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## Alcohol workshop aims to prevent student deaths

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Rob Caudill, international director of the Phi Gamma Delta fraternity, began an alcohol liability workshop last night with the words of a mother whose son died of alcohol poisoning at a fraternity initiation party.

"It took me 18 years to raise him," Caudill quoted. "It took them six weeks to kill him."

Darlene Krueger was the mother of 18-year-old Scott Krueger who died of alcohol poisoning after attending a Phi Gamma Delta party in 1997 during his freshman year at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology.

The focus of the program, "Tell Me Something I Don't Know," was to help students keep each other safe and learn what needs to be done to keep alcohol related incidents like this from hap-

pening at UK, Caudill said.

"The most important message (for the Greek community) was recognizing that we're all responsible for each other, and we can all impact what our brother or sister does," Caudill said. "We can all make an impact on a good or bad decision that they make."

During the discussion, Caudill asked the audience questions to prompt ideas on how to avoid a tragedy, such as what UK chapters could do to prevent an alcohol-related death and how the situation surrounding the MIT incident was different from what goes on at UK.

The program was co-sponsored by Alpha Delta Pi sorority and Phi Gamma Delta fraternity and included a 20-minute video about the dangers of alcohol abuse followed by a discussion led by Caudill.

Lauren Goodin, Alpha Delta Pi president, said

she hoped to co-sponsor the program with Phi Gamma Delta at least once a year.

"It's so important for officers, members and for the entire Greek community," Goodin said. "We hope to see it as a tradition because it's great, it's beneficial and everybody needs the reminder."

Over 200 members of UK Greek community attended the alcohol risk-management program last night at the Center Theatre in the Student Center.

UK Phi Gamma Delta President Chris Crumrine said he was very happy with the attendance.

"I think it was an incredible turnout," Crumrine said. "Not only does it show that it's something people care about, but I hope that with the high turnout, it's going to yield better results."

Crumrine said he would like to see this program extend beyond the Greek community.

"While we're a pretty big example on campus as leaders and probably the ones who should lead to behavior change, I'd like to see it happen more outside the Greek community because I don't think the problem is just us," he said.

Allie White, Kappa Kappa Gamma new member educator, attended the program and said she agrees that it should extend to other students on campus.

"We're not all the drinkers," said White, a political science and English senior. "A lot of people who aren't Greek drink too."

Phi Gamma Delta International produced the video following a lawsuit by the Krueger family over the death of their son.

"Tell Me Something I Don't Know," is available for people and colleges across the nation and is presented on campuses across the nation every year, Caudill said.

### PADDLING TO BLACKSBURG



ELLIOTT HESS | STAFF

The paddles were flying as participants in last night's Cats Den table tennis tournament competed for a chance to win a free trip to the regional tournament at Virginia Tech. About 20 people showed up between 7 and 9:30 p.m., including biology junior Brian Bani, above, to compete for the trip and for other smaller prizes, which were drawn from a "surprise box." "A year ago ping-pong was my life," kinesiology senior Teddy Prater said. Prater, who was once ranked as one of the top-100 table tennis players in the nation, won last night's tournament and will compete in Blacksburg, Va. in the regional competition later in the year.

## Privacy a main concern for new gym cameras, planners say

By Katie Saltz  
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Students may not have treadmills in their dorm rooms, but they can access the campus exercise facility without leaving their computers.

Student Government helped fund the installation of two rotating cameras in the Johnson Center to supply live still shots to the SG and Johnson Center Web sites. The cameras were installed at the end of October.

Ron Lee, director of campus recreation, said the cameras are a convenience for students because they can check the crowding of the facility to see if they want to work out.

"People can see how crowded it is and know when to come over," Lee said.

The privacy of students was a major concern for SG when they decided to fund the project, said Tyler Fleck, SG deputy chief of staff.

"We didn't want students to feel unsafe," Fleck said. "We made sure you cannot tell who students are, you can't see faces and you can't zoom in."

Eric Wilson, a biology sophomore, said the cameras do not make him feel unsafe when he is working out at the center.

"I think it's a good idea because sometimes it can be too crowded," Wilson said. "(The cameras) don't bother me at all."

SG is working to ensure that students are comfortable with the cameras and the organization may need to adjust one of the shots, Fleck said.

"We feel one of the cameras might be too close up so we're working to zoom out and blur the faces," Fleck said.

Currently no signs or other notifications are posted to inform students about the new cameras.

Susie Groves, a communications senior, said it would be better to tell students the cameras are there before they work out.

"I think (the cameras) are a good idea," Groves said. "But it might be nice to notify people."

Since there are cameras in other places on campus without posted signs, Fleck said it should not be necessary to inform students about the cameras in the Johnson Center.

"If there is an outcry from students then we would work on something like that," he said.

"Student Government researched all the issues before we invested our time and money into this," Fleck said. "We've heard both sides of the argument and the majority of people feel it's beneficial."

Carolyn Whaley, an English education graduate student, said she would rather just walk to the Johnson Center before checking online.

"I guess the purpose makes sense, but I would probably walk here and get exercise on the way," Whaley said.

SG allocated \$1,500 of their yearly budget for the cameras, and the Johnson Center paid about \$7,500.

Lee said the Johnson Center received a great deal because the EarthCam company, which installed and monitors the cameras, is owned by a UK graduate.

"They cut us a great deal," Lee said. "The real value is about \$18,000."

One camera monitors the free weight area and the gym, and another monitors the climbing wall and both ends of the cardio wing. The Web site also has a 24-hour time lapse, Lee said, so students can see how crowded the center has been at different times during the day.

The idea for the cameras originated last year during the SG University Relations Cabinet's research of top-20 universities, Fleck said.

"We found many schools have cameras in their workout centers, and they said it's been very beneficial," Fleck said. "It promoted their Web sites and freed up their workers."

