



## PAINFUL SWITCH

Former UK football player returns to rugby after 2-year absence

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## Dame may relocate soon

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How The Dame may make her comeback into the live music scene could be known soon, said the venue's general manager.

"We're getting closer to finding a new location," said Nick Sprouse, general manager of The Dame.

The Dame closed in June and was demolished soon thereafter, along with other buildings located in the block between the corners of West Main and South Upper streets and West Vine and South Limestone streets.

The Lexington-Fayette Urban County Government has green-lit a project for the block: the \$250 million CentrePointe project, which includes a 35-story luxury hotel led by The Webb Companies.

Sprouse declined to give a specific date for an announcement because he said nothing has been finalized. A location has also not been publicly confirmed.

Michael Powell, former Dame employee and a UK graduate, said he hopes the venue will stay downtown.

The Dame played a key part in bringing in people who normally don't go downtown through offering entertainment, Powell said.

"If The Dame doesn't end up relocating, then someone will eventually do something to take care of that niche," Powell said. "The Lexington music community is small but resourceful."

In The Dame's absence, the live music scene is growing by one with the purchase of what was once the Huddle House.

The building, on the corner of South Limestone and East Maxwell Street, has been leased to the owner of a restaurant offering live music, called The Tin Roof.

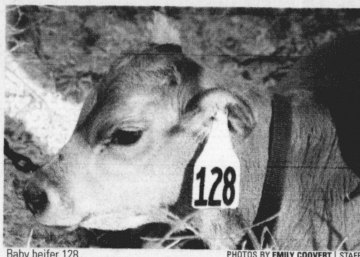
The restaurant has two locations, one in Nashville and the other in Franklin, Tenn. Founder Jason Sheer said he wants to begin operation in Lexington as soon as possible.

"We're waiting on a building permit, but we plan on opening the restaurant either December or early January," Sheer said.

With the new restaurant

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## Three times the cowbell



Baby heifer 128.

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Baby heifer 127.



Baby bull calf B-1813.

### Cow makes UK history with triplets

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With three cows and 15 minutes, a UK record was born Saturday.

For the first time in university history, a dairy cow gave birth to live fraternal triplets. The probability of a dairy cow birthing multiple calves is about 1 in 250,000, said William Silvia, coordinator of UK's dairy group.

The birth Saturday at UK's Coldstream Dairy Research Farm, about a 20-minute drive from campus, surprised staffers, Silvia said. The ultrasound had prepared the staff for twins, he said.

"Triplets are such a rare occurrence, we don't even look for that on the ultrasound," Silvia said. "So, we see two, and say that's it."

UK now has 130 head of cattle. At that rate, it will be another 2,000 years before a cow on the farm gives birth to triplets, Silvia said.

On Saturday, assistant herdsman Mark Gordon helped deliver two female calves and was stunned when he felt a third, a bull calf, coming.

Even more surprising is how the calves are faring about a week after birth, said Silvia. While most multiples are born prematurely, these calves were delivered three days past their due date. The smooth, spotted calves weigh between 55 and 69 pounds, normal for their size.

"All three are very healthy and expected to survive," Silvia said.

The mother, X-23, is a crossbreed between the Holstein and Jersey breeds. With artificial insemination, she was bred to a Brown Swiss bull.

X-23 is naturally able to produce more than enough milk for three calves since she is a dairy cow, said herdsman Joey Clark. However, like all calves at the Coldstream Dairy Research Farm, they are weaned from their mothers a couple of days after birth to ensure they get a balanced and appropriate diet.

The triplets, along with the rest of the farm's calves, are placed in individual hutches to be effectively monitored by employees in case abnormalities occur, Clark said. The calves will continue to be studied through puberty.

The female calves, 127 and 128, will be bred on the farm in about 15 months, Silvia said. When they calve nine months later, they'll be used for milking.

The bull calf, B-1813, will probably be sold in a week or

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## Groups push the real national issues in debate

### Democrats

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"Since getting into Washington, (Obama) has created the most sweeping ethics reform since the early '90s."

**John Ghaelian**  
history and English senior



"It's ridiculous what we inflict on families who come here to make a better life."

**Joe Gallenstein**  
political science and history senior

Although most would say the political banter from both major parties is intense, the UK College Democrats and College Republicans maintain they "respectfully disagree" on the issues.

And during the Red vs. Blue Debate in the Student Center's Worsham Theater last night, there was a wide range of issues.

Five members from each group debated on topics including energy, the drinking age, the Iraq War, inflation and tuition.

Stephen Voss, a political science professor, moderated the debate. Each team was allowed a one-minute response, followed by a 1.5-minute rebuttal from the opposing team. Voss also allowed for final discussion on each topic if he deemed it necessary.

Audience members also wrote questions on sheets of paper and handed them to roaming Student

Activites Board members, some of which were then incorporated into the debate.

The debate kicked off with a coin toss falling to the UK College Democrats. They took the first question from Voss, asking if the rise in U.S. troops and the decline of Iraqi deaths makes President George W. Bush and Sen. John McCain right about the war.

Members of the UK College Democrats said there were attacks occurring in Iraq during the Republican and Democratic national conventions that did not receive any press coverage, and the situation in Iraq has not improved.

Jacob Sims, president of the College Republicans, responded by saying schools and universities are being built in Iraq.

"There is amazing progress that has been made politically or otherwise in Iraq," Sims said.

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### Republicans



"One great solution (to the energy crisis) we have right now is nuclear power."

**Chris Davis**  
first-year law student



"In regard to Obama's vacation to Europe, I don't believe that qualifies as foreign policy experience."

**Jacob Sims**  
political science and history sophomore

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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 a 7 — Launch new projects, especially ones that involve other people. Don't wait, even until the first of the week. You'll do better if you start now. Make the decision.

