



## UK provost wins Missouri school's top job

By Adam Sichko  
THE KENTUCKY KERNEL

UK Provost Mike Nietzel's 32-year career at UK ended Friday when he won the presidency of Southwest Missouri State University.

Nietzel, UK's highest-ranking academic official, accepted the unanimous nomination from SMS's Board of Governors at a ceremony Friday morning. Nietzel beat out two other finalists for the position, which the board voted on Wednesday.

"The University of Kentucky has defined my adult and professional life, and in the course of doing so, has afforded me more opportunities and rewards than I ever would have dreamed possible," Nietzel said in a statement Friday.

"Still, I realize that I have reached the point where I want a chance to lead a strong institution to its own higher

ground."

SMS announced Nietzel as a finalist Jan. 21, and he took his official visit to the campus in mid-February. Nietzel will continue working at UK with an interim provost until June, and will begin his duties in Missouri on July 1.

SMS Board of Governors member Mary Sheid said the campus let out a collective sigh of relief when Nietzel was introduced as its next president.

"It wasn't that people were happy — they were ecstatic and overjoyed," Sheid said. "I believe those words aren't exaggerations."

Nietzel's character and experiences at UK boosted him above the rest of the can-

didates, Sheid said.

"Dr. Nietzel has an outstanding charisma and warmth about his personality that helps establish personal, one-on-one relationships," a character trait that seemed more noticeable in him than in the other finalists, Sheid said.

"Also, we sensed an extreme well-roundedness," Sheid continued. "He has great experience from the academic, education side of a university. At the same time, he hasn't lost touch with the faculty or stopped interacting with students."

Nietzel's personality stood out to Kelli Wolf, the student representative on the SMS Board of Governors.

"He's very magnetic, and he connected with all the campus constituencies," Wolf said. "Everyone gave him rave reviews — faculty staff and students."



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## Naming interim provost is first step for Todd

By Adam Sichko  
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For the first time since he created the provost position, UK President Lee Todd will need a new second-in-command.

Provost Mike Nietzel accepted the presidency of Southwest Missouri State University Friday, meaning he won't be coming back for the 2005-06 school year.

Nietzel will continue working at UK into the month of June and will assume the SMS presidency July 1.

For the time being, Nietzel will work alongside

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## Farm hands rally to earn better wages

Nationwide tour stops in Lexington; Yum! Brands in Louisville final rally site

By Elizabeth Troutman  
THE KENTUCKY KERNEL

Lucas Benitz wakes up every morning uncertain of where the day will lead him.

For 12 years, the native Mexican has survived in the United States by hopping from one farm to another picking tomatoes wherever his service is needed.

While the American family sits down to eat the tomatoes he picked, his is struggling to put food on his own table.

"It is waking up at 4 a.m., preparing lunch and going out and looking for work," he said of his lifestyle. "You never know — you are looking for work every day. You come back home, prepare your dinner and go to sleep."

"The next day it is the same."

Members of the Lexington community joined Benitz and other agriculture workers from Florida to condemn the fast-food industry in a gathering Saturday, part of a Taco Bell Truth Tour stop at Hunter Presbyterian Church. The tour traveled around the nation to rally against companies that buy from produce companies that abuse their workers.

The event was intended to be a rally at the Taco Bell on Nicholasville Road, but it was moved to the church because of the weather conditions. Workers rallied in Cleveland last week and suffered from the cold temperatures there.

Benitz came to the United States in 1992. He does not have a family in the United States, but he sends \$300 to \$400 to his parents in Mexico every month. The average farm worker receives \$50 per day for picking two tons of tomatoes. The U.S. Department of Labor recently reported that farm workers in Florida receive about \$7,000 per year. Benitz said he labors more than 14 hours a day.

He wants the government to raise salaries and give farm workers better insurance benefits.

"The work that is done here eliminates our suffering," he said. "It's the whole society that is suffering as well. Farm workers receive sub-poverty wages. We work without benefits or health insurance."

The event was part of a nationwide tour to spread awareness of the difficult working conditions and low wages of the working class. The tour ends next week with a rally in Louisville, headquarters of Yum! Brands, who owns Taco Bell, Pizza Hut and KFC.

Workers sang songs and gave motivational cheers. Sarah Hall, representative of the Kentuckians for the Commonwealth, is an Appalachian State University graduate who will enter UK's graduate forestry program this fall. She grew up on a farm and said students need to recognize where their food is coming from. The agriculture business is struggling, she said.

"It is just being more aware of what you are eating," she said. "By buying locally, it's more sustainable in general. People who put food in local markets are more fairly compensated."

"We just aren't aware enough about what we put in our body."

Amy Sommer, a recent graduate of the University of Texas, is a member of the Student Farm Worker Alliance who joined the tour for ethical reasons.

"I feel like it's atrocious, the condition of agriculture workers," she said. "Students have the power to change the conditions in the fields through the power of consumers."

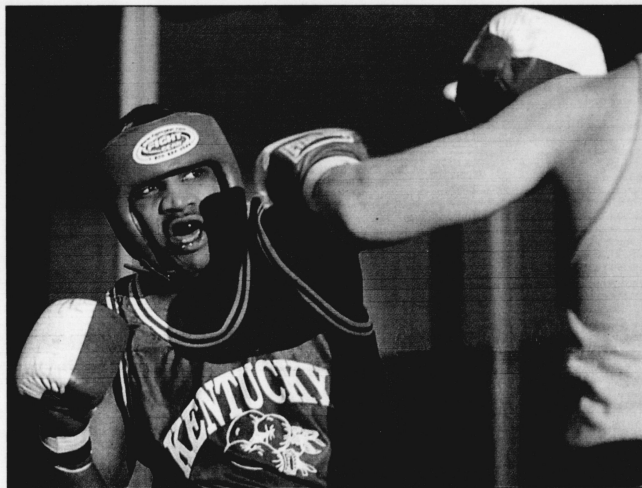
UK telecommunications sophomore Chris Cassandra found out about the meeting through an e-mail listserve. He said he is interested in spreading the word about the conditions of agriculture labor.

"I just really want to learn what I can do and generate and interest in the population," he said. Benitz was pleased to see the turnout from the Lexington community.

"In just a few words, our human rights and civil rights have been trampled," he said.

"That's not a problem just for us; it is the whole country."

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UK boxer Kamaal Ahmad, a former UK football player, defeated Navy's Dan Brendel for the heavyweight championship Saturday night in the Midwest Collegiate Boxing Regionals. Ahmad qualified for next month's National Championships in Colorado Springs, Colo.

## Boxer's win hides a secret

By Jeff Patterson  
THE KENTUCKY KERNEL

LOUISVILLE — With his stomach churning, Kamaal Ahmad sits at his locker disturbingly quiet.

He's hiding a secret from his teammates and coaches.

He's barely touched on the issue with them. All he got was a couple of "uh-huhs" from senior boxer Chad Gilpin when talking about the pain he felt.

The football player turned boxer doesn't know any routine to get ready for this.

The biggest bout of his life — for the Midwest Collegiate Boxing Regionals heavyweight championship against Navy's Dan Brendel — is an hour away. It's the last match of the night Saturday at the Spectrum Building, Louisville Male High School's old home.

Ahmad can't sit still.

He'll get up to shadow-box every couple of minutes to stay loose.

"I played football for 14, 15 years," Ahmad says, "never been nervous before, ever."

The waiting is the worst part.

A million things race through his head.

This is the first time that anyone from Ahmad's family has seen him fight.

Among his fans in the crowd are his sister, two nephews and one UK football player, Justin Haydock, a fellow graduating reserve linebacker.

"When your sister is watching and your two nephews who look up to you," Ahmad says, "losing doesn't exist."

So far in his young boxing career, it hasn't.

He won his only collegiate bout Feb 5 at Virginia Military Academy. The 6-

foot-2, 250-pounder defeated a heavyweight fighter from West Point, N.Y.

"After I won, I didn't know what to do," Ahmad says. "I called everyone from the As to Z's — in that order."

UK coach George Ginter thinks Ahmad can box under the bright lights of Las Vegas. And that's after coaching him for eight weeks.

"I'm so impressed with Kamaal," Ginter says. "Unbelievable professional future if he wants it. He's big enough to be the real deal."

When Ahmad started boxing for UK, he already thought he was.

"Everybody thinks they are Mike Tyson," Ahmad jokes. "I thought I was Tyson until I fought Chad the first time."

Ahmad left that bout with the two-time All-American with a swollen eye and a

bad headache. But he's learned plenty from Gilpin, not to mention Coach Ginter.

"This is an individual sport, but this is the most unselfish group I've been around," Ahmad says.

