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## Zine library opens with focus on future

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Students used gluesticks and construction paper to create their own zines at the opening of the UK Zine Archive yesterday afternoon in the Niles Gallery of the Fine Arts Library.

Shanna Sanders, an English and social theory senior, and Patrick Smith, an English senior, created the archive so that there would be a location on campus to hold zines, homemade

publications that focus on original subject matter.

The Archive has a focus on southern and environmental issues. Smith said the unique concentration of the collection shows culture in the south outside of the mainstream, and increases environmental awareness in southern states.

"We'd like to contribute to the culture of Kentucky," Smith said.

The opening, sponsored by the Gender and Women's Studies Program and the Feminist Al-

liance, also featured instruction in spine-binding, a preview of the zine documentary "\$100 and a T-Shirt" and free food.

Sanders and Smith began working on the UK Zine Archive as a part of an Independent Studies class last year. The two received an undergraduate summer research grant for \$2,000 from Eureka!, an Internet source that helps students secure grants, to continue their work.

Sanders said that she would like the archive to grow and hopes people will use the collection for research purposes.

Smith and Sanders also urged students to create their own zines. The two instruct an English 104 class teaching the importance of zines and how students can produce their own publications.

Smith advises students who wish to create their own zine to "try and think about what makes (them) different from everyone else."

"Do whatever interests you," Sanders said. "You don't have to be artsy at all."

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## Lawyer calls for more reporter protection

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More protection is needed for journalists in an age where they are "under siege."

That's what Lucy Dalglish, the executive director of the Reporters Committee on Freedom of the Press, said last night during "The State of the First Amendment," sponsored by UK's First Amendment Center.

Students and faculty came to hear Dalglish discuss the past, present and possible future legal protections journalists and their sources.

Dalglish said 2006 had been a rough year in terms of first amendment protection. She cited three cases specifically where journalists had been sentenced to jail time for not turning over sources or documentation.

"Once again, we have come to a period in time when the executive power of government is going unchecked," she said. "Reporters are under siege."

The first half of her speech focused on the history of protections for journalists.

Much of the talk centered around the 1972 U.S. Supreme Court decision in *Branzburg v. Hayes*. In that decision, the court found that journalists are not protected in criminal trials if they had information on a crime.

To counter this, 32 states and Washington, D.C. have created "shield laws" to protect journalists from being forced to turn over information. Twelve of the 32 state shield laws include protection for anonymous sources.

Dalglish stressed the need for a shield law at the federal level to provide an adequate level of protection for journalists and their sources. While 99 such laws have been presented before Congress, none has passed.

"Any statutory protection must provide protection for confidential sources," she said.

She discussed the current state of first amendment protections and took audience questions in the latter half of her presentation.

The current presidential administration's use of the States Secrets Act, she said, has been a hindrance to getting to the truth.

"This administration is all about control of their message," she said. "Right after 9/11, 1,200 foreign nationals were imprisoned. We still don't know who those people were."

Dalglish also discussed the backlash journalists have received in attempts to obtain information.

"Right now, we have more federal subpoenas pending since the 1970's," she said.

Most of these subpoenas seek the anonymous sources that journalists used to get their information.

Specifically, she cited Judith Miller, who spent two-and-a-half months in jail for failing to reveal her source in the investigation of who leaked the name of a covert CIA operative.

"Nearly all of the key witnesses in that case were journalists," Dalglish said.

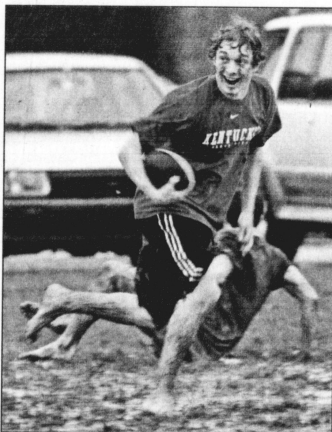
There's "no question" that the subpoenas are scaring away sources who would have normally gone to the media, she said.

"There's no question that these cases have had a

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Duy Tran, a pre pharmacy freshman, runs from undecorated freshman Brad Biggs and Bridget McCafferty, an architecture freshman. The group of friends decided to play at Stoll Field after passing the ball in the rain near North Campus.



