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Marketing sophomore Joe Feehan (holding microphone) asked a question of Ashley Judd yesterday at the Sigma Phi Epsilon fraternity house. Judd treated Feehan and his fraternity brothers to a surprise lunch visit to thank them for their charity work for the group YouthAIDS. MTVU filmed the event.

Ashley Judd serves up surprise visit with Sig Ep

UK grad, actress thanks Sigma Phi Epsilon
for charity work to support AIDS prevention

By Elizabeth Troutman
THE KENTUCKY KERNEL
Wildcat sweatshirt and actress Ashley Judd came back to her college town yesterday to talk to young men about sex. And members of the Sigma Phi Epsilon fraternity were eager to engage in the conversation. Judd stunned the fraternity

when she and Kate Roberts, executive director and founder of YouthAIDS, made a surprise lunch stop at the fraternity house on Pennsylvania Avenue yesterday. The two sat down with the fraternity to talk about AIDS prevention, part of a special segment for MTVU, MTV's college channel. The UK alumna and renowned UK basketball fan,



Ashley Judd, an actress and UK alumna, talked with members of Sigma Phi Epsilon yesterday about the dangers of AIDS and what can be done to help prevent the spread of the disease. Judd discussed her recent trip to several African nations as a spokeswoman for YouthAIDS, a foundation she supports.

wanted to commend the fraternity's effort to raise money for YouthAIDS, a foundation she actively supports. Sigma Phi Epsilon ran a three-on-three basketball tournament and donated the proceeds to YouthAIDS. The tournament finals were last night in Memorial Coliseum. Judd has campaigned with YouthAIDS in six countries

around the world to educate young people about the epidemic she said she's passionate about the issue because it is a global crisis. "I think it has to do with justice and the fact that misinformation and lack of information is so sinister," she said. "This is the civil rights move- See Judd on page 3

“It (conversation) is a sign of caring about somebody and not wanting a piece of tail right there and right then.”

— Ashley Judd, UK alumna and actress, speaking to Sigma Phi Epsilon about the key to preventing the spread of AIDS

Speaker recounts slurry spill horrors

By Sean Rose
THE KENTUCKY KERNEL
A river flowed through a woman's front yard, and a rockslide had buried a man's house up to the roof. Jack Spadaro and a documentary called *Muck* painted this bleak picture of eastern Kentucky last night in the Cats Den at the Student Center.

"Before you know it, this region will be gone," Spadaro said, referring to Eastern Kentucky. Spadaro, a nationally known mining engineer, spoke as part of the Earth Days in the Bluegrass, a two-week series of events promoting environmental awareness sponsored by the Environmental Studies Program, Residence Life Recycling and UK Green Thumb. Spadaro was part of the investigatory panel after the Massey Energy company slurry disaster in October of 2000.

The disaster took place in Martin County when a lagoo of slurry, a thick, liquid waste byproduct from strip mining, broke through a containment barrier, and 300 million gallons poured down a mountainside, flooding homes and polluting wells and 100 miles of streams. Spadaro blamed federal agencies and the coal company for not meeting safety requirements but resigned from the panel when the investigation was cut short. The report was soft on the coal company and didn't mention any federal agencies related to the investigation, Spadaro said. "There's no will among the agencies to enforce the laws," Spadaro said. Spadaro said that mining companies are continually cutting corners and breaking the law but that because of political pressure, nothing is being done to correct these problems. The documentary and Spadaro also said strip mining

is destroying not only the environment of eastern Kentucky and Appalachia but communities as well. Because of the erosion, the towns around strip-mined and timbered areas face danger every time it rains, Spadaro said. Many witnesses in the documentary described a "10 foot wall of water rolling down the mountain." Houses lay flooded and splintered in some cases a result. "I don't really need to say anything, do I?" Spadaro said after the conclusion of the film. "People are running for their lives when it rains." Spadaro said solutions to the problem are primarily activism and a switch from an economy based on mining to one based on tourism. Some students saw problems with Spadaro's plan of action. "There would be a lot of resistance to abolishing strip-mining," said library and information science grad student Charles Pratt. "It's interesting

"Before you know it, this region will be gone."

Jack Spadaro
whistle-blower in Massey slurry spill,
referring to Eastern Kentucky

that I did learn more about mining in the last couple hours than I did living in Perry County." Some students saw educational value in the speech. "It's important to know where the energy comes from every time you flip this switch," said conservation grad student Shane Tedder. Other students were moved by the presentation. "I had heard about mountain top removal, but that was the first time I saw footage of the damage," said elementary education freshman Johannah Oldiges. E-mail news@kykernel.com

SG Court to decide election

By Adam Sichko
THE KENTUCKY KERNEL

By the end of tonight, UK students could have a new Student Government president. The SG Supreme Court will convene at 7 p.m. to hear an appeal from SG president-elect Will Nash that challenges his disqualification from the presidential race. On Monday, the SG Elections Board of Claims ruled Nash ineligible because of overspending during his campaign, citing him for failure to account for \$4.20 in taxes when totaling money spent. The board said Nash and his running mate, Michelle Bishop, therefore illegally surpassed the \$600 campaign spending limit by \$1.62. The board also upheld a claim against the Nash/Bishop ticket for failing to report helium expenditures to help fill balloons.

"We hope that the Supreme Court will see that the board of claims decision doesn't follow precedent established by past election-claims issues," Nash said. "We also hope that the court will reverse the decision and invoke punishment more fitting for the offenses."

If the disqualification is rejected, Nash will be reinstated as SG president for the 2006-06 school year. Christopher Thacker, chairman of the Elections Board of Claims, said if the court upholds the original ruling, the election victory would go to the runner-up in the presidential race, Becky Ellingsworth, and her running mate, Kyle Burns. Nash won 171 more votes than Ellingsworth in the late-March election.

For that to happen, the Elections Board of Claims must certify the election results, which — because of the appeals — it has not yet done, Thacker said. If the disqualification is upheld, Nash would be ruled ineligible to be an SG president — as if he never ran in the presidential race, Thacker said.

