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Jane Leach, 53, lifts her husband, Doug, 54, out of bed every morning by herself to put him in his chair. Doug is bed-ridden because of Pick's disease.

burden of love

When dreams fade, a family finds a new way to live

Story and photos by Tricia Spaulding

Doug and Jane Leach thought they had found their dream.

It was 1990, and Doug, an equine anatomy expert, took a research job at UK's Gluck Equine Center. It was the perfect fit for the couple and their three children.

"He didn't have to teach, advise or anything," Jane said. "He got to do research. It was a dream job."

But Doug's behavior soon started to change. He'd dress in unnecessary layers of clothes in warm weather. He would make strange comments, unable to complete his thoughts. He would get up at odd hours of the night to get ready for work or wake the children to get them ready for school. He had trouble completing tasks at work.

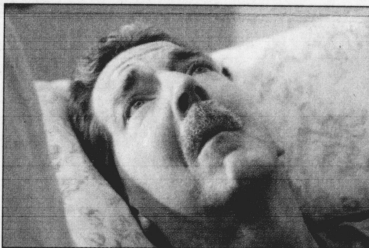
And when confronted at work, he would respond angrily and irrationally.

"He would just go nuts," Jane said. "Absolutely nuts."

Then, the unthinkable became the unthinkable: Doug struck one of his children.

"That was it for me," Jane said. "He got one chance with that. I was going to divorce him."

"People draw the line at dif-



Doug looks up at Jane while she gets him ready for bed.

ferent places — that's where I draw it."

They went to counseling together to find out why Doug had hit his 12-year-old son.

"It just wasn't like him," she said. "None of it was."

The psychologist sent him to a neurologist.

"When the results (of the scans) came back they were awful," Jane said. "They found his frontal lobe was almost completely gone."

The neurologist was amazed that Doug, 42, was communicat-

ing as well as he was considering the damage to his brain.

Doug had Pick's disease, a rare degenerative illness usually confined to the frontal lobes, the area of the brain which controls emotion, personality, motor function, problem solving, spontaneity, memory, language, judgment, impulse control and social and sexual behavior.

Almost immediately after the diagnosis, he became violent.

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MORE ON PICK'S DISEASE

■ Pick's disease is a less-common type of dementia often confused with Alzheimer's disease. This rare progressive condition accounts for 5 percent of all progressive dementias. It occurs in slightly more women than men. The cause is unknown, although genetics might play a small role.

■ The disorder shrinks the tissues of the frontal and temporal lobes of the brain and deteriorates mental function.

■ The frontal lobes plan and monitor performance and control behavioral and emotional responses. Damage to the frontal lobes may cause a variety of symptoms that may include:

- Personality changes
- Speech problems
- Changes in eating habits
- Difficulties maintaining attention

Source: www.helpguide.org/elder/picks_disease.htm

SG court to handle election claims

By Sean Rose
THE KERNEL

Student Government campaign violators will be looking at the SG Supreme Court if they commit a violation this election year.

The amendment passed a second and final vote last night, axing the Election Board of Claims in favor of the SG Supreme Court handling violators.

Constitutional Committee Chairman Will Nash, whose committee wrote the change, said much of the reasoning was because the Board of Claims isn't always familiar with the constitution.

"The Supreme Court is informed whereas the Board of Claims is not necessarily," Nash said.

Nash also dismissed recent allegations by The Kernel editorial board that it was a conflict of interest for him to chair the revisions committee after being a losing presidential candidate. Nash has also said he has helped current SG Presidential Worley on his campaign.

"We think he would be very vital in changes to the constitution. That's why he was chosen as the chairman. There's never been a conflict of interest," said Senate President Nick Phelps.

Another amendment to the constitution, which would lower the amount of signatures required to run for office, passed the first of two required voting sessions. The amendment would drop the required amount of signatures for presidential and vice presidential candidates to obtain from 1,000 to 500.

It also reduced the number of signatures for senatorial-at-large candidates from 400 to 200 while senators of colleges would have to obtain two percent of their college to sign instead of three.

Sen. Ben Carter, one of the sponsors of the act, said lowering the signatures would cut down the time to file for candidacy and allow more time to campaign and interact with students.

"We need to be talking to students about

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Career expo brings in record crowd

By Chris Miles
THE KENTUCKY KERNEL

Despite the above-average temperatures in Central Kentucky yesterday, more than 1,000 students donned long sleeves, long pants, full coats and ties as they partook in the annual career and internship expo hosted by the James W. Stuckert Career Center at the Student Center.

The event was the largest career fair in UK history and one of the biggest in the state, hosting more than 134 companies and filling the Grand Ballroom with tables of information for students.

"I'd like to get my name out there," said Matthew Denley, a foreign language and international economics senior. "I want to let jobs and employers know I'm interested."

Companies attending the fair included Dell, Proctor and Gamble, Target and Toyota.

"This was the largest expo at UK," said Sue Strup, the director of experiential education and career services at the career center. "We even had companies calling us up that we couldn't fit."

The career expo filled the Grand Ballroom to near fire-code standards and even stretched out further into the halls of the Student Center.

The career center organized the event to give students a better understanding of the possibilities for jobs and internships in their major fields and to get students used to the process of presenting resumes, conducting interviews and networking with employers.

"This is an opportunity for a large

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UK 80, UT 78

Cats shoot down Volunteers

By Josh Sullivan
THE KENTUCKY KERNEL

KNOXVILLE, Tenn. — Down 21-7, with their NCAA tournament lives on the line, the UK men's basketball team headed to the bench to face head coach Tubby Smith in front of a deafening capacity crowd in Knoxville.

Brandon Stockton said he expected Smith to be in full-fledged "Tubby Stare" mode.

"I thought he was going to be mad," said Stockton, "but he just said to calm down and have fun."

Smith's kinder, gentler incarnation pushed the right buttons last night. Led by the sophomore tandem of Randolph Morris and Rajon Rondo, the Cats fought back

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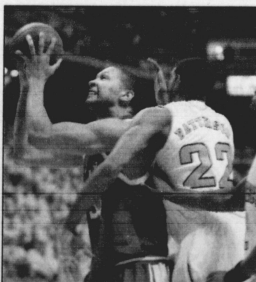
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to knock off SEC East champion Tennessee, 80-78.

