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END OF AN ERA

## Kappa Alpha house razed



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### Thanks for the memories

Pascal Rich, a secondary education junior, returns to his former home, the Kappa Alpha house, for a memento. KA decided to demolish the house rather than investing the money to repair it.

### Demolished: Kappa Alpha seeks new house with help from national headquarters, alumni

By Kristi Martin  
STAFF WRITER

UK's oldest fraternity no longer has a home. In fact, all that is left of their long-time home is a gaping hole. The Kappa Alpha Order fraternity house was demolished last Friday before classes began.

The members of Kappa Alpha Order fraternity voluntarily moved out of the house last spring because of the deterioration of the aging building. Problems with the building were too expensive to fix, said Nick Doiron, vice president of KA and a biology junior.

"In order to make the house livable again, it would cost \$100,000 and we were not willing to put that kind of money into the project of restoring the building," he said.

The fraternity decided to allow their lease with UK to expire, said Matt Proud, president of KA and a nursing senior. He said that they decided to look for another place to reside instead.

UK decided to demolish the house instead of allowing another organization to use it.

Proud said that the house will be missed. "The decision to destroy the building was disappointing because the members that lived in the house had so many memories within those walls, but we did not want to live there any longer," he said.

Though not all KA members will live in a house together this year, they have moved to a cluster of a few houses. Activities have continued as usual.

"A Fraternity is like any other organization, and we do not function around a house. We go on with meetings and activities," Proud said.

Both Doiron and Proud agreed that living without a house has been a learning experience, but said that the fraternity has managed to keep ties strong.

Weekly meetings are currently being held at an off-campus site, Doiron said. Doiron added that the fraternity listserv also helps bridges communication between the members.

The fraternity is currently working on fundraising ideas to buy or build a new house in the future. Alumni members and the national headquarters are supporting them in the efforts to raise money for a new house. A national coordinator is working on projects to raise more than \$1 million for UK's Kappa Alpha Order, and alumni members are donating money to the effort.

"We are not planning to leave the University of Kentucky anytime soon. Our chapter is as strong as it has ever been, and we want to continue the tradition of Kappa Alpha Order," Doiron said.



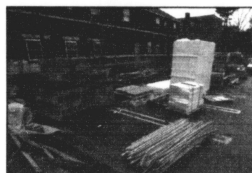
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### A house in ruins

This pile of rubble is all that remains of the Kappa Alpha fraternity house. Members currently live in a cluster of nearby houses.

THAT'S LIFE

## Parking spaces now full of bricks



Construction forced the closure of this lot behind sorority circle. "There's concern with bricks falling on the permit holders," said the parking director. JESSE LENIS | KERNEL STAFF

By Casey Hamilton  
STAFF WRITER

More than 20 students found their parking spots filled with bricks Thursday morning, as construction on new fraternity houses spilled into their lot.

"There are just piles and piles of bricks in the parking lot," said Heather Watts, who lives in the Delta Gamma house and parks in the lot.

The R-5 lot is located off Columbia Avenue and behind Sorority Row. Sorority members and members of the Sigma Alpha Epsilon fraternity usually park in the lot. Normally there are about 30 spaces, but now only about three or four spaces remain.

UK decided to close the lot to prevent any damages to cars parked there during the masonry work on the SAE fraternity house. The lot will reopen when construction finishes in about four weeks.

"There's concern with bricks falling on the permit holders," said Don Thornton, director of parking. "We are trying to do something to open up some more spaces."

During construction, students can return their passes for a pro-rated refund or have it switched to another lot somewhere else on campus.

But many of the lots are already filled and permits aren't available.

"We have to be sure we don't oversell the permits, and we don't find out about construction until the permits have been issued," Thornton said.

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OOPS

## Professor goofs, misses final exam

By Emily Hagedorn  
STAFF WRITER

It was the beginning of a very long week. The students of Sociology 409 and Sociology 342 came to their classroom Monday morning, Dec. 10, expecting to take their final.

But their professor, Thomas Egan, committed one of the biggest faux pas of college — he missed the final exam.

"We all thought something happened to him," said Courtney Sullivan, a communications senior in his Sociology 409 class.

Actually, Egan just made a simple mistake — he wrote down the wrong date.

"I was thinking the 10th was Tuesday," Egan said. "They (the classes) were back to back."

The sociology department was sympathetic to the accident.