Phone calls to Ellingsworth were not returned last night. Tonight's Supreme Court case, to be heard in the UK Law School, should last roughly two hours — about one hour to hear arguments, and then another hour or so to decide on a verdict, said Chief Justice Tony Stoeppel.

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Nash
The SG
Supreme
Court
meets
tonight at
7 p.m.

Nicer weather brings more bike thefts

By Dariush Shafa
THE KENTUCKY KERNEL

According to reports from UK police, bike thefts have risen in the past week, and police are encouraging faculty, staff and students to take precautions to keep from becoming a victim.

In the past week, four bike thefts were reported across campus. On average, a bike theft is reported every two weeks, said Capt. Kevin Franklin with UK police. Franklin said the rise in thefts is probably weather-related.

"It's that part of the year where it's gotten warm," Franklin said. "Since it's warm and the sun is out, the thieves are coming out." Bike thefts move in cycles, Franklin said. "It's something that never ceases," he said. "It has peaks and valleys."

Despite the fact that the thefts are common, Franklin said steps can be taken to deter bike thieves from stealing students' wheels. "(Students) need to lock their bikes up, even if they're just going somewhere for five minutes," Franklin said.

Franklin also said parking the bike in a visible location is a good idea. Bike racks are the best choice. A good bike lock is a necessity and not a luxury, he added.

"Never rely on a chain. They're cheap," Franklin said. "If you're going to spend \$600 on a bike, don't scrim on the security device." James Osborne, a systems administrator at the Center for Visualization and Virtual Environment, has had his bike stolen twice, but recovered it both times. He added some of his own advice to Franklin's.

"Pay more than \$10 for the lock, and don't chain it to anything movable," Osborne said. E-mail dshafa@kykernel.com

**UNIVERSITY OF KENTUCKY
CRIME REPORT**

UK Police reports from April 6 to April 11:

- April 6: Harassing communications at UK Chandler Medical Center reported at 12:38 p.m.
- April 6: Theft of a bike at Kirwan II reported at 3:48 p.m.
- April 7: Car mirror broken off at Cooperstown Apartments reported at 12:41 a.m.
- April 7: Theft of a wallet at Singletary Center reported at 5:14 p.m.
- April 8: Theft at Kentucky Clinic reported at 9:59 a.m.
- April 8: Theft of a bike at Chemistry-Physics Building reported at 12:37 p.m.
- April 8: Assault at unknown location reported from UK Chandler Medical Center at 1:03 p.m.
- April 8: Theft of a bike at Patterson Hall reported at 3:05 p.m.
- April 8: Criminal mischief at Kentucky Clinic reported at 3:12 p.m.
- April 8: Criminal mischief at Cooperstown Apartments reported at 11:25 p.m.
- April 9: Criminal mischief at Haggin Hall reported at 3:45 a.m.
- April 9: Criminal mischief at Rose Street and Columbia Avenue reported at 4:06 a.m.
- April 9: Theft of an extension cord at UK Chandler Medical Center reported at 7 a.m.
- April 9: Criminal mischief at Cooperstown Apartments reported at 11:14 a.m.
- April 9: Theft at W.I. Young Library reported at 11:22 a.m.
- April 9: Theft of a bike from White Hall Classroom Building reported at 12:26 p.m.
- April 9: Criminal mischief at Cooperstown Apartments reported at 1:52 p.m.
- April 9: Terroristic threatening reported at Kirwan III reported at 2:21 p.m.
- April 10: Criminal mischief behind Keeneland Hall reported at 11:11 p.m.
- April 11: Theft at UK Chandler Medical Center reported at 3:25 a.m.
- April 11: Theft of a textbook at Lexington Community College reported at 8:07 a.m.
- April 11: Theft at UK Chandler Medical Center reported at 6:19 p.m.

Campus crime reports are taken from the UK police media log and from the on-line crime log. Compiled by staff writer Darikush Shafa. E-mail dshafa@kykernel.com

Nash

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"Oh yeah, we'll be there," Nash said. "We've been working with law school students and lawyers in Lexington." As of last night, Nash said he hadn't decided who would represent him.

Nash wants the court to rule that the Elections Board of Claims violated the SG Constitution.

"We don't believe our actions made any student change their mind about voting for us or any other candidate," Nash said.

Nash said he has prepared examples from two recent SG presidents — Tim Robinson (2002-03) and Jimmy Glenn (2000-02) — in his defense. Most recently, current SG President Rachel Watts and her running mate, Matt Rippece, were ordered to perform 50 hours of community service each and pay a \$100 fine for elections bylaws violations in 2003. Their campaign overspent by \$45.

"I've got a lot of precedents," Nash said. "And we'll be searching again today."

Nash said he really didn't want to entertain the possibility that the court could uphold his disqualification.

"If the Supreme Court rules that way (disqualifies Nash) and invalidates more than 1,300 student votes, then the only course of action would be to have a new election," he said, referring to the 1,307 votes he and his running mate Bishop won in the election.

"But we hope that's not the new outcome."

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Staff writer Tricia McKenny contributed to this report

CORRECTION

Brenton Kenkel's column yesterday incorrectly referred to Judge Joan Lefkow. She is alive, her husband and mother were killed Feb. 28.

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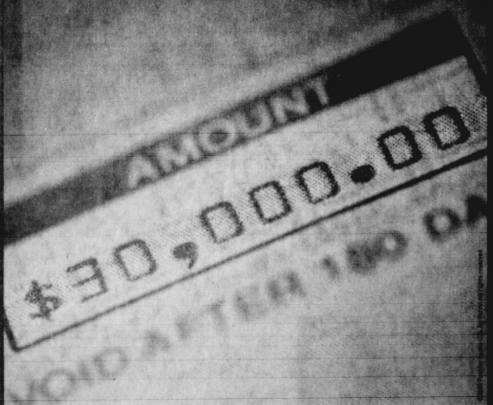
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Judd

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ment of our time, and it preys on people of color and people who are poor."

Thirty-eight million people suffer from AIDS worldwide, and 6,000 young people are diagnosed with HIV every day. The global platform of YouthAIDS is the "ABCs": abstinence, being faithful to a partner and consistent condom use, Judd said.