The cameras also could help promote SG services by drawing students to the SG Web site, Fleck said.

## Ky. Horse Park lights up for holidays

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The Kentucky Horse Park will kick off their annual Southern Lights holiday light display Thursday with a 5K run-walk.

Lisa Durham, special events coordinator at the Kentucky Horse Park, said she hopes UK students will attend the 6th annual Southern Lights Stroll, which will give participants the first look at this season's light exhibit, because it is a fun way to take a break from studying.

"Students can definitely have a great time

during this very stressful time of finals," Durham said.

The holiday light display, Spectacular Sights on Holiday Nights, will run throughout November and December. The event includes a driving tour through more than a mile of holiday lights, an indoor petting zoo, musical entertainment and gift shops.

Other parts of the horse park will be open to visitors as well, including the International Museum of the Horse and other specialty exhibits.

Durham said she hopes the event next year can incorporate the UK community into the

planning and participation of Southern Lights.

Thursday night's 5K starts at 6:15 and those interested in participating can register at the Kentucky Horse Park's Web site ([www.kyhorsepark.com](http://www.kyhorsepark.com)). Participants are encouraged to bring a food item for God's Pantry.

The other Southern Lights' festivities are open 5:30 to 10 p.m. every day beginning Friday. The indoor events will be closed Thanksgiving and Dec. 24-31.

Durham said she is excited for this year's event, which has been named a top-20 tourist event by the Southeast Tourism Society.

## First campus flu is diagnosed

STAFF REPORT

University Health Services diagnosed a student late last week with UK's first confirmed case of the flu this season.

In a typical influenza season, about 50-100 cases on campus are reported, said UHS Director Gregory Moore.

The undergraduate male student who was diagnosed had not received a flu shot this season, Moore said, which is the best way to prevent the flu.

UHS has given 1,600 flu shots this season and students can still get a shot for \$10 at Student Health Services.

Other ways to prevent the transmission of the flu virus is to wash hands, avoid sharing things and use disinfecting sanitizers, Moore said. Symptoms include high fever, fatigue, headache, muscle aches and dry cough, but many students often confuse the flu as a cold.

"Most college students who get influenza will just be very sick for a week, but if that week is during finals, it can really ruin their semester," Moore said.

## 'Authentic' tango comes to UK

By Emily Covert  
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It may take two to tango, but tonight it will take an entire dance company.

Tango Buenos Aires will take the stage of the Singletary Center for the Arts concert hall at 7:30.

"The tango art form is very seductive," said Summer Gosset, SCFA marketing and ticketing director in an e-mail.

"The dancers are very fast paced, with intertwining legs, ballet turns, dips, slides and stomps."

Tango Buenos Aires was created for the Jazzmines festival at the Buenos Aires cabaret "Michaelangelo," according to the Singletary Center for the Arts Web site.

"(It's) known throughout the Americas, Europe and the Far East as the most authentic and uncompromising representatives of Tango," Gosset said.

This event is part of SCFA's Corner on Classics Series, Gosset said, which has run for 28 years and presents concerts and productions from around the world, the Web site said.

"We choose as many international groups as we can, and this year we wanted to represent as many different countries as possible," Gosset said.

"This series features groups from Ireland, Sweden, Argentina and Russia."

The SCFA always holds five events for the series, Gosset said.

"The Corner on Classics events offer students, faculty and staff at the university the chance to see internationally renowned artists at a discounted price and close to home," Gosset said.

"Many of these artists sell out across the country, and we are grateful that they take the time to come to Lexington to perform."

For more information, visit the SCFA Web site ([www.uky.edu/SCFA](http://www.uky.edu/SCFA)) or call the SCFA ticket office at (859) 257-4929.

### If you go

What: Tango Buenos Aires

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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 5 — Advance your career carefully, without drawing a lot of attention. Don't go after the fame quite yet. Build a structure to bring in the fortune.

**Taurus (April 20 May 20)** — Today is an 8 — Look a little farther away for the perfect person or thing. Expand your search and you're more likely to find one that's exactly right.

**Gemini (May 21 June 21)** — Today is an 8 — Review and fine-tune your savings plan, to get the greatest return. The work you do here will go a long way toward helping you sleep well.

**Cancer (June 22 July 22)** — Today is an 8 — You'll get your message across with no confusion now. It's not just the words, though they are important; it's your strong intention.

**Leo (July 23 Aug. 22)** — Today is a 5 — Make sure the client and/or the boss is completely satisfied. If you can manage that, everything else will be easy.

**Virgo (Aug. 23 Sept. 22)** — Today is a 9 — Your plan is working. Did you include a part where you jump the fence? Don't stay confined, get out and try something at least slightly outrageous.

**Libra (Sept. 23 Oct. 22)** — Today is a 6 — Don't go shopping yet, except for necessities. Stick to the basics even if you think you can afford the frills. Don't forget your bigger objectives. Well, OK, one little treat.

**Scorpio (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)** — Today is an 8 — A loved one thinks you can do just about anything you

try. Believe that person if you get shaky. Keep focused, and don't look down.

**Sagittarius (Nov. 22 Dec. 21)** — Today is a 6 — You have more than you realize. Don't use it all up. Put some away in a secret place where you can get to it quickly. It's nice to have reserves.

**Capricorn (Dec. 22 Jan. 19)** — Today is an 8 — People are in the mood to make plans and decisions. A person who's been argumentative will be easier to convince.

**Aquarius (Jan. 20 Feb. 18)** — Today is a 6 — You're making a favorable impression by doing what you promised. Important people are saying nice things about you, and that's all good.

**Pisces (Feb. 19 March 20)** — Today is a 10 — Through the help of an old friend, everything falls into place. You're lucky, and that helps too. Achieve a long-held objective.

