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UK gets diversity advice from Michigan

By Darish Shafa
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Administrators at UK are trying to learn from the experience of the University of Michigan when it comes to diversity.

Abigail Stewart, a principal investigator with the University of Michigan ADVANCE project, a five-year, grant-funded initiative to improve recruitment and retention of women in the science and engineering fields, visited UK on Friday and delivered two presentations. Working on the institutional climate and recruiting practices has led to some success in improving gender diversity at the University of Michigan.

The first presentation was given at 9 a.m. to interested members of the campus population. The second was given during a noon luncheon, which was attended by deans of the various colleges throughout UK, members of President Lee Todd's

staff and members of various committees or commissions on diversity.

"We do not have the reasonable number of women faculty in some areas," said Dorothy Brockopp, chair of the President's Commission on Women, who helped organize this presentation, as well as one last month, which brought in administrators from the University of Colorado. "It's not just here. It's at all major universities."

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Michigan's approach to this started with evaluating faculty members and faculty hiring and comparing between the sexes. In one of their experiments, they found that with two identical résumé packages, one labeled Karen and the other labeled Brian, Brian was chosen to be hired twice as often.

It doesn't stop at recruitment issues, but continues on to retention and achieving a "critical mass," a minimum number of women on the faculty required to influence change, Stewart said.

Stewart said creating a climate that is

positive to drawing in diverse faculty members is crucial. In terms of gender diversity, family-friendly policies (such as providing free or reduced-cost childcare), workshops and focus groups to increase awareness of discrimination and administrative efforts to listen to and address concerns were suggested.

UK's main issue with these seems to stem from the pocketbook.

"We have issues particularly in Kentucky because of our budget limitations," said Jeannine Blackwell, dean of the Graduate School, who added that she'd like to see moves toward some of these changes get priority. "If the administration decides it's going to happen ... then it can happen. It's certainly very doable."

At Michigan in 2002, prior to some of the initiatives, the percentage of females hired to science and engineering positions was about 15 percent. Over the next three years, it was almost double that or better.

"I think it's not so much difficult as it is long," Stewart said, noting that while the

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Geek Week showcases arts, sciences

By Erin Lautner
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Geeks are all the rage — at least this week they are.

Todays kicks off the third annual College of Arts and Sciences Geek Week, an entire week of events meant to celebrate the programs that fill the university's largest college.

"This week is an effort to showcase the arts and sciences at UK and their centrality to life in general," said Steven Hoch, dean of the College of Arts and Sciences. "We cover everything from philosophy to physics. We are the very core of the university."

Geek Week begins with a luau kickoff today from noon to 1 p.m. at the Main Building Plaza. A poetry slam is set for tomorrow night, a blood drive on Wednesday and the ever-popular chemical reaction attraction on Friday. Many of the Geek Week events will feature free pizza and prize giveaways.

"These events are open to the public and very popular in the community," Hoch said. "I've always enjoyed the biology presentation on bones and the chemistry presentation. They are great fun."

Students also do not have to be Arts and Sciences majors to participate in this week's events.

"Arts and Sciences touch every student at the university because at some point everyone will have to take a class in Arts and Sciences," said Assistant Dean of the College of Arts and Sciences Adrienne McMahan.

Among this week's events is a Career Center CyberCAT event with local radio station 104.5 WLKT.

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One stage, many nations



KASHA STEVENSON | STAFF

One of about 20 acts, Linda Matussek and Dwight Kelley perform a tango during International Talent Night on Friday in Memorial Hall. MORE PHOTOS ON PAGE 3

About 350 people attended this year's International Talent Night Friday, which was hosted by the International Student Council. About 20 acts, ranging from many varieties of cultural dance to an African fashion show, took the stage with the goal of raising money for tsunami aid for the second year in a row.

"It's a night of performances to show the cultures we have at UK rather than to compete."

— Pauline Chhool, ISC President on Talent Night

UK to sell Duplication Services

By John Morgan
THE KENTUCKY KERNEL

By July of this year, UK will cease to operate any duplicating facilities on campus, and an outside vendor will be in place running the facilities instead.

UK Duplication Services will be closed by July 1, 2006 and a new vendor will be selected through a bid process to carry out all future university copying operations.

The chosen vendor will commence copying services at the three locations of operation in Room 8 of Kinkead Hall, the basement of the White Hall Classroom Building, and M-57 of the UK Chandler Medical Center.

"We were simply not generating enough revenue to justify keeping the service operating with UK employees," said Ben Crutcher, associate vice president of Auxiliary Services, which is in charge of Duplicating Services.

Over the past three years UK Duplication Services paper output has declined from 2.8 million pieces per month to 1.6 million pieces per month.

The decline in paper per month production can be attributed to two main factors, Crutcher said, the low cost of copies and the convenience of operating copiers already at the disposal of certain departments.

"Copiers have gotten cheaper to operate, and some departments have started to use their own copiers," said Crutcher.

With the arrival of a new vendor, Crutcher said, Duplication Services hopes to offer services at a more competitive price, as well as to offer stu-

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Sparks, Morris shine as Cats pick, roll and grin



Chris Johnson
SPORTS EDITOR

COLUMBIA, S.C. — For a Tubby Smith administration that has built itself on team play and hard-nosed defense, individual efforts are sure going a long way this season.

Rejon Rondo's two buzzer-beaters to lift the Cats against Central Florida and South Carolina Gamecocks at Rupp Arena.

Joe Crawford's pair of 23-point games against Ohio and Auburn, saving UK from another embarrassing defeat at the hands of the Bobcats or Tigers.

Shagari Alleyne's 16 points, six rebounds and three assists against Georgia State to rally the Cats from a double-digit deficit.

Patrick Sparks' 25-point efforts, against West Virginia in the Guardians Classic and Mississippi State three weeks ago.

But, for the first time this season, two Cats took over the game.

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KEITH SMILEY | STAFF

Senior guard Patrick Sparks drives toward the goal past South Carolina senior forward Rocky Trice during UK's 79-66 win on Saturday in Columbia, S.C.

UK 79, SOUTH CAROLINA 66

Dressed for success, Cats find groove

By Josh Sullivan
THE KENTUCKY KERNEL

COLUMBIA, S.C. — As part of the Southeastern Conference's "Throwback Week" festivities, UK left its regular uniforms back home in Lexington on Saturday. Instead of their 2005-06 threads, the players donned uniforms modeled after those worn by the 1978 national championship team.

"I walked into the equipment room (earlier in the week) to see what the jerseys looked like," said junior forward Bobby Perry. "(Equipment manager Bill Keightley) said, 'Now you need to go out and play like them.'"

