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Landlords hope to avoid stricter student resident policy

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Members of the University Area Housing Association met with Student Government officers last night to discuss living regulations that could significantly change the make-up of neighborhoods surrounding UK.

The regulations are currently in effect at Pennsylvania State University. Two UK employees, Assistant Vice President of Community Engagement Lisa Higgins-Hord and Vice President of Facilities Management Bob Wiseman, and Lexington Fayette Urban County Councilman David Stevens visited the university earlier this year to observe and discuss policies concerning off-campus student housing.

Implemented in 1997, Penn State's

regulations state that only three non-related students can live in an off-campus house at a time and that no student residential unit can exist within approximately 150 to 200 square feet of another student home.

The regulations also require students to obtain permits to occupy off-campus houses and state that student homes must have a minimum of 1,500 square footages.

Stevens is interested in looking into similar regulations for the UK community, Wiseman said, and the university has not endorsed a change of regulations.

The dynamics of Penn State and UK are vastly different, Wiseman said, so a new set of implications would arise from the regulations if they were applied in Lexington.

"What you are dealing with is the

community," Wiseman said. "We need to understand (the regulations) more than we do now."

The housing association, made up of landlords who own property around UK, hopes that with collaboration from Lexington landlords and UK students it can stop Lexington from applying similar regulations, which would render about 75 percent of student houses surrounding campus ineligible for student occupation, said Andy McIntire, UAHA member and property owner.

The decrease in available housing would lead to higher rent prices and would effectively drive the student population into other Lexington neighborhoods, McIntire said.

"We think that there has got to be a better way than that," he said. "(The regulations) would force students out

into other neighborhoods farther away from campus, increasing the possibility of conflict with other neighbors. We don't believe this discrimination should be something we are teaching at the university."

Residents of neighborhoods surrounding UK have expressed concern with student behavior, particularly after the University of Louisville football game. A house was condemned and a couch was burned outside after late-night partying.

UAHA Vice President Robert Hodges said he believes the problem stems from a lack of communication between the city, landlords and their tenants.

"We have a long-term need to have interactive communications between all members of the neighborhoods," Hodges said. "The vast majority of stu-

dents are very good neighbors. The way to solve problems is to work together."

Hodges also said that police, not property owners, should play a bigger role in regulating incidents.

"When we are talking about police

protection, they aren't protecting the students," he said. "The students are not treated as legit members of our community."

Several solutions were proposed during the course of the meeting, including contacting council members concerning the issue, educating property owners and increasing communication with students. The UAHA also mentioned the development of its University Preferred Housing plan.

Craig Hardin, treasurer and former

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AIRING 'DIRTY LAUNDRY'



PHOTOS BY ALLIE GARZA/STAFF

Anita M. Groenwoldt, a secondary social studies education junior, hangs a T-shirt on a clothesline in Rasdall Gallery yesterday in preparation for the Clothesline Project which opens today at 6 p.m.

Victims tell stories of abuse with clothing

By Iryna Dzyubynska
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Survivors of physical abuse are hanging their stories for all to see in an art exhibit focused on the fight to eradicate domestic violence and sexual assault.

The Clothesline Project exhibit is debuting tonight from 6 to 8 at the Rasdall Gallery in the Student Center with a reception following the opening.

The exhibit displays T-shirts made by survivors of domestic violence and sexual assault, as well as by students and student organizations who support an end to the brutality, as a visual representation of how violent behavior has impacted their lives.

Created in 1990 in Cape Cod,

Mass., the project is a way for survivors of domestic violence to tell their stories anonymously. Women who have experienced domestic violence, have been affected by it or are committed to its end can decorate shirts telling stories of abuse.

The shirts are then displayed on a clothesline symbolizing the "airing of one's dirty laundry" in public, said Anita M. Groenwoldt, a secondary social studies education junior, organizer of the Clothesline Project exhibit and a student volunteer at the Violence Intervention and Prevention Center.

The project has spread nationwide since its inception and has expanded so that women with stories of sexual assault can also participate. UK is hosting the event to

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Biology sophomore Jessica Williams grabs shirts and clotheslines yesterday afternoon in the Rasdall Gallery while preparing for the opening of the Clothesline Project.

Prof. shakes up learning with 'Body Tectonics'

By Erin Melwung
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The fundamental elements of architecture are everywhere, from office buildings and coffee tables to a small pair of earrings.

Architecture professor Len Wujcik made sure his students saw this in the latter example when he asked his furniture studio class to design and create pieces of jewelry using the three tectonic elements of line, plane and mass.

The Body Tectonics project required students to design three pairs of earrings, with each pair focusing on a different element. The final task of the project was to construct a pendant that incorporated all three elements.

"These pieces act as vehicles for

the exploration of 3-dimensional design," Wujcik said. "The purpose is to investigate structure, materials and process of design and fabrication."

Sixteen students participated in the project, which was assigned at the beginning of the semester.

While all of the earrings and pendants incorporated the same three tectonic elements, each of the students' work is original, Wujcik said. Working with strict limitations actually allows more opportunity for design invention, he said.

Fifth-year architecture senior Rebekah Schaberg said she created her pendant with resin, aluminum and string.

"The craftsmanship took a long time because of the small elements, and we were working with tools that

are meant for larger projects," Schaberg said.

Most students in UK's College of Design never see their projects in their final form.

"In regular architecture studios, you never see your project. You just build mock-up models and drawings," said Graham Gordon, an architecture senior. "We have a finished project. Our project was at a scale that we could actually produce."

DeAnna LaPlaca, a fifth-year architecture senior, said that designing occurs on both a macro and micro level, and working at such a small scale presented challenges to students.

With only one week to construct their pendant, students like Schaberg, Gordon and LaPlaca

spent long hours in the studio working through obstacles to achieve their intended design. But students were pleased with the final products.

"It was motivating knowing that you would have a product that you could wear and think of it on the human body," LaPlaca said.

The earrings were recently on display at Jones Boutique in Lexington during a downtown gallery hop, and Gordon said he sold a pair of his earrings that evening.

Many of the pieces created in his classes are marketable, Wujcik said, and he eventually wants to create a design store that showcases and sells student work.

The pendants are currently on display on the first floor of Pence Hall.