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## THE DISH

New court documents reveal how Britney Spears has failed as a mother, while new questions arise about her mental competence as her behavior grows even more bizarre

By Kevin O'Leary

On October 30, Britney Spears had her monitored visits with her two sons set to three times a week by an L.A. Superior Court judge, who frowned on the poor results of her evaluation by a parenting coach. So, on November 4, with her time with the boys more precious than ever, Spears did what comes naturally: She took them shopping. Two hours after Sean, 2, and Jayden, 14 months, were dropped off at her Beverly Hills mansion, she pulled up to the Crystal Place design shop near L.A. — and then promptly left them in her car, handing off mommy duties to the court-appointed monitor (whose job description does not include babysitting). "She said she was looking for something modern for her entryway," owner Shawn Iryami tells us. After five minutes, she chose two chandeliers, worth \$18,280, before departing.

The scene came a mere five days after portions of a damning report from court-appointed par-

enting coach Lisa Hacker were released. "During all three of my visits, Ms. Spears rarely engaged with children in conversation or play," stated Hacker, adding that Spears' interactions with her boys were not child-centered and that the mood at home ranged "from chaotic to almost somber." Hacker summarized Spears' parenting as not "abusive in the traditional sense" (emphasis added).

Could this be the same star who once called motherhood her "ultimate goal"? With her zombie-like demeanor around the kids and her deteriorating personal appearance, friends are worried that Spears' mental state is taking a turn for the dire. "It's not substance abuse — it's mental!" believes a confidant, who suspects adult-onset ADD or depression and adds "postpartum has always been a problem." The emotional disconnect is so severe, says another pal, that a month after temporarily losing custody, "it's just starting to hit her that she's really in trouble and can't see her boys when she wants."

As Spears reaches the one-year anniversary of her split with Kevin Federline, she has become so erratic, says the confidant, that her own best friend, Alli Sims, has trouble telling if it's mental instability or drugs. "When she starts acting really bad, they have a number Alli can call to do a urine screen," says the source. "Alli's like, 'I want to know if she's on something.'" (The results have been consistently clean, adds the pal.)

## DOES SHE EVEN CARE?

Kalie Machado — Spears' one-time assistant earlier this year — has told us her ex-boss is plagued by "crazy thoughts" and "needs mental help."

### Strange Behavior

For now, the signs of apparent mental degradation continue to worsen. On October 30, Spears hit a West Hollywood bar with Sims. Finding her pirate costume uncomfortable, Spears asked a bartender to swap outfits, says a source. The next day at 9 a.m., Ryan Seacrest called Spears for a prescheduled interview on his KIIS-FM radio show, pegged to her hit album, *Blackout*. Spears, who had apparently overslept, stumbled through the Q&A, which turned bizarre when Seacrest asked how often she sees her kids. "My lawyers know all that stuff," said an apathetic-sounding Spears. Then, she walked away (the phone was on speaker) to take a shower, leaving baffled pals Sims and Sam Lutfi to carry on.

Her scary Halloween didn't end there. At around 5 p.m., she brought her sons to pal Adrienne Maloof's Beverly Hills home, where a bus was to take local kids trick-or-treating in the gated community. But Spears bailed, says a resident, because "she felt weird getting on the bus with everyone." After the kids went back to Federline's, it was on to a Captain Morgan-sponsored party, hosted by Heidi Klum at The Green Door club.

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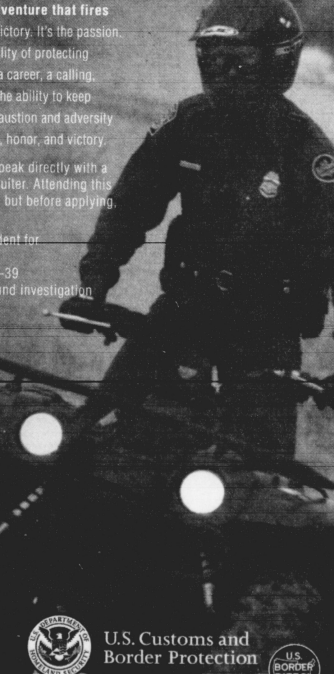
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MISTY MEANDER



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Journalism sophomore Stephen Gallagher walks through the rain near the Student Center yesterday evening. Gallagher was on his way to a Channel 50 meeting and had to deal with the misty cold of UK's campus.

Project finds industrial toxins in consumers' bodies

By Tina Lam  
Detroit Free Press

DETROIT - A project to test 35 people in seven states, including five Michiganders, for industrial chemicals common in household products found all had the toxins in their bodies - though none at levels posing immediate health concerns.

The chemicals shouldn't be in humans, but most people don't know they're being exposed, said Dr. Ted Schettler of Ann Arbor, physician for the study.

The chemicals are found in tens of thousands of consumer products including wallpaper, furniture, carpet, linings of tin cans, plastic water bottles, shampoos, lotions, baby bottles, nail polish, perfume and toys.

A Michigan legislator and a

New York woman who grew up in Michigan had high levels of PBB, or polybrominated biphenyl, which Schettler said likely came from cattle feed that was accidentally contaminated with PBB in 1973.

"The point is not the levels, but the fact that these things get into all our bodies," said Genevieve Howe of the Michigan Network for Children's Environmental Health, which helped with the study. "They are not being regulated."

Exposure to certain amounts of these chemicals is linked in animal and some human studies to birth defects, problems with brain development, cancers, reproductive problems, liver damage and other conditions.

Some of the tests show other effects at lower levels of exposure for some of the chemicals. But the scientists agree that more is unknown than known

about their effects.

For example, exposure to PBB occurred 30 years ago and the two Michiganders with measurable levels aren't sick.

The three classes of chemicals studied are phthalates, used in flexible plastics; bisphenol A, found in food can linings and plastic bottles, and flame retardants, or PBDEs.

