



Coach catches some Z's

Defensive coordinator Mike Archer is able to breathe — and sleep — after his team recovers from U of L thumping.

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UK to examine cost, feasibility of partner benefits

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UK is forming a committee to look into giving domestic partner benefits to its faculty and staff, university spokesman Jay Blanton said yesterday. UK gives marriage benefits to its employees, but domestic partner benefits would make them available to unmarried people in long-term relationships, such as homosexual couples.

"The president (UK President Lee Todd) has said all along that he wants to look at benefits in a comprehensive way that makes us more competitive

with the folks we compete with for faculty and staff," Blanton said. "If we want to have a top-20 research institution, we have to have top-20 pay and benefits."

The formation of this committee comes as a response to a "Work-Life" survey that about half of UK's faculty and staff completed last school year. The survey included questions about employees' satisfaction with their job and role at the university. In the survey employees listed benefits they would like to see, including childcare services, tuition benefits for children and spouses, and the domestic partner benefits.

The full results from the extensive survey will be presented to the Board of Trustees today.

University of Louisville was the first school in Kentucky to include domestic partner benefits; its new benefit package will be implemented in January.

U of L spokesman John Drees said his school made the switch because of the competitive aspects of retaining faculty and staff.

"The university looked at it from a couple view points," Drees said. "We're trying to compete with some of the best colleges in the country for top

faculty, and we're competing with the best corporations in Louisville for top staff."

Drees also said the benefits were an opportunity to improve their employees' lives.

"This is one way we can really take one burden off their mind," Drees said. UK is in a similar situation as it competes for its faculty and staff.

"We are aware of what other institutions in the state do, but our main focus is looking at what our benchmark list is doing," Blanton said. "That's who we're recruiting faculty from and who want to keep from being recruited

away from."

Many of UK's benchmark schools offer some form of domestic partner benefits, including the University of Florida, Michigan State University and Ohio State University.

UK isn't prepared to take action on domestic partner benefits or other benefits mentioned in the survey.

Any new benefits would not be implemented until July 2007 or later. Cost is among the concerns the university is examining, Blanton said.

"A number of these things in Work-Life have a cost associated with them," Blanton said. "We want to take those

Art Museum opens unique landscape exhibit

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With pieces spanning neo-classicism, realism and impressionism, UK Art Museum's newest exhibit could practically be considered a French history lesson, said museum curator Janie Welker.

The exhibit, which opened Sunday and runs through Dec. 10, features 54 key pieces reflecting the French artistic revolution, including works by Claude Monet, Charles-Francois Daubigny, Camille Corot and many of the Barbizon painters.

The exhibition, titled "A Romance with the Landscape: Realism to Impressionism," is different from others at the museum because all the pieces were collected regionally through both public and private dealers, Welker said.

"There were so many landscapes scattered throughout the region, so we decided to unite them," Welker said. "It is also different in the aspect that this is not a traveling exhibit. This is the first time in many years that these pieces have all been displayed together."

"Throughout the 19th century in France, there was so much political and social turmoil," Welker said. "These artists all wanted to show the enduring value of the land. They used nature to represent reflection and quiet in times of chaos. For the first time in history, artists were turning away from painting the past, and they were going outdoors and painting everyday life."

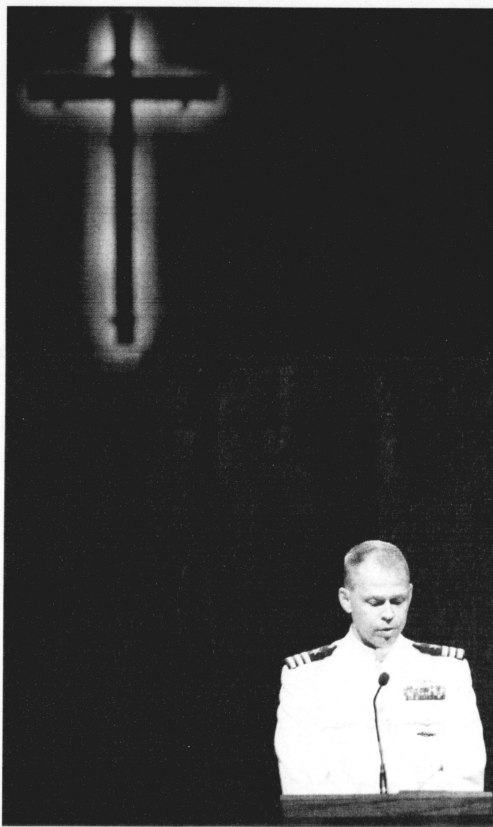
Running concurrently with the exhibition is a collection of related American impressionist pieces. These 18 paintings include works by John Singer Sargent, Julien Alden Weir and Willard Metcalf. There are also paintings by two impressionists from Ohio, Wilder Darling and Jesse Deviney.