The Cats may want to consider adopting the new look for the rest of the season, because in the second half against South Carolina, they took Keightley's advice and

went retro with their game, not just their jerseys.

Led by senior guard Patrick Sparks' season high 26-points and perfect performance from behind the arc after the break, the Cats exploded for 54 points in the second half and turned a 28-25 half-time hole into a 79-66 victory over the Gamecocks.

After jumping ahead 14-6, UK went cold from the field despite working free for several good looks at the basket. The Gamecocks raced ahead 23-16 after a 17-2 run fueled by senior guard Tarence Kinsey, who accounted for 11 points during the spurt. The Cats misfired on all eight of their 3-point attempts before the break, but things changed when the second half buzzer sounded.

Senior guard Ravi Moss opened

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NEWS BRIEFS

Italian quits over T-shirt

ROME — An Italian official who wore a T-shirt emblazoned with caricatures of Islam's prophet Muhammad during a television interview resigned Saturday, a day after Libyan police killed 11 people during a protest at the Italian consulate in the city of Benghazi.

Italian Reforms Minister Roberto Calderoli, who had displayed the T-shirt on television Wednesday said he resigned because the issue was being "shamefully manipulated" against him and his anti-immigrant party, the Northern League, which is part of Prime Minister Silvio Berlusconi's ruling coalition. Calderoli said he had not intended "to offend the Muslim religion" but would continue what he called "a battle to affirm values in which I believe, teachings of the Christian religion and of being a free man."

"I may even be sorry for the victims, but what happened in Libya has nothing to do with my T-shirt. That's not what's at stake. What's at stake is Western civilization," he said.

Bounty offered for killing Danish cartoonists

ISLAMABAD, Pakistan — Protests sparked by newspaper cartoons of the prophet Muhammad continued around the country this weekend, as a cleric announced a \$1 million bounty for the killing of the Danish cartoonists responsible for the caricatures and Denmark temporarily closed its embassy.

Hundreds of protesters gathered in the capital, Islamabad, after a midday prayer Friday. Rallying at a downtown intersection, some chanted, "Bush is a dog!" and others carried banners reading, "Death sentence for the cartoonists." Police in riot gear watched from the sidelines. Similar demonstrations were reported in other cities around the country.

In Peshawar, Mohammed Yousef Qureshi announced after Friday prayers at the

historic Mohabat Khan mosque that the mosque and an affiliated religious school would give \$25,000 and a car to anyone who killed one of the cartoonists responsible for the cartoons, news agencies reported from the city.

The cleric also said a local jewelers' association had offered a \$1 million bounty.

The escalating protests and threats of violence have alarmed the Danish government, which on Friday announced it was temporarily closing its embassy here "because of the general security situation" and urged Danes in Pakistan to leave immediately.

Rescuers struggle to find mudslide survivors

GUINSAUGON, Philippines — Rescue workers and soldiers searched for survivors without success Saturday in the sea of mud that covers what was a thriving village of more than 1,800 people.

Authorities said more than 1,000 of the inhabitants of this remote village on Leyte Island are missing and may have died in the landslide that struck Friday morning after two weeks of heavy rain. Rescuers, who had reported pulling 57 survivors from the muck Friday, said they did not find any survivors Saturday.

With the mud 30 feet deep it was nearly impossible to reach buildings. With landmarks obliterated and even the tops of palm trees covered, simply finding where structures once stood was difficult.

Rescue crews were unable to dig to an elementary school where as many as 250 students were believed trapped.

Authorities estimated that 350 villagers escaped the mudslide because they had not yet returned home.

Hamas takes control in Palestinian Parliament

RAMALLAH, West Bank — The radical Islamic group Hamas took control of the Palestinian parliament Saturday during a somber

swearing-in ceremony, and legislators from the new majority quickly made clear that they would not abide by signed agreements that recognize Israel's right to exist.

In a speech to the new 132-seat Palestinian Legislative Council, the Palestinian leader, Mahmoud Abbas, staunchly defended past agreements with Israel, including the 1993 Oslo accords that created the Palestinian Authority and legislature that Hamas entered Saturday. Abbas, the Palestinian Authority's president, called for the immediate renewal of negotiations with the goal of establishing an independent Palestinian state alongside Israel, declaring "there is a Palestinian partner" for such talks.

"We respect the president, but that does not mean we agree with everything he said," said Naif Rajoub, a Hamas legislator from the West Bank City of Hebron. "Oslo has died."

Google argues to block turning over search data

WASHINGTON — Google Inc. said Friday in federal court in California that the Justice Department's demand for data about Web searches could undermine public trust in the privacy of Google's service and expose its trade secrets.

In court documents, Google laid out three legal arguments for refusing to comply with a government subpoena seeking a week's worth of search queries without any personally identifiable information, as well as a random sample of 1 million Web addresses from its vast databases.

Google said turning over the data could reveal its trade secrets and would impose an undue burden on the company. In addition, the company said the request raised "a substantial question" about whether releasing the data would violate privacy rights under a federal law related to electronic communications.


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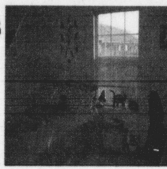

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Diversity

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grant is for only five years, they will try to extend it to gather even more data to support their findings so far. "You have to stay at it if you want to see change." Many of UK's administrators who saw the presentation were both impressed and confident that this could help UK not just in terms of gender diversity, but also similarly in racial diversity. "I'd love to see us have some of the

initiatives our speaker talked about," Blackwell said, referring to Stewart's presentation. "I'm looking forward to studying these materials," said Kenneth Roberts, dean of the College of Pharmacy. "I'm confident we can benefit from this." Brockopp also said that even though it's likely to take some time before changes become very evident, it's worth the effort and the wait. "It's going to take three to five years to see any changes in numbers," Brockopp said. "There are a lot of things that have to come together, but you have to start somewhere." *E-mail dshafa@kykernel.com*

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FM on Thursday that McMahan says will be helpful to all majors. "Many students are not aware that this program is available," said McMahan. "Students can register and it is a way of working on their career and seeing what jobs are available in the new world to their particular major. CyberCAT is there for everybody." The college previously held what was called Arts and Sciences Week but the event was canceled for several years. Three years ago, the Arts and Sciences student ambassadors were asked if it

was possible to bring the celebration back. "We were approached by Dean Hoch to bring back Arts and Sciences week," said Caitlyn Cousins, a psychology senior and co-coordinator of Geek Week for the ambassadors. "And we wanted to get the students to bring it back." Cousins has been with Geek Week from the start and says it is a great way to promote the college and celebrate the disciplines within the college. "We want to bring the outside community in," said McMahan. "The students are very proud of what goes on in the college and in their majors." For a full listing of Geek Week's events and lectures including times, dates and locations, visit their website at www.uky.edu/geekweek. *E-mail news@kykernel.com*

Duplication

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depend on-campus copy centers and eliminate the need for students to seek the same services at inconvenient off-campus locations. Currently there are 11 employees working for UK at these three facilities who, after the transition, will have the option of interviewing with the new vendor to retain their current positions, or to obtain another position in a different field at the university.