Judd sparked a casual discussion about AIDS and sex on campus and around the world while sipping tea among fraternity members. She shared stories of her experience in Africa and Asia, where the epidemic is growing at a rapid pace.

She also spoke of young people in Africa who attracted spectators in villages plagued with AIDS to perform short plays to spread information about prevention.

"I think I am an actor,"

she said. "I am nothing compared to what these kids do."

"I act because I am creative, because it's rewarding," she said. "They act because they survive off of it."

Judd and Roberts urged the male students to respect the symbol of the female body. Judd thinks that women in all areas of the world are abused as sexual objects. They encouraged college men to initiate conversation about safe sex with their partners.

"You have to be leaders and stand up for what is right," she said.

Judd urged students to consider the local impact of AIDS and HIV before becoming sexually active. She said open conversation about sex and AIDS is the most effective way to prevent the spread of the deadly virus.

"This is the health catastrophe of our time," she said. "It's really quite sensible. You just have to have the courage and sensibleness to have sex education."

Joe Feehan, a marketing sophomore, told Judd that

sometimes students assume talking about sex isn't necessary because a female partner is stigmatized as a "good girl." He said it is hard to talk to a girlfriend about using a condom.

"Tell me about this 'good girl' thing," Judd said. "Does that mean she has not enjoyed sex in the past, and she's been saving it all for you, big boy?"

"The 'good girl,' 'good guy' thing is no longer valid," Judd said. "We are talking about a very dangerous virus. It (conversation) is a sign of caring about somebody and not wanting a piece of tail right there and right then."

Feehan said he was inspired by Judd's activism and ingenuity. He thinks his fraternity learned the urgency of the epidemic through the discussion with Judd.

"I learned that Ashley is a great person in that the movie thing is her hobby," he said. "She puts it toward a greater cause."

Lauren Dugger, a business and Spanish freshman, appreciated Judd's request that males stop viewing females as sexual objects.

"I was so impressed with her candor and productive conversation with the boys," she said. "What I learned from Ashley is we (women) can learn to become one and our own and proclaim our own convictions."

Judd and Roberts want students at UK and around the country to know they have the power to stop the spread of AIDS.

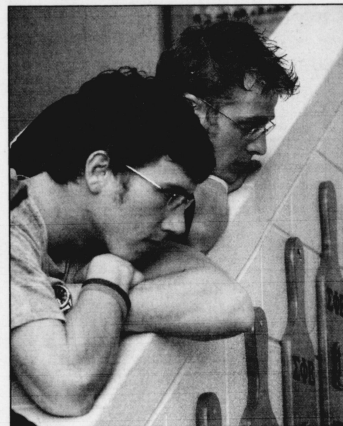
"I wanted to get across to students that they have the power, each one, to make a difference," Roberts said. "I really wanted to use Sig Ep as a case study by using MTV as a vehicle."

Roberts said Judd never loses her passion and energy to teach prevention to young people about AIDS prevention.

"She's supposed to learn from me, but I learn from her all the time," Roberts said. "I have seen her touch lives all over the world."

"I compare her to Princess Diana. She has a healing touch."

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KEITH SHIMLEY | STAFF
Biology juniors Isaac Payne (left) and Thomas Schlier watch Ashley Judd speak to members of the Sigma Phi Epsilon fraternity yesterday.

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THEATRICAL RELEASES

The Amityville Horror

Ryan Reynolds stars in Michael Bay's remake of the B-movie horror classic. The archetypal haunted house theme comes alive when the Lutz family moves into its dream home, despite knowing that 30 years earlier it was the scene of a gruesome set of murders that left an entire family dead. The cause? "Voices." (Hmm. That's got to be a selling point, right?) When Lutz family members begin hearing voices again, they must fight against past horror and insanity to escape with their lives. At Lexington Green, Regal and Woodhill.



PHOTO FURNISHED BY LIONS GATE FILMS
David Duchovny (left) and Robin Williams star in *House of D*, opening in limited release Friday. Duchovny wrote, directed and stars in the film.

House of D

Apily titled, I'll give it that — written, directed by and starring David Duchovny of "X-Files" fame. Duchovny is Tom Warshaw, an American artist living in Paris trying to resolve his issues by examining his past. Also starring Robin Williams and Tes Leoni, Duchovny's wife. Theaters TBA.



PHOTO FURNISHED BY MGM STUDIOS

The *Amityville Horror*, starring Ryan Reynolds and Melissa George, opens Friday. We bet that it still ends like Michael Bay's 1979 original.

DVD RELEASES

Bad Education

Pedro Almodovar's post-modern look at the film noir genre debuts in home theaters this week. The film is a little confusing, but it's also compelling and well-acted, especially by Gael Garcia Bernal.

Hotel Rwanda

Don Cheadle heads up the cast in this tearjerker. Cheadle is a hotel manager in the war-torn capital of Rwanda who uses whatever clout he can muster in order to save what few lives he can among the mayhem and genocide.

Ocean's 12

The entire superstar cast is back, plus Catherine Zeta-Jones Douglas in the heist caper sequel. When Terry Benedict (Andy Garcia) finds out Danny Ocean's (George Clooney's) crew heisted his casino, he demands repayment — plus interest. In order to pay him back before he does them all in, Ocean's gang must complete three high-paying heists simultaneously. This isn't a great sequel, but you can tell the cast — including Brad Pitt, Bernie Mac, Matt Damon and Julia Roberts — is having fun, and if you can tap into that, it's a worthwhile film.

All in the Family: Season Four

Archie Bunker's exploits continue — exploits that contributed heavily to a new wave in American television. Edith's cancer scare, marriage problems for the neighbors and hilarious new nemesis for Archie in the form of a women's libber and new neighbor George Jefferson (who, yes, did get his spin-off from this series).

Harvey Birdman, Attorney at Law

Yet another Adult Swim DVD set comes out this week, this time taking old-school superhero

Birdman and turning him into a borderline-incompetent attorney. The best part of the series is the hilarious cast, including a porn-freak hippo and deranged boss (voiced by Stephen Colbert of "The Daily Show"), and the cases Harvey handles, such as Scooby-Doo and Shaggy arrested on drug charges and Fred Flintstone for being a mob boss.