Panel to examine white, black Greek life

By Wesley Robinson
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Members of Alpha Phi Alpha will attempt to change minds tonight with their forum on Greek life at UK.

The forum at 7:30 p.m. at the Center Theater is a part of I.M.P.A.C.T. week by Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc., a historically black organization. The forum will aim to educate students, faculty and staff on the varying aspects of Greek life, both black and white, while also attempting to break down stereotypes and misconceptions of black and white Greek life and Greek living in general.

I.M.P.A.C.T. stands for "I Made Progress And Change Today," and the week features events focusing on the theme of change.

"We want to build a foundation for change," said James Davidson, an integrated strategic communications junior.

Davidson, assistant editor of the Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity Inc. national newspaper, said the forum is an attempt to discuss the relationships within and between Greeks and non-Greeks.

A panel of black and white Greek members, faculty and staff will answer questions about the relationship.

Alan DeSantis, associate professor of communications, and author of "Inside Greek U: Fraternities, Sororities, and the Pursuit of Pleasure, Power, and Prestige," will be a member of the panel. The book examines the white Greek system.

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Sept. 11 memorial travels to Lexington

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A traveling memorial dedicated to the victims of Sept. 11 will pass through Lexington tomorrow to raise awareness of a new permanent memorial at Ground Zero in New York City.

The memorial will run from 10:30 a.m. to 6:30 p.m. at Chesapeake Park and is free to the public.

"It is important to reach out to Americans across the country," said Lynn Rasic, vice president of public affairs for the National Sept. 11 Memorial. "Our feeling is that we have an obligation to get people to remember."

Mayor Jim Newberry and first responder representatives Fire Chief Robert G. Hendricks and Police Chief Anthony Beatty will participate in the opening ceremony honoring Kentucky first responders at 10:30 a.m.

Susan Strub, Newberry's communications director, said the city invited first responders from all across Kentucky to attend the ceremony, and she expects people from the police and fire departments along with the Salvation Army and Red Cross to attend.

"There is not a person in the country that Sept. 11 didn't affect," she said.

The memorial, which started in Columbia,

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Horoscopes

By Linda C. Black

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Aries (March 21 April 19) — Today is a 7 — Extra chores at home eat up most of your spare time. Don't complain; do what you always do. Get the family to help.

Taurus (April 20 May 20) — Today is a 6 — Don't feel sad if somebody you counted upon cannot come through. Turn to another person or vendor and get what you need from them. It's a big world out there.

Gemini (May 21 June 21) — Today is a 7 — You're running into opposition, but that's to be expected. That's one of

the reasons you're not supposed to tell anybody yet. Make it easier on yourself.
Cancer (June 22 July 22) — Today is a 7 — Changes are under way, and quick action must be taken. If you don't know what you're going to do, start with a family plan.

Leo (July 23 Aug. 22) — Today is a 7 — Something you forgot all about is overdue, and worse, everybody's waiting for it. They did not forget. Show you can work well under pressure.

Virgo (Aug. 23 Sept. 22) — Today is a 7 — With your newly broadened perspective, you see new career options. Don't take action yet, but do take copious notes.

Libra (Sept. 23 Oct. 22) — Today is an 8 — If you can't say something nice, don't say anything at all. Later, when relaxing with friends, don't make a big deal of the conflict. The person you found so annoying could turn out to be a good friend.

Scorpio (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) — Today is a 7 — If you really have to go, proceed

with caution. The trip will be plagued by vagaries and people who can't make decisions. Drive your own car, and watch out for ditzes in traffic.

Sagittarius (Nov. 22 Dec. 21) — Today is an 8 — Figure out how much you've got and what you can afford to spend. Money's burning a hole in your pocket. Don't let it get out of control.

Capricorn (Dec. 22 Jan. 19) — Today is a 6 — A friend who's in school can help you decide on your next course of action. A very obnoxious competitor helps you get moving on it.

Aquarius (Jan. 20 Feb. 18) — Today is a 7 — Turn down an invitation from friends. You won't have the time. Your workload is about to increase quite dramatically. Don't schedule anything else.

Pisces (Feb. 19 March 20) — Today is a 6 — There is one person who understands pretty well. Maybe more than one. At any rate, these are the folks you want to be with tonight. Even a phone call will work.
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THE DISH

Nicole Richie proudly shows off her bump as other celeb moms (including Salma Hayek!) welcome their new additions

By Joey Bartolomeo

Nicole Richie probably never imagined she would be barefoot and pregnant on her 26th birthday. But that is exactly how she spent the day while vacationing at the Four Seasons Resort Maui at Wailea in Hawaii with her boyfriend, Joel Madden. On September 21, the couple hit the beach, where the birthday girl relaxed on a lounge chair. "She had her hand on her stomach and was staring out at the ocean," says an eyewitness. "She seemed really peaceful and happy."

And most important, healthy. For the first time in years, Richie (who is due in January) filled out her bikini — and then some. The couple's three-day getaway was a gift from Madden, 28, who has been touring with his band, Good Charlotte. "He's thrilled to spend time with her," says a Madden insider. After relaxing at the beach and pool, Richie was treated to a prenatal massage; then the pair had a steak dinner at their hotel. Says a witness,

"They kissed and held hands throughout the meal."

Bump On The Move

Richie is accompanying Madden on his upcoming promotional tour, with stops in Charlotte, North Carolina, on September 27, and Jacksonville, Florida, the following day. But when the band tours Australia in October, she may stay home. "She's worried the trip could be too much for her and the baby," says an insider. Still, Madden won't miss the next big birthday. "He is lightening his schedule to be free by the holidays," says a source. In the meantime, he's not shirking any responsibilities. As he told KIIS-FM's Ryan Seacrest, "I already went to Target and got a stroller and a playpen."

Mary-Louise Parker

The Weeds star didn't pick up an Emmy this year, but she still had something to show off as she strolled through NYC on September 20. The single actress, 43, was spotted carrying her newly adopted African daughter. (She joins big brother Will, 3, whose dad is Parker's ex-boyfriend Billy Crudup, 39.) Parker has remained mum on the details — even the toddler's name — but she seems confident in raising two children on her own: "I'm someone who doesn't have a mass of talents in life, but I think I'm a good

HOLLYWOOD BABY NEWS!

