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High textbook prices lead students to find other options

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Buying textbooks is something college students do each semester, and for many UK students, the high prices are driving them out of the bookstores and back home to their computers.

Online stores like Amazon.com and Half.com are a choice for students who are looking to save money on textbooks. Justin Surface, a chemical engineering jun-

ior, said he bought most of his textbooks online this semester for about \$300. At a bookstore, he estimated he would have spent \$580.

Although it might take time to deliver the books, it's worth it to save money, Surface said. "It might take a week, but a week of my time is worth more than \$300," he said. Other students, however, stick

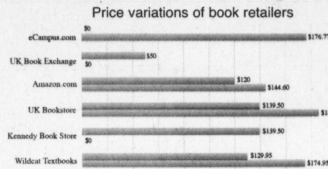
with bookstores out of convenience. Emily Parrish, a special education senior, said she only buys textbooks from a bookstore because "it's easier to just come and pick them up."

That is the idea that bookstore owners are hoping for. Carol Behr, general manager of Kennedy

Bookstore, said there are many rea-



Chemistry



The above graph shows the price of the same textbook, Chemistry 9th edition by Raymond Chang, at six different textbook retailers. Zero indicates book was not available in that condition.

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'Bod Pod' to weigh in on student health risks

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UK students and players for the New York Jets have more in common than one might think.

The Department of Nutrition and Food Science recently bought a new version of the "Bod Pod," a machine that reads body mass and volume. The machine is used by professional football teams, the U.S. Air Force and all three Mayo Clinics. Now, UK is using it for weight loss research.

The egg-shaped pod uses air displacement and can hold a person up to seven feet tall and up to 500 pounds. The Bod Pod calculates body density, then determines the percentage of a person's fat and fat-free mass.

Dr. Kelly Webber, an assistant professor in food and health sciences, is heading up the weight loss research at UK and will be studying women and college students. In the studies, the Bod Pod will help determine if a subject is losing fat or lean body mass.

Webber's research found that those who successfully reduce their fat mass without affecting their lean body mass also decrease the risk for serious medical conditions such as diabetes or heart disease.

"The machine would be a great starting point and would help assist in our nation's fight against obesity, but should accompany sound nutritional advice," said Andrew Wheeler, a kinesiology freshman.

People tend to know their weight but not their fat mass or body density, said pharmacy senior Sarah Matchak, and the Bod Pod may help people to become healthier by understanding those numbers.

"The Bod Pod seems like an effective tool that can accurately measure body composition. Compared to other mechanisms used to measure body fat percentage, the Bod Pod seems easy to use for the operator as well as the person being tested," she said. "If machines like this were more common in today's society, I think it would bring a greater knowledge of health and body awareness to the common citizen."

The Bod Pod is also a small step toward UK's aspiration of being a top research institution, Matchak said.

"The use of advanced technology at the University of Kentucky will definitely contribute to the university's research status," she said. "Machines like the Bod Pod will offer researchers a better understanding of their study as well as a great way to apply what they will learn."

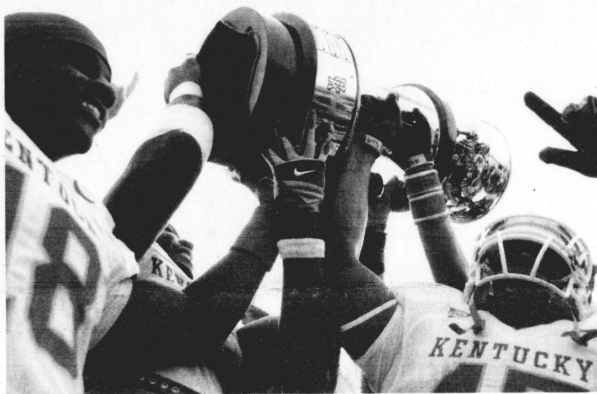
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UK 27, LOUISVILLE 2

DEFENDING THE CUP



A group of Cats raise the Governor's Cup trophy after their 27-2 win over Louisville on Sunday at Papa John's Cardinal Stadium. It was the first time UK has won back-to-back games in the annual rivalry since the 1997-98 seasons.

Turnovers key in bringing trophy back to Lexington

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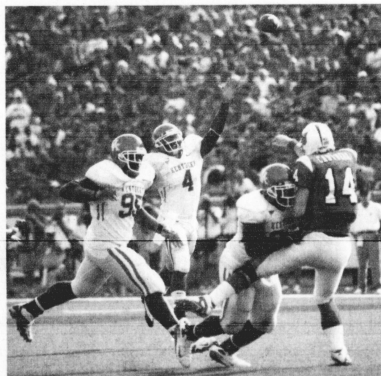
LOUISVILLE — Braxton Kelley knew.

After the very first play of the game, Kelley knew he would be the first one to rush over and grab the Governor's Cup trophy after UK dominated Louisville defensively. He knew that U of L's offensive line wasn't going to be able to slow down UK's defensive attack. The senior linebacker just knew.

"From the first series you can tell whether you are going to dominate or not," Kelley said. "I saw the offensive line was not attacking us well enough to prevent us from dominating the game."

Kelley's premonition was right on the mark, as UK landed its first win in Papa John's Cardinal Stadium since 2002 and its first back-to-back Governor's Cup wins since the 1997-98 seasons. The Cats crushed the Cards 27-2 in front of 42,696 people, the third largest stadium history.

Kelley's defense was the main reason why. The Cardinals punted the ball nine times and UK's defense took two fumble recoveries to the house



Senior defensive tackle Myron Pryor knocks down Louisville quarterback Hunter Cantwell after he throws a pass. The Cats sacked Cantwell twice Sunday.

in what turned out to be a complete reversal of the annual offensive clash.

"It feels good to beat our rival," UK head coach Rich Brooks said. "It feels good to win the Governor's Cup, and it feels good to have our boys from Jefferson County to be able to celebrate."

UK, most notably the defense, had plenty of reasons to celebrate. Freshman wide receiver Matt Roark, who wasn't even listed on the pre-game roster, blocked a field goal in the first quarter to stifle an early Louisville drive. Two series

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Cats' stingy, experienced 'D' worth believing in

LOUISVILLE — Consider me a believer.

Maybe it's a year late on the whole "We believe" theme, but I definitely believe now — in the UK defense that is.

All summer long we've heard about how the defense was supposed to be better than ever. More

experienced. Faster. Stronger.

The Cats' strength.

I didn't believe it. I thought they'd improve, but nothing like what we saw Sunday at Papa John's Cardinal Stadium. They didn't miss tackles, they made the routine plays and they sure as heck forced turnovers — five of them, as a matter of fact.

"We talked about how we thought we had a defense," UK head coach Rich Brooks said. "Today, by golly, we sure did."

By golly, did they ever. The vaunted UK "D" gave up just 205 total yards of offense. 205. The Cats used to give up that many yards in the first half, sometimes even earlier. That's why Sunday was so surprising.

Nobody could have possibly seen this type of performance coming, could they?

"I didn't envision two defensive touchdowns, but I definitely envisioned one," said Jeremy Jarmon, the Cats' engine on the defensive line. "I remember I made the statement last week to one of the reporters that I felt that our defense could be considered an offensive defense."

From the outset the Cats' defense was on the attack. They made a statement when they stuffed the Cards' offense on the very first possession for a quick three-and-out. U of L had six of those.

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Online classes use new technology to prevent cheating

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Online classes are available for those wanting to go to school from home, but now some universities are requiring more from students than just signing an honor code.

Some universities are utilizing different electronics that monitor students during online classes. Cameras

and fingerprint readers are just some of the tools on the market. Currently, UK does not use any type of electronic devices or programs that monitor students who take online classes or submit homework online.

Many online homework submission programs allow for instructors to view statistics of students' submissions. Comparing scores from in-class work to online work is current-

ly the only method of monitoring students' honesty, said Alaina Houston, the Hispanic studies' Web homework coordinator.

"The only indication of cheating we have is by comparing students work in class to the work they submit online," said Houston. "I look at online homework that my students submit all the time."

Elizabeth Swart, a political sci-

ence junior, has taken online classes before. While online classes present the opportunity to cheat, Swart said she would not be comfortable being watched while doing homework or taking exams.

"I understand that cheating could be a problem with online courses," she said, "but cameras would make

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By Linda C. Black
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Taurus (April 20-May 20)

Today is a 7 — You're generally a very cautious person, and that's a wonderful thing. Continue with that attitude, while watching for excellent deals to pounce upon.

Gemini (May 21-June 21)

Today is a 7 — A door that was closed before has opened up just a crack. Figure out what you really need and ask for it again.