**Taurus (April 20-May 20)** — Today is a 7 — Take on more responsibilities and get more benefits. It'll be worth the extra trouble, even if it means more work now. Take the long-range perspective.

**Gemini (May 21-June 21)** — Today is an 8 — Passions are easily aroused, so be responsible. If you want to get wild and crazy, pick your own time and location. Stay more or less in charge.

**Cancer (June 22-July 22)** — Today is a 6 — Fixing up your house increases its value, but that's not why you do it. You love to take care of your family. Get them to help, too.

**Leo (July 23-Aug. 22)** — Today is an 8 — Don't be shy about asking questions. These are things you need to know. Find out how much things are going to cost.

**Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)** — Today is a 7 — Once you get into your routine, the job will go quickly. It'll be a great relief to have it done, and you can sure use the money.

**Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)** — Today is an 8 — Your plan needs a little more work before you put it into effect, but not much. Fine-tune it and get started.

**Scorpio (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)** — Today is a 6 — Take time to do the planning to minimize confusion later. This might take longer than expected, but it's energy well spent.

**Sagittarius (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)** — Today is an 8 — Your friends are crazy. Well, some of them are. You'd better go along and make sure they don't hurt themselves. As frightening as it seems, you're the one with the common sense.

**Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)** — Today is an 8 — Take charge of the situation to make sure everything gets done. Promises are more likely to be kept now, under these conditions. Also, get good collateral, of course. Don't be a goofus.

**Aquarius (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)** — Today is an 8 — Delegate one of your jobs to a person who will be better able to do it. This is like passing the ball to the teammate who's more likely to make a basket. Or whatever metaphor works for you.

**Pisces (Feb. 19-March 20)** — Today is a 7 — Figure out what you really need. Then estimate how much this will cost.

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# kernel POP



## Annette's chick flick

Bening tells about her new film and happy home life

Welcome to the girls' club! not a single man is present in Annette Bening's new film *The Women* (out September 12), but there's still plenty of A-list talent. Meg Ryan, Jada Pinkett Smith, Debra Messing and Eva Mendes star alongside the mom of four (Kathryn, 16, Benjamin, 14, Isabel, 11, and Ella, 8, with hubby Warren Beatty, 71) in the remake of the 1939 movie. The 50-year-old Topeka, Kansas, native gives us the scoop on the female-driven movie.

**Q:** What was it like working with all these ladies?  
**A:** I loved playing with Meg. She is a pro. We always had a good time. I also think Debra is really an incredible talent. I mean, I know that is not really a surprise, but she's great.

**Q:** You and your husband have been married 16 years. And they said it wouldn't last!  
**A:** We were a scandal for, I don't know, about 15 minutes, my husband and I. Now we're just this long-term married couple with four children.

**Q:** What do your kids think of having two famous parents?  
**A:** My kids are really, they're great. I have to say I do admire them. But they think I'm dorky. And then, every once in a while, I'll get dressed up and one of them will go, "Oh, Mom! You look pretty good!"

**A Hills fan's makover**

Whitney port to the rescue! For the September 11 episode of *Rachael Ray* (check local listings), the Hills star, 23, revamped the wardrobe of 17-year-old Mount Kisco, New York, high school student Kaitlyn Fosse.

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**Celeb's picks for Vice President**

Move over, Sarah Palin! Stars tell us who would be their wingmen

**Michael Phelps,** because he is winning everything! And he is cute and adorable.

**LeAnn Rimes**

"Oprah Winfrey! She carries the light, she inspires, she rallies people, she does things from the heart and she's smart."

**Maria Bello**

"Heidi Montag. She cares about her country and, most importantly, about her president."

**Spencer Pratt**

"My mama, because of her judgment. She did a good job on me!"

**Terrence Howard**

"I think Jon Stewart. He has a political mind, which I don't. I would have to depend on him."

**Lance Bass**

"Kanye [West]! Kanye is so creative, and our goal would be to create a bigger plateau for music as well as the world."

**Chris Brown**

"I'd have George Clooney lead me any day. He's charismatic, he's smart, he's good-looking and he's a guy that you would want to follow."

**Jamie-Lynn Sigler**

"Will Smith! He is so charming and smart, and everyone likes him. He would score me big points!"

**Natasha Bedingfield**

"Tad say Kyra Sedgwick. She's always given me good advice."

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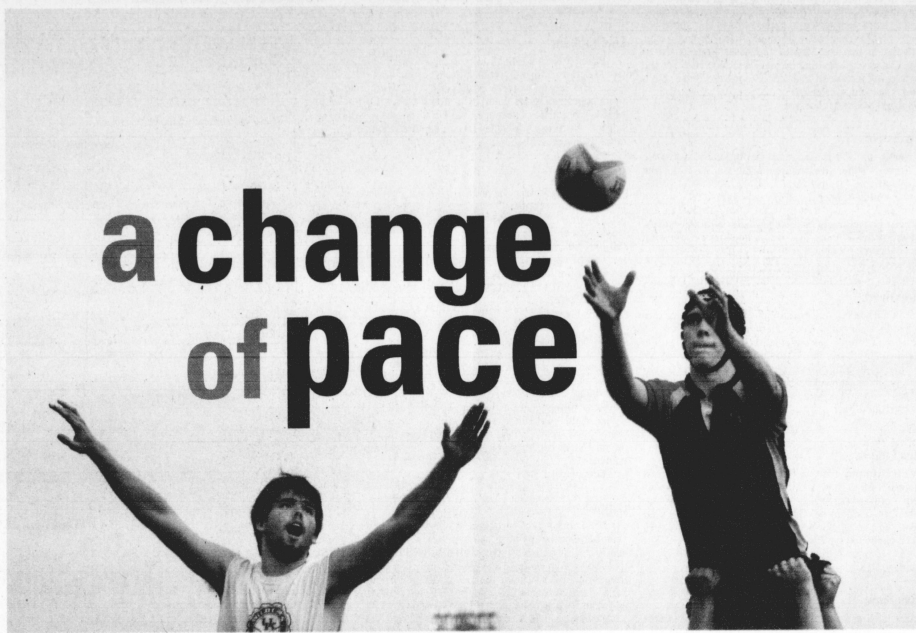
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— Vince Young, Tennessee Titans quarterback



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Pre-pharmacy freshman Aaron Lyons, left, and architecture freshman Jake Schulte line-out during rugby practice on Thursday. UK Rugby kicked off their season last weekend.