Samantha Harris

Josselyn Sydney Hess wasn't due until mid-October, but she surprised her parents (dad is financial wholesaler Michael Hess) with a September 23 birthday — one day before her mom was due back at work as cohost of *Dancing With the Stars*. "Everyone said I was carrying like I was having a boy," Harris tells Us. "So when Michael saw her, he exclaimed, 'Oh, my gosh, it's a girl!'" And the 6-pound, 12-ounce baby is already getting rave reviews: Says Mom, "Josselyn Sydney is so sweet, and we can't wait to take her home!"

Salma Hayek

The cards at her August baby-shower were addressed to "Valentina," and on September 21, the little girl arrived to collect her gifts. According to a source, the 7-pound, 7-ounce baby — officially Valentina Paloma Pinault (the actress, 41, chose the name because it is "strong and romantic," says a source) — was born in Los Angeles and welcomed by her dad (and Hayek's fiance), businessman Francois-Henri Pinault, 45, maternal grandmother Diana (who's staying for a month to help) and maternal uncle Sami.

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president of the UAHA, said the plan involves implementing additional standards to original codes, including adding lighting off campus, yard maintenance and deadbolt locks on bedrooms and front doors.

"We would do more than minimum codes voluntarily in order to assure safe, clean, decent housing around the university," Hardin said.

One of the main topics of discussion concerned involving students with the process and educating them about regulations for off-campus housing. SG President Nick Phelps, one of three student government representatives in attendance, said students must take a stand and get involved with the community discussion.

"Once they are aware of what's going on, I think the key for students is to find out what their responsibility is and the problem and to also find out their responsibility in fixing it," Phelps said. "Then I think what needs to be done will be clearly identified, and we will make it happen."

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raise awareness on these issues that are relevant not only in the world, but also on campus, said Callie Hanks, director of the Student Activities Board Cultural Arts Committee.

"The main purpose of the display is to allow survivors to be empowered and tell their stories safely, and it also allows women to see they're supported," Groenwoldt said. "Our display is slightly different in that we allow supporters of violence prevention to decorate shirts as well."

This is the third time the Clothesline Project has been featured on campus. The exhibit is a part of Domestic Violence Awareness Month, which started yesterday.

"Having participated last year in making a shirt and seeing the display, I was more than willing to offer them the space again this year as well as general support for the project," Hanks said. "I believe in supporting the cause; it can happen to anyone of us. Decorating a T-shirt is a small way in which I can help."

The VIP Center, SAB and Student Government are sponsoring the project, which will be on display through Oct. 31, Monday through Friday from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m.

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S.C. is touring through 25 cities in 25 states across the country, spreading awareness about the Sept. 11 memorial and museum that will open in 2009 and 2010 respectively. The tour will end in December.

"We would like to see as many people as possible visit the memorial in Lexington," Rasic said. "In other cities, we've seen turnouts into the thousands."

Lexington is the memorial's only stop in Kentucky.

Citizens will have the chance to walk through a photo exhibition, which leads to a bus where people can watch a seven-minute movie about Sept. 11 and people affected by the tragedy.

Another room will house artifacts of the scene, including fire-fighters' uniforms. Outside of the bus, people can learn more about the day or donate money to the permanent memorial at Ground Zero at different kiosks.

The tour offers Kentuckians the chance to be a part of the permanent memorial as well. The National Sept. 11 Memorial is traveling with steel beams for people to sign that will be a part of the memorial.

"The memorial gives people a chance to be a part of history," Rasic said. "So far we've had about 12,000 people sign the beams."

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DeSantis' participation on the panel will provide more in-depth knowledge on the topic, said Dwight Lacy, an agricultural and communications sophomore and Alpha Phi Alpha member. Lacy said he hoped DeSantis will ask educated questions and provide expert information to uninformed audience members.

DeSantis did not confirm his appearance until yesterday and said while he is unaware of what will be discussed in detail, he is looking forward to participating.

Highlighting the differences between white and black fraternities and fraternities is a positive way to show why separation in the Greek system is beneficial, DeSantis said.

"A group that celebrates black culture and black history is a great idea,"

DeSantis said.

A representative from Phi Delta Theta fraternity and Delta Delta Delta sorority will sit on the panel discussion.

Laura Wesley, a middle school education senior and vice president of Delta Delta Delta, said she is excited about the forum and hopes it is useful in breaking down stereotypes and barriers between black and white organizations.

"We want to promote Greeks getting involved with other Greeks whether it's white or black, fraternity or sorority," said Wesley, who will serve as the Delta Delta Delta representative at the forum.

Aun Munis, philanthropy chair for Phi Delta Theta, said he hoped the forum would help clear up misconceptions about the differences between the black and white Greek systems and foster more collaboration between student organizations.

"Along with the differences, we have a lot of similarities, and we should come together," Munis said.

Morality Police patrol West Bank

By Dion Nissenbaum
McClatchy Newspapers

RAMALLAH, West Bank — The scrawny teenage detainee squirmed uncertainly in his seat as Palestinian police interrogators peppered him with questions.

"Are you Muslim or not?" one officer asked the sullen waiter, who'd been picked up for smoking in public during the daily fast for the Muslim holy month of Ramadan. "When I see you eating or smoking, it is shameful."

"Tell your boss that tomorrow, the first thing we are going to do is close down his restaurant," warned the second interrogator, who was wearing a thick red armband that read "Morality Police."

The Morality Police have come to the Palestinian Authority. Only the charge isn't being led by hardliners from the militant Islamist Hamas movement, as many once feared, it's being spearheaded by the secular Fatah party as part of its campaign to undermine growing support for Hamas in the West Bank.

Morality police squads generally are associated with authoritarian religious regimes such as those in Iran and Saudi Arabia and the deposed Taliban government in Afghanistan.

But here in the West Bank's most sophisticated city, Fatah has usurped the idea as a way to resurrect its image among an ever-more-conservative population and to ensure that Hamas doesn't gather the sort of strength and support in the West Bank that allowed it to seize control of the Gaza Strip over the summer. Palestinian Authority President Mahmoud Abbas and his secular allies also have clamped down on Hamas charities, mosques and militants in the West Bank.

"Morality is part of the public order," said Murad Qundah, the 27-year-old police captain who heads the new 10-person unit. "We are not a religious police."

Launched two weeks ago to coincide with the beginning of Ramadan, Morality Police

foot patrols already have arrested nearly two dozen Palestinians for smoking or drinking in public when they were supposed to be fasting.

