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ANYTHING BUT MEEK

Jodie, Cats use late run to power past Vols

By Jonathan Smith
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Many coaches say this is about the time of the season — in the thick of conference play that freshmen start to play like sophomores.

Jodie Meeks is no different.

"I am definitely used to it at this point in the season," Meeks said about his current role. "From the beginning of the season until now, I kind of knew what to expect, and now I know what I can do. It's just a matter of getting out there and doing it."

Yesterday against Tennessee, he did it.

Meeks hit two 3-pointers in a 20-2 game clinching stretch that broke the game open and broke the Cats out of a two-game losing streak. Meeks' point total, 16, in the Cats' 76-57 win in front of 24,311 fans at Rupp Arena was his most in Southeastern Conference play, and his highest output since he scored 18 in the Louisville game.

"I was really impressed with Jodie, with the way he stepped up and made shots for us as a freshman," UK head coach Tubby Smith said.

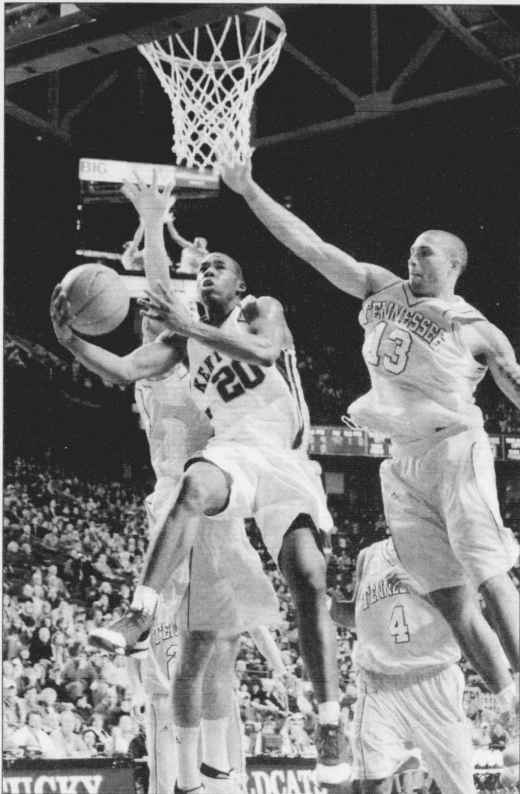
While Meeks is still 19 years old, he didn't look like a freshman during most of his 30 minutes of play.

Meeks finished 5-of-8 shooting, including 4-5 from 3-point range — and chose the right time to hit his two biggest from outside.

With UK (16-5, 5-2 SEC) streaking in the middle of its second half game-changing run, Meeks hit a 3-pointer with 7:43 left that put the Cats up 58-48 and sent the capacity crowd into frenzy.

He finished off the run with another 3-point shot with 4:38 second left to put the Cats up by 19. The run spanned 5:25 and three players scored, including Ramel Bradley, who had 11 in the stretch and led

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Jodie Meeks is fouled as drives toward the basket near the end of the game. Meeks scored 16 points in the game, his most against an SEC opponent.

Pros must outweigh Bradley's cons

Ramel Bradley does a lot of bad things. He forces too many shots, dribbles too much and flies around out of control.

But Ramel Bradley also does a lot of good things. He is UK's best athlete, its emotional leader and the UK player with the most ability to set the tone of a game.



CHRIS DELOTTEL
Kernel columnist

You know you're going to get good and bad from Bradley, and for him to be an effective player, the good must outweigh the bad.

On Sunday, it did. With Tennessee battling to stay in the game, and UK desperately hoping to avoid a potentially disastrous third consecutive loss, Bradley took charge and led a 20-2 UK run that took some of the shine off of Bruce Pearl's blazer.

After UT's Josh Tabb cut the UK lead to 47-46 on a soft fade away jumper within ten

minutes left, Bradley stuck a three on the Cats' ensuing possession. After a defensive stop, Bradley drove to the basket and scored again to stretch the lead to six. Later in the run, he converted an old-fashioned three-point play after getting fouled in a drive to the basket, and then bumped the UK lead to 16 with another 3-pointer. Tennessee never again threatened.

"I just wanted to be aggressive," said Bradley, who scored 21 points and recorded four assists. "I know that when I play aggressive and keep going hard, good things happen."

Aggression has never been a problem for Bradley, who passes up shots about as often as I'd pass up dinner and a movie with Jessica Simpson. The problem for UK's point guard is usually harnessing that aggression into making smart decisions. During that decisive run, he did that.

Bradley is at his best — and at UK's best — when he is dribbling with a purpose. That is, when he is dribbling to create either a shot for himself or an open opportunity for a teammate.

"It gives us another dimension," said Bob-

by Perry, who added seven points and seven rebounds. "With (Bradley's) penetration, we can get dishes and easy baskets. It provides a lot when he can break down his man and drive."

Even when Bradley is doing that, he's going to make some bad plays.

He'll force an off-balance or closely guarded shot or dribble, dribble into a five-second violation, as he did twice yesterday. But because Bradley can create things that no other UK player can, you've got to take the good with the bad and hope you come out on the plus side.

"Yes, you absolutely have to," Pearl said. "You need his scoring, so you have to put up with (bad shots)."

Despite conceding that Bradley took "too many" shots — 18, to be exact — UK head coach Tubby Smith said that his team feeds off Bradley.

"Ramel is the energy," Smith said. "He plays with a lot of passion and a lot of enthusiasm."

And when that passion and enthusiasm is channeled into smart and purposeful plays, the Cats become dangerous.

THE SCHOLARSHIP STRATEGY

PART 1 OF 3

Scholarship looks to aid Ky. poor, boost math and science programs

Editor's Note: This is the first in a three-part series highlighting UK's four new scholarships. The next installment will appear in tomorrow's Kernel.

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Kentucky is lagging behind in promoting science, technology, engineering and math, said UK President Lee Todd.

And Todd hopes a new scholarship program will give the state a chance to compete in the global economy while aiding underprivileged students.

