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Student in fair condition after chemical explosion

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A UK exchange student remains in the Burn Intensive Care Unit at UK Chandler Medical Center and is listed in fair condition after being injured in a laboratory explosion Friday.

Simone Schendel, an exchange student from Germany, was injured in an explosion in a chemicals and material

engineering lab on the seventh floor of Anderson Hall, one of the buildings housing UK's College of Engineering.

Maj. Joe Monroe with UK police said the lab, which was closed Friday when the building was evacuated as a precaution, should be open today.

"The plan on Friday was that it would be closed until Monday," Monroe said. "(But) I would anticipate it will be open."

Schendel was pouring nitric acid into a waste container for disposal when the acid reacted violently with another chemical in the container, causing an explosion that shattered the container.

Other people in the lab pulled her under the emergency shower in the lab to rinse the chemicals off of her, Monroe said. She was decontaminated and then taken to UK Medical Center.

Six others in or near the lab at the

time of the explosion were decontaminated and taken to UK Medical Center for treatment before being released. UK officials have not released their names.

Lee Poore, occupational health and safety director, said UK puts a strong emphasis on lab safety training to prevent accidents of this type.

Students, faculty and staff working in labs must have three training sessions: a chemical hygiene and lab safe-

ty course, a hazardous waste disposal course and a fire extinguisher training course. These courses mostly target students.

"They're the most important people to take the courses," Poore said. "We try to focus on the people working in the labs as priority."

Poore said it was unlikely that safety training and precautions would un-

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UK 24, UGA 20

SEASON HIGH



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Above: Fans climb on the goal post celebrating the win. Fans have not torn down the goal post since 1997 when the Cats upset Alabama.
Below: Sophomore free safety Marcus McClinton takes down freshman receiver Kris Durham.



ALLIE GARZA | STAFF

UK knocks off reigning SEC champ

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Keenan Burton was hugging everyone who extended their arms toward him. Jacob Tamme was crying seemingly uncontrollable tears of joy as he embraced family, friends and strangers.

Dicky Lyons Jr. found his dad and shared what Dicky Lyons Sr. called "the greatest moment" in either of their UK careers.

For the members of the UK football team, it was that kind of feeling.

Behind a 3-yard touchdown run by Tony Dixon with one minute remaining and a game-clinching interception by Trevard Lindley on the following drive, UK defeated defending Southeastern Conference champion Georgia 24-20

Saturday afternoon in Commonwealth Stadium in a game that broke the players, coaches and a goal post down.

"I can't tell you how happy I am for the players, particularly the seniors," head coach Rich Brooks said. "(With) what they've been through, for them to get a win like this against a team that Kentucky hasn't beaten a lot in recent years is, I think, a signature win for them that they can remember for a lot of years."

The win, UK's first over Georgia in 10 years, moved UK into third place in the SEC East. The victory also gave the Cats their first winning record at this point in the season since 2002, and moved them within one game of becoming bowl-eligible. They can seal a postseason berth Saturday against Vanderbilt.

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Meningitis case confirmed on campus

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One case of viral meningitis has been confirmed in a UK student, a University Health Services official said.

Viral meningitis, which is less severe than bacterial meningitis, usually clears up on its own, said UHS director Dr. Greg Moore.

"You're usually sick for three days, and then you're fine," Moore said.

The student is being treated at the UK Chandler Hospital and is recovering, according to a UK news release.

Moore said viral meningitis spreads like any other virus, but gets into the fluid around the brain and spinal cord.

Viral meningitis cannot be spread from person to person, and Moore said there is no explana-

tion as to why some people come down with it.

"It's kind of like a cold," Moore said. "Some get it, and some don't."

Moore said a university the size of UK sees viral meningitis cases a little more often than bacterial meningitis, which occurs about once every two to three years.

"It's quite rare," he said. "It doesn't happen that often."

Symptoms of viral meningitis are severe headaches, stiffness in the neck and sensitivity to light, Moore said.

Both types of meningitis have the same symptoms, so it is important for people with these symptoms to seek medical attention immediately, he said.

Moore said the only way to tell if someone has viral or bacterial meningitis is to do a spinal

tap.

"We never want to miss a case of bacterial meningitis," he said. "You can die within 24 hours of getting (it)."

Moore said 20 percent of people have the bacteria that leads to bacterial meningitis in their throats and, similarly to viral meningitis, there is no way to tell who will get it and who will not.

Bacterial meningitis is treated with antibiotics. Sometimes, even with treatment, it can result in "long-standing mental disabilities," Moore said.

"If you intervene within hours, you can decrease the chance of death and these kinds of disabilities," he said.

There is an increased chance of contracting bacterial meningitis for those in a close-knit setting, like college students.

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SEE PAGE 3 FOR A BREAKDOWN OF CANDIDATE PLATFORMS

Lexington's future in student hands

By Alice Haymond
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Tomorrow's election determines who will handle the future of Lexington — and students could have a say in that decision.

"The students should certainly care," said UK journalism instructor Al Cross, who spent 15 years as The Courier-Journal's chief political writer.

Over the two-year period, you can never anticipate all the issues that will come up, and campus representation will be needed," he said. The mayoral seat and the 3rd District Lexington-Fayette Urban County Council seat, which includes the UK campus area, are both up for grabs in tomorrow's election.