"Randolph Morris had a great night, a tremendous night on the boards," Smith said. "So did Rajon Rondo. He was under the weather a little bit, we weren't sure how much he'd play, but he showed a lot of heart."

After the timeout, Morris must have forgotten he was in an actual game instead of a dunk contest. He sparked an 8-0 UK run with

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KEITH SHULEY | STAFF

Sophomore center Randolph Morris looks for a shot while avoiding senior forward Andre Patterson during the first half.

Law students offer tax help to local citizens

Students get experience while helping underprivileged families, foreign students

By Wes Bleivins
THE KENTUCKY KERNEL

Some UK law students will have an opportunity to fine-tune their talents this tax season, thanks to a volunteer tax preparation program.

The service, which is provided free of charge, is available to low-income individuals through the Volunteer Return Education Project.

UK Edward T. Breathitt Professor of Law Doug Michael has led the program for more than 10 years. He said last year students prepared returns for 372 people, and assisted about 150 others by answering their questions.

Michael said the service is a "good, almost-clinical experience" for the students, providing them with opportunities to learn how to interview clients and to apply rules they have learned to real-life situations.

Lexington's low-income residents are not the only beneficiaries of the program. Michael pointed out that UK's foreign students — primarily graduate students — can also receive assistance. These students face "fairly complex tax situations," Michael said, with scholarships and outside jobs comprising part of their incomes.

William Graf, a second-year law student, said as a law student, "You don't get a lot of opportunities to do community service."

He added that the program is a good chance to give back to the community

in a way that helps people, while using the talents he has learned through law school.

Third-year law student Tom Goodwin said the foreign students coming in for assistance have problems, with no one else to turn to.

"They're sitting down with forms that a lot of Americans don't understand," he said.

He said they leave with smiles on their faces, as if the volunteers are their "new best friends."

Volunteers with the program receive no course credit for their work. They are required to complete 12 to 18 hours of federal income tax courses, and pass an Internal Revenue Service tax certification test.

Assistance is being offered at two locations. The Lexington Public Library will host sessions on Saturdays from 12 to 4 p.m. beginning March 4, and ending April 15. Those needing assistance can also attend sessions at the UK Student Center on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays from 3 to 6 p.m. March 3 through April 17.

Graf urged those interested to come early. "The first two weeks are slow," he said. "But the last two weeks are insane."

Michael said some people have had to be turned away in previous years. Students cannot get to everyone who comes in, but he said, "We do as many as we can."

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NEWS BRIEFS

Education Professor Honored

UK College of Education Professor Debra Harley earned Rehabilitation Educator of the Year honors from the National Council on Rehabilitation.

"It is gratifying to receive national recognition, especially from the NCRE because I was selected by a committee of my peers," Harley said. "This award is an expression of their respect and admiration for my work. I deeply appreciate the recognition."

Harley is the third UK professor in five years to be recognized by the NCRE. Malachy Bishop was won the New Career in Rehabilitation in 2005 and Sonja Flest-Price was named Researcher of the Year.

College sponsors author reading, writing contest

The English Department is sponsoring a reading by John Crowley, an American fantasy writer, today at 6:00 p.m. in the Lexmark Public Room in the Main Building. The event is free and open to the public.

The department's annual Dantzer-Farquhar Literary Competition deadline is March 10. The maximum length for fiction is 10 pages and the maximum for a poem or group of poems is eight pages. Participants are to submit photocopies of their work as it will not be returned. Manuscripts can be mailed to Professor Gurney Norman, Dept. of English, 1215 P.O.T. The contest is open only to undergraduate students.

Saddam admits ordering trials of 148 later executed

BAGHDAD, IRAQ — Saddam Hussein admitted Wednesday that he ordered the trials of 148 Iraqis who were later executed, but he denied that he committed any crime and said he took the action lawfully as Iraq's

president in response to an assassination attempt.

Saddam, who was toppled by U.S. forces nearly three years ago after more than two decades in power, also acknowledged that he ordered the razing of orchards in the town where his presidential convoy was ambushed in 1982. A stunned, hushed courtroom listened as Saddam described the scene when his car was attacked.

On the basis of that assassination attempt, Saddam said, he ordered the trial of people allegedly involved in the shooting and the seizure and destruction of their land.

"Where is the crime?" Saddam asked. "Is referring a defendant who opened fire at a head of state, no matter what his name is, a crime?"

Study: smokers need more root canals

If the heightened risk of lung cancer, heart disease and emphysema — to say nothing of stinky clothes — hasn't induced you to quit smoking yet, try this: Close your eyes and imagine the expense, inconvenience and sheer agony of having a root canal. Now, face a newly established fact: Smoking cigarettes roughly doubles your risk of needing one.

In the April issue of the Journal of Dental Research, Boston University Dental School's Elizabeth Krall Kaye reports that cigarette smokers are, on average, 70 percent more likely to need root canal treatment than nonsmokers. The study, which tracked 811 men for 30 years, found that for those who smoked cigarettes five to 12 years, the incidence of root canals doubled, and after a man had smoked for more than 12 years it rose even higher.

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DID YOU KNOW?

UK Parking & Transportation offers a **SPRING BREAK AIRPORT SHUTTLE**. The shuttle will run from campus to Bluegrass Airport. The shuttle will operate March 9 - March 10 with daily campus departure times of 8 a.m., 10 a.m., noon, 2 p.m. and 4 p.m. Students should plan to leave campus at least two hours prior to takeoff.

To schedule a pickup, email the following information with the subject "Spring Break Shuttle" to ukparking@uky.edu at least 48 hours in advance:

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Monday, March 6, 2006
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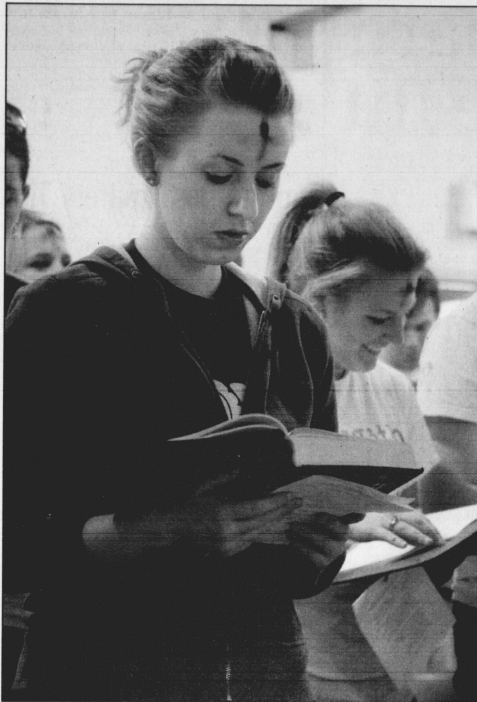
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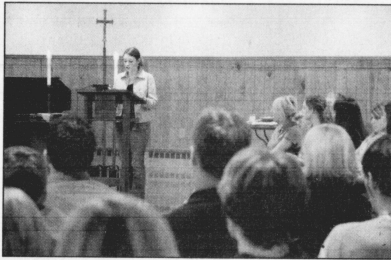
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A DAY IN PHOTOS