Todd announced the creation of the Catalyst Scholars program and three other new scholarships at last week's Board of Trustees meeting.

The broad-based scholarship initiative is aimed at increasing the accessibility of a college education for Kentuckians.

"Higher education is a ticket to long-term success for many Americans and Kentuckians," Todd told the Kernel in an e-mail. "But we need to do more to make sure that all Kentuckians, regardless of their backgrounds, their race or gender, or their financial circumstances, have the oppor-

tunity to attend college."

The Catalyst scholarship addresses two areas of concern: making college affordable for the 22.6 percent of Kentucky families living at least 150 percent below the federal poverty line and encouraging a more rigorous high school curriculum in the math and science fields.

The scholarship will provide up to \$2,020 per year for full-time, first-year Kentucky residents. Students are eligible for the Pell Grant, a national scholarship, and have a family income at least 150 percent below the federal poverty line.

The program will cost \$2.4 million and grow from about 375 students in 2007-2008 to 1,175 when fully implemented in 2011.

Beginning in fall 2008, students must complete a math and science course in their senior year of high school to be eligible for the Catalyst scholarship. The math and science requirement will apply to students' junior and senior years in fall 2009.

"Our state currently ranks 47th in workforce education, 42nd in high-tech

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Institute aims to promote stronger Ky. businesses

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In three months, social work senior Ana Kate Wilson, will graduate college and, like a lot of seniors, she is concerned about her job prospects in the state.

"Looking at my future in a career is much more intimidating than just applying for a job," Wilson said. "I read the newspapers, I know what kind of economic environment Kentucky businesses provide and I'd be lying to myself if I said that starting my career in Kentucky didn't make me a little nervous."

A new program in UK's College of Social Work recognizes the same situation and is working to improve Kentucky's economic state.

UK is among the first public universities in the country to respond to state economic and workplace development concerns.

The Board of Trustees approved the establishment of the interdisciplinary Institute for Workplace Innovation (iWin) in the College of Social Work at their meeting last week.

"The vision for iWin is that this institute will be a catalyst for organizational change and economic development within the Commonwealth," said Jennifer Swanberg, executive director of iWin and an associate professor of social work.

The program will serve to enhance workplace productivity, create quality work environments and ensure a balance between employee commitment to work and family, Swanberg said.

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Parking garage construction falls behind

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Construction of the new UK Chandler Hospital parking garage is six weeks behind schedule, said Bob Wiseman, vice president for facilities management at UK.

Wiseman said the delay was "not unexpected."

"Instead of opening at the end of October, it will open in November, probably late November," Wiseman said.

Despite fairly warm weather in December, Wiseman said the construction on the new garage, located on South

Limestone Street between Transcript Avenue and Conn Terrace, dropped behind schedule.

"(The contractors) weren't making the speed we need them to make on their concrete pours," he said.

Wiseman said the contractors are now working on a recovery schedule to try to make up for some of the delays.

When the garage opens in November, it will open under partial occupancy. Wiseman said the decision was made to add an extra floor to the garage, but the bottom floors will open while construction on the top floor continues.

The new garage is part of phase one

in UK's hospital expansion plan. When the new garage opens, the old one will be torn down and the new hospital will be built where the current garage stands.

Phase 1A of the expansion, which includes building the new parking garage and hospital, is projected to cost \$450 million.

The three-phase project, which should be completed by 2020, also aims to build a new critical-care facility and an ambulance facility.

When the new hospital opens, there will be a pedway from the new garage to the hospital lobby. While construction is

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Construction for the new hospital parking garage on South Limestone Street has fallen six weeks behind. The garage has to be completed before construction on the new hospital buildings, which will be built where the old garage is, can begin.

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Oprah's Tragic Secret

Winfrey talks about her teen pregnancy and, for the first time, the betrayal that left her devastated

THE DISH
Oprah Winfrey is the richest woman in show business. Topping Forbes' list of the wealthiest women in entertainment, with a net worth of \$1.5 billion. Winfrey, 53, represents strength, power and aspiration. But the mogul once held a dark secret that made her feel all too human: In addition to having been sexually abused, at age 14, she gave birth to a premature baby — only to lose it weeks later due to complications.

wicked girl . . . expelled!" So ashamed was Winfrey that she waited several years before sharing her experience with longtime best friend Gayle King, whom she met in 1976. "We were having dinner and she said, 'Yeah, I had a baby when I was 14. Could you pass the ketchup?' And I'm like, 'Rewind! What did you just say?'" King recently told Entertainment Tonight.

Moving Forward

"Of all things, I would say I'm a truth-seeker." Winfrey once proclaimed. "I believe that the truth shall make you free." Now she is helping other survivors do just that by sharing her private trauma. Her personal wish? "I don't want another child to be afraid of saying, 'This is what happened to me.'"

A Dark Past

Born into poverty to unmarried teenagers Vernita Lee and Vernon Winfrey in Kosciusko, Miss., Winfrey endured a continuous cycle of abuse.

"I was raped by a cousin, and then later sexually molested by a friend of the family, and then by an uncle," Winfrey revealed in 1991.

It was this abuse — which lasted from the age of 9 to 14 — that Winfrey believes caused her to act out sexually. While she has never named the father, she has said the pregnancy was "the most emotional, confusing and traumatic [event] of my young life."

Later, it was her career that kept her from having kids. (She has been with beau Stedman Graham for more than 20 years.) "I couldn't do what I do on my show and all the work it takes to keep it going," Winfrey has said.

Oprah's Interview Sparks Controversy

Just days after Shawn Hornbeck reunited with family after being held captive for more than four years in Kirkwood, Missouri, Winfrey asked his parents in front of a studio audience if they thought he had been sexually abused.

They said yes. Though he wasn't in the room, many, including Rosie O'Donnell, criticized airing the disclosure on TV.

O'Donnell blogged, "A new haircut couldn't hide his tormented eyes."

Psychologist Dr. Rona Fields agrees, "That needs to be discussed privately with his therapist. I think that was very insensitive."

