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UK student remains in critical condition

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UK sophomore Blair Smith remains in critical condition at UK Hospital after being hit in the head with a bottle over the weekend, according to the Lexington Police Department.

Lexington Police Department received a call around 3:30 a.m. Saturday from the 500 block of Euclid Avenue, near the Fish Tank Bar and Grill, said Edward Hart, an LPD lieutenant. Smith was found bleeding by a 911 caller, who did not know where the attack occurred.

How Smith got to Euclid Avenue and how exactly the incident oc-

curred is still unknown, he said. "The Police Department was not sure if he was a part of a fight or not," Hart said.

All police know now is that a bottle was the instrument used to inflict the injury, said LPD spokeswoman Ann Gutierrez.

Police are still trying to figure out what occurred, Gutierrez said.

Detectives are investigating the case and have been trying to talk to potential witnesses, Gutierrez said.

Smith's family contacted LPD Monday to file an official assault report, Gutierrez said. No arrests have been made.

Smith's girlfriend, Caroline Kosse, said she was stunned when

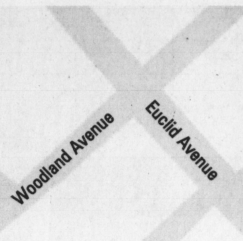
she got a call from her best friend early Saturday explaining what happened.

His friends told Kosse it all happened so fast no one saw Smith hit the ground, although they saw him being hit with a bottle, she said.

Kosse said she was several streets away when she got the call, and she rushed over. When she went to go see him, she had no idea the injury would be so serious; she thought he just had a broken jaw.

"Before the ambulance arrived he was holding his jaw, and I was with him, asking him to move his mouth," she said.

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The Fish Tank Bar and Grill, located on the corner of Woodland and Euclid avenues, is near where police responded to a 911 call, and found Blair Smith bleeding. He was then taken to the hospital.

MAP BY EMILY COVERT STAFF

Survey: Bike use up 37 percent

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The number of bikes on campus has grown by nearly 37 percent in the last 10 years, according to a survey performed Tuesday.

A survey on bicycling conducted for UK Parking and Transportation Services showed 4,882 bikes entering and exiting campus Tuesday, said Taylor Shelton, a bike surveyor and an intern for the Sustainable Campus Internship Program. In 1998's survey, which used the same methods, 3,572 bikes were counted.

The number of bike riders is about four times the growth of total enrollment from 1998 to 2007. Between those years, total enrollment grew by about 9.2 percent.

At least 60 surveyors counted bikes at 14 checkpoints Tuesday around campus entrances. In addition to the number of cyclists entering and leaving, surveyors counted if cyclists were male or female, whether or not they were obeying traffic laws and whether they were wearing helmets.

Data such as gender and whether cyclists followed the law hasn't been tallied yet, Shelton said.

Parking and Transportation Services conducted the survey Tuesday to find out if UK's campus is suitable to accommodate the needs of bikers, said Stuart Kearns, associate director of Parking and Transportation Services.

"We are doing the survey to justify the increased need to make more bike parking facilities and ameni-

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PHOTO BY EVERETT CISLO | STAFF

Economics junior Evan Cox stands at the corner of Limestone and Virginia to record the number of bikes going by as a part of a study conducted by UK Parking and Transportation Services. Volunteers were stationed at 13 of the main entrance points on campus.

THE BIG "O"



PHOTOS BY KRISTIN SHERRARD | STAFF
Social work freshman Tierra Hereford, left, and biology freshman Ivy Jones laugh at a joke during "The Female Orgasm" lecture Tuesday night in the Student Center Grand Ballroom.

1,000 students find 'Female Orgasm'

By Kelly Wiley
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It was definitely a sex education class, only students weren't stuck in a high school classroom, and there were no bananas or rubber involved.

Monday night in the Student Center Grand Ballroom, sex educators Dorian Solot and Marshall Miller explained about 1,000 stu-

dents the so called "myth" behind good sex — the orgasm.

"Before we begin, I know a lot of people who tell you to turn off your cell phones, but we just ask you to put them on vibrate," Solot said, receiving a big laugh from the audience.

Solot said she got into the "sex talk business" because when

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Sex educator Dorian Solot tells students about some of her favorite magazine covers that mention the big "O" at "The Female Orgasm" lecture Tuesday night in the Student Center Grand Ballroom.

Mock election to show political process

By Kelli Long
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Students can rock the vote more than a month early with mock elections Wednesday.

Student Government and Kentucky's Secretary of State will be hosting mock elections between 11 a.m. and 2 p.m. Wednesday. Two voting machines will be available for students, one located at the White Hall Classroom Building and the other outside the Commons Complex.

Students will have the opportunity to vote for Democratic, Republican and Independent candidates in local and national races.

Ryan Smith, head of SG's National Politics Advisory Board, said the mock elections are a great opportunity for students.

"I wanted to do this because I wanted to allow students to become educated on

how the voting process works and also to provide an opportunity to register to vote," said Smith, a political science junior.

Wednesday's event will be the ninth stop for the voting machines, which have been at other college campuses across the state this fall, including Murray State University and Eastern Kentucky University. Special Assistant to the Secretary of State Derek Hall, who has traveled with the voting machines, said voting is very important for college students.