MARKING THEIR FAITH



Above: Amanda Verrette, an art studio sophomore, sings along from the hymns book during last night's Ash Wednesday Mass at the Newman Center. **Below:** In celebration of Ash Wednesday, the congregation listens to the first reading during the last night's mass at the Newman Center.



Career

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amount of employers to get in front of a large amount of students and talk face to face," Strup said. "It also helps students perfect their interview skills and find out about jobs they want."

Tamara McCormick, an accounting senior, looked to do just that.

"I'm looking to network and interact with different employers," said McCormick, who is looking for an entry-level position in the accounting sector. "It's great to meet people within these organiza-

tions." Building a relationship with possible employers was one of the top priorities of many students at the expo.

"I hope to meet people and find out information so I can start my own career once I graduate," communications senior Patrick McDonald said before he entered the expo.

The career expo is one of seven career fairs that UK hosts each year.

The Career Center begins its expo calendar in the fall with a fair focused on business companies and then follows up with similar fairs in agriculture, communications, engineering, teaching and health.

"But the career and intern

expo is by far the largest," Strup said. "It's open to all sorts of companies, students and alumni."

Before everything else, the expo looks to familiarize students with what would happen to them after college while on the hunt for a job. The expo presents students with an atmosphere where they can hone their job-finding skills and make connections even before they begin their life plans after graduation.

"Students really find out a lot about what opportunities there are," Strup said.

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issues, not talking about please sign my sheet so I can get on the ballot," Carter said.

He added that fewer required signatures would result in more students wanting to get involved with SG because of the ease in requirements.

There was heavy discussion around the issue as some senators said the higher number of signatures is needed to test a candidate's seriousness.

"I just think that shows your commitment and dedication," said Senator Tegan Alexander.

Despite having his act passed, Carter was not happy with the discussion over the

issue. "Honestly, I'm pretty disappointed," Carter said raising one of his points that federal congressional candidates only need 50 signatures to run, opposed to the hundreds that SG requires.

"If someone can explain the hypocrisy in that, they're a smarter man than me," he said.

A resolution was also passed that encourages student involvement in the Lexington-Fayette Urban County Council's 3rd District. According to the resolution, UK students make up a majority of the district, but have not traditionally voted.

Resolution co-sponsor Sen. Brent Burchett said the legislation was designed to promote student issues off campus and to inform students.

"The biggest part of this

thing is information and letting students know what's out there," Burchett said.

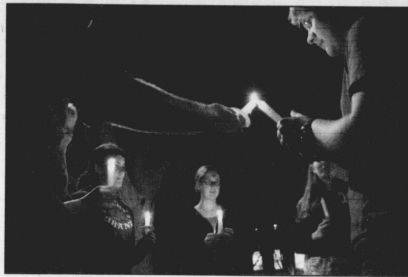
Burchett said specifically SG should promote students to register to vote in the district, inform them on candidates and eventually encourage a student candidate.

"This is a long term thing. It can only help students and increase our voice," Burchett said.

A second resolution also passed that encourages the formation of a resource center for out-of-state students, providing information about Lexington and Kentucky to help ease students' transition to UK. SG Vice-President and co-sponsor Kyle Burns said that UK administration has given positive feedback on the idea and that it could be a reality in two years.

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SHINING LIGHT ON DEATH PENALTY



Top: Students from Amnesty International gather to protest the death penalty last night on campus. **Above:** Ben Potash, an English senior, Sarah Willenbrink, a German freshman, and Leslie Russman, a psychology freshman, hold candles in memory of those who have died through the death penalty.

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WHAT'S THE DEAL? | Demystifying campus trends

Don't let your guard down against the flu

Hold on a second. Did you just hear that? And wait, what is that god-awful smell?

OK, I'll tell you. That was the sound of your roommate puking his or her brain out in the nearby hallway bathroom. Not because he or she is hungover from last night's toga party, but because of what I like to call "the flu."

(As I'm knocking on wood) I think I might be one of the only students on this campus who hasn't been plagued by this 24-hour-to-weeklong virus.

Now, I've been sick before and, yes, I do know what it's like to spend some quality time praying to the porcelain gods, but over the past few weeks, it sounds like the Grim Reaper has taken a little stroll around our campus and given everybody the runs.

With symptoms much similar to those resulting from eating one bag too many of "WOW" potato chips, the flu has also been known to cause fevers, chills and aches throughout the entire body.

A particular strand of virus branching from the common-flu is the "24-hour" flu, which can cause massive disbursements from the bowels and regurgitations that would make my last vomit episode at Six Flags Kentucky Kingdom look like a walk in the park.

Bill Yackey, a journalism senior, described to me the trauma he underwent while having the overnight flu.

"It was absolutely miserable. My head wouldn't stop spinning and my stomach refused to hold anything down," Yackey said, before adding with a sarcastic smile, "I felt even worse when the virus spread to two of my friends, who then had to experience the exact same things."

Right now, you're probably thinking one of two things: "I know that feeling and it sucks" or "that won't happen to me, and I have too much going on right now to be getting sick."

If you've experienced the thrill of flu-season already this year, sorry about your luck, but at least it's out of the way. But, if somehow you managed to dodge the flu bullet so far this year, beware. With such things as midterms and spring break (to say the least) on the horizon, obtaining the flu or any type of illness for that matter doesn't make for good timing.

Either way, there are some simple measures that all students should take to help steer themselves clear of any virus that may be lurking around their dorms or apartment.

Author C.M. Hawken writes about some of these precautions in "Natural Cold and Flu Defense," with excerpts posted on GrainsandGreens.com.