# a change of pace

## Former UK long snapper finds a new home with rugby club

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Greg Curtin's transition from the gridiron to the rugby pitch had one thing in common. Pain. "Rugby really knocks the crap out of you," he said. "It bangs you up in places you didn't know would be hurt."

After transferring to UK from Georgia Tech, Curtin spent almost two years on the Wildcat football team as a long snapper, special teams player, and backup linebacker before joining the UK Rugby Club.

Unlike many members of UK's Rugby team, Curtin was no newcomer to the sport. He won All-Conference honors at Georgia Tech and spent time playing the sport in Italy, England and Austria while studying abroad.

Curtin's return to the rugby pitch may have been aided by his time spent playing football. "In both sports, you have to have the mindset of going into battle," Curtin said. "The training is pretty tough, and conditioning is huge."

In fact, Curtin said the

biggest difference between his time with the football team and the rugby team is his role on the team. Though he saw only limited action with the football team last season, he was voted captain of the rugby team and is one of their best players. The transition from long snapper to team leader has been one of the biggest challenges for Curtin.

"Last year, Andre (Woodson) was our leader, and he got us ready for the Louisville game and the LSU game. Now, I'm trying to fill that role here," he said.

Curtin stressed that the camaraderie rugby players feel with their teammates was a major reason for his return for the pitch.

"It's almost like a fraternity," Curtin said. "Football has so much politics involved in it, and I love the freedom of this game. We really feel like brothers."

While Curtin wouldn't say whether he thought football players or rugby players are tougher, he did say that most football players have declined



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## Long drive: UK golf team improves with summer trip

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If you looked for the UK men's golf team this summer, you might have found them in a surprising place. For seven days this summer, several members of the team were not honing their skills at any number of local courses, but instead they were an ocean away, playing some of the most famous courses in the world on a summer tour of Ireland.

An NCAA rule allows golf teams to make one international trip during the summer every four years, and this summer the UK men's golf team utilized that rule to visit Ireland and play on some of the most unique courses in the world. Seven members of the team, boosters, coaches

and Athletic Director Mitch Barnhart visited the Emerald Isle for seven straight days of golf this summer.

"We were all excited to have some unbelievable experiences playing the world's greatest golf courses," men's golf coach Brian Craig said.

This trip wasn't the golf team's first expedition across the Atlantic. In 2004 the team took a similar tour of Ireland. During their trip this summer, the team played six courses located in the southwest of the country.

"It was an unbelievable experience," junior golfer Brian Belden said. "My dad went with me and it was great to be able to spend a week with him playing on some of the best courses in the world."

During their tour of Ire-

land, the team played courses designed by Greg Norman and Arnold Palmer as well as four courses that were built over 100 years ago. Several of the courses the team visited have earned global recognition for their difficulty.

Doonbeg Golf Club, designed by two-time British Open champion Norman, was ranked the second most influential new course by Sports Illustrated in 2002.

"This is a course I want to be identified with, one I am able to say with pride, I did that one," Norman said on the Doonbeg Golf Club Web site. "I am the luckiest designer in the world... because of the uniqueness of the site."

The Old Course at Bally-

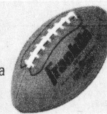
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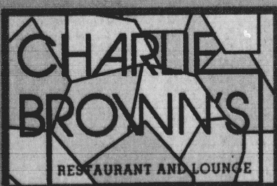
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## UK VS. MIDDLE TENNESSEE STATE: POSITION BY POSITION

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### Quarterbacks

All week, head coach Rich Brooks has fielded questions about who UK's starting quarterback will be—freshman Randall Cobb or sophomore Mike Hartline. With Hartline, you have a quarterback who won't make mistakes, but so far doesn't have the extra gear to win a game himself. In Cobb, you have that extra gear, but costly freshman mistakes. In the end, it doesn't matter because Middle Tennessee State is led by senior Joe Craddock, who torched Maryland for 256 yards and two touchdowns last week in MTSU's spread offense. UK's indecision makes this one easy.

Advantage: Middle Tennessee

### Running Backs

UK finally showed flashes of a running game last week against Norfolk State. Derrick Locke ran for 96 yards and Moncell Allen and Alfonso Smith showed flashes at times. Blue Raider Phillip Tanner has 132 yards so far this year, but only averages 3.2 yards per carry. That's not outstanding and MTSU doesn't have nearly the depth UK has at running back. The problem is that UK has just been a lot slower in showing depth that everyone thought was there.

Advantage: UK

### Wide Receivers

Both UK and MTSU face a similar problem here: inexperience. Craddock may be a good quarterback, but he benefits from the spread offense, not talented receivers. UK has one go-to guy in Dicky Lyons Jr., but so far he has been ineffective in actually making him a big target. Cobb's 14-yard touch-down pass to Lyons showed flashes, but UK will need more of that as the season progresses. Still, Lyons is all UK needs to edge out the Blue Raiders.

Advantage: UK

### Offensive Line

Billy Joe Murphy filled in well for Garry Williams last week against Norfolk State and the rest of the offensive line is protecting both quarterbacks a decent amount, but by no means are they dominating. On the other hand, MTSU's O-line helped out enough for a win over Maryland, but is very young. The challenge for UK to rush better also falls on UK's line.