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LIVE PATIO MUSIC THE WORLD FAMOUS TWO KEYS TAVERN UNDER NEW OWNERSHIP

Horoscopes

By Linda C. Black
To get the advantage, check the day's rating; 10 is the easiest day, 0 the most challenging.

Aries (March 21-April 19) - Today is a 6 - New information does not remove all speculation, yet. More likely, it raises new questions. Continue your research.

Taurus (April 20-May 20) - Today is an 8 - Don't tap into your own reserves - let somebody else help out. There'll be enough for everybody, if everybody contributes.

Gemini (May 21-June 21) - Today is an 8 - Great wealth and countless other goodies can be yours, but not for a while. Don't pitch a fit; it's good for you to practice discipline.

Cancer (June 22-July 22) - Today is a 7 - It's a good idea not to rely completely on other people. Odds are good somebody will not be there for you, when expected.

Leo (July 23-Aug. 22) - Today is an 8 - Be patient, as the argument goes on. This is a good thing. You'll get to know everyone better, and see which side they're really on.

Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) - Today is an 8 - More work's coming in, which cuts into your private time. Don't be afraid. In a day or two, you can have a team organized. Get help - you'll need it.

Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) - Today is an 8 - Don't rely on others to be there when they said they would. Travel conditions are complicated now. Telecommute.

Scorpio (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) - Today is a 7 - By tomorrow, you'll be able to clinch the deal, if you can be patient. You also want to wiggle around and get into position.

Sagittarius (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) - Today is a 6 - Direct your conversation to practical matters. Staying with pure theory doesn't produce results. It won't pay the rent, either.

Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) - Today is an 8 - As you're racing from one responsibility to another, start training an assistant. You need a good support person so you don't run yourself ragged.

Aquarius (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) - Today is a 7 - Home isn't the only place you run into controversy. You're in a good position to help them reach a compromise. Teach them to be more objective.

Pisces (Feb. 19-March 20) - Today is a 6 - As you listen to all the arguments, you're forming an opinion. You will be asked about it, so give the matter some thought, and find a way to explain it. Don't worry; it can be fun.

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WORKPLACE

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The mission of the institute is to identify innovative workplace solutions in the state and give current and prospective business tools to make the state a better place to live and work.

"The Institute for Workplace Innovation is committed to assisting Kentucky-based organizations in the development of high performance work environments that align organizational

policies, practices and workplace culture with the demands of employee's lives on and off the job," Swanberg said.

Swanberg said iWin is in an experimental stage to see if the business community embraces the program.

The program plans to offer a corporate roundtable encouraging employers to discuss and form strategies for developing and maintaining quality work environments, and interdisciplinary workplace research that will provide local businesses with workplace practices and state policy.

The organization also plans

to offer executive and management training, and organizational consultation to Kentucky's business community to encourage new ideas in workplace practices.

Swanberg said she hoped students would take an active interest in iWin, especially those close to graduation and entering the state job market like Wilson.

"I plan to stay in Kentucky after I graduate," Wilson said. "I feel like I have gone to college and acquired the skills I will need to do my job but I want to ensure that my job is equally as prepared to accommodate me."

GARAGE

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going on, Wiseman said the hospital will run a shuttle service so patients don't have to cross South Limestone Street to get to the hospital.

Wiseman said the hospital may continue the shuttle service even after the pedway is built.

Wiseman said fences will be put up in March to mark off construction areas for the

new hospital. He also said before the garage is torn down workers will be able to do some of the underground utility work for the hospital.

"A year from now, the main body (of the old garage) will come down," he said.

Building and foundation work for the new hospital will begin in spring 2008 and the hospital is expected to be complete in 2011, Wiseman said.

Last week, UK's Board of Trustees approved hospital administrators' request to apply for a state certificate of need

to build two extra floors on both of the new hospital's bed towers. The additional floors will house 192 patient beds.

The additional beds are needed because the hospital is growing at a high rate, said Dr. Michael Karpf, executive vice president for health affairs, in a Jan. 23 Kernel article.

"We thought we would grow at five percent (per year), but we grew at 10 percent," Karpf said. "We're maxed out."

Anti-war protesters flood national mall

By Adam Schreck, Ashraf Khalil and David Straitsfeld
LOS ANGELES TIMES

WASHINGTON — An estimated 100,000 anti-war protesters from around the country converged on the National Mall Saturday, galvanized by opposition to President Bush's plan to increase the number of troops in Iraq.

Protests attended by several thousand people also were held in Los Angeles, San Francisco and other cities. But the demonstration in the nation's capital was among the biggest since the war began.

Joining the Washington rally were several members of the House of Representatives and a few Hollywood liberal activists, including Jane Fonda, who said it was her first anti-war demonstration in 34 years.

"Silence is no longer an option," said Fonda, once derided as Hanoi Jane for her opposition to the Vietnam War. She was flanked by Sean Penn, Susan Sarandon and Tim Robbins.

Although long shot presidential contender Rep. Dennis Kucinich, D-Ohio, made an appearance, the demonstration failed to lure the big guns of Democratic politics, such as presidential hope-

fuls Sen. Hillary Rodham Clinton, D-N.Y., and Sen. Barack Obama, D-Ill.

"If I was Barack Obama, I would be up there," said Will Ehrenfeld, 18, a freshman at Tufts University in Massachusetts.

Martin Freed, 60, of Alaska, said Democratic leaders were "cowards" for skipping the protest.

"They ought to be out here addressing us," he said.

Signs in the throng focused on Bush's decision to send more troops to Iraq. "A surge seems like the wrong way to go," said Sarah Bratz, 28, of Rockland, Maine.

Under a warm sun that made the day feel like spring, others stood with brightly colored placards bearing slogans such as "Bush Bin Lym" and "Civil War Accomplished."

Rep. Maxine Waters, D-Calif., pledged not to vote for "one dime for this war," then led the protesters in a chant mocking the president: "He's not the decider, he is a liar."

Fonda drew cheers. She said she had stayed away from anti-war rallies in fear that the "lies spread about me" would harm the movement.