"You would be surprised at how many college students have never voted before," Hall said. "Being civically involved is an important and not difficult process."

The deadline to register to vote in the November general election is Monday. For more information on how to register, visit the Secretary of State's Web site (www.sos.ky.gov).

Hub making noise on campus

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The library may not be open 24/7, but that hasn't started part of it from growing.

The Hub opened in the basement of the W.T. Young Library in March 2007. It had a 20 percent increase in inquiries and assistance provided by staff members in the opening weeks of school compared with the year before, said Stacey Greenwell, head of the Hub.

One of the key draws of the Hub is the basement's environment, which is different from the rest of the library, said Greenwell.

"The quiet study spaces are upstairs, so we've designated the Hub as a place for students to make a little more noise," she said.

A place to work without worrying about staying silent is welcome, said agricultural education freshman Daniel Spencer.

"I like that you can talk without trampling over other people's thoughts," he said. The library staff wants to see the growth continue and offer more printing services, help desk hours, and furniture that better allows group study in the computer labs, Greenwell said. The Hub is also working to provide more students with cell phone reception.

The Hub also has a Facebook page to get the word out.

"I created it primarily for visibility — yet one more way students might find out about the Hub — but also as a way to encourage students to communicate with us," Greenwell said.

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STACEY GREENWELL
head of the Hub

Jana McMurtry, a biology senior, enjoys that the Hub has become more user-friendly over the

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Autobahn Autobody HIT THE BOOKS, NOT YOUR CAR

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 7 — This is a good time to balance your checkbook. Figure out how much you have. Odds are good it's more than you thought. Don't forget to figure in all those electronic transfers and finance charges. Look for checks you forgot to deposit.

Taurus (April 20-May 20) — Today is a 7 — A playful competition keeps you on your toes. Don't let this charmer win the argument, unless you want to lose. You have a good point, so make sure it's well understood.

Gemini (May 21-June 21) — Today is a 7 — One of the most important parts of your job is knowing when to stop. Don't get so enthralled with what you're doing that you forget. You don't get extra points for overdoing it.

Cancer (June 22-July 22) — Today is a 7 — A work-related

problem is solved early. After that, you'll find it's much easier to relax. Don't bring up the topic of money, however. It's too hot. Save that for later.

Leo (July 23-Aug. 22) — Today is a 7 — Your friends think the world of you. They'd do anything you ask. Don't let them spend too much of your money, though.

Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) — Today is a 7 — Don't stress about a decision once you've made it, move ahead. There are plenty of other things to keep you occupied.

Aquarius (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) — Today is a 7 — You and your friends pretty much agree on all the important topics. It's always good to listen to the other side, however.

Pisces (Feb. 19-March 20) — Today is a 7 — Get into a job you've done a million times before. The routine will make it easy, and you can get a little bit ahead. This will be good, so you can maybe even quit early.

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THE DISH

By Ian Drew

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This minute Robin Thicke, the soul man

The singer tells Us about his new CD's main inspiration: his wife.

Velvet-voiced Robin Thicke is a pro at making the ladies swoon. But even though he counts Oprah Winfrey and Britney Spears as his ardent admirers, the Grammy-winning R&B singer only has eyes for his wife of three years (and childhood sweetheart since age 14), actress Paula Patton, 32. "She's brilliant and influences everything I do," he gushes. The Los Angeles native, 31, gets down with Us.

the room.

Q: How do you and your wife keep things strong?

When I'm away on tour, we have lots of long talks. And we take any chance we can get to keep it spicy!

Q: Any plans for kids?

I think we'll wait a couple more years until starting a family. We are gonna trot the globe a little more first. But I do want a big ol' family.

Natasha's Playlist

Bedingfield tells Us what she's jamming to right now

"The Pretender" Foo Fighters "When I need a vibe-up, this stadium-style anthem does it every time."

"Let Love Rule" Lenny Kravitz "This song oozes soul, and it's so well written."

"Nothing Without You" Carney "This tune has a very James Bond-soundtrack feel to it."

"Chasing Cars" Snow Patrol

"I love singing this song. It has beautiful lyrics."

"Little Black Sandals" Sia "Any girl of any age can identify with this song. It's soulful and sentimental."

Father and son duo

Corky and Mark Ballas talk tango and tell Us why they're rooting for each other wife keep things strong?

Dancing with the stars is turning into a family affair! first there was brother-sister team Julianne and Derek Hough, and now Corky Ballas, 48, is joining son Mark, 22, on the reality hit (ABC, Mondays, 8 p.m., Tuesdays, 9 p.m.). What's more? The elder Ballas (along with ex-wife Shirley, 48) trained all three of the young dancers. "We put a lot of hard work and time into them," he tells Us. "They used to call them the Brat Pack!" Corky (paired with actress Cloris Leachman) and his son (matched with reality star Kim Kardashian) share their moves with Us.

Q: How has it been working together?

Corky It's wonderful. You know, the very first interviews we had, Mark said I looked like a deer in the headlights. He just took my hand and said, "Come on, Dad." He took charge! I thought that was so sweet!