A rise in turnout among students would hold local politicians more accountable to students and their concerns, Cross said.

"If more students would vote, the council and mayor would be more likely to be responsive to students," Cross said. Incumbent Teresa Isaac and attorney Jim

Newberry are the candidates for mayor, which carries a four-year term.

Incumbent Dick DeCamp and activist Don Pratt are the candidates for the 3rd District council seat; each council member serves a two-year term.

All candidates will be looking into issues such as downtown revitalization, traffic problems, drainage improvements and UK-Lexington relations.

By not voting, "you're letting other people make the decisions for your life," Isaac said in a recent interview with the Kernel.

Newberry said he wanted an improved government and hoped everyone else who did would cast a vote tomorrow.

"I hope if others feel the same way (on improving Lexington), they'll get out and vote and encourage their friends to do the same," Newberry said in a recent interview with the Kernel.

The polls will be open from 6 a.m. to 6 p.m. A copy of a precinct's sample ballot can be obtained at www.elect.ky.gov.

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Horoscopes

By Linda C. Black

To get the advantage, check the day's rating: 10 is the easiest day, 0 the most challenging.

Aries (March 21 - April 19) Today is a 6 — You can be very wealthy. Don't be afraid. This is not achieved by luck. It's more like taking very carefully calculated risks.
Taurus (April 20 - May 20) Today is a 7 — Lucky, you're very good at standing firm. Be gracious but don't flinch. You win by being stubborn. You're a natural.
Gemini (May 21 - June 21) Today is a 6 — Staying quiet's not easy for you but do it a little while longer. Be watching for changes and hidden agendas, and keep your head down.

Cancer (June 22 - July 22) Today is an 8 — You're in a good mood, and that's helpful. There will be a few awkward moments. Something you thought would go one way is more likely to go the other.
Leo (July 23 - Aug. 22) Today is a 5 — If you have to choose between career and family, choose family. It's forever. You can always get another career but you probably won't have to do that.
Virgo (Aug. 23 - Sept. 22) Today is an 8 — You keep things clean and well organized, which gives you a nice advantage. You'll be able to see an awkward attempt to cheat, and, of course, you'll avoid it.
Libra (Sept. 23 - Oct. 22) Today is a 5 — Even if you can afford to spend too much, don't do it. Put all that extra money in your own savings account, instead. You'll find a good use for it later.
Scorpio (Oct. 23 - Nov. 21) Today is an 8 — Negotiations require diplomacy, tact and a poker face.

Lucky, you have plenty of all those
Sagittarius (Nov. 22 - Dec. 21) Today is a 5 — Don't take the time to talk things over; until the job is done. Count your winnings later, too.
Capricorn (Dec. 22 - Jan. 19) Today is an 8 — The trick is to give your complete attention to each person, in turn. This gets easier with practice. Taking notes also is helpful, and makes a good impression.
Aquarius (Jan. 20 - Feb. 18) Today is a 6 — As if you hadn't noticed by now, you have some quite stubborn friends. Some of them can be quite annoying, too. They'll lighten up in a couple of days. Don't bother to hold a grudge.
Pisces (Feb. 19 - March 20) Today is an 8 — Resist the temptation to take off on a wild goose chase. It could cost you more than the thing you're after is worth. Call and have it delivered.

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SAVING NICOLE'S LIFE

With dad Lionel's encouragement, Richie confirms she's seeking treatment for her weight issues

When you're 5-foot-1 and your weight has been the subject of concern for yourself and your family, every ounce counts. So when Nicole Richie learned on Oct. 26 that her efforts to gain weight yielded an impressive six pounds in six weeks, she was understandably elated. "She is bragging about it to everyone," says a friend of the actress. "I'm not in rehab, and I don't have an eating disorder," Richie tells Us. "I'm getting the help I need and taking care of my health."

Exactly what is the state of Richie's health, however, remains a mystery — and the cause of enough concern and speculation that on Oct. 26, her rep announced that the size-0 actress, whose weight slipped to an estimated 87 pounds this summer, was undergoing treatment for her weight issues. Though Richie won't confirm the nature of her treatment, Us has learned that she is being seen at a Newport Beach, California, facility, where she is undergoing doctor consultations and blood tests. One person who's no doubt relieved: her father, Lionel, who reports a source close to the singer, "definitely had a part in staging this intervention." They talked about it as a family and decided it needed to get checked out." Indeed, the day before the announcement, the elder Richie was spotted comforting his crying daughter at lunch at the Beverly Hills Hilton. (Nicole confirms the date, but denies the tears.)

The Turning Point
 Both Nicole's dad and mom,

Brenda Harvey Richie, have been concerned for some time, say family insiders, and the starlet was deeply affected by her relatives' shock when she arrived in Alabama to attend her grandmother's October 21 funeral. "They told her she was too skinny and it really hit home," says a friend who attended the memorial. "It was a turning point. They did not tell her directly to get help, but it helped motivate her." As her dad has explained to Us of his approach to "his daughter's health: "There's a fine line between advice and preaching. Let her get into the position and then have her say, 'Dad, how do I get out of this?'"

