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## Mid-year layoffs, tuition increase not likely after state budget cuts

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By Friday, UK will determine how a potential cut of more than \$160 million in state funds will affect academic programs and tuition.

Last week, Gov. Steve Beshear asked state universities to prepare for state funding cuts as high as 12 percent for the 2008-09 fiscal year.

Beshear also announced that state agencies and public universities must prepare to reduce spending by 3 percent

for the rest of the budget year, which ends June 30. The decrease will result in a cut of about \$10 million for UK.

While the 3 percent cut through June is set, the Kentucky legislature will have to approve any further cuts for the 2008-10 biennium.

UK officials will gather information and discuss the university's options before announcing how it will decrease spending, both in response to this year's 3 percent cut and the potential 12 percent cut.

The plan must be presented by the

Kentucky Council on Postsecondary Education to Beshear's office by Friday, said UK spokesman Jay Blanton.

"A cut of that magnitude (12 percent) is almost unimaginable and would have a heavy impact on the institution's ability to move forward," Blanton said.

UK President Lee Todd said in a campus-wide e-mail Friday that while the cut will require "difficult choices," he does not anticipate layoffs or a mid-year tuition increase. The \$2.3 million in staff pay raises, which about one in four regular full-time UK employees

began receiving Jan. 1, will not be affected by the 3 percent reduction, nor will the search for a new vice president for institutional diversity, Blanton said.

A reduced budget for the 2008-10 biennium will mean that universities throughout Kentucky will have to make budget cuts to academic programs or raise tuition, said Brad Cowgill, interim president of the Council on Postsecondary Education.

In November, the CPE set a tuition increase limit of 9 percent at UK for 2008-09. The 9 percent is a tentative

figure for budget purposes; the cap will be set this spring following the 2008 legislative session, Cowgill said.

Last year, the CPE set the tuition cap at 9 percent, and UK increased tuition and mandatory fees the same amount. In 2005-06, the UK Board of Trustees approved a 12 percent increase, 3 percentage points less than the CPE cap of 15 percent.

Cowgill, who used to be Kentucky's state budget director, said the state has "had a number of situations"

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## First candidate for long-awaited diversity position visits campus

By Jill Laster  
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The first candidate for UK's newly created top diversity position will answer questions and share her thoughts on the job during an open forum today.

Judy "J.J." Jackson, dean of the college at Vassar College in Poughkeepsie, N.Y., is one of the two candidates selected by the search committee last semester for the position of vice president for institutional diversity. As part of a two-day tour of campus, she will participate in the forum from 3:30 to 4:30 p.m. in room 209 of the Main Building.

If selected, Jackson will be responsible for advising the president and provost on how UK's policy decisions will affect the university's diversity goals, according to the position advertisement released at the beginning of the search in fall 2006. The position will also include developing and coordinating diversity programs throughout the university.

Jackson said she wouldn't know her specific responsibilities until after meeting with members of the university community. Having a set plan before spending time at UK "would be like trying to suit everyone up in mail-order outfits for one of the most important events of the university's life," she said.

UK had planned to have a vice president for institutional diversity in place by July 1, 2007, but the initial five candidates either pulled out or were not selected for the position.

The search committee decided to find a new pool of candidates, this time actively recruiting people the committee members thought might fit the role rather than simply advertising the position, said search committee chairwoman Carol Jordan.

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## UK freshman dies in car wreck during break

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Kelsey Sorrell had a contagious smile and loved kids.

"The kids loved being around her; she loved being around them," said her uncle, David Ross. She frequently babysat his 2- and 5-year-old children.

Sorrell, an undecided freshman, was killed in a car accident, driving home after babysitting her cousins at Ross' house Jan. 2. She was 18.

Sorrell was home in Erlanger, Ky., for winter break and was about to enter northbound Interstate 75 from U.S. 42 in Boone County when her car hit a patch of ice and slid into oncoming traffic, Ross said. She died when the car was struck on the driver's side.

Ross said his niece was a "social butterfly" and full of life.

"Everywhere she went, everyone knew who she was," he said.

Sorrell graduated from Notre Dame Academy in 2007, and most of her high school friends also went to UK, Ross said.

She came home fairly frequently on the weekends, he said, but she loved UK. She had wanted to go there since she was a little girl; her dad is a huge UK sports fan.

She is survived by her parents, Steve and Terri Sorrell; brothers Tyler and Trevor Sorrell; and grandparents, Tom and Ruth Sorrell, and Chester Dreyer.

The visitation was held yesterday in Fort Wright, Ky., at St. Agnes Church from 4 to 7 p.m. Services followed.

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## NEW HAMPSHIRE PRIMARIES



New Hampshire voters turn out for yesterday's primaries. Hillary Clinton was the Democratic winner, and John McCain won among Republicans.

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### Democrats

### Republicans

(Percentages as of 11 p.m.)

#### Other Candidates

Bill Richardson 5%  
Dennis Kucinich 1%  
Mike Gravel 1%



John Edwards 17%



Barack Obama 36%



Hillary Clinton 39%



John McCain 37%



Mitt Romney 32%



Mike Huckabee 11%

#### Other Candidates

Rudy Giuliani 9%  
Ron Paul 8%  
Fred Thompson 1%  
Duncan Hunter 1%

## Clinton upsets Obama; McCain beats Romney

By David Lightman  
McClintch Newspapers

MANCHESTER, N.H. — Hillary Clinton surged back from a distant second in weekend polls to stun rising star Barack Obama and win New Hampshire's Democratic presidential primary on Tuesday, while Sen. John McCain of Arizona routed former Massachusetts Gov. Mitt Romney on the Republican side.

The Associated Press projected Clinton the winner shortly after 10:30 p.m. EST. With 67 percent of precincts reporting, the New York senator had 39 percent to Obama's 36 percent.

Pre-primary polls had found that Clinton would lose big, perhaps by double digits. But she ran strong Tuesday among women and voters over 40, while the Illinois senator failed to get the overwhelming backing from younger voters who helped propel him to victory last Thursday in Iowa.

The Clinton comeback — reminiscent of her husband's rebound in the 1992 New Hampshire primary, when he climbed back to a second-place finish and went on to win the White House — sets up a coast-to-coast

duel for the Democratic nomination that's likely to go on until more than 20 states vote on Feb. 5.

Obama congratulated Clinton on her victory shortly before 11 p.m. EST and vowed to keep fighting. To cheering supporters, he said: "You can be the new majority who can lead this nation out of a long political darkness."

Clinton still faces some major hurdles: The next Democratic stops are Nevada on Jan. 19 and South Carolina a week later. Obama has clear advantages in both states; the powerful Culinary Workers union reportedly is ready to back him in Nevada, and about half the South Carolina electorate is African-American.

But after that, Obama and Clinton will engage in political combat across the nation — when organization and money could make a difference — and each candidate has a deep war chest.

Tuesday's result was less encouraging for former North Carolina Sen. John Edwards, who finished a distant third with 17 percent, despite having campaigned hard in

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## UK professor: Presidential race still uncertain

By Juliann Vachon  
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Democratic candidate Sen. Hillary Clinton squeezed past Sen. Barack Obama while Republican candidate Sen. John McCain pulled ahead last night for victories in the New Hampshire primaries, a traditionally key early contest for the presidential nomination.

Clinton held 39 percent of the votes to Obama's 36 percent at the time of publication in the Granite State after falling an average of eight points below Obama in polls, according to Real Clear Politics, a Web site that averages poll results.

The unpredictable nature of this year's Democratic and Republican primaries and caucuses are making the party nominations too hard to predict at this point, said Donald Gross, chair of UK's political science department, on Monday.

The competition is not over, he said, but it could be by the time Kentucky heads to the polls on May 20 for the state's primary elections.

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## UK Catering tries new recipe for fun at annual food show

By Kenny Colston  
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At its third-annual food show, UK Catering hoped to show potential customers that it's more than a cafeteria catering service, and it knows how to throw a party.

Nearly 100 people filled the Grand Ballroom of the Student Center yesterday, surrounded by colorful lights, disco balls, 70s music and the idea that UK Catering delivers both good food and fun.

"The reputation we had in the past was of cafeteria catering," said Ray Schmidt, assistant director of catering. "This year we're starting 100 percent from scratch to showcase our food and have fun too."

The event in past years has mostly been a "vendor show" in order to bolster the reputation of UK Catering for potential and current clients, Schmidt said. But with each year's show bringing in an increasing number of clients,

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Dressed in a disco outfit, Nick White, right, tends the Asian martini salad bar during UK Catering's food show yesterday afternoon in the Student Center Grand Ballroom.

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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 an 8 — Your friends are eager to hear all about your recent adventures. No need to embellish the truth. It's more impressive than fiction anyway. Besides, humility increases your charm.

**Taurus (April 20 - May 20)** Today is a 7 — Head an older person's advice, even if, at first, you think you don't agree. Upon closer scrutiny, the odds are good you'll change your mind. Be inquisitive.

**Gemini (May 21 - June 21)** Today is a 7 — Money's not the most important thing for you, that's certain. It's nice to have the bills paid, though, with a little bit left over. Since you're in that position, go on

a romantic outing.

**Cancer (June 22 - July 22)** Today is a 7 — Now that you and your partner have pretty much decided what you want, it's almost time to go shopping. Go over your lists again.

