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UKPD: Alcohol incidents drop, lowest in 5 years

Sex assault and overall crime drops, drug offenses increase

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Alcohol intoxications reported to UK police dropped 47 percent in the last year, and crime as a whole has fallen 12.7 percent, according to the department's 2006 crime statistics.

Since 2005, almost all types of crime have decreased, including the number of reports of alcohol intoxication, rape and traffic accidents, all of which were the low-

est they've been in five years, according to UK police report statistics.

An alcohol intoxication report refers to any arrest or citation due to being under the influence or drinking in public to the degree of causing danger or excessive noise.

In 2004, there were over 500 such reports, which dropped to 375 in 2005 and dropped again to 197 last year.

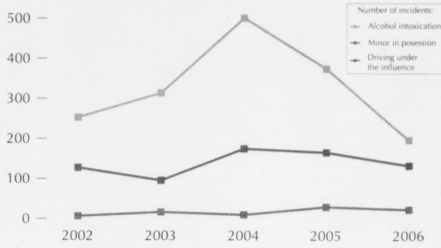
These statistics emphasize two things, said Andrew Smith, the di-

rector of the UK alcohol education office. First, the decrease indicates the success of programs on campus to educate students about alcohol, and secondly it shows that students value their safety and are taking the correct precautions, he said.

"I commend students for that," Smith said. "If it weren't for the students, none of this would've happened."

Student attitudes and campus awareness has changed significantly since the deaths of intoxicated students over the last few years, said Capt. Kevin Franklin

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\$241,514



DanceBlue volunteers teach students a line dance as the first activity for DanceBlue at 6:03 Friday evening in Memorial Coliseum.

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DanceBlue doubles donations

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Though tired and with their feet hurting, the crowd at DanceBlue roared Saturday evening after learning they nearly doubled the amount of money raised last year.

More than 465 students on 55 teams participated this weekend, dancing for 24 hours straight without being able to sit down or sleep.

In the second year of fundraising, teams helped to pull in \$241,514.64, compared to last year's \$123,000. The money raised will provide financial support for patients and families of UK's Pediatric Oncology Clinic.

"I think it went amazingly," said overall chair Amberlee Kempf. "I'm tired, but I'm not going to complain."

Kempf had tears in her eyes after the event ended, hugging friends and fellow volunteers around the stage.

"They're my best friends," Kempf said of her fellow committee members.

The help of volunteers, along with the number of teams and the support of corporate sponsors, helped DanceBlue raise the record amount of money, Kempf said.

The 24-hour dance marathon had a number of themes throughout the night, including a salsa hour, a Guitar Hero hour and a "Go Big Blue" pep rally.

But many students said their favorite part of the

event was watching families perform in the "For the Kids!" Family Talent Show, where eight of the families adopted by DanceBlue teams performed an act such as singing or dancing.

"You realize why you're here," said psychology senior Sarah Compton. "Once you see the kids, you're just not tired anymore."

The Duke family was among the talent show's performers. Savyon Duke, 6, is one of the children supported by DanceBlue. He was diagnosed with cancer in December 2003. In the three years since his diagnosis, Savyon has often had to stay overnight in the hospital, said his mother, Doralce Duke.

"It's stressful," she said. "(It's) very, very hard." Duke, the mother of four and a journalism student at Bluegrass Community and Technical College, said DanceBlue has been a great experience for her family. She also said that her family's DanceBlue sponsors, the Alpha Phi Omega fraternity, helped them with more than just donations.

The Alpha Phi Omega members have spent time with her kids, including visits to Savyon in the hospital, Duke said.

"When I need them, they're always there," Duke said. "I love it."

Members of Alpha Phi Omega said that although they were tired, having the Duke family there gave them energy.

"It definitely makes it go by a whole lot quicker," said Robert Vichich, a member of Alpha Phi Omega.



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Jessica McQuiston, a junior Integrated Strategic Communications major, is overcome with emotion while watching a video memorial for children who lost the fight to cancer during DanceBlue's Memorial Hour. Dancers watched the video at 4:40 Saturday afternoon, almost 23 hours into the marathon.

Film depicts brutal lives of Indian highway prostitutes

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Walking the highways looking for men who will pay for sex is life for some women.

It is the life of Guddi Chauhan, star of the documentary, "Highway Courtesans," which is being shown as a part of a film series sponsored by the UK Gender and Women's Studies Program. This year the series focuses on family.

The film will be shown tonight at 7 at the Gaines Center's Bingham-Davis House, 218 E. Maxwell St. There will be a discussion led

after with assistant Sociology professor, Patricia Ahmed.

"Like all the films in the series, "Highway Courtesans" features untraditional family structures.

"(The movie) offers a great way of how kinship networks are formed," said Kate Black, curator of the film series.

Chauhan resides in Bachara, a community in central India. Where she lives, girls walk the highways looking for truckers. Women there are more vulnerable to the patriarchal traditions that force them into low positions. There is no viable alternative for economic empower-

ment for these women, Ahmed said.

"I am hoping that the viewers come to appreciate more fully the challenges that are faced by many lower caste young women in contemporary India," said Ahmed, who specializes in gender and development in India.

"Highway Courtesans" tells Chauhan's story as she matures and realizes that there could be more for her. The documentary illustrates her life as a prostitute and her struggles to break free from the centuries old tradition.

"It challenges us," Black said.

"We can look at the way our families are based on economy and compare."