First off, personal hygiene is probably the most important duty when it comes to keeping yourself healthy.

For those of you reading this joyous article while in the White Hall men's or women's restrooms, that means washing your hands before you exit.

Furthermore, try not to touch your face during the day. Not only do you not want to develop zits from your grease-infested phalanges, but the bac-

teria attached has the capability of making it to your mouth in no time.

Gross thought? Sorry. To cap off the hygiene aspects of health, be sure to clean your sheets and dust your room on a regular basis. Anytime the area you are most in is disinfected, you're on a good track for safety.

Next, be sure to drink plenty of fluids, and no, alcohol is not what I mean. Drinking eight to 12 cups of water each day helps your body move its fluids and keep your insides cleaner. This concept goes along the same line as exercising and eating healthy. Anytime you treat your body decently enough (notice I say decent, lazy ass), it may tend to be decent to you back.

Finally, get plenty of rest. I know that sounds like a hard thing to imagine, but at least try to get a few nights of adequate sleep (roughly eight hours) to give your body the energy it needs to get through the day.

Medicines also tend to play a big role in the removal of viruses from our bodies. Unfortunately, to this date, there are no known cures for the flu; just suppressants. For a more natural remedy, try taking Echinacea, Vitamin C, Goldenseal and Hot Toddlies (my personal favorite). These supplements/drinks have been known to keep a body strong.

Nobody likes to be sick. But by keeping yourself prepared and healthy, you may have a shot at bypassing the undesirable opportunity.

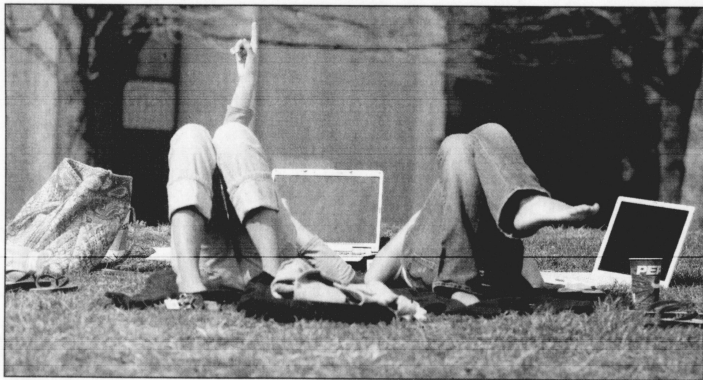
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A taste of spring


According to the National Weather Service, yesterday's temperature reached a high of 71 degrees in Lexington, bringing students outside to enjoy the afternoon sunshine. Today's temperatures are forecasted to reach the upper 50s, with temperatures tapering off into the mid-40s this weekend, extending a brief respite from the winter doldrums.



Kelly Stevens, left, an interior design freshman, and Brooke Snelton, a psychology freshman, enjoy yesterday's warm weather outside in the Kirwin-Blending Complex.



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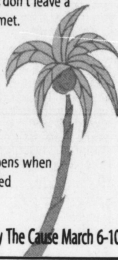


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Spring Break Safety Tips

Brought to you by the Alcohol Education Office

1. Be familiar with your surroundings; don't leave a party with someone that you just met.
2. Avoid excessive alcohol and drugs.
3. Protect your drink- don't allow anyone to slip something in it!
4. Drive rested and sober.
5. Always remember that "stuff" happens when you are drinking like STD's, unwanted pregnancies, and accidents.



Spring Break Safety Week Sponsored by The Cause March 6-10.

Spring Break Safety Week March 6th-10th

Tuesday, March 7th:
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South Campus Commons Area
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Wednesday, March 8th:
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Jane keeps this photo of their family taped to a book in Doug's bedroom. The picture was taken three years ago.

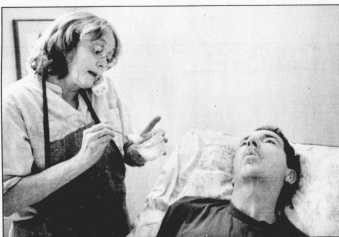


Above: Doug lies in his bedroom, where the walls are covered with family photos and artwork he created himself.

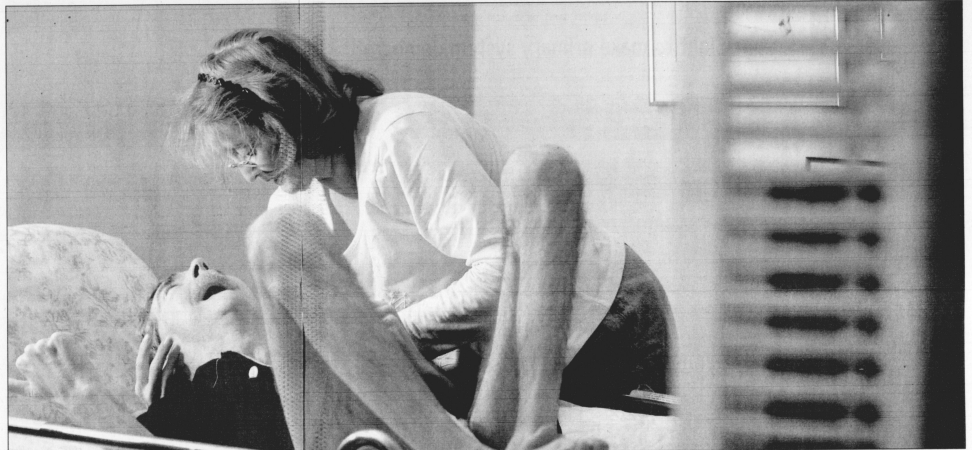


Right: Jane gets out of bed twice every night to roll Doug onto his side to keep him comfortable. The schedule leaves her exhausted.

Below: Jane feeds Doug pudding.



Jane reads Doug a letter she received from her mother, who recently went to Africa to work at a hospital.



Jane lifts Doug's head to pull his pajama shirt down while she gets him ready for bed.

'It is the way it is. If I don't keep it simple, I'll cry.'

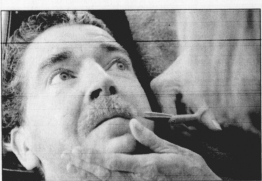
"It was the weirdest thing. It was like it was finally OK for him to not be OK," she said. "I think he was compensating so well because he was so smart and so bright. I think he worked so hard at it that when he was diagnosed, he just let his guard down."

