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## Web portal continues to confound students, staff

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Jerry Giles gave up on his UK e-mail account after it told him, "Your password has expired," forcing him to make a special trip to campus.

"I don't even use it anymore. I just use Yahoo," said Giles, a UK graduate student. "And I had to come all the way here from Georgetown just to get my transcript because it wouldn't let me log on."

New password regulations are a small facet of UK's online campus management, the student information system that went live this February, and includes students' e-mail, billing and personal information, and class registration capabilities.

UK is still working through some of the changes that have caused problems since the program launched, said Kathy Hamperian, director of information management and technical project manager of IRIS, a computer management system UK is implementing.

"Change is hard for everybody, but we're working through all that," Hamperian said. "I think students can adapt much better than some of us."

Advisers and students experienced trouble this spring and summer when registering for fall classes.

Cathy Hunt, director of student services in the College of Communications and Information Studies, said she still has some trouble with the system.

"My problem with it is that it's so slow," Hunt said. "I spend a lot of time staring at the computer."

Students came to Hunt to check their  
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## SG retools freshman leadership program

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Student Government has renamed and revamped its freshman program in hopes of making it more effective at developing new students into campus leaders.

The Leadership Development Program, previously called the Freshman Representative Council, will focus more on leadership skills and involvement, a change SG Vice President Brittany Langdon said will help make the program more worthwhile.

"I didn't think the name FRC really summed up what it was," Langdon said. "It is not really a representative council, but about leaders on campus. We wanted to change the program as a whole."

Langdon said she looked at other universities' freshman organizations and talked with students who had been in the FRC for ideas on how to improve the program.

"Last year, people didn't think it was all that it could be," Langdon said. "It was pretty ineffective."

Freshmen involved in the retooled program will volunteer in community service projects, participate in a mentoring system, and hear guest speakers from student organizations and the UK administration.

Campus involvement is a key part of adjusting to college life, Langdon said, and the need for the reorganized freshman program was clear to her.

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## New hire to focus on women's health

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The first of five endowed chairs established by the Center for Research on Violence Against Women has been hired and will join UK tomorrow.

Ann L. Coker was named the Verizon Wireless Endowed Chair of Studies on Violence Against Women after a nationwide search and will focus on women's health.

The center's endowed chairs, which will be based in multiple colleges throughout UK and collaborate on research efforts, are not common in universities, said Carol Jordan, the center's director.

Coker said she is thrilled about the opportuni-

ties of the new job.

"It is really quite amazing," she said. "It's a special thing you guys have here."

Coker is currently an epidemiology professor at the University of Texas-Houston Health Science Center in the School of Public Health. Her work focuses on the physical and mental health effects of intimate partner violence running the gamut from spouses to adolescent couples. Coker said she wants to continue documenting health effects to help prevent violence.

"We are moving beyond criminal justice to a public health and medical approach," she said. "The next step is to move to an educational approach."

The remaining four chairs will focus on women's mental health, multicultural study, expe-

riences of children and violent offenders.

Coker will be based in the College of Medicine, where she will work closely with Dr. James E. Ferguson, chair of the Department of Obstetrics and Gynecology.

Coker will bring expertise to the department and be a terrific resource in training students in women's care, Ferguson said.

"I see her working to further discover causes and relationships between intimate partner violence and adverse pregnancy outcomes," he said.

Coker's work will benefit patients, the department and the university, as well as other regional and national institutions, Ferguson said.

The center will also work very closely with the Violence Intervention and Prevention Center to  
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## 'STEELING' THE SHOW



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Mike Hardin, a music sophomore, plays a drum made from an automobile brake during the UK Steel Band's practice yesterday in the Fine Arts Building.

Rocking out to the beat of their own drums, the UK Steel Band can occasionally be heard echoing through the halls of the Fine Arts Building. Directed by Jim Campbell for about 15 years, the UK Steel Band is made up of music majors who specialize in percussion.

The band was formed in 1992 as part of the percussion studies program in the School of Music. Every year the UK Steel Band performs its program 'Drums: From Africa to Trinidad' for 5,000 or more elementary and secondary school students.

The UK Steel Band is part of a larger group called the UK Percussion Ensemble — which won the Percussive Arts Society International Collegiate Percussion Ensemble Competition this year for the third time, an accomplishment no other group in the world has matched.

This prestigious accomplishment has earned the group a rare showcase concert at the PAS International Convention in Columbus, Ohio, on Nov. 1. It will also be holding a free concert Oct. 14 at 7:30 p.m. in the Singletary Center for the Arts.



Professor Jim Campbell directs as he plays with the UK Steel Band yesterday in the Fine Arts Building. Campbell has been directing the band for 15 years.

## Football player pleads not guilty to traffic charges, resisting arrest

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UK wide receiver Steve Johnson Jr. will still play in Saturday's season opener against Eastern Kentucky despite his arrest Wednesday evening.

Johnson, a senior, was arrested and charged with four traffic violations and resisting arrest Wednesday evening, according to a police report.

He pleaded not guilty to the charges yesterday afternoon and is scheduled to reappear in court Sept. 21.

Johnson was on the way to the hospital to visit junior cornerback David Jones, who had an

emergency appendectomy Tuesday, when Lexington police pulled him over, head coach Rich Brooks said.

Brooks decided to let Johnson play Saturday while the legal process takes its course, saying yesterday that the team will "internally" deal with the arrest.

"We'll let this play out in the court," Brooks said. "I'm very comfortable with playing him and dealing with the issues inside."

Some of the charges may have been "a little

exaggerated," Brooks said.

"It's interesting that a young man would resist arrest on the way to see a teammate when he's got his parents coming to town to see him play in a game," Brooks said. "We'll just have to see how it all plays out."

Lexington police pulled over Johnson on Laredo Drive at 7:20 p.m. Wednesday for not wearing a seat belt. After being pulled over, the officer told Johnson he had a warrant for failing to appear in court, the police report said.

According to the report, Johnson was asked to step outside the car upon which he "pulled away from officers with his hands and shoulders and

had to be taken to the ground."

Police arrested Johnson shortly after 7:30 p.m. In addition to a charge of resisting arrest, he was charged with failure to wear a seat belt, failure to maintain required insurance, no license plate tags and no license in his possession, the police report said.

Johnson was released from the Fayette County Detention Center at 11:15 p.m. Wednesday on a \$572 bail, which included his bond and a previous fine of \$189 from a traffic violation and court costs, according to the detention center.

Johnson has 12 career receptions at UK and is listed as the third wide receiver on the depth chart.

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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 7 — Don't be shy about taking charge of the situation. Others need a strong leader, and your talents are obvious.

**Taurus** (April 20-May 20) — Today is a 6 — You may think it's hard to do your best when you're pressured and behind schedule. Don't worry. Actually, you work very well under these conditions.