One thing she is wondering: Why wasn't she able to gain weight on her own, when she had cut down her workouts and added two Pro-gain protein shakes a day to her diet? She's told friends that she's worried about a possible medical condition. "She doesn't know if she has a thyroid problem or some blood issue," says a pal. (Denial, of course, is "very common" among people with eating disorders, says Dr. James Lock, director of Eating Disorders Program at Lucile Packard Children's Hospital and professor of psychiatry at Stanford University.)

How It Began
 Richie first began to lose weight once she saw herself in The Simple Life (a role she filmed 10 days after leaving rehab for an arrest for heroin possession in 2003). "She was watching The Simple Life and

was grossed out by how big she looked, especially next to Paris Hilton," says a source. (Indeed, when The Simple Life 2 began in 2004, USA Today referred to Richie as the "fuller-bodied, crazy girl.") By May 2006, her weight had plummeted and she'd gone from starring in Bongo jeans ads to sharing in Jimmy Choo campaigns. "She knows she became more famous and accepted by the fashion world because of it and loves it," says one pal. "But she doesn't want to be a poster child for eating disorders."

Quite the opposite. At an October 17 private bash in the Hollywood Hills, Richie made a scene of scarfing down peanut butter and jelly mini-sandwiches. "She was trying to be very obvious because people were watching her," says a guest. But during a September 27 lunch at Beverly Hills eatery La Scala, Richie went to the bathroom as her pasta bolognese arrived. "She doesn't know if her friends poured half onto their own plates," says a fellow diner. "When Nicole returned, she took three bites before deciding she was done." Indeed, says a friend, "It's an up and down struggle." Adds another pal: "Nicole thinks she eats a lot because she orders a lot. But you can't just take a few bites a few times a day and call that eating." She seemed to be on track, however, on October 29, when she ordered a seafood tower and a bone-in filet with friends at Mastro's Steakhouse in Beverly Hills. — Kevin O'Leary

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Mayoral Race

TERESA ISAAC

Teresa Isaac has served one term as Lexington's mayor. She served as vice mayor from 1993 to 1999.



Isaac

On storm-water drainage problems in Lexington: Isaac believes UK should study new construction plans to improve its drainage capabilities. She also wants Lexington to add more impervious surfaces, along with more trees and grass, to facilitate more drainage.

On keeping UK graduates in Lexington: Isaac said she has added wireless Internet to downtown, extended bar hours and promoted student businesses to attract UK graduates to stay in Lexington. She plans to expand internship opportunities and bring in more companies that will hire students.

On revitalizing downtown: Isaac plans to add more residential areas downtown, as well as a grocery store, a salon, coffee shops and more live music venues.

On balancing economic development and land preservation: Along with developing more of the downtown area, Isaac wants to pay horse farmers to not develop their properties.

On issues like the party plan and keg tagging: Isaac said students should be accountable for their actions and be more involved in their neighborhoods. "It's not impossible to co-exist peacefully," Isaac said.

On student involvement in Lexington government and voting: Isaac said she would like to see a student run for the 3rd District council seat — the district where UK resides. She encourages student voting in general. "You're letting other people make the decisions for your life," Isaac said.

Compiled by staff writer Alice Haymond.

JIM NEWBERRY

Jim Newberry is a lawyer from Hiseville, Ky. He served as an executive officer in the office of the lieutenant governor in the late 1980s.



Newberry

On storm water drainage problems in Lexington: Newberry wants more economic-development focus on horses, health care and high-tech opportunities, as well as maintaining the quality of life in Lexington.

On keeping UK graduates in Lexington: Newberry said he plans to add circulatory buses between UK, Transylvania and downtown and develop real estate in the college-town area. "Whatever we can do to help make downtown the kind of place where students go to eat, visit, socialize would be great," Newberry said.

On revitalizing downtown: Newberry said he wants to keep the horse industry economically strong so farmers will want to keep land instead of developing it. He also wants to develop the health-care and high-tech industries, which don't interfere with land use. "I don't think they're mutually exclusive goals at all, trying to have great landscape and great economy," Newberry said.

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On issues like the party plan and keg tagging: Newberry said the party plan is not working. He wants to meet with landlords, students and neighbors to figure out how to handle the situation "better than we've done it in the past."

On student involvement in Lexington government and voting: Newberry said he understands that many students are registered in their hometowns but encourages students to care about the issues, especially if they plan on living in Lexington after graduation.

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3rd District Council Race

DON PRATT

Don Pratt, 61, is a foster parent and former grocery store owner. Pratt lost to incumbent Dick DeCamp in the 3rd District City Council race in 2002.

On issues like the party plan and keg tagging: Pratt is in favor of the smoking ban as an issue of "public welfare" but is opposed to the keg-tagging ordinance. He believes Party Plan discourages a relationship between the students and the rest of the community. Pratt suggests implementing a system of monetary penalties for violators instead.

On storm water drainage problems in Lexington: Pratt has made improving the drainage problem in Lexington a major platform of his campaign. The city should put grates over storm sewers and increasing drainage ditches to decrease the amount of water runoff from campus parking lots. UK and Central Baptist Hospital need to share in this responsibility.

On student involvement in Lexington government and voting: Pratt suggests having a delegate from the university on the city council to provide a voice for the students in their community and wants a delegate from the city to sit on the UK Board of Trustees. "I think improving communication between these two groups is key," Pratt said. "We can't get anything done until we know what both groups want."