Some of what he learned on the gridiron transfers over to boxing. Ahmad says you have to have the toughness of a linebacker and the swiftness of a defensive back.

But unlike football, boxing isn't a team sport. Everything falls on your shoulders.

"Say you're in the Swamp, you got 10 other guys with you," Ahmad says. "One on one, if you lose, you lose. That's a huge difference."

As the time approaches for his match, he's still bouncing around.

It's 9:33 p.m., and the match starts. Ahmad comes

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## UK boxer defeats defending champion

By Chris Johnson  
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LOUISVILLE — With the two-time defending national champion staring him down, Steve Sampson dropped both of his gloves and stared back, sticking his chin out.

Just begging for a clean shot to the head.

"That's just my style, man," Sampson said after the match against Navy's Amir Shareef, who defeated Sampson by a

third-round knockout. "I showboat like that."

Sampson was one of seven UK boxing club participants in the Midwest Collegiate Boxing Regionals at the Spectrum Building in Louisville Saturday, making UK the second-most represented school at the event, behind Navy.

Sampson was leading Shareef in the third round when, according to UK boxing coach George Ginter, he "ran out of gas."

"Sampson got whacked a little, got tired and was staggering around a little," Ginter said. "He got the flu this week."

Sampson was clowning around less and boxing more in the third round when fatigue began to set in, knowing he was ahead in the match and could beat a boxer who had, according to Ginter, "annihilated everyone for three years."

Then his mouthpiece fell out, and things unraveled quicker than a sweater

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## Nietzel

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Wolf is the lone non-voting member of the board, but if she had a vote, she would definitely have cast it for Nietzel, she said.

"He has a poise and magnetism about him to connect with the community at large," Wolf said. "We're proud that the university has drawn someone of this caliber."

SMS' faculty are particularly pleased with the board's choice, Sheid said, because Nietzel is an academic and SMS is poised to move to the provost system. The provost handles many of a university's day-to-day operations and serves as the chief academic official, supervising all academic deans and programs.

UK President Lee Todd instituted the provost system in 2001, and Nietzel is the only administrator to serve in that role.

"He told us it was a much different animal than when he first took the job," Sheid said. "He knows what UK did wrong and what it did right; the faculty thinks that's important."

Todd called Nietzel's departure a "bit-

tersweet" moment in an e-mail to all faculty and staff Friday.

Though he's proud for Nietzel, Todd said he's "very disappointed that UK will be losing a true scholar who has served me and this university so well."

"Mike has been a key element in the development of my administration and was instrumental in moving this institution to the provost model," Todd said. "His mark on this university is forever inscribed."

Nietzel has been at UK since 1973, when he was a psychology professor. He eventually took positions as chairman of the psychology department and then dean of UK's Graduate School before Todd named him interim provost in 2001, when the provost system was created. Nietzel took the position full-time in late October 2002.

Faculty Senate Chairman Ernie Yanarella said he was stunned at UK's loss but said Nietzel is well equipped for his new job in Missouri.

"One, he has a considerable amount of experience to bring to bear in top administrative positions," said Yanarella, a political science professor.

"Secondly, he's a quick-study artist," Yanarella said. "I've seen him get a solid grasp of complex issues involving faculty administration and staff interests. He de-

velops a command of the facts."

Nietzel will have to step in to the SMS presidency and use those skills to establish himself with other administrators who will be judging his every move, Yanarella said.

"But Mike is not the kind of person to look over his shoulder to see how his predecessor would have done it," Yanarella said. "He looks ahead."

Yanarella cited SMS's desire to adopt a provost system, as well as its issues with faculty and staff salaries, as reasons why Nietzel will feel right at home at SMS.

"He won't be coming to an institution with issues and concerns all that unlike UK," Yanarella said. "In fact, these two will seem all too familiar for Mike."

Phillip Kraemer, who works under Nietzel as associate provost for undergraduate education, said the loss of Nietzel in particular is greater than losing a provost in general.

"You certainly feel the absence (with no provost), but more so given who it is," Kraemer said.

"(Nietzel) is probably the most talented, innovative administrator I've known," he said. "So to lose that much talent will hurt even more."

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## Provost

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an interim provost, Todd said in an e-mail to faculty and staff Friday. Todd said he will appoint an interim provost as soon as possible to "assure a smooth transition" once Nietzel leaves his current post.

Todd said he will soon assemble a university search committee to conduct a national search for a new provost.

Transition periods are dangerous for a university, said Ernie Yanarella, chairman of the faculty Senate.

"What this university needs to do is maintain the momentum of the last couple of years and not allow the transition period to simply stall progress on this education highway," Yanarella said.

"Typically, an interim administrator is essentially a caretaker, and there's very little forward movement," said Yanarella, a political science professor.

"Then, when you get a new one, it takes that individual another nine months to one year to learn the ropes.

"The risk is that the university's progress will be stymied for not just one year but two," he said.

Phillip Kraemer, associate provost for undergraduate education, also cautioned against losing direction under interim leadership.

"Let's find someone who's willing to steer the ship," Kraemer said. "This is not the time to change course, but it's a time to steer us forward."

Yanarella said he has at least six people who he considers competent and able to step into Nietzel's role on a temporary basis, but he didn't want to get into specifics.

"I don't want to second-guess the president," Yanarella said. "This is a situation where a decision needs to be made quickly, but it must not be precipitous."

"The president needs to have confidence that it's an administrator who has a full grasp of this university," he said.

Kraemer said he doesn't want to express preference regarding the interim provost.

"I'd rather wait and let the process move along, and make sure we don't lose any momentum," Kraemer said. "We need someone who really knows what

we've accomplished in the last three years, someone with a good sense of the president's vision and our strategic plan."

"But that includes a lot of people," Kraemer said.

Todd pointed out in his e-mail that the person he chooses as the interim provost will serve until the search committee selects a new provost. The e-mail did not indicate any timeline for the committee to find a new provost.

This will be UK's second provost. Todd created the system in 2001 and temporarily appointed Nietzel — then dean of UK's Graduate School — to the spot while a search was conducted.

Nietzel created some controversy when, after previously saying he wasn't interested in the provost job full-time, he became the permanent provost in October 2002.

The interim provost must ensure that progress continues to be made at UK, Yanarella said.

"The real risk, the real danger, is if some opportunities get neglected and the university does not work as efficiently as if there was continuity in the office," he said.

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## Syrian group calls for street protests

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BEIRUT — The powerful Syria-backed Hezbollah group yesterday urged its followers to take to the streets in a massive protest against "foreign interference," abandoning its conciliatory tone during recent weeks of political unrest.

Hezbollah's demonstration, planned for tomorrow, could serve as a counter-punch to ongoing anti-Syria street protests that toppled Lebanon's government and forced Damascus to agree to recall its soldiers.

The group's call to supporters is a sign that the party feels threatened by a Syrian withdrawal. The same U.N. resolution that mandates the retreat of Syrian troops also demands that Lebanon's militias lay down their weapons, an idea that Hezbollah opposes.

A few days ago, Hezbollah officials declared that they could bring 500,000 people into the streets but said that they were refraining from mobilizing their followers because they feared sparking further tensions. Hezbollah's leader, Sheik Hassan Nasrallah, urged dialogue between the Lebanese factions and met with an envoy from opposition leader Walid Jumblatt.

Yesterday, Nasrallah accused anti-Syria demonstrators of working as tools for the United States and Israel, and warned that a Syrian retreat was the first step in Lebanese attempts to make peace with the "Zionist enemy."

Hezbollah "rejects this international law because of its interference in our internal affairs and because all of its

conditions are free, free, free services for the Israeli enemy," said Nasrallah, the Iranian-born cleric who is the group's top official in Lebanon.

Nasrallah repeatedly stressed the need for peaceful demonstrations and warned that "chaos is forbidden." Still, there is some fear that the dueling demonstrations could ignite sectarian tensions between Hezbollah's Shiite Muslim followers and the predominantly Christian, Druze and Sunni Muslim demonstrators who have been rallying for an end to Syrian domination under the slogan "Independence 2005."

"What does it mean to disarm Hezbollah?" asked Hezbollah spokesman Mohamed Afif. "It means disarming the only group that can defend the Lebanese people. It means opening Lebanon to Israel."

Hezbollah fears that a new Lebanese government might try to dissolve the powerful party altogether or make peace with its archenemy, Israel. Parliamentary elections are scheduled for the spring, and could dramatically harden Lebanon's stance toward both Syria and Hezbollah.

"They can't really afford to be silent on this," said Nezar Hamzeh, a professor at the American University of Beirut. "If they continue being passive, it's going to seem as though the whole country subscribes to dismantling the resistance."

