and Sigma Chi fraternity. The sixth annual event raised money for the Ronald McDonald House and DanceBlue.

Spit was illuminated under the bright lights of the ring. The fights began with a man in each corner and continued with punches.

The winner of the event is chosen based on a system of points for each organization. The boxers earn points by winning their fight, but only get one match to do so.

While some participants jumped into the ring without much preparation, others had been hitting the gym for months.

Business finance junior Drew Barnett of Alpha Tau Omega said he had been preparing for about three months.

"I'm ready to go," he said. "I've been looking forward to this (since) last year."

Barnett said he had been conditioning by spending time every day at the Johnson Center and doing training sessions two to three times a week.

Regardless of the training, the energy in the room was high, said ADPi philanthropy chair Kara Brown.

The Main Event included officials from USA Boxing, including two referees, five judges and one timekeeper.

"We're here to make sure the rules are followed," said William Farris, the Kentucky chief official from USA Boxing. "(We) want a good show with no one hurt. Safety of the boxers is the Number 1 priority."

Brown said planning for the event began in April and involved multiple steps, like booking the venue at the Lexington Convention Center, raising awareness and getting boxers signed up, as well as getting sororities involved.

Sisters from Alpha Delta Pi who raised the most money performed as ring girls, declaring the beginning of each new round.

Several sororities participated by dancing in the ring as teams between matches, including Delta Gamma, Kappa Delta and Phi Mu.

Alpha Tau Omega fraternity won The Main Event with all four of their boxers winning their matches, Brown said.

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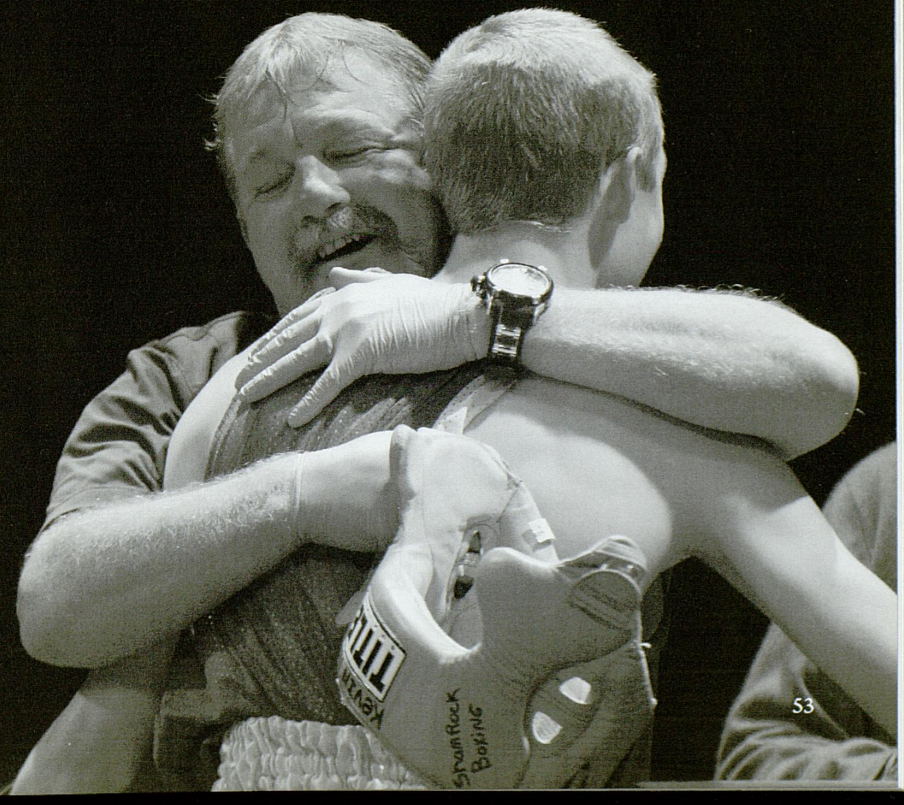

TOP: Wyatt Young, left, and Cody Williams box at The Main Event.

BOTTOM: Jeff Neal of Shamrock Boxing hugs his son, Kevin Neal, after he boxed.

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Making a Splash

BY COLETON CUDDY

11/14/2013 — Phi Sigma Kappa hosted its third annual Polar Plunge to benefit Special Olympics Kentucky, raising more than $12,000 for the organization.

The fundraising endeavor exceeded the fraternity's original goal of $7,000, as well as its secondary goal of $10,000.

The turnout of plungers approached more than 200, with participants coming out in teams. Jumpers were encouraged to dress up in costumes for the event.

Students dressed as snorkelers, ballerinas and giant bananas plunged into the icy water one after another on the chilly evening.

But the cold deterred few from the event.

"We're nervous. It's going to be so cold but I'm excited," Chi Omega member Haley Tipmore said. "And we're raising money for a great cause so it's all worth it."

A costume contest at the event declared the Student Council for Exceptional Children and Chi Omega sorority the winners of the "Golden Plunger." The groups dressed as retro aerobics instructors and UK basketball champions, respectively.

The Polar Plunge is just one of Special Olympics Kentucky's events throughout the year to raise money.

"We benefit individuals with intellectual disabilities, we have 16 sports that our individuals will compete in," special events coordinator Julie Goodpaster said. "It's a year-round competition-based program where all of our athletes can participate in multiple sports programs."

Goodpaster said she regularly helps coordinate events like the Polar Plunge.

"We like all of our volunteers to come out and support our athletes," Goodpaster said. The proceeds benefited Special Olympics Kentucky, and went toward transportation to summer and state games and uniforms — "anything that will help our athletes be more confident," she said.

Volunteer flag football coach Dennis Gaines said that the event has a large effect on families with individuals who have intellectual disabilities.

"People with intellectual disabilities can be very shy, or just very unaccustomed to being around people, having no confidence, low self-esteem, and then you get them involved in a team sport and they start to develop confidence and everything," Gaines said. "It's amazing how this person transfers into another person ... it's unreal, some of the growth I've got to see."

RIGHT: A participant from Delta Gamma sorority experiences the cold water after plunging into a pool outside of the Phi Sigma Kappa house.

LEFT: Jenna Hollinden of Chi Omega sorority also braved the cold November waters to help raise money for Special Olympics Kentucky.

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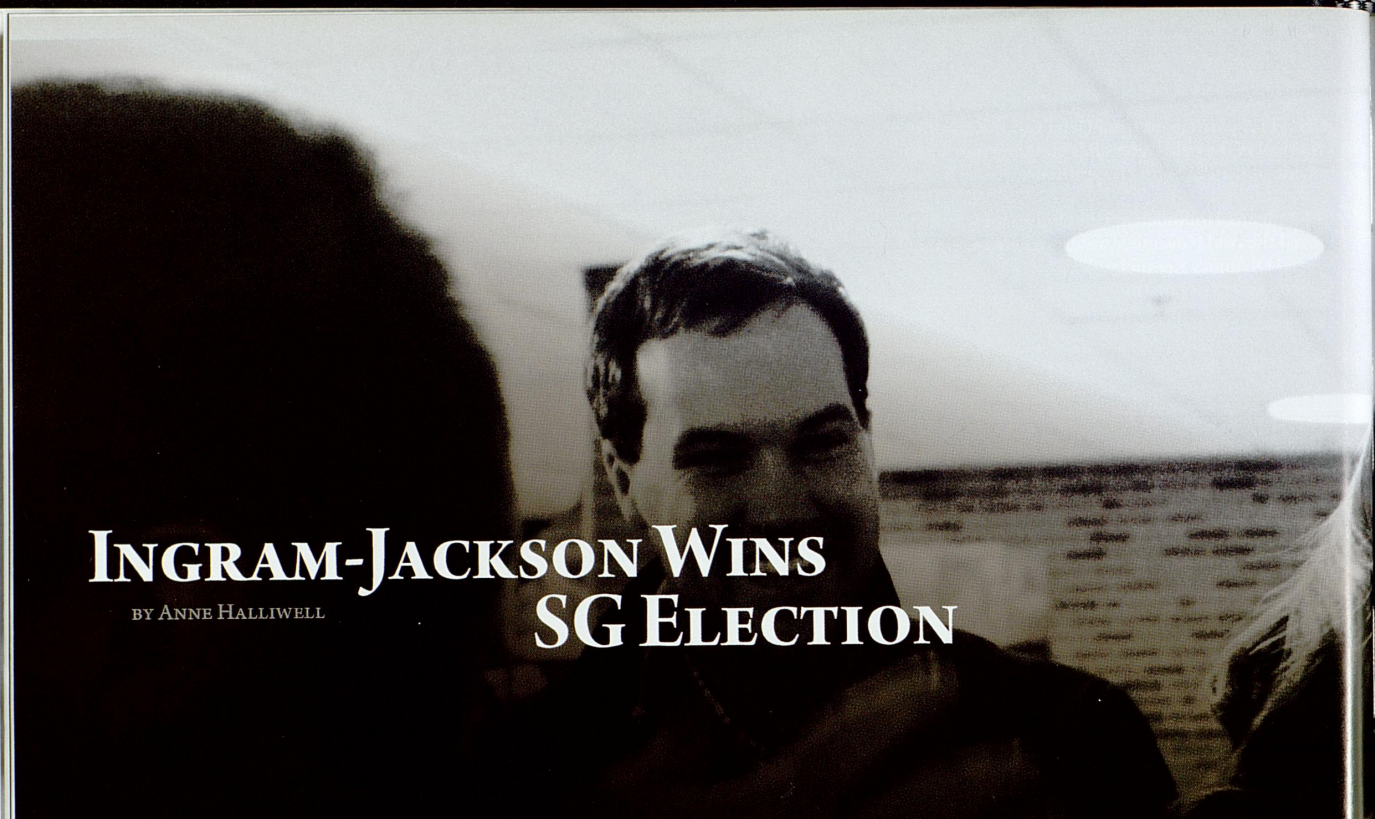


Ingram-Jackson Wins SG Election

BY ANNE HALLIWELL

03/06/2014 — Jake Ingram and Mariel Jackson were victorious in the Student Government presidential and vice presidential election by 204 votes.

Ingram and Jackson defeated Micaha Dean and Evan Pulliam. A record 5,205 votes were cast, compared with last year's turnout of 3,206.

Ingram, who was the SG vice president at the time, said he felt ecstatic and honored to represent the student body.

"We stepped up the game in a lot of diverse ways," he said. He focused on teaching his team that it was better to say positive things about his campaign than negative things about his opponents'.

"We feel very relieved, very excited," said Jackson, a senator at-large. "We're looking forward to serving a great student (body)."

Ingram was a mechanical engineering junior and Jackson was an integrated strategic communication sophomore. The two campaigned on improving campus security by offering students a free smartphone app called LifeLine Response EDU. They planned to modify the way student fees were approved, adding a step that included student representation. They also wanted to increase the amount of funding for student organizations.

Outside the Student Government office, Josh Buettner, the election board chair, read the names of the winning senators to a packed Student Center hallway. When Ingram and Jackson were announced, the core surrounding the candidates detonated.

In an election where apartment doors were knocked on and White Hall classrooms were clustered with endorsements, campaigning was likely part of bumping up the turnout.

"It speaks a lot about how much both of these tickets mean to campus and how much they are respected," Buettner said about the voter turnout. "It's impressive."

He said campaigning was more intense this year than in the past.

"I think both campaigns this year tried their absolute hardest," he said.

Ingram and Jackson agreed that campaigning had improved.

"It was literally hours and hours — hundreds of hours," said Ingram's dad, John Ingram. He arrived with his wife, Melissa, to support their son.

After the announcements, the hall separated into clumps of students congratulating or consoling one another.

"We had a great time and we appreciate everyone's support on campus," said presidential candidate Micaha Dean. "We'll be around next year."

Pulliam, Dean's running mate, said the team knew it would be a highly contested election.

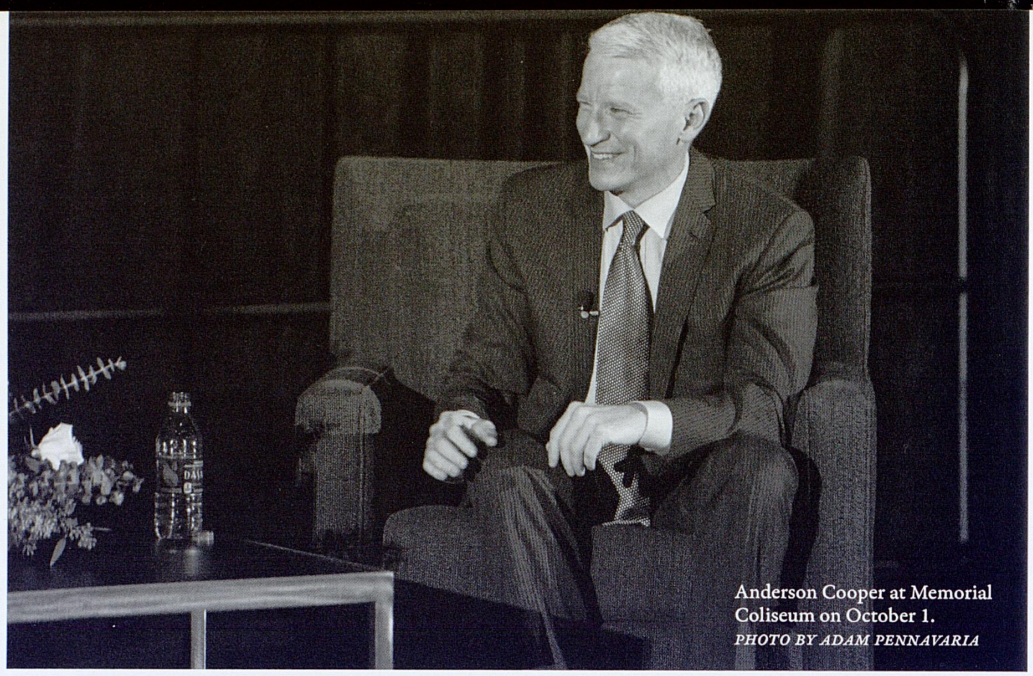
"My Number 1 goal was to have the highest voter turnout and we did," Pulliam said. "No regrets."

"Every administration ... comes in with new ideas and new goals," said 2013-2014 President Roshan Palli. "I have no doubt the next group will do a good job."

For Ingram and Jackson, the immediate future will involve implementing their new campus security measures so that next year's incoming class can jump into their administration's plans.

"It really is an honor to be able to represent the student body," Ingram said. "I take that very seriously."

Jake Ingram and Mariel Jackson hug after it was announced that they won the Student Government election by 204 votes on March 6.
PHOTO BY ELEANOR HASKEN



Anderson Cooper at Memorial Coliseum on October 1.
PHOTO BY ADAM PENNAVARIA

Drawn to Loss

BY MORGAN EADS

10/01/2013 — Topics spanned being imprisoned in Iran to eating Pizza Hut with Neo-Nazis when Anderson Cooper visited Memorial Coliseum.

Cooper, a news anchor for CNN, told of his time in war and disaster zones in a discussion moderated by Beth Barnes, the director of the School of Journalism and Telecommunications.

Cooper said he started his career by going to war zones by himself with a borrowed video camera.

"I did some stupid things," Cooper said.

He said he lost friends who had done the same thing.

After his brother and father died, Cooper said he was drawn to disastrous situations.

"I feel like I spoke the language of loss," he said.

The people who were killed or in danger drove him to continue reporting.

"They don't deserve to die in silence on the side of the road," he said.

Cooper shared one instance when he took pictures of a dead body with his personal camera.

He then realized that he needed to make a change, and that he needed to see them as people who had died rather than just bodies.

"I believe there is a value in understanding other people's struggles," Cooper said.

Situations where others are in danger can make it hard for reporters to see the line of when to intervene and when to remain an observer, Cooper said.

During weekends and vacations, Cooper works as a correspondent for CBS's "60 Minutes" and reports on other stories.

> "Hustle more and work harder than anyone."

Vacations are not common, he said.

"Regular life is not as interesting as storytelling," Cooper said.

Those words coincided with his advice to those hoping to work in journalism: "Hustle more and work harder than anyone."

Though Cooper has interviewed many celebrities, he said the stories of everyday people were more intriguing to him.

Cooper did say that interviewing Adele was "so much fun," because she was extremely candid.

In particular, he cited when the singer spoke of how her throat looked after she had surgery.

"Adele said, 'It was like a vagina in my throat,' and I don't have a lot of experience in that area," he said, enciting loud and widespread laughter.

As the evening came to a close, Barnes gave Cooper an official welcome to the Big Blue Nation. Cooper responded by saying he was "born with blue eyes for this very moment."

Catfished

BY ANYSSA ROBERTS

10/09/2013 — Nev Schulman is the guy who brings online strangers together. The star of the documentary "Catfish" and host of MTV's "Catfish: The TV Show" came to UK, bringing advice to students and discussing the truth about being "catfished." The term refers to someone thinking he or she is in a romantic relationship over the Internet, but the other person is not honest about his or her identity.

He said the term "Catfish" comes from when fish merchants used catfish to keep cod active and fresh on the trip to their final destination. In other words, catfish keep people active, or on their toes.

"I've learned in my 29 years of life ... to be brutally honest," Schulman said.

Screams of admiration for the star erupted as Schulman walked out from behind the curtain on stage at the Singletary Center for the Arts.

"I assure you I was not always this great guy," Schulman said in his presentation. "When I was young, I was a disaster."

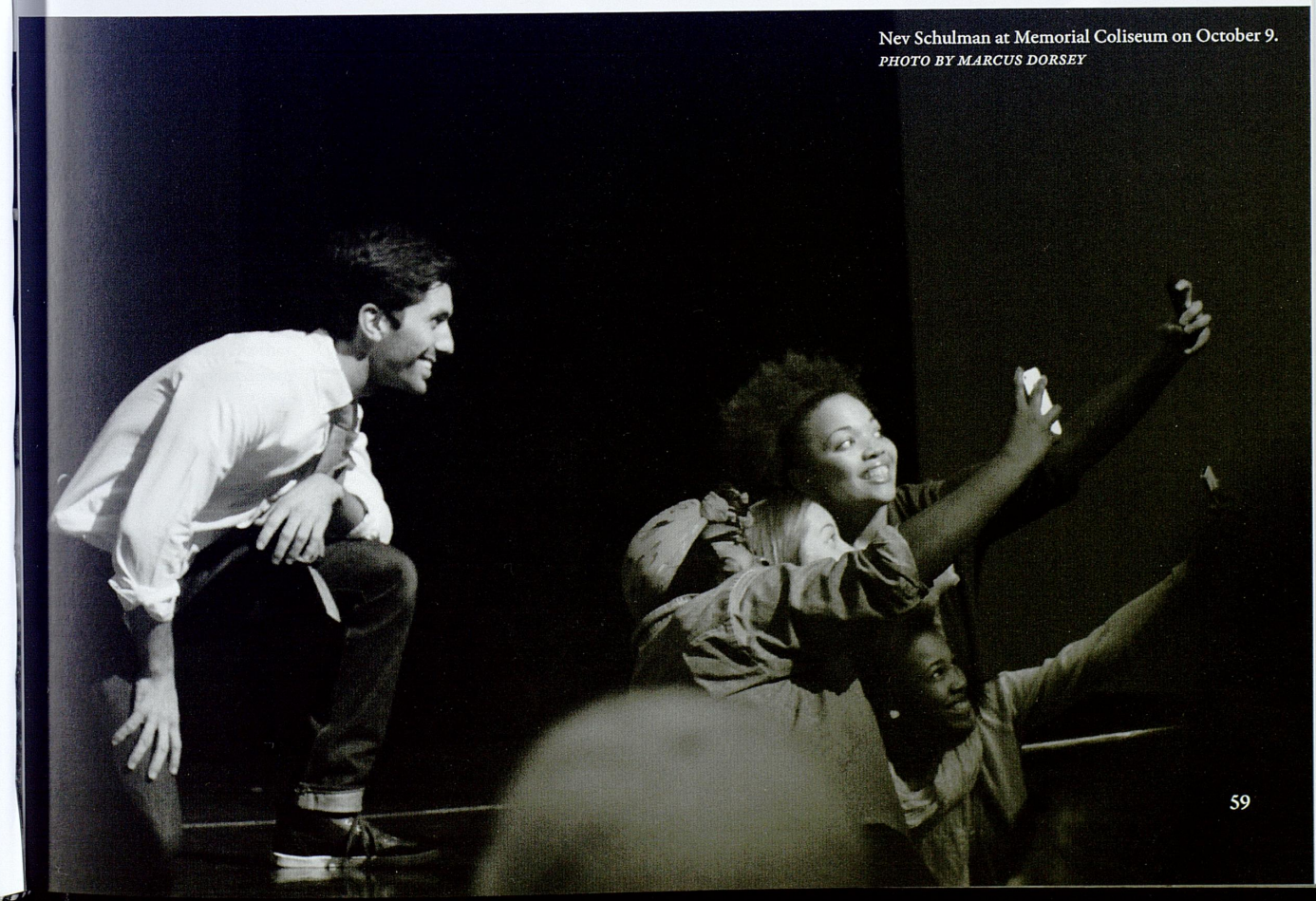
Schulman's journey to fame began when a photo he took for a ballet film wound up in the The New York Sun, a newspaper that no longer publishes. It also wound up on the doorstep of a woman in Ishpeming, Mich.

That woman, Angela Wesselman-Pierce, became Schulman's catfish — she pretended to be someone she wasn't.

The award-winning documentary "Catfish" by Schulman's brother, Ariel, followed the story of Nev as he discovered he was being catfished by Wesselman-Pierce.

A lot of the people on Schulman's show deal with insecurities and find their outlets through social media, but he emphasized that confidence should not be gauged on how many followers one has on social media.

"You only need about two or three friends," Schulman said.



Nev Schulman at Memorial Coliseum on October 9.
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Free-speech Fight

BY JUDAH TAYLOR

10/29/2013 — Dozens of students, including a self-described Pastafarian and members of UK's OUTsource group for LGBT students, stood transfixed in the free speech area on UK's campus by the words of Brother Jed Smock. Smock has been preaching at college campuses across the nation since 1975.

While Smock and his wife, Sister Cindy, condemned students with various homophobic, religious and racial slurs, members of OUTsource handed out condoms and held signs in opposition.

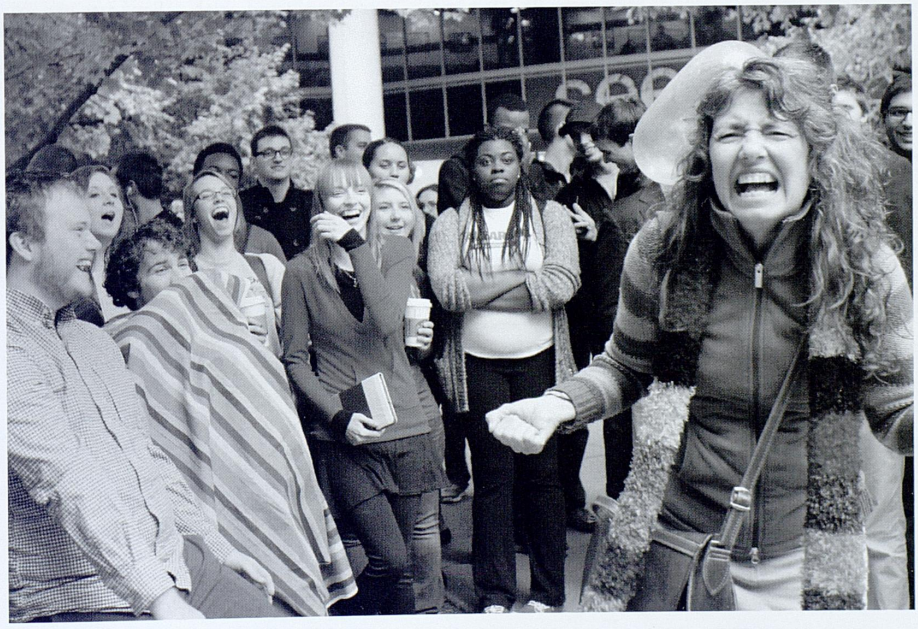
The Smocks warned students of sexually transmitted diseases and of God's wrath.

"I pray that all you girls marry a (sexually) experienced man," Jed Smock said. "But not one with a diseased penis."

Some people in the crowd responded: "That's what the condoms are for."

Biology freshman Susana Salazar yells "Sex is good!" while arguing with Brother Jed's wife, evangelist Sister Cindy.

Chemical engineering sophomore Darrell Banks, right, and pre-med sophomore Matt Matchinga pose with Brother Jed.



The crowds laughs as an inflated condom hits Sister Cindy in the head. The counter-protests occured in the free-speech area in front of the Student Center.

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Charity in Motion

BY MORGAN EADS

02/08/2014 — Hundreds from UK fraternities and sororities shook and shimmied in a sold-out Memorial Coliseum in hopes of winning the 2014 Greek Sing competition.

Alpha Delta Pi sorority took the overall title for the second consecutive year for the Batman-themed performance "Rises Again."

"ADPi put in a lot of effort, and it paid off," said Benton Hupman, Phi Delta Theta's Greek Sing chair. Phi Delt and Chi Omega sorority hosted the event.

Delta Sigma Phi's "King of Pop" performance took first place for fraternities while Pi Beta Phi's 1920s-themed dance took first in the sorority division.

Kappa Alpha Theta and Alpha Omicron Pi sororities took second and third, respectively. Beta Theta Pi fraternity won second place, and Sigma Phi Epsilon and Alpha Tau Omega tied for third.

Themes included "Peter Pan" and high school, with large props and dozens of dancers on stage for nearly every performance.

"Compared to years past, there was a lot more competition," Hupman said. "All of the sororities stepped up, and it made for a better event."

The event began with the UK Dance Team performing to the acoUstiKats' cover of Pitbull and Ke$ha's song "Timber."

All of the proceeds for the event went to the Make-A-Wish Foundation.

Kealy Griffin of Alpha Omicron Pi, a communication disorders sophomore, participated in her sorority's "Into the Deep" performance, which was ocean-themed. AOPi won third place.
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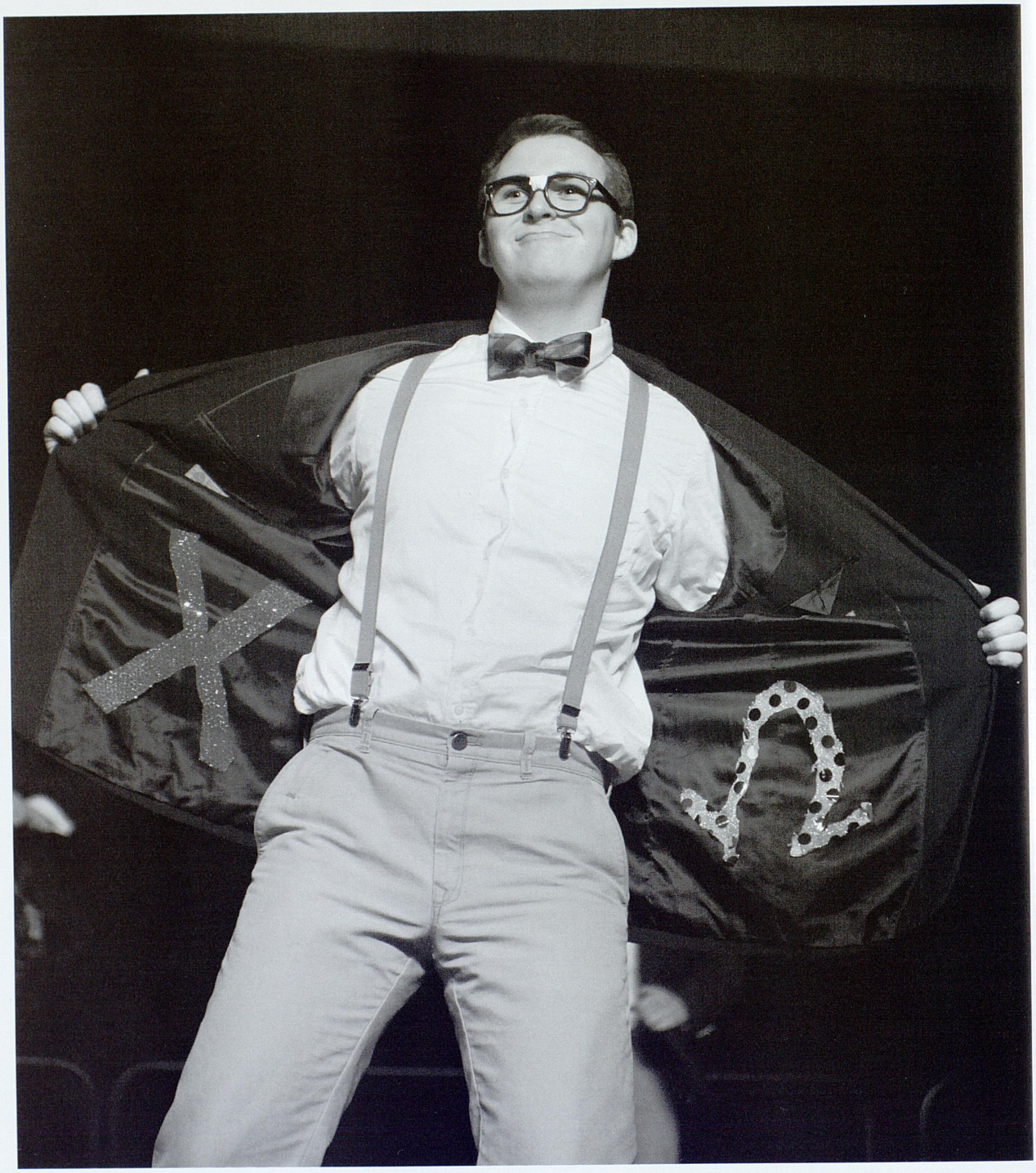

Paul Whitehead of Phi Kappa Tau shows off the letters of Chi Omega sorority, one of the organizations sponsoring the annual Greek Sing event.
PHOTO BY EMILY WUETCHER

Women from Alpha Delta Pi sorority celebrate their first place overall win at Greek Sing. Their theme was "Rises Again," featuring women dressed as "Batman" characters.