Mark He's been a hero to me growing up, so it's great to have him around.

Q: So there's no friendly competition?

Mark I want [Corky] to do really well, and if he ever needs my help, I'll always help him.

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'Good for the soul' albums accent the week in hip-hop

This week marks another great week in hip-hop releases, successfully proving that this quarter will be full to the gills with deliciously edible, good for the soul hip-hop music.



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Madlib
"WLIB AM: King of the Wigflip"

The Beat Conducta himself finishes off the prestigious BBE Beat Generation series with a compilation of some of the most talented rappers of today spitting over his trademark spaced out beats. On this release we see Madlib returning to his more soulful hip-hop roots. Rather than utilizing his endless collection of Turkish funk and obscure reggae records, 'Lib digs into some deep jazz and soul cuts to tickle your eardrums.

Heltah Skeltah — "D.I.R.T."

Hip-hops most legendary rap duo finally returns after a decade-long hiatus. Rock and Ruck (aka Sean Price) deliver their grimy street style on this long awaited record backed by production from Evidence (of Dilated Peoples), Khrissy, Marco Polo and Illmind among others. Grab your brass knuckles and steel-toed Timberlands for this one, because it's guaranteed to get you rowdy.

Large Professor — "Main Source"

Large Pro is back! One of hip-hops most celebrated producers finally delivers another LP to devoted fans and beat heads alike. Large Professor, who got his start with the influential hip-hop group Main Source, has pro-

duced for the likes of Nas, The Beatnuts and Styles P. On this joint he brings an impressive roster of some of New York's most talented MCs and flexes his own vocal muscles as well.

Termanology — "Politics as Usual"

If you're an avid reader of this column then you know I've been waving the Termanology flag for some time now. For all those who have jumped on the bandwagon in the last few, his debut album finally hit shelves Tuesday. This future classic features production from Pete Rock, Havoc of Mobb Deep, Large Professor and DJ Premier, with guest vocals from Bun B, Prodigy (Mobb Deep), Freeway and Sheek Louch.

Murs — "Murs for President"

If you haven't decided who you're going to vote for in this election season, why not vote Murs for president? Murs, Los Angeles' own underground dynamo, has finally hit it big.

"Murs for President" marks his first major label release under the Warner Bros. record label. This album features an impressive list of high profile guests, something we've never seen from Murs before. Guests include WILL AM and Snoop Dogg, with production from 9th Wonder and Nottz.

All of these releases hit the shelves of your local record stores Tuesday, Sept. 30, so if you haven't already spent your entire paycheck on gas, groceries, cheap beer or cigarettes, then you'll want to pick these up and give them a spin. As always, remember to support your local record stores and support good music!

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ORGASM

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she was younger she had no experience with it. As a kid, her parents always told her that masturbation was wrong. As a college freshman, she still hadn't had an orgasm. She attended a sex lecture on campus, started doing some research, and bang, after much practice, she finally had her first, although not the most memorable, orgasm.

"Masturbation is fine," Solot said. "But it's something to be done in private, not in the sand box."

There are many little kids around the world who experience an orgasm before a 20-year-old college student, Solot said. But it's not because they know what they are doing, but because they are playing and rolling around on things "down there."

The lecture took a turn toward a rather serious topic when Solot said that a lot of women are not happy with their bodies, which is caused from a number of issues. But she said it can actually start at an early age when parents begin explaining body parts to children. Parents tell the name of every body part the child touches, but when the child puts their hand "down there" the parent swats it away. Solot said this

could be a reason why women are not comfortable with their bodies.

Midway through the evening the men went with Miller to another room while the women stayed with Solot.

Women learned about things that help and hinder you from having an orgasm. The list of things that helped women with the process covered the whole white board that Solot used to write them down on. Things like position, stress level, vibrators, fantasy, foreplay, piercings and the guy lasting longer helped the orgasm, and the one thing that hindered it was when women have to suck in their stomach.

While the boys were still gone the girls went over the fact that it takes 20 to 60 minutes for a woman to have an orgasm where as it only takes three to five minutes for a guy. The men apparently learned this same fact while they were alone, and some couldn't believe it took that long. They also discussed issues relevant to guys.

"We went over size," said Raphael Albea, a freshman business major. "Like if bigger is better or if small was beautiful."

Miller also said there are certain things that can make women uncomfortable with their body, like porn. He said porn is not reality, it's scripted and it can make some women really uncomfortable. But at the same

time, Solot said she believed that women who have seen another vagina will be more comfortable with their bodies, and again porn can allow students to view other bodies, but it's not reality.

After being serious, Solot posed a question to the audience: "Why do women fake orgasm?" When no one answered she said, with a smile on her face "Because men fake foreplay."

Only 30 percent of women have an orgasm during sex because the stimulation spot for women is on the inside, Solot said. But after giving some tips regarding the G-spot and the orgasm, she hopes that statistic will go up.

To round out the evening, Solot gave some tips to students telling them to befriend their body, touch yourself experimentally, touch yourself everyday to see what you like and don't like, and to use fantasy.

Miller even brought a Nimbus 2000 from the Harry Potter movies to prove that if toys are too expensive there are other things around that can be used for stimulation, especially curved ones that apparently reach the G-spot.