**Gemini** (May 21-June 21) — Today is an 8 — Let the others do the talking. Answer the questions you're asked. You'll be surprised at how much you know, and so will every-

one else.  
**Cancer** (June 22-July 22) — Today is an 8 — Others respect your opinion, and with good reason. You're often right. That's because you do the homework and consistently keep your word.

**Leo** (July 23-Aug. 22) — Today is a 6 — The farther out you get, the more you realize you don't know. No need to tell the others. Learn fast as you go along.

**Virgo** (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) — Today is a 7 — Sometimes it's not easy to ask for help from parents and guardians. Asking for advice is a better idea, anyway.

**Libra** (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) — Today is a 6 — Let your friends take care of you for a little while longer. They're better suited for the task at hand. You provide support of the emotional kind.

**Scorpio** (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) — Today is a 7 — Put your heart and back into the task and it's almost easy. Others are impressed by your work, and the pay is good. Postpone fun.

**Sagittarius** (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) — Today is a 7 — You should maintain decorum, as important people are watching. You don't have to be crisp all the time, however. There'll be room to relax.

**Capricorn** (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) — Today is a 6 — Household chores demand your attention, making it difficult to take off on adventures wherein you solve all the world's problems. It's OK; you can delegate that.

**Aquarius** (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) — Today is a 7 — You don't have to do this all by yourself — you can consult an expert. How do you convince that person to help you? Make your facts easy to understand.

**Pisces** (Feb. 19-March 20) — Today is a 7 — The money should be starting to come in by now, so you don't have to worry about that. Plan a shopping trip for tomorrow.

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## BRIDGET AND TOM — A BITTER CELEBRATION

Two hours after Moynahan delivers son John via C-section, Brady arrives to find an environment that's more hostile than happy

nearly three years of dating) for much of her pregnancy, instead choosing to romance his current squeeze, supermodel Gisele Bündchen, 27. "Tom didn't help one bit to prepare for this baby," a source tells Us. "Bridget did everything herself, including getting the nursery together. The last few weeks were hard, but he was constantly preoccupied." Even Brady (who's in the throes of preseason football) hinted at possible unrest in an August 20 interview. When asked if he would be present for his child's birth, he responded, "I hope so. ... We'll deal with it when it happens." He added, "A lot of people make sacrifices for their family, and I'm dealing with a certain situation."

### Rough Reunion

In fact, Brady did make an effort to attend the birth. A source tells Us that he flew via private plane (courtesy of the Patriots' owner) on the morning of August 22 to be there on time but was still in transit when Moynahan delivered baby John via C-section around noon. Brady finally arrived at 2 p.m. and went to her private suite. But unlike the other celebratory rooms, "the mood was very somber," says a source. "Their parents gave them time alone to try and work things out, but Bridget is very bitter."

The mixed feelings were evident on August 23, when Moynahan's dad was overheard lamenting about the situation in

the hospital waiting room. Reports an eyewitness, "He said, 'TB is still here. I think he's fallen in love with the little guy. They are still sorting things out, but there's only so much you can say as parents before it becomes grating.'" The next morning, a spent Brady traveled to Charlotte, North Carolina, for a preseason Patriots game.

### The Road Ahead

What's next? Baby steps. On August 25, Moynahan checked out of the hospital and returned to her home in L.A. And though no custody arrangement has been finalized yet, Brady — who earned \$29 million last year and starts his season on September 9 — has taken time off to be with his son. (Bündchen, meanwhile, is currently in NYC. "This has been causing problems for Tom and Gisele. She doesn't like Bridget calling so much," says a source.) Brady "will be as good a dad as he is a quarterback," says a pal. "He takes care of everyone around him and is committed to his child." If so, he'll have to stick to a disciplined game plan. "Bridget wants nothing to do with Tom," says one Moynahan source. "Bridget is excited about the baby and wants to move on with her life as a single mom."

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## Brooks embraces expectations

### Cats look to build on last season's 8 wins, Music City Bowl victory

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Rich Brooks wants more. From his team, from his coaching staff and from his program's fans. Brooks doesn't want a satisfied comfort to settle into Big Blue Nation after last season's eight wins and Music City Bowl victory.

That's why Brooks spent much of the offseason sending UK fans the same message he's sent his football team since the confetti fell after the Music City Bowl: 2006 is over.

Though the UK head football coach extended his stay in Lexington with an 8-5 record and UK's first bowl victory since 1984, he's not focused on what his team did last season.

"Last year is done," Brooks said. "It's gone. It's past. You can feel good about it, but if you're thinking a lot about it, you're not thinking about what you've got to do this year. We have to go forward this year and the challenge is enormous."

The enormous challenge Brooks spoke of is the Cats' schedule, which features three Bowl Championship Series winners in Louisville, Louisiana State and defending national champion Florida. The schedule also includes defending Southeastern Conference West Division Champion Arkansas and preseason top 25 teams Tennessee and Georgia.

Brooks scoffed at the notion that the schedule will preclude the Cats from building on last season's success.

"The interesting thing to me is that three years ago, two years ago, four years ago, everybody expected us to beat those teams we haven't beaten in a long time with 68 scholarship players coming out of a very tough time in Kentucky football history," Brooks said. "And now, with the best team we've had, a lot of them are saying, 'Boy, you know this schedule's really tough. I don't know if we can beat these teams.'"

Instead of viewing the schedule as a hindrance, Brooks told his team to look at it as a series of opportunities to continue UK's rise in the college football ranks.

He wants the fans to do the same.

"We did some things Kentucky hadn't done in a long time (last year)," Brooks said. "Well look at our schedule, folks. We can do a lot of things this year that Kentucky hasn't done in a long time."

The Cats ended an ignominious streak last season by knocking off Georgia for the first time in a decade. Then UK ended a 22-year bowl victory drought when they defeated Clemson in the Music City Bowl.

In 2007, the schedule will provide the Cats with plenty of opportunities to earn more defining victories. UK hasn't beaten in-state rival Louisville since 2002. UK will also have opportunities to end decades-long losing streaks against conference foes Florida (20 years) and Tennessee (22 years). The Cats haven't defeated a top 10 team since 1974, when they beat ninth-ranked Florida.

But an even more ominous streak hangs over the Cats as they enter 2007: UK hasn't won back-to-back bowl games since 1951-52.