Cancer (June 22-July 22)

Today is an 8 — It's good to listen, although you don't always like what you hear. Continue to teach from your strengths, even when criticized by a jerk.

Leo (July 23-Aug. 22)

Today is a 6 — It's becoming apparent what needs to be done next. Unfortunately, some of it should have been done yesterday. Don't look back, but do get busy.

Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)

Today is an 8 — The people who yell louder are not necessarily right. Be polite and resilient. Also be quick. Don't get squashed.

Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)

Today is a 6 — You'll advance your career now by doing what you promised, on time. There will be no more excuses allowed, so don't even ask.

Scorpio (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)

Today is an 8 — The crisis phase is past, and you'll have more time soon for playing with

friends. This is excellent because you really need a break. Sign up for some comic relief.

Sagittarius (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)

Today is a 6 — Continue to build a strong economic base for yourself. The security you gain increases your confidence and your status.

Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)

Today is an 8 — Make your decision and take action before discussing it any further. You've talked about it enough.

Aquarius (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)

Today is a 6 — Carefully explain so everyone can understand. Nobody said this was going to be easy. In fact, it's very hard work.

Pisces (Feb. 19-March 20)

Today is an 8 — A person who loves you very much wants to tell you something important. The trick is, it could be anyone.

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THE DISH

By Jason George
 Chicago Tribune

The Disney Channel's "Hannah Montana" is a show about a teen who lives a double life: normal girl during the day, pop star at night.

For most kids, it's fantasy. For Charlotte Bishop, it's your average Tuesday. During the day Bishop exists as an ordinary suburban 18-year-old: She shops; she talks on the phone with her boyfriend; she interns at a bank. But by sundown she's often singing and strutting as a Hannah Montana impersonator, a "star" at children's birthday parties.

Performing at parties comes naturally to Bishop. "She was born a star," says proudly.

And yet, Bishop, of Zion, Ill., lives far from the glitz and glam of Montana's world: Her family of seven is close-knit and conservative. When told her bee-stung lips give her a resemblance to Scarlett Johansson, Bishop, an aspiring actress, smiles politely but confesses she doesn't know who that is.

"I don't really know any actresses' names," she says, adding that she prefers animation.

"I love the princess movies," she says of "Snow White," "Cinderella" and "Beauty and the Beast."

"Anything Disney!"

Earlier this month, her mom and dad, Steve, accom-

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Your very own Montana

Cyrus impersonator has best of both worlds

panied Bishop to a child's birthday party in the North Kenwood neighborhood. The parents come along; they enjoy it, too, and get in on the act: Mom fills the role of manager, and Dad pretends to be "Joe," Montana's bodyguard. (A brawny Navy veteran, he plays the part convincingly.)

Minutes before the party, the three stop at a McDonald's, where Bishop heads to the washroom to apply the blond wig, make-up and jewelry that make up her Montana costume. When she emerges, it's easy to forget that she's not Montana or Miley Cyrus, the actress who plays her — or at least someone different — as Bishop dresses the part from her sparkly hair clips down to her hip black boots. She even has a sassy new smile, displaying Montana's uber-confidence, which Bishop initially felt would keep her from doing the role well.

I liked the music, and I liked the show when I saw it, I don't watch much television, but I didn't think I could do the diva stuff," she says.

Bishop's outgoing personality has landed her spots in countless plays, modeling camps and choirs. But the impersonation job didn't start until a couple of years ago, when a mutual friend put the family in touch with Matt Kissane, who owns a west suburban-based entertainment booking agency and is himself

an impersonator, best known for his routine of Chris Farley's Matt "In a Van Down by the River" Foley character.

Kissane first booked Bishop as Cinderella, and she says she loved it, from the dressing up to meeting the kids. Soon she was booking jobs as the Little Mermaid, Dora the Explorer and Elmo. (Those last two are known in the biz as "big-head gigs" because they require hefty masks.)

Bishop says she does as many as three Montana events a week, usually at birthday parties for children, who range in age from 6 to 10.

"She does a nice job as Hannah. Being very good with detail is the most important thing when impersonating someone," Kissane said.

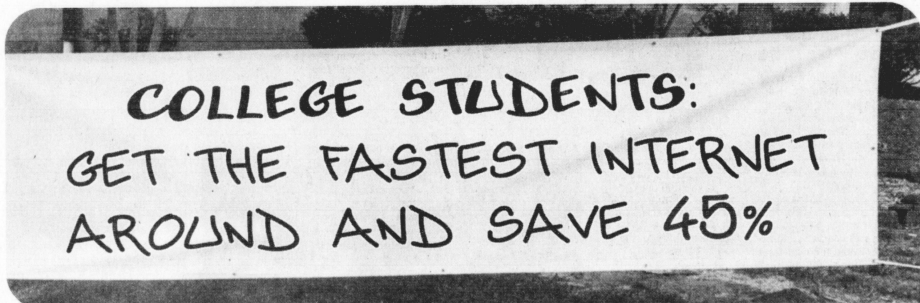
Going by the party bookings, Montana's appeal seems to be cross-cultural and multigenerational. And though the Internet lists several Hannah Montana impersonators across the country, Bishop seems to be the only one working in Chicago, at least the only one with a significant Web presence. She typically charges \$200 for an hour-long party.

"That's good, because the money I make is going straight to college," says Bishop, who graduated from Zion-Benton Township High School last spring and plans to start soon at College of Lake County.

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TEXTBOOKS

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sons for students to buy from local bookstores.

"With the Internet you can possibly get a cheaper book but it may not be the exact edition required for the class," she said. "We don't add in shipping charges, and if you need the book in a timely manner we have it here on the shelf."

However, students like David Johnson said textbooks at local bookstores are extremely overpriced.

"There is no reason books should cost over \$200 for one semester," he said.

The real reason textbook prices are so high and continue to rise are the publishers, said David Wade, manager of Wildcat Textbooks.

"Our margins don't change. Prices from publishers go up \$8 to \$10 every year," he said. "The same textbook will cost me more next year."

Wade said he was considering interior renovations to the store but decided against it just to keep from having to raise book prices anymore. Students seem to think profit margins are higher than they actually are in bookstores, Wade said.

"Our markup is never more than 25 percent," he said. "The margin is a lot smaller than people assume in real life."

UK Student Government President Tyler Montell is working toward lower textbook costs by a bill that would eliminate sales tax on certain books.

"Each institution would submit to the

state a list of all the textbooks they would be using, and that list would be exempt from the sales tax," Montell said.

The bill has been pre-filed, and a committee will be doing economic impact research before any action will be taken. If passed, it would not take effect until fall of 2010.

Montell said eliminating the sales tax on textbooks is a small savings for individual students but could send a big message from state legislators.

"All we're doing is providing an opportunity for legislators to show their commitment to making higher education affordable," he said.

Behr said because textbooks are a necessary purchase for college students, they tend to care about the price more than they do on other items.

"People don't question the margin on beer or shirts but always on books," she said. "They just have to buy (books), they don't want to buy them."

While publishers set the price for new books, there should be more responsibility put on professors to help students save money, Behr said. When professors decide to use a new edition of a textbook, it prevents the bookstores from being able to buy the book back at a decent price, or sell used copies.

"What we hate and students hate is when a new edition comes out and we can't buy it back," Behr said. "Publishers do not like the used book market and try to thwart that with new editions."

If professors would only require new editions when necessary, that would save students money because they would be able to buy used, she said.

"Something like biology or physics

doesn't change that often," Behr said. "Years ago a new edition would come out every five years, but now a two-year-old book is old."

Professors also play a part by picking their textbooks early and letting the bookstores know, Behr said. That way the store will pay more for a used copy of the book.

"We can't pay top dollar if we don't know if it will be used next semester," she said.

One way a store can keep books cheaper is by ordering the international version, Wade said. Publishers sell the same textbooks in America that they do overseas, the main difference being that the international version is paperback, making it less expensive, Wade said.

"Most of the time it's the exact same book," he said.

Wade said he orders the textbook and international paperback and makes sure they match before selling them.

Certain Internet retailers may currently have some books for cheaper than the bookstores, but Behr said she does not see that lasting too long.

"I see the Internet becoming more and more popular and the prices are leveling off," she said. "The more people that buy them online, prices won't stay cheap."

Even if prices stay lower online, some students will continue to buy textbooks from local stores, Surface said, simply because they don't know any better.

"There will always be somebody, mostly freshmen, that are going to give what the bookstores ask for," he said. "They are unaware that they can get books cheaper."

STUDY

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me very uncomfortable."