Each day, the patrols are met with a mixture of enthusiastic support, wary disinterest and nervous distance. And while there's been some grumbling, there also are some surprising expressions of support, even among young women who dress in jeans, wear makeup and don't cover their heads.

"We need this for our country so we can walk freely in the streets without guys disturbing us," said Nora, a 20-year-old Christian university student who expressed no fears that the unit would try to force her to wear modest clothes or wear a headscarf. She asked that she be identified only by her first name.

The squad agrees that it isn't trying to force women to cover their heads or force tight-fitting jeans. Instead, it's targeting boys who harass girls and people smoking or eating during the daily Ramadan fast.

Penalties are relatively lenient. Although the police tell people that they'll be jailed until the end of Ramadan for eating, drinking or smoking in public, Qundah said most people have been freed within a day or two.

Earlier this week, Qundah led his squad across town to where a second unit had cornered the confused young teenage boy accused of smoking in public. A member of the Morality Police squad firmly linked arms with the boy and quietly chastised him as they walked to the nearby police station for questioning.

In a sparse, dimly lit office, Qundah and a second unidentified officer castigated the teenager, who was freed after he agreed to sign a statement vowing not to smoke or eat during the Ramadan fast.

"If we allow everyone to break the fast, there would be no Ramadan," the second interrogator lectured the boy. "You are not fasting to satisfy the Morality Police. You are fasting to satisfy God."

U.S. combat deaths drop again in Iraq

By Nancy A. Youssef
McClatchy Newspapers

WASHINGTON — U.S. military deaths in Iraq fell to their lowest point in more than a year in September, figures show, a continuation of a four-month decline in combat casualties that has analysts debating why.

Sixty-four American service members died in Iraq in September, according to casualties.org, which operates the Iraq Coalition Casualty Count Web site. Of those, 43 died from hostile action, according to the site, which tracks the casualties of U.S. and other coalition countries.

The last time the U.S. death toll was that low was in July 2006, when 43 troops died, 38 of them in hostile action.

This year, deaths peaked in May, when 126 troops died, 120 of them in hostile action. Since then, the number of troops killed by hostile action has fallen each month, despite predictions from American commanders that they would rise once the U.S. troop buildup was completed and the U.S. began more aggressive action. That buildup was completed in June.

The decline parallels a drop in casualties caused by roadside bombs, the No. 1 cause of deaths for Americans in Iraq.

According to casualties.org, only 27 American troops died from improvised explosive devices, or IEDs, in September, down from the year's peak of 88 in May. The last month when IED casualties were that low was February, when IEDs claimed 27 American lives; 81 U.S. troops died in Iraq that month.

Those statistics include EFPs, explosively formed penetrators, which can pierce armor. Top military commanders in Iraq have said those devices are coming from Iran.

The U.S. began increasing the number of troops in Iraq in February, adding five combat brigades in a so-called "surge" strategy that was completed in June. U.S. troops then began a series of offensives in Baghdad and in conflicted areas north and south of the capital that American commanders had said would likely result in higher U.S. casualties.

Instead of rising, however, casualties have declined, leaving analysts debating whether the surge had succeeded in defeating insurgents or whether armed groups had simply left to avoid combat with American troops.

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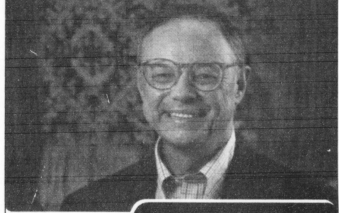


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Midnight wait for new 'Halo' like a 3-ring circus

By Gina Christensen
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Anticipation surged as Townsend Miller and 300 other eager gamers waited anxiously in hopes of completing their Halo collection.

Miller, a middle school education senior, and a couple of his friends lined up on the sidewalk of the Fayette Mall on Sept. 24. They were waiting for EB Games to open their doors at midnight for the release of the "Halo 3" video game.

"I stood in line for three hours along with 300 other people," Miller said. "It was crazy."

Fellow gamers cracked jokes and discussed the past two Halo games to pass the time, Miller said. Once inside the store, Miller said he was ecstatic when he picked up his pre-ordered game.

"It was the most excited I've been in a long time," Miller said.

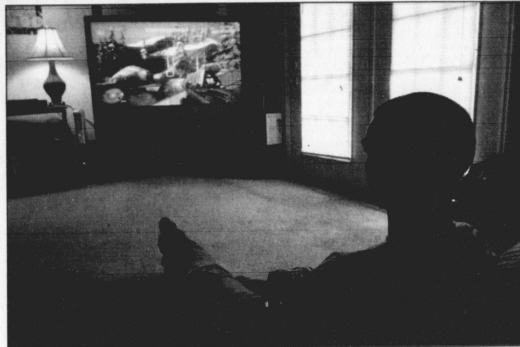
Miller was one of about 1 million people around the United States who pre-ordered the game, according to CNN.com.

With his fresh copy of "Halo 3" in hand, Miller immediately went home with his friends and started playing. He said they played for hours that first night and continued on into the next day.

"I bought an X-Box 360 just for this game," Miller said.

"Halo 3," the final part of the game trilogy, is played primarily in first person. Gamers take on the role of a soldier named Master Chief. These soldiers band together to fight aliens and save humanity.

Mechanical engineering se-



Middle school education senior Townsend Miller plays "Halo 3" in his apartment yesterday afternoon. Miller waited in line for three hours last Tuesday to buy the game at EB Games.

nior Ben Hobbs has been playing "Halo 3" since he purchased it. He has been trying to find a balance between school and gaming.

"So far the game hasn't taken away from my school work, but we will see how long that lasts," Hobbs said.

These UK students weren't the only ones who took part in the "Halo 3" phenomenon. In just 24 hours after the release, sales of "Halo 3" reached \$170 million, and more than 4 million on-line gamers were logged in and playing two days after the game's launch, according to CNN.com.

"You can't get enough of it

just yet," Hobbs said. "Who knows how long it will take for people to put down the controllers and move on to something else."

Now that the hype surrounding the game has died down a bit, Miller is still finding himself playing the game, but now he prefers to play it alone.

Miller said Master Chief was his hero because he is a "universal soldier who dominates in everything he does."

