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Picking up the pieces

Residents in two Western Kentucky communities face the damage from this weekend's storms

By Ryan Evans
THE KENTUCKY KERNEL

Homes were gutted, businesses destroyed and farm equipment lay sprawled across the landscape. All of this happened in a matter of minutes as a F2 tornado ripped through Western Kentucky early Sunday morning.

The tornado, which devastated parts of Hart and Henderson counties before moving into southern Indiana, featured winds in excess of 150 mph. According to CNN reports, it was one of the most powerful twisters to hit the region, resulting in more than 200 injuries and 22 deaths.

Much of the damage to Hart County was in Munfordsville, the county seat. The tornado gouged a path through the downtown area four city blocks wide and a mile long. More than 70 houses suffered extensive damage. Much of the small town is still without electricity.

"What really got hit the hardest was the business area of town, including the courthouse," said Amber Huffman, the 4-H development agent in Hart County.

"But there has been a great response to the disaster, and it's united the entire community," she said. "We're trying to enact a rapid recovery, but it will be a while before everything returns to normal."

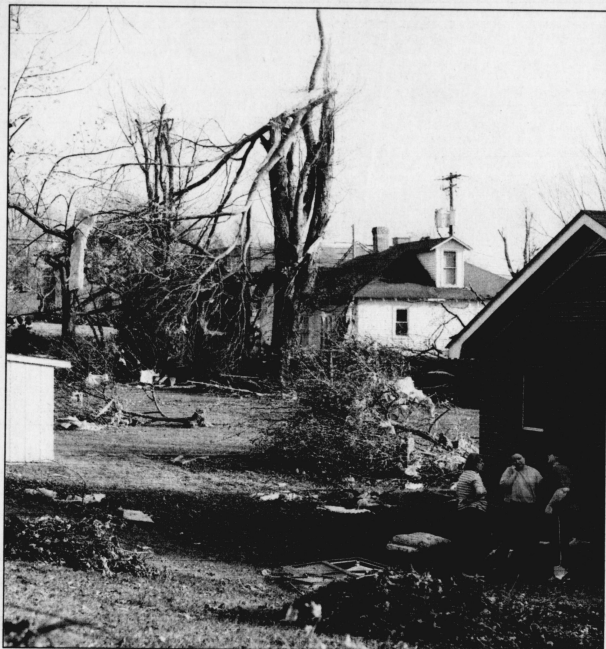
Residents have been affected in other ways as well.

"The elementary school that my brothers go to was almost completely destroyed," said Ashley Sweet, a merchandising, apparel and textiles freshman from Munfordsville.

"They've (the town) just been told to bulldoze what's left of the building," she said. "The 900 or so kids that went there are probably going to have to go to the county schools for the rest of the year."

Mike Smith, the UK Agricultural Extension coordinator for Henderson County, said the tornado also touched down east of Henderson, the county seat of Henderson County. The one-quarter to three-quarter-mile-wide path of destruction continued for 20 miles before crossing the Ohio River into Evansville, Ind., he said.

While the downtown Henderson area suffered no damage, at least 500 to 600 homes were left without electricity, and the cost of the damage is esti-



Munfordsville residents stand outside of homes hit by Sunday's storm. The F2 tornado hit parts of Hart and Henderson counties before moving into southern Indiana. Winds reached 150 mph.

ated at between \$5 and \$7 million, Smith said. Much of the damage in Henderson occurred in the wooded areas and farmland surrounding the town. Several houses and farm buildings suffered extensive damage. Planters, tractors and other pieces of farm equipment were thrown hundreds of feet, he said.

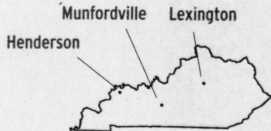
"It's amazing to go and assess some of these farms, only to find a 23-ton planter knocked on its side," Smith said. "We're very fortunate that when it hit here, it didn't hit any greatly populated areas. Its affect across the river has been terrible."

The greatest blow to Henderson was the damage done to the town's horse racing industry. The Ellis Park racetrack was directly in the tornado's path, and extensive damage was done to the grandstand, track and horse stables. Several

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Above: Beraldine Matthews, left, and Geraldine Nunn walk through the streets of Munfordsville after work to see the damage to their friends' homes. Matthews and Nunn both live outside of town where the damage was minimal.



Brooks surprised by reports of return

STAFF REPORT

The perpetual speculation about the future of UK head football coach Rich Brooks took another turn last night.

When local television stations began reporting Brooks would return for another season at UK, the head coach himself appeared to be as surprised as the fans.

On his weekly call-in radio show on the Big Blue Sports Network, Brooks began fielding calls from fans asking him about his return.