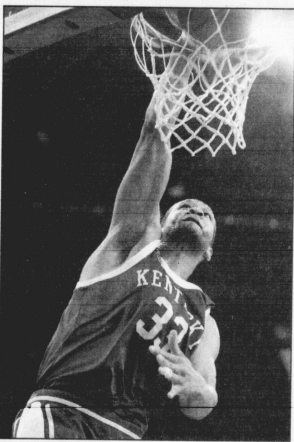
"Human Resources is working closely with the 11 loyal employees affected by this change to assist them in exploring other career opportunities," Crutcher said. Crutcher said that for now, Duplication Services will operate the same as UK attempts to make this shift. "Purchasing will notify any vendor they think can provide the specified services. In most cases, there is a committee that reviews the responses and ultimately a vendor is selected," he said. "As long as we keep on schedule," Crutcher said, "we will make this transition without any interruption of service." *E-mail news@kykernel.com*

Hoops

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the half with a three to draw the Cats even at 28-28. Sparks' first deep ball gave the Cats the lead for good, 33-30. "The first one I hit felt good," said Sparks. "After I hit two in a row, I was feeling really good." By the time Sparks knocked down his third straight try and Perry converted an old-fashioned three-point play the Cats had reeled off a 24-6 run to jump ahead 49-34. "We made a couple of adjustments at halftime to put the ball in (Sparks') hands more," said head coach Tubby Smith. "When he's on like that he's very capable of having big games." Three more baskets from Kinsey helped the Gamecocks cut the lead to eight, but Sparks made sure they got no closer the rest of the game. He dropped back-to-back NBA-range bombs to push the lead back to 14 at 59-45. His sixth and final 3-pointer of the afternoon was the most unlikely. After curling off of a screen, he caught an in-bounds pass and drilled a fall-away shot. "I love watching guys get off like that because you are just so excited to see a teammate get going," said Moss. "He was such a big part of the victory." Perry said he stopped worrying about trying to get rebounds when he saw Sparks lift off for a shot. "I didn't have to look at the ball," he said. "I just turned around and started cheering." Sparks' 24-point second half shelling overshadowed a dominant performance from UK center Randolph Morris, who came off the bench for the second game in a row and posted his first double-double of the season (the second of his career) with 13 points and 11 rebounds. "Randolph was a man-child," said Perry. "He got every rebound. When he grabs rebounds like that, it's unbelievable." Perhaps most importantly, Morris stayed out of the foul trouble that's plagued him in several games since his return to the team in January, by drawing just one whistle in 29 minutes of action. "Today we put together one of our best games,

and we needed to," Smith said. "You can't save a season with one game, but it can get you going in the right direction," said Moss. "If we continue to play like this down the stretch we can be dangerous. We're getting hot at the right time." *E-mail jullivan@kykernel.com*

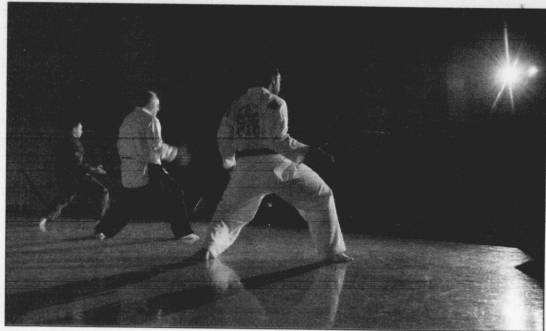


Senior center Randolph Morris dunks during UK's win over South Carolina on Saturday in Columbia, S.C. Morris scored 13 points and grabbed 11 rebounds to record his first double-double of the season. It was his second career double-double.

International Talent Night



Rollie performs an Indian dance during International Talent Night on Friday in Memorial Hall.



Students of the Sin The Karate School demonstrate Shaolin-Do during International Talent on Friday in Memorial Hall.

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And led their team to a win over a dangerous opponent. After scoring two and nine points, respectively, in the first half, Sparks and Randolph Morris went into the locker room losing. Again. So the Cats changed their strategy to one of the simplest, most poetic plays in basketball: the pick-and-roll. Sparks would dribble around a Morris pick, then as the Carolina defenders were switching coverage, either the Coal Miner's Baller would find himself open for a triple or hit a streaking Morris for a layup or dunk. "Coach told us to be ready to shoot," Sparks said. Shoot he did. Sparks finished 6-of-6 from 3-point range in the second half, and was two missed layups away from UK's first 30-point game of the season. "If they go under the screen, Pat knocks it down. If they go over it, the roll man is open," head coach Tubby Smith said. That roll man, whether it was Bobby Perry, Lukasz Obrzut or Morris, got more chances than Nate Robinson during the NBA dunk contest. And converted most of them. Presty good strategy from a team that seems to be acquiring momentum, once again, from wins over teams it should be beating. The aggressive yet controlled Morris, who didn't get his first personal foul until 3:44 left in the game, garnered his first double-double of the season. "They kept telling me, 'No one can hold you,'" Morris said. "They'd pass it in, and we'd score. We were playing

catch." "Randolph was very aggressive, which is something we've talked about," Smith said. "He's really recognizing that, in the grading system, this is one area where I can get a lot of plusses." The grading system — the latest solution for the intensity problems facing the team this season — paid dividends for the second straight showdown. A less heralded starting lineup, led by veterans Brandon Stockton, Perry, Obrzut and Ravi Moss, set the Cats up defensively. UK didn't allow the Gamecocks to shoot 40 percent, the second consecutive time they've held an opponent under the normal Tubbyball threshold. Rebounding, a major facet of the big man game, was controlled by the Cats for the second consecutive game. Morris' 11 rebounds — all defensive — anchored the Cats' 35-29 advantage. Limiting second-chance opportunities, and thus, points, for the 'Cocks was key in UK's second-half blitzkrieg. Because of every opportunity the Cats took away, they got one back. And they converted, shooting 66 percent in the second period and committing two turnovers on the way to 54 points. In a Redick-ulous showing, 24 of those were scored by Sparks. "He got us going in the second half. He's capable of giving us a big game," Smith said. "Coach is pushing the right buttons, doing all he can to really motivate the team and get us on the right page," Sparks said. If Smith can lead this UK team through the fire of tournament time and the ire of unrealistic fans, it might be his best coaching job yet. And as bizarre as it sounds, with individual performances like these, UK may surprise some people come March. *E-mail cjohnson@kykernel.com*

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Gulf Coast sees increase in deaths post-Katrina

By Linton Weeks
THE WASHINGTON POST

NEW ORLEANS — The official death toll of Hurricane Katrina is more than 1,300. The unofficial toll taken by the storm may be a lot higher.