"The pieces in the American exhibit show the development of the style," Welker said. "The French artists created the landscapes as studies. They were incomplete pieces. Yet Americans took them to be highly finished works and replicated that."

Welker said there is a much deeper meaning behind why there were so many French landscapes present in Kentucky.

"In the Bluegrass region, we can relate to the importance of the land," she said. "These pieces reflect a direct response to nature. Many of the paintings are significant to our region in the aspect that our culture believes in protecting the natural world."

Five Years Later



Candles of Hope

Community honors Sept. 11 and Flight 5191 victims

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Originally planned as a service in remembrance of Sept. 11, 2001, "Our Community Remembers" expanded to include the Aug. 27 crash of Comair Flight 5191.

More than 60 people attended the event at Immanuel Baptist Church, which was led by WLEX anchor Nancy Cox and church pastor Craig Loscalzo.

"It was a wonderful service," Cox said. "I'm impressed by just how solemn these services have been. The people attending have been hungry for healing."

Baker Communications, a local advertising firm, organized the event at the request of company president Thomas Baker.

The company's public relations director, Kim Wade, said she contacted Cox to speak at the memorial based on her reporting on Aug. 27; Cox was on the air from 8 a.m. to 12 a.m. covering the crash of Flight 5191.

Following Cox at the podium was Loscalzo, who provided a spiritual anchor for the ceremony. He stressed fear's "crippling" properties. The best solution, he said, was to turn to "God as our strength and refuge."

Sherry Williams, president of New Leaf Resources, also spoke at the service. Her company specializes in "providing educational information to assist people who are healing from a loss," according to the memorial program.

Williams provided counseling services to individuals such as rescuers, widows, and children in the wake of Sept. 11. She emphasized her primary message at the service by quoting Anne Frank: "I don't think of all the misery in the world, but of all the beauty that remains."

Grief and anger, she said, are a normal process, but those experiencing them can channel them into something positive by standing up for a cause. Williams issued a warning in this regard.

"The anger, the hate and the fear can kill us," See **Memorial** on page 6

Cmdr. Paul Skarprness, of the USS Kentucky, spoke at last night's memorial service at Immanuel Baptist Church. The ceremony was in honor of victims from the Sept. 11, 2001 attacks and the Aug. 27 plane crash at Blue Grass Airport.

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Florida comedian learned first jokes growing up in father's bar

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Lord Carrett knew from the time he was a little boy that he wanted to be a comedian. He just had to figure out how to make his dream come true.

Carrett, who will be performing this week in the Cats' Den as a part of the weekly Comedy Caravan series, grew up with a love for performing arts.

"When I was a little boy, my dad owned a bar, and I was always fighting to stay up late, either to watch the bands at the bar or to watch whoever was on (Johnny) Carson," Carrett said.

As Carrett grew up in Florida, constantly at his dad's bar, he learned many dirty jokes.

"All I knew growing up was filthy

jokes," Carrett said. "When I started Catholic school, I had to learn how to clean them up so I didn't get kicked out."

Carrett, whose first name comes from a last name on his mother's side of his family, has been a stand-up comic for over 20 years. He recently appeared for the 16th time on the Bob and Tom Show and his CD "Unsweetened" is in heavy rotation on comedy stations on XM and Sirius Satellite radio.

While Carrett knew from the time he was nine years old that he wanted to be a comedian, he has since found out that some aspects of this job aren't all they're cracked up to be. Carrett's touring schedule makes it hard for him to be able to stay in the same place for too long.

"I'm just like a trucker hauling jokes," Carrett said. "I eat more meals behind wheels than a hamster. I've had about two days off in the past three weeks."

Comedy Caravan shows are held every Wednesday in the Cats' Den. Hosting shows in the middle of the week makes it easier to draw in big name acts because most performances at major venues are weekend shows.

"Wednesday is not typically a big comedy night," Stacey Underhill, the events coordinator at the Cat's Den, said. "It's so great that we can have all of these great comics come perform in the middle of the week."

Student coordinators and other volunteers organize all Cats' Den activities. The coordinator for Comedy Caravan

decides which performers to book and oversees the promotions and advertising for the events, Underhill said. All actually booking is done through an agent in Louisville.

"They have a great setup with the agent in Louisville," Carrett said. "He has everyone's schedules, which makes it easy to determine who is available for a certain date. It's great that he can fill in some dates for us comics during the week."

Comedy Caravan isn't just for professional comedians though. Underhill encourages any student who is interested in performing to simply arrive at the Caravan shows an hour early to discuss a performance.

"We really want students to come out and take advantage of this great

show," Underhill said. "Just come to the show and talk to the student coordinator about getting some stage time."