"The bottom line is, there's a light at the end of the tunnel," Brooks said. "A lot of people think there's a train coming, but I don't."

"If given the opportunity to go forward, we will do that," he said.

Brooks is in the third year of a five-year contract worth \$725,000 annually. If UK Athletics were to end that contract early, they are required to pay the full salary for the remainder of the deal.

With another losing season guaranteed for UK, some believed this would be the last year in Lexington for the former Oregon and NFL coach.

UK Athletic Director Mitch Barnhart, who could not be reached for comment last night, has repeatedly said all season that Brooks' status would be evaluated at the conclusion of the current season.

Athletics spokesman Tony Neely said no official decision has been made.

"The administering is in the decision-making mode," Neely said. "But nothing official has been decided."

Brooks was hired in December 2002 after the

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Brooks

Two shots for students to avoid flu

By Shannon Mason and Sara Knight
THE KENTUCKY KERNEL

As flu season approaches, UK students have two opportunities to receive immunizations.

This week, the Chandler Medical Center will be administering drive-thru flu shots to the community for \$20. Also this week, University Health Services will be offering flu shots to students for \$5 and to non-students for \$15.

Dr. Greg Moore, UHS director, said it is especially important for college students to get flu shots.

"In a college population, you live close together," Moore said. "It's an ideal way to spread the flu."

Each year, five to 20 percent of the population will get the flu. A flu shot is 70 to 90 percent effective in preventing the flu, Moore said.

He said there have been no reported cases of influenza this season, but it is very early in the season. He said the flu season hits hardest during December and January.

From 7:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. tomorrow and Thursday, anyone over 18 can go to the Chan-

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Where to Go

Today
White Hall Classroom Building, outside room 102
Tomorrow
Drive-thru shots on College Drive

Faculty senate to review academic offense policy

By Troy Lyle
THE KENTUCKY KERNEL

Proposed changes to UK's academic offense guidelines, such as adding a new "XE" grade, will go before the full University Senate for discussion Monday.

UK's Senate Council voted to present these changes to the full Senate yesterday after a three week of intense debate among the council's 12 members.

"The Senate Council is divided on several fundamental issues related to academic offenses policy reform," said Senate Council Chair Ernie Yanarella. "It's the council's feeling that airing these issues for discussion in the full Senate will be helpful to the council in further assessing and resolving these issues."

The key points being debated include:

- How a student will be charged in accordance with what college

they are registered.
- A first offense could be punishable by less than an "E."

- A second offense will require an "E," with a third offense requiring suspension.

- Receiving an "E" will now allow a student to repeat the course to improve one's GPA.

- A new grade of "XE" will be instituted, establishing an "E-plus" grade, meaning a student failed due to cheating. An "XE" is not subject

to a repeat option.
- Changing the "sunset clause" to determine how long an academic offense will remain on a student's transcript, currently it is three years.

- How will honors codes affect graduate students?

Yanarella said once the more than 80 members of the full Senate make their recommendations, the newly drafted academic offense guidelines will then return to the

Senate Council for further evaluation.

It will then head to the academic offenses policy committee for yet another review, he said.

"It is likely that those recommendations will be submitted to the University Senate for a final vote at its December meeting," Yanarella said.

That meeting is scheduled for Dec. 12, 2005.

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Bob Grossman, professor of chemistry and academic of fenses senate subcommittee chair, said these changes are important to UK on a number of levels.

He said repeat offenders are not being caught and many professors are bending the rules to meet students halfway.

"Students are also being blackmailed into forgoing the

appeal process in many situations because a professor offers a lesser punishment than what is defined under the current guidelines," Grossman said in an interview early last week.

The current academic of fenses guidelines outline that all students receive an "E" for a first offense. For a second offense the student is suspended. There are no guidelines for a third offense.

Student Government President Becky Ellingsworth said the important thing for the Senate to consider is how these changes will affect students.

"If we are going to change the rules, we have to make sure we are looking out for students' rights as well," she said in an earlier interview.

To ensure this is the case, SG Senators Monica Hobson and Danielle Jarvis will be presenting the Senate Council with a list of student comments on the proposed changes in late November or early December.

"Regardless of what happens, these proposed changes are a step in the right direction," Hobson said.

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departure of Guy Morris to Baylor. Before Brooks' first season began, UK was slapped with probation, scholarship restrictions and a one-year postseason ban for NCAA violations that occurred under former head coach Hal Mumme.

Brooks' hiring was met

with criticism after Barnhart failed to disclose NCAA violations in which Brooks was named while at Oregon. The infraction report said Brooks and assistant coaches ran a "secret travel account" which was used to fly Oregon recruits to the Eugene, Ore., campus.