On traffic around campus: Pratt is "adamantly opposed" to the closing of Rose Street. UK did not consider people living in the surrounding neighborhoods and wants to look at the expansion plans to find a better method for rerouting traffic.

On increased safety on and around campus: To improve campus safety, Pratt wants to talk to students and identify key areas of problems. He suggests that UK police be given some jurisdiction in the neighborhoods around campus where students live.

Compiled by staff writer Blair Thomas.

DICK DECAMP

Dick DeCamp, 74, has served as the 3rd District city council member for 10 years.

On issues like the party plan and keg tagging: He is in favor of both the smoking ban and the keg-tagging ordinance. The Party Plan is important to the residents of Lexington. "It is hard to say whether you are completely for or against the Party Plan because it is a complex plan," DeCamp said. "Yes, I am for obeying the law, specifically noise ordinances. I'm not against partying, as long as it is done legally."

On storm water drainage problems in Lexington: DeCamp serves on the Storm Water Drainage Committee. He is dedicated to get as much money as possible from the budget to begin addressing what he calls an "enormous problem."

On student involvement in Lexington government and voting: DeCamp wants students to step up and take an active role in their community. He says they already have a voice if they choose to use it. He wants students to go to Town and Gown meetings. Students who live off campus should get involved in their neighborhood associations.

On traffic around campus: DeCamp supports the closing of Rose Street for the UK Hospital expansion. UK is responsible for making plans to effectively reroute traffic and should look into better public-transportation routes to decrease traffic congestion around campus.

On increasing safety on and around campus: DeCamp said he actively works with Lexington police in patrolling the neighborhoods around campus to ensure that students are safe. "Our police have no authority on campus, so much has to be left up to the campus police," DeCamp said. "However, our police are very aware of trying to patrol as much as possible around the campus area."

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SCORING BREAKDOWN

UGA 0, UK 3
05:18 1st quarter
Lance Suther tries a 49-yard field goal.
13 plays, 47 yards

UGA 7, UK 3
02:24 1st quarter
Mario Raluy catches a 10-yard pass from Matthew Stafford.
12 plays, 92 yards

UGA 14, UK 3
12:30 2nd quarter
Brennan Scottland runs for a 1-yard touchdown.
3 plays, 1 yard

UGA 14, UK 10
08:33 2nd quarter
Keenan Burton catches a 5-yard pass from Andre Woodson.
10 plays, 75 yards

UGA 17, UK 14
02:29 3rd quarter
Keenan Burton 10-yard pass from Andre Woodson.
9 plays, 41 yards

UGA 20, UK 17
04:37 4th quarter
Darryl White completes a 3-yard touchdown run.
9 plays, 62 yards

UGA 20, UK 24
01:21 4th quarter
Tony Dixon completes a 21-yard touchdown run.
11 plays, 89 yards

GEORGIA

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"We wanted to prove that Kentucky is changing and is on the rise," tailback Alfonso Smith said. "Our team came together and proved that today."

The game was still undecided when Georgia (4-4 overall, 2-4 SEC) scored with four minutes left to play on a 3-yard Danny Ware run, giving the Bulldogs a 20-17 lead.

But UK (5-4, 3-5) marched back down the field on an 11-play, 69-yard drive that culminated with Dixon's run.

Dixon, who didn't start because of a hamstring injury, replaced Smith in the third quarter after the freshman suffered a shoulder injury. The two combined to rush for 147 yards, UK's second best rushing output of the season.

"They came off huddling all week long with his leg, and ran his funny off and got it in the end zone," Brooks said. "We did a great job finding creases and holes and making plays."

The Cats fell behind 14-3, which has been the downfall for them in games past, but rallied behind the hands of senior wide receiver Keenan Burton.

Burton "snatched" a 5-yard touchdown pass midway through the second quarter and then bailed on a 10-yard strike in the fourth quarter that gave the Cats their first lead of the game.

"Without Keanan, we would have lost this game," Lyons said. "He was the player of the game, in my opinion."

Georgia's quarterback Matthew Stafford threw a second-quarter interception to UK linebacker Johnny Williams on the Bulldogs' 5-yard line. But the Cats failed to take advantage of the blunder after UK quarterback Andre Woodson missed an interception of his own three plays later.

Following the pick, Georgia drove down to the UK 2-yard line but stalled when Stafford threw another interception, this time to UK safety Roger Williams.

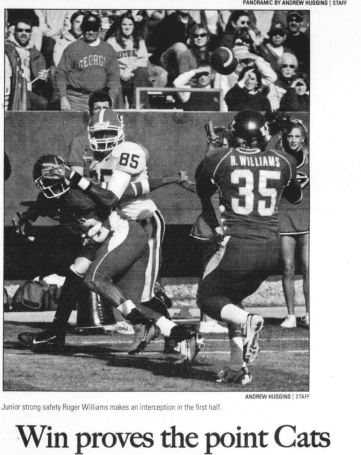
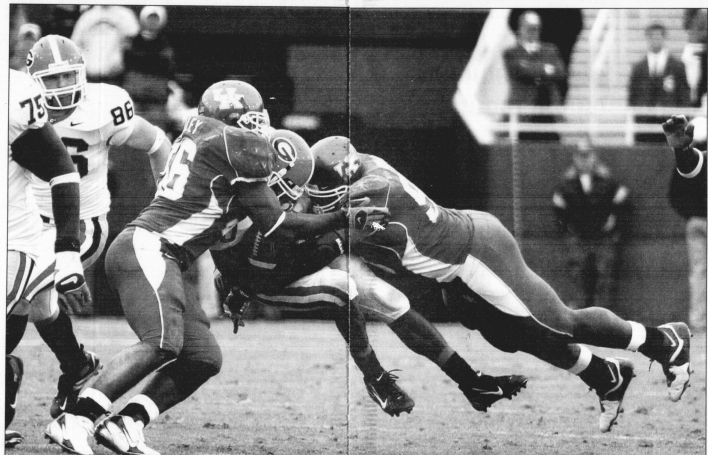
Earlier in the week, Georgia head coach Mark Richt talked about how turnovers have plagued his team throughout the season.