While some students may oppose Web cameras, instructors are hoping for some kind of help with monitoring academic honesty in students.

"I think it would be wonderful if we could eventually get something to take the guess work out of monitoring students' online work," Houston said.

Online classes are offered by UK through the Distance Learning Program. Officials in the program declined to comment on whether or not UK is considering the use of

electronic monitoring devices.

While the situation is hypothetical for UK students, it is a reality for Penn State University students who are enrolled in the Distance Education program.

Penn State's Distance Education Campus, World Campus, did a test run for electronic monitoring over the summer with a program made by Kryterion Inc. The program consists of a Web camera, which cost students around \$80, and a keyboard biometric reader.

Paula Hamy, assistant registrar for World Campus, said Web cameras made testing in online classes easier for some students.

"There were mixed results (from students), but most found it convenient," Hamy said. "Before we tried the program, students had to have a secure proctor and a paper exam. Now students can test online by themselves."

Hamy said the cameras were beneficial, but some UK students believe they will just create problems. Swart said she took online classes to get away from the pressure of exams in the classroom, and a camera would not help with her anxiety.

"The reason I took online classes is because I get really bad test anxiety... my hands clam up and I start freaking out, even though I know the

material," Swart said. "The camera would be just like taking a test in a classroom setting, so what would be the point of taking a class online?"

While universities use the gadgets in an attempt to reduce cheating, some feel they infringe on students' privacy.

Phillip Liles, a business management and administration freshman, said he would not want a camera watching him as he did his schoolwork.

"I would be angry because it would be invading my personal privacy," Liles said. "No one needs to know what my room looks like or what I am doing."

Company uses compatibility survey to pair up potential college roommates

By Dana Hull and Shelby Martin
San Jose Mercury News

SAN JOSE, Calif. — University of California-Berkeley sophomore Katie Nelson says that she always has one burning question about potential dorm roommates.

"You wonder if they are going to be a psychopath," joked Nelson, 19. "After that, the next question is: Are they messy?"

Compatibility is key when it comes to communal living, particularly when the room is smaller than most studio apartments. The night owl won't appreciate the early riser, and the neat freak will have little tolerance for the total slob. So some Cal students have used StarRez, a company that specializes in housing and conference software, in their search for compatible roommates.

Think of it as Match.com for modern dorm life.

"It's kind of like online dating," said Martin Takimoto, director of marketing for residential and student services at the University of California-Berkeley, which began rolling out the StarRez program last spring.

Students create an online profile and complete a survey. But instead of asking

questions about majors and musical taste, the questions focus on the issues that can make or break roommate relationships: tidiness, sleep schedules, study habits and just how many friends they want dropping by at 3 a.m. The StarRez portal then spits out a list of their closest roommate matches, complete with a percentage representing each one's compatibility. Students can send messages to potential matches and chat further.

"If you find out your potential roommate has a 6-foot python, you can still say 'no way!'" said Jason Dell, a spokesman for StarRez, which has 250 college campuses as clients.

Freshman Patricia Lin, 18, of Milpitas, used StarRez as she began the process of signing up for university housing.

Lin, who graduated from Presentation High School in San Jose, was paired up with Joanna Lee, 17, of Torrance. Their majors are different. Lin is studying psychology, Lee molecular cell biology. But the two, who moved into their new room in Davison Hall last weekend, were matched up in part because they both said they want their dorm room to be mellow and conducive to studying.

They've been placed in a "triple," with a third roommate from Saratoga. Classes started this week.

Saturday night was the first night the roommates spent together. Everything is going well, "but apparently I snore," Lee said. "Just a little bit," Lin said. Snoring is not a StarRez question.

In previous years, Cal students who received housing assignments were briefly surveyed via e-mail about their sleep schedules, level of tidiness and whether they smoked, and then were matched up based on basic criteria. Those who hadn't requested a specific roommate were assigned one based on that survey.

But since February, students have been able to log on to the StarRez Web site to create more detailed profiles for potential roommates for the fall semester. Users can use a screen name, make queries, direct fellow students to their Facebook or MySpace profiles, and accept or decline roommate offers.

Still, you never really know how something is going to work out until you meet the old-fashioned way: in person.

Graydon Rose, 18, of San Diego, met his roommate, Allen Cheung, 18, of San Leandro, for the first time Sunday, as both students arrived with their parents and mounds of back-to-school gear in tow. Rose and his folks were already organizing the closet when Cheung arrived. The two shook hands, then got down to business.

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Classic loss prevents UK sweep

By Metz Camfield
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For the past three years, head coach Craig Skinner has been building the UK volleyball team as a budding power, able to contend with all the top programs. After going 2-1 as host of the Kentucky Classic this weekend, the Cats have learned one thing: they're close, but not close enough.

After downing Pittsburgh and Western Carolina in their first two games, UK was swept by No. 13 Wisconsin (25-21, 25-19, 25-22) at Memorial Coliseum to end the Classic. After playing well to

start the tournament, Skinner wasn't happy with the way his team finished.

"We have a lot of talent, we're a good team," Skinner said. "We didn't show the toughness and the passion that we needed in the championship game, though. We had opportunities in all three games in the championship, but we didn't capitalize on them. In tournaments like this you find out what you have. There are a lot of things we can be good at. We have grit and toughness, we just didn't show it in the final."

Coming in second place used to be a great accomplishment for the Cats, but

not anymore. Even with the loss, junior setter Sarah Rumely feels like the close battle against Wisconsin will prepare the team for Southeastern Conference play.

"It was an OK first showing, but we have a long way to go," Rumely said. "We're not happy with second place — it's not good enough for this team. They're a ranked opponent. They are every bit the type caliber team of the SEC. It will prepare us immensely for teams like Florida and LSU."

The Cats beat the Panthers on Friday, battling to a fifth set. Down 13-10 in that fifth and final set, Kentucky rose to the occasion and battled back to win the deciding set 21-19. Sophomore outside hitter Sarah Mendoza led the charge for the Cats in the opening match with 18 kills. Mendoza believes that the hard fought match will be beneficial for the remainder of the season, as the Cats now know they can win those type of games.

"We know we have it in us now," Mendoza said. "We know we can fight back."

Rumely agrees with Mendoza and believes that this team holds the mental toughness that last year's team perhaps may have lacked.

"Last year we wouldn't have won that game," Rumely said. "This team has lots of toughness, we shouldn't have been in that situation, but we got out of it."

The Cats didn't need the late game heroics in their second match against Western Carolina on Saturday morning. Kentucky swept the Catamounts 3-0 in a match where Kentucky posted an impressive .350 hitting percentage.

The Cats will play their fourth match of the season against Morehead State on Tuesday at 7 p.m. at Memorial Coliseum.

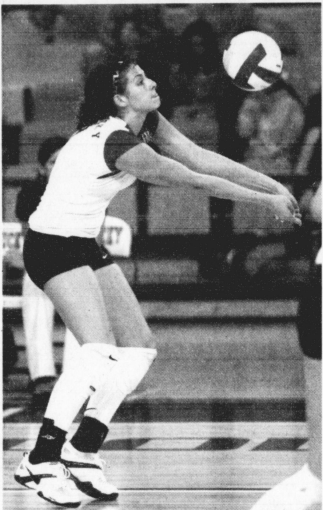


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Sophomore middle blocker Sarah Mendoza returns a serve against Mississippi State last year. Mendoza helped UK to a 2-1 record this weekend during the Kentucky Classic in Memorial Coliseum.

SPORTS BRIEFS

Men's soccer dominates weekend

The UK men's soccer team defended its home turf this weekend by winning the University of Kentucky Invitational.

The Cats demolished Central Arkansas 6-0 and Detroit 5-0 to take first place. The Cats set a new school record for most goals scored (11) and the largest margin of victory (11-0) in the first two games of the season. UK posted consecutive shutouts for only the third time in school history, the last coming in 2005.

Senior forward Michael Strong, who netted three goals and an assist in the two games, was one of four Cats on the UKIT All-Tournament Team. Joining Strong were freshman Taylor White, junior Chad Hagerty and sophomore Tyler Burns.

UK looks to continue its winning ways on Friday as they travel to No. 9 UC Santa Barbara in a nationally televised game. The game is slated for 11 p.m. and will be televised by the Fox Soccer Channel.

UK baseball players dazzle scouts during summer

UK sophomore pitcher, Logan Darnell, was named the best prospect in the New York Collegiate Baseball League, according to PGrosschecker.com's survey of scouts and

summer league coaches.