Barnhart later apologized to President Lee Todd for not disclosing Brooks' past.

In three years at UK, Brooks has compiled an 8-23 record. His collegiate career record is 99-132-4.

The Wildcats have played

14 true freshmen this season — tied for the second-most among Division I-A schools. Injuries have sidelined a number of starters, including running back Tony Dixon, receivers Tommy Cook and Keenan Burton, linebacker Braxton Kelley and tackles Lamar Mills and Ricky Abren.

"I'm more frustrated than anybody about (the losses)," Brooks said on his coach's show last night. "I would like a chance to move forward."

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Chandler Medical Center to receive their immunizations — without ever leaving the car.

The drive-thru flu shot system was created as a way to include the community and create a more convenient way of giving immunizations.

"We live in a world of drive-thrus — this is a convenience," said Sharon Berry, an infection control nurse at the Chandler Medical Center. There will be tents set up on College Way, which runs parallel to Alumni Drive, near

the softball and soccer fields.

The location was changed this year because of previous traffic concerns and the expected increase in turnout.

Two years ago when the Chandler Medical Center experimented with this idea, 1,370 shots were given.

This year, the Medical Center staff is confident that with the help of more than 70 volunteers, the number will increase to more than 2,000.

"It is a great way to get to the community and prevent sickness this season," Berry said.

The first round of UHS flu shots began yesterday at WT Young Library and continues today at the White Hall Classroom Building outside of

Room 102. Any student with a valid ID can stop by between 9 a.m. and 4 p.m. Appointments are not necessary.

Because the season usually starts in December, Moore said some students are likely to get the flu around finals week or when they might have a big project due.

UHS will continue to offer flu shots at various locations through next Monday.

"Wherever someone gets a shot, Berry encouraged everyone just to do it.

"Don't take any chances with your health this flu season," she said. "Please protect yourself and those around you."

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CORRECTION

In yesterday's article "Building is campus' Main attraction," two sentences of text after a quote from President Lee Todd were inserted as a question during the editing process by editors. The inclusion of those notes in the final copy was solely the fault of editors, not the reporter.

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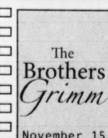
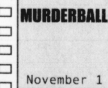
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Each year the Interfraternity Council recognizes several incoming freshmen men for scholastic achievement. These gentlemen are then awarded scholarships for their recognition. Congratulations to this year's recipients.

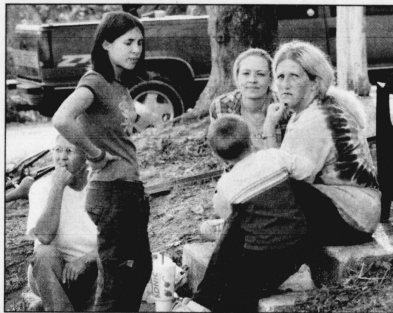


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Employees of the Citgo gas station in Munfordville, Brandy Love, left, and Brenda Fitzstephens begin cleaning out the remains of the building yesterday. Love and Fitzstephens sorted left over items into keep piles and threw the rest into a dumpster. The store was damaged by a line of storms that passed through the area Sunday and spawned several tornados.

Right: Members of the Farrel family sit outside of their home in Munfordville while city workers pull wires from their trees. Some of the family's six children were sent to Indiana to live with family there until major damages are repaired.

Below: Anthony Miller steps out of his mother's home in Munfordville to check the damage after the roof of her porch collapsed yesterday.



Storm

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horses were also killed during the twister, he said. "It's going to take quite a bit of time before we can get the racing industry back up, and it will hurt the county," Smith said. Regardless of the extent and location of

the damage, residents still face the same challenges of rebuilding. "After something like this happens, you never know if you'll ever have enough insurance or protection for yourself or your family," he said.

"It's times like this that make people look back and re-assess what they have, because they can never truly be compensated for what they've lost," Smith said.

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“It’s amazing to go and assess some of these farms, only to find a 23-ton planter knocked on its side,”

— Mike Smith, the UK Agricultural Extension coordinator for Henderson County on the tornado's force

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Student DJs dance to their own music



HILLY SCHIFFER | STAFF
Kevin Thompson, also known as "DJ Messenjah," shows off his DJ skills at his home studio. Thompson, a communications senior, has been a DJ for about five years.

By Keith Brooks
THE KENTUCKY KERNEL

Some students who want access to an expansive amount of music don't rely on iPods or mp3 players for catchy tunes; instead, they can make them. Some UK students are taking the beat into their own hands by being a disc jockey or spinning records. While many just spin for fun, others are taking a more serious approach to it.

Kevin Thompson, known as "DJ Messenjah," has been working as a DJ for about five years. A communications senior, he attributes his early love of raves and friends as his starting point.