"A girl once told me that sex toys were too expensive so she just used a curved shaped vegetable," Solot said. "I told her I hope you put a condom on those they have pesticides on them."

E-mail accounts easy to break into

By Elise Ackerman
San Jose Mercury News

SAN JOSE, Calif. — The hacker who infiltrated Sarah Palin's e-mail account last month may have intended to embarrass the Republican vice presidential candidate, but the prank also exposed one of the Internet industry's most uncomfortable secrets: It is remarkably easy for someone to break into your online e-mail account.

In a post on an online community bulletin board, the hacker, who called himself "Rubico," described how he broke into Palin's account at Yahoo by using an automated password recovery tool that asked for Palin's birthday, her zip code and where she met her spouse. "It took seriously 45 minutes on Wikipedia and Google to find the info," Rubico wrote.

"Account recovery is a problematic area from a security perspective," said Michael Barrett, chief information security officer at PayPal. "The problem is if you make the process too weak then people can get in at will and if you make it too strong then people can't recover their accounts."

Internet companies like Yahoo, Google and Microsoft, which own the biggest online mail services, don't disclose how often accounts are compromised but they acknowledge that it does happen.

"We know the bad guys are out there," said John Kremer, vice president of Yahoo Mail. "Everyone is trying to figure out how to straddle the line between making an account recoverable and at the same time making it secure."

Kremer said the first line of de-

fense is good consumer practices. He said users of Yahoo Mail should be careful when they set up their accounts not to choose security questions that can be answered through publicly available information.

But Markus Jakobsson, a principal scientist at the Palo Alto Research Center and security expert, said it is not fair for Internet companies to put the onus on the customer.

"It shouldn't be the guy or gal on the street who has to worry about his or her security," he said.

Jakobsson said ordinary people are running the same risks accessing their mail at companies like Yahoo and Google and managing their 401(k)s at companies like Fidelity Investments because the systems for safeguarding accounts rely on information that can be found either online or through public records.

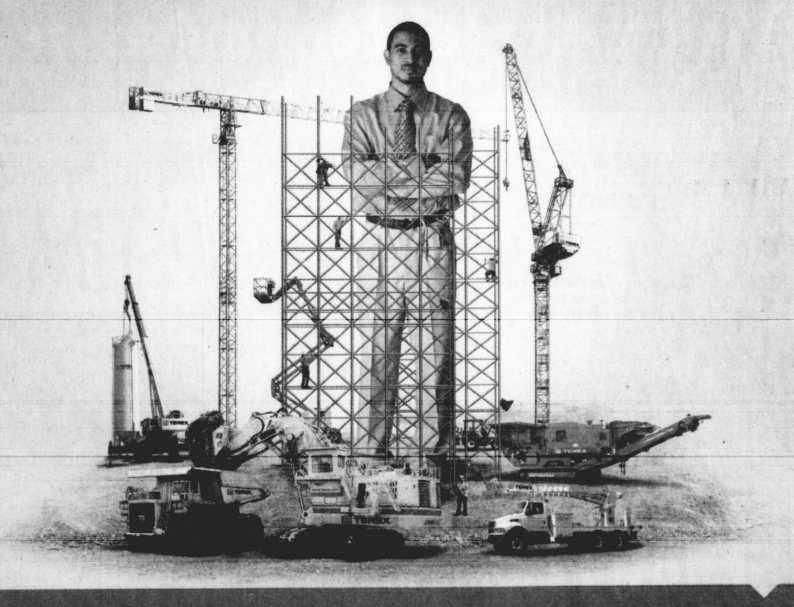
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Colby Khoshreza, the new executive director of the UK Center for Community Outreach, poses in front of a UKCCO poster in the Student Center.

New director expands focus of outreach center

By Kristinn Betsworth
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With a new director comes a new vision for the UK Center for Community Outreach.

UKCCO added Colby Khoshreza to its staff as the new executive director in May after the previous executive director, Lexie Dressman, graduated. In Khoshreza's new role, he said he plans to focus the center on more than volunteering, the old goal of the center.

Now, Khoshreza said, there are three goals: advocacy, education and volunteering. "I hope each program will develop its own identity," he said.

UKCCO is already working on new projects such as "Big Give" project, a part of the "Helping Hands" program. In "Big Give," students sponsor a family the entire year with gifts and time.

It also is preparing for a health and fitness expo sometime this school year and the "Stand up to Cancer" program next semester, along with other projects. The center hope to involve more students this year, because there are so many opportunities for students to partici-

pate, said Jillian Rogers, the center's public relations director.

Rogers said the center's many opportunities gives students the find the perfect fit.

"No matter what you're passionate about, you can find something you fit in with," she said.

Khoshreza said he will lead the center to not only link students with various volunteer opportunities, but also to focus on the teaching and

promotion of issues.

"Involvement is the key to finding something more at UK than just academics."

COLBY KHOSHREZA
director, UKCCO

early age. He has taken part in numerous different programs such as the American Cancer Society, where he served on the advocacy board for two years. He knew he wanted to take part in one of the service-based associations at UK.

"When you take grassroots advocacy initiatives, you can really change people's lives," said Khoshreza.