Though not quantifiable in the orthodox fashion, because so many area health agencies are still in disarray, a belief exists among many here that the natural mortality rate of New Orleansians — whether still in the city or relocated to another place — has increased dramatically since, and perhaps because of, Katrina.

The daily newspaper has seen a rise in reported deaths. Local funeral homes are burying just as many people as they did last year, though the general population has decreased. Families say that their kin who have been in good health are dying and attribute that to the stress brought on by the hurricane, flooding and relocations.

It is too early for state officials to have statistics for last year, said Bob Johannessen of the Louisiana Department of Health and Hospitals. And epidemiologists are reluctant to draw conclusions based on anecdotal information.

Still, stress here is palpable and it is overwhelming people of all ages, said psychiatrist James Barbee, director of an anxiety clinic at Louisiana State University. "People are struggling terribly."

Barbee said he has seen many more patients with serious problems — hypertension, diabetes out of control, suicidal tendencies — than before the storm. "Katrina took all order away from lives," he said, and the effect can be extremely deleterious.

The increase in deaths is seen the pages of the local newspaper, the Times-Picayune, where the number of deaths reported in January was up 25 percent from the same month in 2005, according to publisher Ashton Phelps Jr.

New Orleans coroner Frank Minyard, said he doesn't keep records on natural deaths, but that he believes "stress causes an increase in the rise of natural deaths."

Louis Charbonnet, 67, president of Charbonnet-Labat Funeral Home on St. Philip Street in the Tremé neighborhood, said, "It's an absolute fact." New Orleansians are "dying away," he said. "They are distressed by being displaced."

Stress, he added, is the "hidden killer."

Ronald Chisom said his 84-year-old mother, Evelyn Comeaux, was doing just fine before Katrina. She took her medications but she could get out and about a lot of the time. "She liked to go to the casino with her girlfriends," Chisom, 64, said. When the floodwaters came, Comeaux was rescued by helicopter, taken to the airport, flown to Austin and then eventually to Houston where she was reunited with her son, who had lost his home in the flood.

Chisom, the director of the People's Institute for Survival and Beyond, a group that fights racism, noticed that over the next few months his mother's health deteriorated rapidly. "She would say 'I'm really tired,' and 'I'm uncomfortable,'" Chisom said. He thinks now that she was not only talking about her physical state, but also about her circumstances and her life.

While he was in Washington at a fundraiser, he received a call from his daughter that Evelyn Comeaux had died. "I know stress ..." he said, "the stress of everything got to her. It's getting to me."

Readers of the Times-Picayune are talking about the upsurge in death notices. "If you look," said Janis Collins who works in the office of a private school in Metairie, "there are twice as many, sometimes three times as many death notices in the paper as there used to be."

She said most of the deaths seem to be older people, 60 and over, who are just giving up the ghost.

On a recent Friday there were more than two pages of photos and remembrances. All but six of the 61 people listed died recently from natural causes.

Vickie Cochran, 54, who takes death notices over the phone at the newspaper, said there has been an explosion of business. "Everybody's been commenting on that in our office."

She said, "I think people are just under so much stress — stress of the move, worried about money, jobs, everything."

Billy Henry, 57, director of Bulman Funeral Home on St. Charles Avenue, said, "We definitely have seen an unbelievable increase."

"The number of deaths has increased," said Michael Kelly, 37, of the Lake Lawn Metairie Funeral Home and Cemeteries. His company, which owns three funeral homes in the New Orleans area, buried the same amount of people, maybe a few more, this January as it did last January. The difference is that the overall population has dropped dramatically — from more than a million in the Gulf Coast area to less than 600,000.

New Orleans has fallen from 450,000 to less than 200,000, by estimates of the mayor's commission. So the percentage of deaths is up, Kelly said.

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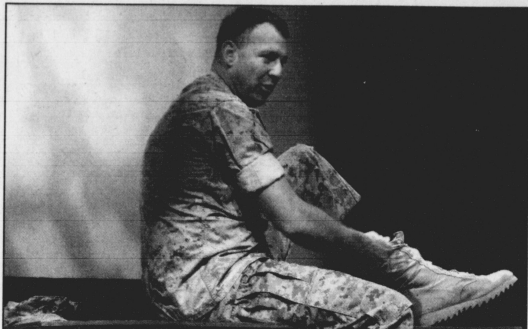
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KASHA STEVENSON | STAFF
Jeff Key performs in "The Eyes of Babylon," a one-man play that he wrote, Saturday at the Kentucky Theater. Key, who served in Iraq, chronicled his experiences as a lance corporal and homosexual in the Marines.

Courage stars in one-man play

By Keith Brooks
THE KENTUCKY KERNEL
Although it had been long ago since he admitted it publicly former Marine Jeff Key stood in front of the crowd as he hesitated to articulate his words.

"I'm homosexual," he told the audience. "There are those who will not call me brother now that they know who I am."
This scene appears in Key's one-man production, titled "The Eyes of Babylon," presented Saturday by the Kentucky Theater. The play, based on journals Key kept in Iraq, reveals the meditations and thoughts Key had while on duty and his reflection on the events that happened to him after leaving the armed forces. The topics range from his descriptions to severe topics, such as being closeted in the military and his repugnance for the war.

Key was interviewed on CNN by Paula Zahn roughly two years ago, which was a major turning point in his life. Ironically, Key, who was out of the closet before he joined the military, announced he was gay on air. Formerly, Key had to hide his sexuality under the military's "don't ask, don't tell" policy. The interview proved to be emancipating but at the same time frightening, Key mentioned.

"There was no going back over ... that was very scary and very liberating," he said. "I just felt very supported and loved at that moment. In the room, I felt the love and support of my Creator and all the people who had gone through that," he said.

Key joined the United States Marine Corps in 2003, earning the rank of lance corporal. Key's duties included monitoring the Iranian border and repairing combat vehicles.

The play begins with Key

discussing his ignorance about the war and his lack of knowledge of the region. At one point he says, "I, like most Americans, am basically unaware of the war around me."

Key, dressed in military attire, moved about the stage with rapid energy, detailing his thoughts in a stream of consciousness manner. Key's spontaneous thoughts about dealing with the arid desert heat and Iraqis who are unable to speak English were intermingled with moments of introspection and wise declarations, all in a way which allow the viewers to see a more human side of the war. There were moments he spent with Iraqi children, which affected him dearly.