"Egan has two other classes and it was just a matter of writing down the wrong time," said William F. Skinner, head of the sociology department.

The department sent every student an apology letter, Skinner said. Special allowances were given to graduating students and students with scholarship deadlines, and the secretaries took every student's phone number before they left class on Dec. 10, Egan said.

Some, though, believe the incident was not handled properly.

"They didn't handle the situation very well," Sullivan said. "We called the offices and they didn't return our phone calls."

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THE ARTS

## Singletary Center needs more funding to operate

### Money woes: Lighting and electrical systems in 'a precarious state of disrepair'

By Curtis Tate  
STAFF WRITER

It has echoed the melodic violin of the late Isaac Stern. The lofty voices of Leontyne Price and Kathleen Battle as well as the acoustic guitars of Collective Soul have filled it to the rafters. Its patrons experienced the humor of Garrison Keillor, the seriousness of Archbishop Desmond Tutu and the poetry of Maya Angelou.

Yet UK's Singletary Center for the Arts has suffered from

inadequate funding for its entire 22-year history, said Holly Salisbury, the center's director.

Salisbury, who has served as director since the center opened in the fall of 1979, said UK has only provided enough money to help cover annual operating costs. And because major renovations are needed soon, that may not be enough.

"We're going to go dark in the next year or so," Salisbury said.

Bob Shay, dean of the UK School of Fine Arts, said the

Singletary Center's lighting and electrical systems are in "a precarious state of disrepair."

He said the university partially financed an overhaul of these systems two years ago, but could not come up with the money to finish it.

"We've got the thing duct-taped together," he said. With UK vying for top-20 status among major public universities, the Singletary Center has moved up the list. It is among top 10 capital funding priorities President Lee Todd presented to the university trustees board in October.

But Jack Blanton, UK senior vice-president for administration, said the state budget shortfall poses a major prob-

lem. He said the electrical upgrade alone will consume \$500,000 at a time when the state may not be able to provide enough money to address other areas of UK that need attention.

UK gives the center \$150,000 each year. The center hosts about 300 events annually, and all users pay fees. Even the UK School of Music, the biggest user of the facility, pays for its 175 yearly performances. Other users include the Lexington Philharmonic, the Chamber Music Society and the Lexington Men's Chorus.

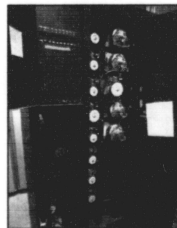
Shay said the fees, along with university funding and ticket sales, barely pay operational costs and staff salaries.

He said the center has not increased its fees in four years, even though staff costs have risen 15 percent. The center does not generate a profit, he added.

Many of UK's benchmarks have invested heavily in the arts. The University of Maryland recently constructed a \$130 million performing arts facility. The University of Georgia has also built a new center and the University of Iowa has committed a substantial sum to renovate its facility.

The center does have an endowment established by former UK President Otis Singletary and his wife. But Salisbury said

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The Singletary Center hosts about 300 events each year, but is in need of major repairs.

ALL THE NEWS THAT FITS

# The Low-down

## CAMPUS NEWS

### Trial for Mullins postponed again

The great tragedy of science -- the slaying of a beautiful hypothesis by an ugly fact."

— Thomas Huxley, Nineteenth Century English Scientist and Writer

The trial for Tanner Mullins, the man charged with fourth-degree assault in connection with a crime committed against an international student in October, has been rescheduled for Thursday, Jan. 24th at 10 a.m. This is the second postponement of the case. Mullins was arrested for his alleged role in an attack against a UK student, Ipeei Inoue, a sociology senior. Inoue claimed that he was struck in the face by a male after leaving the W.T. Young Library on October 5th. If convicted, Mullins could receive a maximum of 12 months in jail and a \$600 fine.

## STATE NEWS

### Fayette County Courthouse opens

LEXINGTON, Ky. — Fayette County's new circuit courthouse was dedicated Thursday. The new multimillion-dollar courthouse, at Main and Limestone streets, is full of amenities. It will replace the historic courthouse a few blocks away. A long, carpeted corridor lined with oak benches takes up much of the fourth floor. It was built for swearing-in attorneys and robing judges. "It's much nicer than anything we've ever had in Fayette County (courts)," said Chief Circuit Judge Mary Noble. The building also will include a high-tech courtroom with provisions for video, teleconferencing, remote testimony and computerized presentations. Beefed-up security will allow bailiffs to use secured elevators and separate corridors and entrances to separate prisoners from the public. The 120,000-square-foot courthouse is part of a \$62.5 million complex that will include a new district court building across the street. Noble said the second building should be finished by summer.