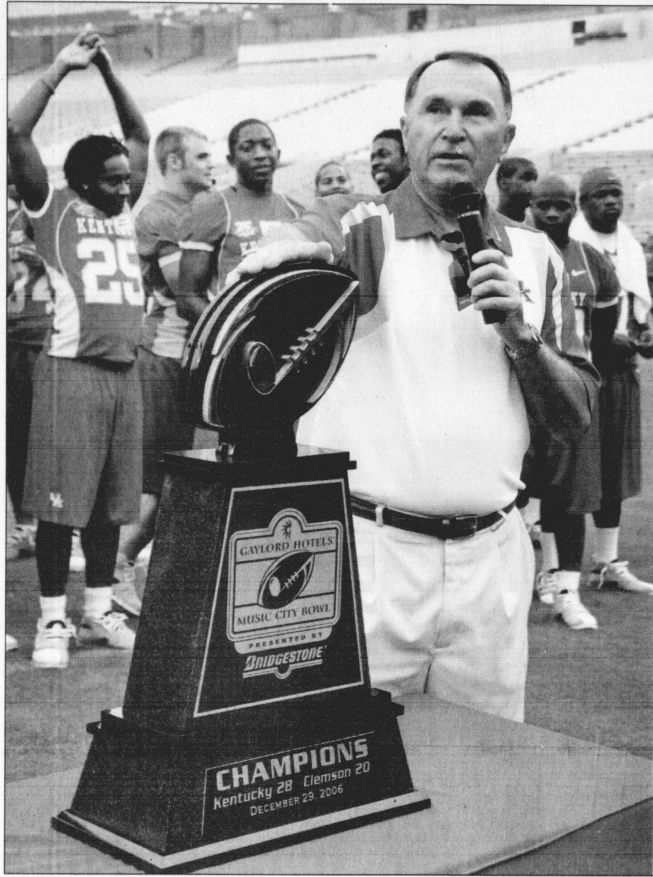
Brooks set his goals high for the Cats at the UK Alumni Association Kickoff Luncheon in Louisville last week when he told fans that he expected his team to compete for an honor the program hasn't had since 1976: an SEC championship.

"It would be a tragedy if we don't follow up with another bowl game," Brooks said. "It will be a major disappointment if we don't figure into the SEC championship race in some way. If we don't get it, we'll have a lot to say in who does get it."

UK went 6-1 at home in 2006, welcome numbers for a team that has eight games at Commonwealth Stadium this year. But with a tougher slate of games in Lexington this fall, the Cats will need every advantage the home crowd can give them, Brooks said.

If UK fans flock to Commonwealth Stadium this year, where nearly 50,000 blue-clad faithful flooded Nashville on game day, that home field advantage will be ensured, he told fans at the luncheon.

"If you people will show up like you showed up down in Nashville," Brooks said, "it's going to be a really fun year in Kentucky football."



UK head coach Rich Brooks has his eye on another post-season trophy after winning the Music City Bowl in Nashville last year but faces a tougher schedule. "It would be tragedy if we don't follow up with another bowl game," he said at a pre-season luncheon.

## Fans hope for streak-stopping season

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New signs adorning Commonwealth Stadium for the 2007 season urge UK fans to "believe."

"Believe in Loyalty," says the sign bearing the face of wide receiver Keenan Burton.

Or "Leadership," says quarterback Andre Woodson's similar sign.

Yet another, this one with the face of linebacker Wesley Woodyard says "Believe in Hard Hits."

Apparently, UK fans are buying in to all of the above.

Approximately 7,000 Cat fans attended Fan Day on Aug. 4. A line stretched from one corner of the field at Commonwealth Stadium to the other for Woodson's autograph. Lines for Woodyard and Burton were similar.

Brooks received two standing ovations from the crowd, a welcome sign for the formerly

embattled coach who, before last season, often struggled to earn the support of the fan base.

Both Brooks and UK fans know what is at stake for the Cats in 2007: the chance to continue the program's rise from the depths of college football.

For fans like Joe Stamper, 32, higher expectations are what give UK the chance to have an even better season in 2007.

"That's what it's going to take to turn this (program) around," said Stamper, of Middlesboro, Ky. "Rich has shown so much confidence this pre-season, and he's trying to carry it over to his team, and I think that's where we'll see our program start to change."

Stamper was among the multitude at Fan Day predicting as many as nine wins for the Cats in 2007. UK last won nine games in 1984.

The Cats won't have an easy road to nine wins, though. Multiple pre-season publications ranked UK's schedule among



Brad Luttrell | STAFF FILE PHOTO  
Cats fans could repeat the scene from last season's UK win over Georgia if the team can live up to increased expectations.

the ten toughest in the country. But Stamper said UK fans who cite the tough schedule as a reason to lower expectations are only creating excuses.

"Instead of looking at (the positives) and the fact that we won some tough games last year, there are still people look-

ing at Kentucky of the past and looking for excuses for why the season may not be good," he said.

For Brian Gilliam, 26, the schedule provides UK with plenty of opportunities to earn another season-defining win, much like the win over Georgia

in 2006.

"It's going to be the turning point of this program, beating a Florida or LSU (Louisiana State University) or Tennessee," said Gilliam, who predicted eight UK victories this season. "If we don't beat those teams, we're going to be looked at next year the same way we have been in the past."

Gilliam, his brother Eric, 30, and friend Kevin Creech, 37, are each 15-year season ticket holders and each are taking an optimistic stance to the 2007 season.

Creech said he expects UK to compete for the SEC East title.

"Why not?" he asked. "Several kids are coming back, and we've had some big talent upgrades. Why not us?"

Eric Gilliam felt the same way. "We do the same things here that all the other big-time schools in the country do," Gilliam said. "We work hard every year. Why can't this be our year?"

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# seasonrundown

Breaking down the 2007 season  
By Chris DeLotell



**Sept. 1 v. Eastern Kentucky**  
**Why UK will win:** Because if the Cats drop this one, you can forget about everything. The season would be over before barely before it started.  
**Why UK will lose:** Good luck finding a valid reason for this UK team to lose an above-average Division I-AA team. If you really need one, take the emotional high that EKU will be on as they travel just 20 miles up the road.  
**Final score:** UK 42, EKU 10.



**Sept. 8 v. Kent State**  
**Why UK will win:** Because this Cats team has the veteran experience and leadership to not look past an opponent from the Mid-American Conference.  
**Why UK will lose:** Because this Cats program has had one heck of a time with MAC opponents in recent years. Anybody remember Ohio University? Central Michigan almost won at Commonwealth last season.  
**Final score:** UK 34, Kent 17.



**Sept. 15 v. Louisville**  
**Why UK will win:** It's due. If Rich Brooks and company are ever going to beat their cross-state rival, it must happen this season. UK understands that this game will set the tone for its season, and the Cats know the importance of thrilling the more than 60,000 fans who paid \$70 a ticket. Louisville has a new coaching staff and will be untested in its first two games.  
**Why UK will lose:** Louisville still has better talent. The Cardinals dispatched the Cats easily at Papa John's Stadium last season and, with Brian Brohm back in the saddle, will be too much for the rebuilt UK defense to handle.  
**Final score:** UK 38, UofL 31.



**Sept. 22 at Arkansas**  
**Why UK will win:** The offseason melo-drama in Fayetteville took its toll on head coach Houston Nutt and his players, and they'll be worn out by the season's fourth week. The Cats will be playing with a high level of confidence after a 3-0 start.  
**Why UK will lose:** Two words — Darren McFadden. The Hogs running back is a stud, and he'll run all over a UK defense that doesn't exactly have a propensity for shutting down the ground game.  
**Final score:** Arkansas 35, UK 24.