All Comedy Caravan shows are free for students. Comedy Caravan, which has been around for about three years, will celebrate its 100th show on Nov. 1.

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er person who's an expert at making do.

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Vanessa & Nick Flirty Fun in NYC!

Nick Lachey and Vanessa Minnillo's MTV VMA eve agenda? Partying! On August 30, Lachey, 32, and Minnillo, 25, let loose at NYC club Tenjune, where they sipped drinks and sang along to Bon Jovi's "Livin' on a Prayer." (Lachey also took a solo turn, jumping to his feet to scream Kelly Clarkson's breakup anthem "Since U Been Gone.")

"They looked like high school kids in love," an on-looker says. And their "What's Left of Me" director pal Ray Kay tells Us the sparks go back to the video's March filming: "Definitely. It was electric."

Hollywood couples heat up

laugh," a mutual friend says. "And they have really similar personalities."

Happy B-day, Baby!

"She's awesome." Tina Fey, 36, tells Us of daughter, Alice (with her husband of five years, Saturday Night Live music composer Jeff Richmond), whose first birthday is September 10.

"Jeff calls her Big Al," says Fey, star of NBC sitcom 30 Rock, which premieres October 11. "She's a little bossy-boots. She doesn't say words but bosses you around with gibberish!"

Tobey & Jennifer get Ready for baby

Tobey Maguire's baby with Jennifer Meyer isn't due until later this year, but Maguire, 31, is already playing the part of protective dad.

Ferrying his fiancée of five months to an appointment with her doctor in Los Angeles on August 30.

"Tobey was driving very, very carefully - like a grandfather!" a witness tells Us.

And when the couple of more than three years returned to the vehicle over an hour later, the star - next onscreen in the December drama The Good German with George Clooney and Cate Blanchett

— gave the jewelry designer a sweet smooch before opening the car door for his honey.

"He takes good care of her," the onlooker says. Not that Meyer doesn't pamper Maguire as well.

Before their doctor visit, the lovebirds hit busy shopping street Robertson Boulevard, where, a witness says, "as they were crossing street, she bear-hugged him from behind."

Annette & Warren share their love secret

After 14 years together, how do Annette Bening and Warren Beatty keep their love alive?

"It's not that different than most everybody in a marriage," the actress - who stars in October's Running With Scissors - tells Us. "It's a day-to-day thing."

And at their home, the sweet gestures start bright and early. "I make Warren breakfast often," says the mom of four: Kathryn, 14, Benjamin, 12, Isabel, 9, and Ella, 6.

"He loves my eggs sunny side up." But before the Primetime Emmys on August 27, the actor, 69, turned the tables, treating his love, 48, to scrambled eggs - while she was having her nails done!

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Archer getting more sleep — for now

Mike Archer couldn't sleep. After the University of Louisville passed over and ran through his defensive unit, the UK coordinator tried to go home and go to bed.



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He ended up just staring at the ceiling. So, at about 4 a.m., he dragged himself into the UK football offices and watched the game film.

Twice. In that early-morning tape session, Archer gained new perspective on the 59-28 loss.

He realized that part of the problem was that his players just played badly. But another part of the problem was the fact that U of L simply has an explosive offense. Most of all, Archer realized that his defense was going to get better.

"After I watched the film, I basically told (the players), 'We're better than we played. We have confidence in you and don't doubt yourself,'" Archer said. "We were very positive with them during the week."

But the players were not the only ones doubting themselves.

Archer admitted that he questioned himself and his ability to do the job.

"Sure, I doubted myself," he said. "As coaches we have those thoughts — that's human nature. But the kids get you out of that. They just come in and work hard. They're resilient."

If the players working hard in practice during the week didn't soothe Archer's self-doubt, their performance on the field last Saturday did. The defense played as well against Texas State as it has in Archer's second stint as defensive coordinator at UK, which began in 2003. It was only the third time in four years that UK has held an opponent in single digits.

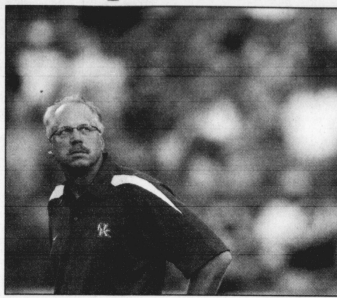
"I get to breathe this week," Archer said.

As the Cats begin conference play this week, the defense will need to continue to improve, because the Southeastern Conference has become a defense-dominated league.

Just ask Steve Spurrer. The inventor of the high-scoring Fun 'n' Gun offense watched his South Carolina team get shut out by Georgia on Saturday.

Or talk to Sylvester Croom. His Mississippi State team has won two conference games and hasn't scored a point.

The days of Hal Mumme's Air Raid are long gone. To win in this SEC, you've got to shut people down. And that begins with stopping the run.



