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Terrence Lester, center, a biology senior, and other members of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity Inc. pause for a moment during their performance.

## Step champs return for repeat wins

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About 900 people filled Heritage Hall in the Lexington Convention Center to capacity to see the annual National Pan-Hellenic Council step show on Saturday afternoon. "It was a very creative show," said Aria Higgins, a psychology senior and UK NPHC president. "The different organizations put time and effort into it, and it ended up being a good performance for everybody who participated."

The event, which was part of last week's homecoming festivities, featured the "Divine 9," the nine historically black Greek international organizations in the NPHC who competed for the best performance.

Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity Inc. and Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority Inc. took home the step-show championship for best fraternity and best

sorority. This was the third year in a row that APA has taken the step-show crown for fraternities.

The theatrical impact of APA's show helped to win over the crowd and the judges, said Byron Mitchell, a psychology, African-American studies and pre-law sophomore who participated in APA's performance.

APA used a retro-gangster theme to non-violently represent having to defend the throne of their two-year title, Mitchell said.

"Alpha stepping is about precision and exaggerated movements," he said of his organization's stepping.

For the second year in a row, APA's sister organization, AKA, won the sorority competition.

The AKA used a theme of baby dolls, which was inspired by the name of the sorority's spring '07 inductees, "the 17 dolls," and



Marsha Ashley, a member of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority Inc., puts on makeup before the step show.

also from an episode of MTV's "Sweet Sixteen" where a girl threw a doll-themed birthday party, said Sydnee Burrus, one of the AKA stepmasters.

"We are always happy the theme of dolls fits our personalities," said Burrus, a

family and consumer sciences and pre-nursing senior who said she came up with the show AKA produced.

Burrus said the biggest challenge of the step show is keeping people entertained and interested, which was something she and her sorority members tried to do through their theme.

"It was more competitive than people expected this year," said Anthony Colbert, a mathematical economics senior.

The eventual winners were not a surprise, Colbert said, but the other organizations did a good job and made it a close decision.

"It flowed a lot smoother than it did last year, and it seemed like a lot more work and dedication was put in," said Sheneka Nwachukwu, a political science sophomore, adding that crowd participation also improved.

"It was just a really good show," she said.

## Students, alumni awarded for 'passing torch'

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An annual alumni banquet welcomed and honored black alumni and current black students at UK, emphasizing that excellence is a part of African-American history.

Each college at UK presented awards to students and alumni for setting the bar and exemplifying "passing the torch" to the next generation of students at UK. Students received the Torch Bearer Award, and alumni received the Torch of Excellence award.

"I often feel overlooked and unappreciated in my particular college because

it's predominately white, so I appreciate the award," said nursing senior Dominique Brown, a student recipient from the College of Nursing. "This banquet represents that if you work hard, you will be recognized regardless — it's not because you're black on a predominantly white campus; it's because you are a hard worker."

Keynote speaker Alicesteyne Turley-Adams, director of the Underground Railroad Research Institution, touched on numerous accomplishments by black Americans, dating back to the slavery era, emphasizing to those at the banquet that "excel-

ence is something that has been inherited." Adams said she believes that the recipients of the award on Friday attended their "premiere" and that she expects great things to come from them in the future.

Some of the alumni at the banquet also went to the UK National Pan-Hellenic Council step show, another Homecoming Week event, on Saturday afternoon. Four historically black UK fraternities and sororities, which competed in the step show, attended the banquet and gave a brief history of their organizations.

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## UK alum to speak on race relations

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Boyce Watkins remembers the time in 1997 when he was a resident adviser at UK and the n-word was inscribed on his door. Fast-forward to 2007 and his younger cousin, Joshua Watkins, a junior and resident adviser, had a similar incident happen to him, only this time the words left on his door were "die n-----."

"UK is like a modern day plantation," said Watkins, a civil rights activist. "If you look around most of the black people at UK are dribbling a basketball, throwing a football, picking up trash and cooking food."

Watkins has appeared in various national media outlets, including CNN, FOX News, BET, Essence Magazine, USA Today, "The Today Show," ESPN and CBS Sports, and he will speak on race relations at 6:30 p.m. today in the Worsham Theater. But he makes clear that he is not coming to UK to "just talk about a stupid cartoon," a reference to a controversial Kernel cartoon that ran Oct. 5. He "wants to make a difference and challenge students to take a honest look at the university."

Watkins, a finance professor at Syracuse University, has had five books published, "The Parental 411: What Every Parent Should Know About Their Child in College," "Everything You Ever Want-

ed to Know About College," "Quick and Dirty Secrets of College Success: A Professor Tells It All," "Financial Locketing 101: Merging Assets with Your Partner in Ways That Feel Good" and "What if George Bush Were a Black Man?" He received his undergraduate and master's degrees from UK and a doctorate in finance from Ohio State University.

The African American Studies and Research Program sponsored the event as an addition in the annual Carter G. Woodson series.

After hearing about a number of race-related incidents around the country, it was time to "do something," said program director Sonja Feist-Price. She and a group of other faculty members "discussed the issues in a very logical and analytical way" and decided Watkins was a great fit for UK.

Price said she hopes students become enlightened and understand the issues on a "broader level," and that "they can take the problems with the cartoon and put it in a bigger context."