Ahmed said stories like Chauhan's are not uncommon.

"Recent structural changes in India have led to dramatic increases in both the demand and supply for highway sex in India," Ahmed said. "Films like 'Highway Courtesans' heighten international awareness of this issue and may lead the Indian government to take corrective measures."

More information can be found about the documentary at www.highwaycourtesans.com.

2 SG prez candidates enter race

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Two presidential candidates will run in this year's Student Government election.

Executive Cabinet Secretary Nick Phelps and running mate Sen. Brittany Langdon, and Scott McIntosh with running mate Sen. Emily Fortney filed for candidacy before Friday's deadline.

"I think it was important for me to get involved as a presidential candidate because I have seen this organization from the inside and the outside with my involvement in other groups on campus," Phelps said at his campaign announcement on Feb. 12. "I know what it is capable of; I know the potential that this group of senatorial candidates has."

At-Large candidates running with Phelps include current senators Blake Burnett, Jackie Colgate, Shaun Denney and Tyler Montell, as well as newcomers Lauren Anker, Alex Garcia and Kara Osborne. The college senators include current senators Jesse Parrish from the College of Business and Economics, Tom Rauf from the College of Law, Jeff Barber from the College of Fine Arts and Joey Mattingly from the College of Pharmacy.

McIntosh expressed similar reasons for running.

"Emily and I decided to run because we believe in the potential of Student Government," McIntosh said. "We've been frustrated with the perceptions that students have that Student Government is a popularity contest or a Greek country club."

Most senators on McIntosh's ticket are not involved in SG. Aside from Fortney, Erin Haley, a freshman senator, is the only other current SG member.

Zach Brien, Megan Herde, Robert Kahne, Alexander McIlvaine and Britt Pennington are among the 12 candidates running for Senators-At-Large with McIntosh. The college senators include Ashley Bush for the College of Arts and Sciences, Chris Schuetz

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Marxist wants more freedom in society

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A renowned sociologist explained his theories on improving the world at UK Friday.

Erik Olin Wright, professor of sociology at the University of Wisconsin, came to UK to give a lecture titled "A Framework for Emancipatory Social Science" as a part of the Beers Lecture Series in Sociological Theory.

Wright is a leading sociological theorist in the neo-Marxist tradition

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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 — By now, you should be just about ready to take a long vacation. If that's not happening, at least get somebody to help you carry the load.

Taurus (April 20 May 20) — Today is an 8 — You're becoming more efficient, and not a moment too soon. Hurry and do whatever it is you said you'd have done by now.

Gemini (May 21 June 21) — Today is a 6 — Others believe you can figure out just about anything. Use this to your advantage, by pretending you already know.

Cancer (June 22 July 22) — Today

is a 7 — Read the instructions carefully, to minimize errors. A little extra effort early helps you relax later.

Leo (July 23 Aug. 22) — Today is a 6 — Unfortunately, you sometimes have to learn lessons the hard way.

That happens again, but you can soften the blow by doing more reading.

Virgo (Aug. 23 Sept. 22) — Today is a 7 — You're more effective now, partially due to circumstances beyond your control. This is OK. Keep doing the work and keep hauling in the money.

Libra (Sept. 23 Oct. 22) — Today is a 7 — Your work is difficult, partially because you'd rather be playing. That opportunity will arrive quickly, so get the job done first.

Scorpio (Oct. 23 Nov. 21) — Today is an 8 — Finish a job you haven't had time to do until today. You'll receive much more for your efforts than you ever thought you would.

Sagittarius (Nov. 22 Dec. 21) — Today is a 5 — Conditions are better

for partying now than they were over the weekend. Unfortunately, if you're like most people, you have to work. Fortunately, if you're like most Sagittarians, you're working with friends.

Capricorn (Dec. 22 Jan. 19) — Today is a 7 — You're gaining respect and authority, and maybe a little more money. Don't rely on the latter, however. It's way too transitory. Your reputation is more valuable. That's the most important thing you have.

Aquarius (Jan. 20 Feb. 18) — Today is a 7 — If you got past the last few days without spending everything, you'll be delighted to learn that you can now relax. You can even celebrate with your friends. Share the costs.

Pisces (Feb. 19 March 20) — Today is a 7 — Your partner has lots of grand schemes. Don't waste your breath arguing. Request that he or she come up with the financing for the project.

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By Mara Reinstein

Leading the charge to rescue Britney Spears? None other than Kevin Federline, the same scruffy, chain-smoking wannabe rapper who took a relentless public beating for riding his wife's coattails to fame and fortune. "Britney's condition has been so hard for him," says a Federline source. "He is devastated and cries all the time." Despite the couple's rocky two-year marriage, a source close to Federline says that once Spears recovers, "Kevin wants to get back together with her. He is her biggest supporter." (Reps for Spears and Federline had no comment.)

Another friend points out that Federline, 28, longs for a reconciliation so his fragmented family can come together. Though Spears, 25, has been the primary caregiver of the boys, Federline—who has filed for sole custody—has currently taken over, with assistance from his mom, bank employee Julie Bleak, and Lynne.

"He's playful, lovable, caring and dotes on those kids," says the Federline family insider. "The kids are everything to him."

Tough Love

It was Federline who played a crucial role in convincing Spears to reform her wild ways.