"Thank you so much for the courage to stand up to this mean-spirited, vengeful administration," she said.

Boom in vaccine discovery could save millions

By Daniel Costello
LOS ANGELES TIMES

Technological breakthroughs, increased funding and higher profits are spurring a boom in vaccine discovery and development that could save or improve the lives of millions of people by attacking such scourges as cancer and malaria.

Three new vaccines arrived on the market in 2006, the most in a single year. They include vaccines for the human papilloma virus, linked to cervical cancer in women, and for rotavirus, which causes severe diarrhea and kills 600,000 children globally each year. Another prevents shingles in the elderly.

As early as the end of the decade, scientists say, there may be new immunizations

against herpes simplex, rheumatoid arthritis and a better seasonal influenza vaccine.

Researchers also are talking about a potential vaccine within five years to fight malaria — long one of mankind's deadliest and most elusive adversaries.

Other scientists are making progress with what are known as "therapeutics," vaccines that fight already diagnosed diseases or conditions, including cancer, Alzheimer's or addictions such as tobacco, by "teaching" the body to fight back. They're further down the road but hold the potential to transform medical care, experts say.

"It may turn out we have a perfect storm here of several different things coming together at the right time. This is a tremendous time of oppor-

tunity for both the developed and the developing world," said David Fleming, director of the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation's global health strategies program, which has made vaccine development and access a cornerstone of its mission.

"It's clear there is a renaissance going on around vaccines," said Dr. Anthony S. Fauci, director of the National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases. "We have made more progress with some (vaccines) in the past few years than we have in the past 30."

The current immunization boom could rival or even surpass the golden age of vaccine development between the late 1940s and early 1960s, experts say.

CATALYST

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jobs and 45th in the number of patents." Todd said in the e-mail. "We don't have a choice but to get in that game. We're close to graduation and entering the state job market like Wilson.

Sue Patrick, director of communications for Kentucky's Council on Postsecondary Education, said that when the CPE announced the 9 percent tuition increase cap for the 2007-2008 school year, it encouraged the state's colleges and universities to offer more need-based financial aid.

This new scholarship will let parents and students know at an earlier age that help is out there to "make their dreams come true" while also opening up a pathway for students in math- and science-related areas.

"We need to better prepare our students," Patrick said. "A

vigorous curriculum in high school will boost success in college."

UK's Catalyst scholarship was unveiled just weeks after the University of Louisville announced the new Cardinal Covenant, a program providing students living 150 percent below the federal poverty line the opportunity to graduate debt free in five years.

The \$250,000 Cardinal Covenant will provide about 150 eligible incoming freshmen in 2007 with the full cost of tuition, room, board and books. Students will also be guaranteed a spot in the university's work-study program to earn extra spending money.

U of L spokesman John Drees said the new Catalyst scholarship is a wonderful addition to the financial aid available for Kentucky students. "Anything that helps open the doors to higher education for Kentuckians is a great thing," Drees said. "We hope more universities get on board."

Fayette County high school students will soon see a similar requirement placed on their high school curriculum.

Starting with the class of 2012, new graduation guidelines will require students to take four years of math said Gregory Figgs, director of high school for Fayette County Public Schools.

Figgs said he sees the math and science requirements of the Catalyst scholarship as less of a restriction and more of a realization of an evolving job market.

"Those are the courses that will provide the new, basic skills necessary for 21st century technological careers," Figgs said.

In November 2006, the CPE appointed statewide Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics Task Force.

The task force is chaired by Todd and is responsible for creating a strategic plan to improve Kentucky's performance in the STEM areas from preschool through graduate school.

Todd said tying scholarship money to math and science courses in high school is the type of "innovative approach" the STEM taskforce is taking to jumpstart the task force's efforts.

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SPORTS

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Cool Cats overcome lack of focus to sweep again

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The Kentucky Cool Cats continued their hot play Saturday, defeating Illinois 4-2 at the Lexington Ice Center.

With two victories this weekend, the Cool Cats have now won 14 of their last 16 games and solidified their number six ranking in the Southeast Division of the American Collegiate Hockey Association. The ranking is the highest for the program since 1993-94, when they were ranked third in the nation.

The Cool Cats entered the game hoping the send a message to Illinois.

"This Illinois team didn't like to be hit," head coach Rob Docherty said. "We made sure we finished our checks and made them make decisions quicker."

It didn't take long for UK to send the more physical message.

Late in the first period, sophomore forward Chris Protencic laid a hard check on an Illinois player, slamming him into the boards and shattering a glass panel surrounding the ice.

The hit caused a 48-minute delay. While the physical style led to a victory, it put the Cool Cats at a disadvantage throughout the game. UK's penalties gave Illinois 10 power plays, and Illinois capitalized, scoring two power play goals that allowed them to tie the game at two early in the third period.

"We let them in the game because we were out there five-on-four the whole game," captain and junior forward Mike Barnes said. "They scored two goals on it."

Docherty attributed some of the penalties to the team's aggressive game plan, but assistant captain and junior defender Pat McAdams disagreed, saying the penalties were due to the team's lack of focus.

"This weekend, the intensity wasn't there," McAdams said. "I don't know why. It was a disappointing weekend. We all have some things to work on."

"We need to sit down, calm down and refocus ourselves," Barnes added.

The Cool Cats jumped out to a quick lead when junior forward John North

scored on a breakaway less than two minutes into the game. Neither team scored again until sophomore forward Tony Valerino dodged an Illinois defender and found the back of the net midway through the second period.

Valerino, who is second in the country in goals, now has 45 this season.

Illinois countered with two power play goals, scoring the second when the puck deflected off of a UK player's skate into the net.

Sophomore forward Johnny Micka scored the game-winning goal, a power play goal with less than five minutes left.

The game may have gone to Illinois without senior Drew Matichak. The veteran goalie stopped two consecutive breakaways by Illinois early in the third period and was part of a defense that stopped eight of Illinois' ten power plays.