## NATIONAL NEWS

### Al-Qaida prisoner shipped to Cuba

KANDAHAR, Afghanistan — U.S. Marines began an extraordinary security mission on Thursday night — flying the first 20 of hundreds of al-Qaida prisoners to a U.S. base on Cuba, where they are to be held for questioning and possible trial. Gunfire broke out near the heavily guarded Marine base at Kandahar airport as the U.S. Air Force C-17 took off — a sign of how the area around the city that was once a stronghold of the Taliban remains insecure. Shortly after the aircraft left the runway, the base received small arms fire, and Marines responded with heavy outgoing fire, Marine Lt. James Jarvis told The



**LOVEBIRDS:** Reformed bad boy Charlie Sheen is looking to make an honest woman out of Denise Richards. The two actors are officially engaged, reps for both confirmed Tuesday.

Although details are scant, Richards' rep, Tracy Shaffer, says Sheen did the proposing over Christmas. Neither Shaffer nor Sheen's rep, Jeff Ballard, knew if the lovebirds had set a wedding date. Sheen, 36, and Richards, 30, first shared credits in 1993's *Loaded Weapon 1*. Both had small parts in the *Lethal Weapon* parody flick, which starred Sheen's older bro Emilio Estevez. But things got mushy over the past year, as they costarred as lovers in the blink-and-you'll-miss-it romantic comedy *Good Advice* and on Sheen's *Spin City*, which Richards guest-starred on. According to tabloid reports, Richards recently moved into Sheen's Los Angeles apartment.

Associated Press. He said he knew of no U.S. casualties in the firefight, which witnesses said lasted about a half-hour. The prisoners are being taken to the American base at Guantanamo Bay, Cuba.

### Cabinet admits ties with Enron

WASHINGTON — The White House revealed on Thursday that Enron Corp., an energy firm closely tied to President Bush, sought the administration's help shortly before collapsing with the life savings of many workers. In a separate disclosure, the company's auditors said they had destroyed many Enron documents. In the rapid swirl of events, each one raising questions about potential conflicts of interest, Attorney General John Ashcroft disqualified himself from the criminal inquiry into Enron's conduct. The company donated thousands of dollars to Ashcroft's Senate campaign in 2000. Bush, who counts Enron as one of his biggest political contributors, pledged to aggressively pursue the investigation into whether the Texas-based firm defrauded investors, including 401(k) plan holders, by concealing vital information about its finances.

### Bush to Iran: Don't harbor al-Qaida

WASHINGTON — President Bush warned Iranian officials Thursday not to harbor al-Qaida fighters fleeing Afghanistan and not to try to destabilize the country's new government. If the warning is ignored, Bush said, the U.S.-led coalition "will deal with them ... in diplomatic ways, initially." Until now, the United States has quietly praised longtime foe Iran for its help in the war on international terror. Now, however, Iran is moving to safeguard its traditional influence in western Afghanistan, apparently unmoved by growing U.S. military influence on almost all sides, analysts said. U.S. intelligence has evidence that Iran is providing sanctuary for a small number of al-Qaida fighters who fled the fighting in Afghanistan, a U.S. official said, speaking on the condition of anonymity. Iran denied those reports on Thursday. An official called Bush's warning "baseless" and said Iran wants neighboring Afghanistan to be stable and independent.

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## OOPS

### Corrections

Research regarding student smoking habits in a story in Wednesday's Kernel should have attributed the information to University Health Services.

To report an error call The Kentucky Kernel at 257-1915.

## PARKING

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The R-14 lot is located next to the R-5 lot and is often times not filled to capacity. Thornton said UK parking will be flexible with students with R-5 permits parking in the R-14 lot.

Even with the flexibility, many R-5 permit holders face the reality of either being

without a place to park or parking at K-lot around Commonwealth Stadium.

"It kind of cuts into safe parking," said Abbie Neary, a psychology junior. "I would much rather have a shorter walk."

While students will have a long walk back to their houses for awhile, the problem of construction on campus has no end in sight.

"Construction is a problem that a lot of us have to deal with," Thornton said.