Those close to him say he pleaded for her to enter the Crossroads Centre in the Caribbean island of Antigua after she spent a weekend nightcrawling (and puking) her way through New York City. Spears checked in on February 15, but checked out a day later. "She couldn't handle being away

from her kids," says a Spears pal.

But when the singer returned to L.A., Federline proved he meant business. According to the friend, within hours of Spears' homecoming, Federline and Lynne took the kids away from her. (During her time away from L.A., Spears had violated the couple's temporary custody agreement, which entitled Federline to visit the kids three times a week at Spears' home.) "She was so distraught, she shaved her head," says the source. "She didn't understand why she couldn't be near her children." By February 17, Spears headed to the Mondrian hotel for a raucous outing (see box, page 86), where she partied as well as plotted. "She was planning how to get her kids back from Kevin," says the Spears pal. Federline, with Lynne's blessing, then refused to let Spears see her sons unless she went to rehab. She relented and checked into Promises February 20.

Breaking Point

After Spears checked herself out of Promises on February 21 (the day after she arrived), Federline once again jumped into action, threatening to file an emergency court order to receive full custody of the boys if she didn't recite. "Lynne and Kevin knew if they threatened Britney over the kids, she would get serious," says a source.

Her friends and family's strategy seems to have worked. Within hours, Lynne picked up her daughter from her Malibu mansion and drove her back to Promises. The singer will likely

stay at the lush \$1,600-a-day facility for a minimum of 30 days—and the threat of a custody hearing is off the table. "It was a tough-love approach," says the source. "She was cut off from everything, but when she saw she had even been cut off from her own children, she really realized she had to get help." Seconds psychiatrist P.S. Kishore, an addiction expert, "Tough love is good because addiction hijacks good judgment." In fact, Spears got to see her kids on February 24 because of good behavior. "Lynne and Kevin were rewarding her for finally checking into rehab and staying in rehab," says a source.

Strange Allies

Only a few months ago, it would have seemed highly implausible for Federline to have found an ally in Lynne Spears. After all, the Louisiana-based homemaker, along with the rest of Spears' immediate family, staged several interventions with hopes that Britney would dump her seemingly deadbeat husband.

But family sources say that Lynne, who recently lost her sister to cancer, has fully supported her son-in-law's decisions throughout the ordeal. "After the split, Lynne grew close to Kevin as Britney mistreated her and did the same with Kevin," says a source familiar with the situation. As a result, Lynne is on board for a reconciliation. Adds the source, "She has spoken at length with him and knows he truly loves Britney. Kevin is the father of her kids and will give her stability."

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with a well-known body of work in social class analysis.

Wright explained his work in emancipatory social science, which seeks to use sociological knowledge and techniques to fight human oppression and promote freedom.

"To call it a form of social science, rather than simply social criticism or social philosophy, implies that it recognizes the importance of systematic scientific knowledge about how the world works for this task," Wright said. "To call it emancipatory is to identify a central moral purpose in the production of knowledge."

"And to call it social implies the belief that human emancipation depends upon the transformation of the social world, not just the inner life of persons," he said.

To transform the world in this way, Wright said emancipatory science faces three tasks: elaborating a diagnosis and critique of the world, envisioning viable alternatives and understanding the obstacles of transformation.

In terms of his work "science" rather than "criticism," Wright follows in the Marxist tradition. Friedrich Engels, who co-wrote the "Communist Manifesto" with Karl Marx, referred to their economic theory as "scientific socialism" — he thought a case for socialism and against capitalism could be derived from objective facts.

Wright expanded upon these three

tasks during his lecture and hopes that they will be taken seriously.

"I am hopeful that the themes I will be discussing will resonate globally," he said. "They are not local issues."

Wright plans on promoting his work globally.

"This is the very beginning of my year of meandering about the world trying out these ideas and talking to people about them," Wright said.

Wright will be visiting China, South Africa, Turkey and Norway throughout the coming year.

Patrick Mooney, chair of the sociology department, said Wright's work already has a wide audience.

"It's hard to pick up a textbook in contemporary sociological theory that doesn't address some of Erik's contributions to the field of class analysis," Mooney said.

"His innovative theoretical contributions and empirical examination of the class structure of advanced capitalist societies have fundamentally altered the terms with which sociologists consider the question of social class," he said.

Chemical engineering junior Ashley Anderson said she didn't enjoy some of the presentation but found it valuable.

"I didn't really like his speaking style," Anderson said. "It sounded like reading from a textbook. But if it is going to make us have flourishing lives than it is beneficial to hear him talk about it."

The full text of Wright's book-in-progress, "Envisioning Real Utopias," can be found online at www.ssc.wisc.edu/~wright.

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of UK Police.

A UK student has died in an alcohol-related incident in five of the last six years, and in the last three school years, a student has died in within two days of the start of classes.

Tevis Shaw, 20, who was registered to begin his first semester at UK last fall, fell off a cliff while intoxicated in the Red River Gorge area two days before the start of classes. Lauren Fannin, a 25-year-old pharmacy student, and close friend Lindsey Harp, also 25 and a recent UK nursing school graduate, were drunk when they drowned Sept. 23. The two slipped and fell in knee-high floodwaters that swept them into an underground sewage system.

These incidents and others over the past five years, have made alcohol a much-discussed issue on campus and prompted several education efforts by the university.

Three of the programs Smith praised were the university's social norm campaign, which promotes the idea that the majority of students don't drink excessively; the Genesis program, which promotes alcohol-free activities; and CAUSE, which makes efforts to educate students and promote awareness by speaking at dormitories, sorority and fraternity houses and high schools.