Watkins agreed with Price that the problems need to be looked at from a historical point of view.

For Watkins, he believes "something is owed to people of color on UK's campus." He added that "after all black people have given to the university, it makes no sense for them to be treated as second-

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## Plaque, reborn, honors radio host

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After an eight-year absence, the plaque honoring Claude Sullivan, a former UK sports radio announcer, was replaced in Commonwealth Stadium before Saturday's football game.

The plaque originally honored Sullivan in 1967, shortly after his death, but upon the expansion of the stadium in 1999, the plaque was lost.

Sullivan's career began in 1942 as an announcer at the WMCA radio station in Ashland, Ky. He began broadcasting UK football and basketball games in 1945, and he worked with Cavood Ledford, the "Voice of the Wildcats," who called UK sports games from 1953 to 1992. Sullivan retired from UK sports in 1962, and he began announcing for the Cincinnati Reds.

Sullivan was "every bit as good, every bit as revered as Cavood Ledford," said UK play-by-play announcer Tom Leach, who introduced Saturday's ceremony.

He was Kentucky Sportscenter

of the Year every year from 1959, when the award was created, through 1966, the year before he died. UK inducted him into the Kentucky Journalism Hall of Fame in 2006.

UK President Lee Todd and his wife, Patsy, attended the unveiling, along with members of Claude Sullivan's family and other UK officials.

"It is amazing, the history of this place," Lee Todd said. "Many, many people will see this when they walk by. It is in the perfect location."

The plaque placed in Sullivan's honor describes him as "an uncommon man who retained the common touch; whose excellence in his profession and whose qualities of humanity continue to guide and challenge all broadcasters."

The plaque is surrounded by pictures of former football players who received academic honors as UK athletes. Plagues dedicated to Stoll Field, the original home of UK football, also line the wall. Those plaques were removed from Stoll Field and placed in Commonwealth Stadium in 1974.

## MSU 31, UK 14

# Flat Cats cough up ball six times in loss to Bulldogs

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With brutally tough games against South Carolina, Louisiana State and Florida, the UK football team hasn't been accustomed to playing the role of favorite in the past few weeks. And when the Cats finally got their chance to play that part on Saturday against Mississippi State, they played much like they were the underdogs in an ugly 31-14 loss to the Bulldogs.

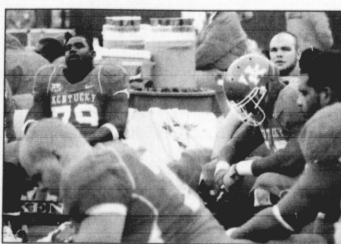
"When a game goes that poorly, you have to look at me first," head coach Rich Brooks said. "I obviously did not get the message to my team in the manner that needed to be delivered about how difficult this game would be."

The message was clear on Saturday: In a game Brooks la-

beled a "total systems failure," the Cats didn't come to play against a spirited MSU squad that is now just one win short of bowl eligibility.

"That was not representative of how we play football out there," Brooks said. The No. 23 Cats (6-3, 2-3 Southeastern Conference) committed blunder after blunder Saturday afternoon in front of 68,173 fans at Commonwealth Stadium. UK turned the ball over six times and was dominated from the get-go by the Bulldogs (5-4, 2-3 SEC).

"Before the game started, I thought we had a great attitude going into the game; I thought the guys were very excited," senior quarterback Andre Woodson said. "But as the game wore on, you could definitely tell we weren't into it."



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Senior center Eric Scott sits on the sidelines with his helmet on during the fourth quarter of UK's 34-14 loss against Mississippi State on Saturday.

With the loss, the Cats find themselves in a tough position. Two weeks ago the Cats were

Bowl Championship Series hopefuls. Now they've fallen out of the Associated Press top

25 and into a tie at the bottom of the SEC East with three tough conference games remaining. UK is now No. 23 in the USA Today poll.

"We took about 14 steps backwards today because we didn't get better at all — we got worse," Brooks said. "Mississippi State came in and took the fight to us in every phase and had us on our heels and kicked our fanny."

The Bulldogs ate up chunks of clock early in the first half. Behind a steady running game from tailbacks Anthony Dixon and Christian Ducre, MSU burned up more than 12 minutes of play on two 80-yard drives. The first one spanned 14 plays and the second one took a staggering 17 plays.

MSU quarterback Wesley Carroll's 1-yard touchdown toss

to Dixon capped the second drive early in the first quarter and put the Bulldogs up 14-7.

"From an offensive standpoint, that first drive was absolutely critical," said MSU head coach Sylvester Croom. "It was a big, big part of the ballgame because it gave our guys confidence on the road like that, and I think it was a little bit of a warning shot for them."

The warning shot became a reality for the Cats early in the third quarter. The Bulldogs tacked on a field goal following sophomore running back Alfonso Smith's fumble on the kickoff that opened the second half. MSU then took a commanding lead after the Cats botched a punt attempt.