THE HUB

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past few years.

"I like the fact that I can get a private computer," she said.

Another way the library is reaching out to the students is through the "Question of the Week." Students can visit the Hub, answer a question, and be entered in drawings throughout the semester for prizes ranging from a flash drive to a Wii. Students can also participate in a passport game, which involves visiting several service desks throughout the library to be placed in a drawing for a Sony PSP.

While the W.T. Young Library has trimmed its hours, the basement level-Hub has doubled the number of service hours staffed at the Information Technology Customer Service Center Help Desk. The desk is intended for students to use to gain assistance on computer access, accounts and software questions.

The Hub was able to add the extra hours, by making a part-time staff member in information technology full-time, Greenwell said.



PHOTO BY EVERETT CISLO | STAFF

Jeff Bernardo, left, Stacey Greenwell, center, and Alice Wasielewski sit at the Hub, located in the basement of the W.T. Young Library, Tuesday afternoon.

BIKE STUDY

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ties," Kearns said.

Shelton said the results would be presented as a report to UK, and hopefully Parking and Transportation Services will be able to do a more comprehensive study later.

Volunteer observer and UK alumnus Boyd Scheurer said he wanted to help with the Tuesday study to promote bicycle riding.

"I am doing this essentially to establish good education for people already riding, as well as to promote," said Scheurer.

English senior Kyle Board was one of the students who passed through campus on his bike Tuesday. He said gas prices are steering him away from the car and more toward riding his bike.

"It's just too expensive to drive a car around any more. I ride my bike whenever I can and most of my friends are doing the same," said Board.

SMITH

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After about three days in the hospital, Smith is improving, Kosse said.

"He isn't awake, and he's still on sedatives, but the swelling in his brain has stopped, and the doctors were able to remove some of the drainage tubes from his head," Kosse said.

Smith's family drove from Louisville to be with Shim, sitting by the hospital bed and taking calls, Kosse said.

"They are doing OK," Kosse said. "They are basically living at the hospital. When anyone asks about Blair's condition, they say they are taking it day by day."

In Smith's hometown, family friend Diane Strobel said the whole community is praying for him.

"This is one of those kids who is one in a million," she said.

Lexington Police Department encourages anyone with information related to the incident to call LPD's direct line at 859-258-3600 or Bluegrass Crime Stoppers at 859-253-2020.

Library discussion continues with forum

Student organizations will host a meeting at 8 p.m. Wednesday in room 205 of the Student Center to discuss W.T. Young Library's hours of operation.

The forum is open to students, faculty and staff, according to an e-mail invitation sent out by Patrick

Nally, president of student group SUCCESS. The focus of the discussion will be this school year's hours for the library, which closes at 2 a.m. Sunday through Thursday.

SUCCESS, the NAACP and other organizations are sponsoring the forum.

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Junior midfielder Barry Rice follows through after passing the ball against Louisville last year. The Cats are 4-2-2 in non-conference play.

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Diverse non-conference play has Cats ready for C-USA foes

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The UK men's soccer team has certainly seen every possible scenario leading up to conference play this season. The Cats have traveled on the road to face a top 10 opponent, successfully defended their home turf, made clutch go-ahead goals late in games to clinch victories, endured two scoreless games going into double overtime and still managed to have a winning record.

The team hasn't had any major injuries either. Having seen almost every possible situation in non-conference play, the Cats are ready for whatever Conference USA has to throw at them.

"The Conference USA is definitely one of the top leagues," UK men's soccer head coach Ian Collins said. "There are a good number of excellent teams and anyone can win on any given day."

Collins feels the team is

miles ahead of where they did last year. Injuries played a huge part in the team coming on later in the season and not being ready at the start of conference play last fall. UK had a terrible 2-7-2 record in non-conference games in 2007, but ended up third in C-USA. This year the Cats have improved to a 4-2-2 record outside of conference play, but UK's offense has been struggling as of late.

"We started off very strong this year offensively," junior midfielder Jason Griffiths said. "But lately, we have been playing bad. Coach Collins has had us work harder in practice about playing off the ball. I think it'll all be ready for conference play."

Defensively, the UK coaching staff believes the team is where it needs to be. The Cats have been training hard and improving their individual defending abilities.

"Everyone is working hard," Collins said. "We have

had decent preparation and pretty soon the team will be firing on all cylinders."

"I think we are very good at tackling," junior defender Barry Rice said. "We're pretty good overall. We just need to work on our focus late in games and make sure we don't give up any late chances."

The team's morale is very high heading into conference play. Most leaders think this team has what it takes to capture the conference title.

"If we do our best and accomplish our goals, there is no reason why we shouldn't be able to earn a ring," Rice said.

Tulsa and Southern Methodist, however, might stand in the way of UK winning the conference. Both are consistently ranked in the top 25 and finish very high in conference standings.

"Everyone has a different style of play in this league," Griffiths said. "Some teams

play fast, others use strength. But, SMU and Tulsa are always the teams to beat. Once we start scoring and being consistent with our game, I think no one can stop us; not even them."