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Defensive coordinator Mike Archer looks up during pregame warmups of the Louisville game. The loss kept him from sleeping when he got home.

Head coach Rich Brooks understands that there are still questions about the team's ground defense. He was asked yesterday at his weekly press conference if he is concerned about Ole Miss running back BenJarvus Green-Ellis.

"Anybody that can carry the ball is a concern for a defense that hasn't stopped the run," he said. "We need to show that we can stop the run against a team in our league."

Brooks is anxious to see if the defensive improvement was real, or just a mirage against a crummy opponent.

"We didn't play to our level (against U of L)," he said. "Last week we played closer to our level, against an opponent that obviously wasn't as good as the first team we played. Now we're going to play an opponent that is closer to the first team we played, and we need to still play up to our ability."

If the Cats can play at "their level" on Saturday, they'll beat Ole Miss and start 1-0 in the SEC for the first time since 1987.

And Mike Archer will be able to sleep. At least for another week.

Brooks: Tamme, Pryor unsure for Ole Miss

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Junior tight end Jacob Tamme is questionable to doubtful for Saturday night's game against Ole Miss, after suffering a hamstring injury in his right leg against Texas State last Saturday, head coach Rich Brooks said yesterday at his weekly press conference.

Brooks said the hamstring is strained and has localized to one spot. He said the team should know more about the injury tomorrow.

Tamme was hampered by injuries to both of his shoulders last season and sat out all of

spring practice to recover from surgery on them.

Tamme has started 16 games in his UK career, caught 47 passes and scored three touchdowns. So far this season, Tamme has two catches for 12 yards.

If Tamme can't play, Brooks said the race for the position is "probably between T.C. Drake and Zipp Duncan."

"Ross Bogue could be in the mix," Brooks added.

Brooks said sophomore defensive tackle Myron Pryor is also uncertain for this weekend's game with a foot injury. Pryor sat out the Texas State game with the injury.

Starting spots back up for grabs

After being named the starter in only his second collegiate game, freshman linebacker Micah Johnson will have to earn his spot again in practice this week.

Brooks said the competition is back open between the wunderkind Johnson and sophomore Braxton Kelley after the pair combined for three tackles against Texas State.

"Both of them did some good things," Brooks said. "But neither one of them at this point, in my opinion, is playing to the level we expect of our starters."

Offensive lineman Fatu Turrituri lost his starting spot at right guard to Trai Williams. Williams will continue his role as the backup center.

At right defensive end, Nii Adjei Oniku, Dominic Lewis and J.D. Craigman will compete this week to lock up the job, and Roger Williams returns as the starter at strong safety following a death in his family last week.

Pulley handling role better

Many coaches say the biggest improvement a team makes during its season is between weeks one and two.

Curtis Pulley's attitude has followed that same pattern. "I wasn't particularly pleased the week leading into the Louisville game," Brooks said. "I was very pleased last week, and I think he demonstrated that on the field when he got in and played."

"He threw curls, he threw

out-routes, he threw hitches, and all of them were on the money."

Although Pulley continues to mature, Brooks said he has no plans to change Pulley's role.

"He's subject to play in every game at any time, but again there's no plan to insert him on the third series or before the half," he said. "It's just trying to figure out what's going on in the game and if we need a change of pace or something to get us moving or if we're not doing well."

Brooks not confident in kicking game

Kicker J.J. Housley missed an extra-point attempt and a 33-yard field goal kick Saturday against Texas State. Brian Scott came in to knock through two extra-point attempts after replacing Housley.

So how much faith does Brooks have in his kickers? "Let's put it this way: You earn confidence by demonstrating you're capable of doing the job," Brooks said. "And in practice, all three of them have been erratic."

Brooks went on to say that someone in the rotation — which includes Lones Seiber, who is returning from an injury this week — must emerge with a reliable foot.

"I don't have confidence in our kickers right now," he said. "Somebody needs to give me some confidence, and that's just the bottom line."

Sophomore quarterback Curtis Pulley yells instructions to the offense during the second half of the Texas State game on Saturday. Head coach Rich Brooks said Pulley's attitude has improved since Andre Woodson was named the starting quarterback over him.



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Online voting should spur voter turnout at UK

Last week, Student Government's Operations and Evaluations Committee approved an amendment and an act that would make online elections for the fall freshman elections possible.

The amendment does not specifically propose online voting, but offers it as a possibility. In order to take effect, the SG Senate must pass an act to allow voting over the Internet.

If passed, only the 2006 fall freshman elections would be affected. If voting runs smoothly, SG would evaluate the potential for future elections.