"The language of love knows no boundaries. They're all my teachers," Key said.

Throughout the entire play Key's perspectives are intensely emotional and tinged with a sense of noble reflection. At some points members in the crowd were moved to tears.

Key goes on to talk about leaving Iraq and the initial confusion he had when returning, in which he mentions, "This is the strangest light I have ever known." Such confusion only led him eventually to abandon his original reasons for joining the Marine Corps.

"It bothers me that the reasons I joined now must force me to leave," he said.

Key in the play mentions four reasons for participating in the war: to support and defend the Constitution, to defend defenseless people, to promote peace on earth and to advocate the love of his country. Key feels the war is a ridiculous waste of life and that it compromises national security in an unprecedented way. His production is a representation of this acknowledgment.

"I'm doing everything I can to stop the war," he

said. Key, while working as a bodyguard for Cindy Sheehan, received local support for his production from Ken Kleffman, who works with the Kentucky Theater. Kleffman saw Key's play in Los Angeles and described it as "overwhelming." He thought the play was necessary for Kentucky audiences to see. Kleffman, along with his family, have had a pivotal role in the production.

"I think that all human beings need to hear it," he said. "I felt the least I could do was bring him to the good folks of Kentucky."

Adam Nelson, Key's fiancé who assists in production, shares the same sentiment. Nelson was on hand backstage before the show began.

"Everytime I see it, the message is just as powerful," he said.

Nelson believes the play is also about finding oneself. "I want them to know that they can be happy," he said.

Out of everything, Key hopes that viewers will leave the play with a sense of inspiration and involvement. "People will be motivated to do something," said Key.

The play's message of hope resonates with the audience. Key despite his tribulations and abhorrence for the war and prejudice against gays, wants audience members to know that hope is still present, and that it is just as meaningful when it seems absent.

"There is one thing of which I am absolutely certain, and that is happiness is possible," said Key during his performance. "The absence of happiness is a gift ... the greatest gift in life is the gift you get from giving."

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Mardi Gras returns smaller

By Scott Gold, P.J. Huffstutter
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LOS ANGELES TIMES

NEW ORLEANS — If this was the day that New Orleans was to step out into the light, it did so haltingly, gingerly, its eyes squinted. On a dreary and chilly day under splintered southern oaks lining St. Charles Avenue, Mardi Gras began on Saturday, nearly six months after Hurricane Katrina brought the city to its knees.

There were floats with a giant crawfish and a massive roulette wheel, but crowds were so sparse that paraders were left with unopened boxes of "throws," mostly colorful beads that have long been cherished mementos of the festival.

The decision to stage the street party despite the enormous hardship still shouldered by hundreds of thousands of people had been controversial from the start, but for many the identity of this city is so intertwined with Carnival that to do anything less would have meant, once and for all, defeat.

But any lingering concern that Mardi Gras could send a false and dangerous message to the nation — that

New Orleans has recovered — was dispelled quickly.

By the end of the day the consensus was that this Mardi Gras will not mean economic or spiritual salvation. Instead, it will be a reminder of the way things used to be and the way they might be again, a benign distraction from the storm, which informs every breath and step of those who have managed to come home.

Crowds, though they will surely pick up when Carnival begins its final push next weekend — especially if the weather improves — were shockingly small Saturday.

It is a tradition for parents to bring strollers equipped with small seats for children, who otherwise can't see through the throng of adults lining the parade routes. That was not a concern this year, and many people, with a block virtually to themselves, closed the ladders and laid them on the ground.

There was a full run of parades — five in all, that have marched through the city's streets a combined 175 times.

In years past, the parades would have been good for 10 hours or more of merriment — long enough, as they say

and do around here, to get drunk, sleep it off and then do it again before it's over.

Saturday, with fewer floats, fewer bands and fewer onlookers, it was over in an hour and a half.

The New Orleans area has lost an estimated \$3.5 billion in tourism revenue since the storm, and many businesses had been looking forward to Mardi Gras for months. Recent years brought crowds of a million people or more to New Orleans and an economic boost estimated at \$1 billion.

Usually the opening weekend is a major draw, with the partying lasting almost two weeks, until Fat Tuesday — Feb. 28 this year — the final day before Lent begins.

City officials agreed to a scaled-back Mardi Gras schedule with a total of eight days of parades and fewer krewes marching than usual.

Most hotels were booked — but between storm damage and rooms still being used by evacuees and contractors, fewer than 10,000 rooms were available to the public, less than a third of the number typically available.

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IN OUR OPINION

SG's petty politics don't help students

Last Wednesday, Student Government passed an act to form a six-person campus safety committee comprised of three students and three SG senators. The committee will conduct safety walks and present safety assessments each semester.

We laud SG's initiative — but it's too bad petty power plays had to get in the way of would-be progress.

The act, co-sponsored by Sen. Mallory Jenkins, a vice-presidential candidate, drew ire from opponent and presidential candidate Sen. Andy Bates, who had presented a resolution urging the formation of a similar committee two weeks before. The Kernel reported last week.

"There is an extreme ulterior motive" with Jenkins' similar act following his resolution, Bates said in the meeting.

As much as we'd like to sit back, cynical and complacent in the knowledge that this is just how politics work in the real world and in UK's SG, we can't. Such an attitude only helps foster corruption in the system.

SG senators hold their positions to represent the voice and best interests of the student body. Forming a safety committee is an excellent plan, and will help students remember that SG is here for them.

But inane bickering over who came up with the idea first is straight from the third-grade playground, and certainly doesn't inspire much confidence in our elected officers.

Amid the squabbling of several

senators speaking out of turn at Wednesday's meeting, Sen. Ben Carter expressed his anger at the Senate's childish antics.

"To assume that somebody is doing something for ulterior motives is a little ironic," he said. "Does anybody think that this does anything better for the student body or are we wasting 10 minutes of our time?"

Carter poses an interesting question we already know the answer to: It's wasting SG's time and students' fees.

SG's power struggles and in-house rivalries are simply irrelevant distractions. There are bigger things to focus on, like the fact that in 2004, 36.5 percent of the 1,010 female undergraduate and graduate students surveyed in a study on women's safety on campus said they had experienced victimization, including physical or sexual assault, at UK.

SG should put its attention to the issues at hand and concentrate on working with UK Police Chief McDonald Vick, who will be an invaluable resource in orchestrating safety walks and arranging safety evaluations.

SG can also work more closely with the administration to learn more about UK's own measures, which include a \$1.25 million allotment for increased campus safety, the CATS Path, landscaping alterations and adding more lighting in certain areas.