Ryan Harr, an architecture freshman, attempts to balance after dodging a tackle by undecorated freshman Ben Kaelin, in a football game at Stoll Field yesterday.

## Slip and Dive

As the rain fell, a group of students slid in the mud while playing tackle football in Stoll field yesterday evening.

## Students guess who is gay and who is straight

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Can you identify someone's sexual orientation by looking at him or her?

This question was addressed during a forum held last night in the Patterson Hall lobby. Keith Brooks, captain of the UK Gay-Straight Alliance's public relations team and a Kernel staff writer, organized the event entitled "Which One's Straight?" He said he wanted the program to help breakdown stereotypes behind sexual orientation.

"There's diversity within the gay community just like the straight community," Brooks said. "There is no such thing as a gay lifestyle just like there is no straight

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## Self-proclaimed vampire says she's not the only one

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The garlic theories and stakes through the heart may be the stuff of movies and folklore, but some still believe vampires are real and thriving in modern culture.

Michelle Belanger, a self-proclaimed psychic vampire, spoke to UK students about the subculture of modern vampires last night in Memorial Hall as a part of Theoretical Thursdays, sponsored by the Student Activities Board.

"We create subcultures in our society because people want to free themselves from mundane reality and from a world stripped of excitement," Belanger said. "There are all kinds of subcultures: jocks, hippies, gangsters. Vampires are just another group

expressing themselves."

Belanger identified three types of vampires in the modern world: life-stylers, psychic vampires and sanguinarians, or blood-drinkers.

"Yes there are even blood-drinkers," Belanger said. "This is not something confined to Dracula and black-and-white horror movies. There are many vampires who insist they need to drink human blood."

According to a census Belanger took in 2000, only 17 percent of self-proclaimed vampires are blood-drinkers.

These vampires are often registered nurses so they do not hurt themselves and they only drink the blood of people who are willing.

"I know it is hard to believe that people are actually willing to

do this," Belanger said. "But I promise you there are and these people are tested for STD's very frequently to ensure their health isn't compromised."

Porphyrias, often called the Vampire Disease, is a disease that is extremely rare but has been found in individuals who call themselves blood-drinkers.

This disease causes severe anemia and often causes physical cravings for blood. "It is much like the pregnant mothers who eat paper or clay for the nutrients they have," Belanger said. "They don't realize at the time that they are eating dirt, but their body craves what it is lacking."

Psychic vampires make up 33 percent of the modern vampire population according to Belanger's census.

"As psychic vampires, we not only have psychic abilities but we also are people who crave and feed on vital energy," Belanger said. "Many of you may have encountered one. It is a person who touches you a lot when they talk and who after they leave, you find yourself mentally and physically exhausted."

The remaining population of vampires is life-stylers. These people illustrate their identification with the vampire world as a fashion statement, as a sexual fetish or as a liberated persona. Belanger went on to call Hot Topic the "official vampire store."

"By definition, the vampire subculture is made up of anyone who identifies with vampires," Belanger said. "For the most part,

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By Linda C. Black

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**Taurus (April 20-May 20)** Today is a 7 - You like to have a nice treasure hidden away for the future. There's no telling what you might need it for, so indulge yourself. Stash a fortune.  
**Gemini (May 21-June 21)** Today is a 10 - Your outlook is more optimistic, with or without good reasons. As you may have noticed by

now, reasons don't make the difference.

**Cancer (June 22-July 22)** Today is a 6 - If countries could work together, like families do, peace would have a chance. Everybody wouldn't agree all the time but that's not required. Start at home.  
**Leo (July 23-Aug. 22)** Today is a 7 - You're impatient to get started but first you need a plan. Do the research, so you don't waste what it's taken you so long to make.  
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**Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)** Today is an 8 - You're creative but impatient. Luckily, you're also lucky. Go for it, whatever it is.  
**Scorpio (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)** Today is a 5 - You're building up quite a stash of goodies, much to your delight. Take care of it, and it will take

care of you.  
**Sagittarius (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)** Today is a 6 - You've come through the recent difficulties, almost. Others know you've done something wonderful but they're not sure what. Don't tell them.  
**Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)** Today is a 6 - The main reason to do a good job habitually, is because you never know when somebody's going to check you out. They'll be well impressed.  
**Aquarius (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)** Today is a 9 - OK, you can relax now, and hang out with your friends. You can even tell about your recent adventure. Since you lived through it, you won.  
**Pisces (Feb. 19-March 20)** Today is a 7 - Check things off your lists as fast as you can. With every one goes part of the burden you've been carrying. Lighten your load.  
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**Katie's biggest challenge ever**