Those tested in Michigan were state Rep. Terry Brown, 48, a Democrat from Pigeon, and his son Bryan, 12; Donelle Wilkins, 48, and her son Payton, 18, of Detroit, and 46-year-old Free Press Twist magazine editor Laura Varon Brown of Bloomfield Hills. Wilkins is director of Detroiters Working for Environmental Justice.

The 30 other people were tested in Alaska, Connecticut, Illinois, Massachusetts, Minnesota and New York.

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CRIME REPORT

UK Police reports from Nov. 6 to Nov. 12.

- Nov. 6 Theft reported from Frank D. Peterson Service Building at 12:39 p.m.
- Nov. 6 Theft of iPod reported from W.T. Young Library at 4:54 p.m.
- Nov. 6 Two arrests for alcohol intoxication reported from Rupp Arena at 8:42 p.m. and at 8:45 p.m.
- Nov. 7 Drug and marijuana use reported from UK Hospital at 9:21 a.m.
- Nov. 7 Theft reported from W.T. Young Library at 11:17 a.m.
- Nov. 7 Assault reported from Alumni Drive referring to a subject riding a bike who was struck by a water bottle from a passing vehicle.
- Nov. 7 Theft of painting reported from Lafferty Hall at 3:01 p.m.
- Nov. 8 Arrest for trespassing reported from UK Hospital at 12:08 p.m.
- Nov. 9 Theft of iPod, cell phone, backpack and keys reported from Pence Hall at 3:28 p.m.
- Nov. 10 Alcohol intoxication reported from Euclid Avenue at 12:59 a.m.
- Nov. 10 Theft reported from Blanding Tower at 10:56 a.m.
- Nov. 10 Alcohol intoxication reported from the corner

of Cooper Drive and Nicholasville Road at 3:33 p.m., referring to a subject daring vehicles to hit him.

- Nov. 10 Theft reported to UK Police Department at 8:59 p.m., referring to unauthorized charges to Plus Account.
- Nov. 10 Arrest for alcohol intoxication reported from Avenue of Champions at 10:44 p.m.
- Nov. 11 Theft of wallet reported from Smith Hall at 1:36 a.m.
- Nov. 11 Arrest for alcohol intoxication reported from Samaritan Hospital at 1:42 a.m.
- Nov. 11 Arrest for alcohol intoxication reported from UK Hospital at 4:20 a.m.
- Nov. 12 Theft reported from 2333 Alumni Park Plaza at 9:54 a.m.
- Nov. 12 Theft of backpack reported from UK Bookstore at 12:50 p.m.
- Nov. 12 Theft of iPod reported from W.T. Young Library at 2:32 p.m.
- Nov. 12 Theft of iPod and cables reported from Pence Hall at 2:49 p.m.

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## Cats out to prove Georgia victory was no 'fluke'

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Jacob Tammé could not stop crying.

For 15 minutes the senior tight end balled his eyes out as he walked among the thousands of people on C.M. Newton Field at Commonwealth Stadium looking for whomever he could hug following last year's 24-20 win over Georgia.

At the time, it was the fifth win of the season for the Cats, putting them just one game shy of bowl eligibility. But for players like Tammé, who had endured years of losing at UK, the victory represented much more.

"It was an emotional win because that was the first time we'd really gotten over the hump against one of those top teams," Tammé said. "It was a turning point for the program."

The victory over Georgia was UK's first since 1996. This Saturday, the Cats want to prove it was not a lucky win.

"You don't want them to come back and say it was a fluke," said junior wide receiver Dicky Lyons Jr. "You want to prove to everybody that you're still a team to be reckoned with."

For a program that was previously entrenched in a recruiting scandal, years of probation and a history of finding ways to lose, beating Georgia laid the foundation to beating teams like No. 1 Louisiana State and then-ranked No. 9 Louisville this season.

But the Cats' 2-0 record against



STAFF FILE PHOTO  
Senior tight end Jacob Tammé wipes away tears after the landmark victory against Georgia last year on Nov. 11, 2006 at Commonwealth Stadium.

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— Jacob Tammé  
UK senior tight end

top-10 teams this year has his holes; neither win came on the road, a challenge the Cats will face this weekend when they travel to Athens, Ga., to take on the No. 8 Bulldogs. Head coach Rich Brooks and his players have preached all week that this year's Georgia team is not the same one as last year.

After watching the Bulldogs dismantle then-ranked No. 18 Auburn 45-20 last weekend, Brooks could not help but call the improved Georgia squad "scary."

Part of the improvement has come from quarterback Matthew Stafford. After

throwing 13 interceptions and just seven touchdowns in his freshman year, the sophomore gunslinger has rebounded this year for 17 scores and just 7 picks.

"The guy throws a fastball," sophomore defensive end Jeremy Jarmon said. "It's been a long time since I've seen a guy that can throw a pass as hard as he can."

As good as Stafford has been, it has been the emergence of redshirt freshman running back Knowshon Moreno that has allowed the Dawgs' passing game to open up. The Georgia tailback, who Brooks said runs like he is mad, has 1,104 yards on the ground with 11 touchdowns.

"There are times when you think he's down, and all of a sudden he spins out of it, puts a hand on the ground and comes out there and makes more yards," Brooks said. "He's an angry runner."

And if Moreno and Stafford were not enough, the Cats will have to deal with a Georgia team that is in prime position to compete for an SEC championship.

The Cats, however, hope to stand in their way. Even though they can no longer win the SEC East and travel to Atlanta for the SEC championship game, they want to improve their bowl resume, Lyons said.

"You're always looking to get a better record," Lyons said. "You never want to lose a game, especially to a team we beat last year."

## Last year's snub motivates soccer team

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By the time the men's soccer team reached conference play this year, it appeared that hope for a successful 2007 season had been lost.

At that point, the Cats held a 2-5-2 record, were persistently nagged by injuries, and their play indicated that it was not going to get any better.

However, UK slowly regained health, won five out of its eight Conference USA games and earned the No. 3 seed in the C-USA tournament to square off against the No. 6 seed Marshall today at 3:30 p.m. in the tournament's first round in Birmingham, Ala.