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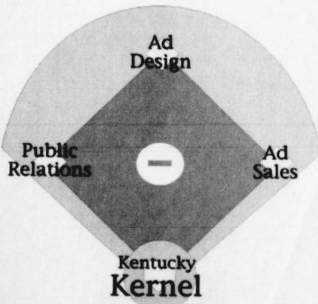
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Mason Jennings w/Jonathan Rice
9 p.m. Uncle Pleasants, Louisville. Tickets cost \$10.

Fiery Furnaces
9 p.m. Southgate House, Newport. Tickets cost \$13.

THURSDAY
Umphreys McGee
8 p.m. Bogarts, Cincinnati. Tickets cost \$15.

August Christopher w/The October, Downshift and the Van Gogh Sky
8 p.m. The Dame. Tickets cost \$5.

Bela Fleck Acoustic Trio
8 p.m. Kentucky Theatre. Tickets cost \$29.50 to \$42.50.

Dane Cook
9 p.m. Cintas Center, Cincinnati. Tickets cost \$26.

FRIDAY
Iron and Wine
7 p.m. The Dame. Tickets cost \$15.

Scott Miller and the Commonwealth w/The Derailers
10 p.m. The Dame. Tickets cost \$10.

Aaron Carter
8 p.m. Bogarts, Cincinnati. Tickets cost \$23.

Senses Fall
7:30 p.m. Jillian's, Louisville. Tickets cost \$10.

SATURDAY
"Battle for Ozzfest" w/A Dozen

Furies, Curse Your Name and Mantis
8:30 p.m. Bogarts, Cincinnati. Tickets cost \$10.

10 Foot Pole
9 p.m. The Dame. Tickets cost \$5.

SUNDAY
John Mellencamp
8 p.m. Freedom Hall, Louisville. Tickets cost \$34 to \$44.

MONDAY
Burning Brides w/Early Man
9 p.m. The Dame. Tickets cost \$5.

TUESDAY
The Black Keys w/The Hentchmen
9 p.m.; doors open at 8 p.m. Headliners, Louisville. Tickets cost \$10 to \$12.

COMING SOON
Fall Out Boy
7:30 p.m. April 20. Bogarts, Cincinnati. Tickets cost \$15.

The Black Keys
8 p.m. April 20. The Dame. Tickets cost \$10.

Sparta
8 p.m. April 20. 20th Century Theater, Oakley, Ohio. Tickets cost \$12.

Sting w/Phantom Planet
8 p.m. April 20. Millet Hall, Oxford, Ohio. Tickets cost \$40.50.

Hank Williams III w/Assjack
8 p.m. April 21. 20th Century Theater, Oakley, Ohio. Tickets cost \$10.

Scott Miller and the Commonwealth
9 p.m. April 21. Headliners, Louisville. Tickets cost \$10 to \$12.

Less Than Jake
7:30 p.m. April 22. Bogarts,

Cincinnati. Tickets cost \$15.

Snoop Dogg w/The Game
7:30 p.m. April 24. US Bank Arena, Cincinnati. Tickets cost \$34 to \$44; \$1 from each ticket benefits the Snoop Dogg Youth Football League.

John Popper w/DJ Logic
8 p.m. April 26. 20th Century Theater, Oakley, Ohio. Tickets cost \$20.

Aretha Franklin
7:30 p.m. April 27. Louisville Palace. Tickets cost \$45.50 to \$76.50.

Michael W. Smith
7:30 p.m. April 28. Broadbent Arena, Louisville. Tickets cost \$18 to \$46.

Los Lonely Boys
8 p.m. April 28. Louisville Palace. Tickets cost \$30.

John Prine
9 p.m. April 28. Louisville Palace. Tickets cost \$37.50 to \$44.50.

Maktub w/A.M. Sunday
9 p.m. April 29. Uncle Pleasants, Louisville. Tickets cost \$8 to \$10.

Mastodon
8 p.m. April 30. Bogarts, Cincinnati. Tickets cost \$12.50.

John Prine
8 p.m. April 30. Taft Theatre, Cincinnati. Tickets cost \$32.50 to \$42.50.

Melt Banana w/Shipping News, Breather Resist and Hot Cross
9 p.m. April 30. Headliners, Louisville. Tickets cost \$10.

Ryan Adams
8 p.m. May 11. Brown Theatre, Louisville. Tickets cost \$25.

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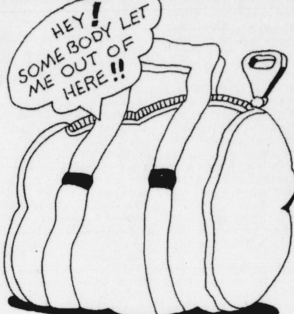
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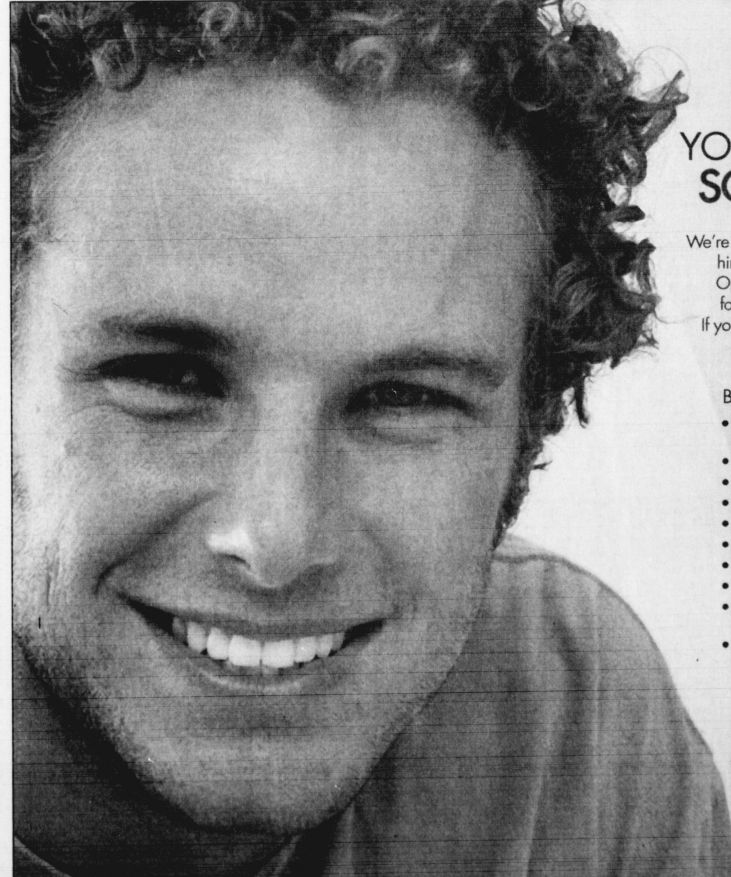
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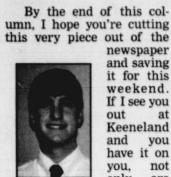
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Kenny Moyer
FINANCE COLUMNIST