On Saturday, his team had just one interception and lost one fumble.

"We've turned it over way too much," Richt said earlier in the week. "If we don't quit turning it over, I don't think we'll win another game."

When Lindsey, a Georgia native, named Stafford's pass in the final minute into Georgia's fourth turnover, the crowd of 62,120 erupted, knowing the game that would define Brooks' tenure at UK this far was over.

"We're 5-4 and 3-3 in the SEC East, and we're ahead of Georgia in the standings," Brooks said. "It's been a long time since Kentucky's been in that position."



Junior strong safety Roger Williams makes an interception in the first half.

Win proves the point Cats have tried to make all season

For the past four years, there hasn't been much to feel good about at Commonwealth Stadium. That changed when rabid UK students wrenched the goalpost down on Saturday. But the goalpost wasn't the only thing pulled to the ground.

Sure, the bright yellow uprights — which have been rooted in the Commonwealth Stadium grass since a 1997 upset of Alabama — were the most noticeable casualty after UK's stadium-rattling, gritty come-from-behind 24-20 win over defending SEC champion Georgia. But the most important thing that fell on Saturday was negativity.

For four years under Rich Brooks, UK's players and coaches have had to listen to the Nonbelievers. The people who said Brooks was the wrong coach, that Andre Woodson was the wrong quarterback, that Mitch Barnhart was the wrong athletics director.

For four years, the Nonbelievers have had a lot to Nonbelieve about. They don't anymore.

Because when the goalpost crashed to the ground, history fell with them.

No one is talking today about the blown 21-3 lead against Florida in 2003. You won't hear anything about LSU's miracle win in 2002. Nobody's thinking about the mixed past — only the bright future of a team that still has a chance to finish second in the SEC East and has just as scholarship seniors.

When the goalpost and the negativity and the history fell, so did something else: the Facemask Facade worn by the people involved.

The stoic, strong football players and coaches — wearing powerful men — broke down. As gleeful students flooded the field, you saw a sobbing Jacob Tammie embracing teammates. You saw embattled defensive coordinator Mike Acher passing to enjoy the moment, watching the goalpost teetering. You saw Dicky Lyons Sr. and Dicky Lyons Jr., and you saw the former UK great and the current UK great share an emotional moment.

"You can't really explain it," Lyons Jr. said. "It's just father-son stuff. He looked me in the eye, I looked him in the eye, and we just know this is the turning point — and we're going to have some fun here now."

And you saw Brooks and Barnhart, previously public enemies No. 1 and 1A in this state, hugging on the sidelines.

"I just told him I was proud of him," Barnhart said.

And after you saw all that, and after you heard the shouts of praise showered upon Brooks, Barnhart and the players, you heard another reason to believe in Brooks. You heard his football life: a 40-year coaching veteran, struggle to keep his emotions in check when talking about what his team had accomplished.

"You know, I'm here to try and bring some respect and pride back to Kentucky football," Brooks said, his voice beginning to tremble. "But I'm here ready to see these guys succeed not only on the field but in life. And they did a great job today, and I'm really, really proud of them."

And after you heard and you saw, you stopped. And you felt.

You felt good.

FOOTBALL NOTEBOOK

Barnhart emotional after win

By Jonathan Smith
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Going into Saturday's football game against Georgia, UK athletics director Mitch Barnhart had some just about everything.

He has witnessed a UK driver win a national championship. He has observed UK soccer and baseball teams host NCAA tournaments. He has watched a women's basketball program turn from perennial Southeastern Conference pushover to SEC contender.

But now, he's seen it all.

With UK's 24-20 win over Georgia Saturday, Barnhart basked in one of the football team's biggest wins since his arrival. And after the game, Barnhart was visibly moved by the team's victory.

"It means a lot, because you put a lot into it," Barnhart said, holding back tears. "If you weren't emotional about it, and you didn't put something into it, it probably wouldn't mean as much."

Throughout his tenure, Barnhart has been immensely acrimonious for his perceived lack of success.

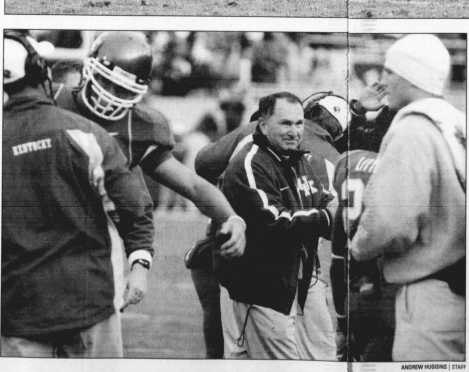
This, in large part, is due to the travails of the football team.