"We're just looking forward at this point," sophomore forward Tim Crone said. "We want to prove to ourselves that we're as good as we've been playing lately and not how some of the games early in the year made us look."

Before this season began, the Cats'

hopes were to qualify for the NCAA Tournament after being snubbed in 2006.

After finishing as runners-up in the regular season C-USA standings and tournament, the Cats ended last year at No. 13 in the National Soccer Coaches of America poll but were not awarded an at-large bid for the NCAA tournament.

"We still have a point to prove from last year," head coach Ian Collins said.

Now, the Cats (7-9-2, 5-3 C-USA) will likely have to win this year's conference tournament to qualify for the NCAA tournament. To capture the conference title, UK must win three games over a five-day span. Although it is a daunting task, Collins said he knows what it takes to pull it off.

"You absolutely must concentrate on one game at a time," Collins said. "If you lose, you're done. The team that wins this thing will be the team that guts it up and concentrates on doing everything correctly."

In UK's first meeting with Marshall on Oct. 24, the Cats defeated the Thundering

Herd 3-1 behind sophomore defender Barry Rice's two goals.

Although the Cats defeated Marshall soundly less than a month ago, the Herd will have revenge on the mind.

"We've been preparing a lot for this game, and we're feeling pretty good about it," Crone said. "We feel ready but we're going to prepare every second up until the start of that game."

For Marshall to advance past the Cats, they will have to find a way around an experienced, physical team led by Rice, who was named C-USA's Defensive Player of the Year yesterday.

"We went deep in this tournament last year so we know what it takes to win in these situations," Collins said. "We can use our experience to a definite advantage."

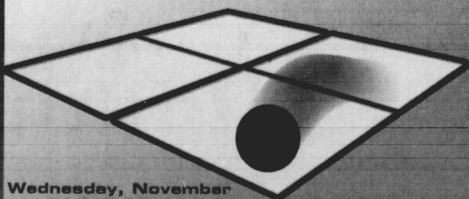
With nothing to lose, Collins and his team are looking to put everything they have out on the field and hope for a favorable result.

"We just have to give it our best go," Collins said. "If we play well, we have a good shot at this thing."

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## Experimentation diversifies music world

Ever since Mississippi-delta bluesmen began using rib bones and beer bottles on their guitar strings to create new sounds, popular music has been preoccupied with the creation of new sounds and the employment of weird instruments. The whimsical nature of today's indie genre lends itself to wild experimentation, which runs the gamut from genius to self-indulgent. However, these sound experiments usually have merit because of their far conceptual reach.

The use of animal bones and glass slides in guitar work goes back pretty far and is steeped in the rich tradition of primordial proto-blues folk music. Artists like Son House popularized the use of slide guitar, and the tradition went on to influence such blues artists as Muddy Waters, the Allman Brothers and, today, modernized-blues groups like the White Stripes.

New instruments began to influence waves of rock bands, and blues-inspired groups like Led Zeppelin soon began incorporating new electronic instruments like the

theremin. Analog-based samplers and Mellotrons, as well as foreign instruments like the sitar, influenced many 60s and 70s pop songs, giving way, for better or for worse, to digital synthesizers in the 80s.

However, our generation seems to be the one most interested in an array of musical instrumentation. The imagination of many of today's popular indie bands, such as Architecture in Helsinki and the Arcade Fire, has exploded from the early sound experimentation of the early 1900s bluesmen. The sound for the 2000s is clearly symphonic and instrumentally diverse, picking apart the styles and sounds of cultures around the world.

Architecture in Helsinki uses instruments like the recorder, a tuba, the glockenspiel, timpani and even hand claps to give their music a sound unlike any other musical group. In fact, the Australian musical collective most often abandons traditional arrangements of drums, bass and guitar in favor of a concentration on the whimsical sounds of analog samplers and mbiras.

The Arcade Fire uses uncommon instruments in a similar way for perhaps darker intentions. The Canadian group has climbed to the top of college radio consciousness in the last three years with its blend of dramatic pop music and bombastic sound. The group melds a sea of accordions, horns, vio-

lins, cello, hurdy gurdy, harp and organ onto the basic framework of songwriter Win Butler's steady acoustic guitar and wavering, emotive voice. This list of symphonic instruments is, of course, abbreviated, as the indie sweethearts continue to introduce new instruments whenever they feel the need for new sounds, even attaching microphones to vocal mics in order to manipulate the sounds of their own voices. Both of the Arcade Fire's albums, "Funeral" and "Neon Bible" have employed this collective aesthetic of varying instruments in the hope of creating an interesting musical whole. According to the music critics and throngs of fans packing every concert, the group has succeeded.

The myriad of groups who employ the grandiose multi-instrumental sound is steadily growing and influencing others. It is now not uncommon to see such groups in national tours and on MTV playlists. If this generation had one thing to contribute to the musical climate of pop music, it has been the courage to add accordion and harp parts liberally, and not to be afraid to raid the local resale shop for the occasional melodeon.

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Kernel columnist

## UK med students display their musical side

By Emily Coovert  
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For some UK medical students, life is about more than just medicine — it is about music as well.

Today, the UK Chandler Medical Center will present their 12th Fall Humanities Festival from 3:30 to 4:30 p.m. in the UK Hospital Auditorium, room H-611. The festival is free and

open to the public.

"It showcases the talent of the students we have from the college of medicine," said Carlene Hodges, festival coordinator. "They sing, dance and play musical instruments."

Hodges said the festival is comprised of first- through fourth-year medical students, and that while the festival usually features some students from the College of Dentistry, only

medical students will be performing this year.

"Students come into medicine with other interests," Hodges said. "Some even majored in music. It's a good way for them to get away from studying for awhile."