Syrian President Bashar Assad was to meet in Damascus today with Lebanese President Emile Lahoud to approve a plan to pull the estimated 16,000 Syrian soldiers to the Bekaa Valley,

close to the Syrian border. The troops are expected to move as early as today.

Syria describes the redeployment as a first step in a total withdrawal, but U.S. officials yesterday continued to slam the phased retreat, saying the Syrians must quit Lebanon quickly and completely. The United States and France sponsored the U.N. resolution calling for a Syrian retreat and the disarmament of Lebanese militias.

U.S. officials and diplomats indicated yesterday that Washington might be flexible in its demand to ensure a Syrian withdrawal does not create instability.

Although President Bush has demanded Syria's complete and immediate withdrawal from Lebanon, White House counselor Dan Bartlett said: "If he (Assad) was clear on living up to those demands, those things could be worked out when we say 'immediate.'"

Hezbollah, Arabic for Party of God, was born as an Islamic resistance movement dedicated to driving out Israeli soldiers who had invaded Lebanon in 1982. The group was widely credited in forcing Israeli soldiers to retreat from Lebanon in 2000, making them the only Arab militia in history to drive Israel from Arab land. Since then, Hezbollah fighters have remained on Lebanon's southern border with Israel, and have launched frequent attacks against Israelis in the disputed lands of Shebaa Farms, which Hezbollah claims belong to Lebanon.

A Hezbollah attack killed more than 200 U.S. Marines in Lebanon in 1983, and the United States considers Hezbollah a terrorist organization.

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# Ahmad

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out swinging.  
 "The nervousness left after the first punch," Ahmad says.

Ahmad connects with thunderous left and right hooks.

Entering the second round, Ahmad holds the advantage.

Ginter knows it. His team knows it. And the fans know it.

Haydock lifts up screaming. "Let's go Kamaal. Let's go. One more round."

In the corner after the second round, Ginter gets in Ahmad's face teaching him how to finish the match.

"Win this," Ginter says. By the third round, his secret is catching up to him.

He's drenched in sweat. He's so tired that he's leaning against his opponent.

But Ahmad still lands a couple points to seal the win. After the bell rings, he goes to the corner to rest his head on the ring post.

"He wasn't going to let anyone whoop him in front of his nephews," says Ahmad's sister, Taherah Ahmad.

"An amazing amount of heart," Ginter says. "He could have quit a couple times. He was sucking wind."

And Ginter didn't even know the extent of what Ahmad had overcome.

The week before, Ahmad spent two days laid up in the hospital. He needed to have his appendix removed. He waited until the end of the match to tell anyone.

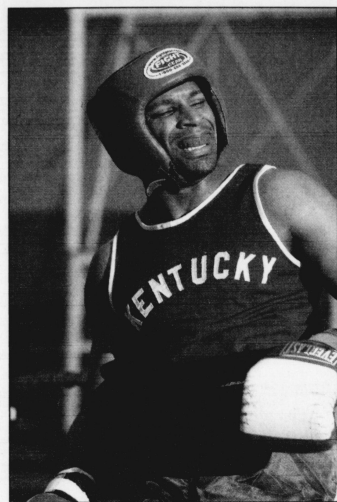
"That's why I'm out of shape," Ahmad says. "I didn't even box last week."

A few minutes later word of Ahmad's feat reached Ginter.

"I want to see the scar," says Ginter, an anesthesiologist at Good Samaritan Hospital. "He should have told me. I'll kill him."

"But you got to admire the heart."

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**Top:** UK All-American boxer Chad Gilpin makes sure Kamaal Ahmad is ready for his bout by taping his hands. Ahmad credits Gilpin for helping him in his two wins this year, as well as a swollen eye and a headache.

"I thought I was (Mike) Tyson until I fought Chad the first time," Ahmad said.

**Left:** UK boxer Steve Sampson lost to Navy's Amir Shareef in a third-round knockout. Even though he was the underdog, Sampson said he felt the need to showboat.

"Sampson got whacked a little, got tired and was staggering around a little," said UK coach George Ginter.

UK will send seven boxer to compete for national championships April 4-6 in Colorado Springs, Colo.

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## Regionals

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caught in a car door.

"They're supposed to stop when my mouthpiece came out," Sampson said. "I didn't care, but they're supposed to."

"He was fighting from frustration, throwing big hooks. He knew he was down big."

One of the big hooks connected with Sampson's chin as he attempted to dance away and before he knew it he was down on the mat.

"It'll definitely be me and him in nationals," Sampson said. "Seriously, I could have used a loss because I was clowning around too much, got a big head."

Sampson said the loss was disappointing but predicted he wouldn't feel that disappointment again.

"I promise that won't ever happen again, me losing," Sampson said.

In the highest-profile match of the night, defending national champion Greg Watten of Navy faced off with UK All-American and defending national

runner-up Chad Gilpin.

After three rounds of close-quarters fighting, with Gilpin separating enough from Watten to use his superior reach from time to time, Gilpin won in a decision for his third consecutive regional championship.

"He's a brawler," Gilpin said. "He tried to box me three weeks ago at the (Virginia Military Institute), and I creamed him."

Gilpin ran his record against his rival to 4-2, with Watten's two wins coming in national championship bouts.

"I hope we can stop that," Gilpin said of the pattern where he wins regionals and Watten wins nationals. "We'll just have to see."

"After we both win nationals," Sampson said of himself and Gilpin, "we'll go to Cincinnati and do Golden Gloves, then both turn pro."

"Sampson knows what it takes to be a pro," Gilpin said. "He knows he'll have to work a lot harder than he is, but he can because he's in graduate school and he has a job, and commutes from Shelbyville."

John Paul Hart won the 147-pound weight class for UK, and former football player Kamaal Ahmad won the heavy-weight division — five days after having

an appendectomy.

Hart, Gilpin and Ahmad all qualified for the national championships with their regional titles, and Russel Lamont, Billy Spalding, Nick Hundley and Sampson, despite losing their regional championship matches, also qualified for the nationals April 4-6 in Colorado Springs, Colo.

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### UK in the Regionals

- Navy's Jeremy Giggs defeated UK's Russel Lamont in the 125-pound weight class
- Navy's Adrian Evangelista defeated UK's Billy Spalding in the 139-pound weight class
- UK's John Paul Hart defeated Navy's BJ Richardson in the 147-pound weight class
- Navy's Josh Sarnoff defeated UK's Nick Hundley in the 165-pound weight class
- Navy's Amir Shareef defeated UK's Steve Sampson in the 175-pound weight class
- UK's Chad Gilpin defeated Navy's Greg Watten in the 195-pound weight class
- UK's Kamaal Ahmad defeated Navy's Dan Brendel in the heavyweight division

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- Prayer & Praise, 9:00 PM, Chapel between the ADP and Tri-Delt houses off Rose Street and Columbia
- Solar Car meeting, 7:30 PM, Terrell Civil Engineering Building
- CSF Presents "Shit" for Freshman, 7:00 PM, CSF Building, corner of Woodland and Columbia
- UK Judo Club practice, 5:00 PM, Alumni Gym Loft
- UK ACLU Meeting, 7:30 PM, Student Center, Room 231
- Campus Ministry International Bible Study, 8:00 PM, Student Center, Room 111
- Wesley Foundation's Bible Study and FREE Dinner, 6:00 PM, Wesley Foundation, 508 Columbia Ave.
- UK Swing Dance Club Lessons, 8:00 PM, Tates Creek Ballroom, 1400 Gainesway Dr
- Random Acts of Kindness Day, 9:00 AM, Patio in front of Whitehall Classroom Building
- Baptist Student Union's English Conversation Class, 6:00 PM, 429 Columbia Ave
- UK Berean Bible Study, 8:00 PM, Student Center, Room 113
- UK horticulture Club meeting, 5:00 PM, Buell Armory/Barker Hall
- Northwest 8:00 PM, Worsham Theater
- Reformed University Fellowship (RUF), 7:30 PM, Student Center, Room 357
- Baptist Student Union Meeting, 8:00 PM, Student Center 228
- UK Green Thumb Meeting, 7:30 PM, Student Center, Room 106
- UK Softball vs Louisville, 4:00 PM, UK Softball and Soccer Complex
- Baptist Student Unions presents "TNT", 7:30 PM, 429 Columbia Ave.
- UK Anime Club Meeting, 6:00 PM, Student Center Theater, Student Center
- Classic Tuesdays, North by Northwest, 8:00 PM, Worsham Theater

**Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup>**

- Cat's For Christ Meeting, 7:00 PM, Student Center, Room 230
- Lavender Study Meeting, 7:30 PM, Student Center, Room 228
- "The Rock", 9:00 PM, Baptist Student Center on Columbia Ave.
- NSCS MEETING - FREE PIZZA, 5:30 PM, Room 205 Student Center
- Central KY FCA Meeting, 8:00 PM, Upstairs in the Commons Market
- UK Water Ski Club, 9:00 PM, Commons Room 306A
- Foresight Meeting, 6:00 PM, W.T. Young Library
- UK Relay for Life Committee Meeting, 8:00 PM, Keenland Room - WT Young Library
- Table Francaise, French conversation group, 3:00 PM, Student Center, Room 231
- Lutheran-Episcopal Campus Ministry Worship Service, 5:05 PM
- UK Judo Club practice, 5:00 PM, Alumni Gym Loft

**Thursday 10<sup>th</sup>**

- UK Fencing Club Meeting, 8:00 PM, Buell Armory/Barker Hall
- CRU, 7:30 PM, Worsham Theater/Student Center
- Wesley Foundation's Focus Worship Meeting, 7:30 PM, Student Center, Center Theater
- The Well, 7:00 PM, Student Center, Room 211
- Baptist Student Union's Freshman Focus Group Meeting, 7:30 PM, 429 Columbia Ave
- Alpha Kappa Psi Bowling Night, 9:00 PM, Southland Bowling Lanes
- UK Climbing Club, 7:00 PM, Johnson Center Climbing Wall
- UK Phi Alpha Delta Pre-Law Meeting, 5:00 PM, Student Center, Room 205
- UK Lambda, 7:30 PM, Room 231, Student Center
- CSF Presents "Synergy", 8:00 PM, CSF Building, corner of Woodland and Columbia

**Friday 11<sup>th</sup>**

- ICF Dinner and Fellowship, 7:00 PM, St. Augustine Chapel, Rose ST.
- UK FUSION team leader applications due! 518 Patterson Office Tower
- Salsa Class, 3:00 PM, Martin Luther King Jr. Cultural Center, 124 Student Center
- Peace and Justice Coalition Meeting, 2:00 PM, LCC MB 209A

**Sat 12<sup>th</sup> / Sun 13<sup>th</sup>**

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- UK Softball vs Mississippi (DH), 1:00 PM, UK Softball and Soccer Complex
- Great Outdoors-Red River Gorge, 8:00 AM, Red River Gorge
- UK Softball vs. Mississippi, 1:00 PM, UK Softball and Soccer Complex

## FLORIDA 53, UK 52

### Gators end skid against Cats

By Kevin Brockway  
GAINESVILLE SUN

The ball went up and inside the minds of Florida was that collective "uh oh" feeling of so many heartbreaks past. Not UK. Not again. This time, the shot bounced off the left side of the rim. This time, jubilation replaced devastation.

Florida snapped its eight-game losing streak against UK, winning 53-52 in a throwback game that came down to missed 3-pointer by UK forward Keleenna Azubuike as time expired.

Gator forward Matt Walsh was in position to grab the rebound, then spiraled the ball into the second deck of the O'Connell Center, starting the mass celebration.

"I thought it was going in," Walsh said. "It was so straight. When it came off I knew I had to get the rebound. I knew I was going to throw the ball in the air if I got it."

Florida (20-7, 12-4 Southeastern Conference) reached 20 wins for its seventh straight year and tied its best conference record, which it also recorded in 1999-2000, 2001-02 and 2002-03 season.

It also gives Florida a shot of confidence heading into the postseason, which starts Friday in Atlanta in the SEC Tournament.

"If the shot goes in, we're talking about how Florida can't get over the hump against UK again," Florida coach Billy Donovan said. "That's really what it comes down to. We've been able to play with UK, but today we made the plays when we needed to down the stretch."

Florida hadn't beaten UK since a 94-86 win at the O'Connell Center on March 4, 2001.

Players jumped on the press tables in front of the student section. Freshman Al Horford went into the stands to celebrate with the Rowdy Reptiles.

"That was four years in the making," said Gator senior forward David Lee, who finished with 11 points and rebounds in his O'Connell Center farewell.

"It would have been easier if we were up by 20 and I was able to get out of the game with four minutes to go. But it's a great way to end things. I would not have had it any other way."

No current Florida player had beaten UK (23-4, 14-2 SEC) during the streak, in which five of the eight games were decided by three points or less.

"How many times have you seen UK win the game on a last second shot," Lee said.

"Before the last possession we told each other that there

is no way they were getting a second shot, and that we had to box everyone out. And we did that."

UK was trying to get the ball inside to Chuck Hayes for the final shot, but the play broke down, forcing Azubuike to step back and take the 3-pointer from left side.

"I thought he was going to drive a little bit," said Florida freshman Corey Brewer, who defended Azubuike on the play.

"He kept driving and then he pulled up and then he tried to get my hand out there to stop it."

Said Azubuike: "It looked good. It felt good. It just came up short."

The missed shot may have cost the No. 3 Wildcats a chance for the No. 1 seed in the NCAA Tournament. And it may propel Florida into the Top 25 next week, and a higher seed than the Gators had originally envisioned in the Big Dance.

The big three all had a big hand in the victory. Junior point guard Anthony Robertson led Florida with 21 points and came up with the game's biggest play down the stretch. With 15.7 seconds left, Robertson stripped.

UK guard Patrick Sparks as he dribbled into the left corner. Sparks then fouled Robertson to prevent a break-away basket.

#### Kentucky (52)

NAME	pts	reb	ast	blk	stl	ft %
Azubuike	26	4	0	2	0	2.0/2.0
Hayes	25	5	1	0	0	5.0/5.1
Morris	25	4	0	1	3	3.0/3.7
Roos	14	1	1	0	0	0.0/3.3
Sparks	3	2	1	0	0	4.0/2.5
Bradley	14	1	2	0	0	4.1/1.3
Carney	12	3	1	0	0	1.0/3.0
Clayton	4	0	0	0	0	0.0/0.0
Farrell	9	1	0	0	0	0.0/0.0
Thomas	4	1	0	0	0	0.0/0.0
Clarendon	1	1	0	0	0	0.0/0.0
TEAM	200	22	52	5	15	32.5/2

#### Florida (53)

NAME	pts	reb	ast	blk	stl	ft %
Brewer	24	1	0	1	1	2.0/3.1
Lee	24	4	0	1	3	10.0/11.1
Horford	25	2	0	0	1	3.0/3.4
Walsh	24	3	0	1	4	2.0/2.1
Robertson	36	4	1	2	3	1.0/5.1
Moss	14	0	0	0	0	3.0/3.0
Green	9	0	0	0	0	0.0/0.0
Humphrey	15	1	2	0	1	0.0/2.1
Burford	9	0	0	0	0	0.0/1.0
TEAM	200	19	40	6	15	34.9/21.4

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## SPORTS BRIEFS

Injured sophomore Kysile Cook shares an emotional hug with graduating senior Michelle Gales after the Cats' final home meet Friday. Gales tied a career high with a 9.95 score on the floor to help lead the Cats to a victory over Central Michigan and Michigan State.

SCOTT LOFTNER | STAFF



### Gymnasts win on Senior Night

On Senior Night, the No. 16 UK gymnastics squad posted the third-highest score in school history, 196.025, on its way to defeating two top-25 opponents Friday in Memorial Coliseum. The UK senior gymnasts went out in style as No. 15 Central Michigan finished second with a 195.700 and No. 21 Michigan State completed the meet in third place with a 193.975 mark.

UK seniors Lindsay Cameron, Michelle Gales, Kara Prestigiacomo and Krista Prestigiacomo each were honored prior to competing in their last home meet.

Junior Lucy Burgin tallied a career-high 39.025 in the all-around to lead the Wildcats (8-7, 0-6 Southeastern Conference). The Cats used a 49.150 score on floor to break open a close meet in the

final rotation with the seventh-highest floor score in school history.

Senior Michelle Gales ended her career in Memorial Coliseum on a high note, finishing first and tying her career-high with a 9.95 on floor. Fellow senior Krista Prestigiacomo also tied her career-high with a 9.85 on floor.

### Track and field improves marks

The UK men's 4x400-meter relay team ran its fastest mark of the season with a time of 3:06.09 in Ames, Iowa, on Saturday. Seven UK athletes competed in last-chance meets in South Bend, Ind., and Ames. The Cyclones hosted the NCAA Track and Field Qualifying Meet in Lied Recreation Center, while the Fighting Irish hosted the Alex Wilson Invitational.