**Leo (July 23 - Aug. 22)** Today is a 6 — You may be facing a question you're not qualified to answer. Don't feel embarrassed if you don't know everything. Consult somebody who specializes in whatever it is.

**Virgo (Aug. 23 - Sept. 22)** Today is a 7 — Now that you've set goals, your interest focuses on the work you'll have to do. Start by getting yourself organized. Begin with the ending, and make your list go backwards until now.

**Libra (Sept. 23 - Oct. 22)** Today is a 6 — It's starting to get easier to understand a complex loved one. The trick is in listening objectively, not with your emotions. Keep practicing, it'll get easier.

**Scorpio (Oct. 23 - Nov. 21)** Today is a 7 — Relax and let yourself think, while copiously taking notes.

At first it'll be a jumble, but soon things will fall into place. You love it when that happens.

**Sagittarius (Nov. 22 - Dec. 21)** Today is an 8 — You have an increased ability to understand electronics. Try out a project more complicated than you've done before. Don't be afraid, this will be fun.

**Capricorn (Dec. 22 - Jan. 19)** Today is a 7 — You'll soon have the money you need to get something you've always wanted. Upgrade the quality level by shopping for sales in the better stores.

**Aquarius (Jan. 20 - Feb. 18)** Today is a 6 — You're starting to feel more confident, and more intelligent. This is good, it'll help you make quick work of whatever's left to do. Tackle the job with vigor.

**Pisces (Feb. 19 - March 20)** Today is a 7 — Sneak away from your fans to get some quiet time for yourself. Contemplate the role you'd like to play. Imagine yourself in it. That contributes to getting the part.

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## THIS MINUTE

Carrie Ann's New Battle

### THE DISH

On a break from *Dancing With the Stars*, it's War for Inaba!

Instead of judging, Carrie Ann Inaba is now the one being judged. Before their new season of *DWTS* begins March 17, seasoned choreographer Inaba and fellow *DWTS* panelist Bruno Tonioli will face off on ABC's *Dance War*: Bruno vs. Carrie Ann (premiering January 7 at 8 p.m.). The two will train competing song-and-dance troupes, and viewers will vote for their fave. The Hawaii native, who has been living with *So You Think You Can Dance*'s Artem Chigvintsev, 25, for 10 months, kicks up her heels with Us.

**Q: So, a new gig! How do you feel?**

I'm excited, but I'm not going to lie: It scares me. I went away to a spa so I could calm myself! You turn off your cell-phone and don't use the Internet, and you're facing your fears — walking on tightropes, climbing on ladders... It balances you back out.

**Q: Is Dance War similar to *DWTS*?**

It's a little bit more like *American Idol*. This is really about kids pursuing their dreams. That mentoring aspect is important.

**Q: Are you always dancing at home too, with your boyfriend?**

When we're in a good mood, sometimes we can't help but dance around the house. For Christmas, he got me *Dance Revolution* for Wii. I

have to say, that game is hard! **Q: How do you feel about turning 40 on January 5?**

I can't wait! I'm really happy to be 40. I'm proud of the things I've done, and I'm looking forward to what comes next.

#### Unlucky Idols

Hard times have hit these former faves.

**Jessica Sierra**  
The Season 4 finalist, 22, was imprisoned December 2 in Tampa, Florida, for disorderly intoxication and resisting arrest. She faces 11 years, and her lawyer confirms to Us that she is pregnant.

**Ruben Studdard**  
The crooner, 29, was dropped by J Records in late December. (His third album sold just 235,000 copies.) The Season 2 champ remains with 19 Entertainment, which is seeking a new label for CD No. 4.

**Fantasia Barrino**  
The Grammy-nominated Season 3 winner, 23, takes her final Broadway bow in *The Color Purple* on January 6. The run has been dogged by rumors of frequent absences and even a pregnancy (not true).

#### Who's mixing resolutions

"My New Year's resolution is to not have one this year. I tried for 10 years, but I didn't ever achieve them, so what's the point?" — Diane Kruger

"I don't make resolutions. If I decide I'm going to do something, there is no time like the present." — Eric Dane

"I gave up on the resolution thing a long time ago. Every time I came up with one, it was shot in the matter of a week. Too much pressure!" — Jaime Pressly

"I haven't thought of any resolution I wouldn't keep anyway." — Denzel Washington

"My New Year's resolution is to not make a resolution." — Lisa Kudrow

"I don't have anything to fix! I don't smoke, I don't drink, I don't eat carbs. My life is just great now — normal, vanilla." — Jason Bateman

"I tried to stop biting my fingernails — I just never did. Maybe I'll give up." — 30 Rock's Katrina Bowden

#### Spiritual scarves

Farewell, Pashmina: there's a new scarf on the scene. Drew Barrymore, Julia Roberts, Jessica Alba, Lindsay Lohan and other stars are wrapping themselves in Sir Alistair Rai prayer scarves, hand-embroidered with words such as peace, love, truth and karma.

Words to live by: For inspiration, creative director Kiran Rai draws on everything from Mohandas K. Gandhi to her own homeland, India. "The scarves represent my favorite Hindu mantras," she tells Us, adding that each not only promotes global awareness, but "could remind the person wearing it that beauty, truth and love never go out of style."

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involving budget deficits.

Following his 2003 inauguration, for example, former Gov. Ernie Fletcher proposed a \$16.7 million one-time cut in UK's budget to help cover a state budget deficit, which the Kentucky legislature passed.

Following the cut, UK raised tuition by 15 percent for the 2004-05 school year.

Cowgill said he does not necessarily anticipate a 12 percent cut in university budgets, but any kind of reduction will affect the goal set by the state legislature in 1997 to double the number of Kentucky citizens with bachelor's degrees by 2020.

"We have 12 years; that's six budget cycles," Cowgill said. "It's like six plays on the football field... we have to score a first down every time we get the ball."

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Jackson said she was asked to apply after she and her research partner conducted a workshop on faculty diversity at a national conference in the spring. She initially declined, but her focus on higher-education diversity efforts led her to agree to meet with the search committee, she said.

"I felt compelled to talk with the search committee about its strategy — both to learn and perhaps to be useful in some way," said Jackson, who later decided to seek the position.

After another round of interviews with Jackson and four other candidates, the committee selected two: Jackson and Overton Jenda, associate professor for diversity and multicultural affairs at Auburn University. Jenda will speak at a forum on Thursday, Jan. 17.

There is no definite time frame for when a candidate will be hired, said UK spokesman Jay Blanton. Setting a specific time frame for searches for high-level positions, especially those following a national search, would be a "mistake," he said.

UK will benefit regardless of which candidate is hired, Jordan said.

"I think UK is fortunate that we have selected two very strong candidates — individuals that we believe in either case could make important contributions to the cause of diversity on UK's campus," Jordan said.

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New Hampshire, including a final 36-hour marathon, Edwards vowed to continue his campaign regardless, hoping to mount a comeback in South Carolina, his native state.

Among Republicans, McCain made his own kind of comeback. His campaign, all but dead just months ago, was ahead of Romney by 6 percentage points with 63 percent of precincts reporting.

His victory left the GOP race more unsettled than ever. McCain, who eight years ago launched his bid for the White House with a smashing victory here, hoped to all but knock out Romney, who governed the state next door until a year ago and has a home here.

As cheering supporters chanted, "Mac is back! Mac is back!," McCain relished his rebound to victory after having been widely counted out when his campaign broke down last summer. "My friends, I'm past the age when I can proclaim myself a kid no matter what adjective precedes it. But tonight we sure showed 'em what a comeback look like."

Romney also finished second last week in Iowa after

"Let's give America the kind of comeback you just gave me... We are in it for the long run."

**HILLARY CLINTON**  
Democratic candidate

Romney told supporters in New Hampshire Tuesday night. He congratulated McCain "for running a first-class race. Give him a round of applause."

McCain pinpointed the beginning of his remarkable comeback — "a very slow snowball," he called it — to a debate just after Labor Day in New Hampshire, when he gave a moving, emotional answer to a young woman who stood to ask if her brother's death in Iraq had been worth it.

"That was quite a moment, and one I'll never forget... It was when people first really started looking at the candidates," McCain told reporters recently.

He then embarked on a series of town hall meetings, 101 in all (he held 114 in 2000), where he took questions from all comers.

"The undecideds started showing up and giving me another look," McCain said. "I've always said I can out-campaign most people. And with another burst of ego, I can relate to people at a town hall meeting."

McCain also relied on externals breaking his way, usually a disney proposition in a political campaign. But he lucked out: Romney collapsed in Iowa in the face of Huckabee's surge, denting his front-running aura. And the troop surge in Iraq, which McCain had urged for years,

## CATERING

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UK Catering decided it was time for something new.

"We wanted to change our reputation first," Schmidt said. "Then we decided to go with a theme, someone suggested a disco theme and we ran with it to show we can have fun too."

The annual food show is the biggest event for UK Catering and has grown every year, increasing business for the catering side of UK Dining Services, Schmidt said. The event required a month of planning to be ready for the anticipated crowd of 300 to 500 people.

"This event is like inviting everyone to our own little party," said Melinda Plymale, event coordinator for UK Dining Services.