Hobbs and Miller agree that the graphics in "Halo 3" are much better than their predecessors. They say the images are "smoother" and "crisper." Microsoft, who produces the game,

added 39,000 dialogue lines to add more depth to the characters.

The price of "Halo 3" ranges from \$60 to \$130 depending on the version. The cheapest version of the game has no special features, but the next version priced at \$70 is the Limited Edition. This game has two extra books, a bonus disc and a collector's case.

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Bono honored with Liberty Medal in Philadelphia

By Michael Matzo
The Philadelphia Inquirer

PHILADELPHIA — Before championing the plight of Africa became celebrity chic, there was Bono, the superstar rocker — born Paul David Hewson — raising global awareness about AIDS, Third World debt, hunger and pestilence on that continent.

The musician-statesman, swathed in earnings and cool wrap-around shades, cajoled multinational corporations to increase development spending in the poorest nations by \$5 billion a year. He lobbied the leaders of

the top industrialized countries to forgive loans.

He was passionate, poetic and remarkably effective as a crusader for the downtrodden.

For that legacy and continuing achievements, the Irish-born front man for the band U2 was honored Thursday night — along with the Washington-based campaign he created five years ago named DATA (Debt, AIDS, Trade, Africa) — with the presentation of the Liberty Medal at a resplendent ceremony on the white-chair-speckled lawn of the National Constitution Center.

Performers blew Irish penny whistles and strummed the traditional, 21-string African kora; Philadelphia Mayor John F. Street and Gov. Ed Rendell addressed the crowd of 2,500; George Clooney narrated a video tribute; and South African poet Zakes Mda read a poem written for the occasion.

"Soon the rains will come and heal our eroded souls," he began.

"We honor Bono and DATA for leading an urgent conversation, challenging the world's richest nations to do better by Africa, and challenging African

nations to do better by their own people," said Joseph Torsella, the center's president and chief executive officer. "We honor a man who proudly calls himself a 'big-mouth Irish rock star' . . . for using his great gifts in the service of liberty and justice."

It was the 19th time the medal was presented since its inauguration in 1988 to commemorate the bicentennial of the U.S. Constitution and recognize "leadership and vision . . . in the pursuit of . . . freedom from oppression, ignorance or deprivation." The medal comes with a \$100,000 prize.

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FOOTBALL NOTEBOOK

Brooks ignores Spurrier's comment

By Eric Lindsey
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The UK football team has all the motivation it needs for Thursday night's matchup against South Carolina.

The showdown with the Gamecocks comes with several big storylines. UK is ranked No. 8 in the country, its highest ranking since 1977 when the team was No. 6. The Cats will be playing in front of a nationally-televised audience on ESPN, and UK controls its own fate in the Southeastern Conference East Division with a brutal three-game stretch against No. 11 South Carolina, No. 1 Louisiana State and No. 9 Florida.

But if that wasn't enough, the "Ol' Ball Coach" from South Carolina might have stirred a few emotions with his comments regarding Georgia following a victory over the Bulldogs earlier in the season.

"It wasn't like they were some big, powerful team," said South Carolina head coach Steve Spurrier. "They've actually lost five in a row to Eastern Division opponents. Kentucky and Vandy beat 'em last year."

At his weekly news conference yesterday, head coach Rich Brooks said there isn't any extra incentive for beating the Gamecocks despite Spurrier's comments.

"I think this game will be played on the merits of the South Carolina players, going on the road in a tough place to play and both teams have an awful lot at stake," Brooks said.

"If we win it, we go to 2-0, which is also pretty good," he said. "That to me is the motivation of this game."

Brooks, who was on the San Francisco 49ers coaching staff when Spurrier was a quarterback, called Spurrier a long-time friend.

"He's confident, cocky, brash and a winner," Brooks said. "He hasn't changed. He's the same guy he was when he was a quarterback for the 49ers. He speaks his mind."



Offensive lineman Garry Williams blocks against Kent State on Sept 22, 2007.

Williams tabbed SEC Offensive Lineman of the Week

Offensive lineman Garry Williams was named the Southeastern Conference Offensive Lineman of the Week yesterday for his performance against Florida Atlantic on Saturday.

Williams, a junior from Louisville, recorded four knockdown blocks and didn't allow a quarterback hurry or sack Saturday.

The honor marks the third time this season a Cats' player has been tabbed SEC Offensive Lineman of the Week. Senior offensive lineman Jason Leger received the honor following his performance against Kent State and Arkansas.

UK-LSU on CBS

CBS announced yesterday that they will televise the UK-LSU game on Oct. 13. The Tigers, who were ranked No. 1 in

the Associated Press poll this week, will battle No. 9 Florida before their showdown with the Cats.

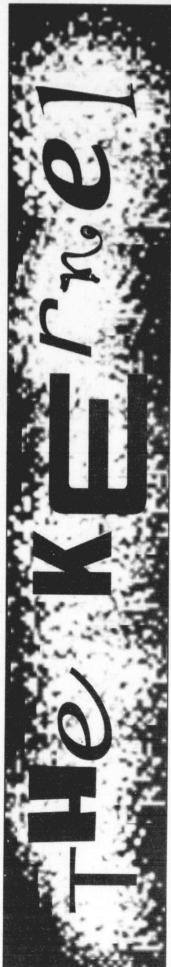
Kickoff is scheduled for 3:30 p.m.

Injury Report

Several players did not practice yesterday because of nagging injuries, Brooks said.

Linebacker Johnny Williams sat out yesterday's practice with plantar fasciitis, a foot inflammation. Running backs Rafael Little (thigh bruise) and Tony Dixon (strained hip) also sat out, but both are expected to play against South Carolina.

Tailback Alfonso Smith and cornerback E.J. Adams might return Thursday after sitting out against FAU, Brooks said. Smith hasn't played since spraining his ankle against Arkansas, and Adams hasn't played since injuring his wrist in the season opener against Eastern Kentucky.



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Golf team places fourth as tourney hosts

By John Newcome
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The UK women's golf team finished in fourth place as the host of the Lady Wildcat Fall Invitational yesterday afternoon at the University Club of Kentucky.

The Cats shot 46-over-par for a 910 overall during the three-day competition, the only tournament UK will host this season.

The top-five finish was the Cats' best showing since the John Kirk-Lady Panther Invitational in 2005-06.