"It's not something easy to do," he says. Thompson, who already has a record out called "DJ Messenjah and Friends," works with a rapper, singers, bass players and drummers to produce music. Inspired by his love of a good time, his record is a delicate potpourri of funk, jazz-inspired beats and electronic dance music.

Thompson has performed at many venues around the country most recently at The Limelight Gallery in Lexington. For most of his events, he watches the crowd and takes a mental note of the response. He says he learns by the audience's reaction.

Thompson usually spins an eclectic mix of house and jazz-fusion, all of which he mixes together at his shows. His choice ultimately depends on the venue, but if the crowd is lively, he prefers more upbeat music.

"What kind of music is on, is what people are feeling," he says. "When you can see people dancing, you can get into it." On occasion, Thompson works with live performers, which he prefers. At all of his shows, he simply wants people to enjoy themselves.

"It's just for people to have a good time," he says. "You have to know how to

carry the energy of the music."

Mario Hughley, a kinesiology sophomore, has done shows from Lexington to as far as New York. He works mostly with hip-hop and top-40 music and has even done shows for artists such as rapper Young Buck and R&B singer Omarion.

"It's not a job anymore, you're just having fun," he says.

Hughley started spinning when he was 16, after going to house parties. "I couldn't dance, I couldn't sing, so I've always been interested in deejaying," he says.

A fan of hip-hop bands like the Neptunes, Hughley also wants to emulate the classic disc jockeys from the 1960s. He also says it's important to know what's popular at the moment, so he usually brings a friend along to his shows.

"You've got to know what songs are hot right now to keep them on the dance floor," he says.

Like Thompson, he observes the crowd's response at his shows. He also goes to other DJs' shows to see what they did to keep the crowd excited. Hughley says one of the best ways to improve his skills is to listen to audience's feedback.

"It can be good constructive criticism, (to bring) better songs," he says.

Spinning records depends heavily on the beats per minute in each song. The key is to synchronize these beats, while at the same time choosing songs that will work together.

In the past, DJs typically used a turntable with two spinning vinyl records and a mixer to control everything.

The mixer controlled the tempo (speed of the songs), pitch (loudness) and channels, which signify different levels in a song

such as bass or volume.

Today, DJs have more high-tech alternatives such as using CD turntables in place of vinyl ones. Computer programs have also made it very easy to synchronize the product.

The technology boom has also made it cheaper for new DJs to produce music.

"Deejaying costs a lot of money," says Thompson. "CD turntables make it easier."

Hughley said CDs and mp3s are also helpful because they allow him to have access to more popular music, as opposed to going through his 2,000 vinyl collection.

Computers also help DJs to orchestrate their work.

Student DJ and kinesiology sophomore

Thompson starts with a melody from one record, adding more dynamic elements from a second song, before combining both tunes and transforming it into an exciting mix.

"It took me a while to synchronize beats," Thompson says. "There's a whole different aspect after that."

Student DJs say they love the thrill and the ability to be creative, but it has its costs.

Technology can sometimes hinder more than help, because finding the right music can be a hassle, according to Hughley.

Students must also perform a juggling act of classes, work and social activities, which can make the job difficult, Hughley said.

"It can get really hectic," Hughley says.

Still, he thinks being a DJ is definitely worth the investment.

"As long as people enjoy what I'm doing, I'll be 80, up there making records," Hughley says.

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THAT SCRAMBLED WORD GAME

By Trent Arnold and Mike Anglin

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FOOTBALL NOTEBOOK

Brooks' ire for bad calls builds after Auburn

By Chris Johnson
THE KENTUCKY KERNEL

All season, UK's coaching staff hasn't been too happy with calls that haven't gone its way.

Saturday, it appeared to happen again, on several close calls that went in Auburn's favor throughout the game.

One was an Auburn fumble on the UK nine-yard line that UK recovered and ran back to the 27, getting several yards downfield before any official started to call the play dead.

Another was an Andre' Woodson pass to senior Glenn Holt that the wide receiver appeared to come down with in the corner of the end zone, but was ruled out of bounds and not reviewed.

The third, and most controversial, was Auburn wide receiver Prechae Rodriguez's 41-yard touchdown catch that was allowed although video replay seemed to show Rodriguez pushing off on UK sophomore middle linebacker Wesley Woodyard and catching the ball while standing out of bounds.

Yesterday at his weekly press conference, UK head coach Rich Brooks made several remarks about his distaste for Saturday's officiating.

"I sent my report in, and I'll make my call (to the Southeastern Conference league office) to get explanations," Brooks said. "But I think I'm expending needless energy on something I can't do anything about. They aren't going to change the calls."