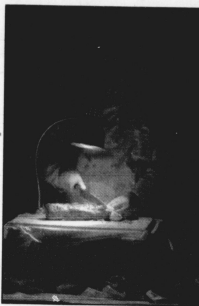
Many of the members of different UK departments enjoyed the food and the atmosphere of the offbeat theme.

"It's great," said Kristi Cox, a staff-support associate for the department of employee benefits. "I'm really impressed with the food and decoration."

And while Cox's department already uses UK Catering for all its events, the food show helps keep the department as a client, she said.

The event also serves to bring in new

clients like Karen McDonald, a price contract coordinator in UK's purchasing department. "I love it," McDonald said. "Plus, it's free food."



Jerrid Figgs slices a Jamaican pork loin yesterday afternoon in the Student Center Grand Ballroom during UK Catering's disco-themed food show.



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## NEWS BRIEF

### Former city police chief starts at UK

STAFF REPORT

Anthony Beatty, the former chief of the Lexington Police Department, began working at UK on Monday as the assistant vice president for public safety.

UK announced in August that Beatty would join the administration and oversee the UK Police Department, Parking and Transportation, Environmental Health, and Safety and Emergency Management.

The position is not entirely new. Last year Ken Clevidence was responsible for those departments and for university property as the assistant vice president of auxiliary affairs. After he retired in June, the university modified the position so that it

had a greater emphasis on public safety.

One of the first tasks that Beatty will have to tackle is the ongoing search for a UK police chief. In August, Beatty said finding a new chief would be his first order of business.

The last permanent chief resigned in November 2004. Maj. Joe Monroe is serving as an interim police chief until UK makes a final choice.

While the decision needs to be made quickly, Beatty wants the search to be done well to ensure the right chief is in place, said UK spokesman Jay Blanton. Beatty is reviewing resumes and also considering people who are currently within the department, Blanton said.

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which are some of the last in the country.

Strong showings in Iowa and New Hampshire are enough to give a candidate momentum — and funding — for upcoming primaries, especially "Super Tuesday" on Feb. 5, when more than 20 states will participate in primary elections, Gross said.

Clinton won New Hampshire after falling to Obama in the Iowa caucuses last week. Huckabee's loss in New Hampshire after a victory in Iowa highlights how open the Republican race still is, Gross said.

High voter turnout in Iowa added to the uncertainty, Gross said. More people are coming out and making it hard to predict who will take home party nominations, he said. The increase also signaled an increased interest in the 2008 presidential election.

More than 225,000 voters came out for the Democratic caucuses in Iowa, up from 124,000 in 2004. The Republican caucuses also saw an increase from 87,000 voters in 2004 to about 120,000 last week, according to the Iowa Secretary of State Web site.

About 500,000 voters were expected to participate in the New Hampshire primaries, according to predictions by New Hampshire Secretary of State William Gardner on Monday. Official voter statistics were not available by press time last night.

UK College Democrats and College Republicans are both encouraging students to get involved on an individual basis if they are interested in supporting a candidate during statewide primaries and caucuses.

"In Kentucky, we don't really have much of a choice who gets picked," said Robert Kahne, UK College Democrats president and political science and economics junior. "If you're really interested in getting involved in a particular candidate's campaign, contacting the campaign directly is the best way to do that."

UK College Republicans President Thomas Roberts agreed, saying students who want to actively support a specific candidate should focus on upcoming state primaries.

"I've encouraged people if they support a particular candidate to call the campaign or get in touch with a grassroots organization and get involved," Roberts said.

Richard Becker, who serves as state co-chair of the College Democrats, traveled to Iowa during Christmas break to work for Democratic candidate John Edwards' campaign.

"The Iowa caucus holds almost mythical status among people who work on campaigns," Becker said. "It's the leadoff state. It sets the tone for the rest of the race."

Becker, a political science and economics senior, spent more than a week making phone calls, canvassing in support of Edwards and helping staff events when the candidate was in town.

The experience was a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity and offered him the chance to be a part of an event he couldn't have in Kentucky, Becker said.

"Any student who can make the trip to a state like Iowa, New Hampshire or even Nevada or South Carolina should do it," he said. "Thirty to 40 years from now, I will be able to look back at this experience and know I was a part of history."

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### ■ KERNEL EDITORIAL

## Beshear breaks campaign promises with budget cuts

What a difference two months can make. In November 2007, Democratic gubernatorial candidate Steve Beshear vied for student support — and won the Kernel's endorsement — by promising to fund UK's Top 20 Business Plan.

But last week, Kentucky Gov. Steve Beshear cut state universities' budgets by 3 percent for the rest of this fiscal year and warned them to prepare for reductions as high as 12 percent for next year, the Kernel reported today.

So while Beshear the candidate was promising a \$19.8 million increase for UK in 2008-09, Beshear the governor is saying the university could face up to \$40 million in cuts.

If Beshear follows through on these reductions in his budget proposal this month, students will be furious — and rightly so.

The problem is not that Beshear is calling for cuts; after all, the state can't spend money it doesn't have. But he and his campaign team should have crunched the budget numbers before making promises that couldn't be kept.

## U.S. takes a step forward for open government and new media with reform

The following editorial appeared in the Milwaukee Journal Sentinel on Friday.

The first significant reform in more than a decade of the federal Freedom of Information Act, signed into law last week by President Bush, is an important step forward for open government and the ability of citizens to hold their government representatives accountable for their actions.

By improving the process by which the federal government carries out the requirements of the act, the law should correct a tendency in government to stonewall or delay action on requests for public information. At the same time, by broadening the definition of who is a journalist, the new law improves accessibility for bloggers and other non-traditional journalists at a time when technology is changing the dynamics of media.

The Open Government Act of 2007 improves FOIA by creating an inde-

pendent ombudsman to resolve citizen disputes, creating a system for the public to easily track the status of requests and allowing those making requests to more effectively recover legal costs incurred when federal agencies improperly deny requests. It also broadens the scope of information that can be requested by including government contracting information held by private contractors.

"The Open Government Act will help to reverse the troubling trend of excessive delays and lax FOIA compliance in our government and help to restore the public's trust in their government," said Sen. Patrick Leahy, D-Vt., who sponsored the bipartisan legislation with Sen. John Cornyn, R-Texas.

No doubt, some bureaucrats will continue to try to deny the public access to information. But our hope is that such foot-dragging just became much more difficult.

Obviously, higher education will have to share the burden of any significant statewide budget cut. However, another across-the-board cut would be irresponsible and, frankly, lazy.

Finally, as students possibly face a return to the days of double-digit tuition hikes — tuition went up 15 percent in 2004-05 after a \$16.5 million cut by Fletcher — we cannot overemphasize the need for them to get involved in legislative politics.

If Beshear's budget proposal is unfair to universities, the General Assembly has the opportunity to fix it. Recall that in 2006, the legislature restored the funding for UK's Top 20 Business Plan for this school year after Fletcher left it out. But legislators need to know that students and their families are paying attention — and will be voting in the legislative elections this fall.

The disappointment of broken promises should not discourage students from fighting for lower costs in higher education.



TOM WILKINS, Kernel cartoonist

## New Year has lost its symbolic significance in modern society

I no longer look forward to the New Year. When I was a kid, New Year's Day was an exciting time.



LINSEN LI  
Kernel  
columnist

Schools in China don't have a prolonged winter break, so New Year's Day was like a special gift to me. My parents would take me shopping downtown, or to visit an amusement park or the zoo.

I also used to buy into the "new year, new beginning" saying. I was led to believe that the beginning of a new year magically erases everything from the past year, especially things that are undesirable. And with a blank slate, everything is possible in the New Year.

Now that I am older, New Year's Day has lost its special attraction and symbolic significance.

This New Year's Day, I spent the majority of my time sleeping and watching TV, not unlike most of my other days during winter break.

Granted it provided a much-needed break after a long semester, but it was also a far cry from an inspiring and ideal beginning for the year of 2008.

For college students who get to celebrate New Year's Day without their parents around, many of them just treat it as another party night to get smashed. In that regard, New Year's Eve is no different from Halloween, or just another "Thirsty Thursday." And being hungover during the first day of the new year is no more inspiring than watching Spike TV's New Year marathon.

As for New Year's resolutions, it seems that people take them as seriously as birthday wishes.

Personally, I don't make any New Year's resolutions. My theory is, if one wants to accomplish a goal, why not start today instead of waiting until the next New Year's Day?

Yet without doing any research, I can name with confidence three of America's top 10 New Year's resolutions: quitting smoking, getting organized and the ever-so-popular losing weight.

More tellingly, it is obvious that, for a significant number of people, the above resolutions have made the list more than once, which means these people couldn't keep up with their resolutions.

Whatever happened to the good ol' days when New Year's resolutions were quasi-sacred and incurred immeasurable guilt to their transgressors? Better yet, what happened to the time in history when each New Year's

Day brought the creation of a new world?

Mircea Eliade, a 20th-century scholar on religion, observed that some ancient cultures regarded the beginning of each new year as literally the beginning of a new universe.

According to Eliade's "Myth and Reality," New Year's ceremonies among the Mesopotamians, the Egyptians and other Near Eastern peoples re-enacted their creation myths. Therefore, each New Year's ceremony was the beginning of the world for these peoples.

Of course, our ancestors' reverence of the New Year is impractical in the current world, to say the least. Can you imagine the release of all prisoners and elimination of all debts on New Year's Day?