By the end of this column, I hope you're cutting this very piece out of the newspaper and saving it for this weekend. If I see you out at Keeneland and you have it on you, not only are you bound for betting glory, but you may also catch another tip from me personally.

Last weekend, Keeneland opened its gates for the annual thoroughbred racing spring meet. Now, through April 29, this track will be doing everything it can to not only have you break your cool from the beer and food they serve but to break your wallet too.

For us loyal college students, there has to be an easier way to achieve the ultimate entertainment while keeping spending at a minimum — and maybe even bring home extra cash.

I managed to spend two full days at the track over the weekend without spending any money — maybe you can take a few notes and come up

with your own creative freebie ideas.

From the free admission of "College Day" on Friday to the "Bring Your Own Flask Day" on Saturday, there was ample opportunity for any college student to cut down on expenses. (OK, maybe I made up the last marketing scheme, but think about everything you can do to save money.)

Instead of wasting money on tanning-bed time, why not tan for free in the sun all day at Keeneland?

When every frat-star from campus is visibly seen tailgating before the races, why not blend in for free food and drinks?

General admission is probably one of the easiest things to avoid paying for if you plan ahead. At \$3, most people don't consider it that big of a deal — so, why not find those people and have them pay your entry fee, too?

When you're near an inebriated and generous friend, pretend you don't have any cash. Say you'll pay them back when you get to the ATM inside. Chances are, they'll either forget, or you won't see them inside once the crowd pushes in.

The only other expense is parking. First off, if you plan on drinking, be sure to have a sober driver designated to

get you home. Keep his or her phone number handy in case you get lost. Carpooling is the easiest parking and transportation method.

All right. By this time, I've shared a few methods on saving cash while visiting Keeneland. Now it's time to give out some tips on making attempts of going home with more money than you started with.

The hardest part of placing bets is trying to read the race day program (another free item if borrowed from friends). The program gives everything you need to know about a race in explicit detail, from the horses' names to their past performances.

Generally a favored horse wins about 32 percent of the time. A favored horse is one with the best odds out of all the horses running in the same race. The odds basically describe the chances of the horse winning the race.

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To some, picking horses is a science. To others, it's just as fun as picking your nose. Experts will look at everything from a horse's post position to its race re-

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strictions, whereas some will look for the horse with the goofiest name or even look to see which horse is pooping before it enters the starting gate.

Either way, you have to sort of create your own comfortable method. If it doesn't work, keep trying.

Your homework: Visit www.keeneland.com. This site contains everything you need to know to bet. It features everything from how to read a program to a glossary of racing terminology and daily expert picks. Print out some of your findings and keep them on you while visiting the track — remember, I'll be looking to see who is carrying this stuff with them this weekend.

Take-home lesson: budget, budget, budget. Know your limits in spending, and have fun. See you at the races.

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Tynika Brown, 9, pets **Spencer, a Labrador retriever,** at Harriet Tubman Elementary School in Washington. Dogs visit classrooms twice a month after students study about them for a semester in a program that helps many children get over fear of dogs and learn kindness to animals.

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Humane Society sends dogs to school

By D'Vera Cohn
THE WASHINGTON POST

WASHINGTON — Jennifer Alfonso walked down the hallway at Harriet Tubman Elementary School, creating a small stir as she went.

"Look at the doggies," a child murmured as Alfonso and her Labrador retriever passed by.

Alfonso, 35, and her animals barely turned their heads. Spencer, a 12-year-old black Lab mix, kept their cool because they are regular visitors in elementary school classrooms. Alfonso is a volunteer in a Washington Humane Society program that educates children about animals and attempts to instill a sense of caring about them.

The four-year-old program operates in three Washington schools: Tubman, Ross Elementary School and Prospect Learning Center. It serves children in mixed-income neighborhoods where many people do not

have pets and where many of the dogs they see are fiercely barking guard dogs.

The program is intended to encourage selflessness and give children a sustained chance to bond with animals. But first, many have to get over their fear of them.

"A lot of them are scared," Alfonso said, "and it does take some time for them to build their confidence. It makes them feel better about themselves, as well as increase their empathy toward animals."

The twice-a-month program, called Sharing Positive Experiences — Animals & Kids (SPEAK, for short), recently won an award from the Metropolitan Washington Council of Governments.

"It has taught our kids so much about kindness," said Tubman principal Sadia White, whose school offers an abbreviated version of the program in its two other fourth-grade classrooms. "That's something you learn, and it stays with you."

The children spend the first semester learning about dogs. They calculate the

cost of feeding a dog, so they learn that caring for a free animal is not free. They add up how many puppies a dog can have, a lesson in overpopulation intended to emphasize the need to spay or neuter. They are urged to telephone the Humane Society if they see an abused animal.

The program's supporters say that encouraging children to advocate for animals reinforces their commitment to doing the right thing in other situations. They cite research showing a link between childhood cruelty to animals and later violence against people, saying it underscores the importance of intervening early to stop animal abuse.