With voter turnout running at drastically low levels — 3,167 voted in the 2006 SG elections; 2,818 in 2005 — there is an obvious need to bring more students into the election process. A 2005 Kernel study showed that

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physical polling places could only accommodate a maximum of 26 percent of students on campus.

It should be abundantly clear to SG officials that polling places will always be limited in the number of students they can serve with limited polling hours, locations and the potential for long lines.

If online voting were enacted, polls could be left open for the full 48-hour period. Students with Internet access would have little trouble voting, as long as they provide valid student ID numbers and personal access codes.

Eastern Kentucky University already conducts its student government elections online.

Last spring, EKV student rights chairman David Fifer told the Kernel that online voting is "more secure than paper ballots."

"Electronic voting only helps (with voter participation)," he said.

UK students deserve a more efficient means of casting their votes for their student representatives. And in order to function properly, SG requires greater participation by UK students in its elections.

But in doing so, there must be safeguards to prevent misuse of the system. It appears that SG is preparing to include some of these in the act.

First, the act mandates that computer labs on campus must be campaign-free zones. Existing policy does not allow campaigning within 25 feet of a polling place. So it makes sense to extend the policy to include places where

students will be voting electronically.

Another rule built into the SG act would prohibit individual students from setting up locations for others to vote. This would prevent potential electioneering as students use these computers to cast their votes online.

A potential concern that follows any discussion of online voting is voter fraud. If SG is to implement any form of online elections, it needs to ensure the system is 100 percent secure. UK students deserve nothing less, and SG should deliver a fair and accountable system.

We hope that any online voting system will increase voter turnout among UK students. Previous years' turnouts of 10 or 12 percent are embarrassing for UK, and anything that can be done to improve upon those numbers will ultimately be a benefit.

Student billing glitch another example of IRIS problems

For 9,200 UK students, the cost of higher education became steeper than expected.

It turns out that a "glitch" within the bowels of the Funkhouser Building overcharged these students by amounts upwards of \$5,000 — prompting a bevy of head scratching from the affected students.

The culprit of this grave error? Why, the transfer of the existing account infrastructure over to a new, more acronym-friendly one, dubbed IRIS (Integrated Resource Information Systems).

Despite the university's pledge to reimburse the affected students, there are still a number of things wrong here.

For one, this is one of several errors that have involved the transferring of information from the old database to the new IRIS system. Although we advocate the streamlining of the flow of information, including updating

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software systems, it is imperative for UK officials to control the process so glitches like this one can be avoided.

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We don't advocate jettisoning the IRIS system into the far reaches of space, but it would probably be a good idea for Student Billing Services to read the software manuals before they click "install."

That's just good, common sense.

Let's talk about sex — to remove the stigma and promote safety

Almost 1,200 students attended the Student Activities Board's presentation of "The Female Orgasm" last week, myself included. I think everyone who was there can attest to how entertaining and informative the presentation was.

In fact, because of fire code regulations, only 705 people could stay for the first presentation, but more than 500 students attended the unplanned encore.

Why are so many students interested in learning about female orgasms? Does the fact that students were literally sitting on top of each other in the aisles to hear the presentation mean that all of those people are having bad sex?

The presenters made an excellent point regarding the sex education that most of us received. Every woman in that room could have talked out her fallopian tubes on a diagram, and while these are important, I think that I could have lived a very happy life without ever knowing what mine looked like.

We were taught that if we had sex, we would most likely suffer terrible consequences. What we did not learn however, was how to have smart sex, how to prepare for sex or how to empower ourselves to make our own educated decisions about sex.

The presenters were quick to emphasize that everyone's decisions about having sex or not having sex are different. Whether you are in a committed relationship, having a one-night stand, not having sex right now, or abstaining until marriage, what is important about that decision is that it is your decision.

Many of us have been taught from childhood that sex is bad, dirty and something to feel guilty or ashamed about. What if the people who spent so much time trying to convince us that sex is a terrible thing had instead spent the same amount of time teaching us to respect and embrace our bodies?

Studies have shown that a majority of teenagers do not use birth control during their first sexual encounter. This cannot be good. Is it because they just don't want to? I doubt it. Research has found that young people do not use birth control because they are either unaware of their options or do not have access to it.

The stone cold truth is that teenagers will have sex, even if you tell them not to. If our society is uncomfortable exposing its children to real sex education, is it any wonder that the United States has a higher rate of teen pregnancy than any other industrialized country?

If you had been taught from a young age to be comfortable with your body, to love and respect yourself and to make informed, educated decisions about when you wanted to have sex, do you think you would have done things differently?

I don't think the people who attended the "Female Orgasm" presentation were there because they are having bad sex — quite the opposite actually.

I think that Memorial Hall was filled with people who are fed up with not being able to talk openly about sex — people who want to learn what they should have learned five years ago. Women and men who are excited about the idea of a woman being sexually empowered, and actually enjoying sex!