UK's 4-by-400-meter relay team improved on its previous NCAA provision-

al qualifying mark of 3:09.98 from the Southeastern Conference Championships a week ago. The foursome was comprised of freshmen Justin Harrison, Nathan Browning, Dan Hutson and junior Dedrick Tillerson.

### Men's tennis loses to Ole Miss

UK junior Alex Hume picked up his third victory over a ranked opponent yesterday, but it wasn't enough to help his Cats, who fell to No. 5 Ole Miss, 6-1, in Oxford, Miss.

No. 12 UK (7-5, 0-2 Southeastern Conference) suffered its second-straight defeat.

UK will host South Carolina at 1 p.m. Friday at the Boone Tennis Center.

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# Cats sweep second straight

By Ryan Mabry  
THE KENTUCKY KERNEL

The only way Toledo could stop John Shelby from stealing bases yesterday was to pick him off.

"My first time I was going to steal, and I got picked off," Shelby said. "So, I've definitely got to wait and make sure (the pitcher) goes home, and then just run my fastest to try and beat it out."

Shelby wreaked havoc on the Toledo Rockets to the tune of three steals and a 4-for-4 day at the plate, to lead the Cats to a wild 14-12 victory in a windy Cliff Hagan Stadium.

"If we can get him to hit line drives and ground balls, John Shelby can be an offensive force," head coach John Cohen said. "He just gets in a little bit of a fly ball mode, which gets him into trouble. But when he's hitting line drives and ground balls, he's a tough guy to keep off the bases."

The win was the eighth straight for the Cats, who improved to 9-1 on the season in completing their second sweep in as many series this year.

"The win streak's great," said UK first baseman Kevin Caldwell. "There's nothing wrong with winning. I'll take wins every day. We're going to ride it as long as we can. I'll tell you that."

Caldwell reached base every time he went to the plate, drawing three walks, hitting two singles, scoring three runs and even stealing

a base in his best effort of the season. He was pleased with the opportunities he is getting.

"He's giving me a shot," Caldwell said. "I'm a new guy, and he's giving all the new guys a good shot at playing. You've got to go out there and produce when he gives you a chance. Hopefully, I can keep doing it like I did today."

Cohen was also happy with what he saw from Caldwell.

"When we recruited Kevin, the thing that we heard the most about him was how selective he is at the plate," Cohen said. "He does a great job with the strike zone. I think as Kevin matures and he gets bigger and stronger, he can be a force in the middle of our lineup."

The Cats built a nine-run lead in the first six innings, and it looked to be a lazy Sunday for the team. It didn't stay that way.

In the top of the seventh, the Rockets put eight runs on the board to make the score 13-12. The Cats would answer with a run in the bottom of the inning, and Craig Snipp came in to silence the Rockets' rally and earn his first save by pitching two and one-third innings of one-hit ball the rest of the way.

Kalen Gibson (2-0) earned the victory with a five-inning, five-hit performance in which he allowed two unearned runs.

Despite the team's recent success, Cohen preached caution.

"With a young team like this, we've got to come to play every day," Cohen said. "We've got to have an electricity in our feet, we've got to be prepared, and if we're not, anybody's going to be able to beat us. But, the flip side of that is when we play well, I think we can beat anybody, which is what it's going to take in the Southeastern Conference."

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Vogel cf	1	0	0	Cooper lf	1	0	0		
Lauder cf	5	1	1	Lettemann 3b	4	1	1		
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Shroy 3b	5	1	2	Shelton pr/cf	2	0	1		
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Wagner			2	3	2	1	0	0	
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Lowell			2	1	0	0	0	2	
Gibson	M	2-0	5	5	2	0	2	3	
Reverette			1	7	7	2	1		
Baker			2-3	2	3	0	0	0	
Snipp			2-13	1	0	0	0	2	

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PB - Ruth 3, 11 - 332, 4 - 215.  
Records: Toledo 1-5, UK 9-1.

# Softball captures title

STAFF REPORT

The UK women's softball team won its second consecutive tournament title yesterday at the Kentucky Invitational.

The Cats (11-14) went 4-0 on the weekend, closing the tournament with wins over Youngstown State and Belmont yesterday. Youngstown State took an early four-run lead, and UK was forced to go to the bullpen. Junior Meghan Cooper came in for the Cats to relieve freshman Samantha Allen. A five-run sixth inning for UK helped seal an 8-4 win.

Cooper pitched six scoreless innings. The Cats relinquished the early lead again to Belmont in yesterday's second game.

Sophomore Brooke Marnitz hit her first home run of the season to put UK on the board. Freshman Alli Beckman and senior Jessica Nance added two RBIs each, and the Cats cruised to a 10-3 victory.

Allen went a full nine innings in the second game and recorded a career-high nine strikeouts.

After starting the season 2-13, head coach Eileen Schmidt said she can see her team improving with more experience.

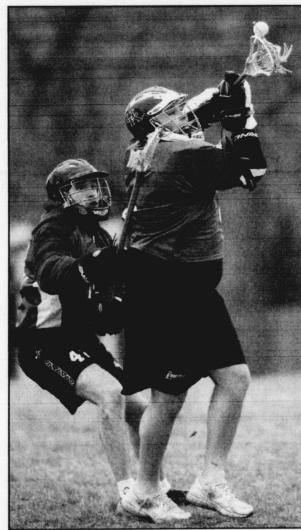
"We're more comfortable, and the more comfortable you are, the better you'll play," she said.

The Cats return to action tomorrow as they host top-25 Louisville at 4 p.m.

"We're going to do our best and try to keep doing what we've been doing," Schmidt said.

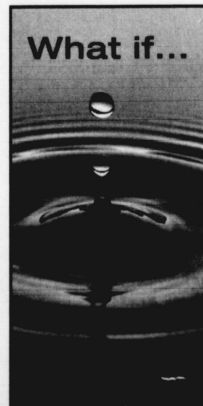
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Josh Samuels tries to catch a pass during UK's 17-3 victory over Marshall Saturday at Good Barn Field. To get involved with the UK lacrosse team, e-mail Jacob Knight of the team at ukjax24@hotmail.com.

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## WEEK IN REVIEW

### Nietzel leaving UK

On Friday Southwest Missouri State University announced that UK Provost Mike Nietzel had been hired as its new president. Nietzel has served UK in various capacities for more than 30 years. Since 2001, Nietzel has served as interim provost and then provost, and as UK's academic leader he has been a vital component of President Lee Todd's administration. Todd praised Nietzel's contributions last week and noted that he was "certainly capable of being president." We hope the university can find someone capable of filling Nietzel's shoes in the coming months, and we wish the outgoing provost the best in his future endeavors.

### State budget to pass?

It looks like the Kentucky General Assembly is going to pass a budget. It's been a long time since Kentuckians have seen resolution come from conflicts in Frankfort. House and Senate leaders had a meeting Saturday that lasted well into the night, while they hashed out the more than 300 differences in the budget. A vote could come as early as tomorrow, and House and Senate leaders predict the bill will pass. If they're correct, the state would have a tax modernization and budget plan in place. Bipartisanship — at least among party leaders — is possible, after all.

### UK funding issues settled

Some UK funding issues appear to be settled as of Saturday's meeting. Funding for the bio-pharmaceutical research complex was \$40 million in state money in the House bill and \$32 million in the Senate bill, according to the Louisville Courier-Journal. UK administrators will be quite pleased if the \$40 million funding, which emerged from the joint session, passes this week. The basketball practice arena funding will be split, with \$7 million coming from state bonds and \$6 million from university revenues, according to the Courier-Journal. What isn't clear yet is how much funding the Chandler Medical Center expansion will receive. It's now up to the legislature to act.

### Last-minute downer

UK men's basketball ended the regular season on a down note, losing to Florida 53-52. But Tommy Smith's team still finished the season 23-4 (.852) and will have a No. 1 overall seed in the Southeastern Conference Tournament later this week. It's now that time of year that UK fans relish. In the coming week's fans will see what this year's team is made of.

### SG elections soon

On March 30 and 31, students will go to the polls and determine who will run Student Government next year. The election for president is crucial, since the winner represents students on the UK Board of Trustees, among other things. Preliminary candidates for president are Will Nash, Becky Ellingsworth and Tommy Cunningham. Students should take the time to familiarize themselves with the platform of each candidate so they can make an informed decision later this month. Some places to start are the Ellingsworth campaign Web site, www.ukstudentsfirst.com, and Nash campaign Web site, www.nashbishop.com. For information on Cunningham's views, check the Kernel archives.

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MATT CAREY, THE KENTUCKY KERNEL

## IN OUR OPINION

# UK sports teams perform well off the field

Last week's release of UK's performance in the new Academic Progress Rate system shows UK's athletic teams are doing their job in the classroom.