ADPi members pose with their trophy. They won the competition for the second consecutive year.
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A New Twist on an Old Tale

BY TAYLOR CLEMENTS

12/03/2013 — The cast and crew in UK's Department of Theatre said their rendition of "A Christmas Carol" was a unique take on what is possibly the most well-known Christmas story.

Theatre sophomore Rob Miller, who played the protagonist, Ebenezer Scrooge, described the plot as "a bitter man redeeming himself through love and Christmas joy."

This year, however, it was a holiday classic with a twist.

"I can just about guarantee that you've never seen this take on 'A Christmas Carol,'" said theatre and integrated strategic communication sophomore Katie Noble. "The playwright intended for the show to only be done with six people playing all the roles. It relies on the ensemble to do just about everything."

The department brought in an expert on "A Christmas Carol" and former Woodford County Theatre artistic director Beth Kirchner to direct the show, and visiting lecturer of dance Ariella Brown to choreograph it.

Kirchner chose a rendition of "A Christmas Carol" by Neil Duffield.

Noble played three roles: Mrs. Fezziwig, Chorus 1 and Charitable Lady.

"It's been a blast to have the chance to be all of these characters," Noble said. "It's always a challenge to make each one of them different from the next."

The production broke the fourth wall, a phenomenon in which the actors speak directly to audience members rather than acting out the story.

Audiences were treated to a dash of quirk and whimsy as Brown made her choreographic debut on the Guignol Theatre stage.

"It's a classic Christmas tale told in an exciting engaging way."

Brown described her choreography as a lively, joyous folk dance with partnering.

She said she set the movement first, then let the actors interweave their characters' personalities with the dance, making the movements unique.

"She's pretty fun to work with because, although she obviously had an idea of what she wanted in the dance, she gave us the flexibility to make the dance our own for the character," Noble said.

"I really enjoyed (working with Ariella). She adjusted things for us when steps got complicated," theatre and arts administration sophomore Liz Ellis said.

Ellis played Mrs. Cratchit and the Ghost of Christmas Future.

The theatre department's website promised audiences a "hearty helping of nostalgia with a sprinkling of the supernatural."

"Sound cues, elaborate lighting cues, singing and costumes come together to create this really impressive picture," Miller said. "It's a classic Christmas tale told in an exciting, engaging way."

TOP: Sophomore Haley Goode curls the hair of Mary Grace William, 8, before rehearsal for "A Christmas Carol."

BOTTOM: Rob Miller as Scrooge and Cassady Gorrell as the Ghost of Christmas Past look back at Scrooge's childhood during a dress rehearsal.

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Madison Fields, left, and Sarah Szymczak perform the hourly line dance during the eighth hour of DanceBlue, a 24-hour event that raises money for childhood cancer research.
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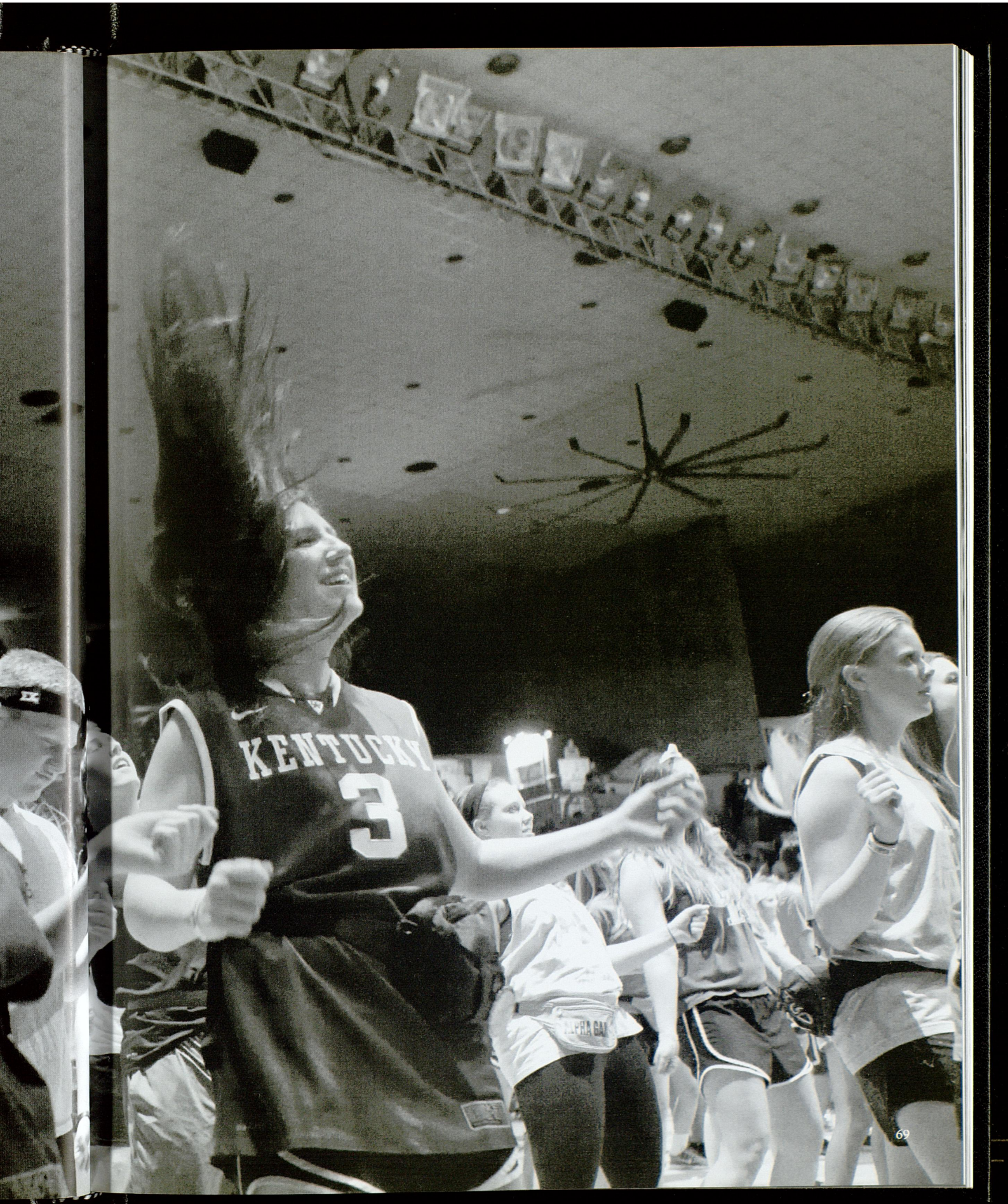
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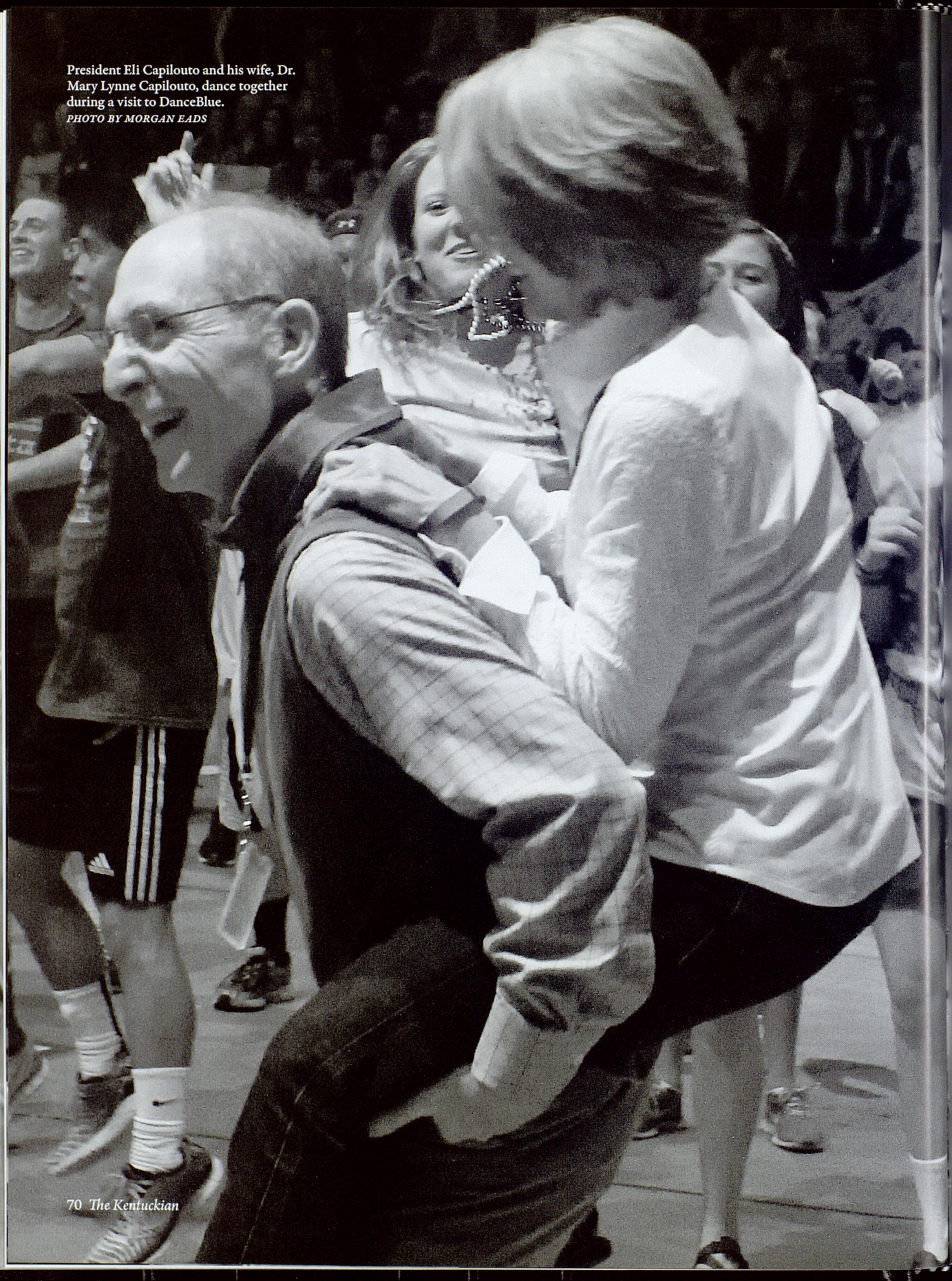

President Eli Capilouto and his wife, Dr. Mary Lynne Capilouto, dance together during a visit to DanceBlue.
PHOTO BY MORGAN EADS

For the Kids

BY MORGAN EADS

02/22/2014 — The ninth annual DanceBlue marathon raised $1,436,606.24, about $300,000 more than last year's total.

DanceBlue, a 24-hour no-sit, no-sleep dance marathon, raises money for cancer research at the Markey Cancer Center and social support at the DanceBlue Kentucky Children's Hospital Pediatric Hematology/ Oncology Clinic.

Throughout the marathon, different groups visited and showed their support. UK men's basketball coach John Calipari and players from the men's basketball and football teams stopped by to offer the dancers words of encouragement.

Dancers and the audience offered support for visiting children from the Kentucky Children's Hospital.

Air Force ROTC member Tucker Lyles asked patient Candace Keith if he could have his picture taken with her. Candace is 9 years old and has acute myeloid leukemia.

"I just wanted to offer some words of encouragement and let her know that we are on her side," Lyles said.

The father of Caleb Farthing said that Caleb looks forward to DanceBlue like some children look forward to holidays.

"He talks about it all year," said Mitch Susie, Caleb's father. "He really started in a few weeks ago saying 'I want to go to DanceBlue and dance with the girls.' He just has so much fun."

Several of the dancers stayed up even after they were given permission to sit down.

"I feel like I could go 10 more hours," said Christine Herbe, a dancer from Delta Gamma's team.

DanceBlue founder Jennifer Mynear struggled to describe her reaction when the total was revealed.

"I'm not usually at a loss for words," Mynear said. "It's just the feeling and love in this room. If you could bottle it up and sell it, you'd be a billionaire. You could afford to cure cancer."

UK football kicker Max Strong takes a picture with patient Kelly Melton, 8, during DanceBlue.
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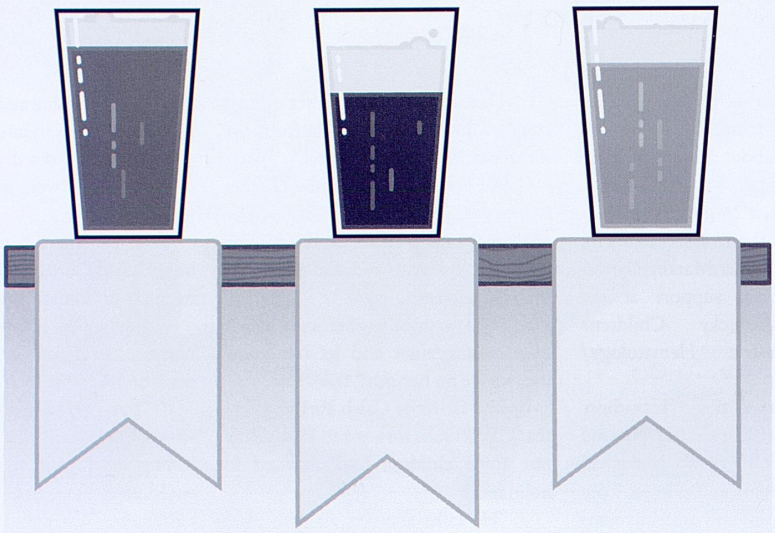

The Pursuit of Hoppiness

BY JUDAH TAYLOR

01/15/2014 — "This is really good shit," Lori McKinnery said, slamming an empty pint glass onto the bar. The night was young and few were around to hear her at Country Boy Brewing on Chair Avenue, but the place still was energetic.

McKinnery's glass contained both Nacho Bait (Country Boy's Cougar Bait aged with habañeros) and the Chestnut Brown Ale: a concoction of her own that the bartender dubbed "Nacho Nuts."

She was successfully recruiting me to have one, too. "It's like a brown porter with a kick," she advertised.

A few rounds later and the night was a little less young, and there were a few more people around. Some sat down nearby the bartender, who greeted them with a full glass.

"They get to know you here and learn what you like," McKinnery explained. After coming regularly for almost five months, she said the bartender pours her drinks "even before I have a chance to sit down."

I felt like I was living in a scene from "Cheers," only Sam Malone was wearing a trucker cap, and a deer head with a bridal veil was mounted on the wall.

Similar scenes are often played out at the other two Lexington craft breweries, each with their own colorful cast.

"We've got several faithful regulars who when they come in we know where they want to sit ... and what they want to drink," said Kore Donnelly, co-owner of Blue

Volunteers David Workman, left, and Stephen Jenkins can beer at West Sixth Brewery, named for its location on West Sixth Street.
PHOTO BY EMILY WUETCHER

Stallion Brewing Co. on West Third Street. "They're the most fun."

And they aren't stock characters, they're diverse and real. "People getting off work, to people wanting to try something new, to people who have decided to make this their bar," Donnelly said. And there are always new faces, too, he said.

Since opening almost two years ago, West Sixth Brewing and Country Boy have increased production by more than 600 percent and 1,400 percent, respectively, said the companies' owners, while six-month-old Blue Stallion Brewing Co. is already expanding its facilities despite never paying a dime for advertising.

"We've grown a lot ... and we have gotten to know a lot of great people," said Brady Barlow, one of West Sixth's four owners. "But it's not just because of the beer."

The owners of all three breweries said that what they really wanted to tap into were people and communities, not just kegs.

"We wanted to do two things when we started a brewery," said Barlow. "We wanted to make really good beer and then we wanted to give back to the community."

The breweries combined to work with more than 30 nonprofits and charities, and have donated tens of thousands of dollars to them.

"People love to drink beer," said Daniel Harrison, a co-owner of Country Boy. "Giving them a good reason to makes it even better."

"We don't make business decisions, we make beer decisions because we care about what ends up in the glass ... and about the people who drink from it," he said.

Haden Pike, a computer science junior, lives in Lexington, and his father commutes 45 minutes every day from Garrard County to take him to class.
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It's Me and Him

BY RACHEL ARETAKIS

03/04/2014 — With his hat brim down and earphones in, Brad Pike guides his son through the cluster of students rushing out of class. He is unfazed by the chaos, looking ahead as he swiftly pushes the wheelchair through the door.

Pike, 51, is in his routine. He picks up his son, Haden, in the morning for class and later takes him home. While he's waiting, he listens to the radio in his truck or goes to Haden's apartment and makes lunch or cleans.

That's his job most days.

"It is just normal for us," Pike said.

Three years ago, Pike retired early because he knew he wouldn't trust anyone else to take care of his son.

Haden Pike, 20, has been blind since birth and has a degenerative disease that affects his nervous system.

His father's sacrifices have included sleeping on a dorm floor for a night class or carrying his son up a flight of stairs when an elevator in White Hall is out of service. He's on the road to Lexington by 7 a.m. for the 45-minute drive from Garrard County.

"Yeah, we probably go to the doctor a little more than most people do, just because we get him checked out every so often," Brad Pike said. "But I mean other than that, you know, it's about as normal as it comes."

A SECOND DIAGNOSIS

Haden Pike was born blind. He can only see light and shadows.

When he was 4 months old, doctors diagnosed him with a retinal degenerative disease called Leber's congenital amaurosis, said his mother, Teri.

Throughout his childhood, she said, his blindness was a mere inconvenience for him. But as Pike grew up, his family noticed his balance was becoming worse.

When he was 16, he was diagnosed with Friedreich's ataxia, a rare disorder that impairs muscle coordination. Over time, his movement will decline, his mother said.

Her son went from having independence to relying on someone to take him everywhere. "If you'd known him 10 years ago, you'd be amazed at how different a child he is," she said.

When Pike realized he wouldn't be able to walk, he considered two options.

"I can deal with it and keep doing what I've always done, even though I'm a little less mobile than before," he said. Or, he could give up. "So I said, OK, I can't walk. Who cares? Keep going. And that's what I did."

'IT'S ME AND HIM'

Pike's mother said she doesn't know what her family would have done if her husband didn't help.

"You do whatever your kids need," Teri Pike said. "Fortunately, Brad is able to come over every day and do whatever Haden needs so he can get his college degree."

Haden Pike lives in a studio apartment at Newtown Crossing. His sister, Macy, who is a senior at UK, visits once a week with her boyfriend to cook dinner and hang out. His tutor stops by once a week to help with homework.

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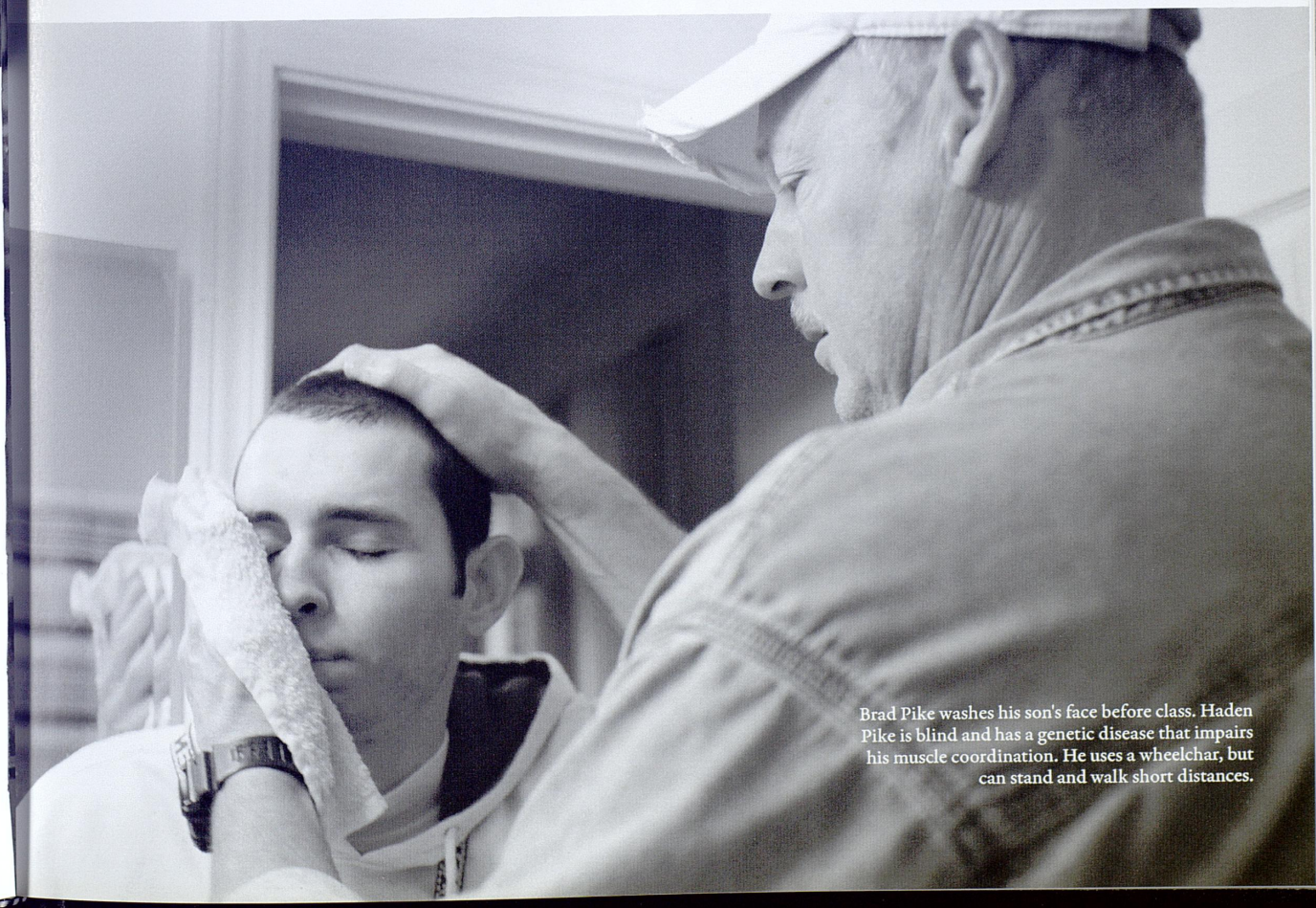

Brad Pike washes his son's face before class. Haden Pike is blind and has a genetic disease that impairs his muscle coordination. He uses a wheelchar, but can stand and walk short distances.

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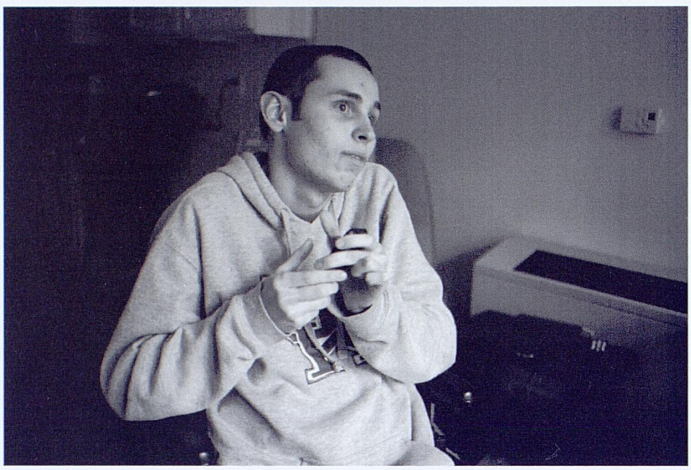

Haden Pike finds a song on his iPhone, which rapidly reads the commands aloud. Pike often holds his phone up to his ear to navigate the applications.
PHOTOS BY TESSA LIGHTY

"He'll tell you he's antisocial," his dad said, laughing. "In some ways for him that's the way he likes it."

Haden Pike spends his time writing about topics he can expand on for nonvisual learners or working on computer programming. He is considering graduate school and could see himself as a teacher, or one day working for a company like Apple to improve accessible technology.

Teri Pike said her husband and son have gotten closer in the past few years.

They discuss anything and everything, often making fun of each other or palling around. If there is an attractive girl around, Brad Pike will let his son know.

They have their good days and bad days, and sometimes they get on each other's nerves. But Brad Pike is there every day, ready to take his son to class. After dropping Haden off, the waiting game begins again.

"You know, hey, it keeps me busy. Otherwise, I'd be playing golf or something like that," Brad Pike said.

But Haden's dad is his companion.

"I'm not a social person. ... It's me and him," Haden Pike said.

"He really is doing me a favor by just being there every day."

Brad and Haden Pike like to pal around. Brad, 51, says his son got his smarts from his mother and his sarcasm from his father. "Luckily, he got my sparkling personality," he said.

A Growing Fight to Legalize

BY BECCA CLEMONS

03/03/2014 — It was a Sunday morning in early August, the sun shining, glazing the fields of tobacco grown tall and nearly ready for harvest. The temperature was in the low 70s, and the sky was clear, until 4-year-old Jacob Shepherd felt his family's trailer begin to shake.

A state police helicopter circled, chipping branches and leaves off of taller trees. Jacob's father, Gary, stepped outside and signaled for it to land in a field next door.

His father knew why it was there.

Behind the trailer, nestled in a backyard garden among tomatoes, corn and lettuce, were more than two dozen stalks of marijuana.

"Are those your plants?" an officer asked, approaching Gary Shepherd at the chain-link fence around his home.

"Yes," Shepherd replied defiantly, explaining that he grew it for personal medical use.

"We're going to have to cut them down."

"Over my dead body."

Jacob Shepherd was just 4 years old, but he remembers the day he saw his father shot multiple times, in the head and chest, and killed on their front lawn.

"I can vividly remember the helicopters coming, I can remember them shaking the trailer," Shepherd said, recounting August 8, 1993. He remembered it being a normal morning, the family eating breakfast together before the helicopter came.

Jacob Shepherd, a UK sophomore, is fighting to help end marijuana prohibition.
PHOTOS BY EMILY WUETCHER

Mary Jane Jones and her son, Jacob, 4, on August 9, 1993, the day after the shooting of Gary Shepherd by state police while he was guarding his pot patch in Rockcastle County.
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'We can't be afraid of it'

Jacob Shepherd, now 24, sits in Room 169 of the Capitol Annex Building in Frankfort, where the House Health and Welfare Committee meets, prepared, if necessary, to defend the use of a plant he vehemently believes is safe and medicinal.

This year could be a pivotal one for marijuana advocates nationwide, with debate over medicinal and recreational use reaching more than a dozen state legislatures, and the U.S. Department of Justice taking note of conflicts between state and federal laws.

"Marijuana is not that dangerous," Shepherd said. "It's not the monster that we've been made to believe it is."

Shepherd has brown dreadlocks that he keeps tucked in a hat, and he sports Adidas shoes made of hemp. He is a community and leadership development sophomore at UK. He hopes to grow hemp and cannabis on his own land someday, following in his father's footsteps.

But the fear of marijuana kept advocates, for both medicinal and recreational use, from getting a bill out of committee in Kentucky after years of trying.

Shepherd is starting a student organization, Cats for Cannabis. A strong anti-prohibition group on a campus of nearly 30,000 students could make a big difference, he said.

"We can't be afraid of it and let our fears justify me having to see my dad die," he said.

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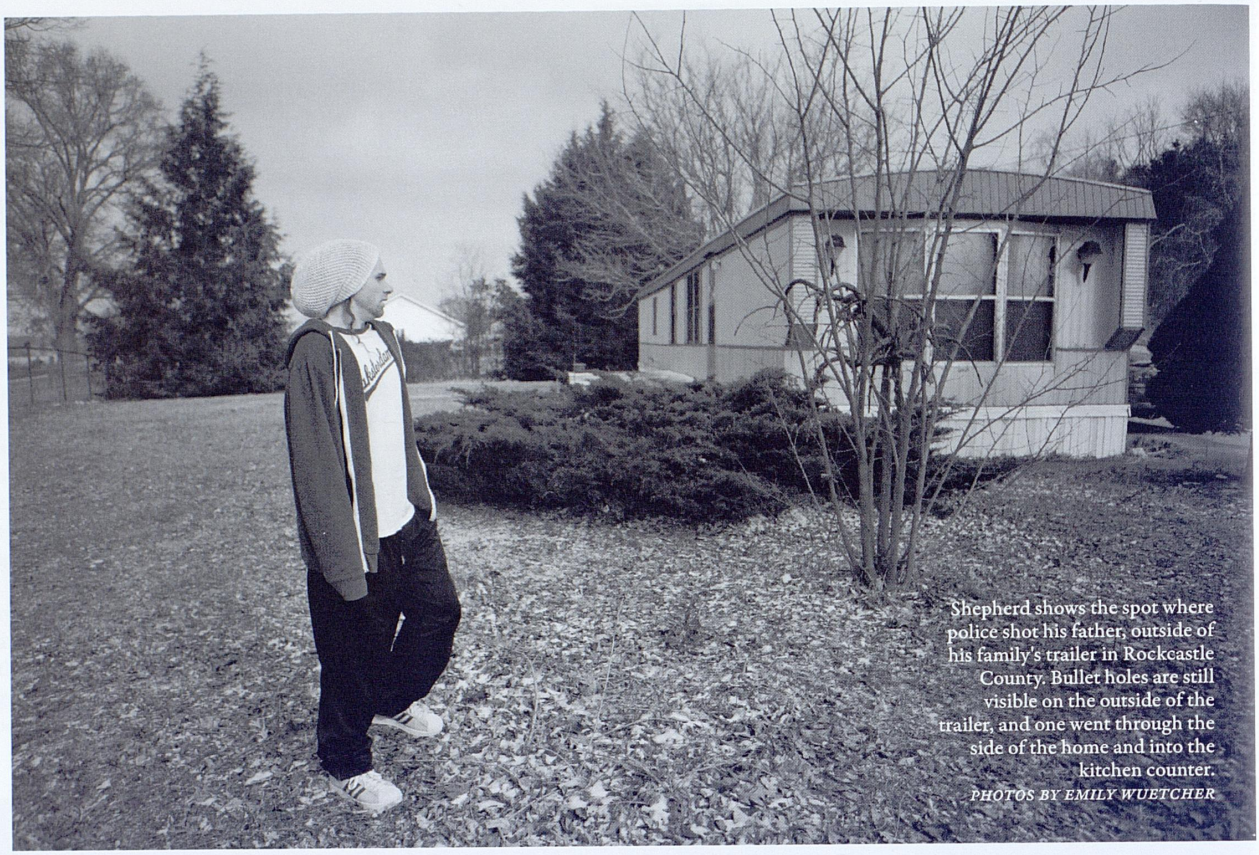

Shepherd shows the spot where police shot his father, outside of his family's trailer in Rockcastle County. Bullet holes are still visible on the outside of the trailer, and one went through the side of the home and into the kitchen counter.
PHOTOS BY EMILY WUETCHER

'He loved Jesus, he loved people'

The trailer sits amid a swath of farmland in rural Rockcastle County, not far off Interstate 75 in Central Kentucky, encased by tobacco fields, patches of trees and rolling hills.