Advantage: UK

### Defensive Line

There is no doubt that UK will win this category almost

every time this year. No one doubts Jeremy Jarmon, Corey Pellers or Myron Pryor's ability. But if Craddock spreads that ball around quickly, UK's strong point could have a little bit of an off-day. Still, this is the easiest pick of the bunch.

Advantage: UK

### Linebackers

Braxton Kelley, Micah Johnson and Johnny Williams are a well-oiled machine. Each usually gets four or five tackles a game and are good for a few sacks. You won't find many more cohesive groups than UK's. Junior Danny Carmichael is MTSU's big junior linebacker, but UK plays these weaker opponents for a reason: so they have a depth advantage.

Advantage: UK

### Secondary

If the Blue Raiders have a strong point outside of quarterback, it's the secondary. Corners Ted Riley and Alex Suber had key interceptions against Maryland. Plus, the spread is always hard on a team's secondary, so UK will have its hands full. UK will have to show that it has depth against the spread with Shamar Moore and Robbie McAtee. MTSU could pull the upset, but it's more likely that this will be the tape Urban Meyer uses to see how UK's secondary responds against the spread offense.

Advantage: UK

### Special Teams

This is where UK usually has an advantage in the non-conference schedule. Sure, MTSU has the special teams Player of the Week for the Sun Belt Conference in punter David DeFatta, but you usually see depth on the special teams in college and UK's depth is better. UK is developing a nice field goal blocking unit and the returns have been pretty good as well. Plus, since when does Sun Belt special teams Player of the Week really give any team a huge advantage?

Advantage: UK

### Overall

UK should beat the Blue Raiders. Should. Of course, everyone knows anything can happen on any given Saturday and Rich Brooks isn't happy with his squad right now. MTSU took down Maryland last weekend, but they don't have any friendly games at home field to play in this weekend. MTSU will scare for a while, but UK will pull it out in the end. And Rich Brooks will still not be happy.

Advantage: UK

## Wide receivers key to Cats' play

In a perfect world the ends would meet.

If Rich Brooks had it his way, the UK offenses of the last two seasons would collide with this year's stingy defensive unit, creating a team that could be singing "I've Got Georgia on My Mind" without being laughed off the stage.

But Commonweath isn't a prefect world, and Brooks has to work with what he's got, which is a team steps behind the talent level of Florida and Georgia, two favorites with a running head-start to represent the Southeastern Conference East in Atlanta at the Championship a few months down the road.

The gap is obvious and comes as no surprise. Making up ground is the area that will challenge UK's offensive coaching staff the most as the season continues to unfold.

Last weekend against Norfolk State, Brooks unveiled true freshman Randall Cobb under center. The positive results after the quarterback switch were almost instant. But the success of Cobb or fellow quarterback Mike Hartline, a

sophomore, won't single handedly determine if the Cats reach their potential. The skilled position that matters is mainly at wide receiver.

Brooks said the coaching staff anticipated using a two-quarterback system this season, a system he used while coaching at Oregon when the situation presented itself. But whether Cobb scrambles out the pocket and runs until his feet go numb, or Hartline stands behind the O-line and launches the ball down the field doesn't mean a thing if no one is getting open to make catches. Getting the ball to the receiver is extremely high on the "Quarterback To Do List," from Pop Warner to retirement — except in those Wing Formation offenses with three halfbacks in the game, which considering the depth UK has at running back would be interesting to see.

But in the traditional offense UK runs, two more playmakers at wide receiver would benefit the Cats well beyond their overloaded backfield.

After a 2-0 start to the season, Brooks is far from satisfied. Despite the numbers senior wide out Dicky Lyons Jr. is putting up, Brooks made it clear that the Cats need better performances from other receivers.

Brooks pointed out the miscommunication between the quarterbacks and the receivers and wrong route running in the Cats win over Norfolk State.

Hartline would have been a little more pleasing if he hooked up with junior wide receiver E.J. Adams for a big play instead of an incompletion.

Earlier this week Brooks said it would be better if "E.J. gets the check and doesn't run the out route when Hartline is throwing it down the field where he's (Adams) suppose to be...it makes Hartline look pretty stupid throwing the ball 30 yards from where the guy is."

It's a combination of things. But certainly, if we can get the ball moving, move the chains and score some points everyone will feel better and then maybe we can move forward and have our two-quarterback system and do the things we want to with it.

If the receivers and the quarterbacks can get on the same page in the playbook, UK will have an opportunity to spread the field and unload an offense oozing with potential. A consistent passing game in addition to the overstocked backfield will give opposing defensive coordinators headaches. Just imagine the possibilities and all the tricks UK offensive coordinator Joker Phillips could pull out just to amuse himself.

Not to say that the offense would be perfect, but at least a few loose ends would meet.

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## GOLF

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bunion, home of the Murphy's Irish Open (2004), the Home Internationals (2003) and the Palmer Cup (2004), highlighted the trip. The course was ranked the seventh-best course outside the United States by "Golf Digest" in 2007.

According to the Ballybunion Golf Club Web site, five-time British Open champion Tom Watson said: "Having played the Old Course at Ballybunion many times since my first visit in 1981, I am now of the opinion it is one of the best and most beautiful tests of links golf anywhere in the world."

The top five golfers on the men's team at the end of the 2007-08 season were guaranteed spots on the trip, and additional golfers were added as spots became available. In addition to the team and coaches, several boosters, parents, Barnhart and his son made the trip overseas.

"The experience of playing golf on the beautiful courses in Ireland with coach Craig and his team was in-

valuable," Barnhart said in a statement provided to the Kernel. "It's always good to have an opportunity to interact with our student athletes.

The young men on our golf team represented the University of Kentucky well. It was truly a unique experience."