In today's society, people are so occupied with overwhelming daily activities that they no longer care to pay due attention to the symbolic meaning of the New Year.

While mourning the declining significance of the New Year and the adulteration of New Year's resolutions, I can't help but think that perhaps it is all for naught, that maybe it is part of the natural progress of history as well as the result of my own aging.

This year, I have accepted my apathy toward the New Year.

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## SG looks to work with state leaders to benefit UK students in new year

Hello friends! Welcome back to campus after what I thought was a rather short break, but getting out for the summer break before the Kentucky Derby makes it worth it, I guess.



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columnist

Congratulations to our football team for winning its second bowl game in a row. It sure made me proud sitting in a stadium full of blue when I attended the Music City Bowl over the break.

Now, with the pigskin in the closet, we focus on basketball — let's just try to stay positive. I'd hear rumors there could be a new face around soon.

Before I start, I want to comment on the lack of transitions in my articles. A friend teased me about it over Winter Break, and I want everyone to know that I know they are not here. There just isn't enough room!

Over the break, my team of Student Government members went on a retreat and spent a lot of time trying to focus in on what worked in our first semester and what we can do better this spring. We are excited about the possibilities, and we won't stop until May.

I hope more students will come in

and get involved, especially as we gear up for the General Assembly over in Frankfort.

In case you haven't heard it in the news, the newly elected Gov. Steve Beshear is calling for budget cuts across higher education.

Before break, our goal was to work toward a tuition increase of 5 percent or less, but now with the potential budget cuts, there is not as much optimism. However, I will keep in touch about the outlook of the cost for your education in the next couple of months.

As you read this, I am in the SG office with all of you enjoy politics or politicians, but the truth is what they think and do directly affects things you do and care about. That's why we hope to bring local, state and national political leaders to campus very soon.

Coming up in a couple weeks is the filing deadline for the 3rd District council seat — get ready! It is up to SG and all students to make sure the next representative is a student-friendly one. We will invite all candidates to campus along with Mayor Jim Newberry and current Councilman Dick DeCamp.

As you read this, I am in the SG office with Chief of Staff Chris Crumrine setting up meetings with every member of the Kentucky delegation that we can.

I scheduled no classes on Monday, Wednesday or Friday this semester so that we can be all over the Capitol

during the legislative session. Believe it or not, SG will be on top of its political game this semester. The kickoff will be this Thursday as I talk with our UK Advocacy Network, legislators in Frankfort and UK President Lee Todd.

I am excited about a lot of things right now, and the new electric shaver I got for Christmas is one of them. The purchased golf cart for SafeCats has arrived! Look for it cruising around campus.

There are a lot of events occurring in the upcoming week and half of our spring welcome week, also known as K2 programs. I know many of you participated in K-Week this past semester and had a blast. Visit the Web site to tell you what's going on (<http://www.uky.edu/StudentAffairs/K2/index.html>).

Also, go ahead and mark your calendars for two big upcoming events: the Martin Luther King Jr. vigil on Jan. 20 and DanceBlue on Feb. 22 and 23. There is so much to do for both events, and we need volunteers, so come in to the SG office in room 120 of the Student Center, and I'll hook you up.

Well, I am done for now! Keep in touch with me, folks, every other Tuesday as we enjoy my last semester at UK together. I promise it to be a fun one.

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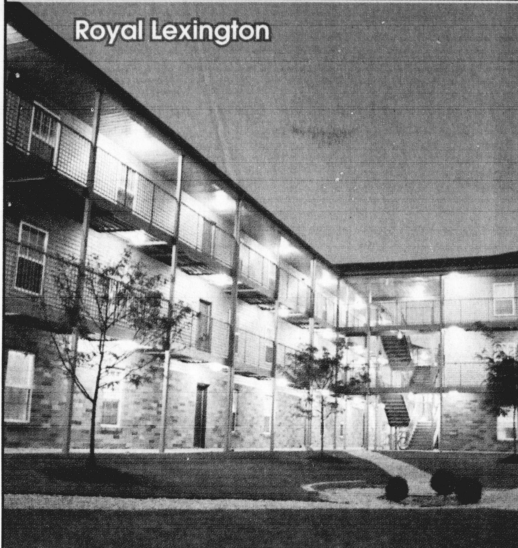
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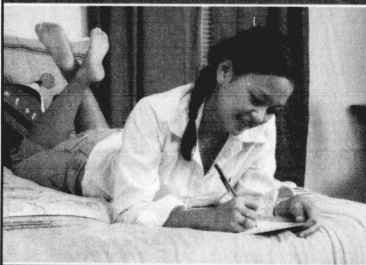
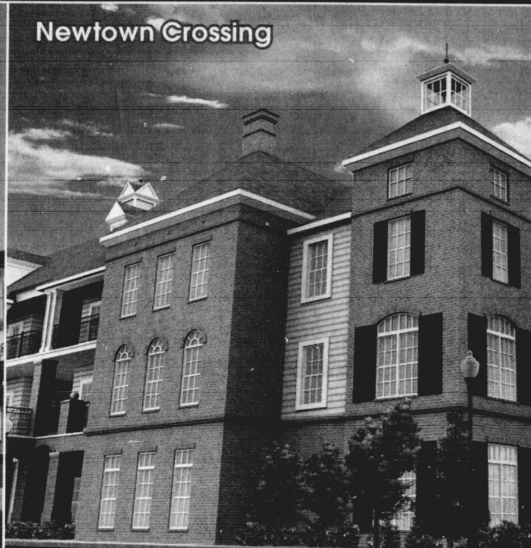


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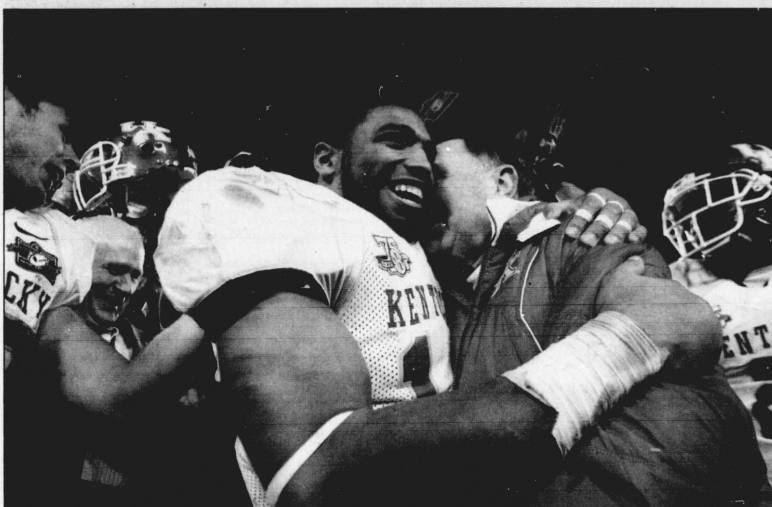


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# SPORTS

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Senior linebacker Wesley Woodyard hugs head coach Rich Brooks after the UK football team accepted the 2007 Music City Bowl trophy in Nashville on Dec. 31.

## A FITTING END

### Senior Cats lead UK to second straight bowl victory

By Eric Lindsey  
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NASHVILLE — Fresh off the program's first back-to-back bowl wins since the 1951-52 seasons, the hype and expectations surrounding the UK football team has never been higher.

After struggling under Rich Brooks in his first three seasons as head coach, UK has turned in a pair of 8-5 seasons that were both topped off with a bowl victory in the Gaylord Hotels Music City Bowl in Nashville.

The UK players and coaches celebrated in similar fashion to last season's bowl victory, drenching Brooks in a Gatorade bath and vowing to return to another bowl next season.

"Turning the program around means we need to be in postseason play next year," Brooks said just minutes after this season's bowl victory.

The Cats' postseason trip this year was not always pretty. Facing a depleted Florida State team that was



Senior running back Rafael Little crosses the goal line for a touchdown against Florida State University in the 2007 Music City Bowl on Dec. 31. UK won the bowl for the second year in a row 35-28 over the Seminoles.

without 36 players — a large majority was suspended for cheating on a music test — the Cats looked sluggish at times.

UK committed four turnovers, seven penalties for 45 yards and

continually let the Seminoles back into the game. But as they have done throughout their careers at UK, it was the Cats' seniors who answered the call.

Andre Woodson led the way

with his second consecutive Most Valuable Player Award. The senior quarterback was 32-of-50 for 358 passing yards and four touchdowns. Senior tailback Rafael Little added 204 all-purpose yards.

"I really am not eloquent enough to put it into words how much these guys mean to me," Brooks said. "It's as special a group as I've ever coached in my life."

But with their final performance comes the reality that Brooks and Co. must replace those 16 seniors, the majority who played significant minutes during the last two years.

Besides losing Woodson and Little in the backfield on offense, the Cats will lose the majority of their top receivers. UK will face the tough task of replacing wide outs Keenan Burton and Steve Johnson along with tight end Jacob Tamme.

Junior wide receiver Dicky Lyons Jr. should shoulder the blow, and freshman wide out Kyrus Lanter figures to battle for a starting role.

Replacing a quarterback the cal-

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## Cats' season isn't over but getting close to it

The season isn't over. It might seem like it, but it's only halfway gone.

Louisville head coach Rick Pitino pointed this out to the media after his Cardinals had just beat UK 89-75 Saturday.