About 300 acres of that land was once owned by Jacob Shepherd's family. His great-grandfather used to grow hemp there. His father first grew marijuana there after he returned from serving in the Vietnam War.

"That's where he discovered that marijuana is a medicine," said Mary Jane Jones, the mother of Jacob and live-in girlfriend of Gary for six years.

Gary Shepherd, who was 45 at the time of his death, returned from the war with a Purple Heart, his family said. Among other injuries, a land mine damaged his left arm, and a steel plate was implanted near his elbow. He was unable to lift it above his head.

"He loved Jesus, he loved people, and he felt like marijuana was his right, not only because he went to Vietnam," Jones said. "I was able to smoke a cigarette and he wasn't even able to smoke a joint, and that's a medicine."

'We want to talk to you'

The only memories Jacob Shepherd has of his father are from that Sunday more than 20 years ago.

Hundreds of police documents revealed further details of Gary Shepherd's seven-hour standoff with law enforcement, including the Kentucky State Police and a special response team that was called in for backup.

At about 10 p.m. the Friday before, the Rockcastle County deputy sheriff received an anonymous phone call at his home. The caller told him that Gary Shepherd had "a heck of a pot patch behind his house and in the garden," according to the documents. Adding to nearly 30 plants in the garden, police found 15 growing against the back of the trailer, five next to the two-car garage, and a few errant plants in other parts of the yard, the documents show.

Officers with the Governor's Marijuana Task Force were set to scour the area by helicopter that weekend, so the deputy passed along the information.

Two days later, the helicopter landed near Shepherd's property.

"I don't know why he said 'Over my dead body,' " Jones said, "but he did."

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Shepherd sat in a chair in front of the house, his Ruger Mini-14 .223-caliber rifle propped up between his legs. Throughout the day, he ignored the police presence around his property and went about normal activities. He soon left the rifle on the porch and worked on his truck in the driveway for a bit. He supervised young Jacob in the sandbox, and then the father and son played catch. He was peaceful, his family members and witnesses said.

As the clock neared 6 p.m., the police made a move to negotiate.

"Gary Shepherd, we are the Kentucky State Police and we want to talk to you."

Shepherd invited officers to the fence. But before meeting them there, he retrieved his gun.

"If they were going to be armed, he was going to be armed, too," Jacob Shepherd said.

The next details have been points of contention between Shepherd's family and law enforcement.

The police told Shepherd to put his arms in the air. His right hand held his gun; the left arm was the one injured in Vietnam.

Shepherd was told repeatedly to drop his weapon. One trooper reported that Shepherd responded "go ahead and shoot me" several times, refusing the officers' requests.

Worried that a hostage situation might develop, officers told Shepherd to think about his young son.

Police say he aimed his rifle at them in a threatening manner. His family, along with witnesses who watched the shooting through binoculars, contend that he held it pointed into the air, and not at police.

Regardless, he was hit with a barrage of gunfire from two officers. His autopsy revealed wounds to his head, face, chest and left shoulder. He had not returned fire.

"A Vietnam veteran was shot with his hands in the air," Jones said, "over some plants growing in the garden."

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Mary Jane Jones, 62, the mother of Jacob and live-in girlfriend of Gary, said she felt isolated from the community for years after the shooting. She has spoken at rallies and traveled to Washington, D.C., to speak with legislators about Gary Shepherd's death.

A legislative milestone

Twenty states and the District of Columbia have legalized marijuana for medicinal use, and nearly that number have decriminalized possession of small amounts of pot. Voters in Colorado and Washington state approved marijuana for recreational use in 2012.

Sen. Perry Clark (D-Louisville), introduced a medical marijuana bill three years in a row, but it had yet to gain traction in the Republican-controlled state Senate.

A companion House bill, introduced in February, has a better chance. Sponsored by Rep. Mary Lou Marzian (D-Louisville), the Cannabis Compassion Act became the first of its kind on February 27 to make it out of the committee stage in the Kentucky Legislature with a 9-5 vote.

But marijuana is still a tough sell in a state that, despite its Democratic traditions and history of growing hemp, often aligns politically and socially with the South.

"I don't want to give anybody false hope; I don't believe this bill is going anywhere in this session," said Rep. Susan Westrom (D-Lexington), who originally passed when the bill was being voted on, but then changed her vote in favor of it. "But I do believe the conversation needs to be held."

Rep. Robert Benvenuti (R-Lexington), a vocal opponent of the bill, said that marijuana was not approved by the Food and Drug Administration and that sufficient research had not been done on its effects.

"This is not a research bill," he said at the meeting. "This is a bill that says that this legislature will decide what's a medicine and what's not. I don't believe we have the authority to do that, and I think any belief that we do have the authority is arrogant, irresponsible and reckless."

And legalizing medical cannabis, he said, would be a pathway to recreational use.

But Clark, the Senate bill's sponsor, said that medical marijuana has helped change the lives of many patients, including young children.

"It's absolutely undeniable that cannabis is medicine," Clark said in a telephone interview. "The studies are in, the research has been done."

A recent poll conducted for the Lexington Herald-Leader, WKYT-TV and two Louisville news organizations put approval of medical marijuana legalization at 52 percent. Opposed were 37 percent of the 1,082 registered voters polled; 12 percent were unsure.

Among those ages 18-34, approval reached 60 percent.

"I think the voters are ahead of the politicians on this," Clark said.

A reason to rally

Shepherd and his mother still live in the trailer in Rockcastle County, and Shepherd makes the hourlong commute to UK. Bullet holes from the shooting still pepper the side of the trailer. One made it through the side of the home and into the kitchen counter.

Inside, the neatly kept living room hosts a subtle shrine to pot activism, which includes a nondescript bookshelf with literature on marijuana, hemp sacks with pro-marijuana slogans decorating the walls, and other pot-related knickknacks tucked into nooks and crannies.

Much of the decor was acquired during an eight-month tour on the CannaBus, where Shepherd and other advocates traveled to about 20 states educating the public about legalization.

The son and mother weren't always outspoken activists, although there were times after Gary Shepherd's death that Jones spoke at rallies, and even took a trip to Washington to meet with legislators.

Others took up the cause on the family's behalf.

"We believe that Gary's death illustrates the increasing militarization of the war against marijuana," said Gatewood Galbraith, a Lexington lawyer and five-time candidate for governor who championed marijuana legalization, at a memorial a month after the shooting. Galbraith died in 2012.

"It's going to result in more of these tragedies. We seek to assure Gary Shepherd was the last victim of this misdirected policy."

In the past few years, Shepherd took up activism himself, a personal fight to assure that "no kid has to go through the shit I did."

'How stupid it is'

During the House committee meeting, Shepherd sat stoically, patiently, observing the testimony and discussion. He was peaceful, much like his father was in the hours leading up to the shooting. He slipped out after the vote, heading to his car in the Capitol garage to call his mother.

While he is glad the bill is advancing, the moment was bittersweet.

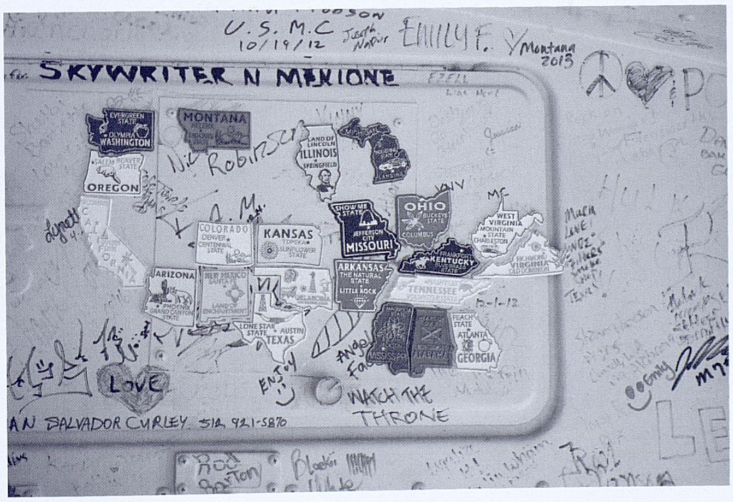
Most of the representatives now realize that medical cannabis patients should not be considered criminals, he said, but he wished it had not taken 20 years for that view to become popular. "I just sort of felt like my father died for no reason," Shepherd said.

He knows his work is not over. Supporters at the meeting drafted a letter template (on green paper) to deliver to House Speaker Greg Stumbo's office. Shepherd took to Facebook to urge others to join the cause and call their representatives.

"Even though his death has helped to get us here, clearly today I don't think any of those committee members would support a veteran losing his life over his medicine, and it's really sad for me to have to think about today," he said.

"I just realize now more than I really have before how stupid it is that my father did have to die over this plant."

Shepherd spent eight months in 2011 and 2012 traveling around the country on the CannaBus, a converted school bus painted green, to lobby for changes to marijuana laws. He has shared his father's story with hundreds of people and many groups.



Lining the inside of the CannaBus are magnets from many of the states it traversed and signatures from supporters. A few police officers in Texas and Washington even signed their badge numbers.

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Men's basketball head coach John Calipari waits for his team to huddle during the exhibition game vs. Transylvania University on November 1. Calipari spent the first half of the season working on his lineup because his freshman roster was so skilled.
PHOTO BY ELEANOR HASKEN

UK

A UK fan reacts to a call during the UK-WKU game at LP Field in Nashville on August 31.
PHOTO BY TESSA LIGHTY

THE THREE BIG ONES

BY MATT OVERING

Number 1 — UK lost to Western Kentucky University, 35-26, in Nashville, Tenn., to start the season.

A win over WKU would have been a strong way to start head coach Mark Stoops' career at the helm.

It was not meant to be. The Cats struggled to defend a potent WKU offense, led by head coach Bobby Petrino.

UK's quarterback situation remained unresolved after the game, as sophomores Maxwell Smith and Jalen Whitlow both put forth mediocre performances against the Hilltoppers.

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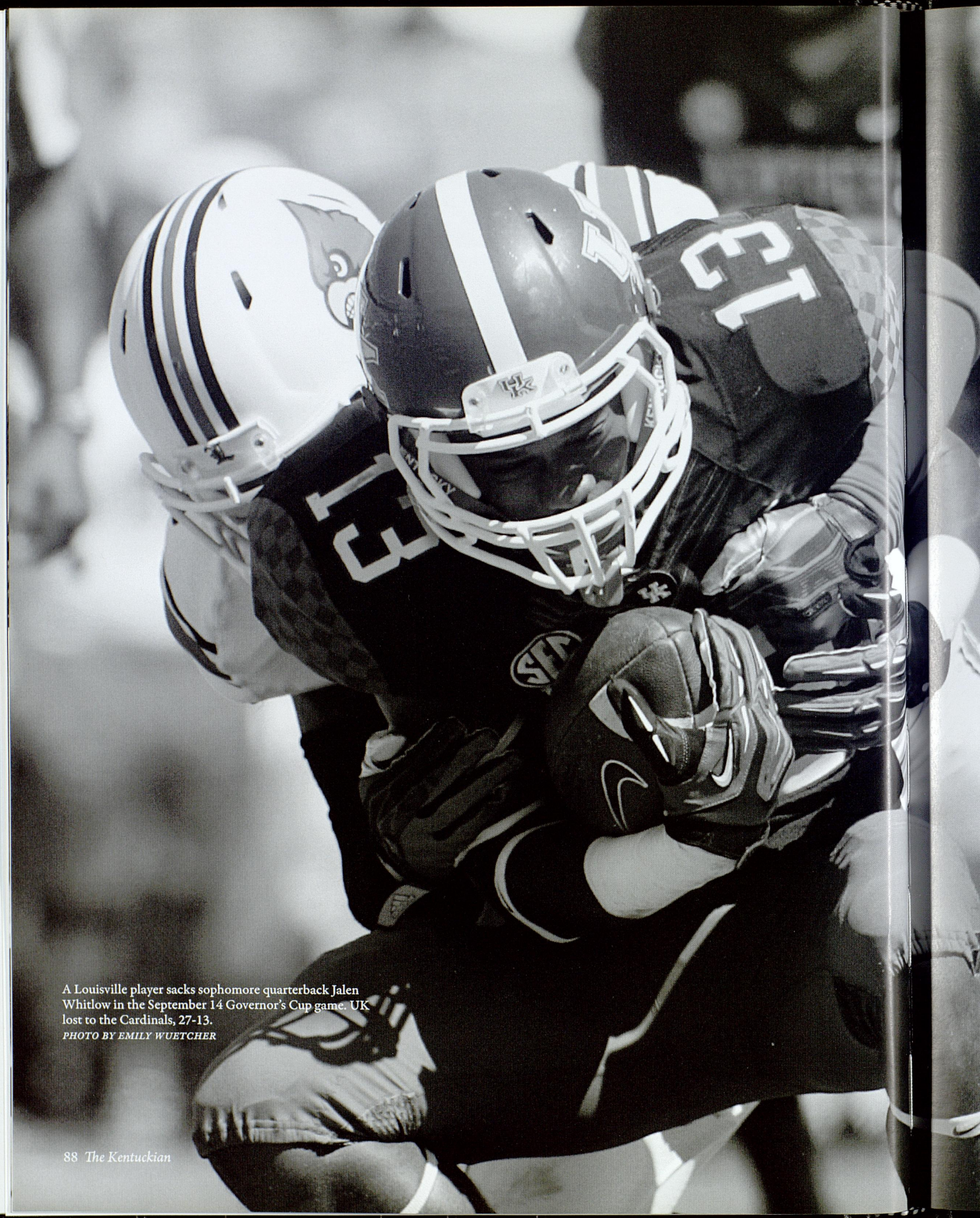
Freshman running back Jojo Kemp and the Cats were not able to beat conference rival Tennessee in the last game of the season.
PHOTO BY MICHAEL REAVES

Number 2 — The 2013 season started with losses to rivals and ended with a 27-14 loss to a rival. The University of Tennessee, under first-year head coach Butch Jones, used explosive plays to beat the Cats on November 30.

Tennessee touchdowns of 60, 43 and 40 yards in the first half were all the Volunteers needed against the worn-down cats.

UK finished the year 2-10 (0-8 SEC) for the second straight season.



A Louisville player sacks sophomore quarterback Jalen Whitlow in the September 14 Governor's Cup game. UK lost to the Cardinals, 27-13.
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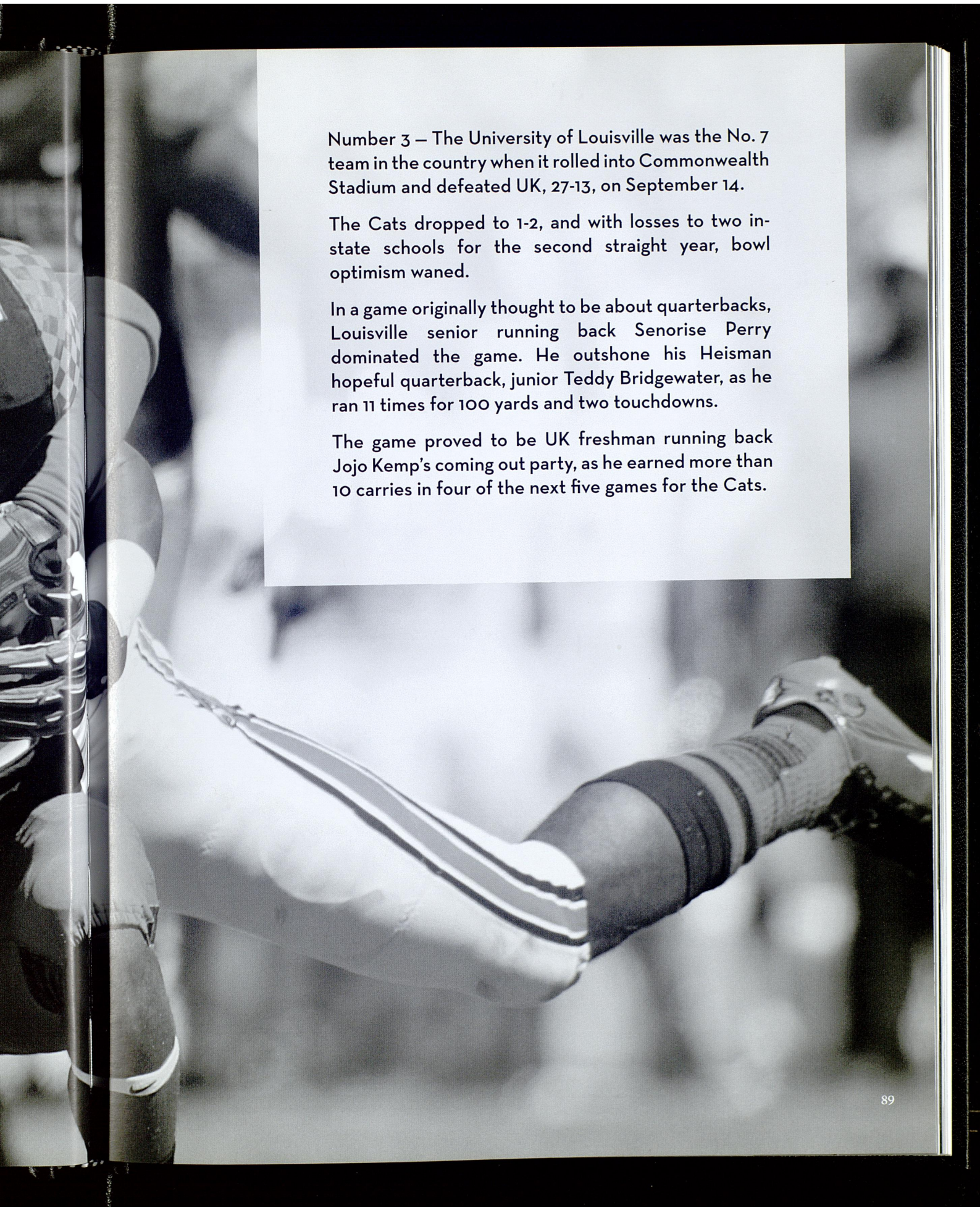

Number 3 – The University of Louisville was the No. 7 team in the country when it rolled into Commonwealth Stadium and defeated UK, 27-13, on September 14.

The Cats dropped to 1-2, and with losses to two in-state schools for the second straight year, bowl optimism waned.

In a game originally thought to be about quarterbacks, Louisville senior running back Senorise Perry dominated the game. He outshone his Heisman hopeful quarterback, junior Teddy Bridgewater, as he ran 11 times for 100 yards and two touchdowns.

The game proved to be UK freshman running back Jojo Kemp's coming out party, as he earned more than 10 carries in four of the next five games for the Cats.

UK students sing along to "My Old Kentucky Home" at the October 21 home game vs. Alabama. UK lost to the Crimson Tide, 48-7.
PHOTO BY KALYN BRADFORD

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NOT ALL HOPE IS LOST

BY MATT OVERING

08/30/2013-11/29/2013 — Optimism was the word when UK hired former Florida State University defensive coordinator Mark Stoops as head coach.

Expectations were high, but UK fans were brought back down to earth during the 2013 season.

There were whispers of a bowl at the beginning of the season. UK's schedule was unforgiving, and with eight SEC games, chances were slim. But the hype for Stoops' first season was real.

UK fans hoping for an immediate resurrection watched UK lose to Western Kentucky University on August 31 in Nashville, Tenn. The game reflected more of the same form that UK fans were familiar with under the previous regime: Poor tackling and uninspired play.

It was the second straight year that UK lost to WKU.

The optimism around UK's program took a hit after that loss. The loss came against WKU's head coach, Bobby Petrino, who was rumored as a candidate for the UK head coaching job.

Change may be coming for UK football, but not as immediately as some fans hoped. Improvement was seen in UK's next game, a 47-14 drubbing of Miami (Ohio) University.

The story of the season quickly centered on who would be the starting quarterback. Sophomores Maxwell Smith and Jalen Whitlow split duties during games. Whitlow ran more than Smith, but Smith finished the year with more passing touchdowns.

Both quarterbacks went down with injuries at different times during the season. It was a testament to Stoops' patience to not remove the redshirt from freshman Reese Phillips or sophomore Patrick Towles. Smith and Whitlow continued playing.

Offensive coordinator Neal Brown admitted that his playbook was limited because of the lack of personnel on the field. UK finished last in the SEC in points per game in conference play. The Cats topped 20 points just five times all season.

There were glimpses of hope amid the losses. Freshman running back Jojo Kemp lacked the ability to pick up a blitz, but showed flashes of brilliance running the ball. UK's top two receivers, junior Javess Blue and freshman Ryan Timmons, were brought in by Stoops and his staff.

Planned upgrades to Commonwealth Stadium and the football training facility gave life to the program at the end of the year. Improved facilities can only help UK's reputation.

Pessimists would say that the Cats need wins before their reputation builds. On the field, that may be true. One could find reasons to believe the Cats will struggle again in 2014 — they're still playing in the SEC, there is no proven winner at quarterback and the team will be young.

The team is a project, however, and the Cats are still engulfed in optimism as 2014 approaches.

Florida's Vernon Hargreaves III intercepts a ball meant for UK wide receiver Javess Blue on September 28. Blue was brought in by first-year head coach Mark Stoops.
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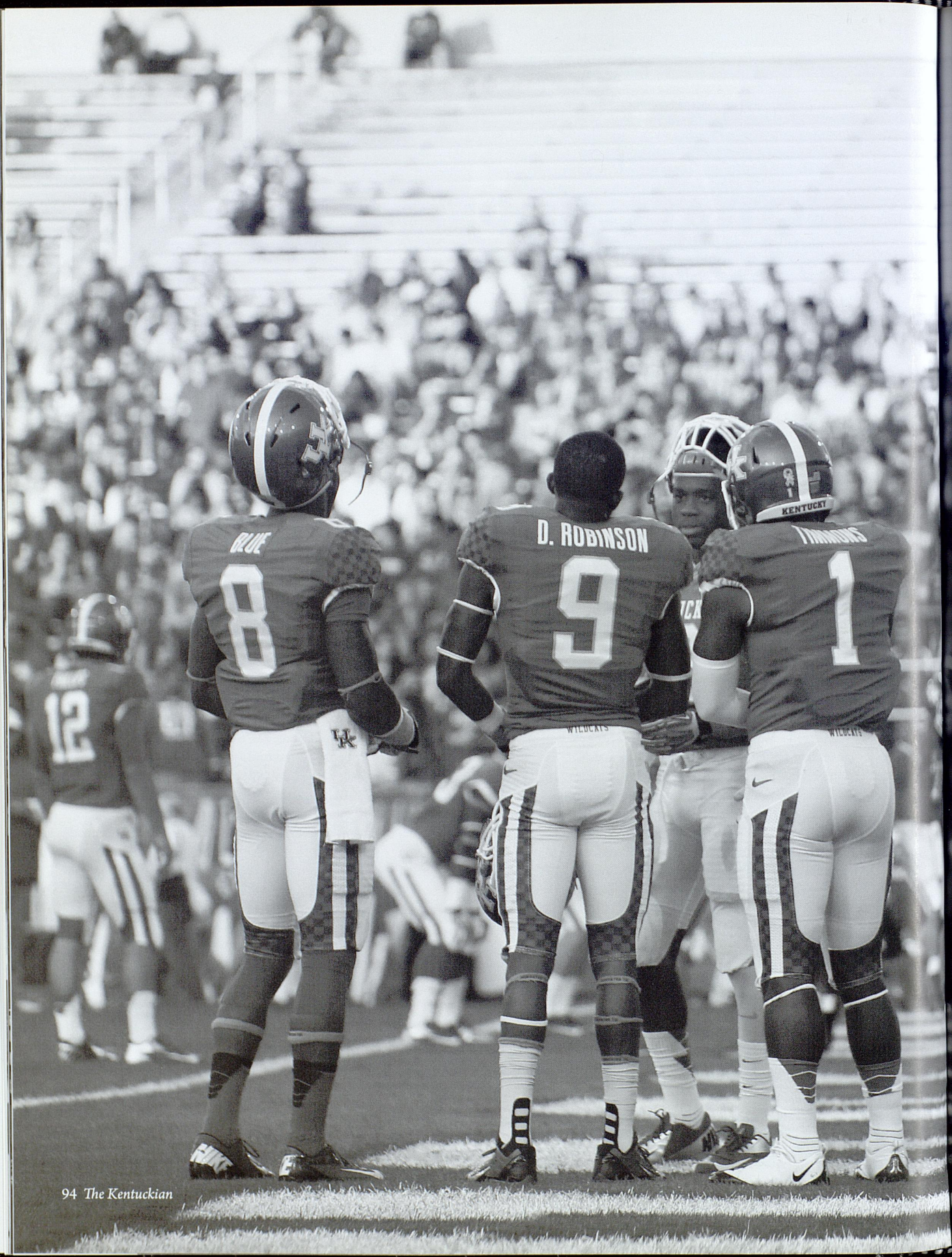
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UK football ended the 2013 season with a 2-10 (0-8 SEC) record for the second year in a row. The Cats lost to in-state rivals Louisville and Western Kentucky in between tough conference foes.
PHOTO BY KALYN BRADFORD

First-year head coach Mark Stoops has incited a culture change in UK football since his arrival to the Bluegrass. He has two sons, Will and Zack.

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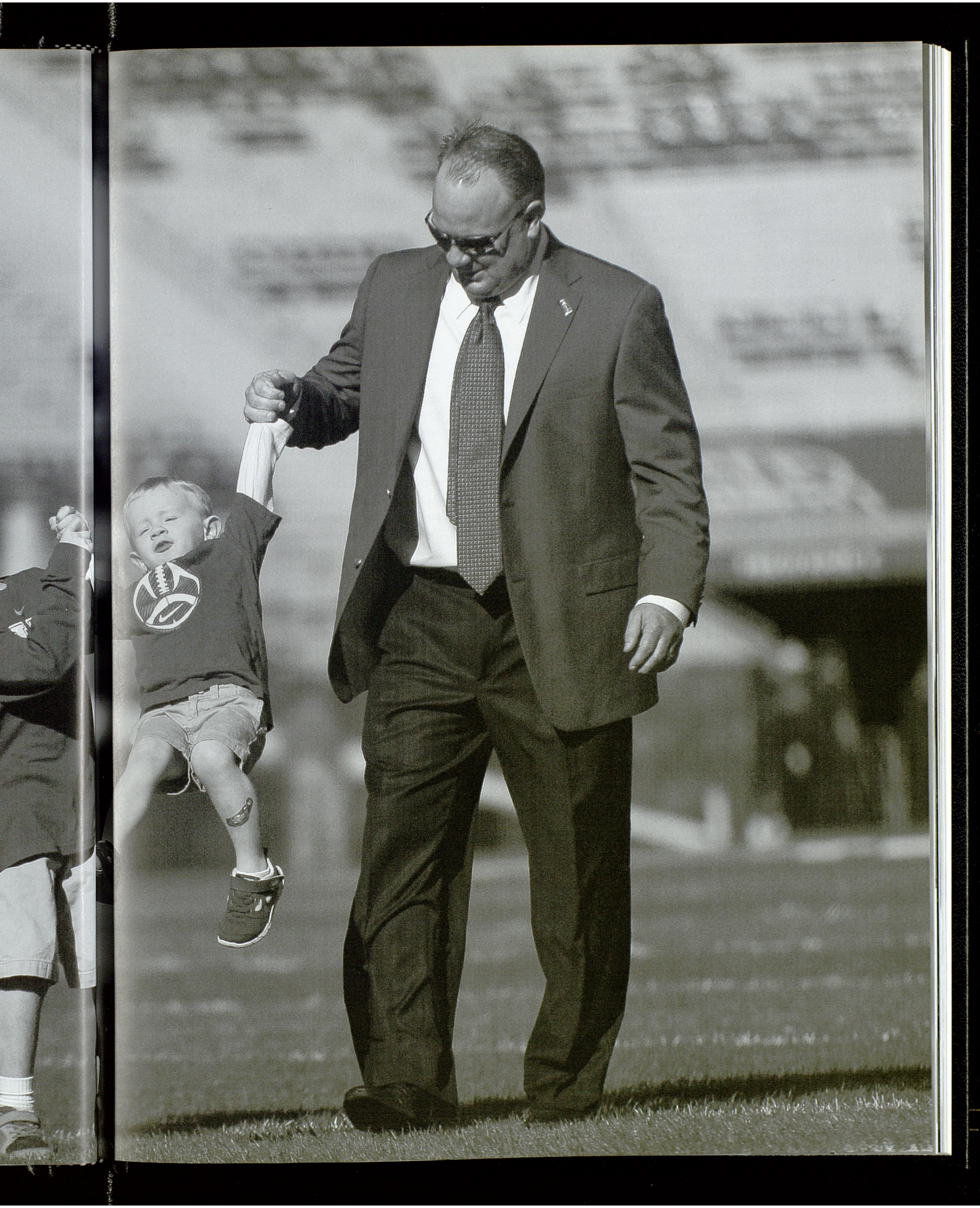

NEW YEAR, NEW COACH

BY MATT OVERING

11/29/2013 — UK head coach Mark Stoops had two wins in his first season in Lexington, the same amount that Joker Phillips earned in his final season as head coach.