And when he let go, Jane had to start letting go, too. She'd been dreaming about vacations, going back to school, paying off the house and spending a lot more time with her family. Now she was fast realizing that her life would revolve around caring for her husband.

Fear and doubt
Over the next five years, Doug's violent outbursts became more frequent. He would chase his children with knives and axes, screaming at them. He attempted suicide several times. A paralyzing sense of fear settled over the home.

"I would have to lock the kids in the basement to keep him from getting to them," Jane said. "I was the buffer between Doug and the kids." The family learned to recognize Doug's triggers: loud noises and arguments had to be avoided. Jane also had to watch every move he made.

"I hated it," she said. There were times Doug would climb the backyard fence to get to the dog that lived in the yard behind him. Jane would have to pry him off the fence and bring him back inside.



Jane tends Doug's mustache. She maintains the mustache because she says he wouldn't be "Doug" without it.

"It was hell," Jane's own anger threatened to overwhelm her. "It was just awful. I hated him. There was so much hate," she said. "I would pray to God to ask him to erase the hate."

But Jane stayed. She did her best to understand what her husband was going through. "When he was violent, it was awful," she said. "But he's my husband, and he's their dad, and he contributes to the family on so many levels."

Total resignment
The week Doug was diagnosed, he quit work and stayed home for five years. Jane continued to work full time as a nurse at Charter Ridge, but as Doug's condition worsened, she endured criticism for not spending all her time at home with him.

"People asked me why I wasn't at home making memories," she said. "I don't think they understood — it wasn't like he had a terminal illness. I knew we would have time. We had a plan, and I wasn't going to change that because he was sick," she said.

Before Doug got sick, they planned to pay off the house and live debt-free; if she hadn't kept working, she wouldn't have enough money to do that. "I don't know where we would have had it done that."

At one point, her mother came from Canada to help. But at time

passed, the stress became easier to deal with, Jane said. "I haven't thought about a lot of this since it happened because I have been on survival mode since," she said.

Her husband's keeper
Doug spends his days in a room adorned with pictures of family and his own artwork. They're all memories of a man who loved to laugh, loved to play with his children and loved to draw and paint. He also loved his work studying the nature of diseases that crippled

horses. Getting a job at Gluck, one of the premier equine research facilities in the country, meant that he'd risen to the peak of his profession.

Now Doug relies on Jane for everything. Every morning, she changes his diaper, washes his body, shaves his face, feeds him and dresses him. "You're going to look spiffy after I'm done," she said recently, scrubbing his hair, face, eyebrows and mustache. "You're going to look so nice."

Jane keeps his mustache, despite how difficult it is to keep clean, because it's a part of the man he has always been. "It just isn't Doug without it," she said. "He's always had it. He should keep it."

Such constant care is an intricate process — feeding Doug used to be a six-hour endeavor for almost each day. It was difficult for Doug and watching him struggle to chew and swallow was sometimes more than Jane could bear.

Now Doug has a feeding tube. "Before, I was spending all day feeding him," Jane said. "I never got a break from it; it was so tiring." The tube delivers water and the nutritional drink Boost directly to Doug's system, saving Jane some time during the day. She still treats Doug to some of his favorite foods, like chocolate and pudding.

"He likes chocolate. He likes a melt in his mouth."

Jane believes Doug is better off staying at home. "He enjoys the household activities," she said, recalling times in the nursing home when he cried.

She also consistently grooms him, styling to his ears, hair and face. "I guess I didn't realize how much I picked at myself until I had to do it for Doug. I'm like a little monkey," she said.

She touches his face and smiles. "They do it to show affection and love, Doug."

Unwavering commitment
Jane has good days and bad days. She also battles illnesses of her own, including severe asthma, allergies and attention deficit disorder, as well as dealing with fatigue and caring for her children. But she never gives up.

To help deal with the constant stress and activity she tries to set aside half an hour each day to spend on herself. "It's a big thing for me," she said, "because it takes so much energy to do and the things are so high-maintenance. But I have to try and take care of myself."

She wears herself as a last-back person with a good sense of humor. "I laugh about something stupid every day. I crack myself up."

She also said that now, at 53, she doesn't look too far into the future because she feels there is no point in looking past the next day.

"I don't no dreams for my own anymore because I am well rooted into reality," she said. "I am just busy getting through the day like everyone else."

As Jane takes care of Doug, she's also trying to instill independence in her three children. "I have done my best to take care of their needs as well as my husband's. I don't think I can think about a future for myself until I have taught my children to be independent."

"When I look at my kids, I say to myself, 'You did your best.' Their children, ages 21 and 17, are as far into the future as she looks. "I don't think beyond that," she said. "It just is a worry and it is the way it is. If I don't keep it simple, I'll cry."

As for Doug's future, no one knows for sure. Eventually he may have difficulty swallowing infections will become more and more of a threat, and he'll continue to lose weight. Many patients succumb to all of these complications.

Regardless of what the future holds, Jane doesn't regret taking care of Doug at home. Each day she reaffirms her commitment to her husband and his well-being, forgoing her own plans, because even in illness, her family's togetherness has always been her dream.

"He's part of the family. Well, he is family." *By Linda Simon/kyjournal.com*



Doug laughs at a joke Jane tells as they go outside with their dog Sumo to enjoy the warm weather.

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IN OUR OPINION

Mayoral debates matter to students

Early last month, Student Government, in response to a request for debates by mayoral candidate Jim Newberry, announced that it would sponsor debates for candidates running for mayor this November. Mayor Teresa Isaac and candidate and councilman Bill Farmer Jr. accepted the challenge to debate.

As stated by this editorial board earlier this semester, part of SG's responsibility to students is to pursue avenues at the city and local level that will benefit student interests.

Students often perceive the city government as being a force acting against their interests. With measures such as the Party Plan and the keg-tagging ordinance on the books, one cannot argue that the policies enacted by the city council don't affect students, regardless of whether or not they are good policies. Although said policies have met stiff opposition from students, these measures cannot be countered unless there is an adequate amount of student representation and participation in city government.

In order for students to make their voices heard, their grievances must be assessed in order to demand the attention of local leaders. The obvious vehicle for this collective student opinion is SG. If SG can successfully mobilize students and turn them into a driving force within Lexington, instead of a pushover constituency, then there is no reason

that policies that are perceived as "anti-student" could be overturned and prevented.