According to Craig, Barnhart's role in the trip didn't go unnoticed by the players.

"Mitch loves to spend time with all student athletes," Craig said. "To go on a trip where he actually had a chance to play with the athletes was special to him. This trip was a great opportunity to spend time with the guys, and I think they really appreciated it."

The men's golf team opens its 2008 schedule on Sunday at the Wolf Run Intercollegiate held at Wolf Run Golf Club in Zionsville, Ind.

"I think a trip like this helps make you a better player," Craig said. "When playing the links courses in Ireland you have to be more creative. I can't say for certain that you'll see a direct improvement from the trip when we start the season, but this can only help our players' development."

## RUGBY

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his invitations to try rugby.

"The football guys are scared," Curtin chuckled. "You can't run out of bounds, and there's no pads."

He also said that because rugby players play continuously for two forty-minute halves, rugby players are exposed to "a little bit of everything. Football players are so specialized, but a rugby player could probably do a number of sports without much extra training."

Team member Ricky Simpson reinforced Curtin's opinion, saying that rugby could be considered "soccer for tough guys and football for athletes."

Club President Peter Osterling said that rugby's style of play could be compared to "always running the option in football, but without blockers or breaks between players."

Though most UK students know very little about rugby, the team encourages potential members of all skill levels to join them, and

hopes to see increased student support at home games this year as well. This weekend, the team travels to Louisville to clash with the Cardinals.

Osterling's goals as club president focus on long term objectives. He said that in the coming year he would like to see the team build a solid foundation this year. He continued by saying that as one of UK's oldest club sports, the team has a roller coaster of emotions.

"We've seen our ups and downs. I would like to make it so that we don't have any more downs in the future. I would like to see us consistently move in a positive direction," Osterling said.

Curtin echoed those thoughts, saying that he would like to set up the young talent to win championships in the future.

And as in any sport, new players can learn important lessons that can be used off the playing field.

"This is good training for real life," Curtin explained. "It's a brand new sport for a lot of these guys, and they get thrown into it. These new guys grow up quick."

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## KERNEL EDITORIALS

### Library hours place burden on students

Welcome to Kentucky, "where education pays" and the flagship university of the state does not have a library that operates 24 hours a day — except during midterms and finals week.

Superficially, it is a smart move to help out with the state-imposed budget cuts that cost the William T. Young Library 4 percent, or \$700,000, of its budget. The result of this cut is a change in hours that will close the library between 2 a.m. and 7 a.m. Monday through Thursday.

But having a 24-hour library only during midterms and finals only fosters a sense of procrastination, as this policy implies that it's acceptable to cram during those two weeks.

Additionally, a large portion of the student body does more than just go to school. On top of being full-time students, there are work, clubs, student organizations and personal lives, making studying during conventional library hours not the most viable option.

There are also students without easy access to computers, Internet, printers, copiers, microfilm, large selections of books and all of the resources the library offers. These students now have to find alternative methods to study and take advantage of the library's services. Such a move implicitly discriminates against students already hindered with academic disadvantages, leaving them even further behind.

The budget cut came on the heels of another tuition increase and is another example of the cost of education going up, but the services of the institution are decreasing.

On a larger scale, a 9 percent increase in tuition, combined with the state's \$20 million cut in the university's budget, does not seem to mesh with each other.

The university wants to achieve a Top 20 Business Plan with the tuition increasing near double digits annually, and the state takes a stance that says, "Welcome to Kentucky: where education, K-12, pays."

Carol Diedrich, dean of UK Libraries, said the hours between 2 a.m. and 7 a.m. were light traffic hours. But does that take into account students already in the library before traffic slows down?

Perhaps UK should return to operating a smaller library like the Lucille Little Fine Arts Library for 24 hours a day Sunday through Thursday. Such a change would provide the predicted small number of students affected with a place to study after hours, without taking an incredible hit to an already tight budget.

Or maybe a facility should be added that would effectively offer students late night service, without the high costs of operating a facility the size of Young Library. Moving toward digital storage of books and journals will make this a greater possibility.

A top-20 university should have at least one 24-hour library. Libraries and education may not exactly correlate, but it is tough to study and research without a positive environment dedicated to learning.

## LETTER TO THE EDITOR

### All Americans should be upset by Palin's comments

In her acceptance speech at the Republican National Convention, Gov. Sarah Palin stated that being a mayor was much like being a community organizer, only with more responsibility. While this was intended as a sarcastic remark toward Barack Obama's experience as a community organizer, it is undeniably an insult to the thousands of community organizers throughout this country.

Community organizers were referred to by President George H. W. Bush as "Points of Light." It is because of community organizers that many of the federal, state and local government's initiatives are carried out. These same organizers empower communities to bridge the gap in federal and state services.

For example, the Red Cross and Habitat for Humanity address human needs in a straightforward manner that may take the bureaucratic government years to deal with. In the aftermath of Hurricane Katrina, it was organizations like the Red Cross that saved lives.

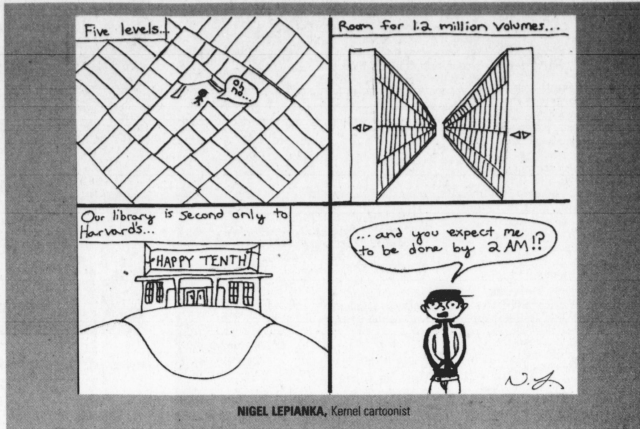
If it were not for community organizers throughout the country securing shelter, food, clothing, employment and education for the displaced people of New Orleans, hundreds, if not thousands, of people would have died.