Still, there may be more factors contributing to the declining numbers than just education, said Dave Clark, the study director at UK's Center for Alcohol and Drug Research.

"I'd love to say that education on campus has decreased the alcohol problems," Clark said. "But it's hard to say if it's a real causal relationship, if there's a correlation between the two."

He cited other possible factors, such as the manner of reporting the incidents within the police department and changes in the behavior of the student population.

The decrease was significant, Clark said, especially when looking at the change since 2004, when there were 501 reports. Before 2004, the reports were around 300, which could mean that year was an anomaly, he said. Something may have happened in 2004 to prompt the in-

crease in reports and the numbers are now getting back to the baseline, Clark said.

Maj. Joe Monroe, interim UK police chief, said 2004 was when police really started cracking down on drinking on campus, which is probably why there were more reports that year. He is happy with the decreases since 2004, but said he thinks there's still a lot of room for improvement in alcohol abuse problems.

"I want to develop a more proactive approach to educate students at the beginning of the semester," Monroe said.

This push for continued improvement was echoed in the alcohol education office, which Monroe plans to work with in developing a new program. Ideally the numbers should be at zero, Smith said.

"If you have one person driving under the influence, that's one too many," Smith said. "Even though there is progress, we don't want to stop now."

Monroe and Smith are collaborating on proposals for a program to educate incoming freshmen in the fall.

"In order to change a culture, you have to start at the ones at the beginning," Smith said. "If you want to make a change, you focus on the freshmen."

Drop in sexual assault may not be accurate

While sexual assault reports also decreased from eight reports to two in the past year, that statistic may not be representative of the incidents that actually happen on campus, said Carol Jordan, the director of Center for Research on Violence against Women. Among college women, only about five percent of rape victims file a report, and according to a 2004 study, that percentage is even smaller at UK, she said.

Women's Place had received 17 reports of violence this semester alone, said Dorothy Edwards, director of the Women's Place, in a Feb. 7 Kernel article.

The crime report statistics are incident studies, which means they reflect numbers but not accounts or summaries of what actually happened. Jordan carried out a prevalent study in 2004, a survey that collected more extensive data on sexual assaults, including the type of assault, whether it occurred at UK and de-

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for the College of Business and Economics and Lindsay Rhollans for the College of Pharmacy.

Both candidates stress the need for Student Government to become a more service-oriented organization.

"We plan to take a serious look at the services that Student Government provides, evaluate their usage and reallocate funding to those services that the students use most," Phelps said at his Feb. 12 announcement. "Student Government should significantly aid the students and it's not doing that."

Phelps said he plans to expand the free legal service SG funds by hiring an attorney that would not just provide legal advice but also follow through with free in-court representation.

McIntosh wants to focus on providing "tangible" benefits to UK students such as national restaurants on campus, expanding Safety Net and SEEDS programs through Women's Place and increasing student health insurance benefits. The ticket is also considering eliminating SG salaries.

"We want students to know that we are willing to make the Student Government positions voluntary," Fortney said. "We plan to take away the stipends given to the President, Vice President and appointed positions and make those internship credits instead. We will then give that money back to the students in the services we provide. We want to show students we are here for the right reasons."

Phelps and Langdon announced their candidacy three weeks ago, and McIntosh and Fortney will make their formal campaign announcement tonight.

SG elections are March 28-29 from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. The voting locations are still being finalized by the SG Senate.

tails about the incident.

Knowing more detailed information can help improve sexual assault programs at UK because the administration will have a better idea of what it's dealing with, Jordan said.

The survey, which covers all types of physical assaults, will be conducted again this year in March after Spring Break.

"UK's commitment to addressing women's safety on campus is not a short-term commitment," Jordan said.

In the meantime, UK has dedicated much research and money to making the campus safer for women, said university spokesman Jay Blanton. The attention has gone to improving lighting, increasing security and offering more education and counseling through Women's Place, he said.

"We're certainly heartened by the fact that the crime statistics are indicative of our improvements," Blanton said.

Drug offenses increase

While the number of drug offenses have gone up, UK police said that is just what they expected. The department has dedicated one officer to exclusively handling drug cases, Monroe said. The 83 drug offenses is the highest number the department has seen since 2002, and more than double what it was in 2005.

Other officers said they are glad the number of drug-related reports is increasing because it means the department has been paying more attention to them.

"I don't think drug offenses are increasing," Franklin said. "I think the reports are increasing. It means we have been better at responding (to the offenses)."

UK police have made several drug busts over the past year, and those have been fairly successful, Franklin said.

The drug issue has been there all along, Franklin said, and an increase in reports draws attention to the issue. Franklin emphasized the importance of sharing information on all issues, including drug use, to decrease the crime in the area.

"Getting that information out there is what's important; it has helped educate the student body and the general population."

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Sophomore left-handed pitcher Chris Rusin pitches the ball as snow falls in Cliff Hagan Stadium during the Cats' 18-2 win over Wisconsin-Milwaukee yesterday.

ELLIOTT HESS STAFF

Cats keep streaks alive after offense pushes past Panthers

By Eric Lindsey
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The Cats kept their hot streak alive on a Friday afternoon, approaching what could be the best start in school history.