"There's no doubt that (Matichak) kept us in the game," Barnes said. "That's what he does best."

Barnes, who's also ranked in the top ten nationally in goals, added his 30th goal of the season to cap the victory.

SPORTS NOTEBOOK

Breakfast of Champs honors UK basketball

Wheaties cereal has announced that they will feature the UK men's basketball program on their cereal box starting this week.

The front of the box will display an image of Rupp Arena and the UK logo, while the back will show an image of a UK squad cutting down the nets and the Wildcat mascot.

"Kentucky has made significant contributions to the world of collegiate sports through its long-standing tradition of championship programs, making it a privilege to feature the standout men's basketball program on this special-edition Wheaties box," said Wheaties brand manager Dan Stangler.

The announcement comes in recognition of UK's seven national championships and its winning history in the Southeastern Conference.

The new box will be featured regionally. Other schools featured on the Wheaties box have included Georgia, Michigan, Nebraska, Northwestern, Notre Dame, Texas A&M, Texas Western University and Texas.

"Kentucky basketball is proud to be featured on a Wheaties box and share this esteemed honor with the school, the fans, alumni and program supporters," head coach Tubby Smith said.

O'Neill picked 10th in Canadian soccer draft

Former UK men's soccer forward Riley O'Neill was picked in the first round of the Canadian United Soccer Leagues 2007 First Division Draft on Wednesday by the Vancouver White Caps, the league champions.

O'Neill, a native of Vancouver Island in Campbell River, British Columbia, was picked 10th overall.

O'Neill had 17 goals this season, leading the No. 13 Cats to a second place finish in Conference USA.

O'Neill has the school record for game-winning goals. This is the third straight year that UK has placed a player in the professional leagues.

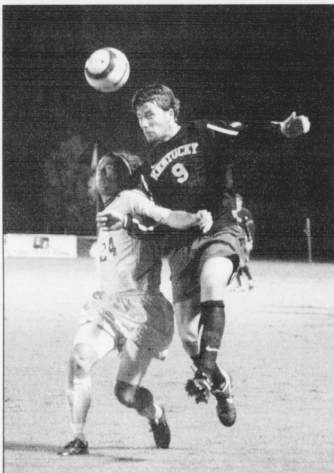
Gymnastics wins quad meet

The No. 20 UK gymnastics team won its quad meet on Friday against North Carolina, Maryland and No. 17 West Virginia. Four Cats won individual titles to record a team score of 193.775.

NCAA central region vault champion Krystal Cook won the vault with a score of 9.9, the eighth vault title of her career and 20th career crown.

Lucy Burgin won bars with a score of 9.825, Emily Green won beam with a score of 9.825 and Heater Hite took the floor title with a score of 9.825.

UK will face off at perennial powerhouse Alabama on Friday in Tuscaloosa, Ala.



ANDREW HUBBARD/STAFF
Former UK soccer player Riley O'Neill goes up for a header against Michigan's Kevin Savitskie on Sept. 13, 2006. O'Neill was drafted by the Vancouver White Caps in the Canadian United Soccer Leagues.

Swim team drowns Bearcats

The UK men's and women's swimming teams both swept Cincinnati in their competition on Friday. The men won with a score of 112-72 while the women earned a 105-81 decision. The diving team also competed, but its scores were considered as exhibition events and did not contribute to the final score.

On Friday the Cats will host the 2007 SEC tournament, starting first with diving competitions.

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who had 11 in the stretch and led the Cats with 21 points.

The Vols (14-7, 2-4) had a few chances during UK's run, but ultimately hurt themselves. UT committed three turnovers, missed the front end of two one-and-one free throw attempts and missed a layup.

"We tried to get out and put a little more pressure on them, do a little more denial because we wanted Tennessee to be very passive," Smith said.

For the second straight game, Randolph Morris got into foul trouble and was forced to sit for the better part of the game. He only played 19 minutes, and scored nine points and grabbed four rebounds.

"Our game plan was to try to get Randolph Morris in foul trouble, to go after him a little bit because we knew with him, it was a tremendous difference for Kentucky," said Tennessee head coach Bruce Pearl.

UT was without its leading scorer, Chris Lofton. Lofton, a 6-foot-1 junior from Maysville, Ky., missed his second straight game with a sprained ankle. He is averaging an SEC-best 21.5 points per game.

Jajuan Smith took over in Lofton's stead, scoring a career-high 25 points. Ramar Smith pitched in 10, while Wayne Chism had nine.

But, it was Meeeks, the freshman turning into a sophomore, that might have had the biggest impact for his team.

"He's a shooter; he's a scorer," senior forward Bobby Perry said. "He has a great mentality. He can shoot the ball 10 times and miss every one, but he will be confident that he can make the 11th one."

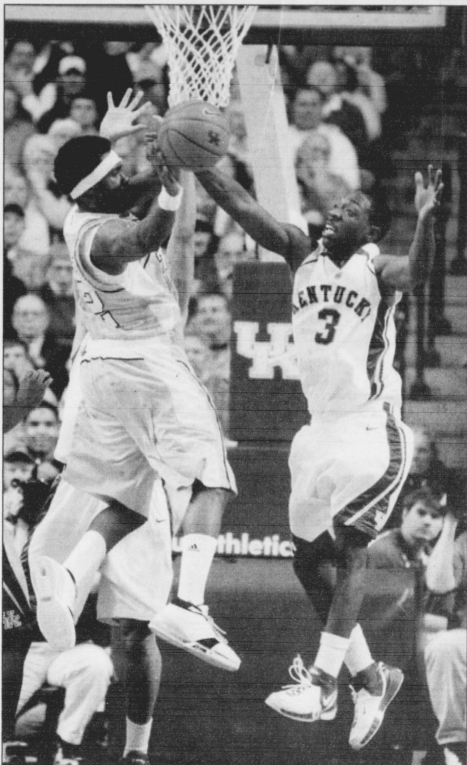
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UK junior guard Ramel Bradley defends Tennessee's Ramar Smith in the Cats' 76-57 win yesterday in Rupp Arena. Bradley scored a team-high 21 points on 7-of-18 shooting.