If you are a leader in an action group, a service group, a school organization, a church or any other local community organization, you are a community organizer. Remarks such as those made by Palin should insult your very spirit of community service and reciprocity.

In one short sentence, Palin belittled the spirit of America. On Sept. 11, I silently and tearfully participated in remembering the more than 3,000 people who were killed seven years ago. I couldn't help but think back to Sarah Palin's comment and mourn more deeply for the current state of our country.

It was people like you and I who opened our hearts and wallets to the families of the victims and the survivors of 9/11. That day, and everyday since, each and every one of us has been called to activate our communities, organizations, affiliations and families to service. In essence we are all community organizers.

Shame on you, Sarah Palin.  
**Troy Johnson**  
social work graduate student



NIGEL LEPIANKA, Kernel cartoonist

### Bicycle lost and found program is a positive step for sustainability effort

After lambasting the administration last week for its lack of environmental stewardship (which, I dare say, I'll do again) I would like to devote this week's thoughts to "giving credit where credit is due," as they say, by praising the school's support of one of our most important sustainability initiatives: the Wildcat Wheels Bicycle Library.



EMILY FOERSTER  
Kernel columnist

Though many students are unaware of its existence, Wildcat Wheels is a nationally recognized program at UK that provides free bike rentals and maintenance to students, faculty and staff. Some bikes are available for semester-long checkout, while others are available through the Student Center for two days at a time. The goal is to get more students to stop using their cars by providing free sustainable transportation to and from school and around campus.

Shane Tedder, UK's prime sustainability guru, conceived the idea in 2003 and quickly began research and development. He discovered that every semester a number of abandoned bikes are seized by Parking and Transportation, so he arranged a relationship with the department, which now donates them to the Wildcat Wheels Library, where they are put to good use.

Before students can check out the bikes, the Wildcat Wheels crew fixes or trades out any broken parts, paints

the frames yellow and generally spruces them up, so they can be safely used. If anything goes wrong with a bike, there is a maintenance shop in the basement of Blazer Hall (just through the door that faces the back of the New North dorm) where riders can go for free help. The shop is also available for free maintenance on any bike belonging to a member of the university.

The program is an extremely innovative approach to campus sustainability, and it's our own program, rather than a copy of a benchmark. On July 29, The New York Times published an article called "Catalysts for Change," which named Wildcat Wheels as one of seven noteworthy environmental efforts in the country.

If UK embarrasses me for its general sloth in going green, the Wildcat Wheels Bike Library Program partially redeems it. I am proud of the university's cooperation with this program, as well as its departmental support of it. Parking and Transportation works closely with Tedder to provide Wildcat Wheels with abandoned bikes. UK Health and Wellness promotes it to students for fitness, and the Student Center manages the two-day bike checkouts. It's inspiring to watch so many different departments rallying together to make Wildcat Wheels possible.

While there is a solid support system for the program, it's not without its challenges. The biggest issue right now is that there are simply are not enough bikes to satisfy student needs. On average, they recover 10-12 bikes each semester (they're up to 85 now), but they receive more and

more requests every semester. All of the semester-long checkouts were filled on the first available day, which only covered about one-third of their demand.

The program's funding comes on top of a smattering of grants and donations, many of which have been provided by Student Government over the last five years. This means that they have no single, dependable flow of income. The Wildcat Wheels crew has proven that it can work magic with limited resources (they're alchemists!), so imagine what they could do with more money.

UK should figure out a way to provide a constant stream of funding to the program, because unlike that monstrosity of a hotel that will replace the Dame and Buster's, Wildcat Wheels may actually attract talent to our campus as we struggle to become a top-20 school.

Students, faculty and staff can also help the program by donating old bikes that Wildcat Wheels can transform and adopt into their fleet. Getting rid of the clutter in your basement or garage will be helpful to you, and you will be making it possible for somebody else at UK to take a car off the road.

In short, congratulations to the Wildcat Wheels crew and UK for such a remarkable program, and thank you to the school for its support, both financial and departmental. This kind of university-wide cooperation behind green initiatives is exactly what we need to see for UK to be a leader of sustainability in higher education.

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## STUDENTS DISCUSS NEW LIBRARY HOURS

**Editor's note:** Published below are student opinions concerning the reduced library hours this year. We want to know your stance. E-mail opinions@kykernel.com, or use the "Send a Letter to the Editor" form on the Kernel's Web site, (www.kykernel.com.) Include a phone number so we can confirm your identity; phone numbers will not be published. Letters will not be printed if the author's identity cannot be confirmed.

"If I'm typing downstairs and have to go upstairs to look at a book for two hours, if deadline is midnight, I'd feel more rushed."  
**Nick Stewart**, English freshman

"Maybe at the beginning of the year it could close at 2 a.m., but 24 hours during the latter part of the year would be beneficial for students."  
**Phil Mosley**, pre-law sophomore

"The library offers a better learning atmosphere. Dare I say it may damage my academic career?"  
**Tessa Meek**, undecided freshman

"I don't think it's beneficial because a lot of students need a place to study late at night, espe-

cially on-campus students."  
**Sarah Ison**, equine science and management sophomore

"I don't like working in my room. I'd have to work in my basement, which is creepy."  
**Megan Miller**, pre-pharmacy freshman

"Non-freshman have roommates and need somewhere to go. It's funny how we can afford to give President Todd a \$100,000 bonus, but we can't afford to keep the library open."  
**John Witt**, computer engineering senior

"It doesn't bother me because I'm usually asleep by 2 a.m."  
**Dan Spaulding**, pre-physical therapy sophomore