**THE DISH**  
Six weeks into her tenure as anchor of the CBS Evening News, Katie Couric has not been at a loss for big stories. There has been the Amish school massacre, the crash of New York Yankees pitcher Cory Lidle's private plane into a Manhattan apartment building and Bob Woodward's scathing book about the Bush administration.

But the wealth of headlines doesn't make her job any easier. As she left a Hearst Tower party on Oct. 9 in NYC - in stocking feet - with black Christian Louboutins in hand and her hair in a loose ponytail - the upbeat journalist paused to give us a progress report. "It's a big challenge to be relevant and interesting and give people something different than the 24/7 news sources," she said. "It's exciting, liberating. And not everything works."

Clearly, getting people to tune in to watch a traditional 30-minute evening broadcast is a notion that can sometimes seem as quaint as Leave It to Beaver. Although the first week of her \$15 million-a-year job was a resounding success - 13.6 million viewers tuned in to her first broadcast, on Sept. 5, besting NBC and ABC - the former Today show coanchor, 49, who spent 15 years at the top-ranked morning program, has suddenly found herself in unfamiliar territory: third place. The week of Oct. 2, she averaged 7.04 million viewers each night (1.5 million less than NBC's Brian Williams, and 930,000 less than ABC's Charles Gibson). "I find that she is facing beyond com-

prehension," says Connie Chung, who coanchored the CBS Evening News with Dan Rather from 1993 until 1995. "It is sort of like a female presidential candidate."

But the strategy here may be not to win every ratings race, but the long-term war. With younger viewers, Couric's on the rise. Compared to the same time last year, the CBS Evening News is up 36 percent among women ages 18 to 49 - a highly coveted demographic for an evening news show with a median viewer age of 60. According to a CBS insider, the network brass is happy, since Couric has drawn more ad dollars than predecessors Bob Schieffer and the money back for us," the source says. Excess also point out the show is a work in progress. "Overall, we like the direction that we're going in, but we're not there yet," CBS Evening News executive producer Rome Hartman tells us. "Change comes slowly."

**Uphill Battle**

Couric, lured to her new job by a five-year contract, better hours (she reports to work at 9:30 a.m., not 6 a.m.) plus the roles of managing editor of the newscast and 60 Minutes correspondent, left her perch at NBC knowing she was in for a fight. Once, the evening news was must-see TV, but thanks to the Web, cable and people's hectic lives, its relevance has slowly diminished. In an *Us Magazine.com* poll of 1,253 users, 22 percent said they got their news from morning shows, compared

to only 11 percent who relied on the evening news.

And Couric thinks that even those tuned in, tune out. "I think sometimes you listen to the newscast and it just almost feels like white noise that you kind of ignore, so we're trying to make it more accessible, more relevant to people," the Virginia native told David Letterman on Oct. 12.

In an effort to revitalize the broadcast, Couric has added morning-show-style elements: live in-studio interviews (like with New York Times columnist Thomas Friedman) conducted in comfortable chairs and human-interest features (she did two on rescued animals in a week). Other innovations include the Free Speech segment (one-minute commentaries by anyone from an illegal immigrant to Rush Limbaugh), her Couric & Co. blog ([cbsnews.com](http://cbsnews.com)) and a simultaneous Internet and radio broadcast - the first for a network newscast. "We're not confined to one formula," she tells us. "We're constantly evaluating."

With viewers used to evening news gravitas, Couric's bright, relatable demeanor may be a departure, one that entices younger, female viewers (those who care about Suri Cruise's Vanity Fair photos - first previewed on the show) but perhaps alienates the show's core audience. New York Post TV writer Don Kaplan explains, "People who watch evening news tend to be mostly old folks who get into routines and are comfortable with the original format."