The event occurs two times a year, Hodges said, once in the fall and once in the spring. She said the fall event usually occurs in November, while the spring event is usually held in April.

"I always find it interesting that (students) can do the music and the science," Hodges said.

Hodges said she is excited about the event because it fosters the humanities, and it is an enjoyable experience both for performers and the audience.

"I think it's just an hour of great entertainment," Hodges said. "Wonderful students come to our performance, it's an enjoyable variety."

## Lance Bass tours for new book, 'Out of Sync'

Tracy L. Brown  
The Dallas Morning News

From 1995 to 2002, Lance Bass seemed to be on top of the world. The small-town Clinton, Miss., teenager had been thrust into the spotlight as a member of one of the hottest pop groups ever, 'N Sync.

But even as they toured Europe and the United States with thousands of young girls screaming wildly for band members at each stop, a deep secret kept Bass from truly enjoying the whirlwind moment of fame.

The handsome young singer was gay. But there was way too much on the line for

the band as well as his deeply religious Southern family) to reveal that, even to those closest to him.

That is until last year, when Bass, now 28, finally told his family, friends, former bandmates and the world (in a People magazine cover story). He just released his memoir, "Out of Sync," in which he talks candidly about becoming a member of the famous boy band, his dreams of being an astronaut and his coming out.

"I think my whole life I was very self-aware of it," Bass said by phone while preparing for his book tour. "So I don't think there was ever that moment where I was like, oh, my God. I think I am. So I knew

I'd always have to say it."

Did any of the band members suspect that he was gay?

"I would imagine they had a clue, but it was never discussed," he said. "I mean not having a girlfriend for so long - not having the appetite of a young man with women all around him."

"But I never told my family or friends. It was very taboo, especially where I grew up in Mississippi."

Bass went public amid media speculation about his sexuality because of his close relationship with a male friend. At that time, Joey Fatone was the only band member he had shared his secret with.

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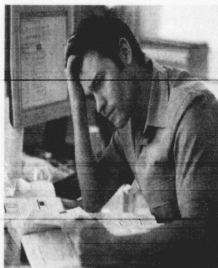
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### ■ KERNEL EDITORIAL

## Nursing enrollment expansion relieves growing shortage

The recent doubling in incoming undergraduate enrollment for UK's College of Nursing was a move that benefits both UK students and the surrounding area.

According to a study released by the journal Health Affairs, the nursing shortage in America is expected to increase by three times its current rate by 2020, making the total shortage of registered nurses around 340,000.

In response to both this shortage and the number of applicants it receives each year, the College of Nursing is now accepting 80 students per semester compared to 40 in the past.

The college made a very wise decision in doubling its incoming enrollment. This move shows that UK is actively reassessing its policies in order to be as progressive an institution as possible.

In addition to doubling its incoming enrollment, the College of Nursing hired an additional three faculty members and is looking to add an additional five, the Kernel reported on Nov. 8.

This move by the College of Nursing should be applauded. It demonstrates an understanding that maintaining smaller class sizes while increasing enrollment is vital to the school. In order to preserve the high status of UK's nursing program, regulating class sizes is crucial. College of Nursing Dean Jane Kirschling understands this, and

she should be commended for her willingness to make the necessary changes to her faculty to accommodate such a large change.

UK's College of Nursing has always been an impressive part of the university. It was recently ranked ninth by The Chronicle of Higher Education for faculty scholarly activity among both public and private schools nationwide, and 26th by U.S. News & World Report's 2008 issue of "America's Best Graduate Schools." These impressive rankings are one of many reasons why it is encouraging to see the college stepping up to the challenge

of combating a nursing shortage. There is clearly no better choice for a school to increase nursing student enrollment than one that has such national renown.

Administrators should always be encouraged to respond to needs of both our local and national community. For most students, their education at UK is a tool to use in pursuing a career outside the walls of academia. It is then necessary for departments and programs at UK to constantly readjust their structure — whether that is through enrollment, courses offered or class size — to accommodate the needs of graduating students and the careers they are pursuing.

Kirschling and the College of Nursing have led the way as an active example of what should be done.

There is clearly no better choice for a school to increase nursing student enrollment than one that has such national renown.

### ■ LETTER TO THE EDITOR

## Organic agriculture more than just consumerism

The significant issues raised by Thomas McClanahan in his critique of organic agriculture are obscured by his dependence on stereotypical assumptions and anecdotal information.

What is achieved by putting forward a cartoonish portrayal of organic certification and then decrying the superficiality of people who attach value to the process? Mr. McClanahan overlooked his most elementary fact-checking by stating that organic agriculture doesn't allow pesticides and reveals fundamental ignorance of the process. His conclusions would be better supported if they were preceded by an honest and accurate portrayal of organic certification.

Having worked for the United States Department of Agriculture on writing the organic production standards, I can attest that there are no provisions related to elves, penance, redemption, or corporate taint, as Mr. McClanahan suggests.

I'll let the legal federal definition speak for itself: A production system that is managed to respond to site-specific conditions by integrating cultural, biological and mechanical practices that foster cycling of resources, promote ecological balance and conserve biodiversity.

How are these objectives achieved? Farmers are required to implement and

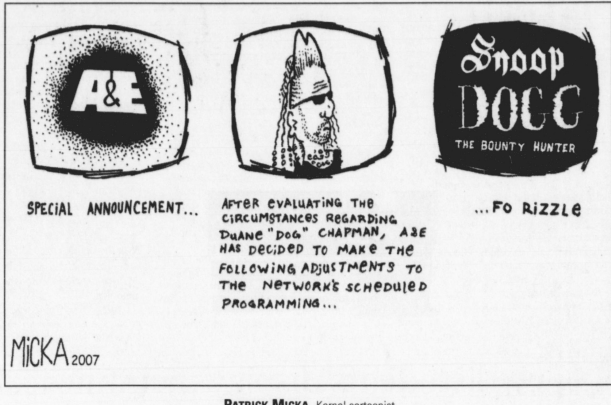
annually update a management plan consisting of environmentally sensitive practices and material inputs. These plans address all relevant dimensions of the farming operation including soil fertility, crop selection and rotation, pest management and livestock feed, health care and living conditions. Independent certification agents with the authority to investigate the farm's records and make surprise inspections are responsible for monitoring compliance with the farm plan.