## PROF

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Other students echoed Sullivan's sentiments.

"I think they should have done a better job of contacting us," said Robyn Halt, a psychology senior and a student of Sociology 409.

The sociology department and the Ombud's office decided students could either take a final exam in the classroom or a take home essay.

"We made sure there were several options, both before the semester as well as now since this situation is ongoing," Egan said. "People have the opportunity to make a choice of whatever is easiest to do to complete the course."

The department did not treat the final grade differently because of Egan's absence. Some students felt this was unfair.

"I really think they should have let us take the grade we

had at that point or given us a 100 for the final and factored that in with the rest of our grade," Sullivan said. "If we didn't attend the test we would have gotten an incomplete, but the professor doesn't show and we have to take out time to make up the final."

Halt had to return to Lexington to take the final.

"It took a lot of effort and at that point I was done with finals," Halt said.

Skinner says Egan is still a professor at UK and his students say this is uncharacteristic of him.

"(Egan) was a really nice guy and a good professor," Halt said.

"He didn't seem like he would do this, that's why we thought something was wrong with him when he didn't show. I think he just made a mistake."

This situation is unlikely to happen again, Skinner said.

"Not in my memory has an instructor not shown up for the final," he said.

## CENTER

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the endowment is not nearly enough to bring the facility up to the standards of other performing arts centers.

The center has done its best with limited funds, Salisbury said.

"Under the circumstances, I think we've done a good job for the past 22 years," she said.

And she said the center is still offering to name its 1,500-seat concert hall — for \$1 million.

## ATTENTION UK STUDENTS: STUDENT TICKET LOTTERY CHANGES

After meeting with the Dean of Students staff and several students, we agree that there are problems with the current lottery process. Although we agreed not to abandon the current lottery process completely for the year, we will implement the following changes:

Doors will open early in order to get the students in the building so that the lottery can start earlier.

An announcement will be made as soon as the doors are closed to notify all students as to whether or not they are guaranteed to get tickets.

We will not guarantee that large groups who attend the lottery will sit next to each other, but only that they will be in the same row or the row behind their group.

There will be no group seating for the last three games.

There will be a separate lottery for the Florida game, in anticipation of an overflow crowd.

Next Lottery  
Monday, January 14<sup>th</sup>

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February 13<sup>th</sup> 8pm

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HEALTHY SKIN

# Winter signals dry air, dry heat and dry skin



Hemp products can be used on the hair and on the skin. Hemp seed oil can leave one's skin feeling as smooth as a newborn baby's, says Ivey Henton, owner of Hemp Universe on South Upper Street.

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## Skin needs protection in winter: Certain choices prevent dry skin

By Andrea Uhde  
ASSISTANT NEWS EDITOR

“Skin can get dry even more in the winter than in the summer. People don't think about protection in the winter.”

— Ivey Henton,  
owner of Hemp Universe

Even though it has been snowing, the white décor highlighting scalps this winter could be a little more permanent than precipitation. Here's a hint: Snow melts. Dandruff doesn't. Winter is the season for dandruff and dry skin, said Ivey Henton, owner of Hemp Universe, which sells dry skin lotions. “Skin can get dry even more in the winter than in the summer,” she said. “People don't think about protection in the winter.” Henton said skin gets dehydrated during cold weather because it is subject to less humidity and people are less ac-

tive, which causes oil glands to slow down. Cold wind also dries the skin. Henton said having dry skin can look like dandruff all over the body if it isn't taken care of. “It's uncomfortable, and it's unsightly,” she said. Henton said the worst cases she's seen has been people with dry skin who put on lotion, and an hour later look like they have elephant skin again. She said these cases are more common in people who are either very active or old. Dry skin also leads to acne and red blotches, commonly on the face, according to Lisa Fuller, a consultant at Clinique. Fuller said the best treatment for skin is to wash, especially on the face, before and af-

ter going to sleep at night. “The main thing is to not go to sleep with makeup on,” she said. Daily drinking 64 ounces of water and having a humidifier at home also helps the skin retain moisture, Henton said. Both Clinique and Hemp Universe are offering products this winter to help tackle dandruff and dry skin. Clinique just put out Moisturizer Surge for Extra Thirsty Skin, a moisturizer which Fuller said has sold very well, and Hemp Universe is selling shampoos, conditioners and lotions with hemp seeds. Dry skin is certain to plague several types of skin this winter. Stock up now on moisturizing lotions, soaps and above all, water to prevent the annoying effects of dry skin.