This isn't football, he said, where one loss can end a team's title chances. This is basketball. It's not time to panic yet.

Easy for you to say, coach. Your team just improved to 10-4 on the year, and the Cards have a healthy roster for the first time all season.

Try telling UK fans not to panic. They should not panic. They should just like Rudy Giuliani should be packing right now.

This UK basketball team is not good at all.

They don't get enough out of the guards, and they rely too much on freshman forward Patrick Patterson. Without sophomore guards Derrick Jasper and Jodie Meeks for much of the schedule so far, those other shortcomings have had more impact on the early season struggles.

That said, however, the season isn't over. Not by a long shot. UK can look forward to the second half of the season for a number of reasons.

First, what's in the past is in the past.

Coaches and players often say a season consists of two parts, the non-conference play and the conference games. And given the way the non-conference schedule turned out, UK will welcome the 16-game Southeastern Conference slate.

More good news about the SEC schedule for the Cats: The conference isn't as good as it has been in years past.

The best team in the nation isn't in the conference anymore. Only three teams are ranked, Tennessee, Vanderbilt and Mississippi, but combined, Vandy and Ole Miss have beaten one ranked team, UK is bad, but so are Louisiana State, South Carolina, Georgia, Auburn and Florida.

The league is as wide open as it has ever been. UK was leading a Final Four caliber team at halftime on Saturday. That means they can compete with Tennessee and Vanderbilt and everyone else in the SEC, especially now that they are at full strength.

"We wanted to come in and get a win against a very good team and have some momentum going into conference play, but we didn't do that," senior guard Ramel Bradley said after the U of L loss. "We just have to look forward going into the new season."

That brings up the next point: The SEC Tournament still awaits the Cats at the end of the season. Win that, and UK gets into the

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## BASKETBALL NOTEBOOK

### Pitino urges UK fans to be patient

By Travis Waldron  
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It has been nearly two decades since Rick Pitino first took the reins of a UK basketball program sinking into the depths of probation and embarrassment.

In the 1989-90 season, Pitino's first year at UK, the Cats limped to a 14-14 record, but success was soon to follow in the 1990s as UK put together one of the more dominant decades in college basketball history.

Now, 19 years after taking the UK job and a decade after leaving Lexington for the NBA, Pitino promised Cats fans that the program would bounce back, as it did for him, under Gillispie's guidance.

"Don't get discouraged," Pitino said. "He's a terrific coach. What you saw last year with a hot team in Texas A&M, he's going to get that type of talent in here. He's a tireless worker and a great recruiter. This is going to be a journey for him, but just stay positive and you're going to have a program like the old days."

Gillispie's tenure is off to a rough start.

The Cats are 6-7 and suffered embarrassing losses to mid-majors Gardner-Webb and San Diego and archrivals Indiana, Louisville and North Carolina.

Gillispie acknowledged his team's talent deficiencies before the season when he said UK's talent level "wasn't where it needed to be," but the Cats have failed to live up to expectations that were already lower than normal.

Pitino even told UK fans not to give up hope for this season.

"Kentucky now will get healthy," Pitino said. "The SEC hasn't been as strong; they'll get healthy. They can not only do well in their conference but they've got their conference tournament at the end of the year when they'll really be rolling."

For now, Pitino said, UK fans need to relax and ride out the storm.

"Everybody panics too much," he said.

**Tempers flare during 'Dream Game'**

UK senior guard Ramel Bradley and Louisville forward Terrence Williams took the "Dream Game"

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Senior guard Ramel Bradley drives past Louisville center Terrence Farley during Saturday's game.

### Cards crunch Cats, snap losing streak

By Travis Waldron  
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UK head coach Billy Gillispie didn't pause to choose his words carefully. He didn't sugarcoat it. When asked about his team's 89-75 loss to arch-rival Louisville on Jan.

5, his answer was short and simple.

"Just another whipping, guys."

Familiar problems doomed the Cats against Louisville. A 6-39 scoring drought in the first half put them behind 11 points. The Cats battled back to take a 31-30 halftime lead, but Louisville forced six turnovers in seven possessions spanning the end of the first and beginning of the second halves.

Louisville began the second half on a 9-0 run and stretched it into a 32-9 run, finishing off the Cats and putting Gillispie's first UK team in a precarious position. With a 6-7 record, UK is becoming dangerously close to missing the NCAA Tournament for the first time since 1991.

Senior guards Ramel Bradley and Joe Crawford paced the Cats with 27 and 19 points, respectively, but still suffered the first loss to Louisville of their careers.

Five Cards, led by senior forward Juan Palacios and sophomore guard Jerry Smith, scored

in double figures to help U of L earn its first win over UK since 2003.

But Gillispie is trying to stay positive. Though he admitted it didn't necessarily show in the loss, Gillispie said his team is improving in practice now that sopho-

more guards Derrick Jasper and Jodie Meeks are healthy.

"I believe you gain in practice. I've been seeing a lot of improvement in practice."

**BILLY GILLISPIE**

Head coach

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iber of Woodson, who finished as UK's all-time career passing-touchdown record holder with 79 scores, will be no easy task either. Sophomore Mike Hartline and junior Curtis Pulley will battle for the quarterback spot.

On the defensive side of the ball, the Cats lose linebacker Wesley Woodyard, strong safety Roger Williams and defensive end Dominic Lewis. Woodyard, the two-time season leader in tackles in the Southeastern Conference, believes the defense can be better next year despite losing its seniors.

"We believe and trust that we're leaving the program in good hands," he said.

The most notable returning player is sophomore defensive end Jeremy Jarmon, who recorded nine sacks during the 2007 campaign. Losing Woodyard at the linebacker position is a huge hit to the defense, but the return of junior linebackers



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UK head coach Rich Brooks shakes hands with Florida State head coach Bobby Bowden after the Cats beat the Seminoles 35-28 in the 10th-annual Music City Bowl in Nashville on Dec. 31.

Johnny Williams and Braxton Kelley and sophomore Micah Johnson should keep the

defense in stride.

"They've done such a great job getting our program on

track," Jarmon said of the seniors. "It's up to some of us now to continue the tradition."

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rivalry to a new level during the second half Saturday when Bradley's hard foul on U of L center David Padgett nearly led to a brawl.

Bradley's foul sent Padgett sprawling across the floor, and though the UK senior appeared to make an attempt to help Padgett, Williams took exception to the foul.

Williams pushed Bradley forward out of the melee before it could escalate further.

Williams was charged a technical foul. Bradley received only a personal foul after initially being assessed an intentional foul.

"It's basketball," Gillispie said of the scrum.

### Ryder Cup captain visits Rupp

Professional golfer Paul Azinger, the captain of the 2008 U.S. Ryder Cup team, was in Rupp Arena for the UK-U of L game. Azinger was in Kentucky to promote the Ryder Cup, which will be held at Louisville's Valhalla Golf Club in September.

"We're looking forward to coming down here," Azinger said. "We're looking forward to the great fans of Kentucky being our 13th man. We're going to try to get them fired up."

The Ryder Cup is a four-day, match-play tournament that pits the 12 best American golfers against the 12 best golfers from Europe.

Three Kentucky natives have a chance to qualify for the team.

Franklin native Kenny Perry is the most experienced Kentuckian on the PGA Tour, and Campbellsville's J.B. Holmes and Covington's Steve Flesch are also Tour members with chances to make the team.



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Senior guard Joe Crawford heads for the floor after getting tripped up during the second half of UK's 89-75 loss to the University of Louisville.

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NCAA Tournament. Unless the Cats go 13-3 or better in the SEC, they're going to have to win the conference tournament to get into the Big Dance.

We've seen before that anything can happen in the conference tournament.

In 1996, Mississippi State beat UK in the tournament after the Cats went 16-0 in the SEC. In 2000, Arkansas won four games in four days to win the tournament.

Last year, the Razorbacks won three games in the tournament that got them an at-large berth in the NCAA Tournament.

"We have a lot to look forward to going into SEC play," Bradley said.

Keep in mind that UK has won 25 SEC Tournaments compared to 22 from the rest of the league. Teams don't forget that.

Nor will anyone forget about UK's first 13 games this season. But that season is over. The second season is just beginning.

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## Former linebacker takes on toughest foe: cancer

By Charean Williams  
McClatchy Newspapers

FORT WORTH, Texas — Sherrill Headrick was a linebacker in the AFL/NFL for nine seasons. He once unknowingly played a game with a broken neck, earning him the nickname "Psycho" from Kansas City Chiefs teammate Len Dawson.

"He was tough," said Hall of Fame kicker Ian Stenerud, who played with Headrick in 1967. "He had all kinds of stuff happen to him, and he never came out of the game. He had a pain threshold like no other human being that any of us have run across, and a lot of people in that business have a high pain threshold, believe me."

Headrick, who played at TCU and still lives in Fort Worth, had never been hit as hard as he was Sept. 24 when Dr. Natalie Murray, a transplant surgeon at Baylor All Saints Medical Center, told him he had terminal cancer. The aggressive tumor had spread from his liver to his adrenal glands and right lung before it was caught.

Headrick, 70, was told he

had only a few months.

"It was every emotion you can possibly imagine," Headrick's wife, Mary Dale, said. "We weren't expecting that."