UK scored early and often in an 18-2 rout of Wisconsin-Milwaukee at Cliff Hagan Stadium yesterday. UK slugged a season-high 19 hits and capitalized on four errors to wrap up a three-game sweep of the Panthers. The Cats extended their streak at Cliff Hagan to 22 wins and are now three wins from matching the best start in school history.

"We just had some things go our way," said head coach John Cohen. "We took some key swings in some key situations. The focus you have to have under these (cold) conditions is twice as hard so I'm really proud of how we performed."

Senior Sean Coughlin led the offensive display for the Cats, going 4-for-5 at the plate, including a career-best three doubles, his first career triple and five RBIs.

"I think we put a lot of pressure on their defense," Coughlin said. "We did that by putting the ball in play today." Coughlin's performance yesterday capped off a red-hot weekend in which he went 7-for-12 with 10 RBIs.

"He's seeing the baseball really well," Cohen said. "He's a catalyst for us."

Senior second baseman Mike Brown was also impressive Sunday, going 5-for-6 at the plate. Brown recorded a series of single-game career-highs: five hits, five runs scored, three RBIs and three stolen bases.

Brown's three stolen bases in the first two innings were instrumental in getting the Cats' offense going early.

After Brown singled and moved to second base on a steal, junior first baseman Sawyer Carroll lined a one-out, RBI-single to right field that plated Brown in the first inning. Coughlin followed with a double down the right field line to score Brown and put the Cats up 2-0. The Cats continued to pile the runs on in the second inning when they scored three runs on three hits, had three walks, three stolen bases and an error in the second inning, putting them ahead 5-0.

The offense wouldn't stop there. UK continued to tack on runs all afternoon, scoring in every inning they went to the plate, except the third. After posting five runs in the first two innings, the Cats added three runs in the fourth inning, one in the fifth inning, four in the sixth inning, three in the seventh and two in the eighth to reach 18 runs.

"We got runners on, we got them over and we got them in," Brown said. "We had been leaving runners on base a little bit earlier in the season but today it everything just kind of came together for us."

Junior pitcher Greg Dombrowski also helped led the Cats defensively, notching his second win of the year, hurling 5.2 innings while giving up eight hits and one unearned run.

The early offensive output allowed Cohen to work his bullpen. After Dombrowski left in the sixth inning, four Cats relievers combined for 3.1 innings of one-hit baseball, giving up just one run.

"They didn't walk guys, they threw strikes," Brown said. "They just did a perfect job for us all weekend."

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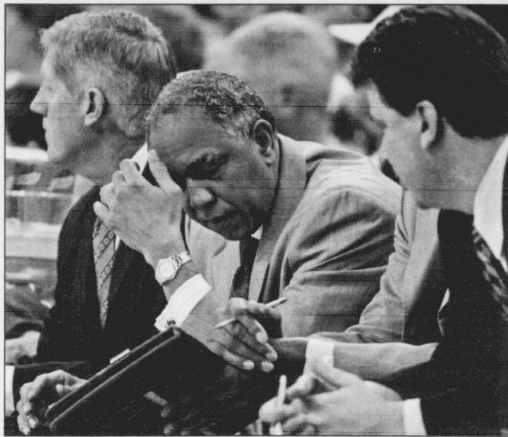
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UK head coach Tubby Smith turns away from the court during yesterday's loss at Florida. The Gators shot 64 percent from the floor, the highest against UK since the 1992 NCAA Duke game.

Advice for the Cats: Score more

GAINESVILLE, Fla. — The final stats sure make UK's defensive play on Sunday look awful.



CHRIS DELOTTCELL
Kernel columnist

Florida shot better yesterday than any opponent has against UK since the Duke game in the 1992 NCAA Tournament, as the Gators hit 64 percent of their shots — including nearly 70 percent in the second half. The Gators, energized by the ear-ringing intensity of a wild crowd on their senior day, seemed unstoppable, especially after halftime.

But the big difference between the tied score at halftime and Florida's eventual 13-point victory — its sixth straight over UK — wasn't UK's defense.

It was UK's offense. The Gators actually scored one less point in the second half than the first. UK's production, however, dropped off by 14 points. The Gators did everything better on the defensive end, and left UK coach Tubby Smith desirous of players with the same energy as Florida's.

"I thought they just got a little more aggressive and became a lot more physical," Smith said. "That's what you're supposed to do."

And, by inference, it's what UK didn't.

After watching the Gators play twice in person and on TV all year long (they're on ESPN almost every night), it seems clear that there are two ways to beat Florida. A team must either get the Gators' post players in foul trouble and try to keep the score down — as UK did in Lexington — or simply shoot well and outscore the defending national champions — as Vanderbilt and Tennessee did in beating Florida in recent weeks.

On Sunday, UK wasn't able to do either. In the first half, the Cats followed path No. 2

to playing with Florida. They stayed in the game by shooting 55 percent from the field and 46 percent on 3-pointers. But that went away in the second, when it was UK's star post player who was handcuffed by foul trouble.

Randolph Morris, who scored 13 points on five-of-six shooting, presumably would have been able to take more shots and score more points had he not been limited to 18 minutes of play.

Morris had to leave the game on the first possession of the second half after picking up his third foul and was on the bench with four fouls as Florida pulled away midway through the frame. He played only seven minutes in the half, and his absence led to problems on both ends for UK.

Without Morris' presence on defense, the lane was an easier place to enter for Florida guards driving to the basket and post players establishing position. Without him on offense, the Cats became easier to guard. The open looks that Bobby Perry cashed in on in the first half vanished in the second and Gators dominated the boards, out-rebounding the Cats 35-23.