"I'm in ROTC and have to wake up early, so for no reason would I ever be in the library at two in the morning."  
**Anthony Gibson**, undecided freshman

"It will hurt the people who want to study all night before an exam. The library is a great resource, and they'll lose that."  
**Adam Powers**, physical therapy sophomore

"I don't think it's fair because a lot of students don't have a place to study. If you have a roommate sleeping, you won't be able to have the lights on to study."  
**Chelsea Cuntz**, merchandising, apparel and textiles sophomore

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## frame by frame

This week's box office hits and misses

### Remake needed more than new actors

**By Ricky Simpson**  
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**Bangkok Dangerous**  
Starring: Nicolas Cage, Shakrit Yamnarm

Directors Oxide Pang Chun and Danny Pang remake their 1999 film of the same name hoping to improve on their dismal profits from their original endeavor. This time, with their production company and superstar Nicolas Cage (Face Off) at the lead, hopes where set high.

Joe (Cage) is a hired hitman who is brought to Bangkok to assassinate four targets. Joe, a true professional, is teamed up with Kong (Shakrit Yamnarm), who eventually begins to sway Joe's morals by questioning his profession. Joe begins to fall in love with a local dancer and predictably when Joe begins to have a change of heart, Kong and the dancer are kidnapped and held until Joe lives up to his agreement.

In one of the slowest box office weekends in years, "Bangkok" edged out "Tropic Thunder" as the number one film. This sounds impressive, until you realize it only grossed \$7.7 million in its opening weekend. The truth is, my synopsis on the film is much more interesting than it actually plays out. Cage is

again a monotone character who seems to be on the verge of dozing off during every sentence. For every good film Nicholas Cage does, he has eight bad ones. And unfortunately, this is the latter.

Somehow this foreign land comes off incredibly boring in this film, almost as if it could have been placed on any puddle-filled alley in the world. Chun and Pang could have used this backdrop to enhance the aura of this film, but failed in this remake.

The film runs 99 minutes and is rated "R" for violence, strong language and some sexual moments. I would avoid this action flick and simply hope that the start of the fall season brings some exciting new films with the cool air.

Grade: D  
Playing At: Cinemark Fayette Mall, Regal Hamburg Pavilion, Lexington Movie Tavern

#### Opening Today

**Burn After Reading**  
Starring: Brad Pitt, Frances McDormand, George Clooney

Fresh off their Oscar heyday, the Coen Brothers ("No Country For Old Men") are back to what we love the most, their doltish situational comedies with vintage Coen pace. Crammed with A-list star power, this comedy

should fall in line with other comedies such as "Fargo" and "The Big Lebowski."

Playing At: Cinemark Fayette Mall, Regal Hamburg Pavilion

**The Family That Preys**  
Starring: Kathy Bates, Alfre Woodard

Written and directed by Tyler Perry ("Diary of a Mad Black Woman"), this film about family, morals and the evolution of relationships, should hold true to Perry's sentimental style, which has made him a superstar filmmaker.

Playing At: Cinemark Fayette Mall, Regal Hamburg Pavilion

**Righteous Kill**  
Starring: Robert De Niro, Al Pacino

Written by Russell Gewirtz ("Inside Man"), this offbeat crime drama revolves around two New York City detectives (De Niro, Pacino) who discover evidence that they may have made a mistake in a past case, sending the wrong man to prison, meanwhile balancing their arrogance toward one another.

Playing At: Cinemark Fayette Mall, Regal Hamburg Pavilion, Codell Drive, Lexington Movie Tavern

### 'Say Anything' projects lessons on life

The 1989 Cameron Crowe film "Say Anything" gave us a lot. It gave us arguably the best teen romance movie of all time. It



**DEREK MILES**  
Kernel columnist

gave us John Cusack holding up a boombox blaring Peter Gabriel's "In Your Eyes." It gave us the character (played to perfection by Cusack) of Lloyd Dobler.

Dobler has since become something of a romantic pop-culture idol, as the imperfect geek who somehow lands the near-perfect Diane Court (played by Ione Skye).

While Dobler has shaped in the history of chick flicks, what sticks with me most about him are some words that he speaks in the film:

"I don't want to sell anything, buy anything or process anything as a career. I don't want to sell anything bought or processed, or buy anything sold or processed, or process anything sold, bought or processed, or repair anything sold, bought or processed. You know, as a career. I don't want to do that."

Like Dobler, many of us in this stage of our lives have a pre-thought and well-rehearsed monologue, but most of us, however, don't seem to be as sincere with the world as he was. While he speaks about certainty all he

has really figured out for sure is uncertainty. We tend to speak with confidence about our futures, our aspirations and our plans.

But let's be honest with ourselves for a moment. Most of us are in the same boat as Dobler. We have no clue of what the future holds, let alone where we're going to stand in it. As Dobler points out, many of us have a pretty solid idea of what we don't want to do — which is a start.

But isn't this the period in our lives where we are supposed to put things together and figure things out? Absolutely. So, why are many of us busy trying to keep up the deception that we already have everything put together and figured out? That seems a bit counterproductive to me.

While most people probably aren't on the same level as "The Graduate's" iconic Benjamin Braddock (Dustin Hoffman), floating in a pool of self-doubt and insecurity about what lies in front of us. Most of us, however, can relate to Dobler's indecision and anxiety about what our future holds. After all, this is the rest of our lives that we're talking about.

The bottom line is that in terms of the future we are scared, excited and uneasy about the great unknown that is to come.

Surely I'm not Dobler-esque in my outlook of the future. I have an idea of what I want to do and don't want to do — but, I certainly don't hold any illusions that I've figured it out. After all, what is the point of that?

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Islamic studies junior Hunter Williams stands guard during the 9/11 Memorial on Thursday.

Project takes plaid to the masses

By Leticia Jones  
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The classic style with vertical and horizontal stripes will criss-cross UK blue to become the university's official plaid.