"The kids always want to help," Chminka said. "Like all kids, it's one of their highest priorities. This gives them a proactive way they can help animals and people in their community. It turns them into little activists, and they look for other ways they can help in their community, as well."

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Fun-loving golfers stay on winning course

By Kyle Hamilton
THE KENTUCKY KERNEL

Arguably the most talented collection of UK golfers in school history, this year's men's team has claimed a spot among the year's best in college golf.

The UK golfers, self-proclaimed as "longest team in college golf," have completed four tournament wins this year, all while knocking off some of the traditional powers in college golf.

Currently ranked No. 16 by Golfweek Magazine, the Cats have shown an ability to win tournaments loaded with tough competition.

UK's win March 29 at the Hootie at Bull's Bay Intercollegiate was a perfect example.

After the results were finalized, the Cats found themselves on top of a field that included five of the nation's top 10 teams — Florida, Augusta (Ga.) State, Auburn, Georgia Tech and South Carolina.

That win, along with three other tournament titles during this school year, have the Cats among the favorites to take home the national title in May.

Although the Cats' chances are looking bright now, the season hasn't been all sunshine.

This winter, like all Kentucky winters, didn't allow the UK team quality playing time to keep their games on point.

"It was just so cold outside," said senior All-American John Holmes.

It was so cold the Cats' games went frigid. The team went three straight tournaments without a win this winter.

Those results are definitely not up to standards for a team that Holmes considers "talented enough to win the national championship."

"We just couldn't play," Holmes said. "We had rust."

And it showed.

Before the Hootie victory in Charleston, S.C., tournament disappointments mounted for the team.

After a mid-October win at the Gary Koch/Cleveland Golf Intercollegiate in Tampa, Fla., the team began to slide.

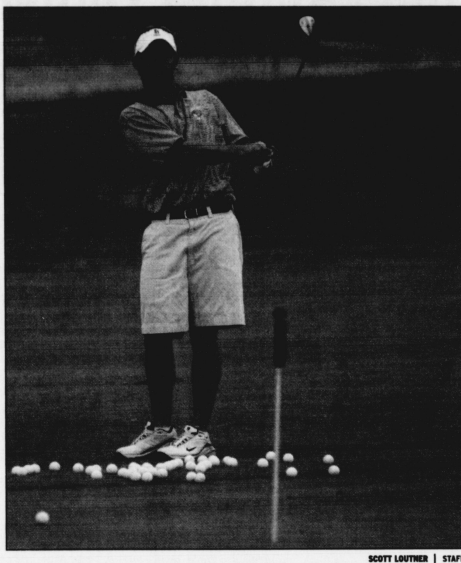
Finishing eighth, 14th and ninth in three consecutive events, the Cats didn't get back their winning ways until February at the Hyatt Plantation Club Intercollegiate in Puerto Rico.

The win, though nice, didn't make everything right for the Cats.

Soon after, UK tied for eighth place in the Hall of Fame Invitational in Houston. The finish wasn't too impressive, considering that the Cats finished 35 strokes behind tournament champion Oklahoma State and 33 strokes behind runner-up Nevada-Las Vegas.

Though the eighth-place finish may not seem very good to outsiders, Holmes said it wasn't really that bad of an effort for his team.

"Other than the top two teams, we were only four or five shots from third,



UK senior golfer Matt Wells practiced chip shots with a wedge Sunday afternoon at the University Club on Leestown Road. The Cats are currently ranked No. 16 in the country.

and that's a national-championship field," he said.

Holmes' optimism was justified in the team's next tournament, the Hootie, when the Cats broke through and beat a number of very good teams.

Head coach Brian Craig said the win at the Hootie was something the Cats can use to their advantage in future tournaments.

"Winning the Hootie at Bull's Bay is a huge win for our program," Craig said. "I rank it second only to our NCAA Central Regional win last May. It gives us great confidence."

Besides winning, the tournament was also beneficial for the Cats because it provided a chance for the team to have some fun, Craig said.

The coach noted that the team enjoyed a tournament-organized Hootie and the Blowfish concert performed for players before the tournament started.

Craig also said the team not only got a chance to play golf with a few friends of the program at Kiawah Island, but a chance to eat some good food as well.

"(Senior) Matt Wells' parents had a pig-picking at their house during the week," Craig said.

The coach said the fun the team had was evident when the team won the Hootie in a playoff against Augusta State.

"It just seemed to me the guys were loose and confident the entire tournament," Craig said. "In the playoff, we were all swagger and smiles, and it showed in our performance."

Hoping to continue performing so well, the team's next tournament is the SEC Championship at Sea Island Golf Club on April 15 to 17.

According to Craig, the Cats should be ready.

"It seems that this team tends to peak when the bigger and better tournaments arrive in the spring," Craig said. "I attribute it to one extremely important trait: Simply put, this team has guts, and that is more important than most everything else."

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IN OUR OPINION

SG Supreme Court should reinstate Nash

To say that Student Government elections and controversy are bedfellows is a gross understatement. For the last three years, irregular poll hours, campaign spending and inconsistent vote tallies have plagued SG elections.

Monday, UK students got their perennial taste for chaos and malfeasance when the SG Elections Board of Claims found SG president-elect Will Nash and Michelle Bishop were guilty of three claims that they violated SG election bylaws. They were subsequently disqualified.

Although we commend SG presidential candidate Tommy Cunningham for holding both campaigns responsible for election violations, the SG Elections Board of Claims ruled in error.

It's true that Nash and Bishop were found guilty of three claims brought against them by Cunningham. The Nash campaign wrongly used a tax exemption certificate to purchase campaign signs, failed to report the expenditure of helium for campaign balloons and went over the \$600 election spending limit.

According to the Elections Board of Claims, these campaign violations constituted a "felony" meaning they affect the integrity of the election process. The SG Constitution, under Article 5, Section 10, Clause

A, states candidates found guilty of a felony shall be disqualified.

If the SG Supreme Court upholds the claim, it will be as if Nash and Bishop never ran, and the Ellingsworth/Burns ticket could then be certified as the official winners, according to SG Elections Board of Claims Chairman Christopher Thacker.