# Entertainment Bytes

## Dylan and Diamond will help close historic show

HOUSTON — RodeoHouston organizers have announced the musical lineup for the Houston Livestock Show, which runs from Feb. 12-March 3. George Strait will be the final performer as the rodeo moves to the new Reliant Stadium next door in 2003. “Not since before this recent country music movement have we had a non-country star like Bob Dylan,” said rodeo assistant general manager Leroy Shafer. “Obviously you'd put him up there with Elvis Presley, the Jackson 5 and others who played the rodeo in the '70s. Diamond's appearance is scheduled for Feb. 13; Dylan is to perform on Feb. 20. Strait's concert might be the last major event at the Astrodome, once dubbed the Eighth Wonder of the World. Reliant Stadium should take most of Houston's major events when it opens next year, and the Astrodome's fate is uncertain if Houston is not the U.S. bid city for the 2012 Olympics.

## Elvis Presley remembered in Memphis with statue

MEMPHIS, Tenn. — 350-pound bronze statue of a 13-year-old Elvis was introduced Tuesday to coincide with the 67th anniversary of the singer's birth. “We chose 13 because that was the age his family left and went to Memphis,” said Henry Dodge, chairman of the Elvis Presley Memorial Foundation. Dodge said the goal was to depict Elvis in his “innocence and humbleness.” Sculptor Michiel VanderSommen created the statue, which shows a young Elvis dressed in overalls and carrying a guitar at his left side. His right hand is reaching forward. “The most important thing in the sculpture is the gesture he makes,” VanderSommen said. VanderSommen created the statue at a cost of \$50,000, which the Tupelo Visitors and Convention Bureau paid for.

## Survivor million dollar jackpot settles in Vegas

LAS VEGAS — At least one Las Vegas oddsmaker likes tattooed father Lex van den Bergh's chances in Thursday's championship round of CBS' “Survivor: Africa.” The former marketing manager for an Internet company is the 2-1 favorite to win the reality show's \$1 million jackpot, said the Bally's-Paris Las Vegas Race and Sports Book director, John Avello. He had the 36-year-old Santa Cruz, Calif., man at 15-1 when “Survivor: Africa” began the season. The winner will be revealed on Thursday night's show. Of the three others, Avello puts odds of 5-2 on Tom Buchanan, 46, who began the season at 18-1, and 3-1 on Ethan Zohn, who was a 30-1 longshot when the season began. The lone woman, 57-year-old retired schoolteacher Kim Johnson, is listed at 4-1. Avello's opening line had her at 8-1. The odds are only hypothetical because state law prohibits wagers on events in which the outcome already is known.

## Jordan and Nike come together for new magazine

Michael Jordan is getting his own magazine courtesy of Nike, which is paying Hearst Magazines to make and distribute the publication. “Jordan,” which is to make its debut next month, will be sold on newsstands and sent to readers on a mailing list that Nike will maintain. Hearst plans to publish two editions of the magazine this year and four next year, with an initial print run of 300,000. Hearst didn't go into detail in describing the contents of the new magazine other than to say it would be an “aspirational” lifestyle title aimed at young men.

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Rupp Arena

### Rejected renovations

There was an article in yesterday's Kernel discussing the renovation plans for Rupp Arena like more stalls in the women's bathrooms and new seats in the stands. What the story failed to mention were all the ideas for a better arena that were shot down. That's where I come in; I know how to dig up the real dirt. I had to get my spy on to discover all original plans to make Rupp a better place for the Cats. I don't think they had UK's best interest at heart on some of these. See for yourself:

The student section was going to be moved from their comfy location and be seated in all the aisles. We now have a reason to be thankful for fire safety.

Hydraulic lifts were going to be placed under the court in order to raise the starting line-up, but the initial test launched the crash dummy into the speaker system.

They were going to add more space to the men's bathrooms, but tests showed that the one urinal and bottle of Dial was plenty.

A giant wildcat and basketball statue was going to be placed out front but the only contractor available was a guy that makes the cheesy looking dinosaurs for miniature golf courses.

After the incident in Texas with the players running into the fans, harnesses and spring loaded nets were being developed to prevent this. They decided against it because restraining Boqans to the court with ropes would throw off his jump shot.