In eight games and six starts for the Amsterdam Mohawks, Darnell earned a 3-0 record and 1.82 ERA. The southpaw from Joelton, Tenn., worked 34.2 innings, striking out 33 while allowing 24 hits and seven earned runs.

Junior catcher Marcus Nidiffer was named the 14th best prospect in the Valley Collegiate Baseball League. Nidiffer led the Valley League in home runs with 13. He finished the summer with a .305 average in 42 games. The junior catcher was awarded MVP of the Valley League All-Star game after going 2-for-5 and notching a home run and three RBIs.

Woodson cut, then re-signed by the Giants

The New York Giants cut former Cat Andre Woodson on Friday, only to be signed to their practice squad two days later.

The reigning Super Bowl champions drafted the former UK quarterback in the sixth round of the 2008 NFL Draft. Woodson, who was expected to be a backup to Eli Manning, was cut when the Giants decided to keep only two quarterbacks — Manning and former No. 1 overall pick David Carr — on the active roster.

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Hurricane Gustav tops levees, but no breaches yet

By David Ovalle, Marc Caputo and Evan S. Benn
McClatchy Newspapers

NEW ORLEANS — A deteriorating Hurricane Gustav knocked out electricity and sent water spilling over floodwalls around New Orleans on Monday, but emergency managers said they remained cautiously optimistic that the area's levees would hold up.

"The good news is that we haven't had a breach," Mayor Ray Nagin said to reporters, almost echoing what he said in 2005 before Hurricane Katrina overwhelmed the levees and left 80 percent of the city flooded.

"A breach at this point in time would cause significant flooding," Nagin said.

The center of Gustav came ashore as a Category 2 storm at 10:30 a.m. EDT about 75 miles southwest of New Orleans and had moved over Morgan City by 1 p.m., according to the National Hurricane Center.

Gustav's maximum sustained winds had receded to 105 mph as the storm moved over land, and forecasters said weakening would continue until the storm disintegrates over Texas later this week.

Unlike Hurricane Katrina, which made landfall as a major Category 3 storm and pushed a storm surge of 27 feet into the city, Hurricane Gustav's initial storm surge was closer to 8 feet.

Gustav skirted along Louisiana's coastline at "a more gentle angle" than Katrina, National Weather Service storm-surge specialist Will Shaffer said.

The few residents left in New Orleans felt they had dodged the big one and gathered on front porches to watch the show. Power was out for about 350,000 customers in the area.

"This is a bust. A lot of people wouldn't have left if they knew it was like this," said Dave Turnes, a 23-year-old cook, between sips of absinthe in the French Quarter.

Turnes said he thought officials would have greater trouble evacuating the city in the future because some would feel as if Gustav's threat had been overplayed.

Others weren't so sure. "People will evacuate every time after Katrina," said a man who would only give his name as "Checkers," a balloon artist who lives above Zara's Grocery Store in the Lower Garden District.

"The fear is permanent. It's like getting bit by a dog when you're a little kid: You'll always be afraid of dogs," he said.

Authorities confirmed one storm-related death in Louisiana after a motorist drove off Interstate 10 between Baton Rouge and New Orleans, crashing into a tree.

Federal Emergency Management Agency officials said Monday they did not expect the number of fatalities that Hurricane Katrina brought when it hit New Orleans on Aug. 29, 2005, killing more than 1,800 people along the coast. Flooding continued to be a concern as Gustav pushed water to the tops of many of the area's levees on Monday.

"Even if the levees hold there is still going to be possible flooding," FEMA Director David Paulison said Monday aboard Air Force One with the president.

Nagin said a citywide curfew would remain Monday night, but evacuated residents would likely be allowed to return once tropical storming winds die down by Tuesday. After Nagin's stern warning that all looters would go directly to jail, the New Orleans Police Department announced Monday it had no reports of looting.

In the Lower Garden District, a 30-foot mulberry tree snapped at the base and fell across Magazine Street, blocking the roadway. Residents Topher Mira and Derek Brown chained the tree to the back of their white pickup truck and hauled it away so motorists could pass.

"I just want to help, whatever I can do with the skills I have," said Mira, 27, a tree-health specialist, before getting back in the truck to continue roaming the city.

In a bit of good news for weary U.S. motorists, oil prices skidded sharply Monday morning after it became clear that Gustav hit the Gulf Coast with a weaker punch than anticipated. There were no immediate reports of serious offshore damage to oil infrastructure, and the 32 oil refineries scattered along the Texas and Louisiana coastline apparently avoided major damage.

The New York Mercantile Exchange was closed Monday for the holiday but in after-hours electronic trading, the next-month contract for oil delivery fell by \$2.47 a barrel to \$112.89. That suggests oil prices may be heading toward the threshold of \$110 a barrel, and analysts believe that \$100-a-barrel oil could be in sight.

Bush and Vice President Cheney canceled their plans to travel to the Republican National Convention in St. Paul, Minn., for speeches Monday. The GOP overhauled its scheduled program to change it "from a party event to a call to the nation for action," presumptive presidential nominee Sen. John McCain said Sunday.

Govs. Bobby Jindal of Louisiana and Rick Perry of Texas also decided not to attend the convention, opting to remain in their states during the storm. Florida Gov. Charlie Crist also announced that he would stay in his state instead of going to Minnesota. Competing winds, dry air and a ragged core prevented Gustav from intensifying in the Gulf.

"It never made that real big-bang rise in intensity," said Chris Sisko, a meteorologist at the National Hurricane Center in South Florida. "That's a good thing, of course, but regardless, this storm is going to be a significant event."

An estimated 2 million residents in New Orleans and along the coast heeded dire evacuation orders that authorities issued earlier and with better planning than before Katrina. Officials said only about 10,000 people remained in New Orleans, and about 100,000 remained in hurricane-affected coastal areas. More than 45,000 sought refuge in emergency shelters.

Thousands of National Guard troops joined about 1,400 New Orleans police officers and guardsmen from other states to help patrol and secure the city and coastal areas.

As Gustav reached the Gulf Coast, Caribbean islands continued to pick up the pieces left in Gustav's wake. At least 96 deaths have been confirmed: 76 in Haiti, eight in the Dominican Republic and 12 in Jamaica. On Sunday, authorities in Key West said a man died when he fell overboard from a cargo boat during Gustav's passing.

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Injured troops sometimes return home to problems in the bedroom

By Gail Rosenblum
Star Tribune (Minneapolis)

MINNEAPOLIS, Minn. — Mike Mills didn't look in a mirror for two months after a land mine blew him off his truck near Kirkuk, Iraq, in June 2005, cracking his clavicle, shattering his hip "like a jigsaw puzzle" and burning off half of his face. When he did, only one word came to him: "Freak."

Recovering at Brooke Army Medical Center in San Antonio, Mills worried about his two kids in Freeport, Minn. He worried about making a living. Mostly, he worried about Suhanna, Suki, his wife of nearly 20 years, who would surely leave him.

"How can I expect her to stay with me anymore?" said Mills, 43, a member of the Minnesota Army National Guard for 18 years. "She's not going to want to be intimate with a freak. Elephant Man. That's the way I saw myself." Suki, 43, didn't leave. "I'm too old to train in another one," she joked.

She changed her husband's pus- and blood-soaked bandages, and helped him relearn how to shave and brush his teeth.

As the Mills family moves forward, the U.S. Defense and Veterans Affairs departments are acknowledging that the physical and emotional scars that troops carry home present a sensitive challenge: sexual intimacy and body-image issues that most couples' therapists are ill-prepared to treat.

Many factors play a role. More than half of the troops, 56 percent, are married, many for decades. That means lots of spouses issuing ultimatums to get help or get out.

In addition, the war's ubiquitous battleground and multiple deployments have left an estimated 40,000 troops with post-traumatic stress disorder (PTSD), a syndrome unequivocally tied to marital distress, as well as brain injuries, burns and loss of limbs, horrific injuries that, because of protective Kevlar vests, are no longer fatal.

The number of people returning with disabilities, is an "enormous problem ... an astonishing problem," said Eli Coleman, director of the Program in Human Security at the University of Minnesota. "Combined with the fact that returning vets are usually older and partnered, this is having a devastating effect on relationships."

One bright spot is that a predicted spike in divorce rates might have been overstated. A yearlong study by Rand Corp., published in 2007, found that after a brief rise beginning in 2001, divorce across all military branches stabilized at 3 percent in 2005, the same rate as in 1996. But the study's authors noted that no one can predict the long-term fallout for couples.

The short-term effect is evident. The Minneapolis VA Medical Center, which already provides couples therapy, has expanded to focus on sexual and combat trauma for couples, and is refining that treatment with data being collected from 50 military couples, said VA researcher Christopher Erbes.