Of UK's 22 athletic programs, 21 met or exceeded the National Collegiate Athletic Association's new academic standard for evaluating the classroom performance of athletes.

Nine of UK's teams received a perfect score from the system, meaning every scholarship player on the team stayed at UK and remained academically eligible for the entire 2003-04 academic school year.

The members of these teams and their coaches should be applauded for ensuring academic standards are met and representing UK well away from the playing field.

The only UK athletic team that did not meet the NCAA Division I goal of 925 is also the school's most high-profile.

The men's basketball team

received a score of 827, placing it 11th out of 12 in the Southeastern Conference.

The Academic Progress Rate system uses a point-based formula for evaluating each team's achievement over the course of a given academic year. Each student-athlete can earn up to four points a year for his or her team — one point per semester is granted for remaining academically eligible, and one point per semester is granted for staying at the same institution.

A team must earn at least 92.5 percent of the possible points to remain in good academic standing or face the possibility of NCAA-imposed sanctions.

Beginning in December, teams that do not reach that level could face the loss of scholarships.

Despite the disappointing score for men's basketball, UK administrators are not worried about the future of the program.

Sandy Bell, UK's associate athletic director for compliance, said last year was a "unique year" for the program, as all four of the team's scholarship seniors pursued professional careers and did not receive degrees.

But Bell pointed out that both of this year's scholarship seniors are expected to graduate and said the team would likely achieve a perfect score of 1000, and therefore, should not be penalized.

Hopefully, Bell will be correct in her prediction and UK's other teams will sustain their academic achievement to ensure every athletic program remains in good academic standing with the NCAA.

Though we feel the NCAA is taking steps in the right direction to guarantee student-athletes perform off the playing field, the application of sanctions so soon after the implementation of the point system may be a little rushed.

Athletic teams should be permitted to get used to the system and make sure it is fully understood before the NCAA starts taking away scholarships. Any kinks in the system should also be worked out before sanctions are imposed.

The loss of just one scholarship can have a long-lasting effect on the on-field performance of athletic teams, and the NCAA must be certain the system works before that takes place.

## Kinks in the NCAA's new academic evaluation program of student-athletes should be addressed before sanctions are handed out.

Unconscious? Terri Schiavo smiles, cries, opens and closes her eyes, moves, follows people with her eyes and makes sounds. You can see for yourself on the Web site dedicated to saving her life: www.terrisfight.org.

Her husband, who has started a family with another woman, says that Terri wants to die. Her parents disagree.

And this is where the story gets strange. Although Michael Schiavo has not provided care for his wife for the past seven years, choosing instead to leave it up to Terri's elderly parents while he continues his adulterous relationship, the courts refuse to acknowledge anyone other than Michael Schiavo as Terri's guardian.

Despite years of court battles, thousands of dollars spent on lawyers, intervention by Florida Gov. Jeb Bush and a 24-hour protest outside Terri's hospice center, the parents of Terri Schiavo will be

# Florida woman the victim of high court hypocrisy

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In less than two weeks, on March 18 at 1 p.m., an innocent handicapped woman will be murdered.

(Once you know the facts you'll understand why "murder" is indeed the only correct word.)

Florida Circuit Court Judge George Greer has granted Michael

Schiavo authority to kill his wife, Terri, by withholding food and water from her. Terri Schiavo, 41, is severely brain-damaged as a result of heart failure she suffered in 1991.

Provided there are no new details of child sex to report from the Wacko Jacko trial, the media will, on occasion, present a short piece on Terri Schiavo. Of course, the media describe Terri as being in a persistent vegetative state, kept alive by life support.

But don't buy into their cliché and inaccurate words: The only "life support" Terri Schiavo is on is food and water via a feeding tube. By Florida law she is not close to being in a persistent vegetative state.

According to Florida Statute 765.101, "Persistent vegetative state" means a permanent and irreversible condition of unconsciousness in which there is the absence of voluntary action or... an inability to communicate or interact purposefully with the environment."

forced to watch their daughter die a slow death of starvation and dehydration.

Their only hope now is for the U.S. Supreme Court to intervene — an unlikely prospect.

For the first time in the history of our country, a judge has ruled that executing an innocent person for the crime of being disabled — a ruling that could set a new standard for "mercy killing" — and the only thing on Fox and CNN is the latest on Wacko's pedophilia.

Forget "Desperate Housewives" and "NYPD Blue" — the most outrageous act of indecency on television is the lack of coverage of Terri Schiavo's court-ordered murder.

Don't let the media tell you what's news. An innocent woman is about to be killed in the name of selfishness, and if we sit back and let it happen, we're all guilty.

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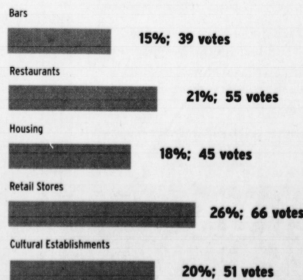
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## KERNELS OF TRUTH | knowing is half the battle Chem-Phys murder fact, not fiction

Dear Kernels of Truth, Some friends swore to me that a student was murdered in the basement of the Chemistry-Physics Building on Rose Street. Is this true, or is it just the same urban legend heard on every other college campus?

Sincerely,  
Curious in Kirwan Tower

Dear Curious, Though you're right that stories of ghastly murders often circulate on college campuses, with no real substantiation, this one is true.

According to Lexington Police records, court records and the Lexington Herald-Leader archives, on June 9, 1984, chemistry graduate student Lin-jung Chen, 31, of Taiwan, was working late in the lab on a research project when she was raped, sodomized and strangled. Her body was found the next morning in a third-floor women's restroom, across the hall from Room 325, where she was conducting an experiment.

Elzie Morton, then 31, was charged with and found guilty of rape, sodomy and first-degree murder. The jury sentenced him to life in prison with possibility of parole in 25 years.

Sincerely,  
Staff Writer Joshua Worthington (aka Kernels of Truth)

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Jonathan Palmer | STAFF  
Kernels of Truth investigated the rumor that a student was once murdered in the Chemistry-Physics Building on Rose Street. "The rumor" is true; the murder occurred in 1984.

## Music REVIEW

### 'Linger' dynamically packages 'instant serenity and relaxation'

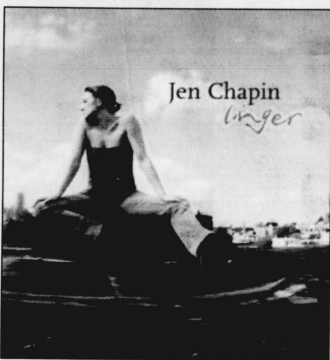


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New York-based singer-songwriter Jen Chapin performs tonight at the Kentucky Theatre for the Woodsongs Old Time Radio Hour. Kernel music critic Nathan Thacher was duly impressed with *Linger*.

By Nathan Thacher  
KERNEL MUSIC CRITIC

How does this strike you — instant serenity and relaxation reduced into a single album. Sounds fairly appealing, doesn't it? I think I've found such an album, very much worthy of a listen.

Enter Jen Chapin's *Linger*, an immensely enjoyable album built on the groovy subtleties of soul and jazz that's been getting plenty of attention since its 2004 release. If Aretha Franklin had sung a little more quietly and written more thoughtful lyrics, then you'd have something similar to Chapin. The folkish pedigree that descended from Jen Chapin's father, Harry Chapin, has been uniquely translated into this realm of soul to create something beautifully original and enduring.

I wasn't kidding about the serenity — this music is very slow and calm. *Linger* features the warm, resonant, drawn-out bass strums of Stephan Crump and lazy guitar riffs of Jamie Fox (not the actor) that resemble collapsing into a comfy chair and maybe tapping one toe to the rhythm.

"Hurry Up Sky," "City" and "I Could Fall (In Love With You)" are very subtle songs of varied angelic strings and lazy

percussion that drift and float along in no particular rush. The quiet instruments make room for both the sweetness of Chapin's DiFranco-esque voice and the clever words sung through it.

Though the album never gets too busy or labored, the jazzy, bumpy grooves of tracks like "Me Be Me," "Numbers" and, to a lesser degree, "Gold," bring some degree of noise and plenty of funk while still maintaining the folkish/rockish tone that runs through the entire album. There's a healthy dose of bass and at least a marginal chance of a spontaneous dancing outbreak.

Chapin has obviously spent plenty of time and energy to make smart but commonplace lyrics taken straight out of the wistful, random moments of life. "Manchild," "Passive People" and "Good as Love" are full of very personal and, at times, satirical, lyrics built upon the same soulful yet poppish construct. It's fun but full of thought and emotion that demand your attention to be understood.