The 2-10 2013 season had bumps and bruises, but the direction of the program was unquestionably forward.

Stoops' recruiting pitch had optimism flowing for football fans in the Bluegrass. He pieced together a strong 2013 recruiting class in less than two months. The 2014 class garnered best-ever rankings from recruiting services.

The culture change at UK is what Stoops sold to many recruits. He beat out the University of Alabama for in-state 2014 defensive tackle Matt Elam. He beat out the University of Southern California for 2013 defensive end Jason Hatcher. Drew Barker (Conner High School, Hebron, Ky.) chose Stoops and offensive coordinator Neal Brown over the University of South Carolina and its head coach, Steve Spurrier.

UK continues to win recruiting battles over more successful programs — programs that have more history, better facilities, prestigious coaches and more recent on-field successes.

Change is expected for the Cats. Upgrades to Commonwealth Stadium and the Nutter Field House training facility are on the way. Stoops has already garnered the respect of opposing players and coaches, partly due to his recruiting success and partly for the way UK played in 2013.

On-field success is the next step for Stoops and his energetic staff. Recruits are coming with a "Why not us?" mentality.

"Why UK? Why not?" was the theme of a Super Bowl advertisement created for the football team that aired locally.

The Cats continue their uphill climb in 2014 with "Stoops' troops" beginning to take over the roster, the first step in Stoops' plot to rebuild. Improving a program from two wins in two straight seasons in college football's best conference is a process.

Stoops consistently reiterated that point last season, whether in postgame interviews or in his weekly press conferences. Stoops understands the process. And he is working to speed up that process on the recruiting trail.

Junior college recruits have been a staple in his first two recruiting classes. Defensive end Za'Darius Smith, wide receiver Javess Blue and cornerback Nate Willis, all former junior college players, contributed for the Cats last year. In the 2014 class, defensive tackle Cory Johnson and linebacker Ryan Flannigan are junior college players who are expected to contribute right away.

For Stoops, junior college players can quickly put UK on the map. Their bodies are more mature than incoming true freshmen, and their knowledge of the speed of the college game makes it easier for them to adapt.

Stoops has a plan, a plan that is unfolding with every new commitment and every snap of the ball. The 2013 season might have ended with 10 losses, but the future is bright for Stoops and UK football.

Head coach Mark Stoops yells at a referee during the October 21 loss to Alabama. Despite a losing record in 2013, Stoops has been able to recruit players who were also considering programs with more prestige, such as Alabama.
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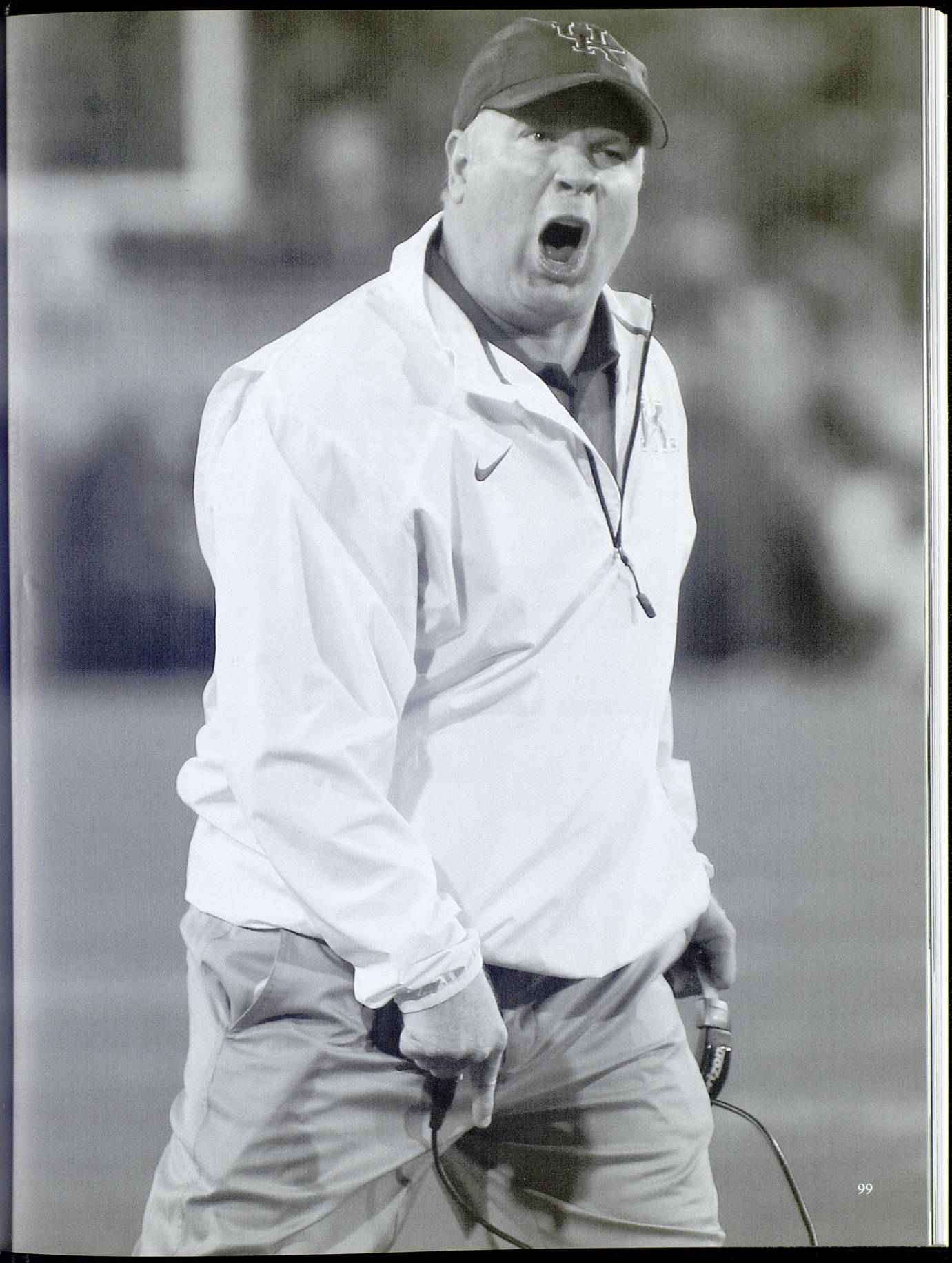

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YOUTHFUL CATS STRUGGLE

BY KEVIN ERPENBECK

08/30/2013-11/15/2013 — After hosting just its second NCAA Tournament game in program history in 2012, the UK men's soccer team regressed during the 2013 season.

In 2012, head coach Johan Cedergren was in his first year with UK and had turned the team around in a short time. Posting a 10-8-2 record at the end of last season and participating in the NCAA Tournament for the first time since 2003, the Cats' future looked bright.

The Cats began the 2013 season with a home victory over Georgia State University, but lost their next game at East Tennessee State University.

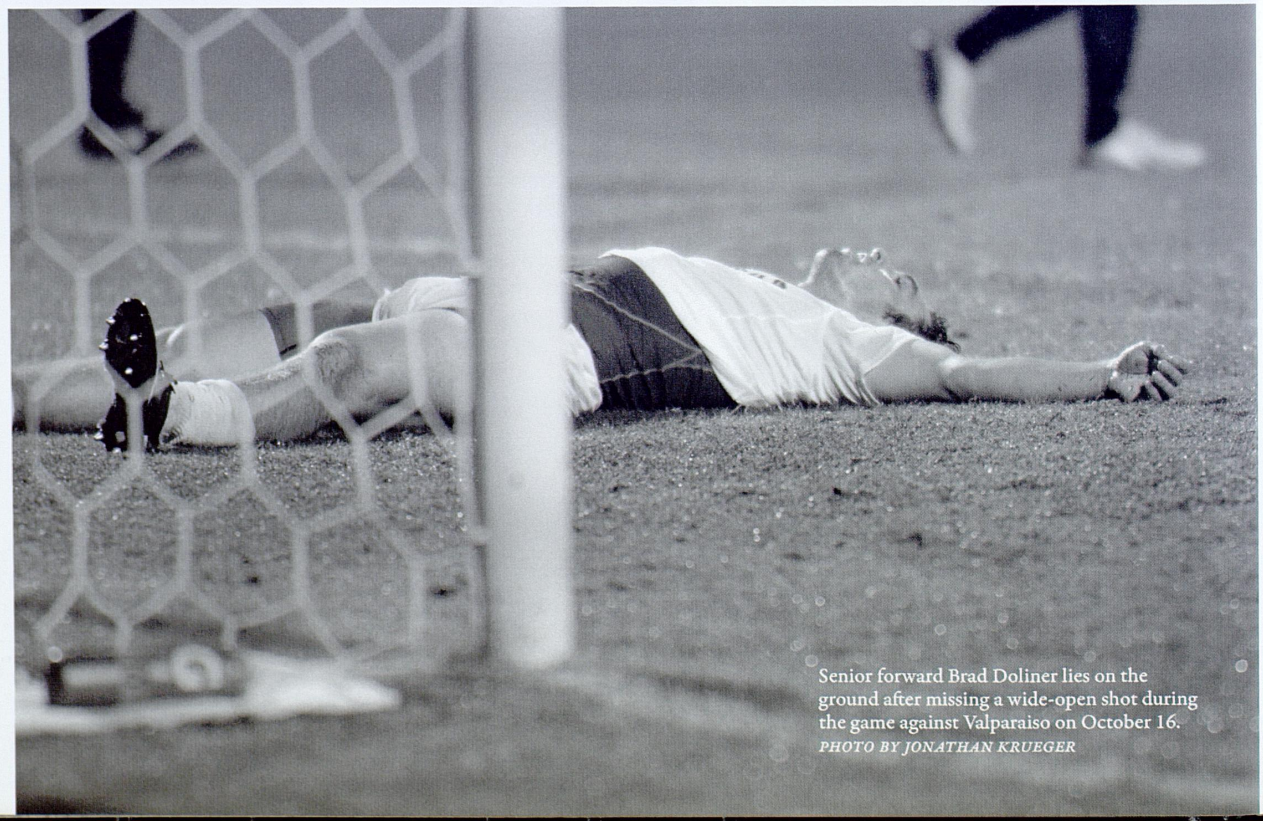
The Cats traveled back home to pick up a win against Indiana University-Purdue University Fort Wayne, but suffered a four-game losing streak after that.

That proved to be the norm for UK for the rest of the season as it would turn out an impressive win one game, and then have a stretch of mediocre losses.

Youth described the Cats in 2013. The team's roster had 14 freshmen and six upperclassmen on it. One freshman player who was impressive was Napo Matsoso. He started in all 20 games, amassing one goal and five assists on the year. He also played the second-most minutes on the team.

The Cats' most impressive wins on the year were when they faced Old Dominion University. In the teams' first meeting, UK pulled out a 2-1 overtime victory thanks to senior Brad Doliner's two-goal game. In the second meeting, the first round of the Conference USA Tournament, overtime was needed again for the Cats to beat the No. 24 Monarchs, 1-0. Junior Justin Laird scored the game-winning goal.

UK lost to the University of North Carolina at Charlotte in the semifinals of the C-USA Tournament, finishing the season 7-10-3 and missing the NCAA Tournament.



Senior forward Brad Doliner lies on the ground after missing a wide-open shot during the game against Valparaiso on October 16.
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Sophomore midfielder Isak Krogstad overtakes a Tulsa player during the game on October 23.
PHOTO BY JOEL REPOLEY

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HANDLING ADVERSITY

BY KEVIN ERPENBECK

08/23/2013-11/22/2013 — Last season, UK women's soccer won its first NCAA Tournament game in program history. This achievement was the first step in head coach Jon Lipsitz's plan to take the team to prominence.

The goal for the 2013 season: Take the next step.

After a rocky 0-1-1 start which included Lipsitz calling the team "uncoachable" and shaking up the lineup, the Cats rebounded with a seven-game win streak. The team began clicking on all cylinders, outscoring its nonconference opponents, 19-4.

This impressive run saw the emergence of juniors Stuart Pope and Arin Gilliland. Pope, a midfielder/forward, had eight goals and one assist during the streak. Gilliland, a forward, reeled in three goals and eight assists.

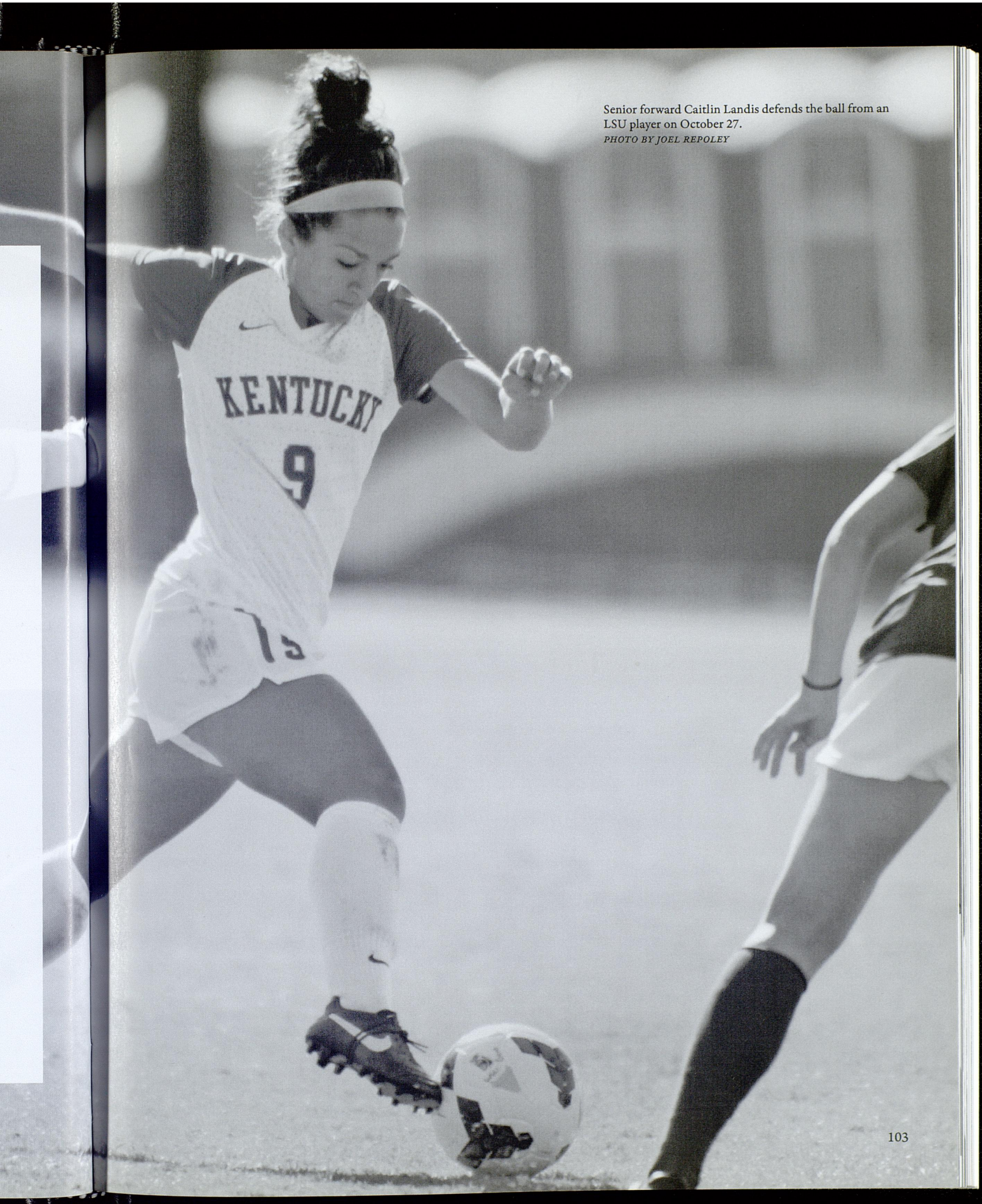
Lipsitz also made sure not to forget to mention his team's defense for the success, especially when he praised the work of senior goalkeeper Kayla King. The Louisville native was the leader of the defense during her junior year and became the overall team leader in her final season. With help from Lipsitz, King managed to teach UK's backline how to successfully play a stout defense. Sophomores Cara Ledman and Kelli Hubly were converted from their forward positions into defenders. They posting a goals-against stat of .571 during their seven-game win streak.

With the anticipation of SEC play approaching, Lipsitz knew the team was about to face a challenge. After having its win streak snapped by the University of Arkansas, UK immediately won four in a row. The grueling section of conference play was just beginning, however, as the Cats lost to the University of Florida. The team went 2-3 in the last five games of the regular season.

The tough stretch of games was felt even more so when the Cats lost Pope to a season-ending leg injury. Pope had 10 goals on the season when she tore her ACL and MCL in a home game against Louisiana State University. This loss of production called for Gilliland to take more responsibility than she already had. Senior forward Caitlin Landis and freshman forward Zoe Swift also saw their minutes increase. Landis previously played in games off the bench, while Swift's production included a hat-trick against Eastern Kentucky University earlier in the season.

After an early exit from the SEC Tournament at the hands of the University of Mississippi, UK went to its third NCAA Tournament appearance in as many years. After securing a 3-1 home victory over Ohio State University (a game in which Gilliland, Landis and Swift all scored), the Cats moved on to face the University of California, Los Angeles in the second round. A season removed from their 5-0 tournament loss at the hands of the Bruins, the Cats played better in the second matchup. It was not enough, however. UCLA ended UK's tournament run with a final score of 3-0.

Lipsitz said he was extremely proud of the way his team handled the season's adversities, finishing with a 14-7-1 record.



Senior forward Caitlin Landis defends the ball from an LSU player on October 27.
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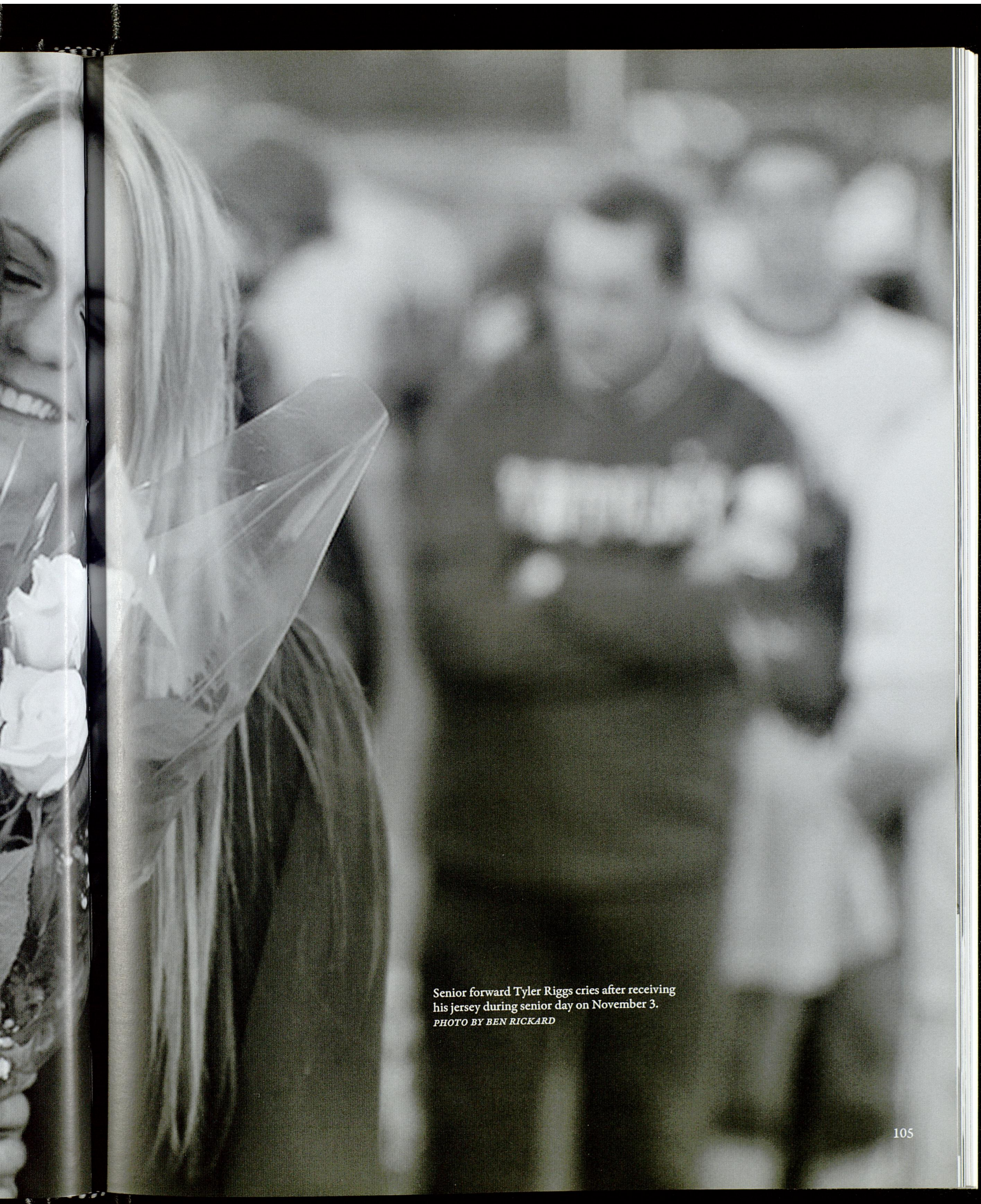

Senior forward Tyler Riggs cries after receiving his jersey during senior day on November 3.
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Senior Whitney Billings ended her UK career with the fourth most kills and digs in UK history.
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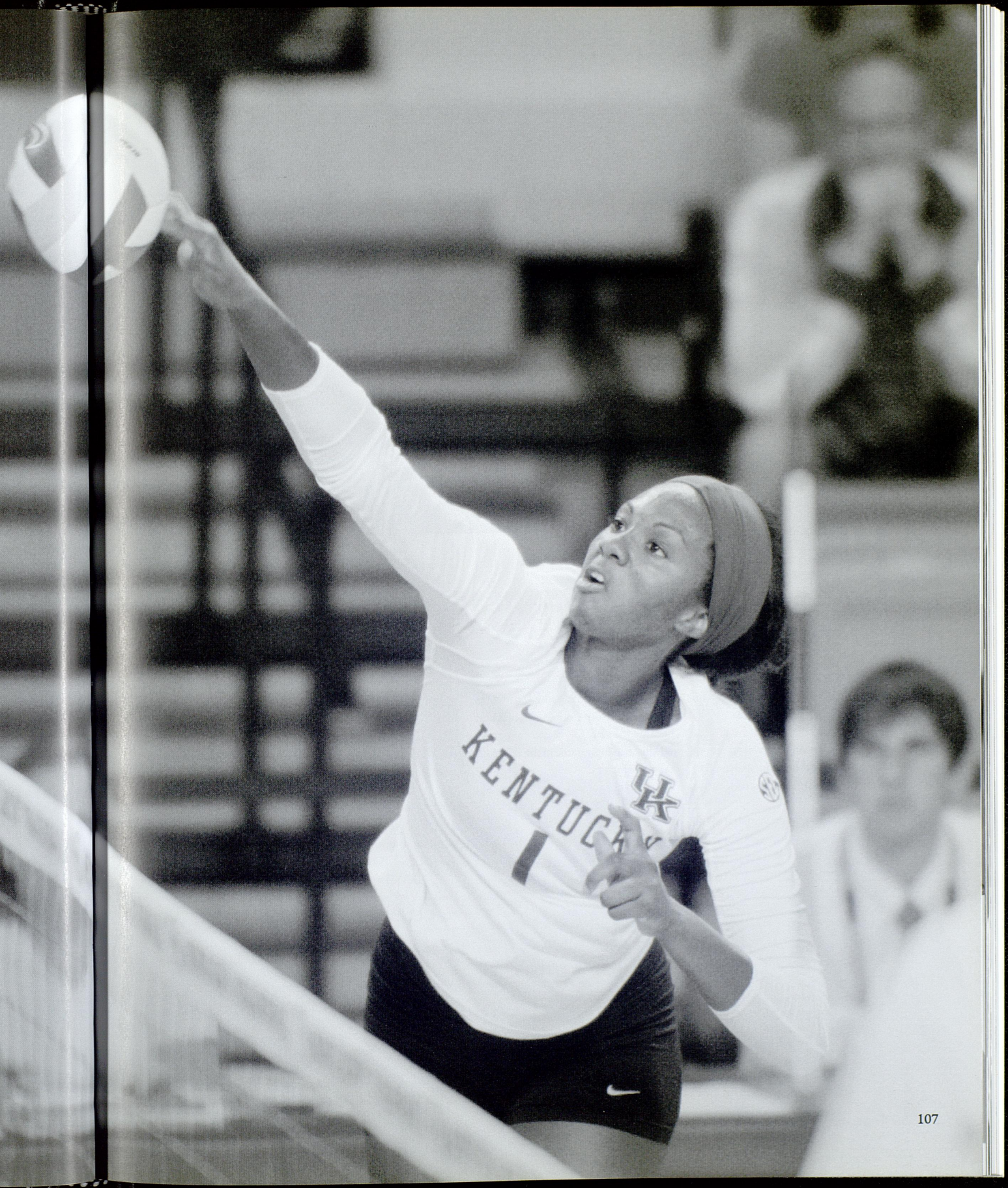
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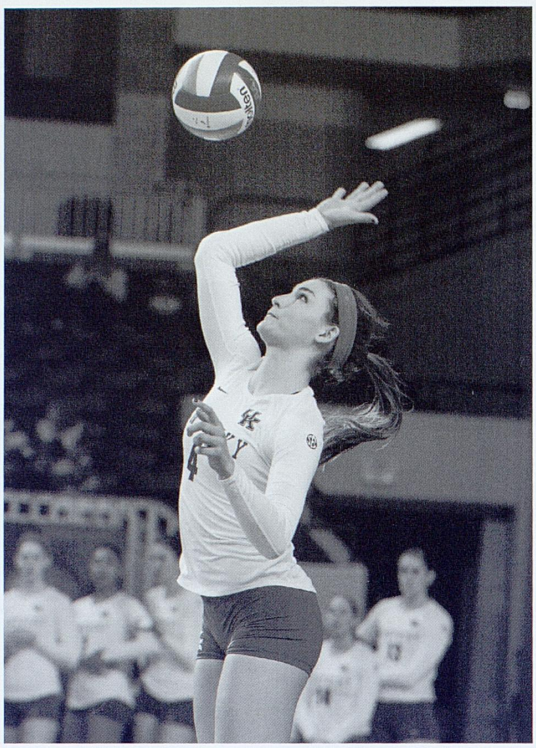


Freshman Anni Thomasson recorded four double-doubles during the season and became the only UK player to get 30 kills in a single game.
PHOTO BY ADAM PENNAVARIA

HIGH-FLYIN' CATS

BY KYLE ARENSDORF

08/30/2013-12/08/2013 — From an all-time mark set by an exceptional senior to an unprecedented showing from a standout freshman, UK volleyball put together a record-breaking season that resulted in its ninth-consecutive NCAA bid.

In the Cats' seventh match of the season, against in-state rival University of Louisville, senior Whitney Billings became the first player in program history to register 1,000 kills and 1,000 digs in the 25-point rally scoring era.

Billings concluded her career with the fourth most kills (1,393) and digs (1,242) in UK history and will start her professional career in a premier league in Puerto Rico.

Freshman Anni Thomasson got off to a blistering start to her career as she recorded four double-doubles and became the only UK player to register 30 kills in a single game in the 25-point rally scoring era.

Billings and senior Alexandra Morgan made the All-SEC team while Thomasson made the All-SEC freshman team.

Morgan finished second in program history among hitting percentage leaders with a .355 average and capped her career with an All-American nod.

Head coach Craig Skinner notched his 200th career win, all in nine seasons at UK, as the Cats swept the University of Mississippi in Oxford, Miss., on November 17.

Skinner reached the career milestone as UK won its 20th match of the season. The win marked the third consecutive 20-win season for the Cats and their sixth in the past seven seasons.

UK finished its season with a 22-9 record and earned the 15th seed in the NCAA Tournament after finishing the season ranked third in the SEC, behind Missouri and Florida.

After a first-round sweep of a hot Duquesne University, the Cats were ousted from the tournament by Michigan State University in the second round.

Jessi Greenberg and Desirre Wilkerson rounded out the group of four seniors who played their final match in a UK uniform.

Sophomore Morgan Bergren celebrates scoring a point during a win over in-state rival Morehead State University on September 23.
PHOTO BY ELEANOR HASKEN

INTO THE OUTFIELD

By Nick Gray

02/14/2014-03/12/2014 — UK baseball suffered through a disappointing 2013 season that morphed from a top-10 ranking to a first-round loss in the SEC Tournament and NCAA Tournament berth.

Head coach Gary Henderson and the Cats made sure that the first month of the season would look forward instead of backward.

UK started the season with a statement-making victory over No. 1 Virginia. Junior A.J. Reed, the only holdover from last season's weekend rotation, held the Cavaliers at bay in picking up the win.

UK surged through the rest of its first two weekends, with the only falters being a one-run loss to the University of North Carolina at Wilmington and an error-filled loss to the University of South Carolina Upstate.

When the Cats came home for the first time, the success continued. A big reason was Reed, who also plays first base and is the designated hitter when he pitches. As of March 12, Reed totaled eight home runs, which led the NCAA at that time. The offense as a whole was hitting .337 at the time while averaging over 10 runs per game.