Its work, among the first of its kind in the nation, is modeled after a successful treatment program at the VA National Center for PTSD in Boston. And sex was front and center at the Wounded Troops and Partners conference in Washington, D.C., in May.

While sexual problems might seem like a curious concern during wartime, the conference brought home the urgency: a failed intimate relationship was the reason cited for nearly three-quarters of last year's military-related suicides, said Mitchell S. Tepper, of the Center of Excellence for Sexual Health at Morehouse School of Medicine in Atlanta.

"The mirror is such a powerful experience," said Tepper, who is pushing for a national dialogue about how to support healthy intimacy

among military couples. "The first time you see the reflection of your changed body, whether sitting in a wheelchair, or severely disfigured because of facial burns, it is shocking. People who are not married look down and ask, 'Will anyone ever be interested in me?' If they are married, they wonder, 'Will my partner still find me sexually attractive?' Facing issues of body image and sexual self-esteem are pretty universal."

Abby Jackson, 25, understands. Her Iowa National Guardsman husband, Robert Jackson, 27, returned home from Iraq with both legs amputated below the knee.

"I knew that I wanted to be intimate again," said Abby, quoted in a transcript from the Wounded Troops conference. "I knew that I definitely wanted to have more children, and I knew that he was not interested in me and so a big red flag to me was, well, what did I do? Why does he not want to have sex? Why does he not want to touch my hand, or why is he not asking me to get in the bed? Am I the only one that is feeling like I want in the bed?"

Hardly. Candice Monson, deputy director of the Women's Health Sciences Division of the VA National Center for PTSD, said sleep disturbances are yet another problem for partners.

"He had dreams that he didn't realize he was having," said Jennifer Suarez, 43, a dental hygienist married for 18 years to Maj. Eduardo Suarez, who has done two tours in Iraq with the Minnesota Army National Guard. "He was much more active during these dreams. Nothing that would keep me up but, yes, there was a part of him he couldn't control."

While the Suarezes remained in the same bed and are aggressively working to stay close, Monson worries about couples with fewer resources.

"Without effective and targeted couples' therapy, Monson said, "this war can result in separate bedrooms and sexless, loveless marriages 25 years down the road."

The heartening news is that it is precisely these couples' longevity and maturity, having withstood challenges of child-rearing, financial stresses and aging parents, that can save them.

Even faced with physical disfigurement or an amputation, Kennedy said, "many couples are resilient and their relationships last, or may even be strengthened." The adjustment can be tougher for younger couples, she said, who might have less maturity and experience.

But all couples can benefit from support and guidance. Monson is beginning a two-year trial, funded by the National Institute of Mental Health, designed to strengthen couple relationships and treat PTSD. Part of her process includes helping spouses avoid the easy way out.

"One woman sends her husband to the 'bunker' in the basement," Monson said. While understandable, "it's inadvertently sending a message that he can't handle it. Now he's less and less in the family picture. ... I ask, 'How are you together going to defeat PTSD? You, as a couple.'"

Hanging there can pay big dividends. The Jacksons of Iowa did regain their intimacy, evidenced by a busy 2-year-old and a 6-month-old joining their two older children.

The Mills, parents of Aaron, 18, and Kenzie, 13, also continue to draw strength from each other. Three years after his traumatic injuries, Mike looks in the mirror now and says with a smile, "I was good looking before and I'm better looking now."

Suki has adjusted to the fact that her husband lost most of his left ear, two-and-a-half fingers and will have pins in his hips for the rest of his life. He can't quite wrap his left arm around her anymore, but she can still fit her head into the crook of his neck.

Judge strikes down Florida law banning Cuba travel

By Oscar Corral
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MIAMI — A federal judge has struck down a controversial state law that essentially banned professors at state universities in Florida from traveling to Cuba for research purposes, declaring it unconstitutional.

U.S. District Judge Patricia Seitz ruled that the 2006 law, pushed aggressively by State Rep. David Rivera, "is an impermissible sanction and serves as an obstacle to the objectives of the federal government."

The law prohibited the use of state and non-state funds for travel to Cuba and other countries labeled by the U.S. government as state sponsors of terrorism.

The judge struck down one provision of the law — the one banning non-state or private funds from being used for such travel.

That means most academics at state universities would be allowed to resume travel to Cuba because most of those trips are covered by private funds, said Florida

International University Professor Lisandro Perez, who founded the university's Cuba Research Institute.

The American Civil Liberties Union filed a lawsuit challenging the law in 2006 on behalf of FIU's faculty senate. "It was a mean-spirited bill," said FIU Faculty Senate President Tom Breslin. "I was made to turn back the clock. I'm glad it's gone for the sake of academic freedom."

Rivera, who is in Minnesota for the Republican National Convention, said he believed the judge vowed to continue pushing the basic principles behind the law.

"I think the judge has erred in her decision by overstepping into what is clearly a state issue in terms of budget authority, and I look forward to either an appeal of the decision or remedying her error through the budget process year after year," he said.

ACLU representatives scolded Rivera for "misleading" fellow legislators to get support the 2006 bill, which passed unanimously.

ACLU of Florida Executive Director Howard Simon pointed to transcripts of Rivera's remarks on the House floor in Tallahassee. Rivera had repeatedly told fellow legislators that travel with non-state or private funds would still be allowed under the bill.

"This bill was enacted unanimously by the legislature because they were misled by State Representative David Rivera," Simon said. "We cannot be in a state of enforced ignorance."

FIU's Perez, who has traveled to Cuba extensively for research trips, blasted Rivera.

"Increasingly what has happened is that this has become an agenda for some state legislators from the Miami area who want to stake their political careers on appealing to be tough on Cuba from Tallahassee," Perez said. "This was an insult by David Rivera."

Rivera shot back that he was "aiding and abetting" a terrorist regime.

"It's unfortunate that some believe that protecting taxpayer money from being used to subsidize travel to terrorist nations is demagoguery," Rivera said.

The bill had frozen most of the academic exchanges and research trips sponsored by state universities over the last two years.

The judge's decision pointed out several cases where the bill shut down or critically hampered several active state programs that promoted academic exchange with Cuba.

Florida ACLU Legal Director Randall Marshall said the judge's ruling shows that some Cuban American politicians in South Florida are still expending a hefty portion of their political clout on the wrong causes.

"I think this law was a slap to Cubans in South Florida," Breslin said. "More and more, there has been a failure by our state representatives to bring home the bacon from Tallahassee. This sort of grandstanding and demagoguery is a very ineffective use of political power."

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later, UK marched all the way down the field to the 3-yard line before settling on a field goal. From that point on, the Cats never looked back.

"We played a big game," Kelley said. "We played our hearts out on the field."

By the end of the second quarter, the Cats' defense was in full control when senior defensive tackle and Louisville native Myron Pryor slammed into Louisville running back Bilal Powell, causing a fumble that junior safety Ashton Cobb grabbed off a bounce and ran 28 yards into the end zone. Louisville was held to 104 yards of total offense in the first half, while Cardinals' quarterback Hunter Cantwell had only 53 passing yards.

From there, things never got any easier for the Cardinals. UK picked Cantwell off three times and Pryor scooped a fumble and rumbled 72 yards for UK's final touchdown. U of L's only points came from a safety sophomore quarterback Mike Hartline took when he was flagged for intentional grounding in his own end zone. Otherwise, the Cats would have posted their first shutout of Louisville since 1924.

Instead, UK settled for another streak: It was the first



Fans wave a UK flag during the game against Louisville on Sunday. The Cats won 27-2.

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time the Cats' defense held an opponent without an offensive score since blanking Vanderbilt 25-0 in 1996.

"We're light-years ahead of where we were in the past," junior linebacker Michael Johnson said. "We turned the corner. I think if we can continue to come in and work hard we can be the focal point of this team."

Despite UK's defensive dominance, questions still linger for the offense. In years past, the winning team's leading rusher has out-rushed the entire losing team. In a game where both defenses

played well — UK was held to only one offensive touchdown — that wasn't the case.

Louisville's Victor Anderson led all running backs with 31 yards and UK was led by senior Tony Dixon with 27 yards.

"They played the run hard," said sophomore running back Derrick Locke, who finished with 25 yards rushing. "They were stacking (in the box). Whatever game plan they had, it was working."

Hartline, making his much-anticipated debut in

place of former quarterback Andre Woodson, didn't put up spectacular numbers, but he didn't commit a single turnover in his first collegiate start. He finished 16-of-31 for 147 yards and managed the game well, according to Brooks.