Creators Jena Everhard, and Christina Criollo, both UK seniors, will present the official plaid at the dinner hosted by the College of Agriculture before the UK football game Saturday.

Their design was one of four chosen by a 20-member advisory committee made up of UK faculty and staff, as well as industry professionals. Around 12,000 people cast votes online on the final four designs in April and May.

The Kentucky Plaid Project, a classroom competition, was much more than a homework assignment for Criollo and Everhard, merchandising, apparel and textiles senior.

The project idea was presented in

the beginning of the spring semester to MAT 350, taught by Scarlett Wesley, and MAT 559, taught by Vanessa Jackson.

Jackson's course focused on the production of the brand, product ideas, and the hangtag design. Wesley's course designed various plaids to compete to become the official UK Plaid.

"This was Dr. Wesley's baby," Criollo said. "She was the one who pitched the idea, who did everything from explaining how to use the design software to creating display boards to being on the advisory board for the plaid project. Basically, if it wasn't for her, this (project) wouldn't exist."

To design the plaid, Everhard and Criollo spent hours experimenting with widths of horizontal and vertical lines, Everhard said.

"We printed and reprinted, looked at it from far away, considered the scale and how it would look when reproduced

on different products," Everhard said. "The plaid was tweaked time and time again until we produced a symmetrical, classic plaid with enough blue, enough simplicity, and enough appeal."

The two found out their design had been selected in the beginning of summer, which was an exciting time, said Criollo.

"UK has such a strong following and to be able to say that I designed the official UK Plaid was just a really great feeling," she said.

The first products will be a women's silk scarf and a men's silk tie, which will be at the University Bookstore this month. The winning tag design, "A Tailored Tradition," was composed by four MAT students.

Every year another product will be added to the line and royalties from sales will help support the School of Human Environmental Sciences in this endeavor.

Asia Center receives national grant

By Kirsten Clancy  
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They hosted this summer's Olympics and make up almost 20 percent of the world's population.

They are the Chinese, and, according to Bob Haven, co-director of the UK's Asia Center, we don't know them very well.

"The average Westerner has very little understanding or knowledge of Asian culture," Haven said.

However, as Asia makes its way into mainstream American culture, Asian studies programs have sprung up on college campuses across the country, Haven said.

UK's Asian Studies program is set to expand as well after receiving a \$300,000 grant from the Freeman Foundation's Undergraduate Asian Studies Initiative this

fall.

The Freeman Foundation awarded UK the 3-year grant to be used for the advancement of the Asian Studies program. Haven said the new funding will be utilized for scholarships and the study abroad program, as well as for new faculty members in Chinese history and Chinese language and culture.

The center also plans to start an Asian arts festival beginning fall 2009, Haven said, and in 2011, UK will host the Japanese Embroidery World Exhibition.

Six years ago, the Freeman Foundation awarded UK a \$1.08 million grant, allowing for the creation of the Asia Center. As part of the initial grant in 2002, the Asia Center was required to submit periodic reports of the program's progress on campus. The Freeman Foundation

invited the Asia Center to submit another proposal early spring 2008, a very uncommon occurrence, Haven said.

"There are people knocking on their doors, and it's not often they come to people saying, 'Here, ask us for money,'" he said.

Shana Herron, assistant director of the Asia Center, said being asked to submit a proposal just shows how the Asia Center at UK has definitely advanced over the years.

"They are very concerned with universities sustaining their investment, and apparently they were pleased with the way we used the first large grant. It showed that UK has picked up," she said.

The Asia Center will receive \$150,000 the first year, which it will be required to match each year in order to receive money for the next

year. Haven said he plans to do so through the Provost's Office and the UK Office of Development. Through these departments, the Center hopes to gain additional funding to keep programs such as study-abroad going after the grant period has ended.

"We feel strongly about getting our students to Asia," Haven said.

The Asia Center is not an academic department. Though UK supports the center through providing operating expenses, the Center solicits funds for projects itself. Through new funding the Asia Center hopes to fulfill its goal of uniting UK, the Commonwealth and institutions and peoples in Asia.

"Asia is the next frontier on the planet. We need to accept that there is more than Western culture," Haven said.

RED/BLUE

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The debate proceeded with similar back-and-forth, with each topic running over

its allotted time for discussion with debate and questions from the audience.

After the debate, participants on both sides of the aisle said the event was a boost for on-campus politics.

"People walked away with a better knowledge of what the Democrats and Republicans stand for," said John Ghaelian, events coordinator for UK College Democrats.

Another debate will be

held on Oct. 28, and the topics will focus primarily on national issues in anticipation of the national election.

"I am really looking forward to the next one," Sims said.

DAME

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and Dame operators getting closer to reaching a final decision, Lexington's avenues for live music keep growing.

Although it has been more than two month's since The Dame's demolition, opposition to the CentrePointe project has continued in Lexington. An event Friday called the Kentucky Mourning Project is intended to allow the public to give the loss of the block.

The project, sponsored by ELandF-Gallery and GREENGRIEF, will feature

different memorials to the block, including an '80s Block Party at Cheapside Park, which begins at 1 a.m. Saturday. During a public fund for the block from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday, participants will walk three laps around the block where The Dame once stood.

Event spokesperson Jonathan Rodgers said the Kentucky Mourning Project will give the community a chance to grieve the loss of the block.

"It relates to the college demographic," Rodgers said. "Losing The Dame was the death of something great for the younger people."

COWS

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two, since the farm doesn't generally keep males, Silvia said.

Meanwhile, students working at the Coldstream Dairy Research Farm will get to see something that will most likely only come to UK once in their lifetimes.

"It's amazing that something so rare in nature happened here at UK for us to observe," said Elizabeth Clancy, a student employee at the farm.

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