Head coach Rich Brooks is 14-29 in his four years at the helm, and Barnhart's decision to hire Brooks and then retain him this year have been criticized.

Barnhart has always defended his football coach and his choice to hire and keep him, and Barnhart thinks yesterday offered a reason why he believes in the direction the program is going under Brooks.

"These coaches have been through a lot," Barnhart said. "Even early in the game today, when we struggled early on, there were people booing and didn't like some of the stuff going on — and these kids didn't listen to that."

"I've seen these kids come off this field so many times disappointed, getting close, not being able to enjoy what it feels like to beat a team that's Georgia," Barnhart said. "To see them come off the field the way they came off tonight makes it worthwhile."



Top: UK fans storm the field following the win against Georgia.

Center: Sophomore linebacker Braxton Kelley, left, and sophomore defensive tackle Mario Pryor tackle Georgia senior receiver Mario Raluy in the second half. The hit resulted in a serious injury for Raluy.

Above: Junior tight end Jacob Tammie cries after beating Georgia 24-20. The last time UK beat Georgia was in 1996.

Left: Head coach Rich Brooks, center, celebrates with players after taking the lead against Georgia with one minute and twenty-one seconds left in the game.

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KERNEL EDITORIALS

Vote no on referendum to end fight over water

For the past four years, the issue of whether Lexington should condemn the Kentucky American Water Co. for the purpose of public water ownership has divided the local community.

After anti-condemnation candidates won a majority of the Lexington-Fayette Urban County Council in November 2004, it looked like the city was ready to move on and deal with other matters. But condemnation advocates contended that the vote somehow didn't represent the public's wishes — even though water was the biggest topic of debate in local elections that year — and they have kept the issue alive with their successful push for a referendum.

Tomorrow's vote provides Lexington residents an opportunity to end the condemnation process, which has torn apart the community and wasted millions of tax dollars. To that end, we urge voters to choose "no" on the water referendum.

A "no" vote will let local officials know that eminent domain — under which the government can forcibly acquire private property for public purposes — is not a power that should be taken lightly or abused. It should certainly not be used in the case of Kentucky American Water, which has done nothing to contravene the public interest.

One of the main arguments by condemnation advocates is that a privately owned water company is not responsible to the public and can thus be a corporate predator, setting water rates artificially high.

But a number of legal safeguards force Kentucky American to be accountable to the residents it serves. It is subject to state and federal regulations, and any rate increase it proposes must be approved by the Public Service Commission — made up of three commissioners appointed by the governor — before it can go into effect. Those concerned about rate increases would do better to take a greater interest in PSC membership and hearings than to advocate condemnation, which will be (and has already been) rather expensive for taxpayers.

Moreover, condemning the water company could have harmful repercussions for the local economy. Business owners who see a local government that is over-eager to use eminent domain against private enterprise will be less likely to locate their companies here.

Finally, condemnation has already cost Lexington taxpayers too much. The city spent \$1.2 million on legal fees in the initial condemnation effort, according to an Oct. 15 article in the Lexington Herald-Leader. Continuing condemnation would probably cost millions more to continue battling Kentucky American in court, not to mention the hundreds of millions of dollars — estimates range from \$158 million to \$352 million, according to the Herald-Leader article — for the water company itself.

Although condemnation advocates have tried to conflate the two issues, a "no" vote on the referendum does not necessarily entail opposition to public ownership of the water company. Voting down the referendum only signals an opposition to using coercive methods — i.e., eminent domain — to attain Kentucky American. Purchase attempts that do not entail forcible seizure will still be on the table.

This election provides Lexington an opportunity to break with the past four years and work on issues that are more pressing than the water company, such as public safety and the drainage infrastructure. We strongly endorse a "no" vote on tomorrow's water referendum.

Honors freshmen shouldn't register before seniors

One of the more stressful times of the year for students is registration for next semester's classes, and one part of this process makes less sense and causes more stress than others.

Seniority definitely has its privileges. Upper-level students in need of higher-level courses have prerogative over other students when it comes to the courses they pick, and rightly so, since they have less time with which to finish those courses.

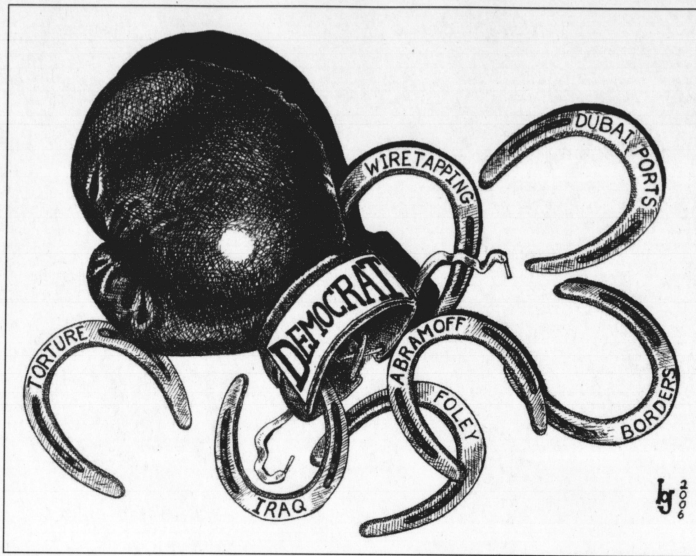
Except when it comes to honors underclassmen. Even the freshmen in honors reign supreme over all other undergraduate students, getting to register even before the ancient and wizened seniors.