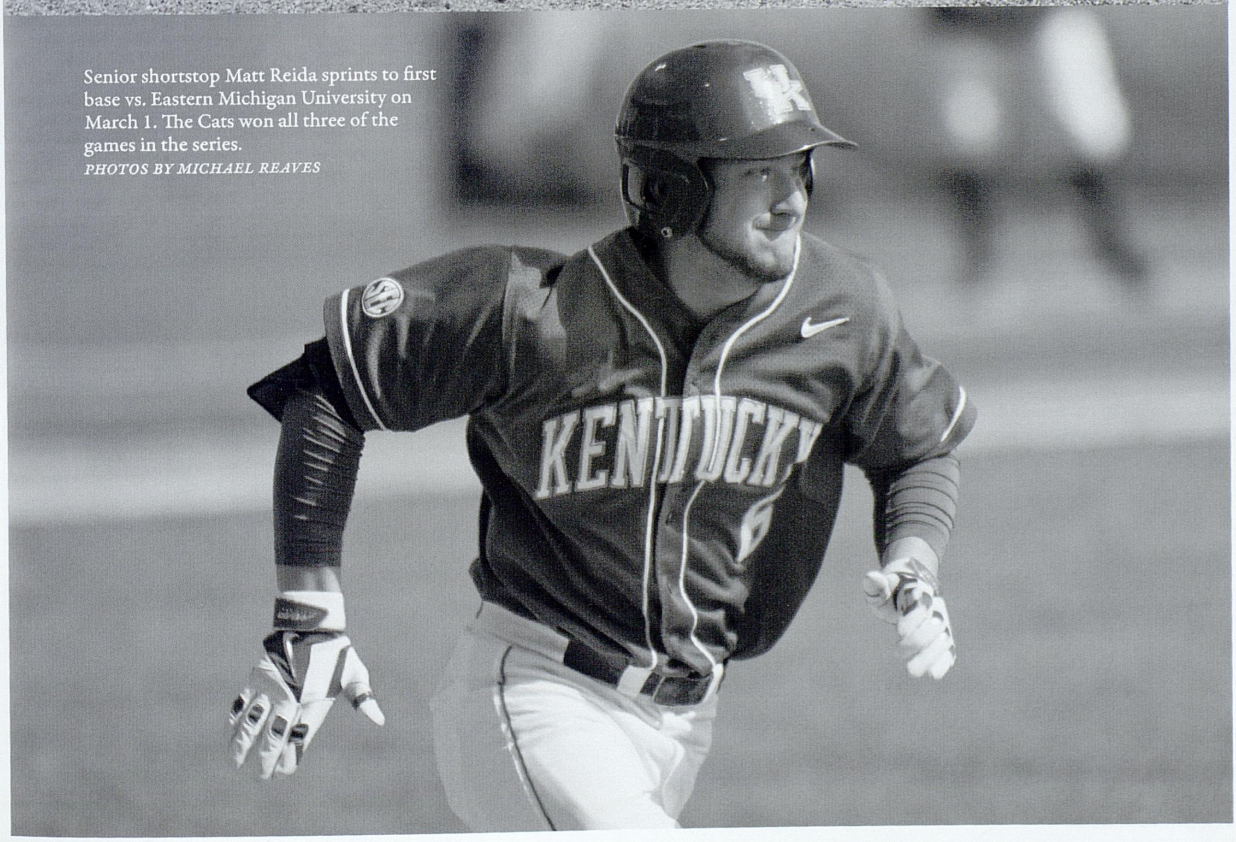
The final weekend series before SEC play saw UK struggle to hold onto the baseball in the final innings against Ball State University in the series opener in a loss.

The Cats blasted Ball State in the next two games, breaking the school record for runs in a three-game series.

With March and SEC conference play approaching, UK baseball put itself in a similar position to last year, with aspirations to finish with a long postseason run, not a single-game conference tournament defeat.

Sophomore outfielder Kyle Barrett celebrates with his teammates after hitting his first career home run vs. Wright State University on February 25, in a game that UK won, 7-1.

Junior outfielder Austin Cousino slides into first base vs. Wright State University on February 25.



Senior shortstop Matt Reida sprints to first base vs. Eastern Michigan University on March 1. The Cats won all three of the games in the series.

PHOTOS BY MICHAEL REAVES

HITTING A HOME RUN

By Nick Gray

02/16/2014-03/13/2014 — UK softball was stopped two wins short of the Women's College World Series last season, and began the 2014 season like a team ready to break through a barrier.

The Cats had their best start in program history, winning their first 12 games, including a 5-4 win in extra innings against preseason No. 2 Oklahoma.

Sophomore pitcher Kelsey Nunley and senior pitcher Lauren Cumbess were the key cogs in the hot start. The pair combined for six shutouts as of March 13 and helped UK compile an earned run average under 2.00 as a staff.

Junior catcher Griffin Joiner carried the offensive load through 22 games, hitting .383 with 23 hits, six home runs and 14 runs batted in. All were team highs.

The Cats had their first loses during a two-game day on February 22 against Kent State and Michigan in Boca Raton, Fla., losing 3-0 in each game.

UK's first weekend SEC series was a microcosm of the nonconference campaign — dominant pitching by Nunley. She shut out Mississippi State to begin and end the series, running her record to 7-1 with a 2.00 ERA.

Nunley and Cumbess started 17 of the Cats' first 18 games and would be given the ball as UK drove toward the 2014 Women's College World Series.

The UK women's softball team won its first 12 games, the best start in program history.
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Freshman Farah Sheikh performs a layback spin at the Lexington Ice Center on January 26.

PHOTO BY EMILY WUETCHER

FROZEN FEAT

BY ANNE HALLIWELL

01/29/2014 — She bent over the laptop screen, watching a 14-year-old version of herself glide across the ice.

Five years later, Farah Sheikh, a psychology freshman at UK, has grown in athleticism.

In August, her years of experience nabbed her the senior ladies title at the U.S. Collegiate Figure Skating Championship.

Although UK does not have a figure skating team, she said she wanted to represent the school she would be attending.

"Growing up in Lexington, I knew that UK has a lot of spirit for their athletes and I thought that it would be nice for them to have variety," she said.

But persistent foot injuries limited her ability to be on the ice for long stretches of time. Sheikh realized the collegiate championship would end her 16-year career.

"It was a struggle, but I had to pace myself," she said.

The pain forced her off the ice for several months before she began training for the championship. When she did begin training, she was forced to cut down the time she spent on the ice.

Now Sheikh skates recreationally at the Lexington Ice Center about three times a week. Sheikh always dreamed of making it to the U.S. Collegiate Nationals.

"I just knew that I wanted to end my skating on a high."

BLAZING PAST THE COMPETITION

BY JUSTIN CHARTRAND

08/30/2013-11/23/2014

— Rochester Hills, Mich., is the hometown of freshman guard James Young, a five-star basketball recruit who has impressed coaches and teammates during the regular season.

But Young is not necessarily the most notable UK athlete from Rochester Hills.

Cross-country senior Cally Macumber has won two races this season and finished in the top three in two others.

But prior to last season, head coach Edrick Floreal said he saw an unfinished student-athlete.

Floreal took the reigns of the cross-country program last year. Macumber was one of the many who Floreal and his coaching staff worked with to improve.

"I talked to her one-on-one before the season, talked about the expectations," Floreal said. "(She) had no idea what I expected from them academically and athletically."

"I think she was probably the one that had the least amount of clue of what it takes to be successful," Floreal said.

"Between the first day when I showed up last year and now, her biggest difference is just her confidence," said assistant coach Hakon DeVries, who has worked with Macumber on a day-to-day basis since he arrived with Floreal last season.

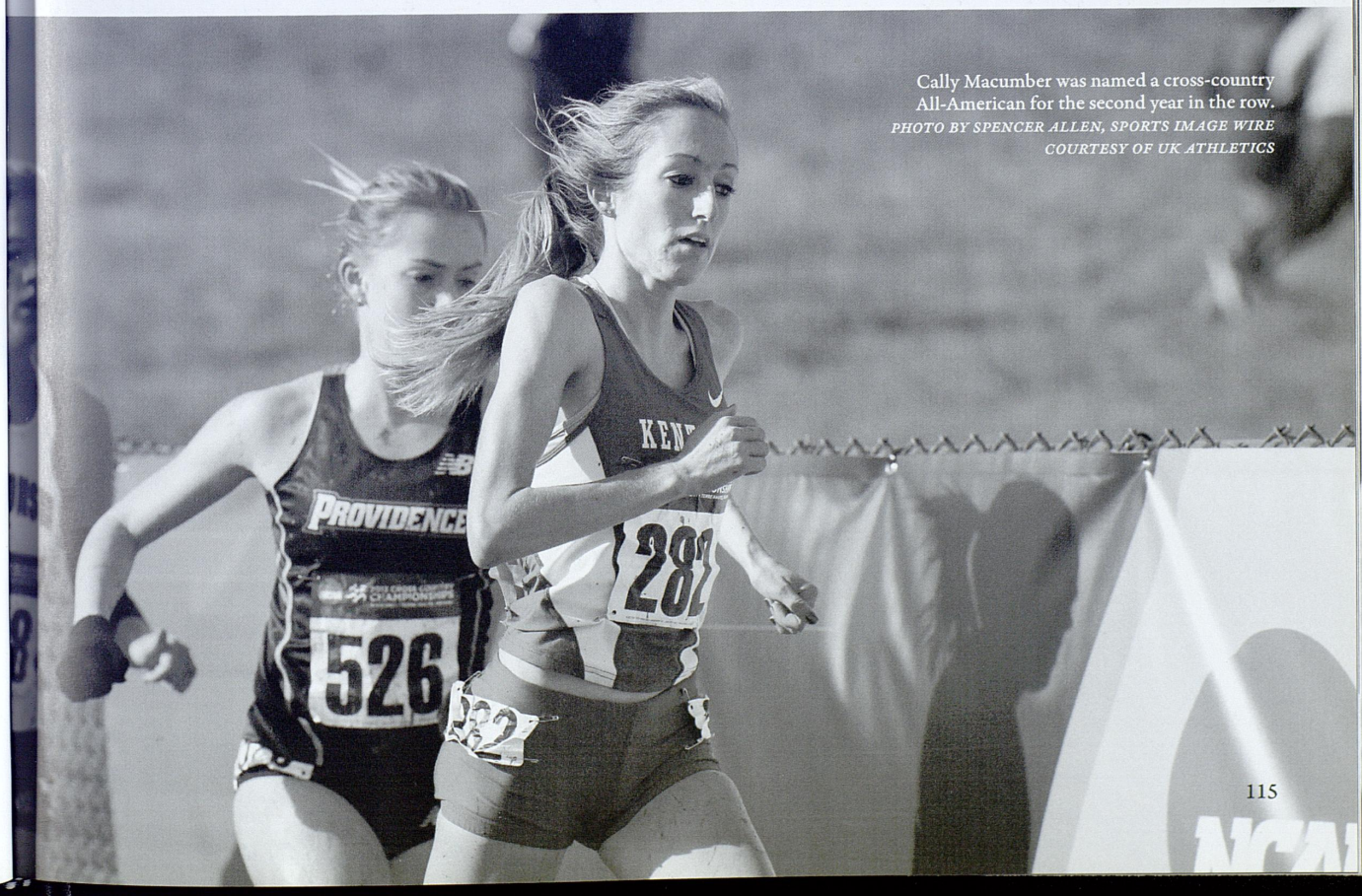
Macumber prospered with the new coaching staff and the new standards set before her.

Last season, she set a school record at the NCAA Championships in Louisville by finishing sixth place in the 6,000-meter run, with a time of 19:42.20. Macumber won the SEC championship in the same competition and earned First Team All-America honors.

"Practice by practice and race by race I have gotten more confident with myself," Macumber said.

This season, she earned All-America honors after winning two races — the Bluegrass Invitational and the Cowboy Jamboree — and finished in the top 10 in all other races except the NCAA Tournament, where she fell down during the race but managed a 13th-place finish, the highest-ranking UK runner.

"I just hope to improve ... it's my senior year," Macumber said in October, before the postseason. "I want to finish strong and be the best I can and make an impact."



Cally Macumber was named a cross-country All-American for the second year in the row.
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The national-champion UK cheerleaders perform at Big Blue Madness on October 18.
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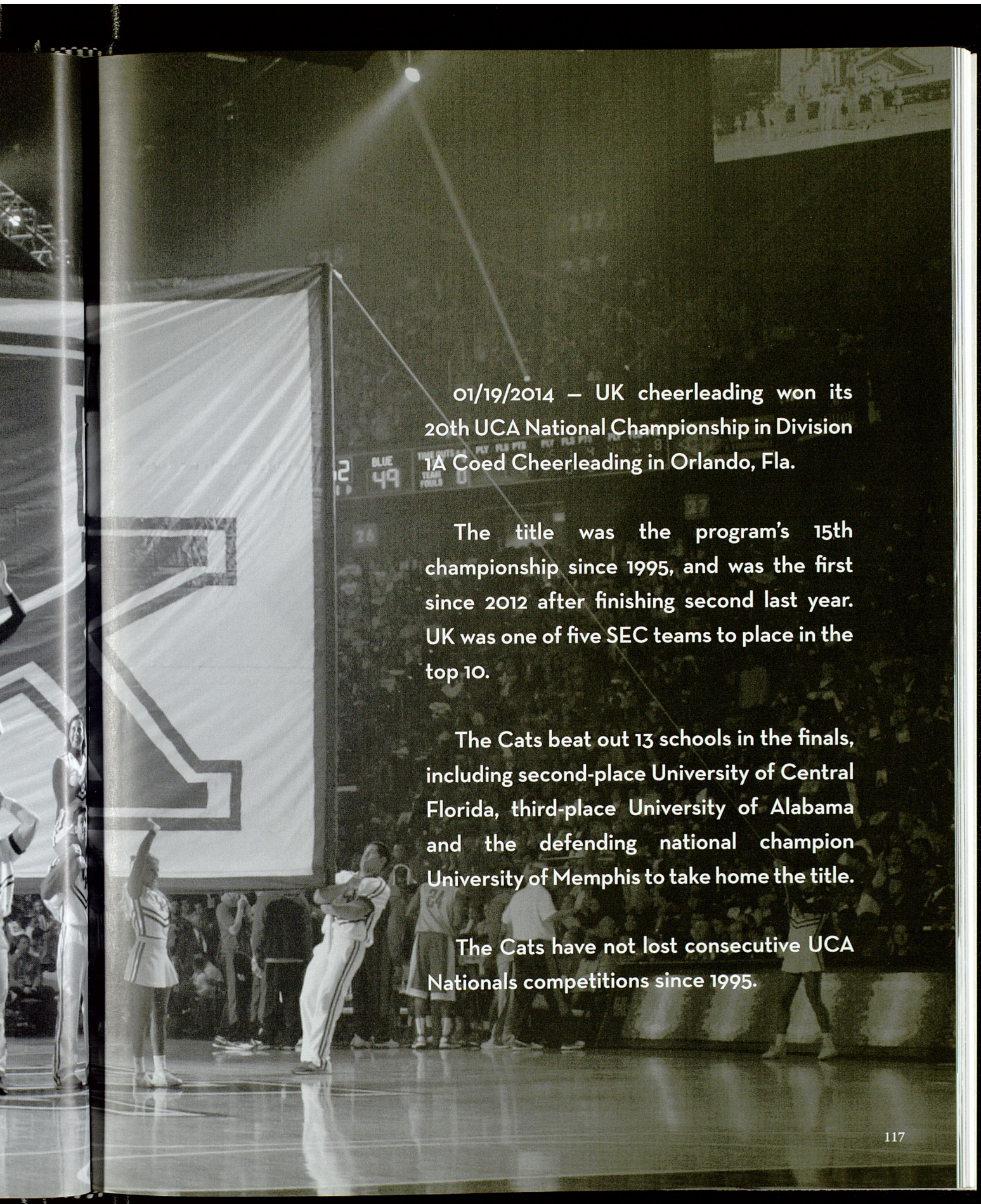


01/19/2014 — UK cheerleading won its 20th UCA National Championship in Division 1A Coed Cheerleading in Orlando, Fla.

The title was the program's 15th championship since 1995, and was the first since 2012 after finishing second last year. UK was one of five SEC teams to place in the top 10.

The Cats beat out 13 schools in the finals, including second-place University of Central Florida, third-place University of Alabama and the defending national champion University of Memphis to take home the title.

The Cats have not lost consecutive UCA Nationals competitions since 1995.

WATER PLAY

BY ANDREW ADKINS

11/15/2013 — Nick Chien believes water polo is the toughest, most grueling sport in the world.

Chien, a first-year medical student, is a player and coach for the UK water polo team.

The physical endurance needed to play water polo is something that Chien focuses on teaching as a coach, and he sees the combination of physical and mental exhaustion from both perspectives.

"Not only is it constant swimming, it is constant wrestling to get the ball away from opponents," Chien said. "That's why I've been forcing our players to do conditioning and drills."

After high school, he spent four years playing for the water polo club team at the University of California, Berkeley as an undergraduate student, where he also taught for two years while he played.

When Chien arrived in Lexington, he was eager to continue participating in his favorite sport.

"I got in contact ... and found out about practice and I saw that it was sort of like the team I coached in high school," Chien said. "There were people with no experience and others who had been playing for several years."

He contacted Skylar Trott, the president of the UK water polo team and a biology senior.

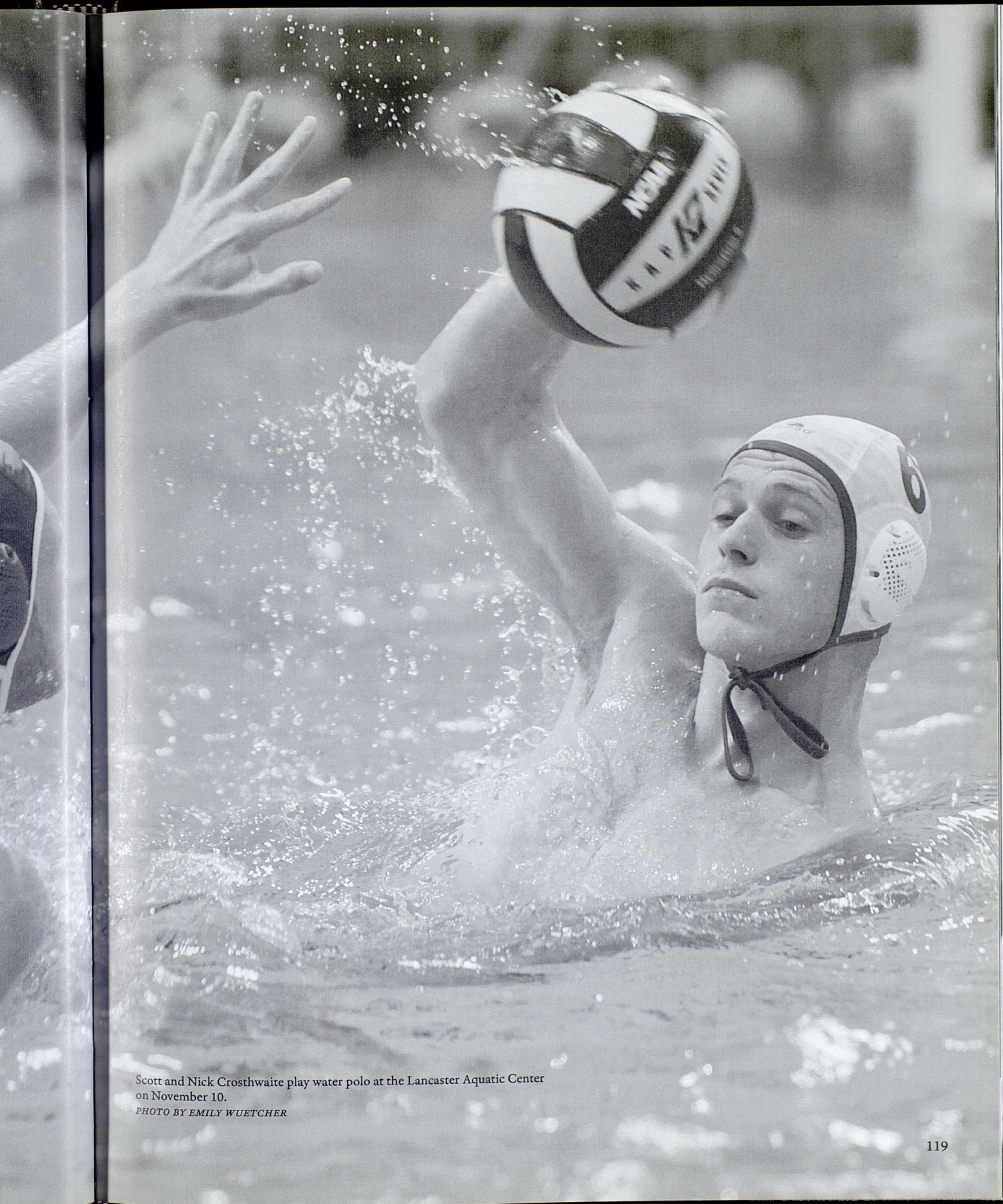
"I went to high school in Richmond, Ky., and never played water polo — I played baseball," Trott said. "I decided to give it a shot."

As team president, Trott said he has many responsibilities.

"I do paperwork, I set up the tournaments and games," Trott said. "I even used to do some coaching until Nick got here."

The UK water polo team now has about 25 members, and Chien believes it will continue to grow in popularity and competitiveness.

"People around here probably see water polo and think, 'What the heck is that?'" Chien said. "But the sport is definitely growing. It's a mix of soccer and basketball, the way the ball moves, but it's so fast-paced and so demanding."



Scott and Nick Crosthwaite play water polo at the Lancaster Aquatic Center on November 10.
PHOTO BY EMILY WUETCHER

A WHOLE NEW RUPP

BY NICK GRAY

03/06/2014 — The number and placement of student seats for UK basketball games could change with renovations to Rupp Arena.

The final designs for the $310 million arena project were released at a news conference on February 10 at the Lexington Center.

DeWayne Peevy, UK's deputy athletic director, said university leaders have discussed the possibility of changing student seating.

Under the plan, all seats in the arena would have chairbacks, which would likely decrease the amount of seats that would fit in the upper level, said project consultant Stan Harvey.

The current student ticket allotment includes five complete sections and parts of three sections in the upper level behind the basket closest to the UK bench.

No final decision had been made on the future of student seating, Peevy said.

"We all want to get to the point where we have more, better seats," he said. "Whether we reduce overall capacity or anything like that, that hasn't been a discussion point at this point."

Moving student seating or enlarging the eRUPPtion Zone are among the options for the student section, Peevy said.

Plans include a new scoreboard, luxury boxes and a "transparent skin" exterior, said Robert Mankin, a partner with NBBJ, an architecture firm working on the renovation project. NBBJ is teaming up with EOP, a local architecture firm, for the project.

Fans inside the building concourses would be able to see out into downtown Lexington through the new exterior. Fans outside the building would be able to see into the concourses, creating a connection between the arena and the rest of downtown, Mankin said.

Architects plan to recreate the creek that once ran through downtown Lexington, called Town Branch Creek. The creek would wind through the new arena district.

A walkway for students from campus to Rupp Arena is also planned, according to a city news release.

UK spokesman Jay Blanton said in March that the university, "as primary tenants" of the building, approved of the new design of Rupp Arena.

Gov. Steve Beshear and Mayor Jim Gray also announced a financing proposal during the February press conference.

The renovations would be financed partly by a long-term lease agreement between the city, which owns Rupp Arena, and UK, which was confirmed by the university in March.

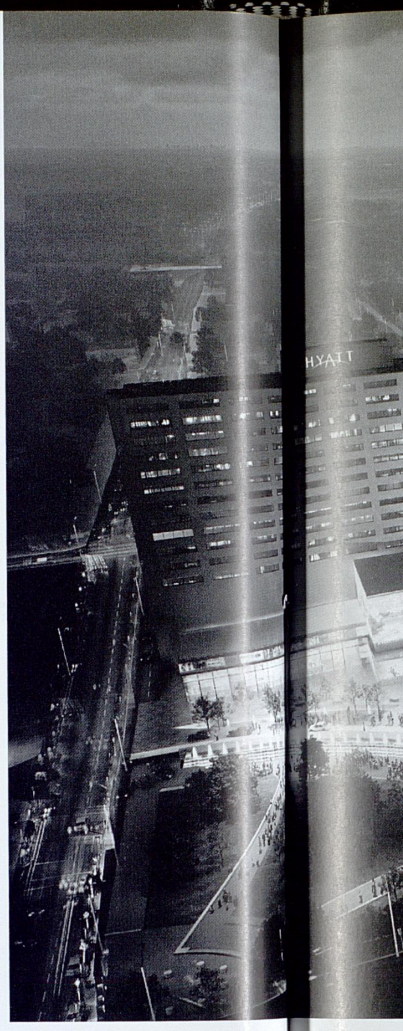
Peevy said the length of UK's relationship with the city and the arena gave the university some flexibility in negotiating the best financial deal possible.

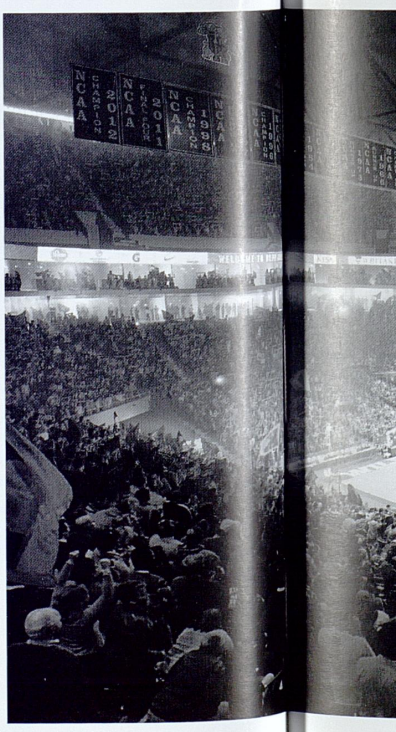
Gray said the university's success goes hand-in-hand with the city's success.

"Kids want to go to a place where there's a vibrant urban experience," Gray said. "So that gives us a good reason to work together on an ambitious and aspirational project like this."

The proposed renovations for Rupp Arena have $1.5 million set aside in the state budget that was agreed upon by a special committee on March 30.

The figure was significantly less than the $65 million that was detailed in Gov. Steve Beshear's initial budget proposal in February.





Designs released February 10 depict the interior bowl of Rupp Arena and a revamped exterior. The renovations would be complete in fall 2017 if funding goals are reached.

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Freshman forward Julius Randle makes his first apperance before 24,000 fans at Big Blue Madness.

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BIG BLUE MADNESS

BY NICK GRAY

10/18/2013 — Freshman center Dakari Johnson and sophomore forward Willie Cauley-Stein jumped for the tip-off while a large suspended video screen rotated more than 50 feet in the air above them. Special lights brought in lit the court for the occasion.

The 2013 version of Big Blue Madness featured plenty of flair. Fans added to the atmosphere during a video before head coach John Calipari was introduced, showing flashing blue and white lights from the smartphone app Wham City Lights.

In all, more than $400,000 was spent on the production, UK Athletics spokesman John Hayden said.

Between the UK Hoops scrimmage and Calipari's speech, a flurry of recruits and their families walked onto the Rupp Arena sidelines while 24,000 fans gave the high school players a standing ovation.

Calipari began by applauding the UK faithful, then described the makings of a good player.

"You have to be tough, not just physically, but mentally. You have to wake up ready to beat your best time, to practice your hardest each and every day," he said.

"Our biggest opponent? Ourselves. At Kentucky, we are competing against ourselves every day. We can't let the strain and spotlight of this program affect you."

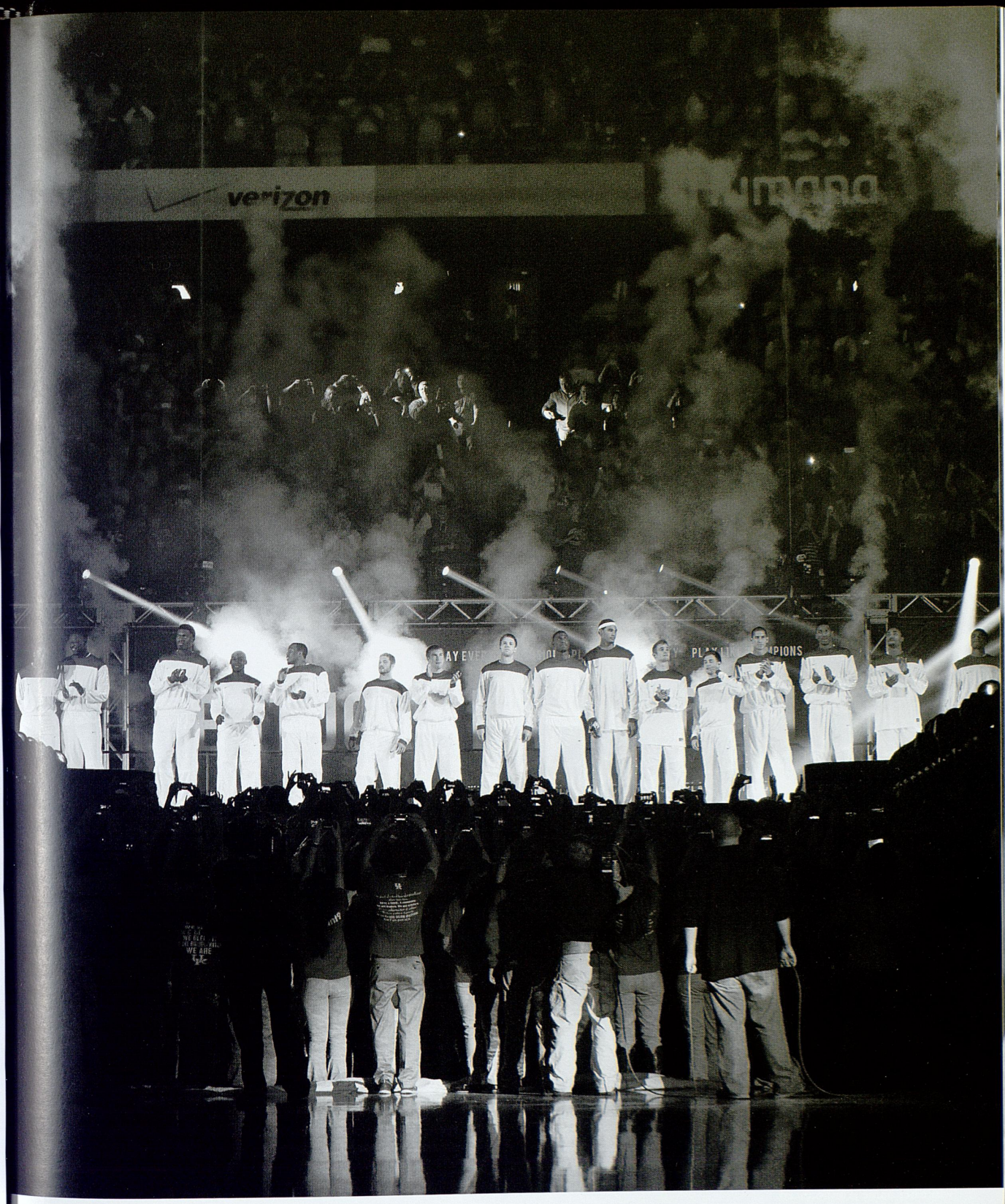
He then shifted from today's players to tomorrow's.