Brooks mentioned the league had assured him the replay official looks at every play, but that it didn't seem to be fixing a long-standing problem.

"They've told me on multiple occasions that they review every play," Brooks said. "Maybe they were slow to review it or they reviewed it poorly."

After a few more questions on the subject, Brooks gave a verbal shrugging of the shoulders.

"More bad calls seem to go against underdogs than against favorites," Brooks said.

Brooks also maintained a sense of realism in three bad calls overshadowing a 22-point loss.

"I don't believe those calls cost us the football game," Brooks said. "It would've been more interesting, but I don't know what would've happened."

No huddle, no problem

The return of UK's faster-paced offensive scheme to Commonwealth Stadium Saturday against Auburn was exciting for the fans and the team, especially Woodson, who finished with career highs in attempts (43), completions (26) and yards in a game (335).

Woodson has repeatedly said he likes the no-huddle and his teammates noted the sophomore signal-caller's enthusiasm.

"It's tiring, but it gets Andre' into a groove, so we fight through it," said sophomore wide receiver Keenan Burton, who played 59 snaps last week.

"As a lineman, we're here to block and open holes," said junior offensive guard Michael Altheison. "It's the difference in getting 10 seconds to catch your breath or five, but it also hurts the rush of the defensive lineman. He gets tired, back on his heels a little bit."

Brooks pooch-pooched the notion of going to the no-huddle on every offensive possession.

"Some people try to do it exclusively," Brooks said. "After using the same signals over and over (when changing plays at the line of scrimmage), the defense gets to knowing what is going to be run, and they're liable to be in your lunch pail a little bit."

Brooks said he was pleased with the



KEITH SHIMLEY | STAFF

Sophomore wide receiver Keenan Burton shuffles downfield after catching a pass during the third quarter against Auburn on Saturday. The Tigers won 49-27. UK travels to Vanderbilt on Saturday.

play of freshman linebacker Ben McGrath, who replaced linebacker Braxton Kelley after the freshman tore his anterior cruciate ligament last week.

McGrath had team-high 12 tackles against Auburn.

Brooks had a telling reaction when a reporter mentioned to him that McGrath had a new nickname based on an old movie character: "Bloodbath" McGrath.

"Well," Brooks said, smiling, "as long as it's not his blood, I'm all right."

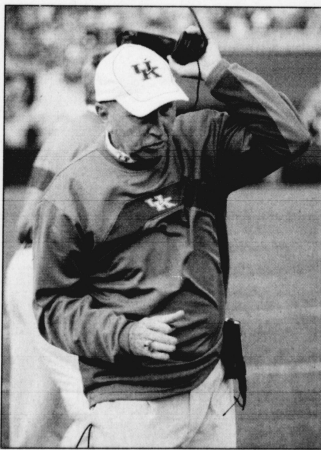
Injury update

Sophomore defensive tackle Ricky Abren was released from the hospital yesterday afternoon after testing negative for appendicitis, Brooks announced. His progress will be monitored throughout the week.

Junior defensive end Durrell White was categorized as "very doubtful" for Saturday's game against Vanderbilt. The swelling in his foot was consistent with ligament damage, and

White is scheduled to undergo an MRI. Freshman wide receiver DeMoro Ford (knee, leg) is scheduled to return to non-contact practice drills today.

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Head coach Rich Brooks reacts to a play during the first half of UK's 49-27 loss to Auburn in Commonwealth Stadium on Saturday.

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IN OUR OPINION

Let Kentucky pull the lever

The prospect of Kentucky opening up to gambling in the near future — aside from horse races — is no sure bet. But the state's education programs would be lucky to see a step in the direction toward legalizing casinos that a local politician has already taken.

Last week, city councilman Bill Farmer introduced a resolution, which eventually passed, in support of the Kentucky Equine Education Program and its mission, which includes expanded gaming and a casino within Lexington-Fayette limits.

Red Mile Racecourse on Red Mile Road, two miles away from campus, is the site being discussed as a potential casino location.

A casino in central Kentucky would be an excellent idea. The monetary infusion is obvious — gambling is a cash cow, as central Kentucky's racetracks can already attest to, and having one open all year (instead of the six weeks of live Keeneland racing) will add

money to state and local government coffers that could support programs all across the board, including the state's anemic education system.

Opponents of the measure argue that Kentuckians are already neck-deep in marijuana, methamphetamines, moonshine. Adding gambling to the pot, they say, will only increase the difficulty of getting people back on their feet.

These detractors act as if the opportunity to gamble your life away in the Bluegrass didn't already exist. At Keeneland, which enjoyed record crowds this fall meet, and Red Mile — not to mention the 90-minute trips to southern Indiana and

Cincinnati — any adult Kentuckian can make a night, or weekend, of gambling.