Brains and hard work should definitely get them ahead in this world, but this is going too far.

It's unfair to upper-level students that they can be shut out of a class they need because a freshman in honors was able to get to it first. Though honors students have demonstrated their ability and willingness to excel, that does not necessarily mean they should be given preference when it comes to course selection.

It would be far more reasonable — to say nothing of fair — to give honors students preference over only their peers. In other words, honors freshmen should register before the other freshmen, but after non-honors sophomores.

It is understandable that UK wants to give top students some privilege in registration, but advancing them to the point where they have preference over students two or three years ahead of them is rather excessive.



BRIAN GOODLEY, Kernel cartoonist

Development, safety and student issues on mind of council incumbent

We in Lexington are indeed fortunate to have Kentucky's flagship university of learning, the University of Kentucky, right in the middle of our city. The university offers much to all our citizens. There are lectures, music and theater,

an art museum, and a myriad of sporting events to help fill the cultural and entertainment needs of many of the residents of our fine city.

As the largest employer within Fayette County, much of the revenue to operate this city comes from the payroll tax of the several thousand university employees. As a city, we have much to be thankful for due to the presence of this great university.

As they say in the world of real estate, location, location, location. Realistically, UK is only situated two long blocks from Main Street, and for too long, this has been perceived as "two miles." During my tenure as 3rd District councilman on the Lexington-Fayette Urban County Council, I have and will continue to advocate for having a city that is truly a college town.

Several years ago, I strongly supported a joint plan, which was underwritten by UK and the LFUCG, to study the area between the university and downtown so that we could have a "map" to follow as this area is redeveloped. We have a long way to go, but progress is being made with the architecturally pleasing condos called City Court on North Martin Luther King.

Now other development is following, the most obvious being the Center Court project on South Upper Street. There are additional projects on the drawing board, such as a large-scale development on top of the Transit Center on High Street. I am serving on the selection committee and I assure you we are looking at plans that will not only benefit permanent residents of our city but students as well. This would be in the form of housing and will become a welcoming place for students and faculty.

When these things happen, we will start becoming a true college town like Ann Arbor, Mich., and Madison, Wis. No longer will our wonderful Kentucky Theatre stand alone. I envision a downtown with more bars, grills, theaters, etc., that will entice all of UK to come and make our downtown a more livable and lively place.

Based on the assumption that good neighborhoods around the university benefit UK, I have been a constant advocate of this thesis. Public safety is primary for stable neighborhoods, and I have worked with all the neighborhood associations in seeing that the

Editor's note: Dick DeCamp's opponent in the 3rd District, Don Pratt, published a column in Friday's Opinions page.

housing is as safe and habitable and that there is an atmosphere for the mixture of student housing and buildings that are owner-occupied.

Sometimes there is conflict, but over the years, I have seen less and less. My one regret is that too often students do not get involved in their neighborhood associations. By being a part of these decision-making bodies, students could do a lot in avoiding some of the misunderstandings that arise.

I was an organizer of the Town-Gown Commission. This group meets on a regular schedule, and its membership is principally from the UK administration, representatives of local government, landlords, neighborhood representatives and students. Unfortunately, not enough students attend, although they are always welcome. Without understanding the problems that arise when a large institution is surrounded by an urban area, students cannot realistically help solve the problems. We must stop the knee-jerk reactions and plan in an intelligent way the best solution for all ages to live in close proximity.

Recently, the university initiated a University Neighborhood Council in order to try to mitigate some of the negative aspects of the surrounding UK area in view of the planned growth of undergraduate students in the next several years. Certainly one of the major problems is parking, and with more students, this situation only gets worse. I am advocating for more bike lanes around UK, but at the same time, the university must be ready to accommodate an increasing student population. Public transportation needs a lot more "fine tuning" to alleviate the traffic and parking problems.

All these issues must continually be put out for discussion and resolving. Therefore, I want the opportunity to continue working with university faculty and students to make Lexington a better place to live for all involved. I welcome your thoughts and comments. Let me assure you that my door is always open to all suggestions on how to make Lexington a better town-gown city.

Tomorrow is Election Day. Get out and vote. I would appreciate your support!

Dick DeCamp is the incumbent in the 3rd District seat on Lexington-Fayette Urban County Council. E-mail opinions@kykernel.com.

Celebrities and politics don't mix

Tomorrow, millions of Americans will vote. And I'd bet that most citizens know more about the political beliefs of George Clooney and Susan Sarandon than the candidates they will be voting for.

Celebrity politics is nothing new. Each of the four times Franklin Roosevelt ran for president, stars like Katharine Hepburn publicly supported him through radio and movie endorsements. By the time John F. Kennedy ran for President in 1960, media had exploded, and Frank Sinatra and others used television to endorse their candidate.