But the board found the Ellingsworth campaign guilty for failure to include the costs of mailing address labels and posting signs before the announcement of their campaign, fining them \$75 for the two violations.

It's hardly justifiable to not only disqualify Nash but also install Ellingsworth as SG president when her campaign fell demonstrably short of following election bylaws. The decision of the board is not only arbitrary — it runs counter to precedent.

In 2003, current president Rachel Watts and running mate Matt Rippetoe were found guilty of violating election bylaws when they exceeded their campaign spending limit and failed to report expenditures for their

campaign Web site at a "reasonable retail rate." However, the Watts/Rippetoe ticket was only fined \$100, and each candidate was forced to do 50 hours of community service.

Including the money saved by using the tax exemption form, Nash's total spending increased by \$4.20 to a total of \$601.62 — a mere \$1.62 over the limit. Although the new figure does not take the Nash campaign's helium expenditures into account, the SG Supreme Court ruled that approximately \$45 in overspending by the Watts campaign in 2003 did not affect the integrity of the election.

There is nothing substantially different about the nature or gravity of the current election violations. Actually, that

election was even more controversial because there was a discrepancy between the number of students registered to vote and the number of votes cast. So not only can one logically conclude that the SG Supreme Court would be overturning its own precedent should it uphold the Elections Board of Claims ruling, it would be invalidating an

election for grievances less substantial than those taken up two years ago.

Had the violations of the Nash campaign not occurred, it's difficult to see where they would have substantially altered the outcome of the election.

Although another SG presidential election would be a desirable alternative to the arbitrary installation of a president, it would be costly and difficult to pull off before the end of the academic year.

This is not to say Nash and Bishop shouldn't be reprimanded. They should be fined and made to do community service just like their predecessors.

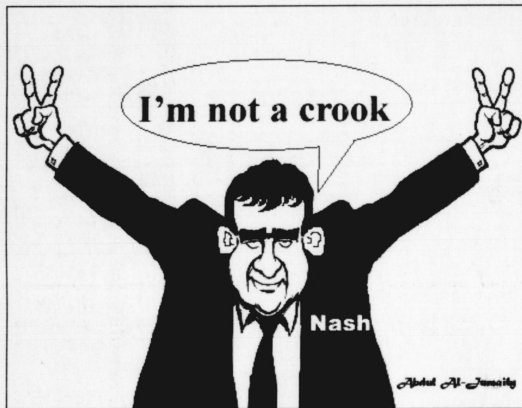
Somewhere along the line, the student voice was completely ignored. Nash did receive the most votes.

Certifying an Ellingsworth victory would be an arbitrary ruling. It assumes that the invalidated Nash vote would go to Ellingsworth even though there are more than enough votes for Cunningham to fill the 761-vote chasm between himself and Ellingsworth. It's hardly equitable application of SG bylaws to disqualify one candidate and merely fine the other for violations so similar in nature.

The SG Supreme Court would be wise to reverse the Elections Board of Claims ruling. It would be invalidating an

Nash and Bishop should be reprimanded for their violations, but their nature doesn't warrant anything as drastic as disqualification.

VIEWS ON THE SG CONTROVERSY



ABDUL AL-JUMAILY, THE KENTUCKY KERNEL

Nash disqualification is unjust punishment

A travesty, an embarrassment, and an insult to all UK students, faculty, staff and alumni. These words are the only way to describe the punishment imposed on Will Nash and Michelle Bishop by the Student Government Elections Board of Claims. It has been a long time since accountability and respect have been brought to SG, and it took President Rachel Watts a lot of hard work to get the organization where it is today.

Nash and Bishop were the best candidates to carry on that image and improve it with their great platform ideas. Their hard work was stripped from them in the middle of the night, and wrongfully so. The claims made against Nash were trivial and irrelevant.

Even the mere suggestion that Nash and Bishop "filed a substantially inaccurate and deceptive report to the Elections Board of Supervision" is laughable. If \$1.62 is substantial, then how would one describe the tuition increases we as UK students endure year after year that Nash and Bishop had a plan for and were ready to fight against?

In the past there have been dirty campaigns with overspending and even voter fraud; the precedent is there. Each time it was overlooked, or those guilty were given a slap on the wrist. At worst, community service hours had to be completed. This time it is different. They ran a clean campaign and all of a sudden they want to start disqualifying people?

To take that away from such dedicated, honest,

hard-working people over something that was not only an unfortunate oversight, but also so incredibly minuscule in the big picture, is ludicrous. Disqualifying the most capable candidates from one of the best elections this campus has ever seen is unjust. The punishment must fit the crime.

Unfortunately for Tommy Cunningham, a few balloons do not equal 932 votes, nor do they equal the 171 votes for Becky Ellingsworth. To not give those few who actually cared enough to vote and voice their opinion the candidates they elected is an insult.

This is a disgrace, and today I am ashamed to be a part of this university. If this decision is not reversed after the appeals process, why should any one have voted? Why not just let the Elections Board choose the next SG President? The student body spoke during the elections, and they want Nash and Bishop to be their next SG president and vice president.

STEVE CAVEZZA
Former SG Senate candidate

SG elections board ruling signals vital democracy

As a former city council candidate that has pressed a formal election finance complaint with the state of Kentucky over violations of state election finance laws, I feel a duty to add both my applause to the Student Government Elections Board of Claims for a job well done that the state would do well to emulate, and condolences to William Nash and Michelle Bishop and hopes for fairness in

their forthcoming appeal. The Kentucky State Elections Finance Board should take lessons, heed and note the actions of the SG Board of Claims. There is a future coming: one less tolerant to unfair and corrupt political gamesmanship, and that is a great thing. It is a shame when a university election board shows more virtue in attending to the spirit and letter of law than the state and city in which it resides.

If election finance laws are not heeded strictly (even in the arena of an SG election) then the public trust and confidence in government is sacrificed. The net effect of this is to cause apathy, and a disconnect from the people who most affect their everyday life — their government. It hinders true citizen participation and exacerbates the tendency of special interest — and in larger political arenas, corporate interest — to dominate our lives, and slowly, subtly separate us from our rights.