It is crucial that students turn out for this debate. If the policies enacted by local government are truly counter to student interests, students should feel compelled to attend the debates and make their voting choices based on what they see there. Otherwise, they have no right to complain, as a result of their inaction.

SG deserves praise for sponsoring a debate among Lexington's mayoral candidates

While an SG-sponsored mayoral debate is a step in the right direction, SG should pursue involvement in local government further. SG should seek to sponsor a candidate for the 3rd District council seat — which represents most of the area where students live around campus — who will pursue student interests, or at the very least sponsor a debate among 3rd District candidates.

At the campus level, SG could spearhead campaigns to register students to vote in Lexington, inform students on local issues, and educate students on where the candidates stand.

Students, Lexington residents and the local government should not be at odds with each other. If SG continues to open a dialogue between the student body and local leaders, students will begin to see an increased interest in students at the city level, and leaders will begin to see an increased interest in the city at the campus level.

UK gives opportunities to earn some side cash

We know students are always looking for ways to fatten their pocketbooks, so here are a few opportunities at UK that are all too easy to overlook.

This month, Student Activities Board is taking applications for the Outstanding Student Awards and the Otis A. Singletary Award. The Outstanding Student Awards recognize one student in each of the freshman, sophomore and junior classes for excellence in leadership in such areas as publication, scholarship, and involvement in student organizations, fine arts, athletics and service.

The Otis A. Singletary Award recognizes one graduating man and one graduating woman for their campus involvement and service at UK. This award carries a \$1,000 stipend. Students who graduated in December 2005 or anticipate graduating in May or August are eligible.

Applications are available in the SAB office, room 203 of the Student Center, the Student Organizations Center, room 106 in the Student

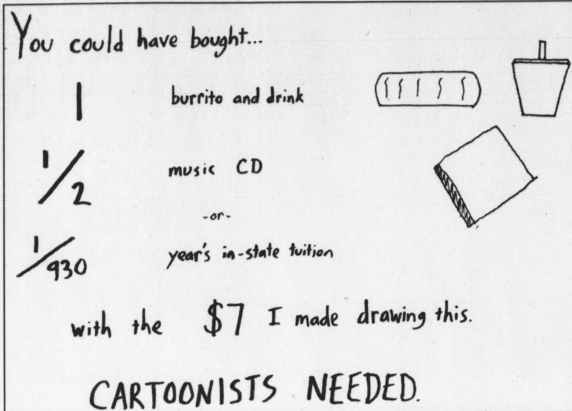
Center, and in the fifth floor lobby of the Patterson Office Tower. Completed applications are due in the SAB office by 4 p.m., Monday.

All undergraduates have another opportunity to win money — the Oswald Research and Creativity Grants. These award money for papers and projects in any of seven categories; the first-place prize in any given category is \$350.

Students can find the application at <http://www.uky.edu/EUREKA/oswald/>, or in 115 Bowdman Hall.

Phillip Kraemer, associate provost for undergraduate education, told The Kernel last year that participation was declining in the contest, especially in the biology and creative writing categories.

But there is no cost or extra work to enter the competition, except the time it takes to fill out the short entry form. The entries need not have been created especially for the contest; they can be papers or class projects that were submitted for a



BRENTON KENKEL, THE KENTUCKY KERNEL

Fight to make primary system democratic

Think about a common autocracy — a military junta or an oil-based oligarchy, for instance — and how it selects its leaders. The choice is ultimately made by a small group that is unrepresentative of the whole population, and money is a crucial factor. Equally important, there is a compliant state press suppressing information about alternatives to the leader.

Doesn't sound at all like the United States, does it? Yes, there are factors like the two-party system and the Electoral College that distort pure democracy, but for the most part, Americans have a major voice in choosing their president through voting.

Or so it seems, until you look at how we wind up with the two candidates to choose between — the primary process. This is where our choices are whittled down from dozens to just two, and it looks a lot more like the selection process of not-so-democratic countries.

First, there is the disproportionate influence given to the states of Iowa and New Hampshire, which host the first caucus and primary, respectively. Since 1976, five of the seven Democratic winners of contested caucuses in Iowa and three of the five Republican winners have gone on to get their party's nomination. The numbers are almost exactly the same for New Hampshire.

But it's certainly not because either of these states is representative of the U.S. citizenry. Only 2.1 percent of Iowa's residents

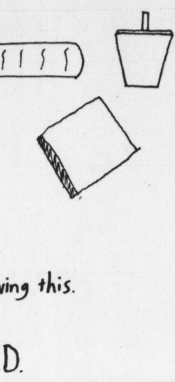
are black, and 0.7 percent of New Hampshire's, compared to 12.3 percent of the entire country, according to the 2000 census. And Iowa and New Hampshire's populations are respectively 2.8 percent and 1.7 percent Hispanic or Latino, compared to 12.5 percent in the nation as a whole. Both states are also quite rural; the largest urban center in either is Des Moines, Iowa, which has fewer residents than Lexington.

And there's no underestimating the power of these two small, homogenous states. Almost no one expected John Kerry to win the Democratic nomination until his surprise victory in Iowa; afterwards, he ended up winning 48 out of 50 state primaries.

So how did the collective decision of some podunk Iowans manage to change the minds of urbanites in New York and California? Certainly it wasn't trust in their home-spun wisdom or Midwestern warmth.

Rather, it was the player that has made it possible for two unrepresentative states to play a major role in selecting presidents — the national media. There's something of a feedback loop effect: Candidates who win the early primaries get more press attention and positive coverage because journalists figure they'll eventually be the nominees, and the upturn in tone and quantity of press coverage shapes voter perceptions more favorably toward the early winners.

It's an effect of the media's awful approach to national campaigns, which is to pay attention to the horseshoe of polling and funding instead of the substance of policy proposals. John Kerry got more favorable treatment than Howard Dean not because of his positions on health care



A LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Nazi comparison was unwarranted

In response to Andrew Martin's column on March 1, I wholeheartedly concur with the author's liberal interpretation of free speech. In the spirit of free speech, I even welcome speech based on poorly analyzed opinions.

However, I respectfully disagree with Martin's contention that the sentencing of British historian David Irving for denying the Holocaust is "indistinguishable from those [techniques] employed by Hitler's National Socialists." First, I groan at yet another casual reference to the actions of Nazis. Why do politicians, pundits and commentators feel compelled to make such a comparison every chance they get?