The Cats start conference play against Marshall this Wednesday in Huntington, W.Va. Collins feels his strikers will be ready to answer the call in conference play, despite their recent droughts. He looks for senior Michael Strong, junior Marco dos Santos and Rice to all have big games in the upcoming weeks and to finish their chances to score. But, he believes the team needs to learn from those who have experience in conference play to match expectations.

"Experience will be huge this year," Collins said. "We have a great deal of players who know how to push others hard to win. Rice, Griffiths, Williams, dos Santos, and Strong will all be our big players down the stretch."

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Top 20 ranking sets stage for senior

By Michael Kraus
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Patrick Patterson, Mike Hartline, and Micah Johnson are usually the names on the tongues of Cats' fans all around. But take a closer look and you can find a UK athlete who may end up with more accomplishments than all three.

Senior Bruno Agostinelli, from Niagara Falls, Canada, is currently sitting 19th on the NCAA men's tennis singles standings. In addition to the high ranking, Agostinelli is also a preseason All-American selection.

While Agostinelli, who was once ranked 15th internationally, has had success so far in his career at UK, including knocking off the No. 1 ranked player last year, Agostinelli's breakout season could be on the horizon. In the preseason alone, Agostinelli jumped ahead 40 spots in the college ranking.

"The ultimate goal is to go out there and try to win the NCAA tournament," said Agostinelli.

Agostinelli started off the preseason

with a runner-up finish in the Southern Collegiate in Athens, Ga. He made it all the way to the finals before being defeated by Enrique Olivares of Tennessee State University (6-3, 6-7, 6-1).

Aside from being placed highly in the men's individual ranking, Agostinelli has also impressed with his outstanding doubles play.

Back with his doubles partner from last year, sophomore Brad Cox, Agostinelli is poised to succeed in that area as well.

Agostinelli and Cox are ranked 15th nationally in NCAA men's doubles standings. The UK duo put that ranking to the test last weekend when they defeated Tennessee State University (8-5) at the Southern Collegiate.

"It was great for me and Brad to get a tournament win under our belt," said Agostinelli.

Agostinelli and Cox first played together last October at the International

Tennis Association Southeast Regional held at UK. They made it all the way to the semifinals but were eliminated by a team from the University of Miami.

Cox believes their success comes from their habit of keeping each other positive. Although the points and wins may come mutually, Cox looks up to Agostinelli as a motivator. "He's always pushing me," said Cox.

"If we see one another slacking we always get on each other's case," Agostinelli said.

UK head coach Emery believes there are areas Agostinelli could improve on, such as scoring more points closer to the net and off serves. Although Agostinelli is not always at his best, Emery still has the utmost confidence in him.

"Technically he is just very, very sound everywhere in his game. He's like a coach's dream,"

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Scheduled bus route will better serve students

The wheels on the bus continue to go 'round and 'round, but instead of scrambling around campus on weekends, the new Green route bus service is a better service for UK students.

Think logically. In years past, what was formerly the on-demand CATS bus wasted an insane amount of gas and time jumping all over campus for students who either don't have a car or, for various reasons, couldn't drive at the time. Long waiting times and bus rides for students doesn't seem like a good way to run a bus service. Much less making someone drive around orchestrating an ever-changing route.

With the on-demand service now a regular route, appropriately designed to run through what Parking and Transportation Services determined to be the busiest areas, the bus better serves students. Now, students know where to show up and what time to expect a bus. Waiting for a bus between 7 p.m. and 3 a.m. on a weekend night may not be the safest option, but with a scheduled route, students can time their wait to minimize the possibility of any dangerous situation.

Some students seem to be disappointed in the lack of an on-demand service, but PTS isn't a free taxi service and isn't intended to be. Learn to walk or don't diminish your chances of driving. Take advantage of the cheap taxicabs by All American Taxi.

Because if the switch from on-demand service, which usually had a long wait, to a regular route runs someone's weekend plans, obviously they need new entertainment.

TaxiCats offers cheap cab rides in tough times

UK students now have a cheaper and safer way to get around campus when driving or bike-riding isn't an option.

TaxiCats, a program started by the All American Taxi company, is offering students with a valid UK ID a \$2 cab ride per person. The company is working with Student Government, the Genesis Group and Parking and Transportation Services to provide the service, according to a September 25 Kernel article.

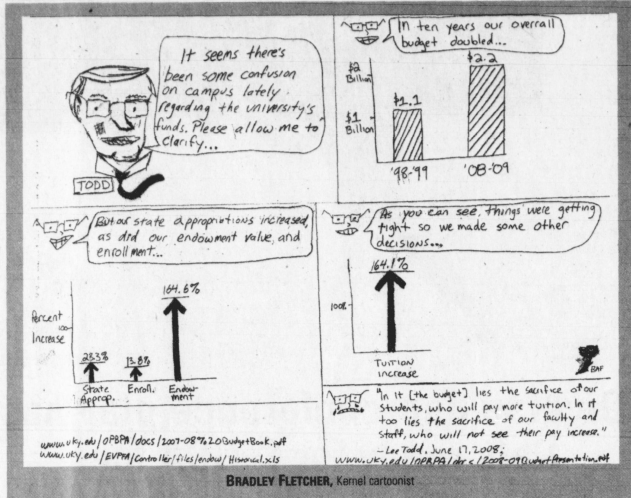
Though this program has boundaries, the taxi company offers a 10 percent discount to students who need to travel outside of the boundaries—Chevy Chase, South Broadway, Greg Page Apartments and Main Street.