"We are the place to help you achieve your dreams. We don't just play college basketball, we are college basketball," Calipari said. "They need to be prepared not just to play against great players, but to play alongside great players."

The flair continued after Calipari's oration, as the players were introduced. Senior guard Jarrod Polson was first, sporting a glow-in-the-dark blue flashing warm-up suit and holding up a basketball as he rose from one extended end of the stage.

Each player followed suit, until twin freshman guards Aaron and Andrew Harrison were introduced together, on seperate ends of the stage.

When the players made their way onto the court for the scrimmage, freshman forward Julius Randle excelled, scoring 14 points and handling the basketball several times on fast-break opportunities.



The 2013-14 UK men's basketball team was introduced in an atmosphere with plenty of flair at Big Blue Madness.
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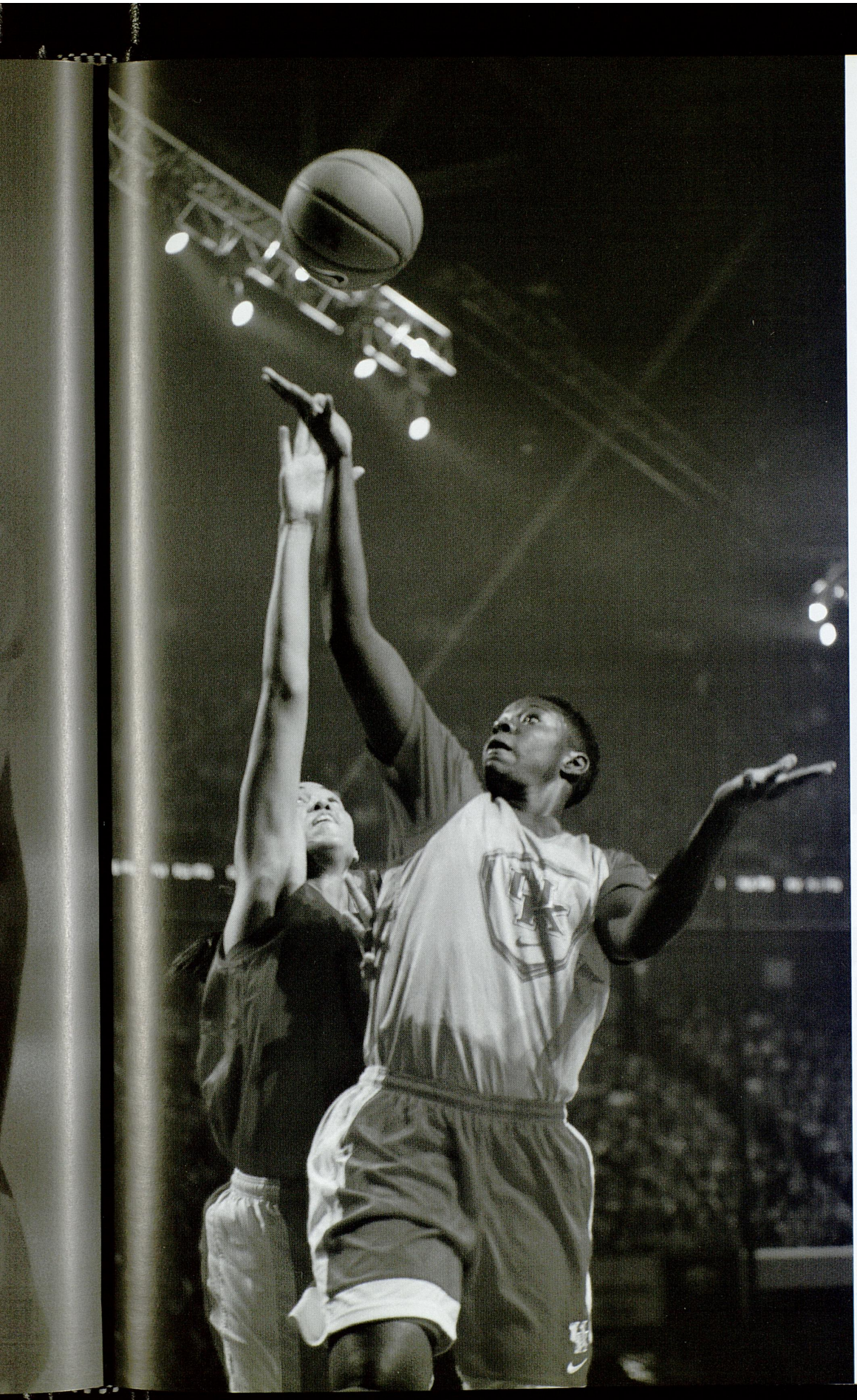
Senior forward DeNesha Stallworth dances while her name is announced.



Senior forward Samarie Walker is challenged by junior forward Jelleah Sidney as she attempts a layup during Big Blue Madness.

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UK guard Jennifer O'Neill scored a record 43 points in the four-overtime game vs. Baylor.

INSTANT CLASSIC

BY TYLER SPANYER

12/06/2013 — At UK, men's basketball is king.

But one night in December, it was the women's team that took the national stage with a thrilling 133-130 four-overtime victory over the No. 9 Baylor University Bears.

The game was always going to be interesting with two top-10 teams facing off in AT&T Stadium, an edifice that seats more than 90,000 people, but when you add that it was the highest-scoring game in women's college basketball history, you get an instant classic.

The game saw everything a college basketball fan could hope for. There were a combined 80 fouls and 112 free throws in a game that had been drastically changed by the new hand-check rules implemented in the offseason. The Bears even had to use an injured player in order to keep five players on the floor.

If you think about the two stars in the game, junior guard Jennifer O'Neill of UK and senior guard Odyssey Sims of Baylor both wear the No. 0, and if you take just their score lines you have a score of 47-43. In some cases, this would be the final score.

Both schools broke program

UK Hoops won the longest game ever played by a women's basketball team, beating Baylor 133-130.

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records for scoring, and O'Neill broke UK's single-game scoring record with her 43-point performance. She scored 33 of those points after halftime, and shot a school-record 31 times in the win.

The game had its ups and downs and included a chance at the end for a depleted Baylor squad to send the game to a fifth overtime. The game not only garnered national attention but brought to light the excitement of women's college basketball.

The game also completely overshadowed the men's game that followed. One word sums the game up better than others: classic.

Senior forward Samarie Walker celebrates with head coach Matthew Mitchell's daughter, Saylor, 3, after defeating Bradley, 117-77, on November 27.

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Junior guard Jennifer O'Neill shoots in the Hoops game vs. Lipscomb, which UK won, 116-49, on November 21.

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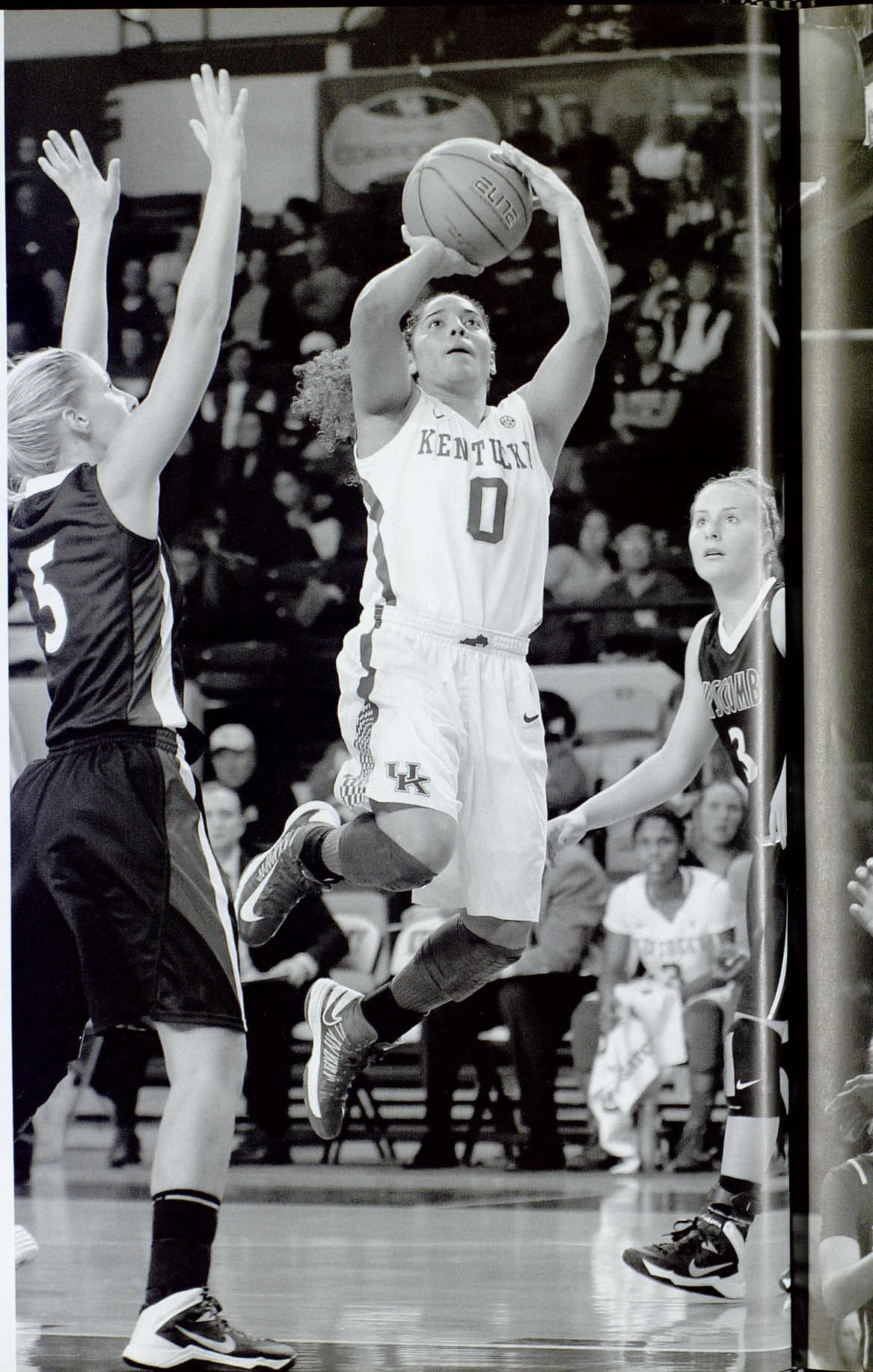

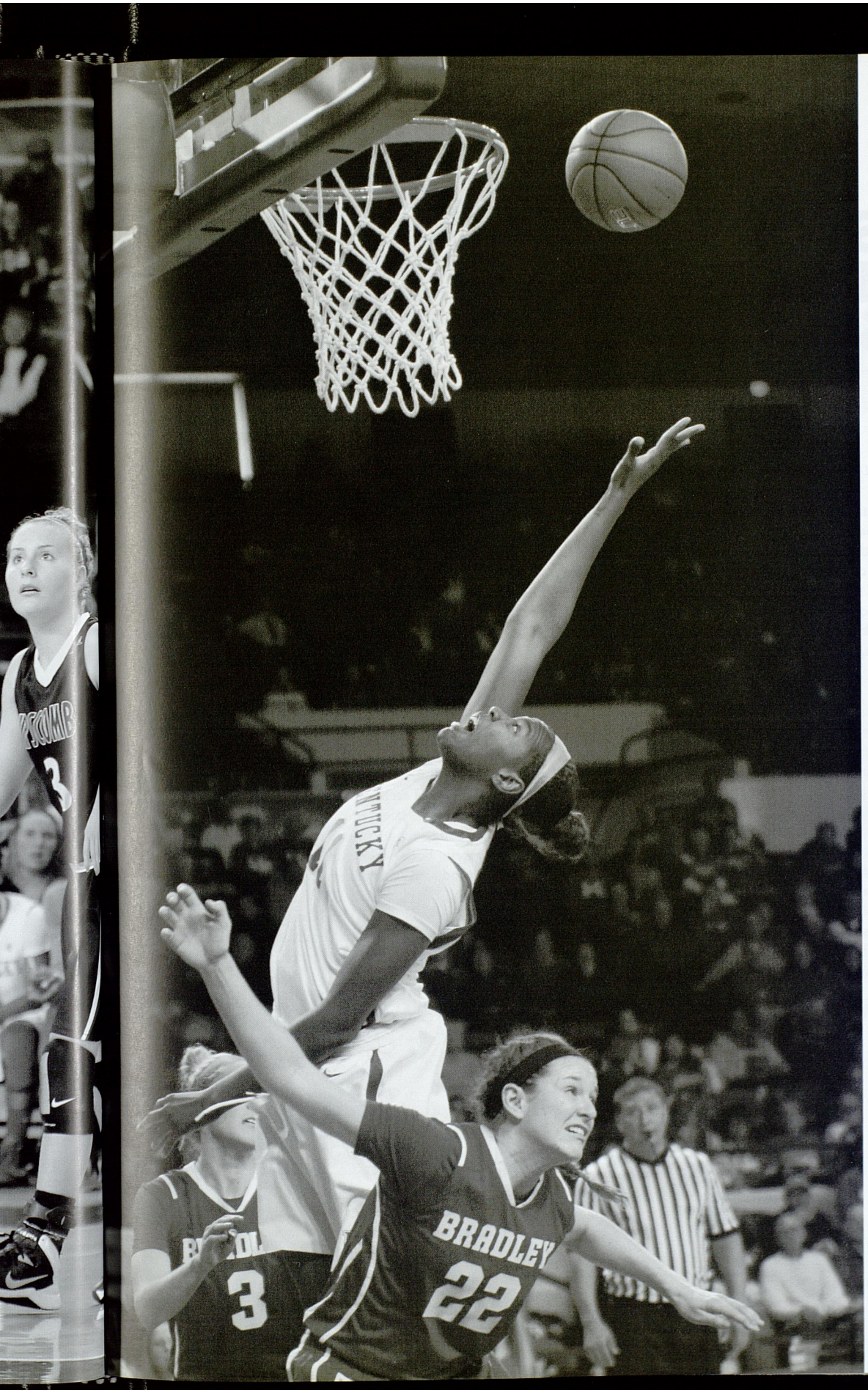

Senior forward DeNesha Stallworth goes for the ball in the November 27 game where UK dominated Bradley, 117-77.

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HISTORY REPEATS ITSELF

BY DAVID SCHUH

03/02/2014 — UK forward Julius Randle has drawn many comparisons throughout his first year in college basketball.

Most of them are to NBA players. But his closest comparison happens to be a former Cat as well.

Terrence Jones, now with the Houston Rockets, played two seasons in Lexington from 2010-12. His first season played out much like Randle's.

The stats are similar, but how they were reached is not.

Randle is more of a traditional "power" forward. He gets the majority of his points in the paint and from the free-throw line.

Jones, on other hand, arrived at UK with an expanded skill set. He was efficient on the perimeter, playing in transition and from outside the 3-point line.

But it isn't so much about their methods as much as their individual value to their team.

They had played on similar teams, ones that began with high expectations yet struggled to win close games for much of the year.

Similarities begin with their versatility. Both players can guard multiple positions. As athletic combo forwards, Jones and Randle excel in pick-and-roll defense, which masks defensive mistakes at other positions.

And despite the perception that Jones checked out for games at a time in his UK career, he was actually quite consistent during his freshman year.

Regardless of the games you isolate, Jones excelled at a consistent rate.

And to match, Randle's freshman season is comparable.

Much like Jones, Randle's statistics waver little in any way they are split.

Randle will be viewed as a better pro prospect than Jones was. He plays harder for longer stretches, giving a perception that he will have a more consistent pro career.

Jones, though, has excelled in the NBA. With 49 starts in 54 games, he averaged 11.6 points and 7.1 rebounds per game. He immediately showed how his versatility in college translated to the next level.

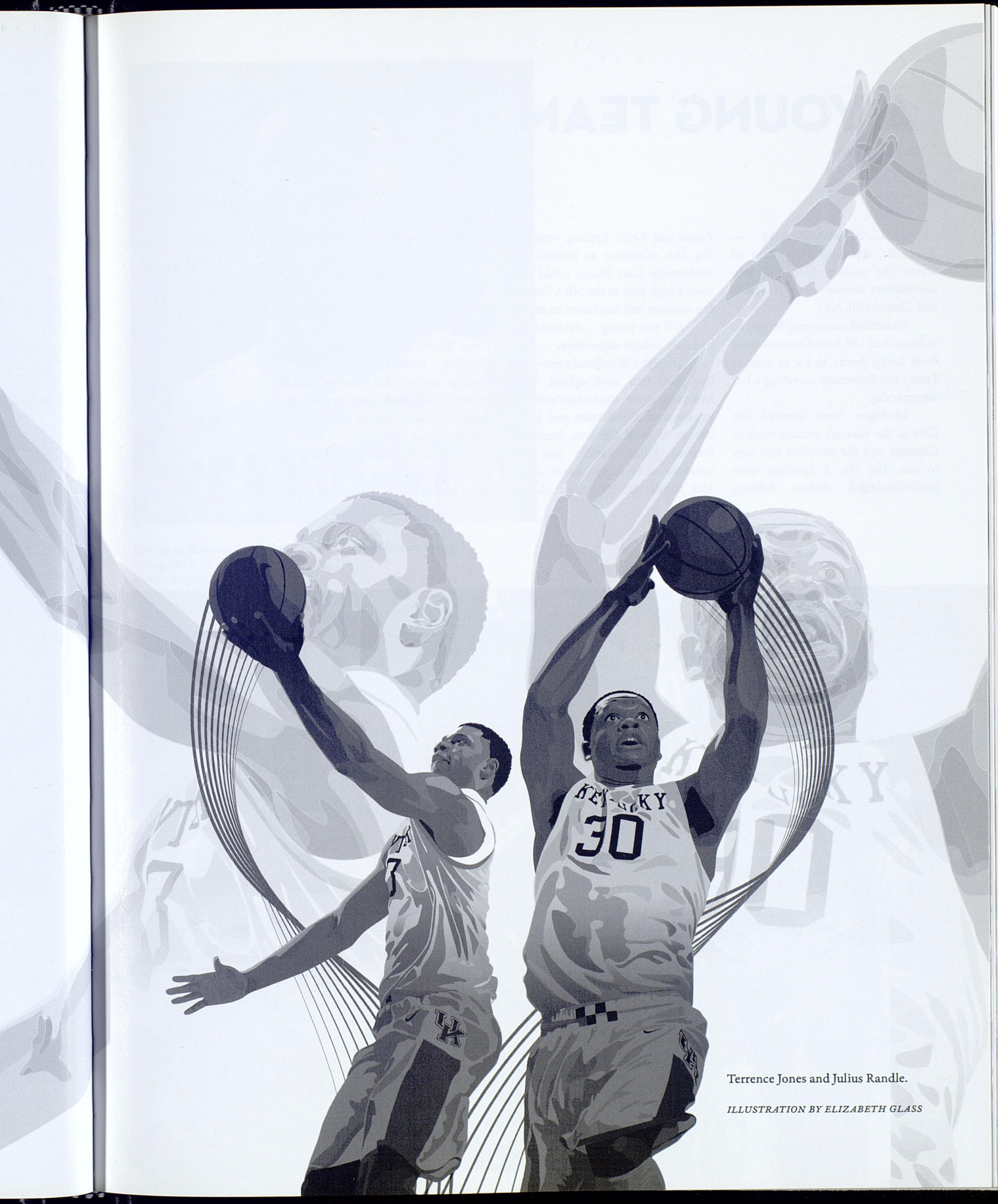
Randle will be the same way. In the next few years, his outside jumper will get smoother.

And when he parlays that with such a strong inside presence, he will become a skilled NBA forward.

But at UK, the two players mirrored each other in many ways.

As talented freshmen on young, inconsistent teams, they were both stabilizing forces that produced each and every night.

Lucky for UK, Randle's production helped the Cats get all the way to the Final Four, just as Jones did in his freshman season.



Terrence Jones and Julius Randle.

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A YOUNG TEAM

BY NICK GRAY

11/12/2013-03/08/2014 — The Cats' schedule took them all across the eastern U.S. and into competitive locales such as Dallas and Chapel Hill, N.C.

Basketball games may be played indoors, but UK found success away from Rupp Arena to be as easy as Frosty the Snowman surviving a hot summer day.

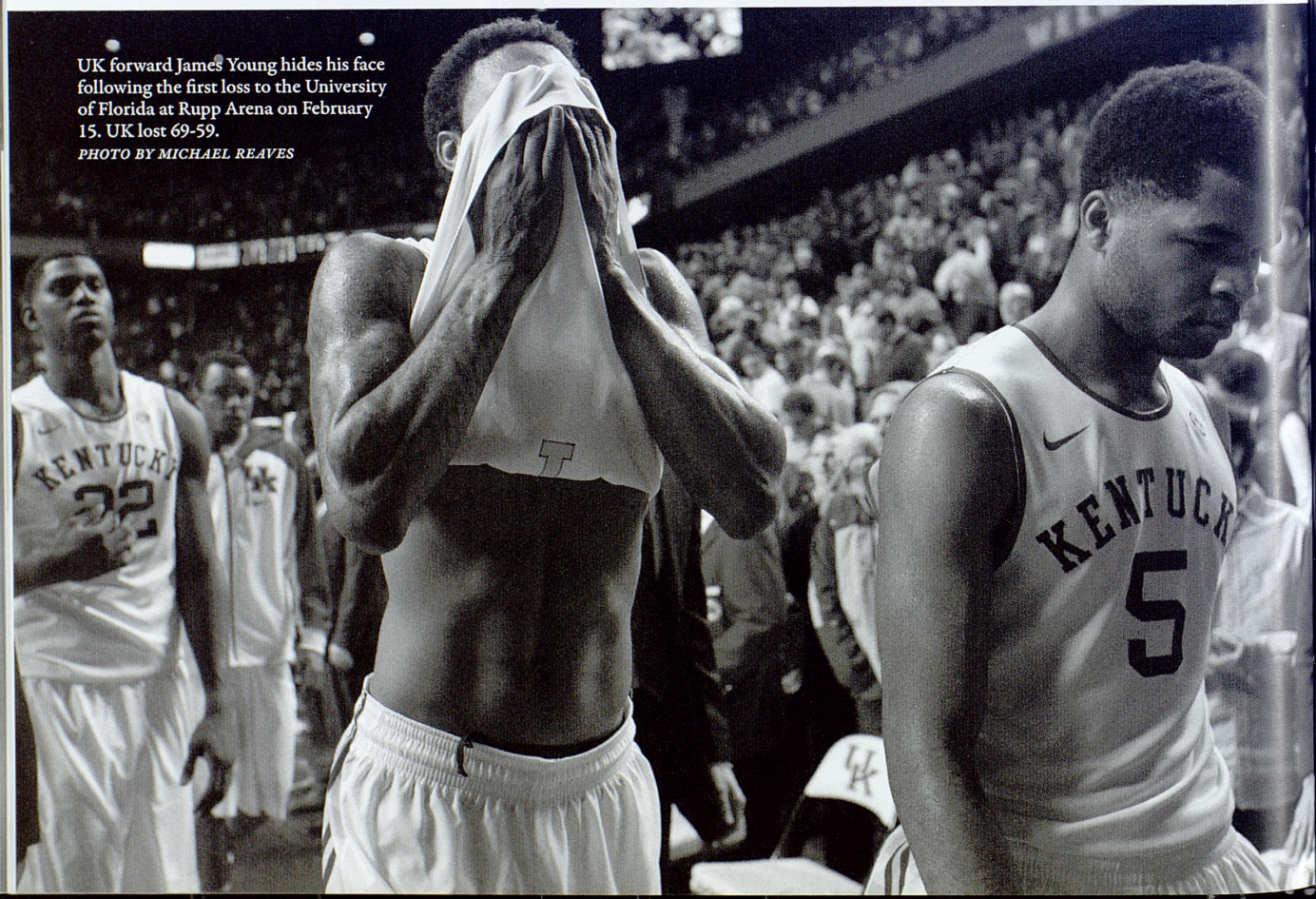
Michigan State awaited the Cats in the season's second week in Chicago, and the storyline was easy to see. The No. 2 Spartans were battle-hardened, seniors Adreian Payne and Keith Appling were All-Big Ten selections as juniors, and sophomore Gary Harris could have been a high pick in the NBA Draft in the summer had he chosen to enter.

UK was young — talented, but had little college experience.

Though UK suffered a five-point loss, Cats fans were upbeat. Their freshmen went toe-to-toe with an experienced Top-3 team and had a chance to steal the win. Freshman forward Julius Randle also was someone to be happy about — his 15.1 points and 10.7 rebounds was the best performance by a UK player all year.

But concern peaked in December. The talented young Cats struggled to finish games in Dallas against Baylor University and in the Dean Smith Center against North Carolina. Instead of building a resume against the nonconference schedule, nonconference opponents were using wins against the Cats to help their own cases.

UK was undefeated at home in the last week of the calendar year. Wins against Belmont and Cleveland



UK forward James Young hides his face following the first loss to the University of Florida at Rupp Arena on February 15. UK lost 69-59.
PHOTO BY MICHAEL REAVES

Freshman forward Julius Randle was a star performer for UK in 2013-14.
PHOTO BY JONATHAN KRUEGER

State had Cats fans nibbling on their fingernails while the rest of the home slate provided easy victories. UK did not face a ranked opponent at home until December 28 and still lacked a resume-building victory.

The defending national champions were in town and ready to spoil the Cats' home-court advantage. Rupp Arena was going to be boisterous no matter what the program was, but Louisville made the game exponentially more important to both Cats fans and the team.

Once again, UK found itself trying to find the right answer to the questions asked throughout the first two months of the season about finishing off ranked teams in the closing minutes.

This version of soul-searching for the Cats came without freshman forward Julius Randle, who sat out a large amount of the second half with cramps.

Without Randle, the Cats defeated Louisville, 73-66, through play from several players in a team effort.

The victory was UK's first in four tries against ranked opponents and its fifth win against Louisville in six tries dating back to 2010.

The regular-season win against Louisville bolstered the Cats going into conference play in what had been nationally thought of as one of the weakest major conferences in the country.

As UK continued to find out, perception is one thing, and reality is another.

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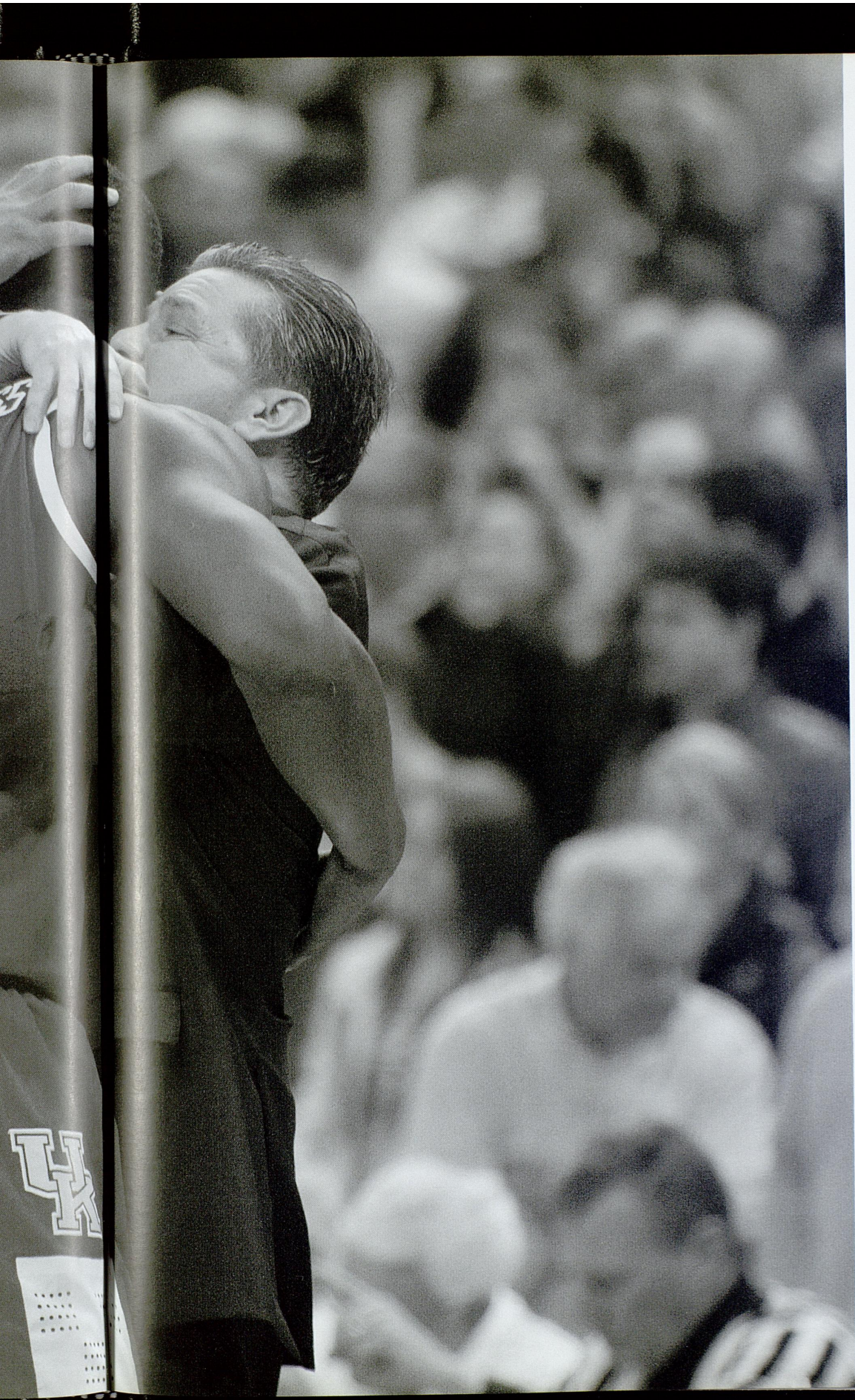

Head coach John Calipari hugs sophomore forward Alex Poythress after UK's 84-79 road win over Missouri on Feburary 1.