"It was tough without Randolph," Smith said. "We thought we could get a little more out of Lukasz (Obrzut) and Shera (Thomas)."

In hindsight, Smith's immediate removal of Morris in the second half was probably a decision the coach would like to recant. The Cats aren't good enough to play with Florida for long stretches without Morris on the floor and, while Smith was likely trying to save Morris for later, what's the use in saving him if the game gets out of hand while he watches from a cushioned seat?

Without Morris, the Cats simply couldn't keep up. And keeping up is hard to do when you only shoot 35 percent from the field, as UK did in the second half. That's not one of the ways to beat the Gators. On Sunday, UK found that out the hard way.

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Diversity at UK has improved, but not enough

When UK's black enrollment dropped by nearly 100 students two years ago, university officials faced heavy scrutiny and criticism for the apparent backsliding in the effort to improve campus diversity.

And when enrollment shot back up the next year, those officials were quick to publicize the improvement and tout the changes they had enacted, including surveying black students who chose not to attend UK, increasing the funding for scholarships and hiring additional admissions counselors.

Following this resurgence in admissions, the Kentucky Council on Postsecondary Education's Committee on Equal Opportunities recently released a report that highlighted the changes as having a positive affect on campus, based on a campus visit the committee made in October. But the report also made numerous recommendations for improvements.

Some components of diversity that the committee identified for improvement, such as black graduation rates and the percent of non-white faculty and staff, are easily measured and reported. And they can certainly sound impressive, such as a 96 percent increase in freshman black enrollment between 2005 and 2006.

But other recommendations focus on topics such as "student morale;" a "consistent message of improvement;" and increasing "presence and connectedness" with the local black community — topics where improvement isn't represented as a line graph.

Although it may be more difficult to demonstrate success, these are the recommendations UK needs to focus on — the ones that involve creating an atmosphere of diversity.

UK officials can flash numbers showing an upward trend in minority enrollment, retention and graduation, but if they students spend their time at UK in cliques, effec-

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tively segregated from the rest of the university, then diversity has not benefited. Organizations and activities that encourage interaction are just as necessary for improving diversity as changing the makeup of the student body.

This can already be seen in the faculty at UK. The university has seen modest increases in the number of black faculty since 2000, according to the report, but many students report that they never had a class taught by a black professor until

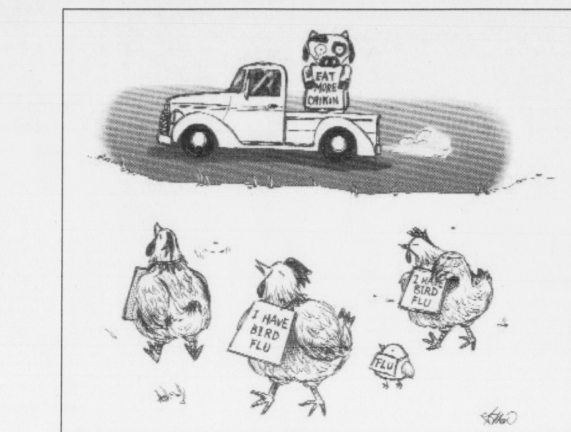
their junior or senior years, if ever. In such a situation, the employment numbers are meaningless: If students and black faculty are not interacting, then diversity has not improved.

UK has already shown its new focus by establishing groups such as the President's Commission on Diversity and the Office of Institutional Equity and Equal Opportunity, and it's giving its efforts teeth by establishing the vice president for institutional diversity (VPID) position and making it report to the provost.

The report recommends further strengthening the currently unfilled VPID position by making it report directly to the president. This is a recommendation that warrants serious consideration. If President Todd truly wants to keep updated on the state of campus diversity, then he should make the VPID a member of his cabinet.

Diversity numbers may be easy to cull from student data and can certainly be impressive, but they don't tell the entire story of diversity at UK. We hope that UK officials, through the VPID, the diversity commission and other means, can better depict the state of diversity on campus and work to make improvements that students notice without the help of charts and graphs.

UK administrators have done well at increasing the university's diversity statistics, but those don't indicate whether people from different backgrounds are interacting with each other.



DAISY CHAI, Kernel cartoonist

You may think you're no racist, but check this list first

The university has the arduous task of promoting diversity on campus within the faculty, staff and students. Completing this task is not a

matter of hiring a diversity administrator alone, because the problem is in the roots of Lexington and Kentucky as a whole.

I have lived in Texas, Kansas, Georgia, Virginia and Kentucky, all states with a Southern mentality. I went to high school 30 minutes south of Washington, D.C. Yet I had not witnessed blatant inequality, racism and sexism until I moved here.

At first, I thought it was "the older generation" — sad Southern practices that lingered among the elderly. In my first weeks of living here, as I was asking for directions, an older gentleman told me to avoid "the black side" of downtown at night. It took only a few weeks, and several others' references to the north side as "the black side," for me to realize how deeply racism runs here.

My hunch was reinforced repeatedly with almost every introduction to someone new. I have seen racism

among co-workers, family, children, strangers, teachers, police officers and many other "role models."

People in Lexington, a community perhaps unaware of its outdated prejudices, have the potential to overcome racism, but not without first admitting that there is a problem. Instead of believing that people here are hateful, I have chosen to believe that Lexington citizens don't know their comments are racist. But, just because you don't know you're a racist doesn't mean you aren't one.