Even though the average wait for a taxi is 15 to 20 minutes, according to the Kernel article, waiting this short time could be a safer alternative to walking home in the wee hours of the morning.

The Kernel commends All American Taxi, its partners and especially the drivers for offering cheap rides to UK students. According to Chris Martha, general manager of All American Taxi, all of the drivers are independent and chose to comply with this service to help out students in tough economic times.

With the state of the economy, we're all looking for ways to save a few bucks.

Let's take advantage of these cheap cab rides and show the company and drivers how much we appreciate their generosity.



Bush administration must devise a plan for the failing U.S. economy

Well, I guess it was only a matter of time.

Roughly a week and a half after President George W. Bush proposed the \$700 billion market bailout, the House of Representatives shot it down on Monday in a series of fiery debates. It marked the culmination of what has been a stressful month or so for the U.S. financial market, to say the least.



BRAD BOWLING
Kernel columnist

For starters, the market is in disarray, and it needs financial assistance. Without it, companies will likely suffer a fate similar to that of AIG, except the government won't be able to bail them out. The government obviously felt compelled to step in and help AIG, the largest insurance provider in the country. If it were to collapse, the entire insurance market would likely go with it.

What we have really learned from this market fiasco is that a pure market economy is but a farcical dream that can never be attained. I would lump most people on this campus, myself included, as fans of capitalism and all the rewards it brings.

But there is one thing a purely capitalistic economy assumes that's just impractical: that the market can take care of all of its problems. History has re-

peatedly shown us that this just isn't the case.

From market crashes in 1929 and 1987, we can generally guess that it's only a matter of time before the market finds itself in a state beyond self-repair. While we have not suffered a full-fledged market crash this year, the backlash from Monday's rejection of the bailout bill could be felt throughout the country.

The Dow Jones fell 778 points, its largest loss ever. The S&P 500 had its biggest one-day loss since the crash of 1987. And the NASDAQ closed under 2,000 for the first time in four years.

The point is that when the market becomes overrun with debt and short on capital, it goes beyond the power to fix itself. There is only one thing that can save companies like AIG, Wachovia and Citigroup: more money. And since the market has failed to produce adequate funds, the government must step in.

We can debate until we are blue in the face how the market came to be in this predicament. Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac, which comprise the bulk of the mortgage market in America, were recently bailed out because of a huge number of people defaulting on home mortgages. Companies like Lehman Bros., on the other hand, had an extreme shortage of capital due to an exorbitant amount of bad loans and were unable to pay off massive amounts of debt. Lehman Bros. filed for chapter 11 bankruptcy two weeks ago.

Our market is the best in the world when everything is working properly.

By this, I mean people are paying their mortgages, banks are making good loans and accountants are presenting financial information accurately. Unfortunately, this is very rarely the case. So, as the problems and debts build up, the market finds itself on a one-way train to disaster. Investors panic, stock prices fall and the government must inevitably intervene.

Without getting all philosophical, humans remain humans. And just as the humanity element dooms socialism, it also dooms a pure market economy. There will always be people defaulting on their mortgages. There will always be greedy CEO's who will overshoot the boundaries of banks, which will lead to massive debts and nothing with which to pay them off. And there will always be errors in accounting. Government intervention is simply inevitable when push comes to shove.

If and when the government bailout comes, the market won't be suddenly cured of all that ails it. It's only a temporary fix. I'm not apt to say how long this fix will last, but after a certain period of time, the market will most certainly find itself in a similar situation. But, for the immediate health of the market, government intervention is necessary.

This administration must find something that can get passed in Congress to relieve the pressure on the market. It is absolutely imperative for the future of our economy.

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Student leaders need to do their homework on important issues

While sitting through a Student Government Senate meeting for the first time ever last week, I found it hard to believe just how many statements by SG senators started with "I don't know as much as I should."



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Contributing columnist

Regardless of the fact that these individuals were elected in order to serve in the best interests of the student body and should be some of the most educated students on this campus, I just couldn't wrap my head around the fact that there are still people who don't "get it."

Anyone who knows me or has read my columns with any consistency knows that I consider the protection of our environment to be of utmost importance. What you'll never find me saying is that I believe everyone should have the same priorities—someone who has trouble making sure they keep their grades up to maintain their scholarship money, may not have time to go protest the logging of Robinson Forest or lobby SG for the implementation of a green fee. And one should never be faulted for that. There is a difference, howev-

er, in having different priorities and refusing to acknowledge the validity of others' priorities.

It seems to me that those SG senators who "don't know enough," don't have a good excuse like many of the students they supposedly represent. With the seemingly endless opportunities for self-enrichment on a university campus, how can any one of us, SG senator or not, claim ignorance about anything? It isn't that we don't know; it's that we don't care enough to know.

Anyone who is given a position of influence on this campus should be fully obligated to understand the importance and implications of each decision they are charged with making. From President Todd to the lowliest of SG senators, everyone should know exactly what they're doing before assuming that they already do.