**Sept. 29 v. Florida Atlantic**  
**Why UK will win:** The Owls, coached by former UofL head man Howard Schnellenberger, are accustomed to taking the lumps that come with a guarantee-game payday. They gave up more than 40 points in all four of their games against major conference opponents last season.  
**Why UK will lose:** With 18 returning starters and a veteran head coach, FAU is the best team in the Sun Belt Conference. And the University of Louisiana at Monroe gave UK fits last season at Commonwealth.  
**Final score:** UK 24, FAU 13.



**Oct. 4 at South Carolina**  
**Why UK will win:** The Cats will be so jacked up to play on national television on a Thursday night that they'll overcome the Columbia crowd and a certain visor-wearing head coach. UK's defense will get tired of being regarded as the weak link and will stiffen against biased Gamecocks quarterback Blake Mitchell.

**Why UK will lose:** Two more words — Steve Spurrier. He's never lost to UK in his career at Florida and South Carolina. Why would he start, especially with those bright ESPN lights shining on his rebuilt program?  
**Final score:** UK 27, USC 24.



**Oct. 13 v. Louisiana State**  
**Why UK will win:** If there's any reason, it's this: The Cats will have a couple extra days of rest after playing USC on the previous Thursday. Plus, LSU plays Florida the week before it travels to Lexington.  
**Why UK will lose:** The talent gap is just too wide, especially on defense. How can we forget that 49-0 shel-lacking last season?  
**Final score:** LSU 31, UK 14.



**Oct. 20 v. Florida**  
**Why UK will win:** The Cats played valiantly in defeat last season in Gainesville, and this year get the Gators at home. While Florida has won 20 in a row in the series, Commonwealth Stadium has been the site of some close calls. Florida lost nearly everything from last season's National Title win.  
**Why UK will lose:** It's still Florida, and there's still gobs of talent on the roster. Tim Tebow has the ability to torch the Cats' defense on the ground and through the air.  
**Final score:** UK 24, Florida 21.



**Oct. 27 v. Mississippi State**  
**Why UK will win:** It's players are better. Mississippi State will make huge strides in year three of the Sylvester Croon era, but Brooks' rebuilding project is a few years ahead of the one in Starkville. Plus, this one will be played in front of the fourth sell-out crowd of the season at Commonwealth.  
**Why UK will lose:** The Cats will be so high after their win over Florida the previous week that they'll overlook the Bulldogs and lose one they shouldn't.  
**Final score:** UK 24, MSU 20.



**Nov. 11 at Vanderbilt**  
**Why UK will win:** The Cats have dominated the series in the last decade, and UK has better skill players and more depth.  
**Why UK will lose:** Vandy might need this one to clinch bowl eligibility for the first time since 1982. And it's in Nashville.  
**Final score:** Vandy 28, UK 21.



**Nov. 18 at Georgia**  
**Why UK will win:** The Cats have done it before — last season, when Treadard Lindsey sealed the turnaround-defining win in Lexington.  
**Why UK will lose:** You think Mark Richt will allow his team to forget last season's game? What would they do in Athens after losing two in a row to UK?  
**Final score:** Georgia 31, UK 20.



**Nov. 25 v. Tennessee**  
**Why UK will win:** The Vols simply aren't that good. They limped home down the stretch last season. Quarterback Erik Ainge lost his top three receivers from a team that UK should have beaten in Knoxville.  
**Why UK will lose:** Because it's happened against UT for 22 straight years.  
**Final score:** UK 35, UT 21.  
**Projected record:** 6-4 (4-4 Southeastern Conference)  
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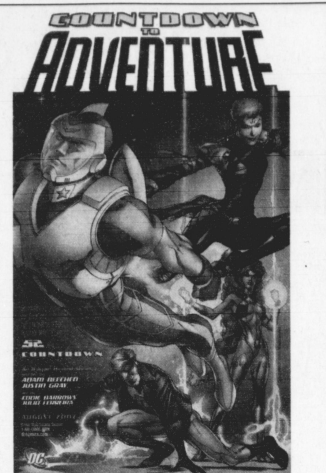
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## UK vs. EKU: POSITION BY POSITION

By Eric Lindsey  
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### Quarterbacks



**Advantage:** The numbers are simple. Eastern Kentucky University quarterback Josh Greco threw more interceptions (13) than touchdowns (10) last year. Meanwhile, UK senior quarterback Andre Woodson tossed 31 touchdown passes to just 7 picks. Greco might possess one tool — a strong arm — but in this contest, he is clearly overmatched. Woodson proved last year that he is the real deal and garnered several preseason honors, including being tabbed a first-team All-American by ESPN.com.

### Running Backs



EKU has an exciting 1-2-3 punch at the running back position. Seniors Mark Dunn and Bobby Washington combined for more than 1,300 yards last year and sophomore C.J. Walker is expected to get more carries this year. The Cats might have lacked a 1-2-3 combination last year with the injuries to senior Rafael Little and junior Tony Dixon, but in the process, they opened the door for sophomore Alfonzo Smith to get carries, adding to the Cats' potent ground attack.

### Receivers



Seniors Kyle Barber and Quinton Williams are the only returning receivers who saw significant playing time at the wide out position for EKU last year. The departure of All-American Patrick Burg leaves the Colonels extremely thin at receiver. The Cats were fortunate when All-Southeastern Conference receiver Keenan Burton opted to return for his senior season instead of jumping to the NFL. Burton, All-SEC senior tight end Jacob Tamme and junior wide out Dicky Lyons, Jr. give the Cats one of the most dangerous receiving trios in the SEC.

### Offensive Line



The Colonels have experience. The Cats don't. If there is any area that UK might be lacking this year on offense, it's the on the line. The Cats lost three starters to graduation, but fifth-year head coach Rich Brooks still thinks it might be his most athletic offensive line he has ever had at UK. The Colonels return four of their five starters from last year but will have a tough time facing an SEC defense.

### Overall



Don't expect a Cats letdown even with all the talk and hype surrounding this season. The Cats are too hungry to get the season underway and too talented to have any problem with the Colonels. UK's offense should put up plenty of numbers tomorrow, but look for the Cats' defense to be the answer in this one. After back-to-back disappointing seasons on the defensive side of the ball, the Cats return an experienced defensive unit and should have any easy time controlling Greco and company.

### Linebackers



**Advantage:** Like the defensive line, EKU lacks experience here as well. Look for senior George Anderson to make some noise at the middle linebacker position after switching from the defensive line. UK junior Braxton Kelley, who is coming off a high ankle sprain, won't start tomorrow, but he is expected to play. Sophomore Micah Johnson will start in Kelley's place and should be a force to deal with tomorrow after making some of the biggest strides of any UK player in the offseason.