Chemotherapy can't help Headrick. A drug called thalidomide, experimental in his type of cancer, has helped. Thalidomide was first marketed in Europe in the late 1950s. Only in recent years was it found to be effective in multiple myeloma, and studies are ongoing to determine its effects on several other types of cancers.

A month's supply of the small, light brown capsule, which is taken once a day, costs \$4,200. Insurance at first refused to cover the pill for Headrick, forcing Mary Dale, Headrick's wife of 20 years, to withdraw money from her 401(k) to pay for the first round of treatment.

Stenerud, who had heard the news from former teammate Smokey Stover, contacted Jerry Kramer, the former Green Bay Packers star who led the founding of the Gridiron Greats Assistance Fund. The nonprofit organization provides financial assistance and coordinates social ser-

VICES to retired NFL players in need.

Last month, as part of the Gridiron Guardian Sunday initiative, a public fundraiser was launched to aid Headrick.

"Our first reaction was, 'We don't need this money,'" Mary Dale said. "(Our) family has plenty to eat, and we're not living in a car. But they said, 'You took money out of your retirement fund.' It's really been an answer to a prayer."

The office of state Rep. Charlie Geren, R-Fort Worth, also has helped, and insurance paid for the second month's supply. The Headricks are awaiting word from the insurance company about the next round of medicine, but tests show it is working against the cancer.

"Obviously, it's doing me good," said Headrick, who began his first dose of thalidomide Nov. 19. "I'm still hanging in there. I haven't been one to just quit."

Headrick, who was inducted into the Chiefs' Hall of Fame in 1993, was a five-time AFL all-star. He was the Chiefs' starting middle linebacker in the 1962 and '66 AFL Championship

Games, and in the first Super Bowl, a 35-10 loss to the Packers.

Headrick had 14 career interceptions, including three he returned for touchdowns. He also blocked a 42-yard field-goal attempt by Houston's George Blanda in the fourth quarter of the 1962 AFL title game won by the Dallas Texans 20-17 in two overtimes.

He is best known for playing through anything. Headrick once played two days after hemorrhoid surgery. Doctors shot him full of painkillers, provided him a sanitary napkin and cleared him to play. He also played a game with an undiagnosed broken neck from an accidental collision during pregame warm-ups. He had three interceptions.

Headrick has lost count of how many surgeries he has had, estimating it somewhere between 15 and 19. He has two artificial hips and two artificial knees; he has had four disks removed from his back; and he has had surgery on both shoulders. For several years now, degenerative arthritis has made it difficult for him to walk.

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SPORTS BRIEF

# Clayton wins inaugural Rudy Award

STAFF REPORT

Senior linebacker Terry Clayton was named yesterday as the inaugural recipient of the Rudy Award in Anaheim, Calif.

Clayton beat out three other finalists for the award, which honors NCAA Division I student-athletes who demonstrate exemplary character, courage, contribution and commitment as members of their football teams.

Despite losing his hearing at age five, Clayton has been a part of the UK football team as a walk-on for the past five seasons

and has been named to the South-eastern Conference Academic Honor Roll twice.

The senior was presented with a \$5,000 scholarship and a bronze statue.

"I am very proud to have won this award," Clayton said. "I'd like to thank God and my family for giving me the strength to follow my dream."

Clayton played in four games this season and recorded two tackles. "I'm absolutely thrilled that Terry Clay-



Clayton

ton has won the inaugural Rudy Award and been recognized for overcoming his disability," head coach Rich Brooks said. "Terry made great contributions to turning around our program. He is a hard worker, never late, and didn't miss anything."

"He is a tremendous example of how to play the game of football. Clearly, he is one of the most respected players on our team. When our players hear this, they are going to be so excited."

COMMENTARY

# Relentless Tigers cruise in SEC-Big Ten showdown

By Rick Morrissey  
Chicago Tribune

NEW ORLEANS — It's possible to know when you're in mid-masterpiece, isn't it? To know when you're on to something special before you've even thought of an ending?

Surely LSU had to know it was in the middle of something good Monday night. Had to, after falling behind by 10 points in the blink of an eye to start the game and then roaring back to take a commanding halftime lead.

There was a relentlessness to the Tigers, and a ruthlessness, too, as if they wanted no part of this silly debate about the merits of a college playoff system. They were going to plant their flag as national champions and not be ashamed of it, the two regular-season losses be damned.

Oh, there was a certain amount of messiness involved. Please don't mistake what happened here for perfection. Receivers were left wide open. Defenders blew assignments. Humans acted human.

But the vast majority of the humans acting human in the BCS national championship game were Ohio State Buckeyes. The final was 38-24 LSU.

Ohio State will have to live with the knowledge that it did not play with the intelligence commonly associated with an institution of higher learning. Stupid penalties, a blocked field-goal attempt and an interception were self-inflicted wounds in the first half. And then two personal fouls to start the second half, one for roughing the punter on what looked like a sure blocked punt but wasn't, helped do in the Buckeyes.

Last season the Buckeyes were thoroughly outplayed in the national championship game. This time they were thoroughly outsmarted. There really aren't many more ways to thoroughly lose.

"I'm sure there were moments when we weren't as perfectly on cue as we should have been," coach Jim Tressel said, which is as much an understatement as his sweater vest is.

The Buckeyes had jumped to that 10-0 lead, thanks in part to Chris Wells' 65-yard touchdown run through a huge hole. The game was a little more than five minutes old, and it was not silly to think LSU didn't belong. The pro-playoff people were in their glory.

When the Tigers scored 24 unanswered points to take a 24-10 halftime lead, it felt over. Probably because it was.

Ohio State put no rush on LSU quarterback Matt Flynn, who picked apart the Buckeyes' defense. That's if you consider completing 19 of 27 passes and throwing four touchdowns "picked apart." He was the offensive player of the game.

Left for dead, the Buckeyes started breathing again when defensive back Malcolm Jenkins picked off a pass in the third quarter, setting up Todd Boeckman's fourth-down touchdown pass to Brian Robiskie to cut the lead to 31-17.

But a fourth-quarter hit on Boeckman by the Tigers' Ali Highsmith was vicious and decisive. With the Buckeyes going for it on fourth-and-8 in LSU territory, Highsmith separated Boeckman from the football. It stopped an Ohio State team that had stumbled upon some momentum.

"It wasn't because of their scheme or be-



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Louisiana State University receiver Early Doucet, left, gets upended by Ohio State's Donald Washington (not pictured) and Marcus Freeman in the first quarter of the BCS National Championship Game at the Louisiana Superdome in New Orleans, Louisiana, Monday, January 7, 2008.

cause of their speed," Buckeyes defensive end Vernon Gholston said. "It was because of execution."

It's rare in this town for there to be talk of a lack of buzz, what with Bourbon Street offering so much in the way of fortified beverages.

But that indeed was one of the themes to emerge during the buildup to this game. The perceived problems with college football's bowl system reportedly had brought on dissatisfaction among the masses, which reportedly had brought on the aforementioned lack of buzz around the game.

Somebody reportedly forgot to tell the people in the stands that Monday night. Now, granted, these were people with parochial bents. But still.

The Superdome might have been constructed to keep out the elements, but it sounded as if thunder had talked its way into the place.

Out of the chaos came a national champion. A disputed, controversial national

champion, perhaps, but a national champion. It was beautiful.

The system worked just fine. You're still arguing about it, aren't you?

It's not that the wrong teams were here. It's that nobody in a strange football season was slam-dunk worthy of being in the BCS title game, if you'll pardon the mixed sports imagery. And that gets us back to the debate about a college football playoff. Soccer is called the Beautiful Game, but arguing about who is or who should be No. 1 in college football might be the Most Oddly Beautiful Game, which won't win any awards for snappiest slogan.

That these two teams made it to the title game — Ohio State with one loss and LSU with two — is not an indictment of the system but the perfect reflection of a season in which anything weird that could happen did, and often on a weekly basis. It was a mutant offspring of Murphy's Law. Imperfect is perfect.

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## Writers strike cancels Golden Globes ceremony

By Korin Miller  
AM New York

So much for the glitz and glamour of the Golden Globes.

As actors threaten to boycott the show because of the ongoing screenwriters' strike, the 65th Annual Golden Globes ceremony on Sunday is being reduced to a glorified news conference.

The network will now broadcast an hour-long news conference announcing the winners on Sunday at 9 p.m. EST, according to Hollywood Foreign Press Association, which organizes the Globes. Then at 10 p.m., NBC will air a post-awards "party show."

"It's a victory for us," WGA spokeswoman Sherry Goldman said via phone from the picket lines yesterday. Victory or no, the Globes' possible reformation was news to Goldman: "Since we didn't grant (NBC and Dick Clark Productions) a waiver a month ago, they're not really talking to us."

This is a huge departure from the emotional acceptance speeches and suspense of past years.

"It's still a great award," pointed out Howard Rubenstein, of Rubenstein Public Relations. "There will be a lot of publicity, but the publicity will be diminished dramatically. It's really a shame because it's one of the best moments in the entertainment field."

This would be the first time since the Globes' inception in

1944 that the usual awards show will not be held.

"We are all very disappointed that our traditional awards ceremony will not take place this," said Jorge Camara, President of The Hollywood Foreign Press Association.

The ceremony, which has faced boycott threats from actors who do not want to cross picket lines — including Keira Knightley and George Clooney — did not have a host scheduled this year.