Hartline and the UK offense ended up with only 210 yards of total offense, but that was all it needed.

"I had a lot of doubts and questions," Brooks said. "And by and large they responded as well as I could have expected in this environment."



UK senior tailback Tony Dixon flips the ball back as he scores a touchdown in the second half against Louisville on Sunday. Dixon's 7-yard run was the only offensive touchdown for UK all day.

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COLUMN

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Then they stole the ball — and the game for that matter — when defensive tackle Myron Pryor jarred the ball loose and Ashton Cobb picked it up and ran it back 28 yards for the first score of the game.

At that point it was only 10-0 midway through the second quarter, but by all means it was over. Before we go any further, let's clear something up: The Cards' offense was pretty bad Sunday. In fact, it was downright pathetic. When the U of L wide receivers weren't dropping passes, Hunter Cantwell was over-throwing his targets or tossing the pigskin right into the hands of the UK secondary.

But a lot of that had to do with the UK defense. The secondary didn't let the receivers breathe, the linebackers were all over the place and the defensive line did just enough to make Cantwell feel uneasy in the pocket.

To put things into perspective, Sunday was the first time UK has held an opponent without an offensive score since a 25-0 shutout over Vanderbilt in 1996. That's 12 years, people. And in those 12 years, UK's defense has made a habit out of making mediocre offenses look like the Indianapolis Colts. They routinely let teams score 20-plus points per game.

Not anymore. Instead, the UK defense did the scoring. It was no secret the Cats were going to struggle on offense, but who in their right mind could have predicted the defense would outscore the offense 14-13?

"We knew going into this season that the defense was going to have to step up and be better than it had been a year ago, and wait until this offense matures a little bit," Brooks said. "Now, we can't wait much longer, but there are a lot of different ways to win football games. This was one of them."

Apparently so. Nobody knew it though because we haven't seen it done at UK in a long, long time.

Now that the Cats have done it, they'll likely have to do it a few more times if they expect to top last season. The next three games should be automatic wins whether or not the offense shows up, but the playmakers on offense have to get it together.

They can ill-afford to put up anemic numbers like they did Sunday against Alabama, Florida and Georgia. Otherwise, the defense will have to put out the Herculean-like effort they did Sunday night because it clearly won the game for the Cats.

"There was the story of the game," Brooks said. You better believe it.

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Hartline limits mistakes, outplays rival in opener

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LOUISVILLE — U of L quarterback Hunter Cantwell was supposed to be the better quarterback when the final buzzer sounded Sunday at Papa John's Cardinal Stadium.

He was more experienced than UK quarterback Mike Hartline, and most experts thought Cantwell would finish with the better numbers.

But at the end of the day, it was Hartline who looked like the veteran. The sophomore quarterback put together an efficient 16-of-31, 147-yard performance without a single turnover.

"I thought Hartline did a great job of managing the offense and not making the critical errors," head coach Rich Brooks said.

Hartline's opposition didn't fair as well. Cantwell threw three picks in the second half alone and finished 20-of-43 for 152 yards.

"I thought I did well, playing my game and not being rattled," Hartline said.

But the offense didn't play well overall. UK's receivers dropped a lot of passes, including touchdowns and first down-receptions, and offensive coordinator Joker Phillips noted that a lot of routes were not run correctly.

If there is one complaint against Hartline during UK's 27-2 win, it's a play he made in his own end zone in the second half that resulted in a safety. As he was avoiding a Louisville defender, Hartline launched the ball out of bounds, well away from any UK receiver, and was flagged for intentional grounding, an automatic safety when committed in a team's own end zone.

But according to Hartline,

the safety was coming one way or another.

"I was going to get sacked, so I threw the ball," Hartline said. "You can either get sacked or make the ref decide whether or not to throw the flag."

In the end, UK still won despite an anemic offense.

"We won the game so that's pleasing," senior wide receiver Dicky Lyons Jr. said. "But we have a lot to work on offensively."

Run game stumbles

Going into Sunday's showdown with archrival Louisville, the Cats expected to do two things: play solid defense and run the ball well.

Only one of those things was accomplished.

"We're going to get tuned up on our assignments," Phillips said. "Some of those runs and passes were close, but we missed assignments."

In a game where the better rushing team historically wins, neither UK nor Louisville established a solid running game. UK's main attack of senior Tony Dixon and sophomore Derrick Locke only gained 52 yard combined, numbers that are well below expectations for the Cats.

"I expect to get better in the run game," Phillips said. "There's always going to be an extra guy in the box, so our guys have to learn to make them miss."

Brooks gave a lot of the credit for UK's disappointing rushing numbers to Louisville's defensive line, who constantly stuffed the Cats at the line of scrimmage.

"Louisville's front four was very physical," Brooks said. "We didn't run the ball like we have to."

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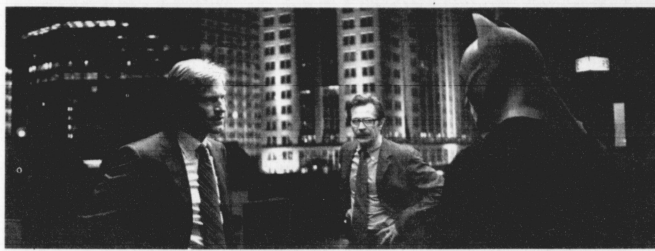


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Aaron Eckhart, left, Gary Oldman, center, and Christian Bale star in the summer blockbuster, "The Dark Knight."

Summer's biggest heroes and zeroes

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In a season that produced fewer sequels and less re-makes, summer 2008 produced box office blockbusters of historic proportions. The animation was down, and the heroes were supreme. As fall shadows stretch longer, we can now tally the results and determine who was summer's Iron Man, who was incredible, and whose Chronicle plummeted to the Center of the Earth only to have a Dark Knight.

Iron Man

This film was promoted, but Paramount did not spend a fortune on commercializing a "second-rate superhero." For a blockbuster to keep its budget under \$150 million is a feat, but to gross over \$571 million worldwide while unanimously drawing critical acclaim is simply capital.

Decision: Winner

Hancock

This highly promoted, off-beat superhero flick was expected to do great things, but only opened at \$62 million. It proved persistent and eventually grossed over \$558 million worldwide with mixed reviews.

Decision: Winner

Hellboy II: The Golden Army

Superheroes were good and sequels generally do well. So why did this superhero film with a strong fan base and a budget of only \$85 million gross only \$75 million domestically? I guess there was one superhero too many.

Decision: Loser

Journey to the Center of the Earth

This film has so many computer-generated images it could be nominated for Best Animated Picture. Even though it feels like no one has seen this film, any picture with a budget of \$60 million that grosses over \$114 million worldwide without trying can't be considered a loser.

Decision: Split decision

Meet Dave

This film was not warmly accepted by critics and missed its fan base with marketing. At least Eddie Murphy is consistently bad, as this film only grossed \$11 million domestically and bombed worse than the U.S. track team.

Decision: KO-ed

Step Brothers

With firepower like Will Farrell and John C. Reilly, this film, with a dismal \$65 million budget, was expected to fill seats. But only grossing \$95 million shows that Farrell's goofball routine may have run its course.

Decision: Loser

Indiana Jones and the Kingdom of the Crystal Skull

The critics loved this adventure-favorite-gone-sci-fi even though it felt like a completely different series. As expected, "Skull" cracked the whip at the box office and has now grossed over \$780 million worldwide.

Decision: Winner

Pineapple Express

When is a film that grosses \$74 million considered a



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UJames Franco, left, and Seth Rogen star as two lazy stoners in Columbia Pictures' action-comedy, "Pineapple Express."

winner? When it only cost \$27 million to make!

Decision: Winner

The Love Guru

When is a film that cost \$62 million a loser? When it grosses \$32 million. Ouch!

Decision: Loser

Kung Fu Panda

Here's a number for you: The budget for "Panda" was only \$130 million, and it has grossed over \$577 million worldwide making this picture the biggest secret of the summer and is one of my picks for Oscar gold in March.

Decision: Knock Out!

Sex and the City

New Line made this film for peanuts, and it has grossed over \$388 million worldwide with 60 percent of that being foreign gross, proving that men all over the world will do anything to impress the ladies.

Decision: Winner

Wall-E

It's not fair to grade on a

curve, but Disney and Pixar have raised the bar for themselves. With this being their most expensive endeavor yet (\$180 million), its \$216 million domestic gross just didn't cut it. And to think "Toy Story" was made for \$30 million.