### Defensive Backs



One of the more intriguing match-ups of the day will be Colonel cornerback Derrick Huff against Burton. Huff led the Ohio Valley Conference last year with 11 pass break-ups and will have help over the top from All-OVC safety Brandon Gathof. UK sophomore cornerback Trevard Lindley is an up-and-coming star in the SEC. With the big-play ability of junior free safety Marcus McClinton (team-high four interceptions and five forced fumbles) and senior strong safety Roger Williams (two interceptions and three fumble recoveries), the Cats should give the EKU passing game headaches all day.

### Special Teams



Tomorrow's clash will feature explosive return games from both teams. Colonel wide receiver Davin Walker returned a kick 100 yards for a touchdown against Murray State last year, and defensive back Garnett Phelps averaged a decent 12.4 yards per return on punts. UK's return game is just as explosive, as it led the nation last year in punt returns with a 20.4 yards per return and placed 10th in the nation in kickoff returns with a 24-yard average. Little will return the majority of the punts while Burton and Lyons will share kickoff return duties.

### Defensive Line



EKU's defensive line is big, but inexperienced. Colonel defensive end Cardius Dowell leads the line with 8.5 career sacks — 2.5 more sacks than the other three projected starters combined. Junior defensive tackle Myron Pryor's one-game suspension for violating team rules makes the Cats dangerously thin at defensive tackle. If sophomore defensive end Jeremy Jarmon continues to build on last year's late-season surge, the Cats will have a legitimate pass-rushing threat on the outside.



Keenan Burton opted to return to UK for his senior year as part of the Cats' powerful trio of receivers. **BRAD LUTTRELL** / STAFF FILE PHOTO

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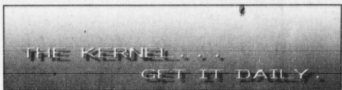
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## Stellar SEC challenges Cats' hopes

It's been a long 235 days since the last snap taken in the Bowl Championship Series championship game that crowned the Florida Gators.



**J.D. WILLIAMS**  
Kernel columnist

For those of you who fought the good fight and endured temptation from arena football, your wait has finally come to an end.

The season-opening weekend of college football is upon us, a grand time indeed, especially in SEC country, especially in Lexington.

Here, in a place more known for hoops and horses, there is a different feel in the air approaching this season.

Call it the "optimistic haze," and it's looming over Commonwealth Stadium.

The team that was once the doormat of the Southeastern Conference has apparently been promoted to doorknob, which shows progress in the nation's strongest football conference. Now, a little momentum from last season's Music City Bowl win followed with a strong grip, a slight turn to the right and a bold step through the doorway will place the Cats eyelevel with an opportunity to go where the program has never gone before, a possible BCS berth. At the end of the day UK's growing football program adds depth to a stellar conference that has multiple national championships spread amongst four league coaches.

"What sets us apart even more so is the amount of resources, facilities, passion and coaching that we have," Georgia head coach Mark Richt said during a SEC press conference in April.

"The biggest thing is the championship game; not the national championship, but the SEC championship game," he said.

Richt's No.13 ranked team is one-of-six teams with preseason rankings in the SEC. No.2

Louisiana State, No. 6 Florida, No. 15 Tennessee, No. 18 Auburn and No. 21 Arkansas complete a list of teams that surpassed the Big Ten and Big 12 to make the SEC the conference with the most preseason rankings.

But what solidifies the SEC as the premiere football conference is not those teams that have stirred national attention, it's the sleepers. There are three other teams in the conference that have received at least one preseason vote — South Carolina (69), Alabama (66) and UK (1).

For most teams in the conference, the attention of Associated Press voters is nothing new, but for UK it's uncharted waters.

Climbing to the top of the SEC, whether it be this season or within the next five seasons, is nearly impossible for UK. However, being mentioned as a team that can compete at a level slightly above .500 in conference play and nab a bowl game annually is feasible.

For that reason, the Cats can definitely be optimistic heading into this season.

"This league's always been tough," UK head coach Rich Brooks said at a press conference in April. "They're going to attract some very good coaches in this league. We've got four coaches who have won national championships in this league, which speaks very highly of this

league. Our guys are excited to be playing in the SEC, and they're looking forward to playing some of these other good SEC teams. We're excited about the challenge."

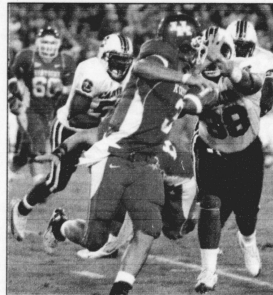
Just as the Cats can go 8-4 this season, they can easily slide down to 5-7. With such an enormous variance between the games UK can win, an optimistic approach to the season is the just way of tackling what could be a break out year for the program after flirting with success last year.

Easier said than done. With four ranked conference opponents on the schedule, the Cats will have to make good of every glimpse of opportunity that comes their way. This UK team is good when compared to the program's history, but in the SEC it's just another team trying to eat at a table amongst the stingiest foes in college football. And those foes don't care to share.

Playing the closest to mistake-free football is key, and if UK wants a legitimate shot at that 8-4 mark, it must give its best impersonation of perfection.

If not, the Cats will pounce back onto the table to become the feast instead of the feasters in the mighty SEC.

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South Carolina is one of three Southeastern Conference schools that received a vote in the preseason rankings.

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# No heat relief for students in aging North Campus dorms

By Leticia Jones  
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Matthew DeLuca falls asleep every night to the sound of the four fans keeping his dorm room in Keeneland Hall on North Campus at a reasonable temperature.

"Moving in was miserable, and I thought it was going to be unlivable," said DeLuca, an architecture freshman. "I did get better, and I like Keeneland because of the advantage of the suite rooms."

DeLuca is one of about 711 students living in the residence halls without air conditioning — Boyd, Holmes, Jewell and Keeneland.

Many students think putting air conditioning in the North Campus dorms is the best solution. But installing units in Keeneland alone would cost \$7.2 million, said Ben Crutcher, associate vice president for UK Auxiliary Services. That money could go toward future housing developments instead, he said. A positive living experience plays an important role in the success of students at UK, Crutcher said. The university plans to renovate or replace all of the older dorms on North Campus by 2020, Crutcher said, but needs legislative approval to get funding for the projects.

"The new dorms are appealing to new students," he said. "We hope that building new dorms will be a better long term investment."



Deirdre Allen, an undergraduate studies freshman, does her homework last night in her room in Keeneland Hall, one of the many dorms on North Campus without air conditioning.

The older dorms on North Campus without air conditioning were built in the 1940s and '50s, and many students have appliances now that were not used at the time, Crutcher said. In the future, the new dorms should be more functional for students.

"On average, students bring over 10 appliances with them in dorms," Crutcher said. "UK is the only public college in Kentucky with non-air-conditioned residence halls."

Most students cope with the heat by using several fans and staying in air-conditioned lobbies while studying.

"I tolerate the heat for now," DeLuca said. "I probably won't be living here next year."

Students could still face high heat in the upcoming weeks before cooler fall weather sets in, said Mike Crow, a National Weather Service meteorologist.

"Within the last few years, Lexington has not been this hot

since 1999," Crow said.