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## Horoscope

By Linda C. Black

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

**Aries (March 21 - April 19)** Today is a 6 — There's going to be a mix-up, accidentally or on purpose. Try to have it not happen on your watch. Be extra diligent.  
**Taurus (April 20 - May 20)** Today is an 8 — Keep your wits, you're going to need them. Read everything, especially the fine print, before you sign anything.  
**Gemini (May 21 - June 21)** Today is a 7 — You're generally not a very good person to entrust with a secret. You can keep one if you must, and now that's a good idea.  
**Cancer (June 22 - July 22)** Today

is a 6 — You'll have to look at the situation from a slightly different perspective and remember everything that doesn't work is one thing you can check off the list.  
**Leo (July 23 - Aug. 22)** Today is a 7 — The debate rages on. It will never end. There's a faint chance for compromise, but don't hold your breath. After they're talked out, tell them what to do next.  
**Virgo (Aug. 23 - Sept. 22)** Today is a 7 — Stay out of an argument that doesn't really concern you. If possible, get out of the area, so you don't have to listen to it. Provide counseling only upon request.  
**Libra (Sept. 23 - Oct. 22)** Today is a 7 — Again, restrain yourself. Whatever's holding you back is a good thing this time. You'll understand why soon.  
**Scorpio (Oct. 23 - Nov. 21)** Today is a 7 — It feels like you're wealthy enough to buy anything you want. OK, get a few important things but don't touch your savings account.  
And don't charge all that stuff, either.  
**Sagittarius (Nov. 22 - Dec. 21)** Today is a 6 — You have the advantage in the upcoming debate. The other person's arguments are shallow and trite. Don't be afraid; do be gentle if possible.  
**Capricorn (Dec. 22 - Jan. 19)** Today is a 7 — Be careful on the job. There will be setbacks and complications. Not everything that could go wrong will, but you're in that arena.  
**Aquarius (Jan. 20 - Feb. 18)** Today is a 7 — Although you love your friends, you may not have the energy to do your normal socializing. Let them cover for you.  
**Pisces (Feb. 19 - March 20)** Today is a 6 — If you get caught in somebody else's argument, offer incomprehensible advice. While they're trying to figure out what it is you said, you can make your getaway. Don't grin until you're out of sight.  
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# TYLO'S FAMILY TRAGEDY

'Bold and the Beautiful' actress laments the death of her son

By Gabe Guarente

For actress Hunter Tylo, 45, a mother's worst nightmare came true without warning. On the evening of October 18, while she was in Los Angeles, her son Michael Jr. was staying at the residence she owns in Henderson, Nevada. The 19-year-old was in town to visit his girlfriend, Stephanie Rivero, celebrate his University of Nevada film professor dad's 59th birthday (the parents are split) and take one last high school exam. But by 11:55 that night, Michael, an aspiring cartoonist with plans to attend trade school in January, was pronounced dead after his fully clothed body was found in the backyard swimming pool. Cause of death: accidental drowning following a seizure.

"The last time I heard his voice was Thursday [October 18] around 6 a.m.," Rivero, 17, tells Us. "I was going to come over, but he told me he was tossing and turning all night. He couldn't sleep, and when he doesn't sleep, he gets seizures. I told him I'd call him in an hour. He said, 'I love you.' And I said, 'I love you too.'"  
But Rivero never reached Michael again. She called him nonstop until noon, then went to

the house, rang the doorbell repeatedly and left a note on the windshield of his car. By 2 p.m., she worried that he forgot to take his seizure medication, so she text-messaged his mom and later called his dad.

As it turned out, Michael had tried to reach her. At some point during the day, he stepped out to the backyard to use his cellphone. ("He always stood at the edge of the pool to get reception," Rivero tells Us.) That evening, after he failed to meet his dad for a 7:30 p.m. dinner date, his half brother Christopher, 26, went to the house with girlfriend Lara in tow. The two searched everywhere, as Michael's keys and wallet were still there, and around 8 p.m., his brother made the grisly discovery in the pool. A 911 call was made, but by then it was too late.

"It was an accident," a rep for the Clark County, Nevada, coroner's office tells Us. Though a toxicology report will be performed as standard procedure, those who knew Michael — called Mickey or Mike by his friends — said he had no known history of drug abuse or emotional issues.

"He wasn't a troubled kid," says a source. The most likely explanation? "He probably had a generalized epileptic seizure where his whole body was unresponsive for at least several minutes, causing him to drown." Says New York City neurologist Mark Milstein, who did not treat Michael. However, Hunter's longtime manager, Mary Dauer,

offers another possibility: "It's not definite, as they're awaiting an autopsy report, but Michael may have already been dead before he hit the water," he tells Us.

But any explanation for what happened to Michael comes as small consolation for his mom, who has been in deep mourning at her L.A. home ever since she learned of her son's death (she also has two daughters, Izabella, 10, and Katya, 9). "Michael was a really good kid, and Hunter was really close with him," says Dauer. "She's doing the best she can. No parent should outlive their child."

Those close to Michael recall a young man with a deeply artistic bent, and who loved animals. (The Tylos kept many pets, including snakes and dogs, at their Nevada home.) He was popular too: "He had these blue eyes, and a lot of girls liked him," remembers Mark Valentin, 18, a former classmate at Southern Nevada Vocational Technical Center. High school pal Courtney Bartlett, 18, adds, "He was such a free spirit. He was really close with his family. He and his brother were best friends, and he cared for his sisters more than anyone. The night it happened, Stephanie called me, and we all met and tried to calm her down." As for Rivero? She remembers his sense of humor most of all: "He was full of life and so funny. He didn't even have to try. He just was."