Decision: Loser

The Dark Knight

I think the only thing that made more money this summer was the iPhone 3G. "Knight" was not only a marketing dynamo, it was a riveting crime drama with picture-perfect characters, and a nice twist to boot. Nothing like curling up with a favorite character and finding out that a two-and-a-half hour film at a midnight showing is actually worth being late for work the next day. With a modest budget of \$185 million, this one has grossed a deadly \$871 million and has "Titanic" in its sights.

Decision: Champion

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KERNEL EDITORIAL

UK must continue focus on diversity despite changes

Over the past two years, UK saw an increased presence of its diverse students, programming and policy because of former Student Diversity Engagement Director Mahjabeen Rafiuddin.

Through events like "We Are UK" and Diversity Dialogues, Rafiuddin helped diverse students show their presence on campus. Additionally, she aided them in creating whole weeks for African and Latino students to highlight their culture.

Rafiuddin also administered diversity training for several UK programs, including the Robinson Scholars program, and she also served as the co-chair for March's Cultural Diversity Festival.

Rafiuddin left UK in June to pursue a similar position at Rollins College in Florida, a move that has sparked conversation around campus.

Thursday's Kernel featured the sentiments of students from the Inter Greek Relations project, which represents a large body of students lacking a leader that pioneered new programs and provided students with the means to ensure they saw their ideas come to fruition.

The position of Director of Student Diversity Engagement has been moved to a different department, which will operate with a different title and report to Student Affairs. Will this new position still have the same access as a director in Student Affairs, or will the change take away a perspective focused specifically on diversity and students from the Student Affairs Cabinet?

From that board, major decisions that affect students are discussed. Without a voice specifically put in place to oversee student diversity matters, some regression will take place in the measures recently implemented.

Students are being asked to shoulder the burden and continue with the projects and goals that have been set, but at some point students will need that adviser to maintain structure and order.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

McCain's selection makes Obama's experience moot point

I personally find it funny that a key objective for the Republican campaign has been an attempt to discredit Barack Obama based on the perception of his lack of experience, and then appoint Sarah Palin.

Palin's appointment, coming on the heels of Hillary Clinton not being nominated for vice president, in addition to her lack of any substantial leadership or foreign policy interaction that I know of, is odd to say the least. If it's not pandering for the female vote, then maybe I'm cynical, but I see this as a not-so-subtle attempt to bring in the disaffected Hillary supporters who can't see past her gender.

I can't recall another year when the Republicans had a thirst for women's rights or even a woman being considered for vice president. Condoleezza Rice rose to power in the Bush administration and is one of the most powerful women in the world, and I think she would be a far superior candidate.

In my opinion, this is a gamble calculated to cajole women in particular into voting Republican in the next election. I predict that it will fail. I believe voters are too smart to fall for this at-

tempt, and the McCain campaign has lost one of its most effective weapons for criticism — the argument for inexperience.

As an independent, I believe that voters have a duty to examine the candidate critically for whomever they choose to vote for. In this campaign season, especially since both candidates have assumed the respective mantles of their political parties, it has become clear to me which candidate is believable and which candidate is choosing to trick voters and dodge the issues.

Look past the implications that one candidate is the anti-Christ, strictly a celebrity act against the surge (a tactical decision that in no way legitimizes the continued presence of the U.S. in Iraq), and observe the attempt by the same campaign to patronize female voters. Examine this campaign's refusal to explain what McCain is actually good at instead of attacking Barack Obama, and it becomes clear which candidate is running a more believable campaign and is a better fit for Americans.

Right now, the imminent issue for students is what the university is doing to help them get the support they need.

Vice President for Institutional Diversity Judy "J.J." Jackson was brought on to bring her expertise in diversity to UK. Her experiences and qualifications will undoubtedly benefit the university in many ways, but with her role in administration, it is unlikely she will be able to have the same direct, day-to-day, face-to-face contact that is truly necessary to understand and represent the students.

Beyond advice, advocacy and fostering dialogue, we students, Student Diversity Engagement sponsored a large number of programs and gave organizations additional resources to promote and operate events. Without that funding, many of the diverse events around campus would not happen or would not be as effective.

Veleashia Smith, Martin Luther King Cultural Center's director, has also resigned and her resignation has similar implications with diverse students and Student Affairs.

Chester Grundy will oversee the MLKCC while continuing to work as Director of Multicultural Affairs, meaning MLKCC will be without a full-time director.

If UK desires to truly be a diverse university, then these problems have to be addressed quickly and with good judgment. The positions have to be filled before progress stagnates, but the university also must bring in quality individuals to ensure positive results.

The openings must be filled by individuals who continue to critically and sincerely look at diversity in the truest form and recognize that it's more than just black and white. Finally, they must have the power to implement their ideas and maintain credibility with the students that they serve so that students know their efforts are not in vain or for a public relations photo shoot.

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Q&A with Tyler Montell and Grant Mills

SG president and vice president discuss their plans for the year



SG President Tyler Montell, left, and Vice President Grant Mills addressed their plans and issues for the upcoming year when they sat down with the Kernel editorial board Friday.

Student Government President Tyler Montell and Vice President Grant Mills sat down with the Kernel editorial board to discuss upcoming plans for the year. SG's stance on issues like the Amethyst Initiative and general concerns around campus. The following is a transcript of the interview:

Q. What are some of SG's main goals for the upcoming year?

A. (Montell) We want to educate, advocate and innovate. The Campus 365 Plan we talked about during the election is a comprehensive plan. We created 19 advisory boards. That's going to be our way to map or navigate where we want to be over the next year. It's a way to map progress.

Q. What are some things you are doing to get students involved in SG?

A. (Mills) The 365 Plan forced us to add more people to our executive staff. One thing we wish to do with the plan is touch all areas of campus. We want to make sure it's an even playing field for every student organization to receive funding. We want to make it as fair and as easy as possible for students to think they can come to SG and get involved. We want to set the example as students for the rest of the departments on campus. The 365 Plan is the legacy that Tyler and I want to leave. It's going to show students how to get involved in issues they care about.

Q. How do you plan on rewarding students for coming out and getting involved?

A. (Montell) One thing we plan on doing is getting a combination of 10 iPods or iPhones and giving them to specific organizations to give out to students. We have picked diversity and cultural events as something we want to focus on.

Q. Do you have any input on what stance UK should take on possibly lowering the drinking age to 18? What can we do to encourage debate?

A. (Montell) We probably shouldn't speak for university as a whole, but since when is debate a bad thing? That's what the group is talking about doing, raising the level of debate. It certainly needs to be talked about. Is it safer for students? More facts need to be brought up about it. We are actually looking to get a Q & A going every month in the Cats Den with different community lead-

ers. College students want that debate, and we want to bring facts to the forefront. We want leading decision-makers on campus, and we want them to answer those hard questions from UK students.

Q. What do you guys plan on doing to insure that SG funding is available all year?

A. (Montell) We want to make it as easy as we can. We are trying to reform this from the inside out. One thing we are doing is implementing a no-questions-asked one-time policy. You get to ask for money from SG once. That way we can help everybody.

Q. What are you guys doing to strengthen diversity around campus with the departure of Mahjabeen Rafiuddin, UK's former director of Student Diversity Engagement?

A. (Mills) One great thing the university did was hire (Vice President for Institutional Diversity) Judy "J.J." Jackson, who is just phenomenal. She wants to meet with us bi-monthly to throw out different ideas. With her background and her expertise in diversity, we're going to look to her for guidance. She's trying to bring several students to the table, and SG has to play the role as the leader of that. We need events that are going to bring people together.

Q. How do you intend to get non-Greek students involved in SG?

A. (Montell) Grant and I are trying to go to every student organization at some point this year to talk to them about what we're doing. There are a lot more organizations out there that are non-Greek than Greek.

Q. Will Jackson be as accessible as Rafiuddin was last year?

A. (Montell) She wants to meet with everyday students. She loves it. She wants to make an advisory board of 100 UK students to find out what they believe on campus. She's asked us to help her find some of those. We also have Chester Grundy taking over the Cultural Center. With his and J.J.'s philosophies, they will be great resources for students to go to as well. We want to let people come in who really know how to make a difference.

Q. If you could accomplish just one thing this year, what would it be?

A. (Montell) The one thing we would love to do this year is get a bill to end the sales tax on textbooks. It's an easy win for us as legislators because everyone wants to know what we're do-

ing to lower tuition and help students. We had a bill pre-filed. There are a couple hurdles we are trying to get over. One is that they won't pass it in an off-budget year, so unless you write into it, it won't go into effect until fall 2010. But this will save the average student \$60 per year. We are going to work together on influencing legislators for this bill. We're not out here to re-invent the wheel, but we are here to make a difference. The main reason this is the number one accomplishment for the year is because it's bigger than UK. This would help all students across the state.