So here are some guidelines, a la Jeff Foxworthy:

You might be a racist if you've ever said, "I'm not racist, but I would never date a black guy."

You might be a racist if you really believe the black teenager in baggy clothes is more physically dangerous than the 30-year-old white male.

You might be a racist if you categorize Muslims as terrorists.

You might be a racist if you have told or laughed at a black or Mexican joke, especially if it's too funny to tell in the presence of minorities.

You might be a racist if you think the "N-word" is appropriate in any context.

You might be a racist if you believe the worst drivers in Lexington are Mexican.

You might be a racist if you mention "he was black" when you wouldn't have mentioned if he had

been white.

You might be a racist if you are surprised Barack Obama is articulate.

Does it surprise you when black politicians are articulate? Do you often laugh at racist jokes that you wouldn't tell in front of people of the targeted race? You might be a racist.

You are a racist if you don't recognize the actions above as inexcusable.

Bottom line, Lexington is part of the United States. As such, there is no excuse for its citizens to hide behind ignorance and the past, when the opportunity for education and social justice is within reach.

UK doesn't have the power to stop racism. But UK students do, with personal and social accountability. Stop using the N-word. Stop laughing at your friends' stupid jokes. Stop justifying your actions. And for the dignity of the rest of the country, stop pretending not to notice that you might be a racist.

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SG restructuring will improve its legislative output

This week, the Student Government Senate will vote on legislation to streamline its committee system. The bill, sponsored by College of Engineering Sen. Josh Odoi and College of Law Sen. Tom Rauf, deserves the full Senate's approval.

Currently, there is a sharp divide in the amount of work that SG Senate committees do. The numerous joint committees produce little legislation, while the bulk of the work is done by the Appropriations and Revenue Committee and the Operations and Evaluations Committee.

The restructuring bill is an attempt to even out the amount of work by spreading it among five committees instead of two, according to a Kernel story last week. Specifically, it would prevent the Committee on Committees and the Appropriations and Revenue Committee, and it would create the Graduate and Professional Student Affairs Committee, the Academic and Student Affairs Committee and the Internal Affairs Committee.

Such action is especially necessary in light of the expansion of the Senate that will go into effect

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next school year — if there are only two committees with real power, only a select few senators will be able to take leadership roles. In order to get more senators to step up, write legislation and take an interest in SG, new committees are needed.

But with opportunity comes responsibility. If this bill passes and the Senate creates these new committees, senators will have no excuse for legislative lethargy. Instead of just focusing on SG itself (as the current O & E committee does) or distributing money to student organizations (as A & R does), the Senate will be expected to produce legislation dealing with issues on campus for both undergraduates and graduate students.

Assuming that next year's Senate takes its responsibility seriously, the restructuring legislation provides a welcome opportunity for SG to branch out and do more. To make that a possibility, the full Senate should pass this legislation at its Wednesday meeting.



JENNIFER WHITE
Kernel columnist

Phelps campaign brings new ideas and tested leadership to students

Editor's note: SG presidential and vice-presidential candidates Scott McIntosh and Emily Fornrey will have a column in Wednesday's Kernel.

NICK PHELPS AND BRITTANY LANGDON
Guest columnists

Langdon, and we proudly announce our candidacy for Student Government President and Vice President. Although you will be hearing our names and seeing our faces over the next month, we wanted to tell you why we are running.

For the past few years, we have been affiliated with numerous organizations on campus: DanceBlue, WFRL, Channel 50, UK 101 and Student Government. We have held leadership positions in all aspects of campus life: fraternity president, sisterhood chair, cabinet secretary, Senate president, senator-at-large, UK 101 and UK FUSION team leader. We

feel our experience has given us a unique opportunity to affect necessary and proper change on campus.

Through Student Government, we have a unique opportunity to make a great deal of change here at UK. We want to take this potential and turn it into benefits for you, the students. Internally, we want to streamline student services provided by Student Government. We want to increase the DVD service by expanding our more than 5,000 titles and turn the service into a functional movie store. We feel that if it does not become an extremely functional service, then the money can be best used somewhere else.

We will work to enhance the role of the students' lawyer. Currently, the lawyer employed by SG is only able to give legal advice. We wish to expand this enough so that, in the future, our lawyer will be able to fully represent students in all capacities.

We would like to see continued expansion of Channel 50, one of SG's sponsored campus resources. We want a greater expansion in the staff and service for the station.

Finally, it is of absolute necessity that we see continued expansion with women's safety. We are aggressively

working on creating a women's self-defense program to be implemented in the first week of the fall 2007 semester.

Our goal for the "Fight for your Right" event is 1,000 female students learning basic self-defense tactics and how to avoid high-risk situations. Both men and women are encouraged to come. We are going to provide education on safety and all types of danger: both stranger- and acquaintance-related.

We hope all students become involved and vote in this year's Student Government elections, March 28 and 29. This is one of the best avenues to make your voice heard. If you are interested in helping our campaign or have some ideas you would like to discuss, do not hesitate to call, e-mail or Facebook us. Good luck on midterms and have a safe Spring Break.

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Correction

The author of the March 2 letter to the editor "Only UK students should enjoy eRuption Zone" was misidentified. The writer was Ali Cicchetti. The Kernel regrets the error.