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## Volleyball claims weekend sweep

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After splitting games the first three weekends, the UK volleyball team picked up its first weekend sweep in October, taking down Georgia in four games (30-24, 30-26, 26-30, 30-21) yesterday after beating Auburn (30-22, 30-25, 27-30, 30-15) on Friday at Memorial Coliseum.

With yesterday's win over the Bulldogs, the Cats (19-6, 10-4 Southeastern Conference) have matched their win total from last season. Head coach Craig Skinner said he was happy to see his team complete its first week sweep since UK beat Tennessee and Arkansas on Sept. 26 and Sept. 28, respectively.

"It's a very important win," Skinner said. "We think in terms of each match at a time, but it was good to respond to Friday's victory." The Cats used a team effort to down the Bulldogs in game one, especially on defense. UK limited the Georgia attack to a .098 hitting percentage with six total team blocks. On the offensive side, sophomore outside hitter Brooke Bartek led the Cats with four kills.

UK switched gears in game two, riding a potent attack to win the game and take a 2-0 lead in the match. Senior middle blocker Nicole Britenriker and freshman outside hitter Sarah Mendoza paced the Cats with five kills each.

For the game, UK tallied a .361 hitting percentage while holding Georgia to a .217 hitting percentage. "It was an overall effort," Britenriker said. "Most of the time we played focused. We were pretty consistent." Georgia came back to win

game three and avoid the sweep. Junior outside hitter Maria Taylor led the Bulldogs with four kills, and freshman outside hitters Erika Clark and Lindsay Geban each added three aces. Britenriker led the Cats again with five kills in the game, but those weren't enough to stifle the Georgia attack.

UK rebounded in game four, using a relentless defense and continued offensive attack to take the game and earn a 3-1 victory in the match.

"Sometimes we need to concentrate more," Skinner said. "But when our block is the way it was in games one and four, it's tough to play against us."

Britenriker notched a double-double with 20 kills and 18 digs. Bartek added 16 kills, and Mendoza tallied 12 more in yesterday's win.

Midway through the fourth game, junior middle blocker Queen Nzenwa broke the school record for career block assists. Nzenwa finished the game with seven block assists, setting the new record at 402; it had been held by Lisa Bokovoy, who totaled 400 block assists in her 1985-88 career. Nzenwa also reached 139 block assists on the year, besting the single-season block-assist record that she set last season with 137.

The Cats take to the road to face SEC West foes Louisiana State and Ole Miss on Friday and Sunday, respectively. UK will look to avenge a home loss suffered against the Lady Rebels on Oct. 12 and will try to complete a season sweep of the Tigers.

"It's going to be tough," Britenriker said. "Neither team is going to fall over. We'll have to play tough to sweep LSU."

## UK let opportunity to stake claim in SEC East get away against MSU

Even though there was a nasty overcast hovering over Commonwealth Stadium, the lawn of C. M. Newton field remained dry Saturday afternoon.



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Most of the precipitation came courtesy of the Mississippi State Bulldogs, who rained all over the UK football team from the opening gun to the final horn en route to a 31-14 win.

With just half a quarter left to play, there wasn't any logical explanation for how the Cats could come out on top. After most who had bared all they could take made their way to the exit, only a handful of fans remained to hope and pray for a miracle from the home team at the homecoming game.

The only problem was that the Cats don't play on 34th Street — they play on University Drive, and senior quarterback Andre Woodson was a couple of sizes too big to hop into Doug Flutie's shoes. There

would be no magical comeback to remember, no story to tell the kids and no fans turning around after hurrying to their cars.

There was no victory over Mississippi State.

Mississippi State? Yeah, as unbelievable as it is, the Cats let one get away — and they know it.

"We knew we should have won this game," Woodson said. "There's no way we should have lost."

Not to take anything away from the Bulldogs, but as the All-American said, the Cats should not have lost that game. It wasn't the stellar play of MSU that knocked off UK.

The Bulldogs surely didn't play like Hercules on human growth hormones. They fumbled even more than UK, putting the ball on the ground five times. But it was the Cats' hunger to make the best of their situation that plagued them.

All the pieces were in place for a UK win. They took the field in front of 68,173 fans surrounded by the emotions of the homecoming game and the excitement that the success of this season has generated.

However, there was more fight in the

Bulldogs on Saturday.

"I knew they were going to play 60 minutes, so we had to play 61," MSU head coach Sylvester Croom said.

In actuality, the Cats didn't play much after their opening drive after Woodson hit senior wide receiver Steve Johnson for an 18-yard touchdown pass.

From that point the game went down a steep hill for the Cats as they got blown out 31-14. But the outcome of the game couldn't have hurt more until later that night.

The Cats woke up Saturday morning still in contention for the Southeastern Conference Eastern Division. With two of the teams ahead of UK falling (Florida lost to Georgia and South Carolina lost to Tennessee), a win against MSU would have opened the doors up for UK to slide right back into the division lead.

But the Cats slammed, nailed and crazy-glued that door shut by laying an egg Saturday. Thanks, but no thanks.

Maybe they were thinking they could win the SEC East next year.