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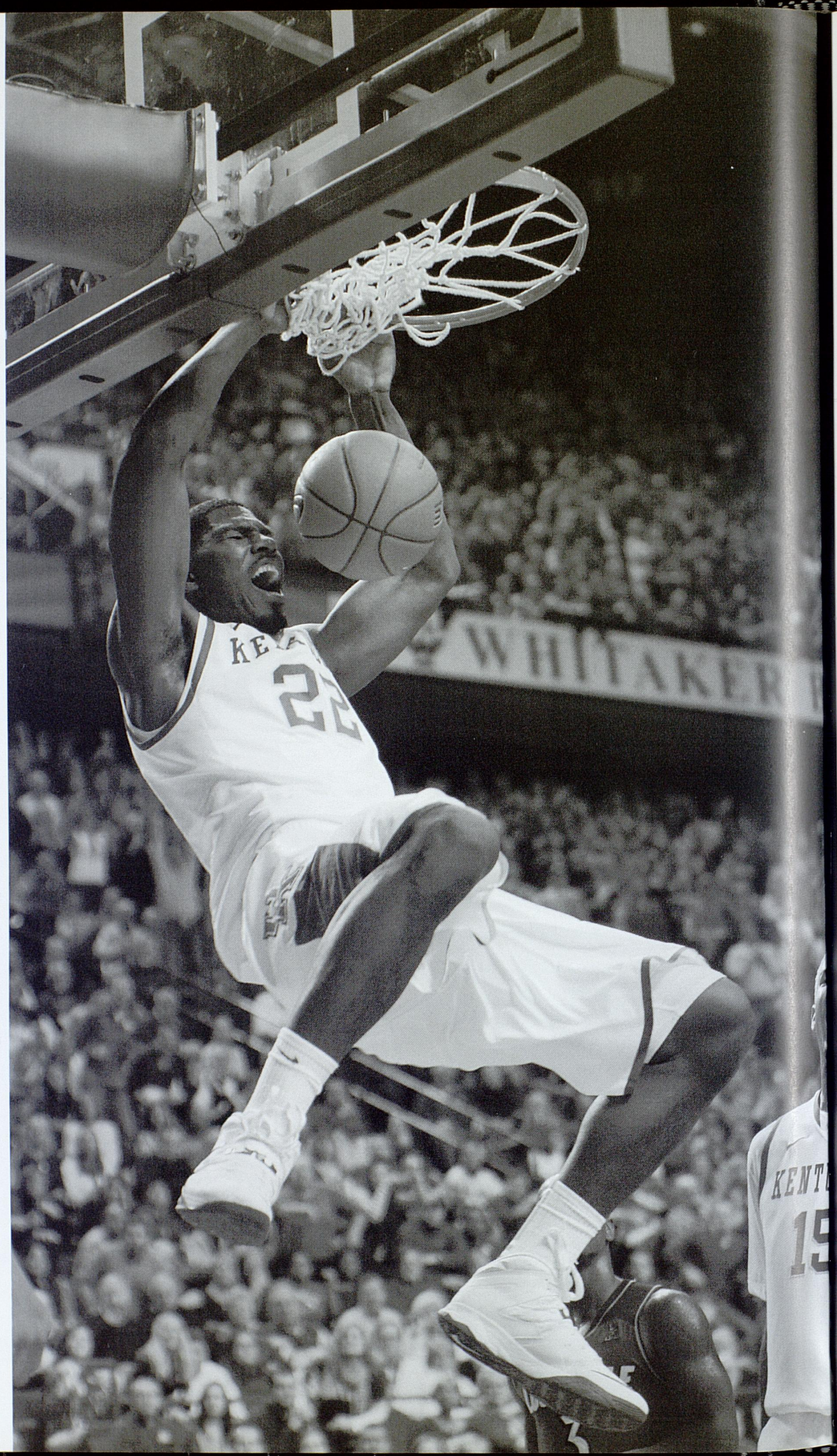

Against in-state rival Louisville on December 28, sophomore forward Alex Poythress dunks for two of his seven points. UK won, 73-66.

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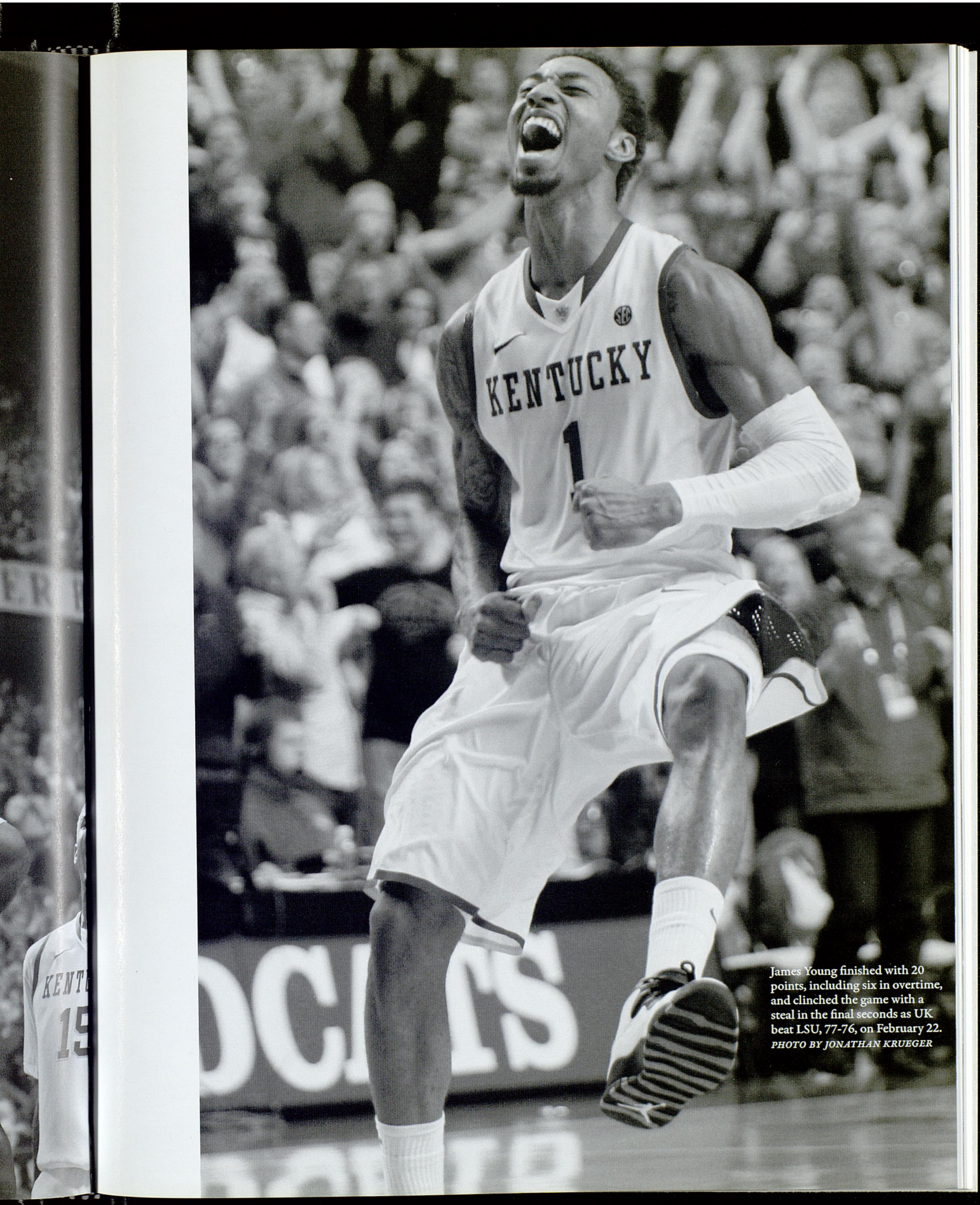

James Young finished with 20 points, including six in overtime, and clinched the game with a steal in the final seconds as UK beat LSU, 77-76, on February 22.
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TROUBLE IN CONFERENCE PLAY

BY TYLER SPANYER

After starting the year with 11 straight wins, the Cats rolled into SEC play as a top-10 team with high expectations.

The Cats had to play their first SEC game without senior forward DeNesha Stallworth, who missed the last four nonconference games with a knee injury.

They rolled through Alabama to start, but ran into an experienced Florida team that beat them, 83-73, in Lexington.

"The Florida game was the start of the problems," UK head coach Matthew Mitchell said. "We just came out with no energy and it was like we were playing not to lose."

The Cats then ran into eventual regular-season SEC champion South Carolina, which beat them, 68-59, for their first losing streak of the year. UK rebounded, beating Missouri and Auburn, but those were its last consecutive wins for more than a month.

As the calendar moved to February, the Cats continued to slide, dropping as low as eighth in the SEC standings and dropping to 5-5 in conference play, a disappointment considering UK was picked to finish second behind Tennessee.

As the Cats hit the home stretch, they got a huge boost as Stallworth returned to form to help them get their first win in Knoxville since 1985. The win set them up for a stretch run toward a first-round bye in the SEC Tournament.

"I'm back," said Stallworth after the win over Vanderbilt. "I am just glad to be helping my team again."

The Cats won five of their last six games, with their only loss coming to No. 5 South Carolina. Despite the loss, UK clinched the No. 4 seed, earning a first-round bye for the fifth straight season.

UK finished the conference schedule 10-6.

Freshman guard Linnae Harper fights a Tennessee player for the ball during the SEC Tournament championship game on March 9. UK lost to Tennessee, 71-70, in the last seconds of the game.

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A SEASON UNFULFILLED

BY TYLER SPANYER

03/29/14 — After a long and grueling regular season and a disappointing loss in the SEC Tournament championship game, UK Hoops set its sights on a possible berth in its first-ever Final Four. But the Cats lost to Baylor University in the Sweet 16, ending their tournament run.

After almost two weeks off, the No. 3-seeded Cats used big games from junior guard Jennifer O'Neill and senior forward Samarie Walker to roll past the No. 14-seeded Raiders of Wright State University, 106-60, in the first round of the Women's NCAA Tournament. The 106 points are a program record for an NCAA Tournament game.

UK broke an NCAA Tournament record with 67 rebounds against an undersized Wright State team. The Cats outrebounded the Raiders by 27. O'Neill finished with 21 points, including 4-of-4 from behind the arc. It was her seventh game scoring 20-plus points this season. Walker, who recorded a double-double in the first half, finished with 12 points and 14 rebounds in the win.

The Cats defeated No. 6-seed Syracuse, 64-59, in a nail-biter in Memorial Coliseum, advancing to their third consecutive Sweet 16 for the first time in program history.

The Cats forced the Orange into 23 turnovers, just one shy of their season high, while only turning the ball over 15 times themselves. One of those turnovers was a steal by sophomore guard Janee Thompson with just 44 seconds to play and UK up, 63-57.

Junior guard Bria Goss scored 10 points in the second half, including nine at the free-throw line, going 11-12 in the game. Goss would finish with a game-high 17 points and six rebounds.

The Cats' lack of offense and sloppy defense led to a big halftime deficit that was impossible to overcome as the Baylor Bears eliminated UK Hoops from the NCAA Tournament with a 90-72 loss.

Freshman guard Linnae Harper scored 12 of her 14 points in the second half, most of which came in a 12-7 UK run that brought the Cats as close as 13, but a big 3-pointer by Baylor junior guard Makenzie Robertson with the shot clock winding down was the ultimate dagger.

UK was led by Stallworth, who scored 19 points and grabbed eight boards in her final collegiate game. She ended her career along with guard Kastine Evans, guard Bernisha Pinkett and Walker.

UK's Linnae Harper enters the game for the final time as the Cats fell to Baylor, 90-72, in the Sweet Sixteen on March 29. Harper scored 14 points during the game.
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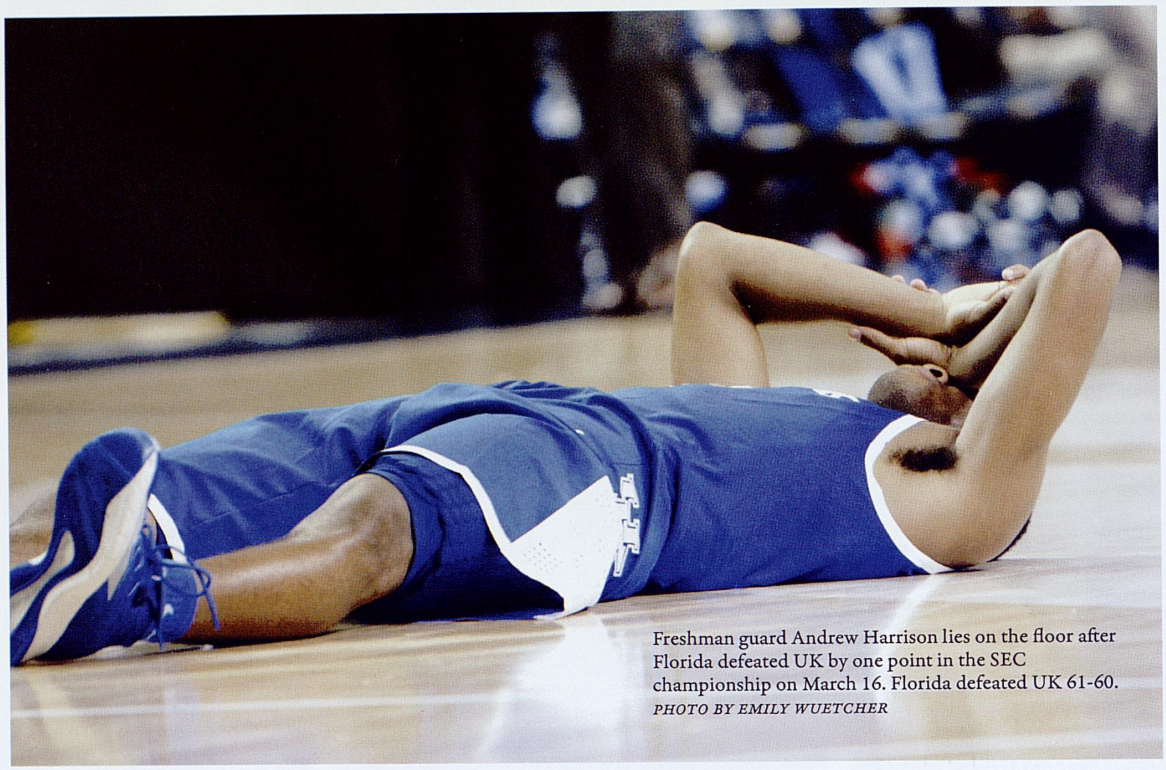
Head coach Matthew Mitchell looks on late in the second half during the Sweet Sixteen tournament game.



Freshman guard Andrew Harrison lies on the floor after Florida defeated UK by one point in the SEC championship on March 16. Florida defeated UK 61-60.
PHOTO BY EMILY WUETCHER

ONE POINT AWAY

BY NICK GRAY

03/16/2014 — In Charles Dickens' "A Christmas Carol," Jacob Marley's ghost told Ebenezer Scrooge about his three ghosts.

UK only had one ghost this season, but it bit the cats for the third time in the SEC Tournament finals on March 16.

Florida's 15-point lead was sliced to one, but UK freshman guard James Young slipped on the final possession to give the Gators their third win over the Cats this season and the SEC Tournament title, 61-60.

The Gators led 54-39 in the middle of the second half when UK went on a 21-7 run to finish the game. Florida missed the front end of two one-and-one attempts, and the Cats controlled the ball when head coach John Calipari called a timeout.

"As soon as I called it, I was angry because I don't call timeouts (usually in that situation)," Calipari said. "Now you're playing against a set defense. (The Gators' defense) were spread out and scrambling."

UK freshman guard Andrew Harrison took the ball and handed it to Young around a screen, but young slipped and fell. The ball rolled toward Florida's bench, where the celebration commenced.

John Calipari teased a new wrinkle in the offense, calling it a "tweak," earlier in the week. The notable difference — planned or unplanned — was more inside-out passing on drives, especially by Andrew Harrison, who dished out a season-high eight assists along with 11 points.

At the start of the SEC Tournament, a tweak was all UK needed to get out of its funk.

The Cats' modified offense lifted them through a first-half deficit and led them over Louisiana State University in the 85-67 SEC Tournament quarterfinal victory.

"Andrew Harrison pushed the ball. That's how we want him to play," Calipari said.

Andrew Harrison's passing was not only evident in his assists total. He took four shots total, which was half of his season average. As a team, UK had 15 assists, which was the team's second-most in conference play.

The Cats pulled away from a scrappy University of Georgia in the second half to win the SEC Tournament semifinals, 70-58, with the same reliance on their guards as in the previous game.

Freshman guard Aaron Harrison had 22 points on 7-of-10 shooting. His 3-point attempts, seven in all, fell precisely into Georgia head coach Mark Fox's game plan. But his four made 3-pointers did not.

"One of the things we banked on today is that (UK) wouldn't shoot the three well, and they made shots," Fox said. "That's the difference in the game."

Though UK did not finish the deal in Atlanta, it had one more shot to exorcise all of its demons.

Freshman guard Aaron Harrison scored 22 points, 12 of which were 3-pointers, against Florida in the SEC Tournament.
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Senior guard Jon Hood sits alone in the locker room after UK's loss to UConn in the National Championship on April 7. It was his final game after five years on the team.
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AN UNEXPECTED RUN

BY NICK GRAY

ARLINGTON, Texas — UK hardly looked like an NCAA Tournament team in the first week of March, much less a team that could make a run to the Final Four.

But UK made a historic run to the national championship game. The Cats did not win the championship, but they did prove that their preseason expectations were not far-fetched.

The transformation began in the Round of 32 game against 1-seed Wichita State.

The Cats and the Shockers dueled each other to the tune of 14 lead changes. The combination of UK freshmen and the Shockers' empty final possession helped the Cats earn a nail-biting 78-76 win in St. Louis.

"This was a great joy in seeing a group of young men come together and start figuring this out," UK head coach John Calipari said. "I was really proud of our guys hanging in there and fighting. They never gave up."

Five days later, the 2013 national champion, Louisville, had UK in position to be sent home and finish another cycle of one-and-dones and high expectations.

This crop of freshman Cats was not ready to put the 2013-14 season to rest.

UK's comeback tale continued as the Cats stole a Sweet 16 game from their in-state rival and earned a bid to the Elite Eight. The Cats beat the the Cardinals, 74-69.

"I told them before the game, you'll get punched in the mouth and you're going to taste blood. You're going to fight or brace yourself for the next shot," Calipari said. "They fought."

Julius Randle passed to an open Aaron Harrison in the corner, who drained a 3-pointer and moved UK into the driver's seat, leading 70-68.

"Shooting the ball, you're not guaranteed that it's going in," Harrison said. "But it felt pretty good leaving my hands."

Aaron Harrison was at it again vs. Michigan. His go-ahead 3-pointer with 2.6 seconds left completed UK's improbable march to the Final Four. The Cats won 75-72.

"You can't be afraid to miss," Calipari said about Harrison's mindset. "If (he does) miss, I'm making the next one, and I will shoot the next one. That's where he is right now."

It happened again against Wisconsin.

The shot, another 3-pointer, came with 5.7 seconds to play and gave the Cats a 74-73 victory in the second Final Four game, sending them to a matchup with UConn.

Similar to the Cats' prior four games, a large first-half deficit was no match by the time the second half began. UK kept cutting into the Huskies' lead, but did not have one last run to finish the deal.

The Cats lost 60-54 over UConn in the National Championship game in AT&T Stadium, with the same NCAA Tournament script. It did not produce the same fruitful ending.

That differs from the Cats' final minutes of the previous four games in the tournament, where Aaron Harrison and James Young hit 3-pointers to lift UK to the lead.

But on Monday, the shots of the past were just that — history.

Fans in Lexington celebrated UK's 74-73 win over 2-seed Wisconsin on State Street on April 5.
PHOTO BY MICHAEL REAVES

UK beat 2-seed Michigan, 75-72, in the Elite Eight in Indianapolis on March 30.
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Freshman forward Julius Randle and freshman center Dakari Johnson hug after beating undefeated Wichita State by two points in the third round of the NCAA Tournament.
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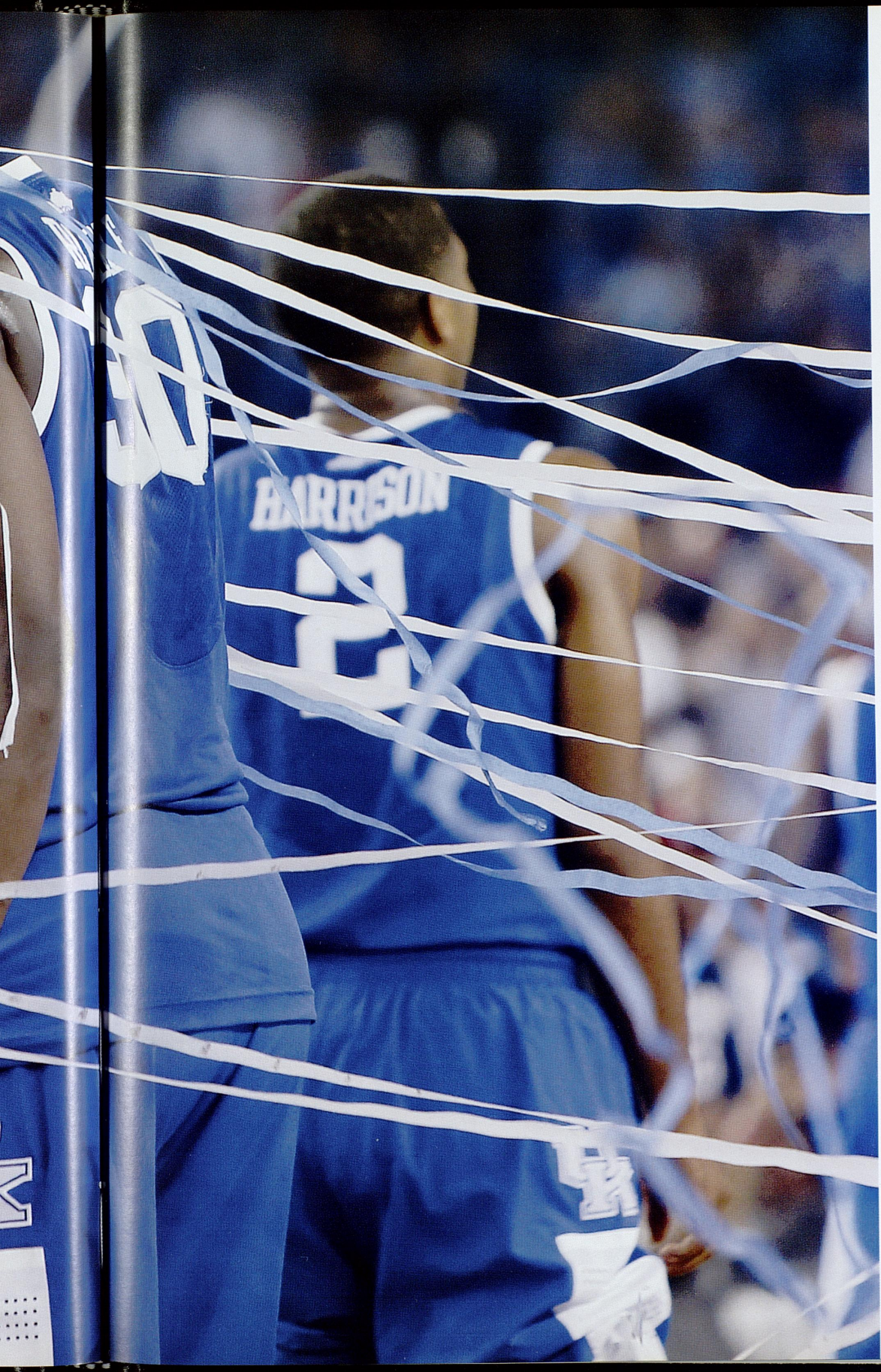

Julius Randle leaves the court after UK lost to UConn, 60-54, in the National Championship game on April 7. The Cats and fans were hoping for a ninth UK national title, but UConn pulled away in the game's final minutes to win in Arlington, Texas.
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UK beat 2-seed Wisconsin, 74-73, in the Final Four game, sending the Cats to compete in the National Championship.
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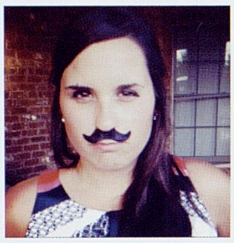

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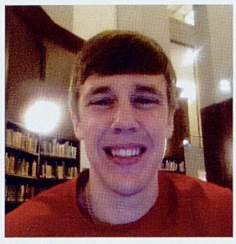

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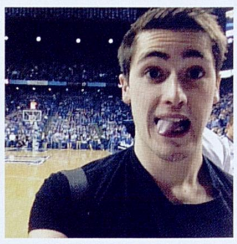

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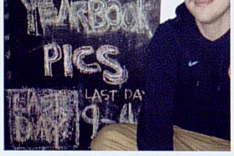

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From the Editor

UK, it has been a wild ride.

I am honored to be able to say that my last year at UK was spent putting together this yearbook.

And what a year this has been.

From the announcement of a brand new Rupp to the destruction of classic dorms, this has been a year of much change at UK. *The Kentuckian* serves as a time capsule of this year.

Nothing will be the same for our school after the end of this academic year. We'll have more people in attendance and more intense battles for the best seat in class (whatever is closest to the wall outlet).

But it is important to remember that no matter how many NCAA titles we win or accolades we receive, UK will always be the best Kentucky has to offer.

Those who helped assemble this book put more time in than they did studying for finals. We hope the possible failing grades are redeemed in the greatness of this publication.