Giant mousetraps were to be placed at all entrances and in the air ducts until advocates stated that the campus squirrels had every right to be there to support their team.

They were going to add more speakers to that monstrosity above center court but decided against it when the roof started to buckle under all the weight.

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### IN OUR OPINION

## State reps are just well-paid babysitters

As busy as ever, Kentucky's General Assembly will soon consider bills to ban cell phone usage while driving, to allow police to pull over drivers simply for not wearing a seatbelt and to mandate that every person under 4 feet 9 inches tall be secured in a booster seat.

The last issue would not be controversial but for the fact that 4 feet 9 inches is not exactly a toddler. Heck, that's a decent-size dwarf (or the world's tallest midget).

With respect to the first two, though, when will the legislature stop trying to ensure that no one ever gets hurt? When will they realize that the citizens of Kentucky do not mean to elect babysitters (although, how many babysitters can set their own pay)?

The proponents of the cell phone bill cite a Kentucky State Police report that says 300 accidents and two deaths were attributed to cell phone usage last year. While those deaths are tragic, the numbers hardly merit a ban on cell phone usage.

Why not just ban automobiles altogether? There weren't nearly as many traffic accidents when horse-drawn carriages were the central mode of transportation.

The seatbelt laws, on the other hand, are not quite as absurd — wearing a seatbelt could very well save a person's life. But shouldn't that be the motivation for buckling up on Kentucky's highways? If people, in the face of all the evidence, still refuse to fasten their seat belts, should they be subject to a traffic stop and fine?

Once again, the General Assembly has seen the need to hold our hands as we cross the street. They are trying to take away the right to be stupid, and that is a right Americans have fought and died to protect.

Kentucky does indeed have many problems, but too much individual liberty is not one of them. A ban on cell phone usage while driving and increased police power for enforcing seat belt laws may not seem like a great intrusion into the life of the individual, but the invasions most certainly will not end there — at least until enough people say, "No more."

## An opportunity of a lifetime

And so another semester begins.

A new year has opened its door, and the path in front of us is unmarred, beckoning us to dance upon it with our footsteps and make of it what we will.

As a freshman back from winter break, with a fall semester report card in hand, I plan to learn from my mistakes. Academic excellence, here I come.

When students graduate from high school and enter college after a three-month break, they aren't sure what to expect. Their first semester is a journey in which they meet new people, take interesting classes and absorb an atmosphere wholly unlike anything they've been subjected to before.

Grades and lecture attendance begin to fall onto the lower rung of the ladder of importance. Socializing and having fun get in the way of caring too much about that one thing called higher education.

College becomes a playhouse, somewhere to have fun while pretending to learn a thing or two. The main thing I realized my first semester in college is that it's actually easier than high school. While it takes more responsibility and a little more maturity, it's ours to experience and take advantage of as we please.

Hail passes? Home-rom? Dress codes? We don't need those anymore, and moreover, we don't want them. In the past, our teachers spoon-fed us information, constantly passed out grade sheets, and reminded us to turn in our make-up work. Some of them even took great pleasure in warning us, "Don't expect to have someone do everything for you in college."

But that is where a sense of satisfaction comes in. Knowing I have the freedom to make my own choices, to be as responsible or irresponsible as I please creates a feeling that can't be paralleled.

When we trip and fall, we have to pick ourselves up.



Samieh Shalash  
ASSISTANT DIALOGUE EDITOR

You come to realize that nobody is going to be there to give you a hand or brush the dirt off your backside.

And when you do it yourself, you're taking a step toward reality, toward life after education. Once we're done as undergraduates, we either continue in the cycle of academia or step out and present ourselves to the world.

When I finish, I want to have more than a degree in my hand. I want to be able to look back and be satisfied that I made the right choices, took responsibility for my actions and did the best with my four years that I could.

Everything is easier said than done.

So you have to take every day step by step, and keep your head screwed onto your shoulders right. Things that seem trivial now can impact us later in ways we can't foresee.

And so I will venture on through the system. As assistant dialogue editor this semester, I want to take the student voice and channel it into a direction where everyone will have the chance to be heard.

We have a gigantic campus. Surely, a large population of you, my fellow students, have opinions, thoughts, and ideas waiting to be shared with your peers. Our page is warmer and more inviting than an inebriated woman, always susceptible to suggestion.