But how logical is that?

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## CATS

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Trailing 17-7 on fourth-and-13 from UK's 35-yard-line with the Cats trailing 17-7, punter Tim Masthay was forced to tuck the ball and run it after a high snap. But Masthay fumbled the ball, and MSU linebacker K.J. Wright recovered the ball inside the UK 26-yard line.

"I pulled it down and all I saw was daylight," Masthay said. "And then I'm not sure if (Jimmie Holmes) ripped around, but somehow his hand hit the

ball, and I wasn't able to hang on to it."

Five plays later, Dixon capitalized with a 1-yard touchdown to put the Bulldogs ahead 24-7 with 8:16 left in the third quarter.

The Cats had their fair amount of chances to get back in the game. Woodson's 37-yard touchdown pass midway through the third quarter cut the deficit to 24-14. Then Dixon fumbled in the fourth quarter and UK junior defensive tackle Myron Pryor recovered the ball with just under 13 minutes left.

But UK failed to convert on

fourth-and-two inside Bulldogs territory and then fumbled again on their following possession. Just two plays after tight end Jacob Tamme's fumble, Dure burst up the middle for a 34-yard touchdown, closing the door on the Cats' comeback chances.

"It just seemed like everything was against us," Woodson said. "They had fumbles and it went to them. We had the interceptions — it was just too many turnovers. You can't dig yourself out of a hole when you turn the ball over that much."

Woodson was partly responsible for the turnovers, throwing a season-high three interceptions. Part of the downfall could have been injuries that forced several of the Cats' top running backs and Woodson's primary target, Keenan Burton, to miss the game. But the senior quarterback said the loss falls squarely on the shoulders of Saturday's players.

"We definitely didn't come out there and play the Kentucky football that we've been playing all year," Woodson said. "It's probably the worst offensive game we've played all year by far."

## Women's soccer sends off seniors with fourth-straight win

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While the UK women's soccer team was saying goodbye to six seniors on Sunday, it was also looking to extend a three-game winning streak and continue to build momentum with the start of the Southeastern Conference Tournament in Orange Beach, Ala., on Nov. 8.

The Cats were able to push their unbeaten streak to four matches as they defeated Ole Miss 2-0 on Senior Day at the UK Soccer Complex.

The Cats (9-6-3, 3-6-1 Southeastern Conference) got off to a slow start, giving up three quick shots to the Rebels, but showed their resiliency by getting the next six shots off.

Senior forward Callie Lanphier made the most of her final home game, netting UK's first goal right before halftime to give the Cats a 1-0 lead.

Freshman forward Laura Novikoff sent a cross into the box that deflected to fellow freshman forward Alicia Browning. Browning sent a low pass into the box, where Lanphier, the team's point leader, was able to beat her defender to the ball and get the shot off.

The goal was Lanphier's fourth of the season. "It's the best feeling to score on Senior Day," Lanphier said. "I haven't scored in a while, so to score in SEC play and get us a step closer to Orange Beach, home of the SEC Tournament, is great."

The top eight overall teams in the conference advance to compete in the SEC Tournament. At 3-6-1, UK finds itself near the back of the pack,

making yesterday's Senior Day win that much more important.

The Cats bid farewell to seniors Lanphier, Kate Rowlands, Kelsey Fenix, Megan Jones, Sarah Gaunt and Caitlin Coughlin. The veteran squad has compiled a collective 37-31-4 record in four years of action and helped UK win the 2006 SEC Tournament.

The six would like nothing more than another opportunity to compete for another SEC Championship.

"It's such a good group of seniors and it was a good win for all of us," Rowlands said. "A lot of feelings went into today. I was nervous, anxious and excited for today."

Rowlands became the second senior to score when she put an acrobatic shot between the pipes with 32 minutes left to play.

Rowlands collected a loose ball in the box and was able to get a foot on it as she was falling down, firing a shot to the near post for her second goal of the season.

"Kelsey Fenix was able to send a beautiful ball into the box and I was just able to finish it off," Rowlands said. "I'm just so excited to score on Senior Day; I can't even explain it."

Freshman goalie Sydney Hiance made two saves to preserve her first career SEC shutout. It was the Cats' first shutout since battling Louisville to a 0-0 draw on Sept. 23.

"The win gives us more confidence, and we know we can win when we need to," Lanphier said. "We had a lot of unlucky breaks earlier this year, so it feels good to finally get some breaks our way."

## WATKINS

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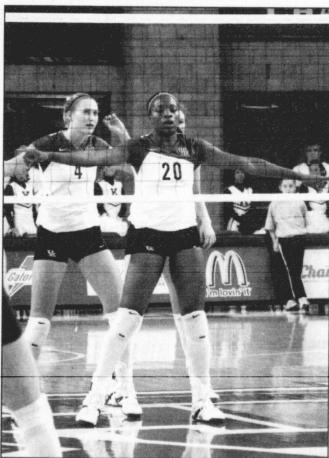
ond-class citizens." Price said Watkins doesn't lose sight of the struggle. She explained that struggle by quoting Martin Luther King Jr., who said, "An injustice anywhere is a threat to justice everywhere." "UK is like an elephant; it won't move forward," Boyce said. "I want to teach students how to be active and how to give a damn."