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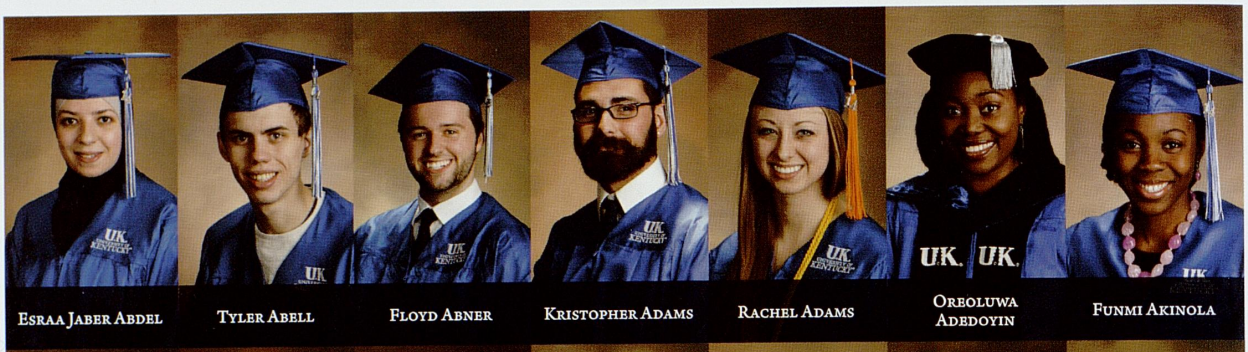

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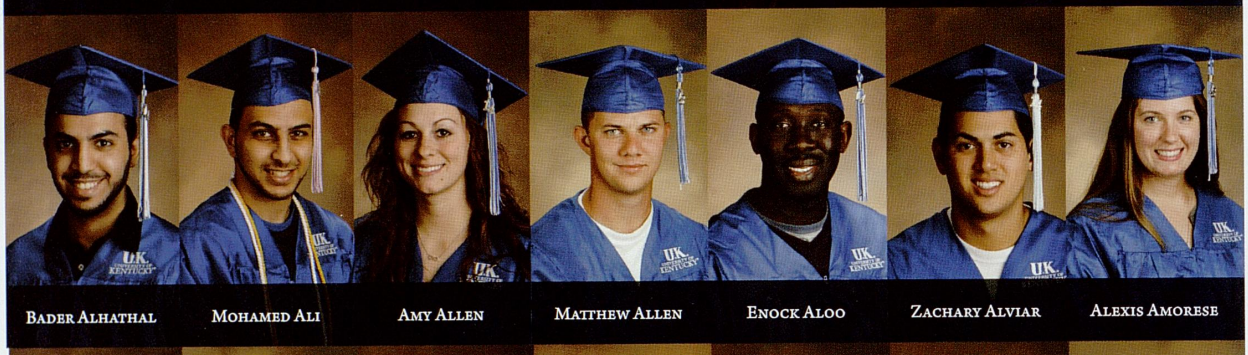

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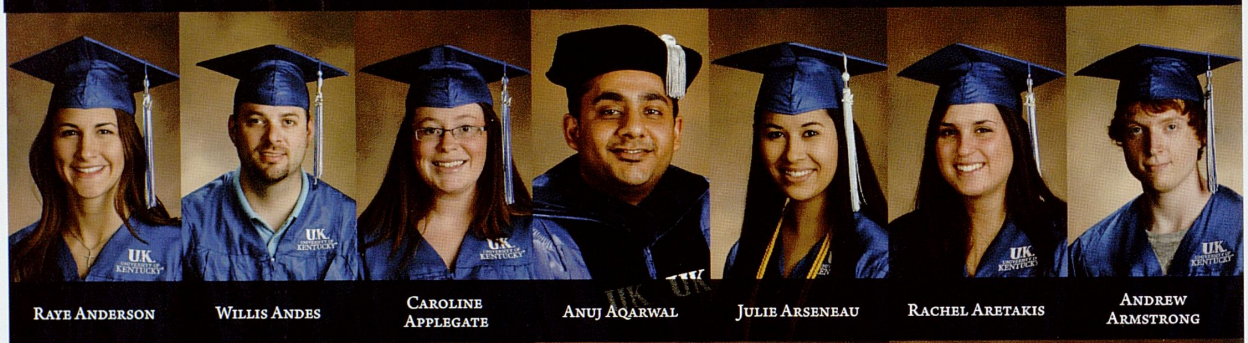

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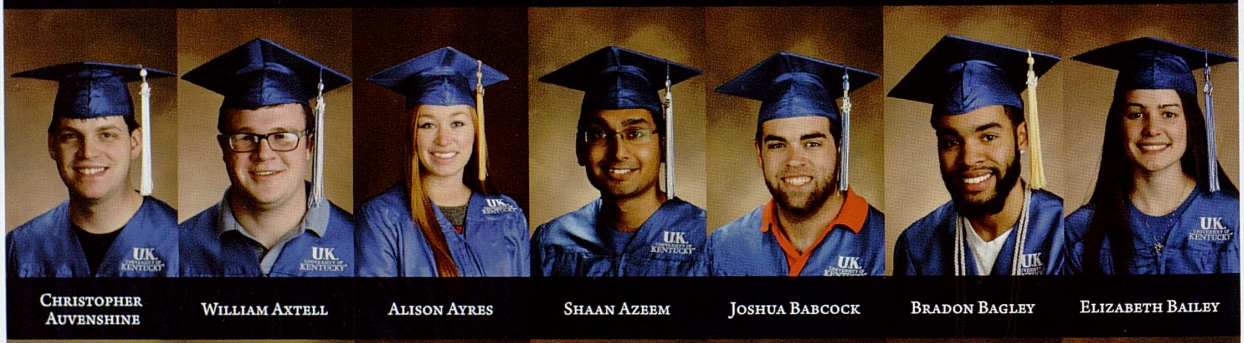

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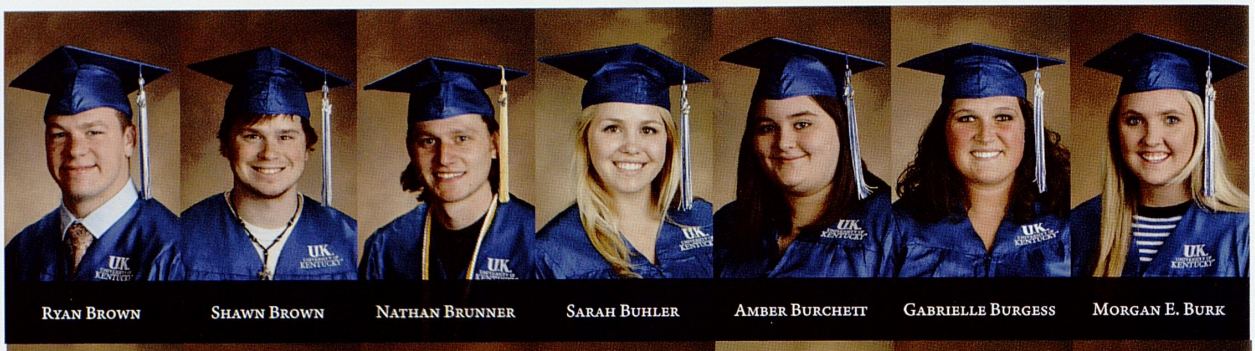

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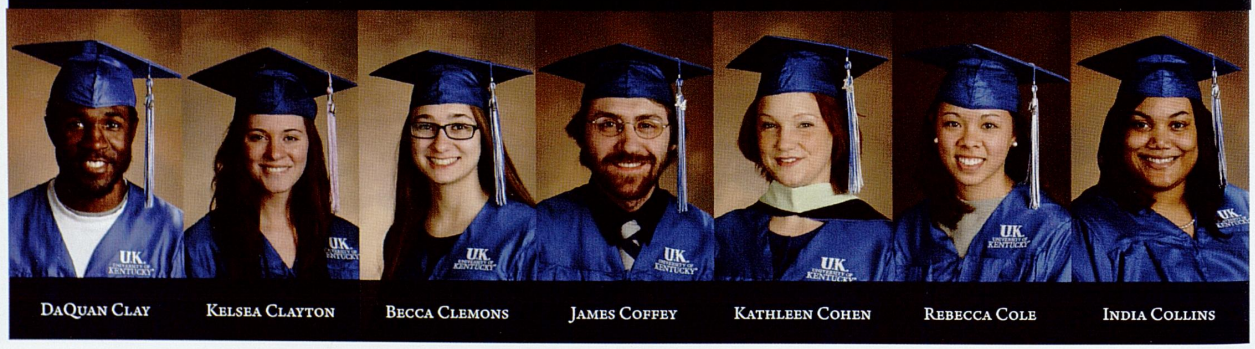

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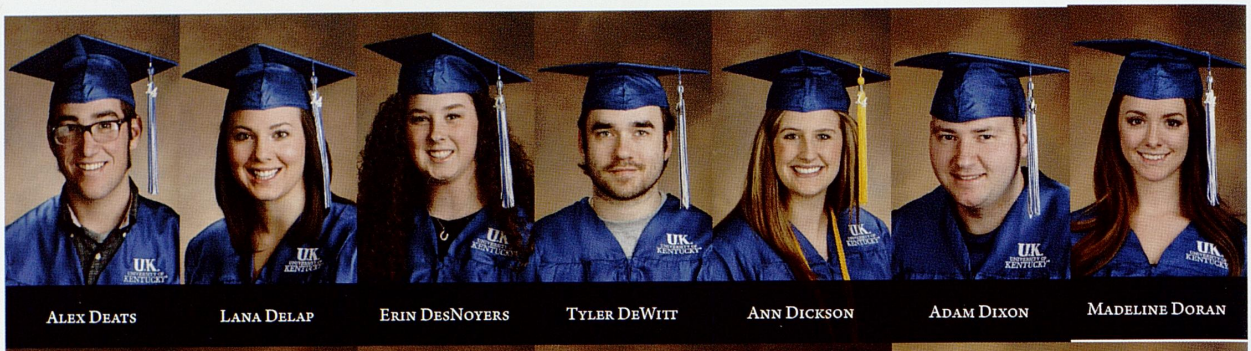

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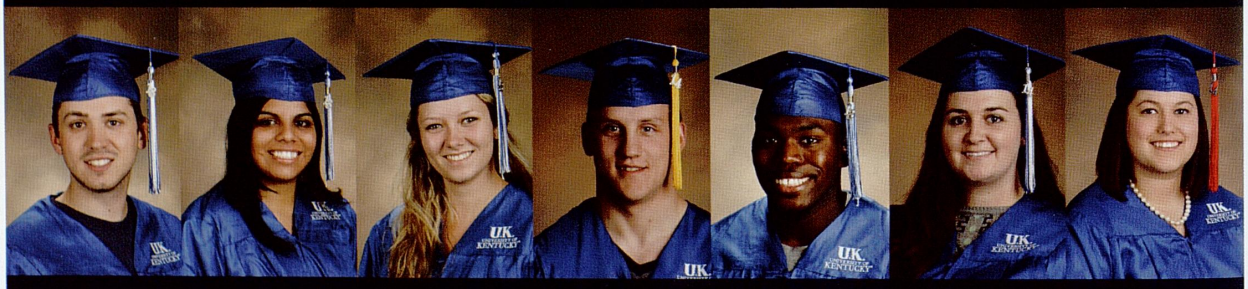

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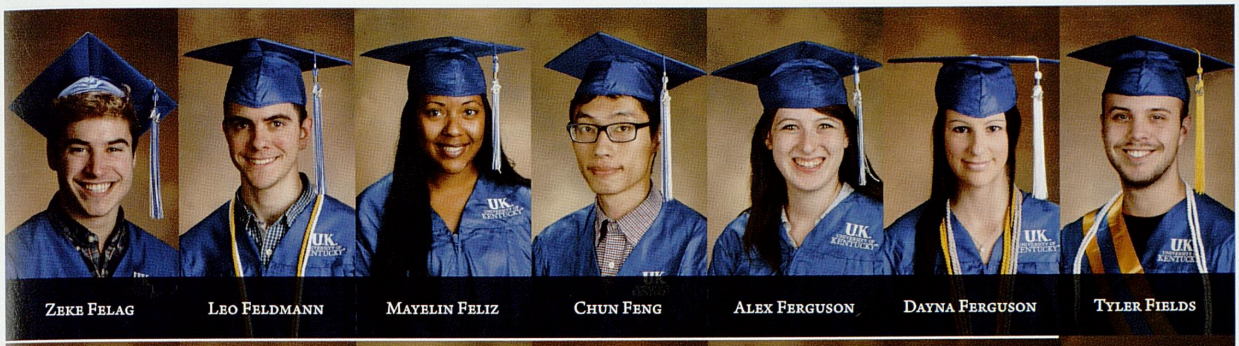

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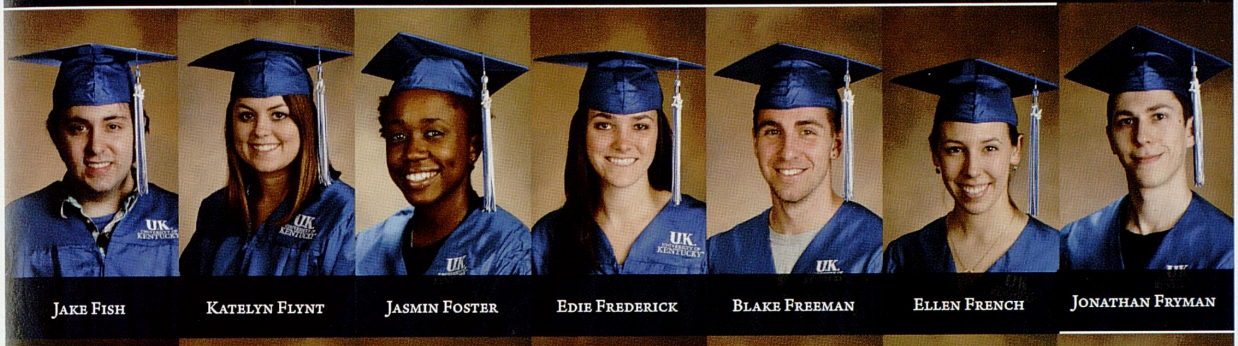

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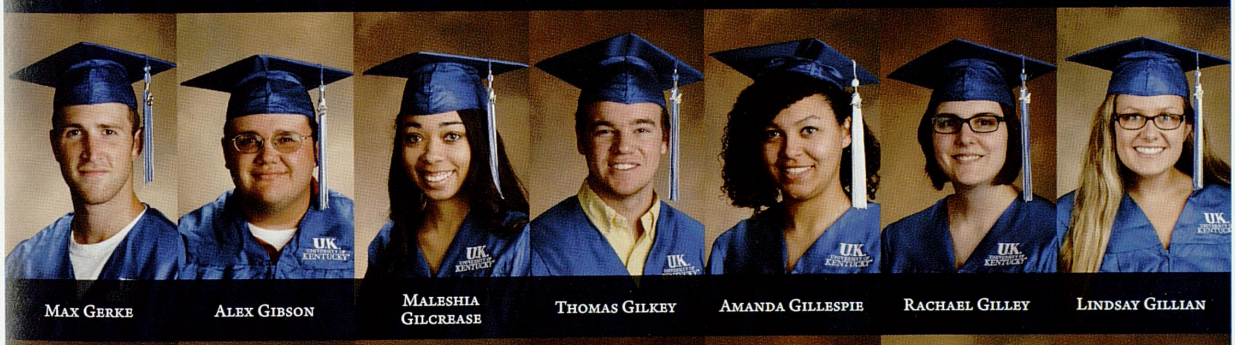

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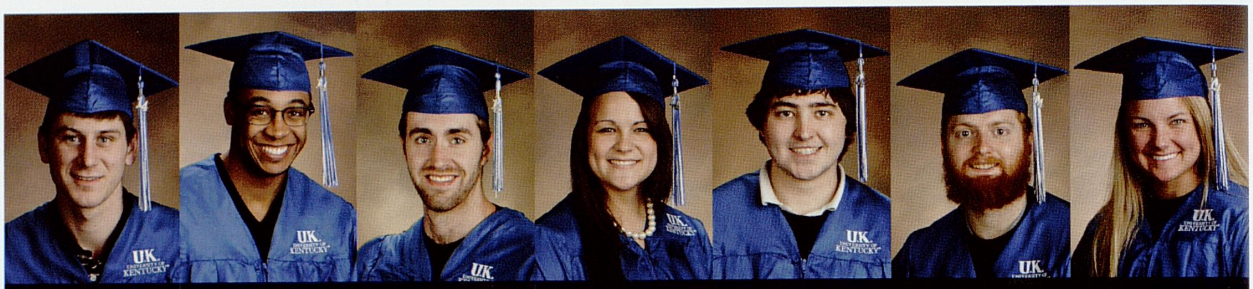

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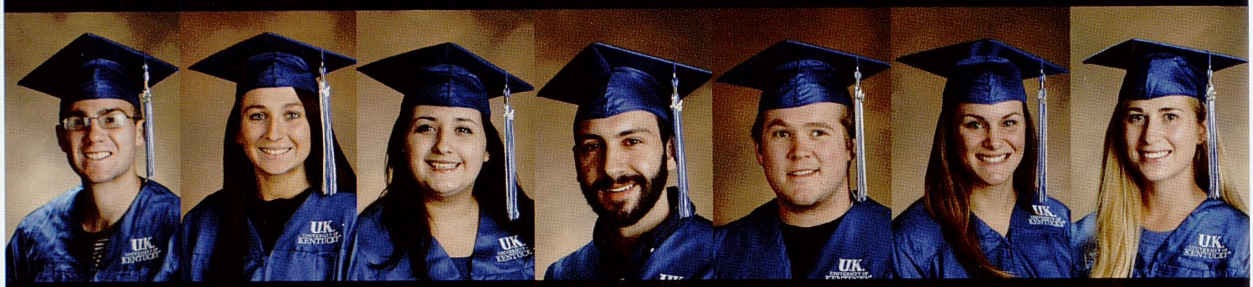

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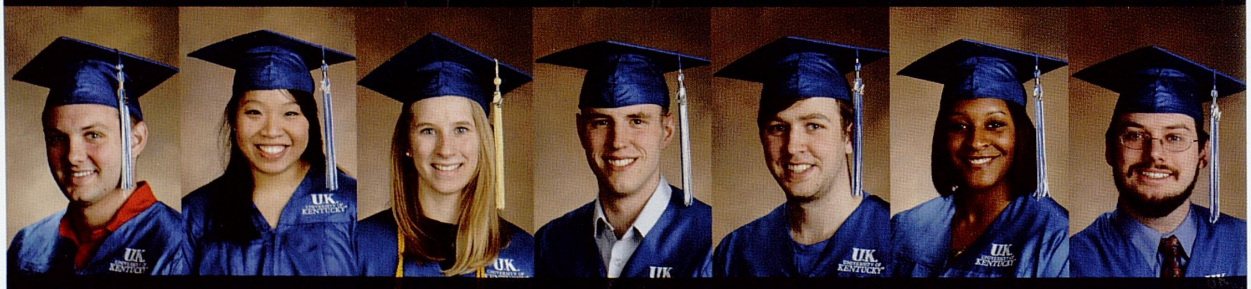

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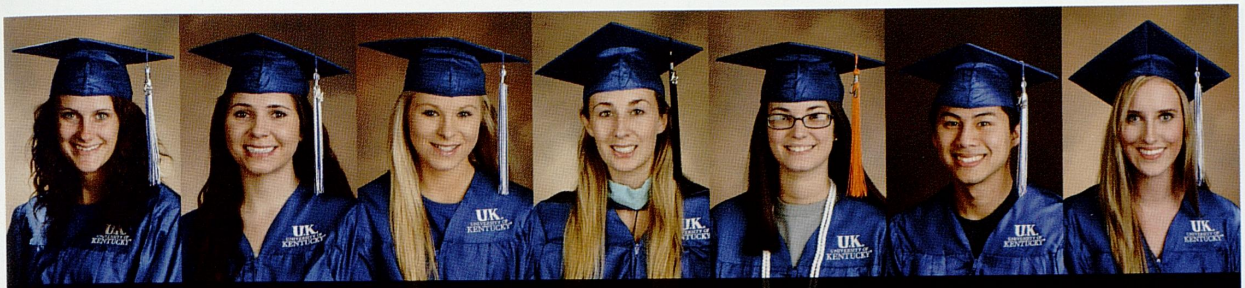

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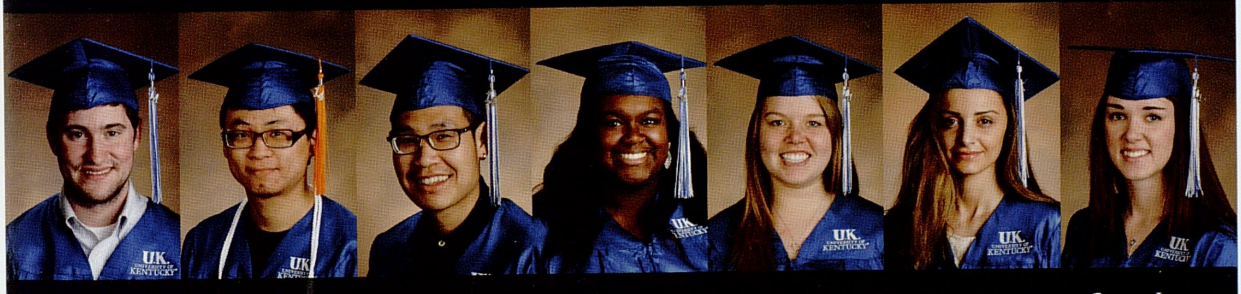

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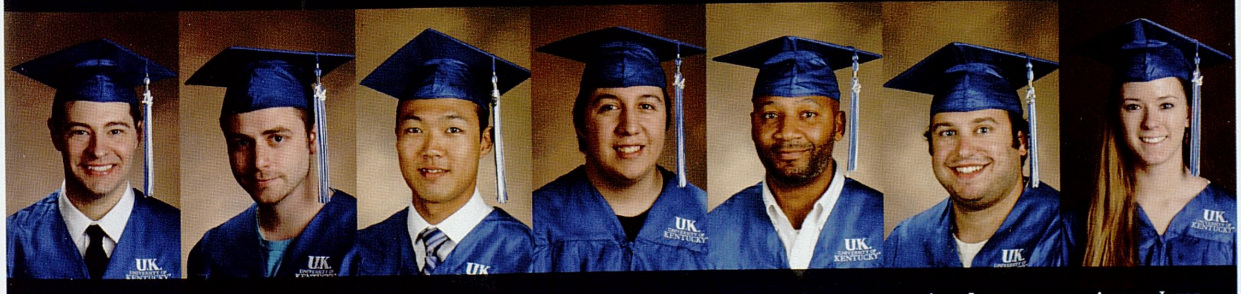

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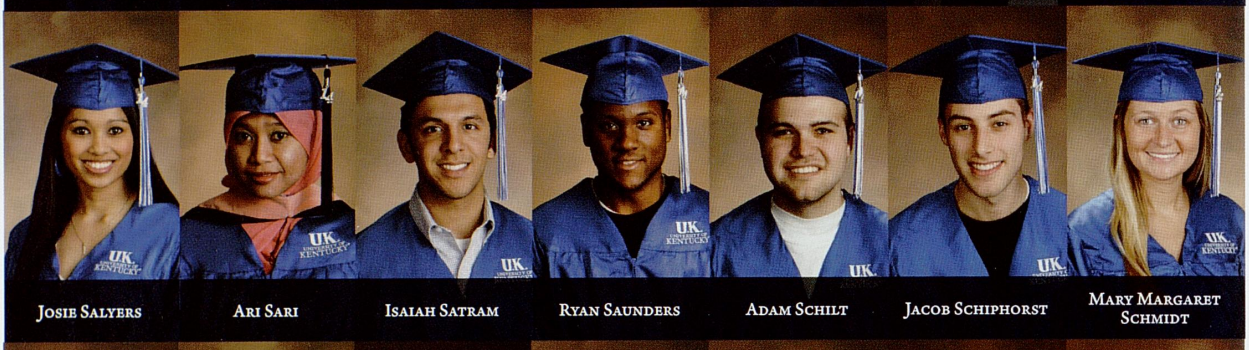

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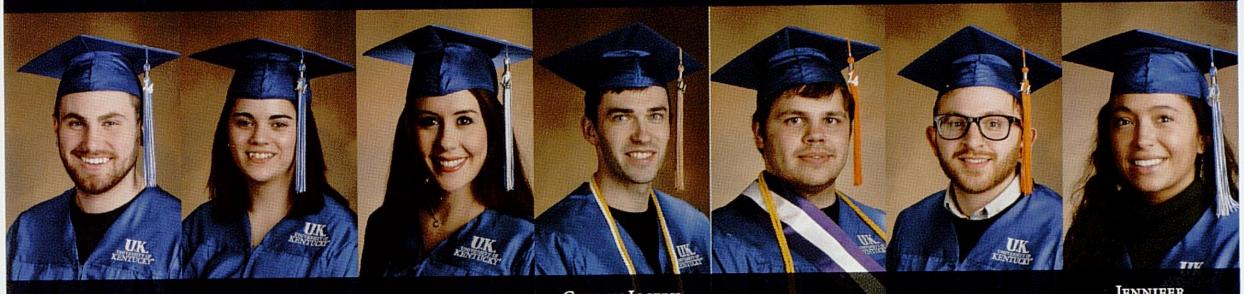

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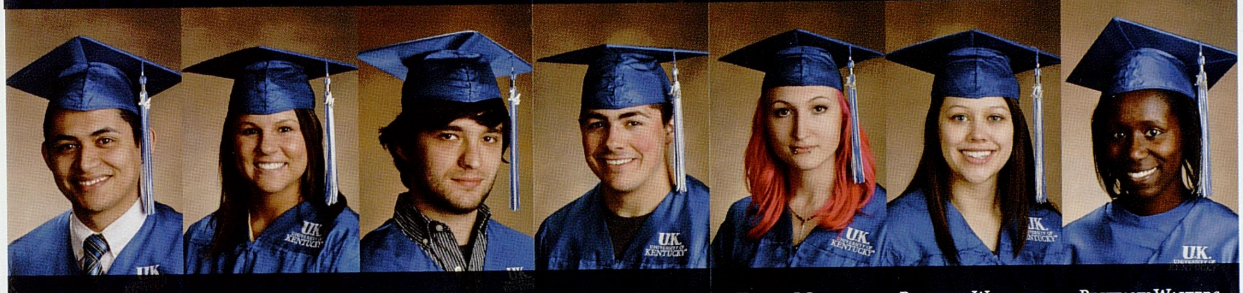

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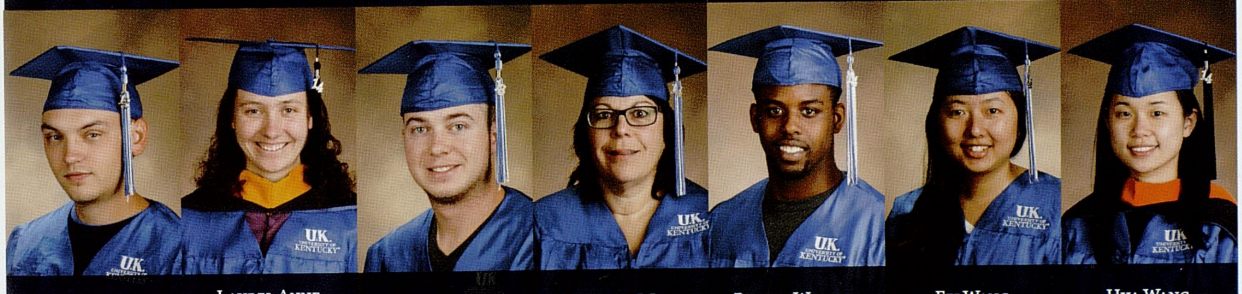

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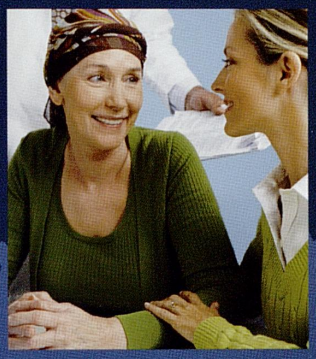

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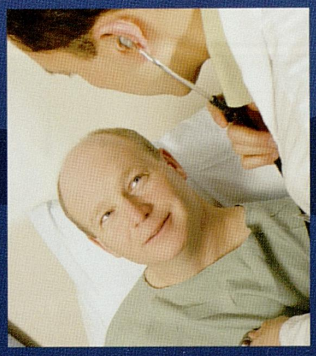

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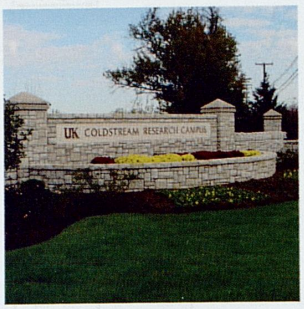

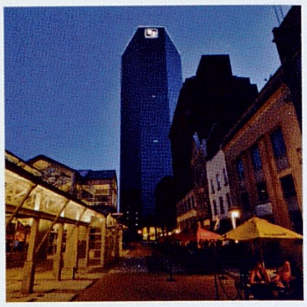

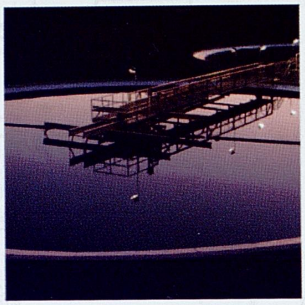

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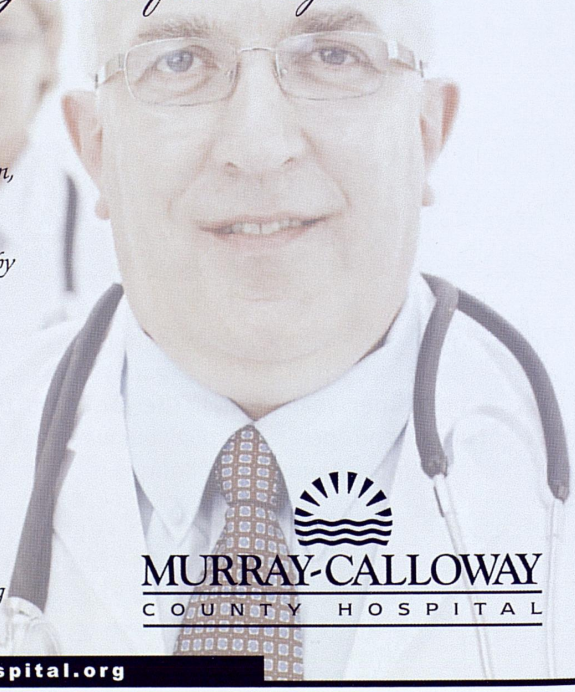

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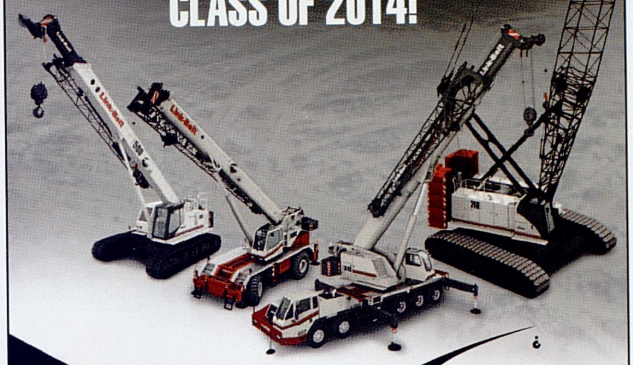

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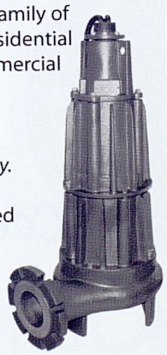

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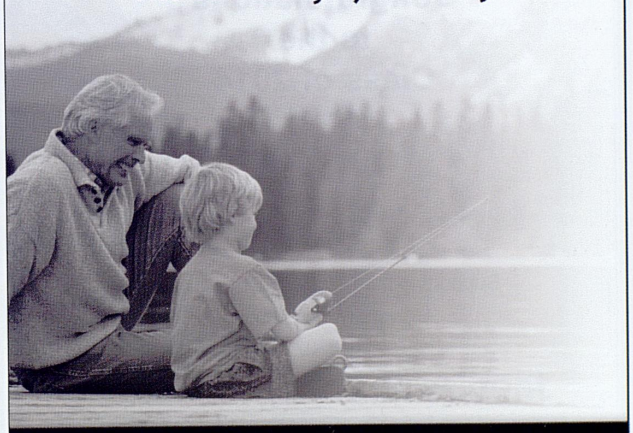

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