The highest temperature in Lexington this month was 102 degrees, Crow said.

Wearing light-colored clothes to class and staying in a common area during the day are some ways to stay cool, Crow said.

"Students should take precaution and consume a lot of liquids," Crow said. "Students should also avoid alcoholic beverages. It makes the heat situation worse."

## WEB

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spots on course wait lists during registration, but she said she could not help them.

"A big problem I've had is that I couldn't see where a student was on the wait list," Hunt said. "I can't tell if they're No. 2 or No. 10, so they have no idea where they stand."

Showing the wait lists for classes was not incorporated in the new system, Hamperian said.

"We had to write wait-listing software," she said. "We do have that on the list to do because we know that is a prob-

lem. Students and advisers could see that on the old system and now they cannot."

If a student or adviser had called Hamperian's office before the add-drop deadline earlier this week, she said she could have given them their wait list number.

UK started replacing all of the university's online information systems in 2004. In addition to campus management, the new software also includes online student accounting and online employee payment.

The university's online system had not been updated since 1988, Hamperian said.

"We moved to a new system because the one that we were using was fairly old, and

we weren't always able to adopt new technology and Web-enable things to make it possible for students to access things anywhere, anytime," she said. "Our main goal was to replace what we had, because we did have much older systems that weren't always responsive to the changing needs of the university."

The new system is a single sign-on interface where students can log in using active directory credentials and also have access to exchange e-mail, said Sidney Scott, manager of the Information Technology Cost Service Center.

Active Directory makes things more secure online, Scott said, and users must re-

set their passwords every 90 days.

The new operating system was programmed primarily for the Firefox and Internet Explorer Web browsers causing problems for some Macs using the Safari browser, said John Tibe, director of enterprise computing and communication systems.

"There are a number of different browsers out there for both Mac and PC, and different ones try to use the same general protocol, but not all of them are exactly the same," Tibe said. "Those differences, as slight as they are, are what cause differences in the way they each display."

## FRESHMEN

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"It is so easy to get lost if you are not involved," Langdon said. "It's easy not to be a leader, but what is important is to find people and make some kind of connection. That is what this program does."

One of SG President Nick Phelps' goals for the freshman leadership program to help UK's student retention rates, he said.

"It is a great social network so freshmen can find a home on this big campus," Phelps said.

LDP is not just for freshmen interested in working with SG, Langdon said.

"We don't want to breed leaders just for SG, because this is a campus-wide thing," Langdon said. "It is an outlet so they can be tied into campus."

"Whether they are involved in SG, Student Activities Board or Multicultural Affairs, the bond of this one organization will help them work together," she said.

Phelps said participating in FRC helped him with his own leadership skills. "My ability to function as a president is from a good relationship with other organization presidents because of FRC," Phelps said. "We want to tie people in to be future leaders of campus organizations that affect students' lives."

LDP will meet biweekly this year instead of weekly, as FRC did. Langdon said the freshman members will decide most of LDP's activities.

"I plan to ask them on the first day what they want to do," Langdon said. "I want it to be social and fun, and not just another obligation."

LDP applications are available for all freshmen at the SG office in Student Center room 120. They are due Sept. 5.

## COKER

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relay applicable research, Jordan said.

"It's very important to put the research in the hands of people in the field," Jordan said. "We must translate this research into practice."

Each endowed chair requires \$1 million of funding to finance the salary. Verizon Wireless, the center and the Kentucky Research Challenge Trust Fund established and funded the first chair.

The nationwide search for the chair of multicultural study will soon begin, Jordan said, and the center hopes to fill the position within the next year.

## Bush says Gulf Coast recovering, but signs of neglect abound

By William Douglas  
McClatchy Newspapers

NEW ORLEANS — President Bush marked the second anniversary of Hurricane Katrina's devastating cut through the Gulf Coast region on Wednesday, proclaiming that "better days are ahead" for New Orleans and promising that his administration is still engaged in recovery efforts.

Bush and his wife, Laura, observed a moment of silence at 9:38 a.m. — the moment the levees broke here — at the Martin Luther King, Jr. Charter School for Science and Technology, the first school to reopen in the city's heavily damaged Low-

er Ninth Ward.

Afterward, the president described New Orleans as rebounding after the 2005 Category 3 hurricane that killed 1,695 people, displaced 770,000 and caused at least \$96 billion in damage to homes, businesses and government property in the Gulf Coast.

"My attitude is this: New Orleans, better days are ahead," Bush told a group of education officials, students and community leaders. "It's sometimes hard for people to see progress when you live in a community all the time. And it's easy to think about what it was like when we first came here after the hurricane, and what it's like today.

And this town is coming back. This town is better today than it was yesterday, and it's going to be better tomorrow than it was today."

Loyce Wright, the executive director of the Louisiana Commission on Human Rights, said Bush spoke the truth that New Orleans was better than it was yesterday, but that was no way to measure progress when yesterday was a living hell.

"We were down on our knees crippled, and the federal government has been slow to our needs," she said. "We live with this every day. We drive through the city and see abandoned homes; we get the poor health care. There's not a gro-

cery store in my community, not a one. We still have people living in subhuman conditions in trailers as homes."

Wright recently returned to her rebuilt New Orleans East home after two years of living in Georgia, California, Baton Rouge and Memphis, Tenn. Her house is fine, but her neighborhood now is inhabited by two alligators in a lake and is infested with nutria, large orange-toothed rodents that usually live in marshlands. She said neither had been there before Katrina.

"Katrina isn't going to run me out," but the reptiles might, she said. "We deserve better. I pray I see the better."

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## ■ KERNEL EDITORIAL

### To aid top-20 push, keep up the pace of faculty hiring

Hiring 200 new faculty members for this school year will certainly help UK advance toward top-20 status, but if the turnover rate isn't improved, it might take a while to get there.

While the total number of faculty hired is impressive, the actual gain is considerably less. When last year's resignations and retirements are considered, the net faculty increase is only 60, according to statistics officially released by the university yesterday.

The increase gives UK about 2,200 faculty — 300 short of the 2,500 called for by the Top 20 Business Plan. If the university can continue hiring at the current rate, it will easily exceed the goal by 2020.

By jump-starting the faculty hiring process with a strong first year, UK officials are trying to focus on undergraduate education and on decreasing the student-to-faculty ratio. It's a move that should help improve graduation and retention rates long before 2020.

"There is an increased intervention role the first year," Provost Kumble Subhaswamy said in the Kernel on Wednesday. "This is a critical time, the first year."

We agree that it's important to show a commitment to increasing the number of faculty early. UK also needs to make sure the new hires find their way into undergraduate classrooms — and not just into research labs.

There is also cause for concern lurking in the statistics: 140 of this year's hires replaced faculty that were lost last year, mostly through resignations.

It's inevitable that faculty will resign each year, and there will always be a need to fill positions vacated because of retirement. UK administrators might not be concerned with the turnover rate right now, but it's a number that should be monitored closely. If the number of faculty resigning each year increases, it will erode the university's ability to reach top-20 status.