At last week's SG meeting, the Senate voted to table both a resolution and an amendment regarding support for the student green fee, which was overwhelmingly supported by students in 2006, but has since been neglected by various higher-ups at UK.

The same senators who said they didn't understand the issues also declared that students shouldn't have to take responsibility for sustainability at UK. And while I agree with that general premise, had any of them taken the time to read any of the several Kernel

articles from recent years about the green fee, they would have seen that students have been forced into a leadership role on sustainability due to the administration's unwillingness to support or fund sustainability initiatives. A simple Google search would have brought all of that to light. But they obviously didn't care enough to understand before professing their ideas as tantamount to all others.

For whatever reason, we all seem to be stricken with something along the lines of know-it-all syndrome. Rather than seeking out multiple sources of information, or even a single unbiased source, we all assume, based on our preconceptions of what things are good and what things are bad, that we know what is best for everyone else. So while I may be laboring an unnecessary point, I think it is absolutely necessary that we recognize the importance of understanding.

Without this, we may never be able to understand why limiting the university's carbon footprint benefits all students, or why having a diverse student body is good for more than just moving up in diversity rankings. Try asking someone what they think about those sometimes, even if you don't agree with them, maybe you'll understand just a little bit more.

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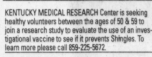
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Win streak, undefeated conference play not enough to crack rankings

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Aretha Franklin demanded "respect", she even sang about it. Maybe the UK women's volleyball team should too.

The Cats (13-2, 4-0) are riding a 10-game winning streak, the longest in head coach Craig Skinner's four years at UK, yet still find themselves outside the American Volleyball Coaches Association top 25.

"If we take care of what we need to do in practice and play well in matches, that stuff will take care of itself," Skinner said. "I like to think we play with a chip on our shoulder no matter what. I think we have a certain edge to us with the way we play, but I don't think it's motivated by rankings. I think it's more motivated because we have players that are internally motivated to win."

The Cats have won 13 of their 15 matches on the season, and 30 of their past 34 sets played. In that span, the Cats have looked to a number of different players to step up. Whether it's been on setting the ball, killing it or blocking, the Cats have gotten the job done during the streak.

"It's excellent to have that winning streak, but it doesn't mean anything," junior libero BriAnne Sauer said. "You have to keep pushing to the end, the SEC is still always up for grabs, anybody can beat anybody because it's such a long season."

The Cats' most recent win was a sweep on the road against a Louisiana State team picked to finish second in the entire Southeastern Conference by the coaches at the beginning of the year and first in the SEC West. It was the Cats' first victory against LSU in Baton Rouge since 2002.

Despite the lack of respect in the rankings, Skinner believes performances like these have been in the cards for quite some time now with this team, and as junior setter Sarah Rumely pointed out, it's not always so bad to play the role of the underdog.

"I think it's a credit to the work our players put in January, all the way through now," Skinner said. "We're in great physical shape, we're very determined in practice, we follow game plans well, and I think we really enjoy competing."

"It's kind of nice being the underdog," Rumely said. "Of course everyone would love to be ranked, but right now it's not about that. It's about playing together as a team and making sure we get the 'W' against every opponent that we play against."

The Cats will try to continue to sway the voters' minds on Wednesday night in Knoxville, Tenn. They are gunning for their third straight road match victory and their fifth straight win against the Volunteers (8-5, 3-1).

"Tennessee's done really well recently," Skinner said. "They had a tough weekend early in the season and lost a couple I don't think they would lose right now. We'll have our hands full, and it will be another challenge for our team."

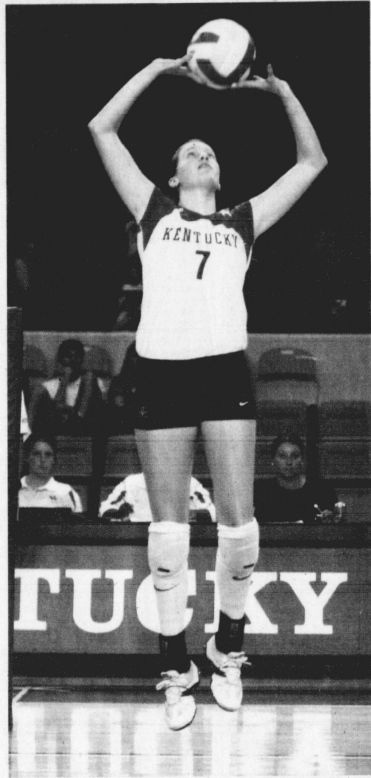


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Junior Sarah Rumely sets the ball for a kill against Tennessee State in Memorial Coliseum. Despite being undefeated in conference play, UK is not ranked.

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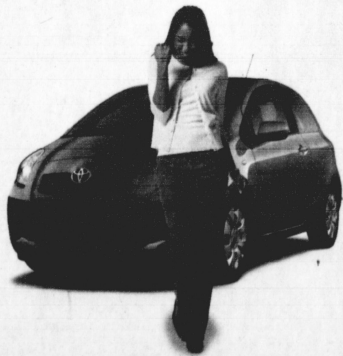
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