One might think that putting a casino within walking distance of campus and college homes, including the University Commons apartment complex almost directly across the street, would be disastrous to student funds that are already just high enough to support more traditional w e e k e n d v i c e s .

For the sake of Kentucky's education programs, state legislators should cut the paternalism and legalize casinos

But students don't visit Red Mile nearly as much as Keeneland in its three-week fall and spring meets. Most students have never been inside Red Mile.

Gambling is an activity that few Kentucky citizens and college students would partake in regardless of its

proximity. Having something conveniently accessible makes it fun once in a blue moon, but if one isn't interested in gambling, having it in UK's backyard won't make him or her immediately enamored with it.

There is no reason the thousands of Kentuckians who are going to gamble anyway should make the short trip out of the state to gamble and have their money go to other states.

Personal responsibility is a large part of the equation. It isn't the government's responsibility to pander to the lowest common denominator; paternalism from lawmakers isn't a good idea, no matter what side of the ideological equation you represent.

The role of the law is not to guard people from vices that harm only themselves. The potential returns from a casino program are great, and the state shouldn't waste a great fiscal opportunity for all of its citizens just because of the poor decisions of a few.



CHRIS STEWART, THE KENTUCKY KERNEL

My world's not small enough to ignore wastefulness

KISSIMMEE, Fla. — I'm afraid I may no longer have a soul.

Well, I'm afraid that'll be the general perception after an admission of this magnitude, at least.

Brace yourselves, dear readers: I went to Disney World and loathed almost every minute.

I know, I know — you'll ask why I'm not kicking puppies or drowning kittens in the hot tub of my rented villa this very minute while I tell a group of six-year-olds there is, in fact, no Santa?

Because I simply refuse to see the logic in charging exorbitant amounts of money to basically lock large groups of people inside a glorified holding pen with roller coasters and a huge, semi-sentient talking mouse.

Actually, now that I think about it, that's a brilliant marketing ploy: I wish I'd thought of it myself. Or at least been one of Walt's heirs.

But I digress. Disney World, for all its innate innocence, sprawling castles, haunted mansions, larger-than-life cartoon characters, screaming children and exhausted adults, turned my stomach.

The place epitomizes every nega-

tive aspect of American culture, from the ridiculously expensive entrance fees to gross excess and instant gratification that later turn to a stomachache and an empty wallet.

Make no mistake: I bought into it, too. I paid the entrance fee. I spent more money on gallon-sized cups of soda and bottles of water than I care to admit. I stood in line with my niece while she waited for Minnie's autograph. I suffered through a full-on blast of synthetic chili-dog-induced burp during Stitch's Great Escape.

But I winced internally every time I handed over my Visa card. I cringed inwardly when I witnessed a mother placate her three bawling toddlers with a \$22 T-shirt and a \$15 stuffed Mickey apiece. It's not that I don't approve of her parenting tactics — after 10 minutes of my niece's whining, I'd gladly bribe her with a BlackBerry — but when I see so much money thoughtlessly wasted on such impervious, meaningless mementos, my heart starts to break a little.

It breaks for those who aren't so fortunate. For those whose parents don't have the time or the money to willingly incorporate the entire family for eight to 10 hours in the blazing Florida sun inside the so-called "happiest place on earth." For those like the orphans I met in sub-Saharan Africa during the summer, whose energies are so focused on caring for

their younger siblings because both parents died from AIDS that now, at age 12, they're the heads of their households. Disney World isn't even a distant dream for kids like these — it's a cruel mirage not even worth imagining.

I don't mean to be a downer; I don't mean to be the little black rain cloud hovering above Sleeping Beauty's fairytale castle. In fact, I try to keep these dark thoughts to myself most of the time — especially during a family trip to the world's most renowned combination of theme park and towering corporate behemoth.

But the month I spent in southern Africa on assignment for The Kernel has left a life-altering impression, and a double-consciousness that I'm not sure I wanted but am grateful I have.

So when I fork over \$20 for three hot dogs, chips and sodas, I'll pause and remember that the same amount of money can also buy enough formula to feed a six-week-old infant for a month in Lesotho. And I'll remember that even one person's donation can make a difference — I've seen the effects firsthand.

Maybe all of this means that I'm hopelessly jaded and a depressing blight on the face of the Sunshine State.

Or maybe I have a soul, after all. Crystal Little is a journalism senior. E-mail: littlec@kykernel.com.

LETTERSTO THEEDITOR

Don't stereotype athletes

This letter is in response to Stephanie Durnell's letter yesterday ("Athletes are disrespectful in class") attacking the student-athletes on UK's campus.