BASKETBALL NOTEBOOK

Cats finish this time; Vols' offense misses Lofton

By Jonathan Smith
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When Tennessee's Josh Tabb hit a jump shot with 10:05 remaining against UK yesterday to pull his team within one at 47-46, it appeared the Cats could have been headed for their third straight loss.

Instead, they got their second half play together.

UK — powered by 11 points from Ramel Bradley and six from Jodie Meeks — turned back UT with a 20-2 run.

The run kept the Cats from the outcome of the Georgia game on Wednesday, when the Cats led by as many as 17 points in the first half but lost 78-69 in overtime.

To Tubby Smith, the only difference in the two games was when the Cats decided to play their best basketball.

"It was a tale of two halves once again," Smith said. "We just got the right half this time."

In the first half against the Volunteers, UK shot just 32.4 percent from the field, including 25 percent from 3-point range. They also allowed UT to shoot 46.4 percent.

After halftime, the Cats shot 64 percent from the field and limited the Vols to 30 percent shooting.

"At halftime, we knew that we had to step it up," Bradley said. "We came back out and brought more intensity and really stepped it up on offense. We wanted to be aggressive the last 20 minutes of the game."

Tennessee offense stymied without Lofton

UT came into the game as the second highest scoring team in the league, averaging 82.4 point per game.

But yesterday, the Vols were held to 57 points, their second lowest of the season.

Running and pressing is Tennessee's staple, but the Vols didn't attempt to push the ball as hard as they usually do.

Tennessee head coach Bruce Pearl attributed some of his team's struggles to Chris Lofton's absence. Lofton, who leads the Southeastern Conference in scoring at 21.5 points per game, missed his second straight game with an ankle injury.

"In losing Chris Lofton, you miss him on the offensive end, obviously," Pearl said. "Without him, we scored 57 and our offense is somewhat compromised."

UK football team honored

The UK football team presented its Music City Bowl Champions trophy at halftime of yesterday's game. The entire team was joined by head coach Rich Brooks, UK President Lee Todd and First Lady Patsy Todd. Brooks and wide receiver Keenan Burton addressed the crowd.

The Cats finished the season 8-5 and beat Clemson 28-20 in the Nashville, Tenn., bowl game.

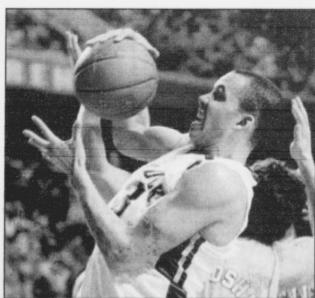
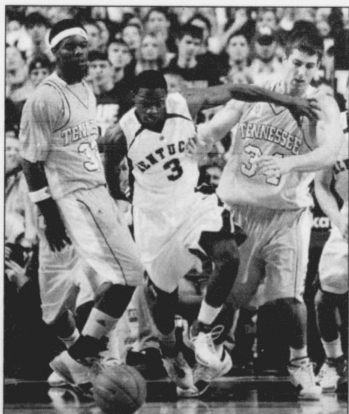
Local celebrities visit Rupp

Several celebrities with Kentucky and Tennessee ties were in attendance yesterday. Former UK player Kyle Macy was introduced during one of the timeouts, and former UK star and current agriculture commissioner Richie Farmer sat courtside.

Also in attendance was Houston Astros center fielder Chris Burke. Burke, whose claim to fame was sending the Astros to the National League Championship Series on a walk-off home run in 2005 against the Atlanta Braves, is from Louisville and played baseball at Tennessee.

Notes

Every UK player that dressed played ... UK leads the all-time series 139-63 ... UK made eleven 3-pointers against UT, its most since making 13 against Tennessee-Chatanooga Dec. 5 ... the Cats shot a season-high 84.6 percent from the free throw line (11-of-13) ... Chris Lofton, who did not play because of ankle injury, is 22-47 on 3-point shots all time in his UT career against UK. In two games at Rupp Arena, Lofton is 12-19 from outside, and in high school, Lofton led Mason County High School to the state championship after hitting nine 3's in the final against Ballard High School.



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ABOVE: Bobby Perry pulls down a rebound against Tennessee. Perry had four offensive rebounds and three defensive rebounds.

LEFT: Ramel Bradley chases after the ball in yesterday's game in Rupp Arena.

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Admissions reform crucial for top-20 student body

For UK to become a top-20 public university, it needs a high-caliber student body — one distinguished by more than just above-average standardized test scores.

The university's new admissions standards, which will go into effect for next school year's incoming class, appear to be a good start.

Applicants' high-school GPA, extracurricular involvement, and application essays will have greater weight in admissions than they do currently, while there will be less emphasis on SAT and ACT scores, according to a Jan. 24 Kernel story.

Making the admissions process less formulaic is a natural step for UK as it rises the ranks among public research universities. Relying mainly on standardized test scores may be an easy way to select students, but it is certainly not the best one.

High standardized-test scores are less meaningful than they appear. First, it is impossible to tell from a single number whether an applicant was simply having a lucky (or unlucky) morning on the testing day. A high-school transcript, by contrast, gives a more stable indicator of performance over time. And although applicants can make up for an anomalous score by retaking the test, that option is financially unrealistic for poorer students.

Second, the skills one needs to score highly on the SAT or ACT are not the same as those that determine success in college. Lazy, unmotivated students who happen

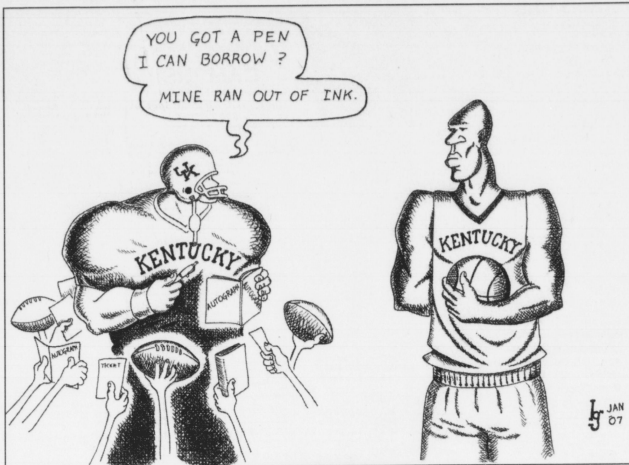
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to be particularly smart can attain high scores on those tests with ease. Getting through college, however, requires self-discipline and a dogged work ethic.