Instead of turning this into a senatorial peacock parade, SG should use this chance to make UK a safer place for all students.

Green Thumb proposal worthy of SG ballot

Among all the bickering that went on last Wednesday's Student Government meeting, a UK Green Thumb referendum was passed, and will appear on the ballot later this semester.

The referendum asks students if they are interested in paying \$6 to \$8 more in student fees to fund renewable forms of energy at UK.

Tiffany Thompson, Green Thumb's president, said the money raised would not go directly to purchase wind energy for UK. Instead, she said Green Thumb would invest in cleaner energy for the national power grid.

Green Thumb obtained over 1,000 signatures for the petition, but it was almost disqualified, because SG changed the petition forms while Green Thumb was collecting signatures.

SG deserves credit for not allowing a technicality to get in the way of the referendum. It appears that Green Thumb was following the direction of the original petition forms, so to disqualify the forms would, in this case, be unfair.

Congratulations should also go to Green Thumb for getting their

initiative on the ballot. Last year, their petition never qualified because of a "miscommunication" with SG.

As Thompson told the Kernel, "Students need to remember that signing a petition doesn't mean that you're supporting it," she said. "It just means that the students will be able to vote on it and decide for themselves."

In this case, UK students will have the opportunity to show their approval or disapproval of the measure in the SG election next month.

It seems cliché to stress the importance of voting, but we're going to do it anyway. \$6 in increased student fees doesn't seem like much, but with already increasing tuition costs, additional fees might rub some students the wrong way.

Those students — and ones who support the measure — will have a chance to act upon their opinions in next month's election.

Cleaner energy versus perpetually increasing tuition and fees is a battle fit to be decided upon by students. We hope students show up for the deciding round.



BRAD STURGEON, THE KENTUCKY KERNEL

Energy dependence will force American ingenuity

As the price of gasoline rose to over \$3 a few months ago, the nation was abuzz with talk of hybrid cars and alternative fuels. But lately, gas prices have come down, and it's not as hot of a topic any more.

The price of natural gas is quite high right now, and creating quite a stir, but prices will fall next summer, and no one will mention it again.

With each rise comes the rise and (unfortunately) the fall of the magnitude of our dependence on energy from the public view. Utilizing the energy available to us is not necessarily a bad thing, as long as we realize that our near complete dependence in no way creates entitlement.

Energy is a luxury item, albeit more necessary than some products. For most people, this fact is not a reality, so the central problem with cheap, abundant energy arises: a rapid addition and assumption that it will always be there at the low prices we expect to pay.

Now don't get me wrong, I'm not advocating government control of the oil, electric, or gas industries; nor am I advocating we completely give up our energy use. What I am advocating is an increased awareness among the American public of the seriousness of the situation in our lifetime and need for effective solutions. Eliminating our dependence on oil in particular helps to create a more stable political situation. Nearly everyone reading this article,

myself included, is too young to remember the last major oil shortage in 1981, and before that in 1973, both as a result of political turmoil in the Middle East. Yet we can imagine the impact a major shortage would have.

China, India, and other nations are industrializing rapidly, and their consumption is increasing, straining global supply. A domestic source of energy for transportation would free us from tenuous political securities, here as foreign governments. It's not going to be easy. The average American driver consumed 755 gallons of gasoline in 2004 giving a total consumption of 156 billion gallons, more than any year in history and a 2 percent growth over 2003, despite the highest average prices on record.

Our sources of electricity are relatively stable right now as it is produced using primarily domestic energy sources. But with 71 percent of our electricity coming from fossil fuels (coal, oil, and natural gas), we need to consider alternatives as well.

Like oil, demand for electricity reached a new record in 2004 — 3.95 trillion kilowatt hours, enough to power your 60-watt desk lamp for 7.5 billion years. Interestingly, nuclear plants produce more electricity than any other source except coal, 20 percent of the total production. Yet no nuclear power plants have been built since the Three Mile Island accident in 1979. In the nearly 30 years since, 104 nuclear power stations nationwide have operated without incident. We can turn to nuclear power as an alternative, making use of our existing plants for the remainder of their design life and investing in new nuclear power plants to meet demand for electricity.

Despite the soaring energy demand, there is hope for a solid energy future. In the near term, ethanol is a viable alternative for oil products in transportation. Many vehicles built by GM and Ford can now operate on either gasoline or ethanol. Diesel fuel produced purely from soybeans is making headway in the heavy engine market. Hydrogen has been discussed as a long-term solution, but production is a major issue. The most effective method of hydrogen production is through electrolysis, which requires a tremendous amount of electricity.

Conservation is important: things like fluorescent lighting, high efficiency air conditioners and heat pumps, and increased use of more efficient compression ignition (diesel) engines, as well as hybrids for transportation will go a long way towards solving our problems.

Unfortunately, we must be prepared for the increased cost of these solutions, which will not be widespread until the market demands it. Our addiction to cheap energy will allow costs to rise until alternatives become a necessity. Tax credits for high efficiency power plants and alternative energy sources for transportation will help.

The bottom line is that energy production and consumption in America will be one of the most significant challenges of our generation. If this challenge is accepted, the solution will be one of the greatest achievements in our history. If we don't, the rest of the world will pass us by in technological development.

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Diversity positive for UK

Today, the United States is the most diverse nation in the world. Its strength is based upon the diversity of its citizens; everyone is equal in worth regardless of national origin or race.

With globalization making this world smaller and seemingly more alike, we need to take stock of what exactly we know about similarity and diversity. True diversity fosters a true culture of inclusion. It is not a program or a project; it is a way of thinking that affects everything we are.

Imagine a classroom where comparison doesn't matter because everyone's uniqueness is treasured. Different groups of people need to learn about one another's traditions, culture and abilities. I am sure as I am supposed to be and the same for you. Our values don't depend on looking or acting a certain way. We often need to stress teaching ourselves and our children that "the others" are like us, the "other" is good and the "other" is needed.

We need to grow beyond the "self" and begin to understand and appreciate differences among groups of people. This is a fundamental skill necessary for all to grow in a healthy way both emotionally and socially.

Unfortunately, one potential problem is when we view similarities and differences in relation to a "yardstick." For most, the yardstick is the U.S. or the West. What happens is that children often learn that similar equals good. Dissimilar, then, equals different — not as good or "right."

Our campus has a wonderful mixture of people from around the world. We have a student and employee population that represents many facets of diversity. Academic excellence and ability to work effectively with persons of

different nationalities, races and religious beliefs are increasingly recognized by the university as essential elements of success. I am delighted that the UK articulates diversity as a goal. It is one of great personal importance to many.