The most practical use for *Linger* is, simply put, laying your lady or gentleman down by the fire to have ... tea and cookies (wink wink, nudge nudge). It's

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Web site: For more information about Jen Chapin, visit [www.jenchapin.com](http://www.jenchapin.com).

got a lovely sound, and it's easy to ignore Chapin's airy voice and just trust the bounce and flutter of the bass guitar and drums: And that's when the gettin' is good, if you catch my not-so-subtle drift.

Just about anyone can settle down and listen to this music and be helplessly subdued and enchanted by the ghostly sugar-sweet vocals and bouncy, happy guitar and bass strums. If you aren't slightly cheered up and inspired by music like this, I'm convinced you just don't like being happy.

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## Beijing dance troupe defies critics



MEL MELCOM | LOS ANGELES TIMES  
Willy Tsao and his modern dancers of Beijing and Hong Kong steer clear of cultural expectations.

By Chris Pastes  
LOS ANGELES TIMES

LOS ANGELES — Like a deft action hero in a martial arts film, Beijing Modern Dance Company artistic director Willy Tsao has had to fend off challenges from every side.

"Why doesn't your work have more of a Hong Kong identity?" people asked when the Hong Kong native founded a modern dance company there in 1979.

"Why are you interested in capitalist, pro-American art?" Chinese government officials asked when he brought modern dance to Guangzhou in 1987.

"Why aren't you more Chinese?" Western critics demand when his troupes — the Beijing company and the City Contemporary Dance Company of Hong Kong — tour Europe and the United States.

"Western critics sound exactly like our government," Tsao said a few months ago on his last visit to Los Angeles, when the Hong Kong company performed as part of the downtown Grand Performances series.

"You must always do something Chinese. You should not follow the Western style," I say no. Do whatever you want. The essence of modern dance is freedom. When an artist has a

total freedom to do whatever he wants, this is modern dance."

That sensibility is on view this weekend in Los Angeles as Tsao's Beijing troupe dances "Rear Light" to Pink Floyd's 1979 rock album *The Wall*.

Choreographed by Li Han-Zhong, deputy director of the company, and his wife, Ma Bo, the work embodies the anti-establishment themes of alienation, individuality and anger that Tsao, 49, encourages in the troupe he took over in 1989. (It was formed in 1985.)

"I tell them they are totally free," he says. "I do not want to restrict them — and they should not be restricted."

Tsao did not set out to pursue a dance career. He planned to take over the family textile business. But while studying business at Pacific Lutheran University in Tacoma, Wash., he also took some modern dance classes, and he was hooked.

During summer breaks, he flew to New York to broaden his dance technique, and while he did go to earn an MBA from the University of Hong Kong in 1979, he promptly applied his business knowledge to starting City Contemporary Dance.

From the beginning, oth-

ers forced him to face issues about identity.

To accommodate his critics, he mixed Western dance and long-sleeved Chinese costumes.

"But after a while, we thought those works are not what we really want to do. It's like playing 'Chopsticks' and singing a few commercial songs to attract tourists. So we threw away all those concepts and did what we honestly felt."

In "Rear Light," the dancers behave brutally and vulnerably, mimicking executions and attempts to ward off blows. In those moments and the crime-scene body silhouettes painted on the floor, Western critics have seen echoes of the 1989 Tiananmen Square massacre. Tsao says the event was pivotal in his thinking, but he insists the work has a wider meaning.

"Before, I always considered myself a Hong Kong person, which was under British rule," he said. "When it happened, I started to consider myself fully Chinese."

But "Rear Light" is meant "to reflect the young in China today, their fight to be free from tradition and their search for new challenges," he said. "This kind of struggle happens everywhere."

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**Postseason Preview**

a fans guide to **MADNESS**



The Cats' road to another SEC Tournament title begins Friday.

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Chuck Hayes made the list of The Kernel's All-SEC team.

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Map out the field of 65 in the NCAA Tournament.

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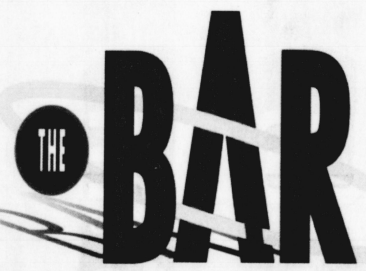
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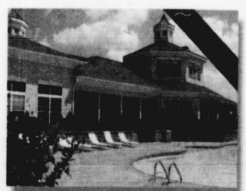
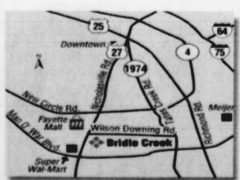


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# Cats take home advantage south



UK receives the trophy for its 25th Southeastern Conference Tournament Championship last year in Atlanta. The Cats enter this year's tournament as the No. 1 seed after winning its 43rd SEC regular season championship.

JONATHAN PALMER | STAFF

When I was a wee tot, my parents brought me to Lexington every year for the UK Invitational Tournament.

They discontinued the Christmas-time tournament after the 1989-90 season.

Well, actually, they just moved it back three months every year — to the Southeastern Conference Tournament.

The Georgia Dome this week will no doubt look just like it did last year, and just like every SEC Tournament site has looked for, well, its entire history.

A deep blue sea. Since the Cats came off probation in the 1991-92 season, they've won the SEC Tournament 10 of 13 times. (One of those years, 1996, UK lost in the SEC Tourney finals but won it all in the NCAA, so fans are probably willing to overlook that one.)

For the tournament's history, UK owns 25 championships. Everyone else combined: 19.

Rupp Arena used to be in the rota-

tion of tournament sites, hosting its last in 1993. The SEC decided to hold the tourney at a neutral site thereafter, supposing that might even the field for the rest of the league.

It didn't. Because UK fans go everywhere. (Props to the old, blue-clad lady who did a great song-and-dance karaoke number in the sports bar of the Atlanta Marriott Marquis last year. She continued to dance even as Florida faithful wrestled the mike away.)

And the rest of the league has failed to surmount any sustainable threat to UK's dominance.

Sure, the SEC sends a handful of teams to the NCAA Tournament every year. Florida made the Final Four in 1994 and 2000. Arkansas won it all in 1994 and returned to the Final Four the next year. Mississippi State joined UK in the Final Four in 1996. Vandy and Alabama represented the SEC well last year.

But the Cats have made the finals of the SEC Tournament every year except two since 1992. They've won six regular-season titles. No other team has more than one crown during that time span.

This year, especially, has been a down year for the SEC. UK could have closed up shop on this season after win-

ning 10 conference games and still have earned a first-round bye. But gone are the days UK, Florida and Georgia beat up on each other while a Western Division team sneaks into a championship. Georgia's in big-time rebuilding mode. Florida's perennial mediocrity continues to astound. South Carolina disappointed.

So with two freshmen and another SEC newcomer in the starting lineup, the Cats have again reigned supreme.

If the chalk prevails this week, UK will come away with its 26th SEC Tournament title. Winning the event has become so commonplace, head coach Tabby Smith didn't even let his team cut down the nets after winning last year.

The tournament hasn't become meaningless, by any means. Mississippi State will need to make some noise to shore up an NCAA bid. And just to keep things interesting, the Cats' SEC tournament showing will probably determine their NCAA seed. Three wins, and they'll probably get a No. 1.

The focus on those subplots should send a message to the other 11 teams: They need to step up.

But they haven't yet.

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# Bracketology fuels fans' hoops fever

Leave it to ESPN to add to our ever-expanding English language.

Although Webster's has yet to officially publish its name, everyone's hearing amplifies when someone says the word "Bracketology."



Jeff Patterson  
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This is the time of year, you can't go anywhere without hearing it. In the press box, you hear grumblings of why Villanova is only a No. 7 seed. At the water cooler people moan about how in the world Mississippi State's stock is rising, as they haven't beaten anybody all year.

It's Joe Lunardi's job to compile mock NCAA Tournament pairings every week. And at the beginning of

every week, when the latest Bracketology comes out, ESPN.com is flooded with hits. It's probably the most-read page on the site. Forget the top 25. I want to know where the teams are playing and against which teams.

We are a society that is so obsessed over what might happen in the future.

Are we going to hell in a hand basket?

Will we run out of fossil fuels in our lifetime?

Can Illinois become the first team since Indiana in 1976 to run the table? Oops.

We need answers to these questions. And Bracketology can at least answer some of them. I can sleep easier at night now that UK is going to be in the Albuquerque (N.M.) region. Thank you, ESPN.