Durnell asks, "Does an athletic scholarship permit one to be rude and obnoxious during class?" Sorry if I am mistaken, but it seems that Durnell is basing her entire opinion of athletes on the athletes in her one night class. In my opinion, the stereotyping that Durnell propagates is rude and obnoxious.

As a tutor at UK's Center for Academic and Tutorial Services, I work with athletes of several different sports on a nearly daily basis. From my experience, I do not believe that you will find a harder working group of students than student-athletes. The demands placed on most student-athletes far outweigh the demands placed on the average student I have encountered at UK.

I would be willing to bet that 90 percent of the student-athletes at UK could maintain a 3.3 GPA required by academic scholarships if they were not so constrained by time. In addition, being a student-athlete often requires taking make-up tests that are harder than the first test and having to get notes from other students because of having to go to tournaments.

And the claims of cheating, drugs and alcohol are extremely strong claims for anyone to make, let alone someone who is a journalism student. For instance, I would assume that Durnell would be extremely offended if I wrote into The Kernel that all journalism students cheat, plagiarize and do drugs that would put Kurt Cobain to shame if I based that observation on the actions of a select few journalism students. In addition, if I had a problem with a few journalism students, I would take the matter up with either them or the teacher and not blast them in a public forum such as this.

And since Durnell asks that athletes be role-models, I encourage her to visit the page on ukathletics.com about the community outreach student-athletes do through CATS and then get back to me on if she still feels that they're not role models.

I am sorry that Ms. Durnell came into contact with the bad apples of the group, but I am just as sorry that she judged the whole bunch based on a few bad apples.

PAUL RUSSELL
economics junior

Water should be owned locally

Last week, the staff of The Kernel spent little time missing an opportunity to jump on the bandwagon against the issue of local ownership of water. I will try keep this free of the "smoke and mirrors" The Kernel's Nov. 3 editorial accused local-ownership advocates of using and do it one letter by sparing the World War II imagery it couldn't resist bringing up. Like many of the 23,000-plus Lexington residents who petitioned and fought hard to get the water issue on the ballot, I love the city of Lexington and want nothing more than to see it prosper economically and create more jobs. We can do this with local ownership of water.

These residents did not have some xenophobic fear of a German company, as last week's rhetoric in The Kernel would have believe, but people who just believe an improvement can be made. Honestly has The Kernel become so elitist that it doesn't believe Lexington residents can take better care of their public utilities than a multinational corporation? Why should we have a water company with its customer service center managed in Charleston, W.V., billing center in Alton, Ill., and leadership in Germany when those jobs and profit could be here in Lexington? (For this and other info on RWE, look at www.citizen.org/documents/RWEProfile.pdf.)

The strongest argument The Kernel could muster is that "there's never been anything wrong with private ownership." By that logic, there was never any reason to improve the levees in New Orleans, because "there has never been anything wrong with them." Although I realize the horrible devastation and lack of government response in New Orleans doesn't compare to our vote here, it goes to show how detrimental to progress such logic is.

So I urge readers of The Kernel to fight for our democratic right to vote on ownership of water and things that benefit the community we live in, instead of supporting The Kernel in frowning upon those who do.

ADAM JONAS
sociology and political science senior

Why don't students care?

On Wednesday as I was headed to lunch, I stumbled upon the anti-war rally outside the White Hall Classroom Building. I hadn't previously planned on going, but I soon became engaged by the impassioned exchange of words between students — Republicans and Democrats — concerned enough to voice their opinion on this big, intimidating campus.

Looking around at the rally, I soon realized I was one of a small number of people present for whatever cause, be it pro-war, anti-war or mere curiosity. Of the thousands of students on UK's campus, perhaps less than a hundred took the time to stop and listen.

The lack of participants in these on-campus demonstrations as of late is not what concerns me. It's the appallingly small number of students present — participating or watching from the margins — that is so telling of the lack of concern on the part of UK's students for the world around them. Students all around me were walking past without a second thought as to what was taking place.

Next time you come upon a protest or demonstration, I urge you to stop and listen to what your fellow students have to say. If we don't do this, I am afraid that our campus will become the ideological abyss that it seems well on its way to becoming — the sort that Mike Molls advocated in his Oct. 20 letter to the editor ("Keep your opinions to yourself"). If a university is not the forum for bright, interested students to exchange ideas, what is?

The ignorant and selfish mindlessness of UK students is becoming increasingly pervasive on our campus, and I personally find it not only very sad but also, frankly, an embarrassment. Let's start showing an interest in our world and start right here on our campus.

ERIN KESSLER
history senior

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UK soccer looks to make postseason noise in C-USA

By Chris Miles
THE KENTUCKY KERNEL

The season of the UK men's soccer team hangs by a shoestring.