We are bombarded with sex every day; it is impossible to escape it.

We see it in the media, we study the cultural ramifications of it in class, and we, of course, talk with our friends about who's doing it with whom. This seems like a relatively open environment in which to talk about sex, but in actuality, there is not much real discussion to be found.

Perhaps if we could have an open dialogue about sex, people could make informed decisions about their own sexuality. Maybe then we would feel comfortable talking about our experiences (or lack thereof), our questions and our concerns. We wouldn't have to ask, "How come every time you come around my London London Bridge wanna go down?" — because, let's face it, no one knows what the hell that means anyway.

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BRIAN GOODLEY, Kernel cartoonist

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Respect cyclists' rights

This morning on my way to class I was struck (literally) by the lack of awareness on this campus for cyclists.

I was riding my bike in a clearly designated bike lane on Rose Street when a passenger in a car in the lane next to me abruptly opened the car door. I plowed right into it and found myself and my bike on the ground.

Luckily, I was wearing my helmet and sustained no serious injuries, but it was an accident that left me shaken for quite a while afterward — and one that could easily have been prevented.

You may have noticed that there are a number of pedestrians, cyclists and motorists on UK's campus, and we are all sharing the road at some time or another. We are all interested in being a part of a university community where we can arrive safely to class, no matter what mode of transportation we utilize.

I implore my fellow cyclists to follow the rules and regulations listed on the university Web site; drivers to respect the right of bicycles to share the road; and pedestrians to recognize that bike lanes will not always be empty when you are jaywalking across the street.

Please take notice of your surroundings and be a responsible traveler to ensure that UK is a safer environment for everyone.

Laura Seithers
linguistics and Spanish junior

Plan B valuable for women

Megan Vazzina's column ("Plan B move makes no sense in light of birth control availability") demonstrated a lack of understanding regarding why Plan B birth control being made available over-the-counter in pharmacies is so important.

True, regular hormonal birth control is not available without a doctor's prescription, but the pill is intended for women who plan to be sexually active on a regular basis.

Plan B, on the other hand, offers a second chance at avoiding pregnancy for women who engage in unplanned sex, experience rape or have another form of birth control fail. In such cases, over-the-counter Plan B offers a ray of hope in a frightening, critical situation when obtaining a prescription would often take

too long.

As a last resort in preventing unwanted pregnancy and reducing the number of women seeking abortions, over-the-counter Plan B is an invaluable option for women.

Johannah Oldiges
history junior

Get facts straight on Plan B

I am writing in response to the Kernel's Aug. 31 editorial lauding over-the-counter availability of Plan B, an emergency contraceptive.

The editorial claims Plan B "does not affect fertilized eggs" and therefore should not draw the ire of anti-abortion groups. UK Feminist Alliance President Carrie Bass is quoted as saying, "It only prevents ovulation of eggs and stops sperm from fertilizing." It struck me as odd that the Kernel would ask the president of a pro-abortion group on campus about the availability of emergency contraception without also consulting someone from the other side of the debate.

However, the article also recommended that I "first become educated about the product" before I make a snap judgment. So rather than take the Kernel and Bass at their word, I strolled on over to Plan B's Web site, www.go2planb.com, and clicked on "How Plan B Works."

Imagine my surprise when what I found that the Web site directly contradicts the Kernel editorial and Bass.

After detailing how Plan B prevents ovulation and fertilization, the site offers the following, which I will quote for accuracy: "Plan B may also work by preventing it from attaching to the uterus (womb)." The "it" in this case is, of course, a newly fertilized egg.

The mechanism that prevents a fertilized egg from implanting in the uterus is present not only in Plan B, but in conventional birth control pills as well.

A fertilized egg is a fully self-directed human organism, and every detail of the baby's development has already been determined, including gender, hair color and eye color. Plan B and conventional birth control pills work to destroy this fertilized egg, and thus pro-life groups rightly oppose them as abortifacists.

The Kernel and the UK Feminist Al-

liance owe an apology to the thousands of young women at UK who may have been misinformed by the Aug. 31 editorial. I hope future editorials on this topic will reflect the facts rather than recite misleading pro-choice talking points.

Jay Springate
chemical engineering senior

Live, loud music = no sleep

Ever been to Salotto's? You know, that new restaurant/bar/night club/required cool place between Tully Ho and Kennedy's?

This ultra-hip new hangout also has live music every Thursday and Friday night. Oh yeah, it's really cool. This guy comes out and plays atrocious covers of "Hey Ya" and "Jessie's Girl" on his acoustic guitar. And they amplify this drivel, so it's quite loud.

The best part? This goes on until 1 a.m. Now imagine living right across the street in a non-air-conditioned dorm, so all the windows are open, and Rick Springfield lyrics are reverberating throughout the entire place.