Way back in middle school, before ESPN made the term a household name, I'd come up with my own Bracketology and give my work to my classmates. It was advanced enough to the point of making sure teams

from the same conference couldn't meet until the regional finals. I had it down to a science.

Some people thought I was crazy — that's only about half right. However, the sports nuts thought it was the coolest thing ever. I guess mine never caught on because I didn't really have a catchy name for it. Oh well.

If this whole sports reporting gig that I'm getting myself into doesn't pan out, maybe I can be Lunardi's successor.

How cool of a job would that be?

Just imagine getting paid, year-round, just to make a few educated guesses where some directional state university school will ball come March.

More often than not, Lunardi has been correct in his projections.

Looking at his most recent Bracketology, I already see things I like.

For example, the No. 15 seed in the Austin (Texas) re-

gional, Eastern Kentucky, is a seed rising. The Colonels, the Ohio Valley Conference Tournament champs, have won 11 out of their last 13 games. Coach Travis Ford has these guys rolling. With their solid inside play, the Colonels could give a No. 2 seed like Oklahoma State fits.

Another item of Bracketology genius is that the 16-11 Georgetown Hoyas are listed as a team on the fall out of the tourney. What a "right on" projection. The Hoyas have lost five games in a row. The NCAA selection committee wouldn't cut them any slack, so why should Lunardi?

By the time you are reading this, the Hoyas will be out; the Indiana Hoosiers will be in. And you will not be able to go the rest of the day without hearing the word "Bracketology."

Be sure to thank ESPN for adding to your vocabulary.

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# How to avoid a March mishap

As the Cats have rolled off victories and secured another Southeastern Conference championship, a cloud hangs over it all. Tubby Smith knows it, and so does everyone else.



**Tim Wiseman**  
SPORTS EDITOR

As great as UK has been over the past three years — UK has a gaudy 49-5 record in SEC play — NCAA Tournament disappointments haunt the Big Blue.

“Most people aren’t concerned with what you’ve done in the past — they’re concerned with what you’re doing now and what you’re going to do,” Smith said. “You’re only as good as your next win — I know that.”

And when UK fans talk of winning they mean winning in March, something the Cats have struggled to do the past two seasons.

In those NCAA Tournament losses to Marquette and Alabama-Birmingham, UK ran into hot teams playing great basketball. But both of those teams exploited key weaknesses in the Cats’ game, and those same flaws — poor transition defense and rebounding — have led to UK’s losses this season.

UK has yet to solve those problems, and the Cats must if they are to mount a March run.

“We have a tendency to get away from what we do best,” Smith said, before adding later, “We do enough to get by.”

His Cats certainly do, as they have pulled out dozens of gritty wins over the past three seasons, but those March mishaps are what UK fans remember and fear.

During the loss at South Carolina on Feb. 15 (and in clumsy first halves against Ole Miss, Louisville and Florida), guards consistently beat the Cats off the dribble, slashing to the basket for easy points.

“South Carolina, I think, had five jump shots all night; the rest were layups and shots in the paint,” Smith said. “Our physicality, or our lack thereof, sometimes



**JONATHAN PALMER | STAFF**  
Tennessee forward Andre Palmer dunks over UK center Lukasz Obrzut and forward Bobby Perry. Weak inside defense could doom UK in March.

hurts us by not rotating over and working hard to get between the ball and the basket or getting in position to take a charge.”

Marquette’s Dwayne Wade did the same in 2003, and the itty-bitty backcourt of UAB did so in 2004.

(The second half of that Florida game looked eerily similar to that UAB second half. UK has a nice lead — four over Florida and five over UAB — in the final minute, yet mismanages the final seconds to lose the lead and the game. And UK junior guard Keleena Azubuike’s desperation 3-pointer at the end looked like Gerald Fitch’s ill-fated shot against UAB.)

That physicality, “or lack thereof,” can be seen in UK’s recent rebounding woes, as the Cats have been out-rebounded in six of their last seven games.

Against South Carolina, that failure to rebound helped

give the Gamecocks a 40-22 advantage in points in the paint.

In the past few games, UK has overcome its rebounding problem, but that might not last forever.

“They’re getting better at technique; they’re getting at attempting to block out, but they’ve got to finish,” Smith said. “We’re just going to have to move on ... hopefully, they’ll get better and get that sense of urgency that they have to do better.”

Yesterday’s loss at Florida should renew that sense of urgency and remind the Cats of their weaknesses, the same flaws that have led to recent March misfortunes.

But if they can’t solve those problems, or at least hide them with smoother offense and better ball control, history may repeat itself, again.

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## ATLANTA AT A GLANCE

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### Et Cetera

The Greater Atlanta Alumni Club is sponsoring a UK pep rally held from 2 to 6 p.m. Friday at the Georgia World Congress Center (next to the Georgia Dome) in Room B-406. Former UK basketball players Jeff Sheppard, Kenny Walker, Cameron Mills and his dad Terry Mills will appear.

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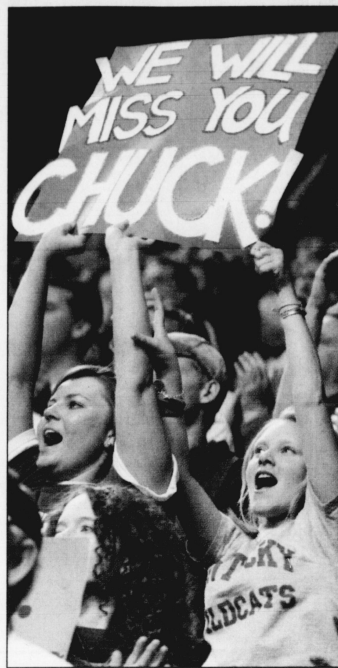
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# SEC SEASON IN REVIEW



JONATHAN PALMER | STAFF  
Mississippi State center Lawrence Roberts is The Kentucky Kernel's Southeastern Conference Player of the Year. Roberts led the SEC in rebounding at 11.1 rebounds per game.



JONATHAN PALMER | STAFF  
Sociology junior Marian Lamson (right) and integrated strategic communications junior Meredith Hughes show their support for UK senior forward Chuck Hayes. Hayes made The Kernel's All-SEC First Team.

## Final Standings

EAST		
	SEC	All
Kentucky	14-2	23-4
Florida	12-4	20-7
Vanderbilt	8-8	18-12
South Carolina	7-9	15-12
Tennessee	6-10	13-16
Georgia	2-14	8-19

WEST		
	SEC	All
Alabama	12-4	23-6
Louisiana St.	12-4	19-8
Mississippi St.	9-7	21-9
Arkansas	6-10	18-11
Mississippi	4-12	13-16
Auburn	4-12	13-16

**Player of the Year**  
Lawrence Roberts, Mississippi St.

**First Team**

Lawrence Roberts	Sr.	F/C	Mississippi St.
Chuck Hayes	Sr.	F	Kentucky
Kennedy Winston	Jr.	F	Alabama
Anthony Roberson	Jr.	G	Florida
Brandon Bass	So.	F	Louisiana St.

**Second Team**

Ronnie Brewer	So.	G	Arkansas
Carlos Powell	Sr.	F	South Carolina
Glenn Davis	Fr.	F	Louisiana St.
Earnest Shelton	Sr.	G	Alabama
Matt Walsh	Jr.	F	Florida

**Newcomer of the Year**  
Patrick Sparks, Kentucky

**Coach of the Year**  
Tubby Smith, Kentucky

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## SEC Statistical Leaders

Scoring	
1. Anthony Roberson, Florida	18.6 ppg
2. Kennedy Winston, Alabama	18.1 ppg
3. Brandon Bass, LSU	17.5 ppg
4. Lawrence Roberts, Miss. St.	17.3 ppg
5. Toney Douglas, Auburn	16.8 ppg
6t. Ronnie Brewer, Arkansas	16.4 ppg
6t. Earnest Shelton, Alabama	16.4 ppg
8. Carlos Powell, South Carolina	16.0 ppg
9. Levi Stukes, Georgia	15.4 ppg
10. Kelela Azubuikwe, UK	14.5 ppg

## SEC Statistical Leaders

Rebounding	
1. Lawrence Roberts, Miss. St.	11.1 rpg
2t. Brandon Bass, LSU	8.8 rpg
2t. David Lee, Florida	8.8 rpg
4. Glen Davis, LSU	8.7 rpg
5. <b>Chuck Hayes, UK</b>	8.0 rpg

Assists	
1. C.J. Watson, Tennessee	5.1 apg
2t. Gary Ervin, Miss. St.	4.9 apg
2t. Ronald Steele, Alabama	4.9 apg
4. Tack Minor, LSU	4.8 apg
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