Hollywood screenwriters have been striking since Nov. 5 for an increased share of profits from Internet and new media sales.

Talks regarding the Globe have broken down among the Screen Actors Guild of America, NBC and Dick Clark Productions.

Mark Graham, managing editor of showbiz blog Defamer.com, said the viewers; Steven Spielberg, this year's Cecil B. DeMille lifetime achievement award recipient; and the studios are the ones who will bear the most. "Studios really rely on the Golden Globes for the Hollywood releases," he said. "That's usually when they establish themselves."

But Graham added, most of Hollywood has been in the dark over what will become of this year's show: "Everyone doesn't know what's going on." The Screen Actors Guild told the Associated Press on Friday that it

appeared all of the nominated actors planned to boycott the ceremony. Letters from their publicists backed up the statement.

The Hollywood Foreign Press Association has been scrambling for a solution for the past month after talks broke down with the WGA. The Association initially hoped to reach an interim deal for the awards show, similar to the one given to the "Late Show with David Letterman."

No major entertainment awards ceremony in the United States has ever been canceled, though significant events have caused their postponement.

The Academy Awards, which has been held continuously since 1929, were postponed three times. In 1938, flooding in Los Angeles pushed the Oscars back a week. There was a delay of two days in 1968 after Martin Luther King, Jr.'s assassination and a one-day delay after the assassination attempt on President Reagan in 1981.

The Emmy Awards for television were first handed out in 1949. They were postponed twice in 2001, first after 9-11 and then again after the invasion of Afghanistan. The show eventually aired seven weeks later.

The Grammy Awards have been just as dependable. They were first awarded in 1959, and first televised in 1971, a tradition that continues unbroken to this day.

## Rufus Wainwright sings as the spirit moves him

By Len Right  
The Morning Call (Allentown, Pa.)

Last fall, Rufus Wainwright had the good fortune to indulge in what he calls a two-month European "spree" to promote his latest projects — a well-received studio album, "Release the Stars," and the two-CD set, "Rufus Does Judy at Carnegie Hall," an ambitious live re-creation of the classic 1961 Judy Garland recording.

Now, however, the time has come for the pop singer-songwriter-pianist to pay the piper.

Just hours before ending the European tour he characterizes as "really exciting, really grandiose and really expensive," Wainwright acknowledges as much during a brief interview. "After some time off, I'm going to play a series of solo gigs to make up the difference."

Hours before his final European show in Lille, France, Wainwright is upbeat when he says, "I'm feeling very patriotic right now. I can't wait until I get home to New York City."

As for the difference in performing with a backing group and by himself, Wainwright says, "The band is very set in terms of what we play. Every night, we usually do the same songs, same dance numbers, same costume changes, same lighting. It's the same traveling road show."

"But when I'm solo, I play what I'm feeling that very day, even brand-new songs."

Given his hectic recording and performing schedule, does Wainwright ever think about kicking back?

"I strongly believe there will be plenty of time for that when I'm a little more wrinkled," he replies. "I'm 34 now, and this is the time to really make your mark and get down to business with what you want to accomplish. At 34, I'm at the apex of everything. I still look young and yet have a certain amount of experience."

Wainwright calls his fifth and latest studio CD, "Release the Stars," "a mature album, accessible but sophisticated."

"Every song is fully realized in what I'm trying to say," he says of the disc, which came out in May and is dedicated to his mother, Canadian folk singer Kate McGarrigle. "A lot of the tracks have the right ingredients to please the arts crowd and the foot-stomping people. It's sold more than any of my other albums have. It's gone gold all over Europe and did very well in the U.S."

The album's first single, "Going to a Town," created a stir and was even branded anti-American in some quarters. In the song, which he reportedly



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"Every song is fully realized in what I'm trying to say," Pop singer-songwriter Rufus Wainwright says about his new album, "Release the Stars."

wrote in less than an hour while sitting at the piano awaiting a dinner engagement, Wainwright sings that he is "so tired of America" for taking "advantage of a world that loved you well."

Wainwright, who is both a U.S. and Canadian citizen (his father is American folk singer Loudon Wainwright III), says the song is not political, but a "statement of exhaustion. It's about the general fatigue (brought on by the Iraq war), not against America or trying to rouse people to action."

Wainwright's song-for-song re-creation on "Rufus Does Judy," complete with nearly identical orchestration under the direction of "Wicked's" Stephen Oremus, "happened of its own volition."

"Long ago, at the beginning of the Iraq war, I got the idea while I was sitting in the car of a friend to do a song cycle at Carnegie Hall. That spark ignited a forest fire. I punctured some kind of bubble, so it could rain Judy."

Wainwright, who is openly gay, calls Garland "the gay patron saint in terms of what she meant to the gay world historically, and what she experienced — show-biz martyrdom, death by glamor."

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# Indoor water parks stay hot in spite of chilly winter weather

By Rick Armon  
Akron Beacon Journal

SANDUSKY, Ohio — Sarah Cable hopped onto a single water ski and surfed around on a giant, man-made wave inside the Kalahari Resort water park.

The 20-year-old Sandusky resident dived left and right, showing off her skills on one of the park's most popular attractions.

"I love it here," Cable said after her turn on the FlowRider, which shoots water quickly toward skiers, allowing them to surf without moving forward as long as they keep their balance. "This place is absolutely amazing."

Kalahari unveiled a 93,000-square-foot expansion two weeks ago, and now touts its Sandusky location at 173,000 square feet as the largest hotel indoor water park in the United States.

The bragging rights, though, aren't expected to last long.

Hotel indoor water parks are the hottest lodging concept this decade, experts said. Families love them for the entertainment. And, more importantly, hotel owners adore them because they can charge higher room rates and boost hotel occupancy year-round.

"It's really that aspect that's caused the current growth, if not explosion, in water-park resort development," said John Gerner, managing director of Leisure Business Advisors, a consulting company in Richmond, Va.

Forty-eight new hotel indoor water parks were expected to open this year and another 49 were under construction or set to break ground, according to an industry report released in July. Today, there are more than 180 in the United States a 283 percent jump in the last five years.

With so many markets untapped, industry analysts expect that trend to continue.

The first hotel indoor water park was created by accident in 1994.

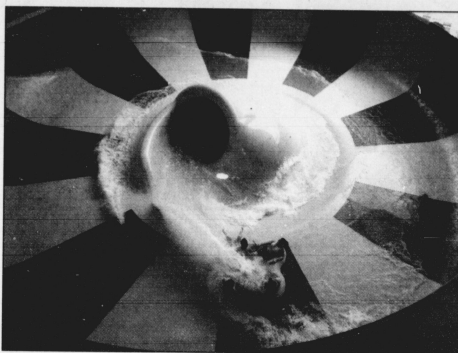
Stan Anderson, owner of the Polynesian Water Park Resort in Wisconsin Dells, Wis., wanted to fill more rooms at his hotel so he added a water-play feature. Reservations jumped and competitors began to copy the concept.

Today, there are 21 water-park resorts in Wisconsin Dells. In Sandusky, there are three: Kalahari, Great Wolf Lodge and Castaway Bay; and a fourth, Maui Sands, is slated to open in April.

Anderson's decision also has spawned indoor water-park chains, such as Kalahari and Great Wolf Lodge.

"By 2000, word had gotten out that this concept was a boost to the lodging industry," said William Haralson, president of William L. Haralson & Associates Inc., a water-park consulting company in Albuquerque, N.M. "It was like dropping a pebble in a pond and seeing the ripples go out."

He and Jeff Coy, of JLC Hospitality Consulting in Cave Creek, Ariz., compile a



Patrons take advantage on Dec. 27, 2007, of the warm waters at the Kalahari Resort in Sandusky, Ohio, the largest indoor water park in the United States.

report each year detailing trends in the hotel water-park resort industry. They also will hold a workshop on hotel water parks in February at Kalahari in Sandusky. Haralson expects about 400 people.

While the industry appears to be going crazy over the concept, Haralson and Gerner warned that indoor water parks aren't automatically successful and there is a potential for saturating a market. In the past, indoor water-park resorts were built near tourist destinations, but now they are moving into large residential areas, Gerner said.

"These types of projects sometimes lend themselves to what I call the 'Build it and they will come' philosophy," he said. "Sometimes that happens but really these types of projects rely on a good strong market. Either the resident market or tourist market."

The average hotel occupancy in the U.S. is 63 percent, with average room rates expected to hit \$103 this year, according to Haralson and Coy's report. It's difficult to know how hotel indoor water parks perform as a group, they said.

But some hotel indoor water parks average 26 percent better on occupancy and top locations average more than \$200 for room rates.

A Saturday room rate in January for two adults and two children ranges from \$259 to \$799 a night at Kalahari in Sandusky, according to the company Web site. People also can purchase an all-day pass for the water park only for \$34.

Haralson considers Kalahari, which carries an African theme throughout, one of the best because it caters to adults as well as

kids. The company has locations in Wisconsin Dells and Sandusky and plans to build a \$200 million facility in Fredericksburg, Va.

The Kalahari locations include convention centers, spas, restaurants, bars, shops and game rooms. They are Vegas-esque in scale.

The Sandusky location has 884 hotel rooms. Hallways are lined with authentic African art, including hand-carved, wooden sculptures, masks and fabrics adorning the walls. A lion cub is in a small glass enclosure in the lobby.