I did what any rational person would and called the establishment to explain the situation. I was told something would be done about it.

As you can guess by my writing this letter, nothing was done. After this, my irrational side started to take over as I considered walking on down there to throw water balloons at this "performer."

I did not do that. But I was very tempted to as I tried to catch some shut-eye before my 7 a.m. wake-up and all I could hear was a thin voice desperately trying to hit that high note in "Heeeeeyyyy yyyyaauuuu."

I'm sorry, Mr. Singer Man. I know I'm giving you a large brunt of the blame, and you don't deserve it. Salotto's and the people that (poorly) run it deserve most of it.

By disturbing the peace of UK students, you are ultimately alienating a portion of your intended customers. Well done. Don't ever expect my business.

Oh, and I'm calling the police next time. If that doesn't work, beware of the water balloons.

Jaime Lazich
political science sophomore

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she said.

Baker said he decided to put on the event because of his involvement in two military support organizations. He is the national director of the Navy League of the United States and the chairman of the Bluegrass Military Affairs Coalition.

Baker invited Commander Paul Skarpness from the USS Kentucky, a navy submarine, to speak. Skarpness talked about the progress the United States and the rest of the "international coalition" have made against terrorism in the last five years.

"In fighting terror, we fight for the conditions to make peace possible," Skarpness said. Skarpness and three of his crewmembers drew applause from the audience.

The ceremony closed with a candlelight ceremony. Cox and Loscalzo lit five candles on the center stage, candles representing grief, courage, memory, love and hope.

The flame of the "hope" candle was then spread by candle-carrying ushers to the small white candles held by each of those attending. As this was happening, Cox and Loscalzo read the names of the 49 victims of the Flight 5191 crash.

"We had wanted to do a 9/11 service before Flight 5191 happened," Baker said. "The tragedy occurred, and it immediately occurred to me of the similarities. We had to try to bring this to the community."

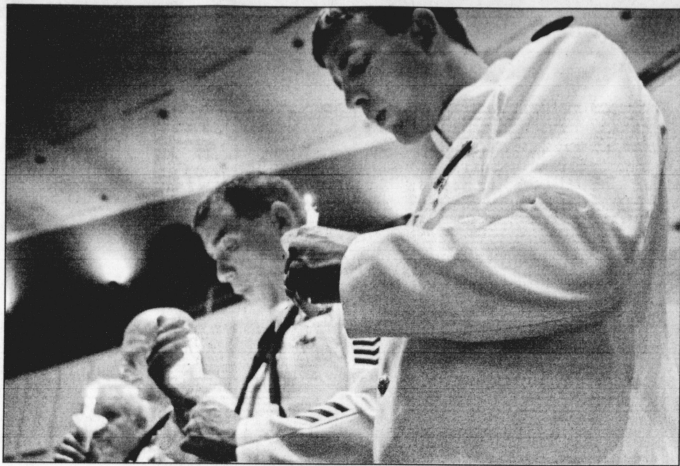
The memorial was geared toward the entire community — not just those who knew the victims of Sept. 11 or Flight 5191.

Sue Farris's mother died six years ago, and she has since been coping with the associated sadness.

Farris, who attended the memorial, said the "parallels" of grief in her situation and the grief experienced by those directly affected by Sept. 11 and Flight 5191 convinced her come to the service.

"You can feel overwhelmed (by grief)," Farris said. The service, she said, promoted healing.

"It didn't make me feel sad," she said.



Ed Matthews' staff Lt. Smith and Petty Officers Earley and Hicks, right to left, attended the memorial service held at Immanuel Baptist Church last night. All three men are members of the "Blue Crew" on the USS Kentucky.

Memories are fresh in the dust of Ground Zero

By Ellen Barry
LOS ANGELES TIMES

NEW YORK — Their voices ragged with sadness, spouses and companions of those killed here on Sept. 11 called out their names yesterday to mark the fifth anniversary of the attack. Their messages were sweet and home-ly: Our son loves you to Pluto and back. We catch glimpses of you in your beautiful daughter. Lucy died in April. I love you, baby. Save a spot for me.

The fire station bell clanged out at 8:46, 9:03, 9:50 and 10:29 a.m. to mark the moments the planes hit the two World Trade Center towers and the moments each tower fell. Families filed down a ramp that took them seven stories underground, where they could touch the earth that lay below the buildings. For more than three hours, a quiet crowd listened to the roll call of the 2,749 dead.

In past years, the names have been read by siblings, children and parents of the dead. This year, Mayor Michael R. Bloomberg called on husbands, wives

and significant others to read the list, "not in the first flush of despair, but with the saving grace of memory."

"Five years have come and five years have gone, and still we stand together as one," he said. "We come back to this place to remember the heart-breaking anniversary and each person who died here—those known and unknown to us, whose absence is always with us."