Junior transfer Malory Blackwelder tied for sixth place, shooting 70 on Saturday and 74 in yesterday's final round to lead the No. 23 Cats.

Malory Blackwelder, the daughter of head coach Myra

Blackwelder, recorded her second consecutive top-10 individual finish of the season after placing ninth in the Mason Rudolph Invitational two weeks ago.

"My philosophy is that if a golfer is playing well and hitting on all cylinders, then you just try to keep them rolling," Myra Blackwelder said.

UK improved 72 shots from last year's tournament, helping the Cats finish fourth in a tournament that hosted some of the nation's elite teams. Five teams in the tournament were in the Golfweek magazine top 80, including tournament-winner, No. 19 Alabama.

Despite UK's turnaround from a year ago, Myra Blackwelder believes the Cats still

have room to improve.

"We need to work on our wind game a little bit," Myra Blackwelder said. "The conditions were bad today, but that's an area we need to improve on."

Although the conditions were windy during the final round, several Cats posted low scores throughout the tournament.

Freshman Louise Ljungstedt shot a 73 in the first round that propelled her to a 22nd finish overall. She finished the tournament 12-over-par despite making just her second career start.

The Cats continue their season when they travel to Chapel Hill, N.C., this weekend for the Tar Heel Invitational. The opening round starts Friday.

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■ KERNEL EDITORIALS

SG needs changes after ticket-resale controversy

Student Government's response to the ticket-resale controversy should not be just to rebuke the two senators who sold tickets to an SG-sponsored concert at a profit, but to overhaul SG's procedures for preventing and responding to potential ethical lapses.

There is little to be said for Sens. Jesse Parrish and Blake Burnett, who bought tickets for last month's SG-sponsored Corey Smith concert at the discounted Greek rate of \$5 and resold them at their \$15 list price. Proceeds from the concert went to UK's Violence Intervention and Prevention Center, meaning those \$10 profits could have gone toward fighting sexual assault instead of lining two SG senators' pockets.

But Parrish already conceded in a Sept. 26 letter to the Kernel that his actions were "just plain stupid" and promised that he and Burnett would donate their personal profits to the VIP Center. Barring further revelations about their conduct, it seems the case is closed as far as they're concerned.

However, that doesn't mean nothing more should come from the situation, which made it clear that SG would benefit from some self-examination on ethics.

First, SG needs to make sure its officers and senators understand their responsibilities as public officials. They cannot act under the pretense that there is a neat divide between their personal lives and their roles as SG officeholders or legislators — sometimes, as in the ticket-resale case, the roles are blurred.

Perhaps it is unjust for students to reach conclusions about SG as a whole based on some of its officials' actions as private citizens, but that is bound to happen. When SG senators act questionably, even on their own time and without sanction from the organization's higher-ups, SG's image suffers among students — a situation all of its officials have an interest in avoiding.

Second, the process of investigating potential ethical violations is far too cumbersome. President Nick Phelps and the Senate should begin working on a way to streamline it.

The initial step of the current process, according to the SG Code of Ethics, is for someone who believes a violation has occurred to file a complaint. Then, the SG Supreme Court's chief justice forms a 15-person ethics commission made up of students who are independent from SG. The chief justice selects a three-person subpanel from the full commission, along with an attorney general from outside the ethics commission.

The attorney general, with the help of the three-person subpanel, spearheads an investigation into whether the actions listed in the complaint violated SG's ethics code. The subpanel submits a report to be approved by the full ethics committee. However, the committee's decision is non-binding; after the group makes a recommendation, it is up to the SG Senate's Impeachment and Censure Committee to take action based on the findings.

That process is too long and arduous to accomplish much. Not only would it create an amount of labor that would be disproportionate for an allegation short of a major ethical breach — which the ticket-resale situation, as it appears, is not — but it would be nearly impossible for it to result in action until months after the initial incident.

SG should pass legislation to streamline this process, perhaps by replacing the long procession of appointments and committees with a single standing committee.

The group could consist of SG senators and justices along with an equal number of unaffiliated students, chosen at the start of each school year through an application process, and it would be responsible for investigating ethics complaints. Most importantly, the committee could put its recommendations for censure or impeachment before the full Senate right away instead of going through numerous other approvals first.

As the ticket-resale controversy shows, SG needs to start thinking more carefully about the ethical behavior of its officials. Ultimately, those efforts can't succeed without a workable, quick process for dealing with allegations of impropriety.



BRAD FLETCHER, Kernel cartoonist

Through planning and hand work, SG continues its progress

Times have changed fellow Wildcats, as it is October and your football team keeps winning and your Student Government keeps working.

Since our last chat, we officially kicked off the year with the first Board of Trustees meeting and the State of the Campus address. I hope you were there and got your free "See Blue" T-shirts as we kicked off the new marketing campaign.

I have joined President Lee Todd, the provost, and several deans and faculty members and traveled across the state meeting and talking with alumni and future students sharing with them what's going on here at UK.

The best part of these trips has been the ability for me to speak one on one with Todd and Provost Kamble Subbaswamy about various student initiatives. Developing these relationships will be the key to accomplishing many of our goals this year.

Through these partnerships, we have been able to find funding for a variety of campus programs, for example the Violence, Intervention and Prevention Center. This past weekend, Britanya and I attended the SEEDS retreat. We hope you will follow our lead in making campus safety a priority for you.

We hope you enjoyed the Corey Smith concert as much as we did. The benefits of the sponsorship between SG, the Interfraternity Council and the Panhellenic Council provided an excellent event for over 1,000 students.

To kick off our involvement with Kentucky state government, we co-sponsored a gubernatorial forum with Steve Beshear this past Friday. We had a packed house mixed with students, faculty and staff in the Wortham Theater, and it is our hope that we can repeat this event with Gov. Ernie Fletcher. An invitation has been extended and we will continue to follow up to bring him to campus.

We are sponsoring a lot of events in order to increase attention to the upcoming general election. This week we will be conducting a voter registration drive in Patterson Plaza. You can update your registration for any county in Kentucky, so don't hesitate to fill out a card. Millions of people around the world do not have this opportunity so don't waste your chance to influence change.