## ALUMNI

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The UK Alumni Association looks forward to this homecoming event every year, said Stan Key, the association's executive director. He said the event creates an opportunity to educate and motivate future leaders and to show them that they can achieve great things.

"This award says that being a minority student at UK is not overlooked," said accounting sophomore Kaelsya Woods, who received a Torch Bearer Award from the College of Business and Economics.



MATTHEW BENTLEY | STAFF  
Junior middle blocker Queen Nzenwa warms up before yesterday's game against Georgia in which she broke two block-assist records.

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Monday 29 <sup>th</sup>	Tuesday 30 <sup>th</sup>	Wednesday 31 <sup>st</sup>	Thursday 1 <sup>st</sup>	Friday 2 <sup>nd</sup>	Saturday 3 <sup>rd</sup>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Swing Dance Lessons, 8:00 PM, Tates Creek Recreation Center Ballroom</li> <li>• B-I-N-G-O, 7:00 PM, Cats Den</li> <li>• Graduate School Showcase, 11:00 AM, Student Center</li> <li>• Food 4 Body &amp; Soul, St. Augustine's Chapel 472 Rose St.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Mock Social Networking Reception, 4:30 PM, James W. Stuckert Career Center</li> <li>• Honors Program Student Council Meeting, 7:00 PM, Student Center</li> <li>• Martin School Open House, 4:30 PM, Patterson Office Tower</li> <li>• Psycho/Saw- Cheap Seat Tuesdays, 7:00 PM, Worsham Theater</li> <li>• Volunteering at the Hope Lodge, 6:00 PM,</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Learn to Knit, 7:00 PM, student Center</li> <li>• Young at Heart Meeting, 5:00 PM, Student Center</li> <li>• Project Health Meeting, 4:00 PM, Student Center</li> <li>• Comedy Caravan, 8:00 PM, Cats Den</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• STAG Meeting, Student Center</li> <li>• The Naked Truth, 7:00 PM, Student Center</li> <li>• The Final Word- Dr. DeSantis, 8:00 PM, W.T. Young Library</li> <li>• Spades Tournament, 7:00 PM, Cats Den</li> <li>• Career Center Workshop: Education Abroad and your Future, 3:30 PM, James W. Stuckert Career Center</li> <li>• CCO Board of Directors Meeting, 5:00 PM, Student Center</li> <li>• Etiquette 101, 3:00 PM, Oliver H. Raymond Bldg</li> <li>• PostSecret Exhibit, 11:00 AM, Student Center</li> <li>• DanceBlue Subcommittee Meeting, 6:00 PM, Student Center</li> <li>• National Student Exchange Info Session, 12:30 PM, Miller</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Hall</li> <li>• Mad Max: The Road Warrior, 10:00 PM, Worsham Theater</li> <li>• Italian Conversation Practice, 5:00 PM, Coffee Island</li> <li>• Sunshine, 10:00 PM, Center Theater</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Have a GREAT Weekend</li> </ul>
					<p>Sunday 4<sup>th</sup></p>

# OPINIONS

## KERNEL EDITORIAL BOARD

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### ■ KERNEL EDITORIAL

## Make Samaritan and its workers truly part of UK

UK made the correct decision to purchase Good Samaritan Hospital in February.

The acquisition alleviates the growing pressure on the medical center by relieving the patient overflow and the strain it causes on medical staff. Additionally,

because Good Samaritan is located on the edge of campus on the downtown side, it helps unite UK's campus with downtown.

And now, to make the most out of this investment,

UK has to integrate the hospital into the rest of UK HealthCare. To that end, UK needs to make Good Samaritan feel that it belongs to the community.

Part of that must eventually include putting employees at Samaritan on the same pay schedule as those at UK.

Good Samaritan employees will not be included in the salary raises for about one-fourth of employees that UK President Laq Todd announced in a campus-wide e-mail last month, according to a Sept. 28 Kernel article.

We understand that the pay raises are merit-based and that Good Samaritan employees have only a few months on record as UK employees to be evaluated. However, UK can help the integration process by giving Good Samaritan

employees separate raises in the near future, when their records are sufficient for evaluation.

Meanwhile, UK is already making progress in incorporating the newly acquired hospital through policy changes.

To make the most out of this investment, UK has to integrate Good Samaritan Hospital into the rest of UK HealthCare.

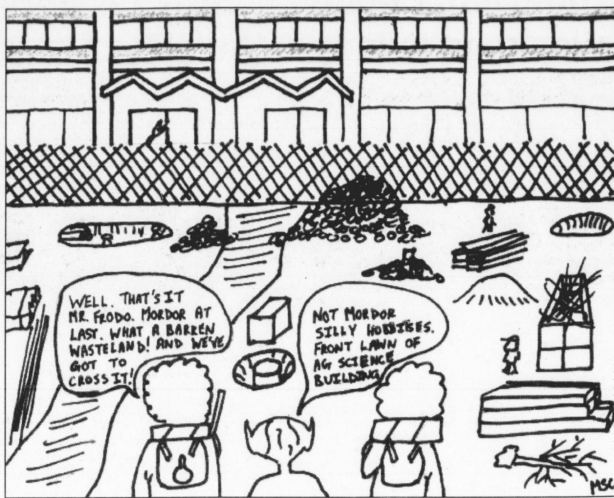
The Board of Trustees' Hospital Committee approved a tentative measure on Nov. 15 to give doctors at Good Samaritan the ability to see patients at UK Chandler Hospital, according to an Oct. 17 Kernel article.