We should continuously nourish such environments that value the ideas and experiences that people of diverse backgrounds bring to Kentucky.

AHMAD MALKAWI
post doctoral scholar

UK staff deserves more

We would like to address the article in the Feb. 13, 2006 Kernel concerning the disparity in the proposed salary increases. Without doubt, we agree with the university's desire to achieve the Top 20 Business Plan objectives. However, President Todd appears to ignore the impact the UK staff have in achieving this mission. By proposing a significantly smaller salary increase for the staff pool, he is conveying the message that the staff are not valued.

The bottom line is that the faculty and staff are underpaid at this institution compared to our benchmarks. We can understand Dr. Todd's concern for making faculty salaries competitive. But the disparity in proposed salary increases — 5.5 percent for the faculty pool vs. 3 percent for staff — sends a message to the staff that they are not considered valuable in achieving the Top 20 Business Plan.

Given the lower earnings of staff, a 3 percent raise will likely not cover increased costs of living, including higher gasoline prices, higher on-campus parking fees and health care benefit adjustments. Although Dr. Todd has proposed additional funding in the amount of \$5 million for the Staff Employee

Benefits Committee, it has been suggested that these funds be allocated for a "cafeteria" system that would allow staff to pick and choose from a variety of options for relatives or insurance packages. We believe that most staff would rather see the \$5 million allocated to raises.

Ironically, the structure of the proposed salary increases are at odds with the Top 20 Business Plan, which places staff high on the list of priorities.

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SG rhetoric should stop

Here's food for thought for my fellow SG Senators and those running for SG office: red meat politics is not healthy for the student body. During last Wednesday's Senate meeting, what should have been meaningful discussion regarding student issues developed into a finger pointing fest that ultimately served no benefit to anyone.

Was it dramatic? Definitely. Productive? Hardly. It seems to me that a real epidemic has broken out in SG and on this campus — an oversimplification of issues complimented with a desire to cast individuals as "good" and "evil."

In a letter to the Kernel speaking on behalf of two candidates for SG office, Richard Becker said "It is clear who is serious about solving campus issues in student government, and even clearer who isn't." This couldn't be further from the truth. I believe that everyone in SG wants to seek out positive change, but it's rather difficult to do so when speaking in opposition to something based on logical reasoning rather than emotion makes you appear "evil." Appealing to emotion is easy; true lead-

ership though requires a willingness to evaluate complex issues based on logic and reason.

Senators, candidates for office, etc. need to cool off on the rhetoric and instead really begin to define their beliefs. For instance, there is no doubt in my mind that all students are opposed to the current meal plan — but I also wonder whether reverting back to the old meal plan is enough. It would seem that moving back to the old meal plan for next year while continuing to evaluate other options would be in the best interests of students. A third, fourth or even tenth option may exist, but we will never know unless the issue is pursued to its fullest. This may not result in the best sound bite or spin, but it would certainly be a great recipe for progress and perhaps a new student body president.

BENJAMIN CARTER
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'06 Cats lack leadership

Tayshaun Prince
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Yes they are former wildcat basketball players, but they share another quality: leadership. Keleena Azubike would have been the leader the 2005-2006 basketball season. Unfortunately due to personal problems, he had to leave UK. This year's Cats are struggling because they have no strong leader to help them. While there are talented players on the team, talent alone is not enough to win the game.

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Mistakes on beam cost Cats win

By Jonathan Smith
THE KENTUCKY KERNEL

With his team behind No. 5 Florida after three rotations, UK gymnastics coach Hajile "Mo" Muhammad remained confident.

The only problem was the Gators never wavered.

Florida nailed its beam routines, an area UK struggled in, en route to a 196.4-195.55 victory over the Cats Friday night in Memorial Coliseum in front of 1,414 fans.

"Beam kind of bit us a little bit," Muhammad said. "We didn't fall off. We made some wobbles here and there, and those things will cost you. Staying on top is one thing, but what you do up there is the big thing."

The No. 18 Wildcats (7-3, 1-3 Southeastern Conference) posted a season-high team score, led by junior Krystle Cook's career-high 39.175. She failed to record a mark lower than 9.6 in any event.

"It was really exciting," Cook said. "I kind of went in there and focused on what I've been doing all year. It really worked out well."

Pacing Florida (9-2, 3-2 SEC) were freshman Corey Hartung's 39.450, and sophomore Ashley Reed's 39.2.

The Cats jumped out to an early 1.5-point lead after the first rotation. Florida struggled to rebound from Tiffany Murray's fall on the uneven bars, while UK notched outstanding scores on vault, beginning with sophomore Kristen O'Shields' 9.725.

"I think my vault was very good," O'Shields said. "It was powerful. Not the score that I was looking for but it was still really good. I was very proud."

Florida's performance in the vault catapulted them to a lead they would not relinquish. No Gator vault score fell below 9.8. Even though the scoring gap after the second event remained small, Florida was

beginning to click.

"We weren't that far behind after the second event," said Muhammad. "We were at 97.975 and they were at 98.1. So we weren't that far behind."

The Cats' deficit increased to nearly another point because of their problems with the balance beam, such as Rachel Riley's tumble off the beam, which drew a score of 8.925.

With their backs against the wall, the Cats had to come up with a special performance in the floor exercise. They mustered scores of at least 9.7, but it was not enough to regain what Florida won on the beam.

"We came back to floor and tried to pick it back up, but they didn't falter on beam," Muhammad said. "One event can kill you. One event. We just nicked and dimmed ourselves to death with all those little breaks in our routines. That's what got us."

Defeat never seemed to be a thought for the team, which continued to claw its way back in the face of adversity only to fall short. But that's what life is like in the rough and tumble SEC.

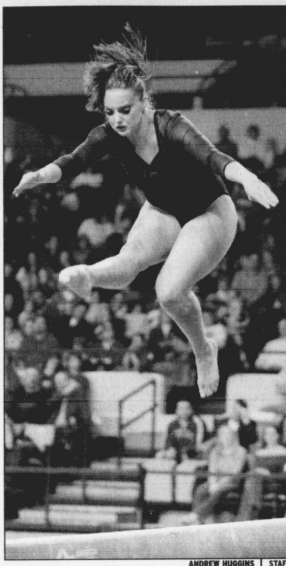
"All the SEC teams are ranked in the top 20 or the top 22," Muhammad said. "Florida, they're ranked fifth, but they're the third-best team in the SEC right now. You've got Alabama and Georgia who are ahead of them. It just doesn't get any easier."

"But there's no better league to compete in."

After three consecutive narrow defeats to highly ranked SEC foes, the Cats share their coach's confidence.

"We're going to keep going up to the top," O'Shields said. "This year, we're going to nationals."