More importantly, this reference is entirely inappropriate in this context. While imprisonment based on speech raises serious concerns about balancing the promotion of democracy and individual liberty against the possible incitement of hate crimes, the equation of the actions of Austria's government in this case with the atrocities of Nazis in the 1930s and 1940s is utterly ridiculous. Currently, Austria generally meets inter-

national standards for prisons (according to the U.S. Bureau of Democracy, Human Rights, and Labor). As such, the likelihood that Irving risks being worked to death, starved, beaten, tortured, experimented upon, gassed and having his family and friends perish before his eyes is almost nonexistent. While imprisonment in modern Austria will be far from comfortable, Irving faces a far different experience than the victims of Hitler's Nazi party. I assume Martin did not intend to suggest these similarities, but by thinking through this comparison, he would have seen the full implications of his remark.

JAMIL A. SEWELL
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Kicking over crosses was inappropriate

I am so sick of all the ignorant liberals that our university is running amok with. It's not that all liberals are ignorant. I'm talking about the guy I saw last night in front of the W.T. Young Library knocking over crosses. I'm talking about the guy in my dorm who tells me that Bush is stupid but can't answer when asked why. I'm talking about the profes-

sors that preach left-wing propaganda and mark off points for expressing conservative views.

I am so sick of being told that because I'm conservative, I am blind, stupid, immoral or most likely a mixture of these. Just the other day I saw a guy with shirt attacking President George W. Bush reading, "Dissent is the highest form of Patriotism." When Thomas Jefferson wrote that, he didn't mean it as an excuse to go express your dissent by kicking down a pro-life display. To freely express your opinion is one of the uncompromising human rights that America was founded on. By vandalizing those markers, you didn't justify your cause; you made a mockery of the ideals you pretend to support. The same goes for the rest of the obnoxious liberals that fight conservative reason with false or slanderous claims. If you want to express your opinion, I'm glad for you, but do so in a way that utilizes your intelligence, not your feet.

CHIP HELLMAN
political science sophomore

USP classes enrich our lives

Taking classes in UK's University Studies Program is not a "hindrance" to our education; it is a beneficial supplement to our collective future. In her Feb. 27 column, Megan Vazzina posed the question, "What does Di-

nosaurus and Disasters have to do with political science?" Well, in political science, issues like teaching evolution in schools are controversial, and having knowledge of this issue can help you to form opinions and provide defense for your viewpoint.

College can be about becoming a well-rounded person. If you take advantage of opportunities to gain knowledge in many different areas. In politics, you need to appeal to different types of people. Being able to relate to an artist, for example, because of an art history class you took one semester is an important strength.

Functioning in daily life requires us all to have knowledge of a wide variety of subjects, even if they are not directly related to our chosen career path. Taking a 100-level nutrition class may help you choose healthier foods when you go to the grocery, a geography class may make you more aware of the obscene amount of petroleum Americans use, or a literature class could help you appreciate novelists like Jane Austen.

A career is what supports you and your family, but it does not define who you are. People that have the best perspective in life are not the people who are narrowly confined to one subject. Most people's lives do not focus solely on their career, so why should their education?

KATHERINE VASS
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Cats

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three jams to draw the Cats within six. He scored 14 of UK's first 21 points before heading to the bench after drawing his second foul with 8:27 to go in the half.

The teams traded baskets for the rest of the half, with Rondo eventually closing out the scoring with a layup to send UK (18-10, 9-6 Southeastern Conference) into the locker room down 45-38.

After the break it took the Cats just half a minute to slice the Volunteer lead to one. Bobby Perry and Ravi Moss knocked down back-to-back threes out of the gate to close the gap to 45-44.

Four minutes later, Rondo hit Stockton for an open three to put the Cats in front for the first time since the opening moments of the game, 52-50.

It was off to the races after that. Rondo drove to the basket for layup after layup, showing off a wealth of pass fakes to draw the interior defense away from him as he penetrated.

"(Tennessee) played up on me and my big men kept getting screens and getting me open," said Rondo. His 8-9 mark from the field keyed the Cats' season-high 79 percent shooting performance in the second half.

But Tennessee (20-6, 11-4 SEC) heated up from the perimeter at the same time, eventually tying the game at 69 after a three from senior guard C.J. Watson, and despite ten straight points from Rondo.

UK held off the Tennessee charge however, never letting the Vols back in front.

After Morris slammed home the last of his game-high 22 points and Rondo layed in his 16th, the Cats lead 80-76. Trailing by two, the Volunteers had one last chance to deliver a dagger, but Watson's three-point shot at the buzzer clanged off the back of the rim, and the UK bench went crazy.

The celebration carried over into the locker room, where senior Patrick Sparks uncharacteristically went into WWE mode, launching a chair into the wall. "It got kind of crazy," said Rekalim Sims of the post-game fiesta. "He just threw a chair and we bum-rushed him."

Sparks drew the unappealing task of guarding Volunteer guard Chris Lofton, who lit up the Cats for 31 points in Lexington back in February. Though the sophomore sharpshooter still tallied 15 points, Sparks held him in check much of the game, preventing him from getting a single shot off in the closing moments.

"Pat played tremendous defense on him," said Stockton. "He deserves a lot of credit."

With the victory, the Cats clinch second place in the SEC East and a first round bye in the conference tournament with a victory over Florida Sunday.

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Star sophomores outshine Lofton

KNOXVILLE, TENN. — Chris Lofton was the fourth-best sophomore in this game.

But he didn't really have a chance.

The Three Horses for UK, Joe Crawford, Randolph Morris and Rajon Rondo, combined for 49 points. They took 23 combined shots, missing only four.

They made play after play after play at the end of the game.

And they led their team to an NCAA Tournament bid.

"We couldn't stop Randolph Morris," Tennessee head coach Bruce Pearl said. "He finished everything around the basket."

"We had no answer for Rajon Rondo," Morris, again, was monstrous.



Chris Lofton
SPORTS EDITOR

Despite a brush with foul trouble, he finished with a game-high 22 points and nine rebounds, and played solid defense in the final few minutes while the Vols tried to draw his fifth personal foul.

Major Wingate, who would win at least second place in any Flavor Lay look-alike contest, was no match for him.