UK undoubtedly wants to admit a greater percentage of students who will stay in school and graduate on time — and to avoid admitting students "who won't be able to succeed," as Don Witt, UK's director of undergraduate admissions, said in the Kernel story. Paying more attention to grades than to test scores will help reduce the number of admitted students who may have the intelligence to succeed but lack the motivation.

Finally, there is more to an elite student body than just academic ability. Well-rounded students don't just absorb information — they take their knowledge and use it to the benefit of the community. Top universities produce leaders and activists, not just solitary geniuses. By increasing the emphasis on diversity and extracurricular involvement in admissions, UK will help ensure that future movers and shakers do not slip through the application process.

Just as there is no simple formula for top-tier universities — as UK administrators have surely sounded out on the quest to achieve top-20 status by 2020 — no mere equation can describe an ideal applicant. Reforming the admissions process to be more holistic is a sure improvement, and it will be a key element of UK's success in the top-20 mission.



BRIAN GOODLEY, Kernel cartoonist

To win in Iraq, U.S. must let soldiers fight back forcefully

It doesn't take a genius to see that things aren't going particularly well in Iraq. And in spite of President George W. Bush's recent announcement of a

21,500-troop surge in the war-torn country, the situation isn't likely to see much improvement in the coming months.

The problem doesn't lie with the fighting men and women in the field. American troops remain the best-equipped and best-trained soldiers in the world.

Threats are being neutralized. Insurgents are being killed. But the number of Americans killed continues to grow. So far this month, 73 U.S. troops have died in Iraq.

Unfortunately, the surge in American forces is likely to be accompanied by a surge in enemy activity. For our young men and women, this means more roadside bombs, more suicide bombings and, ultimately, more casualties.

The main problem for American forces lies not in Iraq itself, but in Washington. The 24-hour news cycle and the advent of Internet news has permanently changed the way Americans fight. Politicians are restraining military brass by trying to fight a nice war. The urge to minimize civilian casualties and other collateral damage is reasonable. Certainly no one with a conscience wants to see hundreds of thousands of Iraqi civilians dead at the hands of Americans.

But terrorists continue to fight largely within civilian areas. They hide in mosques and heavily populated centers, knowing that Americans won't at-

tack these areas. A surge in troop numbers isn't going to change terrorists' tactics; and unless military strategy changes drastically, we're likely to see more and more American casualties.

If the United States is going to win in Iraq, our troops must be allowed to fight back. If snipers have taken refuge inside a mosque, that mosque should be leveled with Air Force bombs. If intelligence indicates insurgents are meeting inside an apartment building, eliminate the building, and you eliminate the insurgents.

Iraq's Anbar province is crawling with al-Qaeda, and it is set to receive a significant number of the increased American troops. Rather than sending Marines and Army units into intense urban warfare environments, military planners should launch heavy bombing raids with B-1s and B-52s to kill the enemy.

For too long, the question has been: Whose life is worth more, an American soldier's or an Iraqi civilian's? The answer should be clear, and prior to the information revolution, it was.

Victories in previous wars can be attributed, at least in part, to demoralizing the enemy by bombing largely civilian areas.

Dresden, Tokyo, Berlin, Hiroshima and Nagasaki each were legitimate targets, having some form of military infrastructure. And these military targets could have been destroyed with a fraction of the hundreds of thousands of pounds of conventional, incendiary and atomic weapons that were dropped.

But in World War II, our leaders knew that to destroy the enemy, you have to destroy the enemy's will to fight. Ending the fighting in Germany and the Pacific far outweighed the thousands of German and Japanese civilians who died in the attacks because World War II was a total war. Without victory, the German and

Japanese empires could grow unchecked, endangering neighboring countries — and, eventually, the United States itself.

Victory in Iraq will entail eliminat-

The U.S. military is still the strongest in the world, and it can certainly win in Iraq — but only if troops are allowed to harness that strength to its fullest extent while fighting against terrorist enemies

ing the terrorist threat. And without a change in the way American troops fight, doing so is looking more and more improbable — with or without a troop surge.

To be sure, the president's surge must be followed by a gradual scaling back of the numbers of American forces in Iraq. Iraqi forces must be trained, and the Iraqi people must be ready to assume control of their nation's destiny. This is an equally important key to victory. The United States has not written a blank check for Iraq; and if Iraqis aren't willing to defend their government, Americans will have little choice but to withdraw and let the factions sort the situation out for themselves.

The war in Iraq can still be won. To do so, however, will take drastic changes in American military strategy and, frankly, Iraqis' willingness to fight for their own country.

Unfortunately, neither situation appears likely. And though they might not yet be aware, for Iraqis, the chaos might have only begun.

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Hospital expansion will bring better care to Bluegrass residents

UK HealthCare patients can expect more efficient care in the years to come, thanks to ongoing construction on UK's Chandler Medical Center.

Last week, officials presented plans for construction on the Wethington Building on South Limestone Street, which will include 192 additional patient beds on two extra floors in each of the hospital's two planned bed towers, the Kernel reported.

The plans were in response to an expanding need for patient beds in the hospital.

"The hospital is chock-full," UK executive vice president for health affairs Michael Karpf told the Kernel. "We now have start turning away people who need our services."

Karpf said 2,356 patients — a record high — were discharged in December. If the number of patients grows at 4.5 percent per year, Karpf said, the hospital will reach 100 percent capacity by 2011.

That's bad news for a Level I trauma center.