So take that first step. Reply to editorials that spark your interest, counter ones that don't float your boat. This page is not the sole property of the Kernel, but rather a blank sheet waiting to be filled with your voice.

Take the opportunity and begin shaping the world with your words.

Samieh Shalash is a journalism freshman. Her views do not necessarily represent those of the Kernel.

### PARTING SHOTS

## Final Word

### The Question:

Since everyone here at the Kernel is tired of sentences that begin, "Ever since Sept. 11 ..." the question this week is simple and lighthearted. There is no talk of terrorism, no anthrax news (the substance or the band) and absolutely no talk of basketball.

So, what is your ultimate New Year's resolution?

### What they said:

To unearth the backseat of my car for another semester as a trash collector. I still have a McDonald's bag in there from the first week of fall classes. Mmm ... the smell of four-month-old grease."

Tracy Kershaw, Managing Editor

To figure out, in three month's time, what I want to do for the rest of my life without pissing off my family and going back to school for another six years."

Amy Crawford, Kernel Staff

I'm taking a class in a swimsuit this semester. Therefore, it's simple: to look good nearly naked."

Jennifer Kasten, Kernel Staff

Besides the usual exercise thing, I want to see every movie released this year, including all the pornos."

Patrick Avery, Senior Staff Writer

To eat more candy and dance."

Ashley York, Editor in Chief

To live in peace and harmony with my fellow man ... blah, blah, blah ... and to pay taxes at Keeneland."

Clay McDaniel, Dialogue Editor

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TAKEN TO SCHOOL

# Freshmen learn SEC ropes



AMY CRAWFORD | KERNEL STAFF

**Lessons**

Rashaad Carruth gets instructions from coach Tubby Smith during the U of L game. The guard leads UK freshmen in minutes played.

**Sports this weekend**

- Gymnastics**  
UK vs. North Carolina State  
7 p.m. tonight, Nassau Bahamas
- Track and field**  
Kentucky Invitational  
Today and Saturday at UK
- Hockey**  
Penn State at UK  
12 a.m. Saturday and Sunday
- UK Cheerleaders**  
UCA National Championships  
Saturday, Orlando
- Women's basketball**  
Auburn at UK  
2 p.m. Sunday

**Rookies: Young Cats hope to taste first league victory in Columbia**

By Will Messer  
SPORTSDAILY EDITOR

UK's freshmen are learning the hard way how difficult Southeastern Conference play can be.

After a season opening stumble against Western Ky., the Cats (9-4, 0-2 SEC) rolled through non-conference play and won nine of their next 10.

UK's only setback was a 95-92 overtime loss to No. 1 Duke in East Rutherford, N.J.

But after faring well in high profile, high intensity games against big names like Duke, North Carolina, Indiana and Louisville, the Cats are 0-2 in SEC play for the first time since 1979.

"My first two conference games have been tough. Everybody's big and everybody can play," freshman forward Chuck Hayes said. "There ain't no slouch in the SEC."

Dave Odom, who coaches UK's next opponent, South Carolina, agreed.

"The talent in the league is incredible this year," he said. "Kentucky's 0-2 SEC record says more about this conference and the teams in it than it does about Kentucky. It shows that this conference is more than just one or two teams."

Like UK, USC is looking for its first conference win. Florida defeated Carolina 69-60 on Jan. 5 in its only league game.

Senior guard Jamel Bradley and junior center Marius Petravicius lead the Gamecocks (10-4, 0-1 SEC).

Bradley paces the team with 13.9 points per game and Petravicius ranks eighth in the SEC in rebounding.

If the Cats hope to defeat USC in Columbia Saturday, they will need contributions from Hayes and freshman guard Rashaad Carruth.

Carruth and Hayes average 14.4 and 10.2 minutes per game, respectively — the two most minutes of UK's four freshmen.

Hayes said UK's veterans advise the freshmen about conference foes.

"They give us the scoop on every team," he said. "For example, Mississippi State, they're very big, Arkansas,

they're quick and Florida, they feed off their fans."

The trick now for UK's freshmen is to turn the advice into solid results.

Carruth said he feels no sense of urgency or added pressure after the Cats' consecutive SEC losses.

"We've got a lot more conference games, we've got the SEC Tournament," he said. "We've got time to redeem ourselves and we will see those two teams again and I'm sure the outcome will be different."

The Gamecocks will provide the first opportunity for redemption, and another learning experience for UK's freshmen.