Q. What are some of the shortcomings of SG from previous years that you will try to alleviate this year?

A. (Montell) First and foremost, communication. We did a much better job of communicating last year, but we stuck with just one way of communicating with people. We brought on Josh Rupp from the Student Activities Board. He has a great understanding for how to better promote things. We are going to have several forums and education-type things that we want people to come to, and Josh brings some great expertise to that. We also have a guy who will be working with UK public relations and developing and maintaining relationships to get what's happening at UK out there. We also have all of our applications online this year on the SG Web site. We want to put things like the Student Source Book online, which has info on things like the Landlord-Tenant Act. We also just want to touch more areas on campus. We want students to know that we really care about the different things they are doing. We want to help them out. We have an adviser, Todd Cox, who came in last year. There is so much more accountability this year. It feels good to have somebody looking over your shoulder and making sure you're doing things the right way. It's something we want to be held accountable for.

Q. Why did you all decide to join SG?

A. (Montell) I'm involved because I've seen what we can do. (Former SG President) Nick (Phelps) really opened a lot of doors for us to come in here and have some great wins. He spent a lot of time last year forging relationships and doing the little things that people a lot of times fail to do in this job. I also think public service is great, and I really enjoy it. (Mills) I saw Nick open some doors last year, and I said "There is really some good going on here, and there are things we can do in this organization to help students."

“One thing we wish to do with the plan is touch all areas of campus. We want to make sure it's an even playing field for every student organization ...”

— Grant Mills, SG vice president

RECORD LABOR



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UK English professors J. Marinelli and Eir-Anne Edgar search through records during CD Central's Labor Day Festival on Monday. Marinelli and Edgar just recently moved to Lexington from West Virginia to teach at UK.



Boxes of records were on sale during the Labor Day Festival at CD Central on Monday. Most records could be bought for 50 cents, and festival goers were also invited to enjoy hot dogs, Ale-8-One and free, live music.

Cheap dorm design ideas to be sketched by noted decorator

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Decorating a dorm room can be quite challenging since there isn't much space to work with, but the Cats Den wants to help out this year by offering interior design tips for students living in dorm rooms.

For the first time, the Cats Den will host "Dorm Design on a Dime." Jessica Berger, head of the Cats Den marketing staff, said this will be a great opportunity for students to get interior design tips from one of Cincinnati's most noted interior designers, Diane Caldwell.

"You'll be able to get tips on making your dorm a little less dorm-like," Berger said. "And for those of us who don't live in the dorms, there will be home decorating tips as well."

The majority of dorm rooms don't provide a lot of space to work with, but Caldwell will show students how to get the most of what little room they have.

Berger said she thought it would have been nice to have this opportunity when she was a freshman living in the dorms.

"No matter how hard I tried to decorate, there was only so much you can do with a dorm," Berger said. "My decorating consisted of slapping up movie posters on my walls."

Caldwell will offer students new and innovative ways to decorate their dorms. Berger said Caldwell also will offer students some creative decorating tips that will come in handy if your financial budget is a little on the lean side.

Berger said some of the tips would include: lighting, carpeting, artwork and space-saving ideas.

The Cats Den offers many different events throughout the year, but Berger said this year they wanted to bring something new and artsy to the table. She believes this event has something to offer everyone.

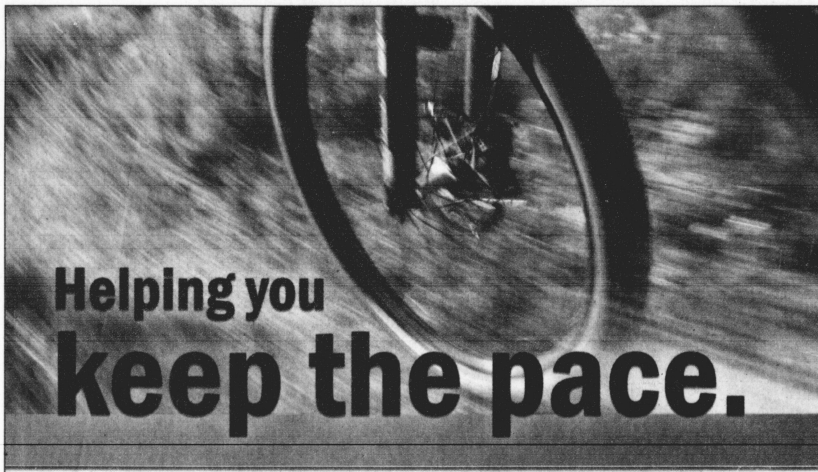
"This event will attract a wide audience, from new students to students living off campus to people who are just interested in interior design," Berger said.

"Dorm Design on a Dime" will be held Tuesday at 7 p.m. in the Cats Den, which is located on the first floor of the Student Center. The event and any tips you may receive along the way are free.

"My decorating consisted of slapping up movie posters on my walls."

JESSICA BERGER
head of the Cats Den
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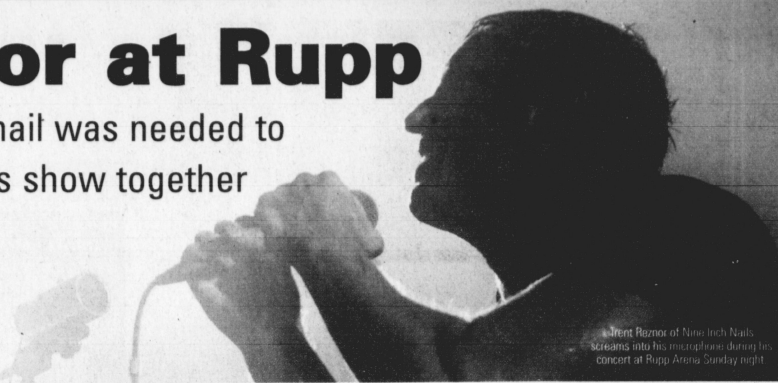


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Reznor at Rupp

Only one nail was needed to hold this show together



Trent Reznor of Nine Inch Nails screams into his microphone during his concert at Rupp Arena Sunday night.

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ABOVE: Trent Reznor sings and plays guitar during the Nine Inch Nails concert Sunday night at Rupp Arena. Nine Inch Nails visited Lexington as a part of its "Lights In The Sky Tour."

BELOW: Fans watch and cheer during the Nine Inch Nails concert at Rupp Arena Sunday night.



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Even with dozens of lights, dry ice and a video screen on stage, it's hard to take your eyes off Trent Reznor.

Reznor, the charismatic lead singer for industrial rock band Nine Inch Nails, never stopped moving during Saturday night's two-hour set at Rupp Arena. From the opening chord of the set to the last song, Reznor managed to find a new and interesting way to engage the crowd — by playing a tambourine and tossing it into the crowd or throwing two microphone stands across the stage during a single song.

The audience fed off of that energy, growing more and more enthusiastic as the night went on. Although attendance was spotty in Rupp's arena seats, the pit in front of the stage was packed with fans screaming, singing along and, once or twice, throwing a bra toward the stage.

With such a dominant lead singer and a powerful song list, it's surprising that Nine Inch Nails makes such frequent use of special effects during their shows. Granted, it's an amazing thing when the band plays percussion instruments in front of a multidimensional cornfield, and seeing the red lights in the back of the stage forming waves as Reznor belts out "Closer" is also something special.

However, the lights become excessive an hour or so into the show. With multiple changes in stage setting and the constant barrage of flashing lights, you

begin to long for something simple and stripped down.

Reznor eventually gets there during the encore — hit song "Hurt" is the moving personal narrative it needs to be with no special effects. Still, it's too little, too late for tired eyes.

The special effects were just a minor problem in what was overall a great set, though. The songs flow well together, alternating between high-energy tunes and slower songs. The band members work well with each other, and it shows.

The single weakest part of Saturday's show was the opening indie act, White Williams. The group had its moments of cohesion, but overall the guitar, drums and DJ didn't work well together.

Paired with the frequent, sometimes unnecessary use of distortion, White Williams never quite found their groove in front of the Nine Inch Nails crowd.

Before their last song, lead singer Joseph Williams suggested that if any song would be good to dance to, "this would be it." The pit remained nearly motionless. Maybe it's because White Williams needs a different venue to showcase its music — a dance club might be a more appropriate setting for the band's electronic vibe.

Still, Nine Inch Nails fans most likely didn't care too much about any small problems that may have occurred when they bought tickets for the concert. Instead, they turned out for an established band with an energetic front man.

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