On Wednesday the Wildcats will begin the Conference USA tournament in Dallas as a No. 7 seed, playing against No. 2 South Carolina who beat UK 1-0 in Columbia, S.C., earlier this year.

A loss on Wednesday would knock them out of the C-USA tournament and dash their hopes of a NCAA tournament berth.

"We're fired up," senior goalkeeper Andy Gruenebaum said. "We know we can compete with anyone in the conference. We're ready to go."

The C-USA tournament features the league's top eight teams, led by Southern Methodist University.

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Senior defender Brandon Stewart, who hails from Dallas, is excited to play in his hometown and is looking to have some good luck there.

"It's going to be nice to play in front of old friends and family," Stewart said. "I think we have a good chance — it would be great for us to win in Dallas."

"We've been training hard and are prepared for this tournament."

The Wildcats have enjoyed more than a week off since their last game, a 1-0 loss at No. 1 Akron. Coach Collins said the week has been great for the team to regroup and focus on the upcoming tournament play.

"We're a bit banged up," Collins said. "We have a lot of injuries. The time off has let us prepare and rest up. We'll be ready."

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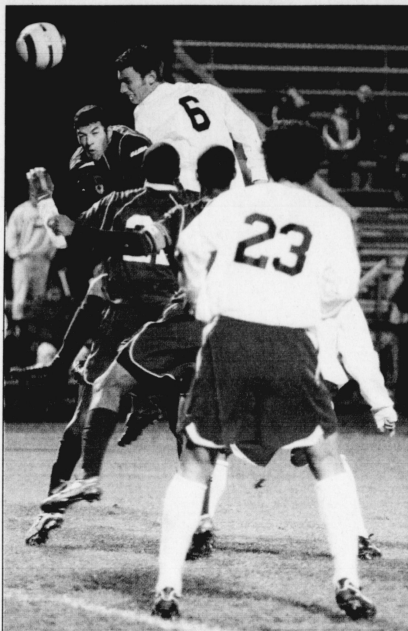
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Senior Thomas Senecal heads the ball against Marshall earlier this season.

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"Throughout the season, we've been able to hang with every team we've played," Stewart said. "All of our losses have been very close. We know we can go out there and be a major threat."

"We're not worried about anyone," Gruenebaum said. "We're ready for anything. We know we can go out there and win."

"Over the course of the season, we've only gotten better."

The Wildcats will face the pressure that comes with the postseason.

If they hope to advance and make it as far as the NCAA tournament, each and every member of the team understands that they'll have to give their all.

"I know we're capable," Collins said. "It'll be a battle. I hope we're the team standing in the end."

SPORTS BRIEFS

Basketball television broadcasts clarified

To clear up confusion regarding the television broadcasts of UK basketball games, the Athletics Department issued region-specific details yesterday.

Outside the Southeastern Conference region, Fox Sports Network is not allowed to show UK games due to the conference's exclusive rights with ESPN.

Regular season games have been offered to ESPN's Full Court package pending approval by ESPN.

For fans living in Kentucky, Alabama, Georgia, Mississippi, Tennessee and

South Carolina, UK basketball games will be shown live exclusively on FSN South. FSN Ohio will provide live coverage for games in markets that overlap Kentucky (Such as Cincinnati, Huntington, W.Va., Charleston, W.Va., and Evansville, Ind.).

More information is posted on UK Athletics' Web site (www.ukathletics.com).

Two soccer Cats make SEC All-Tournament team

After upsetting No. 2-seeded Ole Miss in the SEC tournament, UK women's soccer senior Courtney McCradden and sophomore Callie Lanphier were both named to the All-Tournament team, the

league announced yesterday. McCradden notched UK's game-winning overtime goal in its 3-2 victory over the Rebels last Thursday. Lanphier was credited with the assist on that goal.

Men's tennis

The UK men's tennis team wrapped up its fall season on Sunday with four Wildcats winning singles matches. Freshman Bruno Agostinelli, senior Carey Rubin, freshman Shane Collins and freshman Kenny Hodge all posted wins.

Sophomore Marcus Sundh and Collins gave UK its only doubles win, beating Thomas Stoddard and

Kazuya Otani of South Carolina 8-4.

The team returns to action Jan. 13, 2006, in the NCTC Tournament in Palm Springs, Calif.

Gymnastics on TV twice

The SEC announced yesterday that two UK gymnastics meets will be broadcast on Fox Sports Net South.

The Wildcats' meet at Arkansas on Feb. 24 will be shown at 6 p.m. March 4, and UK's participation in the March 25 SEC Tournament in Birmingham, Ala., will be broadcast at 7 p.m. on March 30.

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