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Cats fizzle late, lose 6th straight to UF

By Jonathan Smith
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GAINESVILLE, Fla. — With 2:08 remaining, Florida forward Joakim Noah walked over to UK junior guard Ramel Bradley and said something to him at the free throw line, presumably, not to wish him good luck.

The two continued to talk, which led one of the referees to ask Florida head coach Billy Donovan to take Noah out. Donovan did, and the jawing subsided.

Unfortunately for the Cats, it was the only drama in the game's final minutes as the Gators were well on their way to a record-breaking win.

No. 5 Florida used a 13-2 run at the start of the second half to break a halftime tie and beat UK 85-72 yesterday in front of 12,614 fans at the O'Connell Center.

"If we play the way we played in the first half for 40 minutes, we can win games," Bradley said.

The win was Florida's sixth in a row over the Cats, a record for any Southeastern Conference team. Only Notre Dame has beaten UK seven straight times.

The loss did little for UK (20-10, 9-7 SEC) in terms of next week's Southeastern Conference Tournament. By virtue of Tennessee's win over Georgia on Saturday, the Cats had already locked up the No. 4 seed. They will play the first game of the tournament at 1 p.m. Thursday against Alabama, a team that beat the Cats 72-61 two weeks ago in Tuscaloosa, Ala.

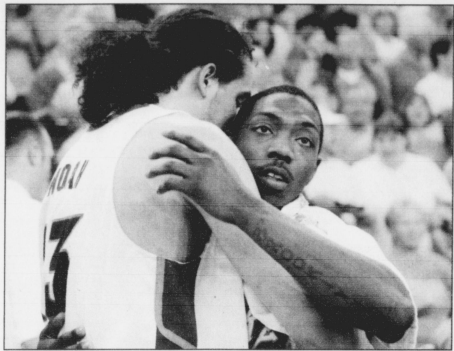
Winning the rematch might require the Cats to play a complete game offensively and defensively, something they have struggled to do this season. Yesterday was no different.

UK played extremely well in the first half, scoring 43 points on 54.8 percent from the field. Bobby Perry led the way again by following his 22-point effort against Georgia on Wednesday with 16 first-half points, 12 of which came from 3-point range. The senior forward finished with a team-high 20 points.

"When you're knocking shots down like I was in the first half, you feel like you are on a roll," Perry said. "You just get unconscious. You feel like everything you throw up is going to go in. That's what it felt like in the first half."

And that's probably what it felt like for Florida (26-5, 13-3) in the second half.

The Gators shot 69.6 percent from the



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Florida's Joakim Noah (left) fouled Bradley after last night's 85-72 UK loss. Just minutes before, Noah fouled Bradley on a 3-pointer then gave him an earful while on the free throw line, prompting a referee to suggest Florida coach Billy Donovan take his player out of the game.

field — they made 16 of 23 shots. Florida shot 64 percent in the game, the highest allowed by UK since Duke shot 65.4 percent in the 1992 NCAA East Regional Final.

"We couldn't really stop them from scoring," head coach Tubby Smith said. "I thought they were on top of their game offensively."

Randolph Morris' foul trouble kept him out of the defensive equation for much of the game. He picked up two fouls by the four-minute mark of the first half and he picked up his third foul in the first minute of the second half, which forced him to the bench.

This helped Florida outbreed the Cats 35-23, and outscore them 44-26 in the paint.

"It was tough without him in the game," Smith said of Morris. "We should have kept him in there despite the foul trouble. With Randolph, we want him to be aggressive but smart when he is in there to stay out of foul trouble."

With him on the bench, Florida went on its second-half run to lead by as many as 16. After that, UK didn't get any closer than seven points.

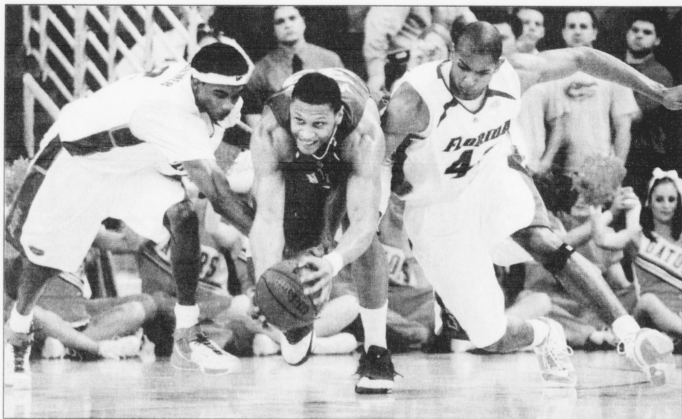
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Noah and fellow junior Taurean Green led the Gators with 17 points apiece. Sophomore guard Walter Hodge came off the bench to score 15 points for the Gators, and junior forward Al Horford had 14 points and 10 rebounds.

Including Perry, five players scored in double figures for the Cats. Bradley and junior guard Joe Crawford had 14, and Morris scored 13 for UK. Freshman Jodie Meeks came off the bench to score 10 points.

For the first 20 minutes, the Cats played even with the league champion, but after that, there wasn't much drama. This week's SEC Tournament, however, could change that.

"We've got to get focused in on these next teams," Crawford said. "We leave for Atlanta on Tuesday and we can't get too far behind. We've just got to let it all go and get a fresh new start."



UK junior center Randolph Morris scrambles for possession of a loose ball in UK's 85-72 loss to the Gators yesterday. Morris had 13 points, one of five UK players in double digits.

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