We also want you to know we have your best interest in mind in regard to the newly considered ordinances and city laws regarding landlord permits. We hosted the Lexington Landlord Association yesterday afternoon to form a partnership before this matter reaches the city council. You will hear plenty from us in the next month in regard to this issue. If you are passionate about this issue and may one day live off campus, we welcome you to stop by our office in the Student Center and help out.

Also coming up, we will be hosting a number of forums regarding the University Studies Program requirement and the suggested changes. I worked closely with the faculty and administration last semester to help revise our USP to make the program more effective for students. I really need to hear your input so keep your eyes and ears open for these forums.

We are excited to announce that the freshmen for our Leadership Development Program have been selected. These 40 individuals will put in a great deal of work to increase the visibility and functionality of SG this year.

There is another opportunity to get involved through our upcoming freshman elections. Four freshmen will have the opportunity to represent their class in the SG Senate. Step by the office for more information. This is the only opportunity for freshmen to get elected at UK in the fall.

I also encourage you to join me for the ribbon cutting for the newly renovated Center for Student Involvement at 10 a.m. on Thursday. Thanks goes out to Todd, Student Services Director Rhonda Strouse and the many others who have worked tirelessly to make this happen. This is the focal point for student leadership development on campus and is my home here at UK.

Keep on living the dream friends, and I hope to see you at Keeneland this weekend.

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NICK PHELPS
Contributing columnist

Jena 6 protests show power of free speech

In an often all-too-cynical political atmosphere we face today, it was heartening to see students on campus take part in the nationwide Jena 6 protest Sept. 20. Regardless of where one stands on the controversial issue itself, there is merit in utilizing the First Amendment appropriately and effectively — which is exactly what UK students did.

Following a period of elevated racial tension in a Louisiana high school, six black students assaulted a single white student, resulting in the arrest of the individuals now being referred to as "the Jena 6." In the time that has followed, several protests like the one on UK's campus have sought to draw attention to what protesters claim are unfairly severe, and racially motivated charges ranging from second degree assault to attempted murder, according to a Kernel article on Sept. 21.

The racially sensitive nature of the case has been at the heart of the protests. Delta Sigma Theta Secretary Kimber Hutton said in the article that the case was "racial injustice (and)

charged from the get go." In support of this and similar claims, several students exercised their First Amendment rights of petition and assembly as they gathered outside the Student Center to protest and sign a petition to release the six students charged.

While there are obviously multiple sides to this case, it has at least caused many college students to slung off their trademark political apathy. And it seems their efforts could be working.

On Sept. 1, the Third Circuit Court of Appeals in Louisiana overturned the conviction of Mychal Bell, who was the first student tried and was convicted of aggravated battery, according to the Kernel article.

Students all across the country should take notice of this event and realize that they could use the same influence exercised here in any controversy. Regardless of the specific stance one takes on the Jena 6, it is still a stunning example of grassroots activism among our nation's youth and a reminder that protests can do more than just create noise: They can incite significant change.

From award-winning Web site to teachers' support, Grayson outrivals opponent

Several people have been talking about the possibility of our Secretary of State Trey Grayson having real competition from Democratic candidate Bruce Hendrickson in November's election. However, the more I see of Hendrickson, the more I have to think otherwise. In my opinion, Hendrickson is in over his head.

The KET debate last Thursday showed that Grayson was the better candidate. Hendrickson has no clue as to what issues face the office of the secretary of state.

Hendrickson talked about his experience as mayor of Pineville. The people there were so displeased with his performance that they chose not to give him another term. This man seems to be incapable of speaking more than two sentences without uttering something about Democratic gubernatorial candidate Steve Beshear and his running mate Dan Mongiardo. Which race is Hendrickson running?

If Hendrickson's negatives weren't enough to make you think about voting for Grayson, Grayson's accomplishments, as reported in his Web site, should persuade most people to vote for him.

Grayson's work with civic education is widely acclaimed. Even teachers — did I forget to mention Hendrickson was a teacher? — endorsed Grayson over their former colleague, according to Grayson's Web site. He has modernized the secretary of state's office by providing more online services.

Grayson's Web site has won national awards. He continues to make the office more business friendly. With all of these professional accomplishments, he has even proven to be a tenacious campaigner and one hell of a fundraiser. As was reported in The Kentucky Enquirer, just the other night, he shattered the record for a down-ticket candidate by raising \$141,000 in one night.

Hendrickson is clearly out of his league here. If he isn't good enough for his hometown, if he isn't good enough for our teachers, what makes him good enough for Kentucky?

I've said all I will say about campaign stuff for this week. Now I want to shift gears and talk about Conservative Week that UK College Republicans is hosting this week. The goal for the week is to educate students on campus about who we are and about what we, and our candidates, believe. Each day we will have a different event.

As many of you saw, yesterday was Anti-Casino Day. Casinos have proven to be a major issue in this year's gubernatorial race, and we wanted to highlight the negatives in a fun way. So we had a modified ver-

sion of conhole in which people threw "money bags" down the toilet. The whole idea was to show how much money people would have to lose for casinos to be beneficial to the state. We also had available Rep. Bill Farmer's petition to make conhole the official game of Kentucky.

Today is Meet Steve Beshear Day. We have a big picture of Beshear and will be providing information about his values and beliefs. I think many of you will be surprised when you find out just how out of touch Beshear is.

Wednesday is Meet Ernie Fletcher Day. We will have a big picture of Gov. Fletcher and will be providing information about his accomplishments while in office. Many of you will be surprised about what all Fletcher has done as most of his accomplishments have gone unreported by our beloved media.

Thursday is Support the Troops Day. This event will not be partisan or used as a propaganda event. The point is to support our troops by handing out yellow ribbons. As long as our nation is at war, we need to remember the troops. This is our way of doing so.

We will be handing out information about UK College Republicans and about the specific theme for the day everyday we are set up. I hope all of you will come by to learn more about the College Republicans.

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Emotional McClinton leading 5-0 Cats

By Travis Waldron
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Marcus McClinton's voice roars over Commonwealth Stadium's loudspeakers about 20 minutes before every home game.

"I'm tired of coming close," he yells. "I want to win!"

Through the first five games of the 2007 season, McClinton has gotten his wish. The junior free safety, who said he is one of the most passionate players at UK, has helped lead the Cats to their first 5-0 start since 1984. The record landed UK a No. 8 ranking in both the USA Today and Associated Press polls, and McClinton still isn't hiding his emotions.