Adding the two floors to al-

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ready-existing hospital plans will ensure two things. First, UK HealthCare will be able to provide care to more patients. For a public hospital, this is essential to suit the growing health-care needs of an aging Bluegrass population. Second, the additional floors will mean better care for these patients. Having less cramped floors means patients will receive more attention from nurses who would otherwise be overwhelmed with a deluge of patients.

Extra hospital floors will also mean extra hospital jobs for area residents. So along with the benefit of additional health care for the Bluegrass area, Lexington's economy will also receive a boost from these well-paying jobs.

Health care and jobs are two of UK's more important contributions to the surrounding region. With the changing plans for UK's growing hospital, the university will be better prepared to provide both of these services to the Lexington area.



WES BLEWINS
Kernel columnist

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Accusations about UK Bookstore's 'unfair advantage' are false

In response to Christina Layton's Jan. 25 letter to the editor, "UK deal gives campus bookstores unfair advantage over independents":

UK, like most colleges, has several independent bookstores that effectively serve its students. Layton implies that the UK Bookstore and Kennedy Book Store receive the textbook information from faculty far in advance of the other local bookstores, thus giving them the ability to order, receive and sell books to UK students sooner than the competition can.

This could not be further from the truth. Two years ago, UK Auxiliary Services transitioned to an online textbook ordering method for faculty and staff, making the process easier, more economical and more efficient. Professors submit their book lists online (strictly governed by Auxiliary Services); they are required to submit their orders by Nov. 1 for the spring semester and April 1 for the summer and fall semesters.

When they click "Submit," an electronic form is sent to all of the campus bookstores and Auxiliary Services simultaneously. Everyone on the listserv receives the submissions within seconds. The order simply shows up in their e-mail inbox, and each bookstore has the ability to print and order the books at the exact same time. Once an electronic order is received, it is then up to the individual store to process and order the book. Therefore, no bookstore has an advantage, nor is any bookstore at a disadvantage. If any bookstore claims that it does not get the information at the same time, it needs to check its e-mail more frequently.

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I submit to you that the students who benefit directly from these scholarships are both grateful and appreciative.

Chris Lawrence
General manager, UK Bookstore

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UK grad stars in NBC show Alum wants to be America's Danny Zuko

By Ellie Fairbanks
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As a UK theater student, Derek Keeling dressed in drag to play a Donna Reed-like character for "When Pigs Fly," did a one-man production of "A Zoo Story" and starred in Shakespeare's "As You Like It."

While these parts are somewhat obscure and extremely varied, Keeling is now auditioning for one of the most well-known parts in theater history — and he's doing it in front of a national audience.

Keeling, who graduated from UK in 2003, is one of 14 finalists — seven men and seven women — on the NBC show "Grease: You're the One that I Want." The show airs on NBC on Sundays at 8 p.m. and follows the audition process for an upcoming Broadway production of "Grease." As people watch the show and auditions, they can call-in and vote for the best Danny and Sandy.

Bob Haven, a theatre professor, taught Keeling make-up and costume design while he was at UK. Haven said it's Keeling's hard work and perseverance that has taken him as far as he is today.

"Derek's certainly a musical theater force to be reckoned with," Haven said. "He's extremely talented, and someone would have to get up pretty early in the morning to outwork him."

Nancy Jones, the director of the theater department, agrees that much of Keeling's success comes from his hard-working

attitude.

"Derek was always tremendously talented, very charismatic and a lot of fun," Jones said, listing his performance in "When Pigs Fly" as one of Keeling's "most fun" roles. He starred in the play as Howard, a high school student who is told by his guidance counselor that he'll make it as an actor "when pigs fly."

Throughout the show, Howard stages extravagant songs and dances to prove her wrong.

"When Pigs Fly" was pure silliness," Jones said. "It was a huge undertaking, and Derek was awesome in it."

"Derek wasn't afraid to be completely out-of-the-box

in 'When Pigs Fly,'" said Russell Henderson, an associate professor in the theater department who directed Keeling in two shows he was in while at UK. "This really showed that he's a well-rounded performer and such a trooper."

Haven's favorite memory of Keeling came when he was fitting Keeling for costumes for "When Pigs Fly."

"When we were getting Derek fitted for his Donna Reed-like costume that he only had to wear for about two seconds on stage, we had to put

him in a bra and a girdle," Haven said. "As he came out of the dressing room, he ran into one of the university electricians that was working that day and just said to him 'You never know what you're going to see in the costume shop.' It was just so typically Derek."

Auditioning for a Broadway show on national television is also something typically Keeling, Henderson said.

"To be on a show like that, you have to have skills, a great look and an awesome personality," Henderson said. "He has all of these and has a good of a chance as anyone to win."

Jones agrees that Keeling fits the part of Danny Zuko.

"There's no one better suited to play this part," Jones said. "His style, look and skills all fit the role perfectly."

Keeling is being portrayed by NBC as the "wholesome Danny" character, and he lists his favorite color as "UK blue," according to the show's Web site. Jones thinks that being "wholesome Danny" fits Keeling.

"He's just such a sweet kid," Jones said. "It radiates off the screen during the show."

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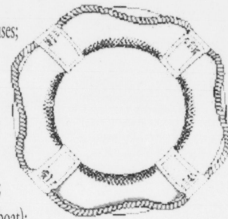
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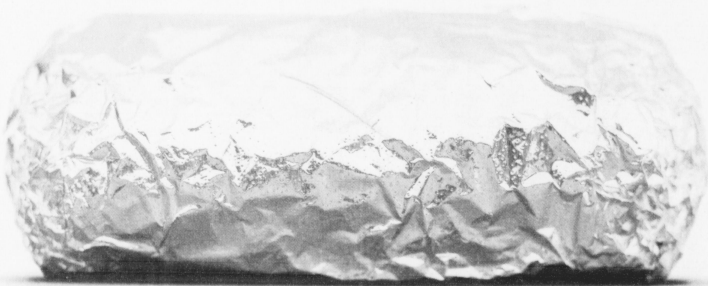
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