The indoor water park — there's also an outdoor one — is huge. It includes a wave pool, hot tubs, fast-moving slides, meandering rivers, little kids' play area, multiple bars and thatch hut cabanas for rent. One giant wall is painted as a savannah extending out from the water park. A portion of the reef is made of Teflon, allowing sunlight in.

"Don't expect to jump into a regular swimming pool for a few laps."

"You want that, go to the Y," joked Kristin Hartley, marketing manager for Kalahari.

The water park has been packed since the expansion opened Dec. 20, she said.

On a recent Thursday, there were about 2,000 people inside bobbing up and down in the wave pool, coasting lazily on a raft, or waiting in line for one of the slides and other attractions.

Outside, the temperature was about 30 degrees. Inside, it was 86.

"Just the idea of being in a water park in the middle of the winter in Ohio is pretty cool," Chris Strolia-Davis, 36, of Fairborn, Ohio, said.

## Font choices may help reveal personalities

By Sam McManis  
McClatchy Newspapers

You are reading this story in a typeface called Times.

Did you notice?

Do you care?

Many people don't. They go through their daily lives — sending e-mails, writing resumes, composing Word documents, crafting PowerPoint presentations — oblivious to the multitude of typefaces at their disposal.

Take New York Times bestselling mystery author John Lescroart, who lives in Davis.

"I just use my default font," Lescroart says. "I don't even know what it is. Hold on. I can tell you in about 10 seconds ..."

As we wait for Lescroart's answer, let's ponder the sudden and curious ascension of typefaces (also labeled "fonts" in most computer programs) for many others. It's a phenomenon in the pop-culture world, really, that goes hand-in-mouse with digital technology.

A new documentary, "Helvetica," exploring the appeal of that most utilitarian of typefaces, is garnering good reviews. Online sites where you can buy — no exaggeration — more than 58,000 fonts have proliferated, as has the griping by typography traditionalists. One art snob in Indiana has even started an online movement trying to ban the goofy typeface Comic Sans.

And yes, academics have weighed in, too. Researchers at Wichita State University in Kansas have published a series of studies detailing what your font of choice says about you — sort of a Rorschach test for the Web 2.0 set.

But, anyway, back to Lescroart ...

"OK," he says, "I'm currently typing in Times New Roman 12."

Then, he adds, almost apologetically: "I don't take advantage of what's out there."

Other people, however, do. And they see typefaces as extensions of their personalities.

"Typefaces are the clothes words wear, and just as we make judgments about people by the clothes they wear, so we make judgments about the information we're reading by the typefaces," typography analyst Caroline Archer told BBC radio recently.

For those who have, like, a life, here's a quick primer on typefaces: They are divided into two main groups — serif and sans serif. Serifs, simply, are letters with tiny horizontal lines added to the top and bottom of letters. Sans serifs, therefore, eschew such appendages. Of course, designers have manipulated type into all sorts of tricked-out forms.

But do fonts really make the man or woman?

"The cliché in my business," says Peter Norris, creative director for Sacramento advertising agency Runyon Saltzman Einhorn, "is that type talks. Think of it as your voice. A good company will be very consistent with its voice, whatever it's trying to convey. Some fonts are heavy and yell at you. Others are strong silent types."

Try this out as a new pickup line: Hey, babe, I'm a Rockwell Xbold. Are you my type?

OK, we digress.

Back to Sacramento Web developer Cody McKibben, pecking away on his laptop recently at the Naked Lounge cafe in midtown Sacramento — he says he's conscious of how oth-

ers will interpret a typeface. So he chooses carefully. It's akin, he says, to a first impression in the online world.

"When I'm e-mailing someone I don't know well, I'll stick with serif type, but I'll make sure to attach a signature in either Garamond or Georgia, which is much cleaner than Times New Roman," McKibben says. "When I'm doing a blog, I'll go with a sans serif like Verdana."

"I know some people choose fonts to make statements."

Never is that more true than with teenagers, for whom texting and e-mailing is a primary form of communication.

Caroline Loomis, a junior high school computer arts teacher in Davis, says she tries mightily to get her students to go easy on the wacky fonts. One popular choice for kids, she says, is Blackletter66 BT.

"It's (a) very fancy, Old English kind of calligraphic font," Loomis says. "It's a headline font totally unsuited to paragraph text."

In other words: Hard to read. Loomis, herself, has hundreds of fonts at her disposal, but admits remaining a typeface conservative.

"While I might wish to use a font or color to express 'me,' I never actually do it for fear that the other person will interpret it incorrectly," she says.

Although Loomis does lighten up occasionally by using Comic Sans — but only in the privacy of her own home.

Hmm. So, by the Wichita State psychology research-study standard, does that mean Loomis has a split personality?

Perhaps. Loomis' penchant for Times New Roman makes

her "stable, mature, formal and conformist," according to the data, whereas her Comic Sans bent makes her "happy, cuddly, youthful and casual."

But it's not really you that's being judged, lead researcher Dawn Shaikh hastens to add — it's how others perceive you.

Shaikh came by her study's findings after quizzing 561 subjects in 2005 and 2006 on 20 popular typefaces using 15 adjective pairs. From that, she and the two other researchers developed specific personality traits.

Shaikh's data suggest that those wanting to come off well in typeface correspondence should use sans serif fonts such as Verdana, Arial and Microsoft's new Calibri, or old serif standbys such as Georgia and Times New Roman.

Typefaces to avoid, lest you be saddled with a negative adjective: Rockwell Xbold ("rude, coarse, unattractive"), Impact ("plain, rigid, assertive"), Gigi ("unstable, rebel, impractical) and Courier New ("dull, unimaginative, plain").

"Those (negative) typeface personalities do translate to the perception of the document," Shaikh maintains.

But, unpopular as they may be, they haven't yet drawn the ire of graphic designers in an organized campaign, a la Comic Sans.

Norris, of Runyon Saltzman Einhorn, says, simply: "I hate it."

Indianapolis designer Dave Combs has taken his hatred a step further by developing the semi-tongue-in-cheek Web site bancomicsans.com, which encourages people to download decals to slap on any document or banner that uses the offending typeface.

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# Cats slide into preseason rankings at No. 20

By J.D. Williams  
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Back-to-back bowl victories for the first time since the days of legendary coach Paul "Bear" Bryant and the sudden free fall into the abyss by big blue basketball were not the only things shaking up UK's athletics while students were breaking.

Buried in the excitement of another memorable football season and the disappointment of the men's basketball season is a surging UK baseball team that was once again named one of college baseball's elite teams to start the year.

Coming off a season in which the Cats set a school record with 19 straight wins to open the season, the Cats have entered the preseason polls by earning the No. 20 ranking in the Collegiate Baseball Newspaper.

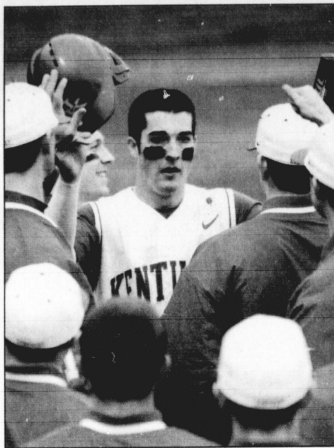
UK joins five other Southeastern Conference teams — No. 2 South Carolina, No. 4 Mississippi, No. 11 Vanderbilt, No. 27 Mississippi State and No. 30 Louisiana State — in the preseason poll.

This season the Cats return two of their top hitters. Senior first baseman Sawyer Carroll batted .350 last season while driving in 56 runners and hitting an SEC-best 23 doubles. Junior outfielder Collin Cowgill, a 2007 preseason All-American who missed the entire year due to injury, is back in the lineup.

Also returning for UK is Scott Green, a junior right-handed pitcher who had an intimidating 1.56 ERA last season.

Green, Cowgill and Carroll were all named to the 2008 Brooks Wallace National Player Award Watch List. Cowgill received the honor last season too.

Returning all three players puts fifth-year head coach John Cohen in good position for another SEC championship season, as he had in 2006 with a healthy club. Both Carroll and Green were selected in the Major League Baseball draft, but decided to stay in school.



Senior first baseman Sawyer Carroll is congratulated by teammates during the baseball team's game against Murray State on February 21, 2007.

## Gymnastics prepares for Excite Night

The UK gymnastic squad also received national attention over Winter Break. The team spent most of last season ranked in the top 25 and are currently ranked No. 24 in the GymInfo Preseason Coaches Poll.

Nine of the roster's 14 gymnasts are freshmen or sophomores, and this year will be a challenge for the young team as they have scheduled matches against nine opponents ranked in the top 25 and five that are ranked in the top 10.

The Cats will waste no time trying to meet their lofty expectations, facing No. 19 Auburn on Saturday night in UK's annual Excite Night held in Memorial Coliseum.

## Women win final non-conference game

The UK women's basketball team salvaged a rough Winter Break with a 67-57 win over Wofford on Monday night.

The win was just the Cats' second victory in their past five games, but it ended the non-conference schedule on a high note heading into tomorrow's matchup with conference foe Florida.

Four players scored in double-figures for the Cats (6-8), led by senior center Sarah Elliott's 16 points. Sophomore guard Amani Franklin chipped in with 15 points to help the Cats close out the Terriers.

UK opens SEC play tonight against the Gators at 7 in Memorial Coliseum.

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