People paid their respects all over the United States yesterday, marking an event that made the fight against terrorism a national priority and launched wars in Afghanistan and Iraq. Mourning gathered in the field in Shanksville, Pa., where United Flight 93 crashed. A visibly moved Vice President Dick Cheney led a memorial service for victims' families at the Pentagon, where 184 people died. Firefighters in Akron, Ohio, sounded their sirens for 30 seconds in remembrance. At public buildings from Tennessee to Indiana to Colorado, flags were lowered to half-staff.

For the people at ground zero, how-

ever, the losses were intimate.

Douglas Hersh was remembering his younger brother, Alan Palumbo—the way he stopped using profanity overnight during his teens, the way he would never eat both ends of a hot dog, only one. Tomi Gomez, who lost her cousin, Diana O'Conor, said she was concerned for Diana's young daughter, who became so fearful after the attacks that she used to hide her father's shoes so he would not leave her.

Asked how she was, five years out, Catherine Coughlan looked numb. "This is as bad as the first day," said Coughlan, whose husband, Martin, a carpenter, was working that morning on the 92nd floor of the south tower. The family held a second burial service last year, when additional fragments of his body were identified.

Evelyn Stone, whose 43-year-old son, Lenny, was killed, said she had watched other family members resume their normal lives but is certain she will not do so. Her son's death, she said, "is a nightmare that you never wake up

from."

"I don't think it will ever go away," she said. "It's not in the order of things."

One after the other, husbands and wives stepped up to the microphone to address the dead. James Smith wanted to tell his wife, Moira, a police officer, that he was "honored to be her husband," and grateful to be able to raise their daughter, a grave-looking little girl wearing ruffled ankle socks. If she were still alive, he said, "Moira would be about the business of living."

Carmen Suarez's voice cracked as she remembered her husband, police Officer Ramon Suarez. "If I could build a staircase to heaven, I would, so I could quickly run up there to have you back in my arms," she said.

If the mood was somber inside the high fence surrounding ground zero, it was chaotic outside—where protesters mingled with tourists and family members.

Rick Kowalko, a retiree from Connecticut, had brought his horse, Melody,

to the site, saddled up but riderless, with boots turned backward in the stirrups. A 51-year-old Cuban emigre, Raoul Moreno, was waving a sign that read "When the Left Says Peace They Mean Surrender" and shouting at a crowd that formed around him. Dozens of people wore T-shirts declaring the attacks a government conspiracy.

Tara Blessing, whose brother was killed in the Sept. 11 attacks, stepped into the fray, tears running down her face.

"All of you guys shut up about this political stuff," said Blessing, 28, who had traveled to New York from her home in Kentucky for the anniversary. "It's not about whose fault it is."

Quiet memorials could be found all over the city Monday. The New York Historical Society, a stately building on Central Park West, offered "Elegy in the Dust," a painstakingly preserved display of clothing that had been for sale that morning in a shop across from ground zero. It is on display through January.

Doctors: Crash survivor in for long recovery

Staff Report

The only survivor of the Comair Flight 5191 crash is expected to live, his doctor said in a news release on Friday.

Dr. Andrew C. Bernard, a trauma surgeon at UK, said survivor James Polehinke is continuing to make improvements.

"I predict he will survive," Bernard said in the news release. "He will continue to require surgery to repair his complicated orthopedic injuries, but he is moving out of the woods and, if not for these multiple orthopedic injuries, he would be reaching a point when he could move to rehab."

Bernard said he expects Polehinke to spend several more weeks at the UK Chandler Medical Center before be-

ing moved to a rehabilitation facility.

Polehinke is still listed in serious condition at UK's intensive care unit.

"He continues to improve and make good progress, and he is more wakeful than he has ever been and is interacting with his family, but he is still not completely lucid, which is common after a brain injury," Bernard said.

Bernard said Polehinke suffers from a broken breastbone and broken ribs that are causing some pain.

"But other than that, he is recovering nicely," Bernard said.

Bernard said Polehinke's facial fractures have been fixed and "that surgery is completed."

Polehinke also suffered

from a collapsed lung, but that has fixed itself, Bernard said.

Polehinke's other injuries — including a broken left leg, hand, ankle, spine and pelvis — will require additional surgeries, Bernard said.

Polehinke handled the aircraft during takeoff on Aug. 27, but pilot Jeffrey Clay taxied the aircraft to the wrong runway. Clay was one of the 49 who died in the crash.

Ida Askew, Polehinke's wife, said that even though she is pleased by the news of her husband's recovery, her thoughts "and those of Jimmy remain with the crew, passengers and family impacted by this tragedy."

"They remain in our constant thoughts and prayers," Askew said.

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