After the chaos of the 2000 presidential election, celebrities were shocked when Al Gore lost and began preparing for the next election. Actors and musicians like Susan Sarandon and Barbara Streisand went on

talk shows to plug movies or CDs but instead bashed George W. Bush and endorsed left-wing politics. In 2004, Diddy began the "Vote or Die" campaign, which encouraged young people to vote and express their opinions.

I commended the "Vote or Die" appeal but lost respect for the movement when I saw celebrities abuse its purpose. Paris Hilton backed the cause but later revealed that she hadn't registered to vote, and other celebrities began to tell people who to vote for. Citizens have the right and the duty to exercise their right to free speech, but celebrities shouldn't be given a platform unless they have political credentials.

We live in a celebrity-obsessed society, but stars' opinions should not be what drives us to the voting booths. If friends or teachers force their views down our throats, most of us would rebel and cling tighter to our beliefs. Why, then, do we allow our-

selves to be swayed by famous people?

Many of us believe that money and fame somehow bring people knowledge that regular citizens do not have access to. That is ludicrous. Can't all of us read the paper, watch the news and stay tuned to current events to reach our own opinions?

This November could determine who controls the power in Washington, Kentucky and Lexington. So many voters are looking to outspoken celebrities to show them the way. This generation has to learn to get informed about issues that will shape the future. There are so few chances to get our voices heard. Election Day is one of them. Let's learn the facts ourselves instead of relying on movie stars. 2008 is right around the corner.

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James Frazier, an agricultural biotechnology junior, poses during the UK National Panhellenic Conference Homecoming Step Show while stepping for Omega Psi Phi Fraternity Inc. at Heritage Hall on Saturday. GO TO WWW.KYKERNEL.COM FOR MORE STEP SHOW COVERAGE

EXPLOSION

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dergo major changes as a result of this accident. "I would bet that we probably already have some provisions that cover this," she said. Poore also said not much information is available on the accident and said the investigation would be ongoing today. "We've just barely started our investigation," she said. "We're going to go in (today) and get our group to look into it." Monroe said emergency personnel from multiple services — including UK police, Lexington Fire Department and the UK Environmental Health and Safety office — worked well together to handle the situation. "It was a well-coordinated cooperative investigation and response," Monroe said. "It gave us a good chance to study areas that we need to improve on and areas that we're OK in."

MENINGITIS

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Moore said the best way to prevent bacterial meningitis is to get vaccinated. UHS gives the vaccine Menactra to students who have paid the student health fee of \$81, said Allison Rafferty, UHS billing services supervisor. Most students are full-time and have paid the fee, Rafferty said, but for those who have not, the vaccine is available for \$92 and will be accompanied by a doctor's visit, which costs \$40.

Womens soccer wins SEC tourney

By Chris Miles
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The UK women's soccer team defeated 12th-ranked Florida 2-1 to win the Southeastern Conference championship yesterday in Orange Beach, Ala. Junior forward Megan Jones scored first to put the Cats up early, but Florida came back to tie the game just seconds before the halftime mark. Jones scored again just two minutes into the second half to give UK the eventual game-winner. "It was an up-and-down game," said head coach Warren Lipka. "We withstood a lot of pressure and got the win." Jones, junior midfielder Sarah Gaunt and senior goalie Anne Ogundele were all named to the All-Tournament team. Ogundele was named the tournament's most valuable player. "It was a fabulous day for these girls," said UK athletics director Mitch Barnhart. "They've been on a run for the last month. We have a very, very young squad that competed their hearts out and did a tremendous job representing Kentucky." UK won six of its last seven games of the regular season. The Cats were seeded No. 2 in the tournament. "We had a lot of momentum going into the tournament and had a lot of confidence," Lipka said. UK will now prepare for the NCAA tournament, in which the Cats are looking to get a high-seed home-field advantage. "You don't know (where they'll put us)," Lipka said. "We just got to sit on Monday and see where they put us."

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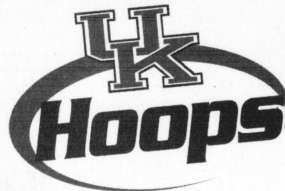
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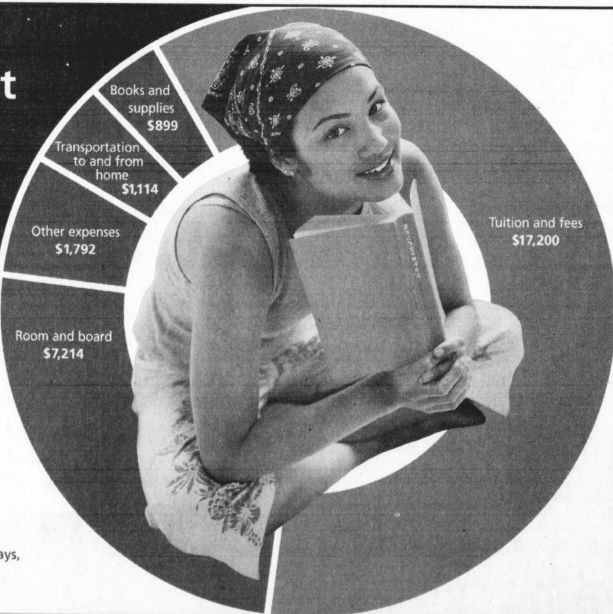


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