UK VS SOUTH CAROLINA						
No. 8 Kentucky Wildcats (9-4, 0-2 SEC)						
<b>Probable Starters</b>	Min.	FG%	FT%	3PT%	RPG	PPG
Cliff Hawkins	24.5	42.4	64.3	29.6	2.5	8.0
Gerald Fitch	25.8	43.9	70.3	27.0	5.4	8.3
Keith Bogans	29.0	40.1	65.1	29.4	5.5	12.8
Tayshaun Prince	31.7	52.2	65.6	36.5	7.1	18.3
Jules Camera	15.4	52.5	72.7	0.0	3.8	5.5

South Carolina Gamecocks (10-4, 0-1 SEC)						
<b>Probable Starters</b>	Min.	FG%	FT%	3PT%	RPG	PPG
Aaron Lucas	29.6	43.3	64.1	35.8	2.5	11.0
Jamel Bradley	30.4	46.0	85.7	45.4	1.9	13.8
Chuck Licon	25.1	37.6	80.0	28.6	3.1	8.0
Rolando Howell	23.9	52.4	48.1	-	5.6	8.1
Marius Petravicius	25.0	53.4	70.6	-	7.1	10.7

RALLY CATS?

## Will the 'Comeback Cats' return?

**Cat comebacks**

**1996 NCAA Tournament**  
Cats rallied from 17-point second half deficit to defeat Duke in Elite Eight, 10-point second half deficit to defeat Stanford in semifinal and 10-point halftime deficit to defeat Utah and win National Title.

**2000-2001**  
Cats turned 10-point second half deficit at Georgia into 15-point win. Tayshaun Prince nailed clutch baby hook to defeat No. 8 Florida in Rupp. In SEC Tournament Semifinal Cats rallied from 15 down to defeat Arkansas. In the first round of NCAA Tournament UK trailed Holy Cross by six at the half, but Prince scored 12 of UK's final 14 points for a 72-69 victory.

**Cat collapses**

Cats lose 14-point second half lead to No. 1 Duke and fall in OT. Against Mississippi State UK built 21-2 early lead and 16-point halftime advantage only to lose in OT. In Rupp Arena UK shoots 62.9 percent in first half and 37.9 percent in second, falls to Georgia 89-84.

**Role reversal: Late game magic that defined UK during Smith's era has eluded Cats during losses to Duke, Mississippi State and Georgia**

By Will Messer  
SPORTSDAILY EDITOR

After blowing double-digit leads against Duke and Mississippi State, and peaking in the first half last night against Georgia, it's no secret the Cats have struggled down the stretch in games this season.

"We just let up in the second half," freshman guard Rashaad Carruth said. "We get comfortable with the lead at halftime and — I don't know what it is — we just let up."

The Cats poor second half performances wouldn't be as alarming if UK coach Tubby Smith's teams didn't enjoy a come-from-behind reputation.

Fans across the Bluegrass know Smith's first UK team, which won the 1998 National Championship, as the "Comeback Cats."

Smith's 2000-2001 UK squad also notched memorable

comeback victories.

Yet this year, the Cats are doing the opposite.

"It's kind of a good point," sophomore guard Gerald Fitch said after Wednesday's loss to Georgia. "I think we did come out playing better in the second half last year, but it's kind of reversed on us. Now we come out in the first half."

Smith offered an explanation for UK's play during crunch time: "We just didn't execute in clutch situations — we've got to find a way to win close games," Smith said.

Senior forward Tayshaun Prince has won big games for the Cats in the past, but he took one shot in the game's final four minutes against Georgia.

The coach said "people are taking (Prince) away from us with double teams" which limit his touches and shots.

One reason teams were hes-

itant to double Prince last season was the play of junior guard Keith Bogans, who averaged 21.7 points in UK's three SEC Tournament games and 17.3 points in UK's three NCAA Tournament games.

With Bogans scoring less than expected this season, teams are quick to double-team Prince. Yet Smith said his team can be successful if it takes advantage of the double team.

"I would like to see us reverse the ball and get open shots or dump it back inside," he said. "We have to be a little more patient in getting a better shot."

Smith said sophomore guard Cliff Hawkins must also make better decisions if the Cats are to perform better during big-play situations.

"We're not finding the open guy after penetrating to the basket — that's what he has to do a better job of."

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