The approved measure would be beneficial to the patients. The added mobility would help doctors provide more timely and convenient treatment to the patients.

The policy change will also improve the system. The measure would make purchasing hospital materials, pursuing legal matters and handling safety issues easier, said Michael Karpf, UK's executive vice president for health affairs, in the article.

To fully incorporate Good Samaritan into UK HealthCare, UK needs more than policy changes — it also needs to make the hospital's employees

feel they are treated equally by the university. Allowing greater mobility is a welcome start, but equal-pay treatment should begin in the next couple of years.



MARK COYNE, Kernel cartoonist

## Money to replace Rupp Arena could benefit students other ways

It would be hard to imagine UK not being plagued with hideous amounts of construction all over campus.

I've almost grown accustomed to the sound of drilling and obscure pedestrian walkways that I have to navigate through as I walk to class every day.

For UK students, construction sites on campus are nothing new — they're a necessary evil that we have learned to deal with. In fact, many students would probably welcome more construction, if it meant a new classroom building or North Campus residence halls getting air conditioning.

But neither of these things seems to be in the foreseeable future of campus construction.

Last week, Lexington Mayor Jim Newberry announced potential plans to replace Rupp Arena, a project that could last five years, according to an Oct. 24 Kernel article.

And as excited as I would be to see a new basketball stadium, unnecessary construction is far from what UK needs.

It's understandable that Lexington officials want to use resources available to them to invest in projects that will benefit the city, and a new stadium would definitely do such a thing, but Newberry needs to take strong consideration before investing in such a project.

UK's financial priorities are already obscenely lopsided, and for a university that stresses on research and academics as it does, this should not be the case. Investing such a large amount of money to build a new stadium while neglecting many buildings on campus — such as the White Hall Classroom Building, Dickey Hall and several North Campus dorms — would show the unreasonable priority that is given to profit over academics.

Of course, I'm not an idealist. I realize that both the city of Lexington and UK have to make money in order to be successful to both their residents and students, and that opportunities to do so shouldn't be ignored.

But the apathy that is displayed toward education at this university is appalling. Newberry should consider using funds that Lexington might have to invest in the academic productivity at UK, which means giving all students reasonable dorms and classrooms that look less like prison cells. It's not his responsibility to care about these problems, but it's not out of his reach.

But there are more reasons against replacing Rupp Arena than misplaced priorities.

In 2010, Lexington and UK will have the opportunity to showcase our city and campus as the host of the World Equestrian Games. This is one of the best opportunities our city has had to let people see that we are more than the toothless hillbillies that they think we are, and we don't want to spoil it by having nothing but vast construction zones to show off.

The arena project, which would last five years while hospital construction continues, would most likely cause tremendous traffic problems and eradicate any aesthetic value that our downtown might have once had.

Although replacing Rupp Arena would be beneficial to Lexington and UK, now is not the time for anyone to take on such a project. There are other problems at UK that need to be addressed first, and it would be unwise to take on such a huge event just as we get ready to host the World Equestrian Games.

It's understandable that Newberry would love to see this initiated under his watch. And we'd all love to see a newer, bigger and more attractive arena. But for now, Rupp Arena needs to stay put.

Brett Nolan is a philosophy sophomore. E-mail opinions@kykernel.com.

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BRETT NOLAN  
Kernel columnist

## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

### Find ways to spur fans' excitement

Sports is momentum. Sports is fan support and enthusiasm. But UK is not getting it!

The perfect example was the Oct. 20 football game against the University of Florida at Commonwealth Stadium. The programming continues to take the crowd out of the game with each break in the action.

There is a time for recognition, but when the crowd is ready to fire up the team, it seems we always find introductions in the end zone zapping our game spirit. Cut the commercials, and please let us fire up our team. We have had a national audience and great crowds, yet UK has failed miserably at showing we know how to be a big-time boost to the team.

Football is exciting at UK. The fan spirit is high, yet UK marketing does very little to increase crowd enthusiasm. Pre-game is good, but during the game it is a dismal effort from our press box. When the excitement is high, get us higher.

Play some good music. Play "Respect" — we now have it. Play "Dance to the Music" — we will. Play "Hot Hot Hot" — we are! These stadium anthems are badly needed and wanted by the UK faithful. Also, realize we often cannot hear the band and put microphones for them. Again, momentum

is everything in sports!

Most universities have their "song." We need one! We need a tune that fires up the crowd and that filters to the team. We want to "Shout" for our Cats.

Janet Clark  
UK alumna

### Cartoonist's portrayals are offensive, uninformed

In light of Tuesday's editorial cartoon by Tom Wilkins suggesting that Hamlet's friend might be homosexual because of the way he dresses and the way he talks and Thursday's editorial cartoon, also by Tom Wilkins, stating that Actors Guild of Lexington is producing "S#!@!" (I assume he means the "S" word) leads me to believe that the Kernel is enjoying its developing reputation for being irresponsible in the cartoonists it chooses.