Especially in the first half, when he dunked on three of four UK possessions at one point, Morris kept UK within shouting distance of the red-hot Vols.

But down the stretch of this horse race, Rondo and Crawford guided UK to the defining win of the season.

When UK switched to a spread offense midway through the second half, Rondo was the focal point, penetrating to the basket and finishing on four straight possessions as the Vols answered every one.

Crawford sat during that stretch, but when he did get in, he made it clear that he is Ravi Moss and Patrick Sparks' successor as the

next ice-veined shooter for UK.

He hit two 3-pointers in the second half that quieted the Senior Night 24,108 at Thompson-Boling Arena to sullen funeral volume.

The furious final two minutes didn't go perfectly with Rondo forgetting the ball on a drive through the lane and Crawford chucking up a what-the-hell 3-pointer inside the final 60 seconds, but the plays were made when they had to be.

And for Tennessee, they weren't made when they had to be.

But it's tough to make a play without the ball in your hands, which may be the thrust of a problem of quizzical nature in Knoxville. Lofton, the top-ranked Southeastern Conference 3-point shooter, in accuracy and frequency, went several second-half minutes without a touch or a shot attempt.

"Sometimes it's the right play to get a guy open in the post," Lofton said about what he termed his "decoy" status. "I do what the plays call for."

Very diplomatic answer. But he

didn't even take the last shot, which turned out to be an open look from three steps outside the 3-point line.

Lofton hit shots from that far away in Lexington, with the crowd at front-row-N-Sync-concert level loudness, with a hand in his face.

Now, C. J. Watson is a heck of a player. But this is the best shooter in the SEC with his hands in his pockets.

"I thought C. J. got the shot we wanted on the last play, a wide-open look," Pearl said.

So why, in the same situation, is it not better to have Lofton eyeing the basket that has been so good to him this season?

Lofton took nine shots, making five, finishing with 15 points.

Watson took 15 shots, making five, and finishing with 15 points.

Morris, Rondo and Crawford made the big plays down the stretch to beat Tennessee.

But Pearl screwed up by not giving his scoring superstar a shot to stick it to his home school again.

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Bad luck buries Cats

By Jonathan Smith
THE KENTUCKY KERNEL

Two valiant rallies in the final innings weren't enough to propel UK past Cincinnati yesterday.

The 10-9 loss halted the Cats' record-setting home winning streak at 16 games.

"(We keep) hitting balls right at people and it just keeps happening over and over again," said head coach John Cohen on his team's misfortune. "So we're not going to go Vegas anytime soon, but we're going to kind of hope luck starts going our way."

In the eighth inning, UK was trailing 10-8 with runners on first and second, and had hot-hitting first baseman Ryan Stribly at the plate. Stribly, who was 2-for-4 and with six RBIs the last two games, belted the pitch to the right field fence. UC's Adam Yeager made the catch as his glove crashed against the wall, robbing Stribly of extra bases.

In UK's final at bat, it pulled within one on pinch-hitter Brian Hastings' sacrifice fly. With two outs and runners on first and third, leadoff hitter Antone DeJesus rocketed A.J. Upton's offering straight up the middle. Upton snagged the would-be game-tying hit, sealing the Bearcat victory.

UK starter Matt Robinson pitched three innings and allowed four runs on nine hits. Despite his struggles, Robinson was dominant at times, baffling five strikeout victims with off-speed pitches.

"I thought my breaking ball was great," Robinson said. "You know some days you've got better pitches than others."

UK's mistakes early in the game turned out to be too much to overcome.

"We'll learn from that, and we won't make those mistakes anymore," Cohen said.

Cowgill has now hit safely in all eight games this season, while DeJesus extended his hitting streak to 14 games.

UK returns to action Friday against Northwestern at 4 p.m.

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Cats look to get on a roll in Little Rock

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When the UK women's basketball team begins play in the Southeastern Conference in Little Rock, Ark., tomorrow night, the Cats will be in unfamiliar territory.

They will be the favorites. UK (20-7, 9-5 SEC) received the No. 4 seed in the tournament and a bye. It will face the winner of tonight's game between No. 5-seed Florida and No. 12-seed Mississippi State.

The Cats will likely face Florida, which is coming off its biggest win of the season and, arguably, the biggest victory in program history. The Gators (20-7, 8-6) became just the second unranked team in history to win at Tennessee when they knocked off the Vols 95-93 in overtime on Sunday.

UK and UF split the season series, with the Cats winning in Gainesville, Fla., on Jan. 12 and the Gators earning revenge in Lexington on Feb. 5.

UK head coach Mickie DeMoss, who on Tuesday was named SEC Coach of the Year, feels a game against Florida would be a good one.

"I think it would be a great matchup," she said. "We are very similar, with the exception of them having a more veteran team. They do a good job of pressing and have a strong outside game. We are very familiar with each other."

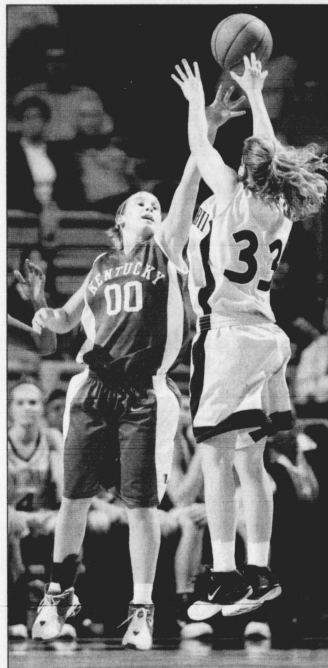
DeMoss also noted that the Gators have had a rollercoaster season. "They've been a team that's been a little up and down, but when they get on a roll, they're as good as anyone in the country," she said.

Florida coach Carolyn Peck said playing UK would be a daunting task. "It would be a tough challenge," she said. "Kentucky rebounds well. They have great size and can shoot well. Samantha Mahoney does a good job of running things for them. We were not even close to them in rebounding in the first game. We were closer the second time. We concentrated more on defense and not leaving anyone open."

With a victory on Friday, UK would likely advance to face top-seeded Louisiana State. The Tigers drilled the Cats 66-36 in December.

Tip-off is tomorrow night at 7:30 p.m. The game will be shown locally on Fox Sports South.

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Freshman guard Carly Ormerod blocks a shot by Vanderbilt junior Caroline Williams in last week's game at Vanderbilt.

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