The statistics released by UK specifically mentioned minority hires. Ten black faculty members were hired, increasing the total by six to 81 faculty members — out of nearly 2,200 at the university. Also, five Hispanic faculty members were hired.

We applaud UK for increasing the number of minority faculty members, but it's hardly a statistic to brag about. Even with the increase, black faculty members represent less than 4 percent of the total. Though faculty should never be hired simply because of race, administrators must do more to attract highly qualified minorities to UK.

The increase in faculty members this school year is impressive, but there is still plenty of room to improve. As administrators look toward hiring for next year, they should remember the university's diversity and retention goals.

## ■ LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

### Value diversity in all its forms

Why is everyone so scared of the word "diversity"?

I partially agree with Brett Nolan's Aug. 29 column "Diversity issue more complex than just skin color." This university does seem to equate diversity with the African-American population. Students on campus and previous issues of the Kernel that have discussed diversity have been aimed at African-American students, as if it is their fault that this university has a racist history.

Let me guess, you're not racist because you had an African-American friend who so happened to be your chemistry partner. Sarcasm aside, let's address the real issues with Nolan's column.

First of all, when you attack "diversity," you only make the tension between the majority and the minority worse because the word "diversity" is a safe concept for most minorities and international students.

Second, Nolan's article is inaccurate regarding the depiction of UK as a whole. Student Diversity Engagement, directed by Mahesh Renuddin, strives every day in its work to increase inclusiveness and retention on campus by engaging students in

diversity. I know, personally and professionally, that Rafiuddin defines diversity in its broadest spectrum, which is evident in her programming and great work on campus in the short time she has been here. She has a flock of volunteers from all different backgrounds — including ethnicity, socioeconomic class, sexual preference and political affiliation.

Her work includes monthly "Diversity Dialogues," which host audiences of more than 100 diverse students at each meeting. Past topics include interracial relationships, economic disparity, affirmative action, and race and gender in politics.

Perhaps "diversity" isn't so bad after all. We even have a home for you, Nolan, to help change the mindset surrounding this scary word "diversity."

It's called the BaNd Campaign, a student-led campaign that pushes diversity, social justice and respectful dialogue, like we're having now, on campus. Want to get involved with BaNd? All you have to do is send me an e-mail at patrickcaddis@uky.edu.

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### Cyclists should follow campus safety rules

With the beginning of a new academic school year here at UK, many problems arise within the first few weeks that need to be addressed in order to keep campus operating smoothly and safely.

With gas prices at near-record highs, many people have started to commute to UK's campus via bicycle. I applaud everyone who chooses to help our environment by not putting more harmful pollutants into the air than is necessary.

But despite their desire to help the earth or just get to class faster than walking, bikers need to remember to follow traffic rules and signs while riding around campus.

More than a handful of times during the first week of classes, I have seen bikers disobeying traffic laws and traveling in posted "no biking areas" on campus. This kind of behavior endangers not only the riders but also everyone around them — especially pedestrians.

Many new students may not be altogether familiar with the biking regulations on campus, but this is not an excuse to disregard them.

Bicycling is prohibited throughout most of central campus and areas around the W. T. Young Library. These areas are marked by no-biking signs on the sidewalk, and bikers should either walk their bike in these areas or use an alternate route where riding is permitted.

In addition to posted no-biking areas, bikers should also be aware that bicyclists are required by traffic law to stop for pedestrians in a crosswalk, just as motorized vehicles are.

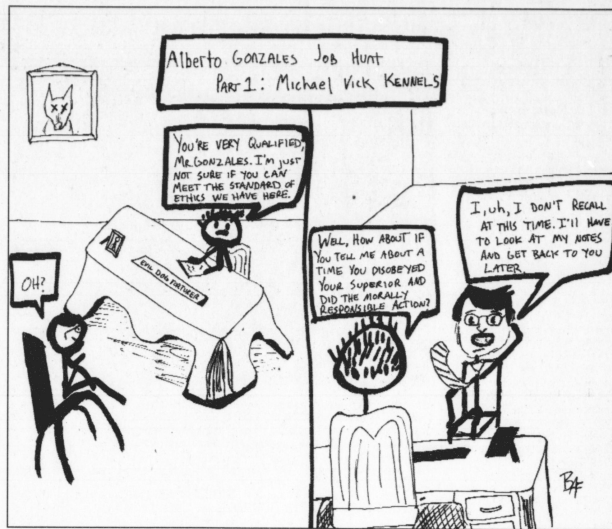
I urge all bike riders to be responsible when riding their bikes on or near campus. Bicycling is a great mode of transportation, but bikers should use common sense and follow all regulations to keep everyone safe.

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BRAD FLETCHER, Kernel cartoonist

## When it comes to politics, don't just take the party line

It seems that people are increasingly committed to their political parties nowadays. Even more alarmingly, more and more people are following their parties blindly.

From the Kernel to CNN and FOX News, I often read and hear political zealots expressing their loyalty to their parties while bashing their opponents mercilessly and indiscriminately.

This surge of party loyalty can be explained partly by analyzing the current political situation.

Many controversial issues are polarizing this country, including the gay rights movement, the immigration problem and, of course, the war in Iraq.

The fact that Sen. Hillary Clinton of New York, a frontrunner to be the Democrats' 2008 presidential nominee, is one of the most polarizing candidates in history doesn't help the situation either.

On the other hand, blind hatred for the other party often stems from ignorance. Calling the Democrats "hippies" or "crazy liberals" publicly without offering any justification is a prime example. People

should have learned by now that name-calling is futile and displays a lack of class.

There is nothing wrong with identifying yourself with a specific party. In fact, aligning yourself to a party is usually a positive sign of knowing what you stand for.

Being a party member, however, shouldn't eliminate your status as a thinking person capable of making decisions independently. Instead of wrapping yourself up in the party lines, keep your own judgment on individual issues.

Is a Republican who supports gay right, for instance, a bad Republican? Certainly not. What if you are a Democrat who supports John McCain for the '08 election? As long as you have sound reasoning for your decisions, you are being responsible to yourself.

Being independent in politics means more, however, than merely thinking beyond party lines.

Agenda-setting is one of the main purposes that the news media serve. Media outlets choose which issues to focus on in their coverage, and the public in turn pays attention to the covered issues.

Similarly, through speeches and news statements, a politician draws the public's attention to topics he or she considers advantageous to his or her campaign.

Instead of obediently following the agenda set by the media and

politicians, you should find out for yourself which issues are truly important for your city, state and country — and what qualities are essential for your political leaders.

In the 2008 presidential election, I advise readers not to get carried away by the relatively insignificant moral issues that have dominated recent presidential elections.

It is easy to follow solely your religious and moral convictions and make your decision without surveying the whole picture.

Issues like stem-cell research and abortion are certainly worthwhile topics that require our attention, but a candidate's ability to handle international relations, regulate the economy and appoint competent officials should be on top of voters' minds.