Tuesday's cartoon was blatant, ugly bigotry, and Thursday's was incredibly uninformed in saying that AGL uses only the same director and actors. In fact, Artistic Director Richard St. Peter has directed only eight out of the 24 productions since his arrival at AGL. Three of the "Hamlet" cast members were onstage with AGL in the Black Box theater for the first time. Only one member of the

"Hamlet" cast has been on AGL's stage more than five times in the last 24 productions.

A quick phone call or e-mail could have gotten Tom Wilkins this information. I think the Kernel would be better served by continuing to run the ad announcing "Cartoonists Needed" than to fill that page with ignorance.

### Support 2nd Amendment along with free speech

I find it interesting how the Kernel Editorial Board is quick to support students in the exercising of their First Amendment rights while touting the denial of their Second Amendment rights!

In the Oct. 26 editorial "For safety's sake, campus gun ban should remain," the board wrote that "others may feel that the threat of another Virginia Tech massacre effort for the general student populace to have the right to carry concealed weapons for purposes of self-defense." The students already have that right but are denied it through unjust school policy.

The board continues by discounting the above right of the students by speaking of "risks" and "vigilante justice."

The term "vigilante" is a trump card in the anti-Second Amendment movement that is nothing more than sensationalism of a problem that does not exist. Permit holders are only able to defend themselves or others within the confines of the law, no more, no less. They cannot go around shooting everyone who merely seems threatening.

The board also brings up safety. Studies have shown that concealed-carry weapon permit holders have a better safety record in the handling of weapons than even the police.

Anyone who has bothered to obtain a concealed-carry permit is acutely aware of the anti-gun sentiment that runs through certain segments of society and does not wish to bring attention to himself or herself. Permit holders tend to not get into trouble, as they do not wish to lose their permits. As such, they do not drink and carry or go around looking for trouble.

Not everyone wants to carry concealed, nor do they have to for concealed carry to be a success. In fact, concealed carry works to reduce crimes by having the criminals not know if their next victim is going to follow Utah's lead and clarify state law to preclude state colleges from administratively disciplining students for merely carrying guns legally.

I believe that the board's position is one based on emotion and not on fact. Its irrational fear of firearms has led it to not support law-abiding persons who have passed criminal background checks and mandatory training for defending themselves

and others.

That is a shameful position from a body that supports the First Amendment so vehemently yet will dismiss the Second Amendment with equal fanfare.

Robert Gillett  
Former UK student

### Weapons-free campuses disregard students' rights

The Kernel Editorial Board shoots blanks by writing that "UK is currently a deadly-weapons-free campus" in the Oct. 26 editorial "For safety's sake, campus gun ban should remain." UK's mere administrative gun ban lacks both campus-access screening and any criminal penalty for violation, rendering the rule simply a feel-good effort to pretend that UK is a "deadly-weapons-free campus."

Like most states, it is not a crime for adult students or members of the general public to carry guns on state college campuses, either openly or, for those with permits, concealed. It's time for Kentucky and all other states to follow Utah's lead and clarify state law to preclude state colleges from administratively disciplining students for merely carrying guns legally.

Mike Stollenwerk  
Co-founder of OpenCarry.org



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Jason Ashley, a communication senior, plays Michael Jackson's part in the dance sequence from the music video for "Thriller" downtown last night during the Thriller Parade, which was hosted by Mecca Live Studio and Gallery.

WHITNEY WATERS STAFF

## Downtown streets crawl with undead as UK student plays Jackson in parade

By Whitney Waters  
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As darkness fell across Lexington, and zombies crawled through the streets, Jason Ashley thrilled his audience in the role of a lifetime.

Ashley, a communication senior, became the 1980s version of Michael Jackson as he gelled his curly hair, wore an imitation of Jackson's now-infamous red leather jacket and performed the dance sequence from the music video "Thriller."

Mecca Live Studio and Gallery presented the annual Thriller Parade last night on Main Street downtown. Thou-

sands watched as three people dressed as Jackson and about 100 zombies, which emerged everywhere from trash cans to bushes, performed the entire dance sequence from Jackson's "Thriller."

This year's parade was the sixth production of the performance, but the first year that three Michael Jacksons had been used. They were chosen through auditions where each finalist performed with a group of zombies. The choice of who would be Jackson was based off of cheers from the audience of organizers and other zombies, Ashley said.

"They called up anyone that

wanted to be Michael Jackson," Ashley said. "We had a dance-off, and it was based on crowd response."

The auditions were dead-even throughout each performance, said Jon Prewitt, who was chosen to play Jackson as well.

"We couldn't decide between the three because each had something to offer," said Teresa Tomb, owner of and dance instructor for Mecca.

Along with Ashley and Prewitt, Aunshie Hall was also chosen to play the role of Michael Jackson for the parade. Ashley decided to be in the play after he took advice from a

friend. "One of my friends tried out to be a zombie," Ashley said. "She told me about the part."

Initially Ashley said that he was really excited about playing the role of Jackson, but that nerves had replaced the excitement.

"I want to make sure that I remember all the moves," Ashley said.

The nerves that Ashley may have felt before the parade did not seem to show as a crowd circled around him during his stretch of the parade and cheered during his "Thriller" performance.

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