There is a growing body of peer-reviewed scientific evidence to support the conclusion that organic management systems perform in different ways and produce different results than do conventional systems.

Rather than resorting to ridicule and knee-jerk refutation, we would be wise to ask ourselves how the insight gained from organic agriculture can preserve the thin, fragile layer of topsoil that supports terrestrial life on Earth.

Finally, I am not alarmed that proponents of organic agriculture often manifest a religious fervor on its behalf. After all, food is the staff of life, and what could be more sacred than that?

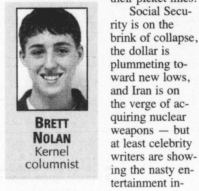
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PATRICK MICKA, Kernel cartoonist

## Hollywood writers' strike reflects the growing culture of greed in America

Writers across the nation are fighting injustice as they bravely stand up to the evils of corporate America in their picket lines.



BRETT NOLAN  
Kernel columnist

dustry who's boss.

I don't even think The Onion could have made up a story as asinine as this. The recent strike by the Writers Guild of America is a painful reminder of how low greed has sunk in America. Here we have people working in the entertainment business, whose job is to write scripts — on strike?

These people have literally been given the opportunity of a lifetime and are being paid handsomely for it, but they still find it necessary to nickel and dime their bosses?

It would be understandable if the strike were being put on by a union whose employees are being oppressed by their employers into doing unreasonably hard labor for low wages and long hours. That is, after all, why the idea of a "strike" exists.

But Hollywood writers? The arrogance behind those picket lines is astounding.

Many famous talk show hosts

have refused to cross the picket line, forcing the networks to play reruns of their shows until the strike ends. David Letterman and Jay Leno will both be taking a nice vacation until this group of delusional writers snap back into reality.

Of course, celebrity do-nothings like Leno are being applauded for their refusal to cross the picket line. They are celebrated as heroes championing the rights of the poor and mistreated.

What isn't being mentioned is that NBC is going to be laying off all non-writing staff for The Tonight Show by the end of this week, as was reported by Broadcasting & Cable, an industry trade magazine. While defending the "disfranchised," Leno is causing layoffs for the truly hard-working staff on his show.

The attitude of the writer's guild is typical of people with too much free time. Eventually, they start imagining different "rights" they have, demanding some sort of justice. If it persists long enough, they might even convince a few people to join their side.

We've recently seen an example of this same attitude manifesting itself in another way here on campus.

Just a few weeks ago, many UK students chose to protest the Kentucky laws forbidding deadly weapons on campus by strapping empty holsters to their sides.

Although there is nothing wrong with protesting laws believed to be unjust, listening to people complain about Kentucky robbing them of their "rights" was almost as mind-boggling as watching the writers picketing on TV.

The simple fact is that the right to take your gun anywhere you want does not exist.

Why don't these people protest even stricter regulations that exist at airports? Shouldn't they be just as offended by the trampling of their rights that goes on there?

This isn't to say that there is no reason to protest and lobby against the Kentucky law. But to do so on the basis of an abstract "right" to carry a gun anywhere you want is lunacy.

It's reminiscent of kids who think freedom of speech means they have the right to say anything they want, any place they want. They're shocked to find out that yelling "fire" in crowded theaters can land them in heaps of trouble.

Just as we laugh at the middle school student who claims yelling "fire" is his right to free speech, nothing about this writer's strike should be taken seriously.

No one should be expected to feel sorry for a group of people who were given an opportunity of a lifetime, and have decided they feel cheated over royalty prices.

Instead, we should be ashamed to see so many Americans willing to acknowledge this strike as a legitimate cause. We should be ashamed to see how much our society is fostering such selfishness and greed.

We should be ashamed, not because we've been trampled on — but because we've somehow managed to teach them to think like middle school students.

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## With Election Day behind us, let's focus on re-electing McConnell to the Senate

Obviously, last Tuesday's election did not go as I wanted, but it was not a total loss either. For the first time ever Republicans elected two down-ticket candidates when the top of the ticket lost.



THOMAS ROBERTS  
Contributing columnist

Moreover, if you look over the past few decades, Kentucky has been a one-party state with the Democrats controlling every facet of state government. With the re-election of Secretary of State Trey Grayson and Commissioner of Agriculture Richie Farmer, Kentuckians proved they were willing to vote for Republicans.

Whatever questions or concerns voters had about Gov. Ernie Fletcher were not shared concerns about other Republicans.

But it is time to move on. When one election is finished, the next one is starting.

Sen. Mitch McConnell, R-Ky, has already released a television ad that highlights his influence as the Republican leader in the U.S. Senate. It also mentions the funds he has secured for our universities and the leadership he has shown in disposing of weapons at

the Blue Grass Army Depot.

There have been rumblings on blogs and in news reports about former gubernatorial candidate Larry Forgy, an ardent supporter of Gov. Fletcher, challenging McConnell.

Forgy blames McConnell for several of Fletcher's problems and for Fletcher's poor showing in Louisville, but I fail to see the connection. It sounds like sour grapes as Forgy looks for someone to blame. The funny thing is even Gov. Fletcher is discouraging people from challenging McConnell, as he indicated in his remarks to the Republican State Central Committee this past Saturday.

Let me lay out this hypothetical match up for Republicans: Forgy has never been elected dogcatcher. He was the 1995 Republican nominee for governor — a race he almost won. But almost doesn't count. Forgy lost.

McConnell, on the other hand, has served Kentucky for nearly 24 years. If you look at his record, he has consistently delivered for the state in both agriculture and education.