If the Kentucky State Elections Finance Board would attend to the letter and spirit of campaign finance laws, the perception of corruption and the public mistrust of the Lexington-Fayette Urban County Council may not exist at the level it does. Further corruptive practice might be curtailed instead of essentially being encouraged.

Trey Grayson, Kentucky Secretary of State, and the State Election Campaign Finance Board need to be held to task for their apparent inaction in the obvious corporate interference of last year's city elections.

If there is a public per-

ception of mistrust in our election process, it rides squarely on their heads as appointed officials with the judicial and enforcement capacity in our state.

Yet, even given that, it is heartening to me, to see a virtue in a new generation of civic leaders taking fairness in election campaigns with the due diligence and seriousness it should be taken.

ROBERT MORELAND
Alumnus and staff member
Former city council candidate

SG fiasco a reminder of need to root out corruption

As I read the paper Tuesday morning, I just had to laugh. Of course, there would have to be some controversy about the SG election — it just wouldn't be another spring here at UK without it.

All four years that I have been here, the SG elections have been surrounded by controversy, whether it has been discrepancies of votes, spending violations, accusations of one campaign using resources not available to others or just the common "he said, she said" mudslinging — the controversy has been a constant problem UK students can count on.

But it hasn't been the only constant; the other constant has been that no matter how big the offense, the election had never been overturned until now.

So why is this time different? I mean really, can a ticket overspending by a few dollars be a more serious offense than a vote discrepancy of about 170 votes?

When there was a difference between the votes recorded and counted the

election board didn't bat an eye at keeping the results as is, nor did the Supreme Court — am I the only one who thinks this is ridiculous?

The Nash/Bishop campaign might have overspent by a few dollars, but they didn't do anything that merits their disqualification.

It is time for the election to end. Ellingsworth and Cunningham lost the election, and I seriously

doubt that if Nash had spent \$1.62 less that the results would have been different. If the Supreme Court upholds this decision they will just be letting the corruption continue, and that is not what SG needs here at UK. It is time to move on.

JULIE SMITH
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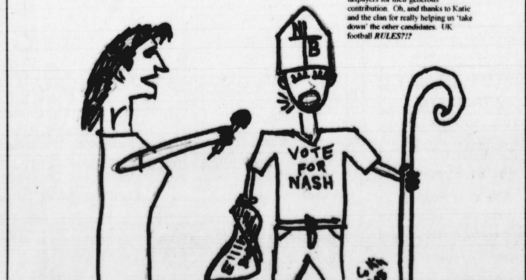
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COLLIN LINEBACH, THE KENTUCKY KERNEL

Injuries hamper UK golfers

By Brian Tucker
THE KENTUCKY KERNEL

Don't tell Stephanie Barker that golf isn't a contact sport.

The UK women's golf coach has seen her golfers undergo three separate surgeries this year.

One of the injuries involved sophomore golfer Alanna Silvertrust. She hit a rock with her wrist and needed surgery, but not because of the rock. A genetic factor made Silvertrust's bone elongated. Her operation was carried out to remove the bone.

Her departure from the team was critical. Since her return, she has played better than ever.

In addition, sophomore Marissa Muir pulled out her back last year and recovered this spring, only to re-aggravate the injury.

If that wasn't enough, junior Laura Clemmons had surgery last year.

This rash of injuries has kept Barker's options for ex-

perienced players limited throughout most of the season. But she emphasized that it makes the team much stronger.

"We have other people who can fill in pretty well," Barker said. "(Sophomore) Katie Johnson has gained experience due to the loss of players. She could make it into the starting lineup."

Junior Ali Kicklighter is a prime example. Kicklighter placed sixth at the Eastern Kentucky Invitational this season and has steadily improved.

"She's really turning into an awesome player," Barker said.

Along with Kicklighter, freshmen Elizabeth Dotson and Beth Felts have been strong all season.

Dotson finished with a 72 and a 74 on the Georgia golf course at the Liz Murphy Classic.

"This is the toughest course to play on with some of the toughest conditions," Barker said.

Dotson and Felts, along

SEC Championships

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with their teammates, have helped Barker remain positive about the future despite the hardships experienced this season.

"We'll be even better next year because of all the experience and recoveries we've had," Barker said.

During this season, Barker has had to play people on her team that were completely new to the system. But the perseverance through this year can be a foundation for the team to build upon.

"We are right on the brink of doing really well," Barker said. "We just don't want any more bad things to happen."

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SPORTS BRIEFS

Women's tennis team climbs to No. 2

On the strength of victories at No. 4 Georgia and No. 23 Tennessee over the weekend, the UK women's tennis team climbed up from No. 5 to No. 2 in the Intercollegiate Tennis Association national rankings released yesterday.

The Cats (21-3, 10-0 Southeastern Conference) claimed the SEC crown Sunday with their 4-3 win over the Vols.

UK's march to its No. 2 ranking began with a No. 14 season-opening ranking. UK vaulted to No. 3 in February after making the finals of the ITA National Team Indoor Championships with victories over Clemson, North Carolina and Duke.

The Cats fell in the final to No. 1 Stanford, who remains at the top spot and hasn't lost a match since dropping a 4-3 decision to Florida in the 2003 national-title match.

UK dropped to No. 7 after a loss to North Carolina on Feb. 12 in Chapel Hill, but the

Cats slowly moved toward the top during their current 15-match win streak. The No. 2 ranking is the highest in the history of the program.

Schwenk named SEC Player of the Week

UK sophomore Joelle Schwenk was named the SEC Women's Tennis Player of the Week yesterday after a pair of sterling performances at Georgia and Tennessee.

Schwenk's straight-set win over Georgia's Evgenia Subbotina helped UK earn its first win in Athens since 1988.

The Coconut Creek, Fla., native teamed with sophomore Kim Coventry for a doubles win at Tennessee before rallying from a one-set deficit to defeat the Lady Vols' Bryce Marable.

The win broke a 3-3 tie and clinched not only the Cats' 4-3 victory in Knoxville but also UK's first SEC regular-season championship.

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