From a pragmatic point of view, even issues like illegal immigration and developing alternative energy sources are more important than the aforementioned moral-based issues.

In the end, it is important for students to realize the opportunity that exists during this time in their lives. College is the golden period for self-exploration, making it important for us to challenge our political positions and provide reasoning for what we believe.

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## Tear away packaging and appearances to learn the important messages

Important messages come in various forms, from phone calls and text messages to letters and e-mails. In other cases they come through signs or revelations of some sort, be they allegories, an inspirational conversation or an epiphany.

But these messages require a keen sense of one's surroundings that most people have but few people utilize.

For example, one person can turn on an episode of "South Park" and look past the crude exterior to recognize the socially driven messages behind the farting, cursing and general lewdness that occurs in each episode.

In the same manner, the most socially aware and politically savvy intellectual may ignore the message, or the show altogether, over the same issues.

On campus, this packaging of ideas displays itself in many forms. This occurs most prominently in the classroom, where certain professors, teaching assistants and instructors gain more clout due to

word of mouth, academic exploits or something as trivial as appearance.

Obviously, someone who students speak well of or has major success in academia would be worth having in any program. But at the same time there is more to teaching than people liking you or publishing work and having accolades.

Religious groups "preaching" by the Student Center provide another example of idea packaging. On one side, you have radicals — fanatical Christians who yell at those passing by, citing clothing, music and sexuality as reasons for why they are going to hell.

It is worth mentioning that some of these people passing through are Christians, and I have observed a few such people I know suffer through the bombardment of these insults.

But on the other side of the spectrum, you have a group that is informing people about their Christian beliefs by handing out New Testament Bibles, flyers and contact information for their group — a passive approach in contrast to the direct, offensive method of the people who profess the same or similar beliefs.

Whether one side or the other is "right" in this particular instance is

irrelevant because it's not the way they minister, but the message that they are trying to convey, that should be heard.

It is not important how someone relates information — it's important that you learn it. Disregard packaging, personality and purpose, and pay attention to the point.

Even the craziest, most de-ranked psychopaths have great ideas, though they may be far from normal humanity on a moral standpoint.

Adolf Hitler, for example, helped forge within a country a strong sense of nationalism and unity. It was the method and cost by which he achieved this that were despicable and deplorable. His overall message of unity, however, is something every race, culture and nation could stand for, minus the hate and racism.

Think of it like a gag gift, the kind where somebody gets a box full of boxes that reveal a great present. If the recipient stopped opening boxes after the first one or two, what would they get?

Think about this the next time you encounter something complex, controversial or just plain ordinary. There may be more inside the box. Wesley Roberts is a journalism and Spanish sophomore. E-mail opinions@kykernel.com.



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## framebyframe | This week's box-office hits and misses

### Nerds get revenge in summer's best comedy

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#### Superbad

Starring Jonah Hill, Michael Cera  
With its raunchy high school language and heterosexual male affection, this end-of-summer flick is a prime example of what comedy should really be. The perfectly crude script and nearly flawless casting reinforces the fact that everyone loves a geek.

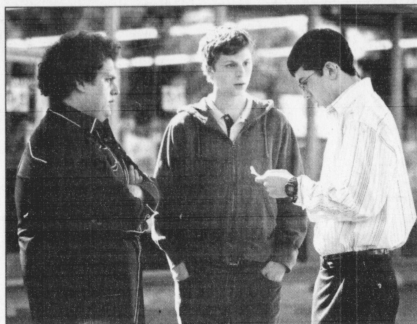
This mischievous comedy introduces a new pack of lovable losers not seen since the tater-tot-chomping Napoleon Dynamite. Jonah Hill ("Accepted") and Michael Cera ("Arrested Development") completely rule this Seth Rogen ("Knocked Up") script.

Seth (Hill) and Evan (Cera) are best friends who have spent their high school career on the bottom rung of the social ladder. They, along with their pal Fogell (Christopher Mintz-Plasse), attempt to change their luck by buying alcohol with fake IDs to impress some girls. With a master plan ruined by a robbery and a very interesting ride in a cop car, the boys end up in unforeseen circumstances with the girls of their dreams.

What keeps me from comparing "Superbad" to an ornery high school movie like "American Pie" is that even though Seth and Evan have no shortage of sexual lingo, each is actually focused on a relationship with the girl of his dreams — not simply losing his virginity before leaving for college.

The unique heart in this film, as well as its cleverly written script, allows it to stand above others in its genre. From Fogell's hilarious fake name to Seth's strange childhood condition, the wit in "Superbad" is captivating.

"Superbad" is naughty in every sense of the word, but it still has managed to strike a chord with fans and rule the



Seth (Jonah Hill, left), Evan (Michael Cera, center) and Fogell (Christopher Mintz-Plasse), can have the night they'll remember for the rest of their lives in "Superbad," the new film from producers Judi Apatow and Shauna Robertson ("The 40-Year-Old Virgin").

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box office for three straight weeks. If you can stomach a movie that pushes the limit, this film is one of the best comedies of the summer.

Grade: B

#### Opening Today

##### Halloween

Starring Scout Taylor-Compton, Malcolm McDowell

We all know the story of the psychologically deranged mental patient Mike Myers, but, now the twisted mind of Rob Zombie ("House of 1000 Corpses") is calling the shots. But since this reprint focuses on Myers, it may bring a new light on the original John Carpenter script after 30 years.

##### Balls of Fury

Starring Dan Fogler, Christopher Walken

Randy Daytona (Fogler) is a former ping-pong pro who is recruited by the FBI to hunt down his father's killer. I can't really

recommend this movie with a clear conscience, but it's hard to not be excited about a film that places Christopher Walken as the second lead.

##### Death Sentence

Starring Kevin Bacon, John Goodman, Kelly Preston

"Death Sentence," a film by the director of "Saw," should be a high-pressure drama with plenty of thrills. Nick Hume (Bacon) is an average business executive who witnesses his son's murder and takes the law into his own hands. This film has a great trailer and is probably the best pick for this weekend.

##### Upcoming DVDs

##### The Black Donnellys: The Complete Series

Starring Jonathan Tucker

Unfortunately, "Donnellys" was a victim of ratings manslaughter. Cancelled well before its time, this was a won-

derful show and should be given a respectful burial on DVD.

##### The Office: Season Three

Starring Steve Carell

Remember when NBC Thursday nights was so great with "Seinfeld" and "Friends"? Thanks to "The Office" and "My Name is Earl" Must See TV is back, and the award-winning cast of this show deserves the credit. If you missed it the first time, this really is a must-see DVD.

##### Nip/Tuck: The Complete Fourth Season

Starring Julian McMahon, Josly Richardson, Dylan Walsh

Twenty years from now, we will look back and recognize "Nip/Tuck" as the series that raised the bar for cable television. This drama has always kept the viewers — and the Federal Communications Commission — on the edge of their seats.



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