Furthermore, now he has a great deal of influence serving as the leader for his party in the U.S. Senate. Which one makes more sense, a proven leader who delivers or a one-time loser?

At rallies during this past campaign, governor-elect Steve Beshear and state auditor Crit Luallen both

talked of knocking off McConnell.

Well, Beshear tried in 1996 and he failed miserably. As far as I am concerned, he has no credibility on the subject.

Luallen, on the other hand, is rumored to be considering challenging McConnell for his seat. She ran for auditor four years ago and won re-election Nov. 6. That is the extent of her experience. Luallen has a long record of working in the Frankfort bureaucracy for thirty some years, but this record includes being the Secretary of the Cabinet during the Paul Patton scandal.

Attorney General Greg Stumbo has also expressed interest in challenging McConnell. I guess he is just looking for another government paycheck since he will be unemployed at the end of the year. After decades of taking money from the state, hopefully Stumbo can go back to Floyd County for good.

Beyond McConnell's run, 2008 has a host of other elections to be excited about. The Kentucky House of Representatives, several Kentucky Senate seats and our six Congressional seats will take up much of the local focus.

Of course, 2008 is also a presidential election year. With plenty of candidates vying for the nomination on both sides, the next few months should be interesting.

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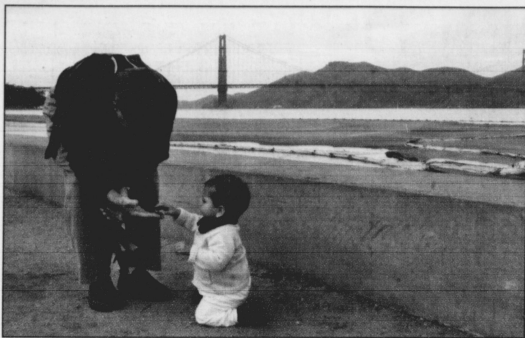
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## Oil spill shows dangers to marine traffic

**By Paul Rogers**  
San Jose Mercury News

SAN JOSE, Calif. — Swift currents. Dense fog. Submerged rocks. Bridges. Heavy traffic.

Every year, more than 3,600 commercial ships — oil tankers, cruise liners and cargo ships — sail into San Francisco Bay, and their captains face an obstacle course of dangers.

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"It's even more nerve-racking once they get in the bay. There are so many ferries and sailboats and bridges that their biggest fear is hitting something."

Last week's oil spill from the Cosco Busan underlined the risks. And despite better technology and increased safety rules that have been put in place since the 1989 Exxon Valdez spill, significant hazards for the behemoth ships remain.

The biggest ships, including oil tankers delivering crude from Alaska to refineries in Contra Costa County, are as wide as 10 lanes of freeway, and can take a mile or more to stop. If the Fairmont San Jose hotel were laid on its side, it could fit twice on

the deck of the largest vessels.

At the Golden Gate, the bay is 350 feet deep, but in other places, it is treacherously shallow. Two-thirds of the bay is less than 18 feet deep, and the currents can be fierce.

Consider that the bay drains water and melting snow from roughly 40 percent of California's landmass — all of it rushing through an opening only one mile wide under the Golden Gate Bridge.

"In terms of risks, San Francisco Bay is an accident looking for the wrong day to happen," said Richard Charter, a longtime oil safety advocate with Defenders of Wildlife.

And if a spill does happen, there is plenty to lose, he said. "This is one of the most biologically sensitive marine environments on the entire planet."

Its shoreline stretches 1,000 miles across some of the most unique marshes, beaches and refuges in the United States. The bay's accident record is actually a good one, said Bea, now an engineering professor at the University of California-Berkeley.

"I watch San Francisco, L.A. and Puget Sound. We're not lagging here," he said. "San Francisco is one of the leading ports and the safety record

shows it."

Yet some risks are always present. "If you lose your rudder, you can't stop on a dime. You are going to hit something," he said.

Shipwrecks have been part of San Francisco Bay since 1775 when Spanish naval officer Juan de Ayala became the first European to sail through the entrance in the coast range that explorer John C. Fremont would later christen "the Golden Gate."

With the huge influx of boats to California during the Gold Rush, state law in 1849 first required that local navigation experts, called "bar pilots," board all large vessels coming into San Francisco Bay.

They do the same today. The bar pilots help captains by recommending courses, speeds and other navigational strategies. They are responsible if a ship wrecks in the bay.

Last Wednesday morning, an experienced local pilot, Capt. John Cota of Petaluma, was navigating a 900-foot cargo ship, the Cosco Busan, when it hit a tower on the Bay Bridge en route from Oakland to South Korea. The collision, under investigation, ripped a hole in one of the vessel's fuel tanks, spilling 58,000 gallons of thick bunker fuel into the bay.

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Dining Services

APPETIZERS	SIDES	ENTREES
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Crudités</li> <li>• Cheese &amp; Fresh Fruit Display</li> <li>• Petit BBQ Smokies</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Mushroom Wild Rice</li> <li>• Cranberry/Orange &amp; Oyster Stuffing</li> <li>• Smashed New Potatoes</li> <li>• Mixed Greens w/ Bacon</li> <li>• Acorn Squash w/ Praline Topping</li> <li>• Sweet Corn Casserole</li> <li>• Roasted Root Vegetables</li> <li>• Giblet Gravy</li> <li>• Cranberry Chutney</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Carved Turkey &amp; Ham</li> <li>• Seafood Newburg</li> </ul>
SALADS		DESSERTS
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Tortellini Salad w/Walnuts &amp; Feta Cheese</li> <li>• Cranberry Spinach Salad</li> </ul>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Pumpkin Cheesecake</li> <li>• Chocolate/Peanut Butter Pie</li> <li>• Pecan Pie</li> <li>• Pumpkin Pie</li> </ul>