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Rachel Riley performs on the balance beam during Friday's meet against Florida. Riley and the Cats posted their best score of the season, and were defeated, for the second straight match despite their trouble on the beam.

SPORTSBRIEFS

Ignacio repeats at diving SEC's

Junior Taryn Ignacio became the first woman diver in UK history to repeat as a conference champion, retaining her platform title at the SEC Championships Saturday in Knoxville. Ignacio, from Richmond, Ky., became the first woman since 1999 to repeat as a conference champion from any diving platform.

"It (repeating) feels great," Ignacio said. "I was really nervous going into the meet knowing that I won last year. The first dive was pretty good. On the second dive, I completely lost it and landed on my face. That kind of made me mad."

The UK divers have had to go without their coach, Mike Lyden, at times this season because Lyden is battling cancer. They finished fourth overall, and the men, led by All-American Steven Manley, who captured the 200-meter freestyle swimming title, finished sixth.

Cats rally to beat Mississippi State

Samantha Mahoney scored 18 points on 6-of-14 shooting and the Cats (19-6, 8-4 SEC) picked up their first win in Starkville, Miss., since 1999 with a 61-46 squeaker over Mississippi State. The Bulldogs (6-19, 1-11 SEC) led a three-point halftime advantage and held by as many as 11 points in the second half before scoring five points in the final 12:36 of the game. UK rallied despite shooting 34.6 percent for the game; they held the Bulldogs to 32.7 percent from the field. Center Sarah Elliott scored eight points and pulled down 12 rebounds for the Cats, who are assured of their first winning season in SEC play since the 1982-83 season. It is the second official winning SEC season in school history.

Baseball wins three to start season

UK (3-0) scored nine or more runs in each of its three games this weekend in San Antonio, sweeping two games from Army and defeating UT-San Antonio 10-4. Saturday against Army, sophomore pitcher Dave Nombrowski scattered eight hits over seven innings of work — allowing two unearned runs — and used three double plays and two runners thrown out at home to earn the win. UK plated six runs in the eighth inning to blow open a 3-2 game. Friday against the host school, UK used six shutout innings of relief by Craig Snipe to rally from a 4-1 deficit to a 10-4 victory. Sean Coughlin hit a two-run homer in the win, and first baseman Ryan Strieby went 2-for-3 with a pair of doubles, three walks and three runs scored. The Cats had a fourth game scheduled for yesterday against UT-San Antonio, but it was called off due to inclement weather.

Men's golf 14th at Gator Invitational

UK finished 14th at the Gator Invitational in Gainesville, Fla., yesterday, after firing their best score of the season's first tournament but not being able to make up ground on the stacked field. Florida finished first, with a three-day total score of 15-over 855. Tulsa, Florida State, Georgia State and Louisiana State rounded out the top five. UK finished 50 shots behind the Gators. The Cats were led by sophomore Brad Doster, who finished 16th with a final tally of 8-over 218 on the par-70 course. Freshman Dan Wolton finished tied for 42nd with a 227, while junior Tyler Wilson shot 232. "This is beyond a little disappointing for our team," coach Brian Craig told ukathletics.com.

Women's tennis upset by Purdue

No. 19 UK (6-4) dropped all three of its doubles matches and four of six singles matches en route to being upset, 5-2, yesterday by No. 40 Purdue in West Lafayette, Ind. Junior Kim Coventry, the No. 53 singles player in the nation, defeated her fourth consecutive ranked opponent when she took down No. 29 Hala Sufi in the No. 1 singles spot. Coventry has beaten the seventh, 12th, 29th and 31st-ranked players in the nation this season.

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Tennis serves Purdue, Toledo after razed by Wolfpack

By Matt Maguire and Chris Miles
THE KENTUCKY KERNEL

There was sweet and bitter for UK this weekend.

After a 12-day vacation, the Cats swung back into action as they hosted North Carolina State on Friday and swept a doubleheader against Purdue and Toledo yesterday.

UK ended the weekend on a high note by smashing Toledo 6-1 last night and making up for a bad start against N.C. State on Friday.

"We had a good start with our doubles," sophomore Marcus Sundh said of the Toledo match. "Everybody played focused and we had a lot of momentum to carry us through."

That momentum came from a difficult defeat on Friday.

"N.C. State was a tough loss that we turned into something positive," Sundh said.

Falling short to N.C. State by a 4-3 score, the Cats started out their weekend slow.

"It was a good wake-up call," senior Nate Emge said of the close loss on Friday. "Sometimes you still have bad days and you just need to be able to get through those."

Seniors Alex Hume and Emge clinched the doubles point on Friday against N.C. State, winning their sixth straight match. But after starting strong, things went downhill for the Cats as they lost four of the six singles points.

"We didn't do a good job on a couple courts that I felt like we were favored to win," head

coach Dennis Emery said. "When you're playing tough teams, you can't let opportunities like those get away and lose."

"Obviously, it was not the result we wanted," Emge said. "But, you'll have matches like that."

The Cats managed to bounce back yesterday in dominating fashion against Purdue, winning 5-2.

"I felt like we played a good match against Purdue," Emery said. "N.C. State was more talented than Purdue, but Purdue is a very well coached, very disciplined team."

The match against Purdue seemed to be the polar opposite of Friday night.

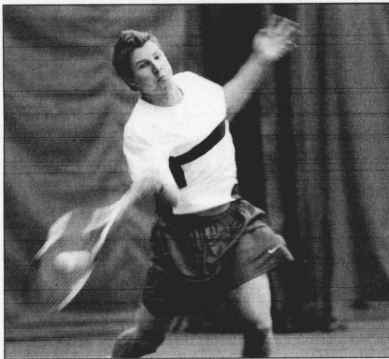
"We started slow," Emge said on the Purdue match. "We knew we had to come out and win. It was what we needed."

Despite the slow start, the Cats gained a lot of momentum after their top-ranked singles player, freshman Bruno Agostinelli, dominated his opponent 6-3, 6-1.

"We definitely managed to forget the loss (yesterday) and put it in the back of our heads and move forward. I think we did that really well," Agostinelli said.

Emery said the non-conference season is good for getting the inexperienced players on the team some seasoning.

"The doubleheaders are good from a standpoint that they get our younger players some experience," Emery said.



Sophomore Marcus Sundh competes in a singles match against Mohammed Al Nahani of Toledo yesterday at the Hilary J. Boone Tennis Center.

some tough opponents in the next few weeks, starting with No. 16 Baylor on Friday and then moving into Southeastern Conference play.

The Cats feel like their schedule remains tough, and they'll have to get down to business if they want to have a successful second half of the season.

There are no more easy matches," Emge said. The Cats are going to see

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