When the new polls came out Sunday afternoon, the safety took a few minutes to celebrate. "I'm a very emotional guy," McClinton said. "I was very excited."

Until Sunday, UK hadn't appeared in the top 10 since the season-ending poll for the 1977 season, and head coach Rich Brooks couldn't remember coaching a higher-ranked team in his 23 seasons as a head coach.

McClinton and the 14 other seniors only dreamed of playing on a top-10 team during their first years in Lexington, when the program struggled through probation and losing seasons.

Now, the seniors meet each week to make sure they keep the Cats on the right path through the end of the season, said senior defensive end Dominic Lewis.

"Most of the senior class has been here since 2003, so we've seen the lows," Lewis said. "To be on the rise, it's definitely a thing we want to keep going. We talk about maintaining winning."

But being in the top 10 has been dangerous ground for several teams already this season.

Michigan was ranked fifth before losing its season opener to Appalachian State. Five top 10 teams — No. 3 Florida, No. 4 Oklahoma, No. 5 West Virginia, No. 7 Texas and No. 10 Rutgers — fell last week.

When UK began the season outside the top 25, Brooks said it was an accurate portrayal of where his team stood. Even now, he is not sold on UK as the eighth-best team in America.

"It might be high, but if we win this week, it might have been right," Brooks said. "Early in the season, rankings are very suspect in all categories. We just hope it isn't a passing fancy."

Brooks said he tells his team every week that its current ranking matters less than its ranking at the end of the season.

"It's where you finish that is the key," he said. "It's not a sprint, it's a marathon. The recognition is nice but, it's not real meaningful at this point in the season."

The next three weeks will go a long way in deciding where the Cats finish the season in the polls. UK travels to South Carolina — No. 11 in the AP poll — Thursday to face a team that has beaten the Cats seven straight times. After that, UK has home



ED MATTHEWS/STAFF
Free safety Marcus McClinton breaks a tackle after an interception against Arkansas on Sept. 22, 2007.

dates with No. 1 Louisiana State and No. 9 Florida. Florida, the defending national champion, fell to Auburn last week but remained steady in the rankings. UK hasn't beaten LSU since 1999 and last defeated Florida in 1986.

With such a schedule, UK could play top-10 quality football for the next three weeks and still lose, said senior tight end Jacob Tamme. But the Cats aren't focused on LSU or Florida yet, he said.

"If you don't (take it one game at a time), that's when this type of point in the schedule gets you," Tamme said. "That's how we've had success in the past. We've prepared week in and week out and tried to take our best shot to the field."

Brooks set his goal for UK early in the season: to be a factor in the Southeastern Conference East race. Now, with his team at 1-0 in conference play and in sole possession of first place in the East, his team's weekly rank isn't what he focuses on.

"(The ranking) is nice," Brooks said. "But it really, in my mind, doesn't mean much. I'd rather be 2-0 in the SEC than ranked in the top 10 at this point. That's a more significant thing for this program."

USC battle a true test of Cats' ranking

Football head coach Rich Brooks doesn't need to study Karl Friedrich Gauss or any other mathematician to understand the number

1,143. He could simply glance over the studies of Sir Isaac Newton to get an understanding for the number of votes the UK football team received from the Associated Press voters to elevate the Cats to No. 8 in the nation.

Newton's Third Law states that for every action there is an equal reaction. That theory works even better for the Cats. After seven teams ranked ahead of UK last weekend, the Cats moved up six spots in the polls, gingerly crawling into their current spot, and rightfully so — the cautious creep, that is.

UK has joined the likes of Southern California and Louisiana State and is now the second highest ranked team in the Southeastern Conference, even ahead of No. 9 Florida.

Interesting, isn't it? Mind-boggling, isn't it? Believable, is it?

The worthiness of the ranking is something Brooks isn't too certain of himself. "Early in the season, rankings are very suspect ... You look at South Florida and Kentucky — who would have thought they would be in the top

10 in the fifth week. It's unusual," said Brooks, who is at the helm of the highest ranked team of his career.

UK is ranked eighth in both the Associated Press and USA Today polls. Brooks said he will know for sure if the Cats are worthy of their position in the polls after a stiff test Thursday night.

The test Brooks was referring to is the beginning of a tough stretch in the Cats' schedule headed by a primetime matchup against No. 11 South Carolina, a team that holds a seven-game winning streak against UK.

And oh yeah, there's the "Ol' Ball Coach" Steve Spurrier, the one they say no UK team can beat. Spurrier could very well receive the Cats with open arms. UK's a team he's never lost to, whether coaching at Florida or South Carolina, and a win would give the Gamecocks the opportunity for at least a share of the lead in the SEC East Division and a guaranteed ticket to the top 10, both of which would be crowning moments of his efforts rebuilding South Carolina.

With that hideous history against the Gamecocks and Spurrier, a question must be asked — will the possibly over-rated Cats be underdogs when they travel to Columbia, S.C.?

Yes.

At least to some degree. "I always try to go in thinking I'm the underdog," said sophomore offensive lineman Justin Jeffries. "Some people still think that we're not (ranked) where we need to be. A win will prove that more."

It's clear. If the Cats win, they belong. If not, then they'll have to fasten up for the downward spiral. Either way, it'll be a ride to remember.

UK has proven it can win on the road in the SEC by beating Arkansas two weeks ago. Even when the Razorbacks ran amok, the Cats held their ground and came back. UK will have to demonstrate that same poise against a high ranked South Carolina team.

After all, it's the only college game on Thursday, and a nation that's sure to tune in wants to know what hopes of pigskin delight are boiling over in basketball country.

But to lift the top up to see what's bubbling, something has to give, and Brooks knows that.

At yesterday's press conference he pointed out that South Carolina has one of the top pass defenses in the nation. He also mentioned that UK has one of the top passing offenses.

As for the SEC, where Brooks is more concerned with improving to 2-0 than being highly ranked, the story remains the same. UK is rated as the top-scoring offense in the conference averaging 46.6 points a game, while South Carolina is rated as the top-scoring defense giving up only 15.6 points a game.

Thursday night will be a game of flexibility — bend but don't break. If the Cats are all stretched out and ready for a fight then those high rated underdogs may just come out on top. And it doesn't take a mathematician to figure that out.

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