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“He single-handedly almost won the game for us in the fourth quarter. He’s been playing great for us.”

— Boston Celtic’s guard Wally Szczerbiak speaking on former UK player Rajon Rondo’s 12 point show against the New York Knicks.

## Women’s soccer hopes to earn post-season spot

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Confident after recording a fourth straight shut out — a 1-0 victory against a ranked Tennessee squad last Friday — the UK women’s soccer team seemed more and more to look like the team to beat in the Southeastern Conference’s eastern division.

But after Sunday’s 1-0 loss to Georgia last Sunday, the holder of the third worst record in the conference, the Cats shot of winning the division decreased.

“Coming into last Sunday we underestimated Georgia,” junior midfielder Sarah Gaunt said. “We didn’t take them as seriously as we took Tennessee and that hurt us from the beginning of the game.”

With the SEC tournament less than two weeks away, head coach Warren Lipka told his team that they couldn’t gauge a team based on their record alone.

“We’re finding that out every weekend,” Lipka said. “They’re too many good teams in this league to take it easy.”

The Cats are currently tied with Arkansas (9-3-3, 3-2-3) for the eighth and final spot in the tournament.

But wins against Mississippi State (2-13, 1-7) and Ole Miss (7-5-4, 3-1-4) this weekend

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SARAH GAUNT  
junior midfielder

based on their record alone.

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Each dodgeball game starts with both teams dashing for a line of balls at court. Teams compete to see who can get to the balls first.

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## Let the balls FLY

### UK’s newest club team heads into its second year hoping to add numbers

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It’s a simple game: hit an opposing player with a ball; in the chest, face, or any place on the body. Hit enough players and you win the game. Welcome to dodgeball.

The dodgeball team is one of UK’s newest club sports. Founding members Errol Straus and Levi McFarland added dodgeball to the list in the fall of 2005. Coming off their inaugural season, the UK Dodgeball Team looks to get back into the swing of things and get ready for the 2007 season.

“(Dodgeball) gives me a chance to be athletic; everyone likes throwing things at people,”

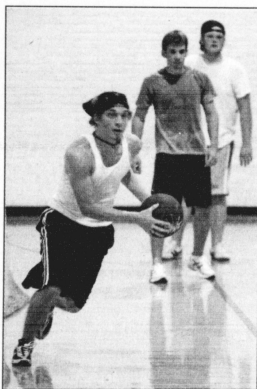
team vice president Jason Sarver said.

The dodgeball team is in the Midwest Dodgeball Conference, the nation’s only known collegiate dodgeball conference. The MDC was co-founded by Michigan State, DePaul, Ohio State and Kent State University in 2005.

The first year, only 15 to 20 people came out to the team’s practices said Levi McFarland. MDC rules mandate that there must be 15 people on each team in tournament-play, because almost everyone that attended practice was invited to join the traveling team.

An official game involves a match of 15 versus 15, with 10 balls placed evenly at the center

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Ryan Harr, an architecture freshman, runs to the middle of the court to find an opponent to hit.

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Ramel Bradley doesn’t want to talk about it.

In fact, no one on the UK men’s basketball team does.

“We’re not worried about last year,” Bradley said yesterday at UK’s annual media day. “This year we’re focused, we know what we want, and we know we have to work hard to do it.”

The Cats plodded to a 22-13 record, and rumors swirled that the team lacked chemistry and leadership.

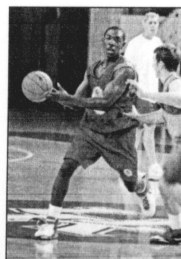
But after an off season of conditioning and gelling as a team, the players said this 2006-07 season is shaping up to be a lot different.

“This year has been tremendous,” said senior forward Bobby Perry. “Since day one in June when we got here for summer school, our mindset was a winning attitude, and we’re setting for nothing less than the best.”

Heading into this year, the Cats will have junior center Randolph Morris playing without the uncertainty of his eligibility.

Morris sat out the first 14 games of last season but bounced back to lead the Cats in scoring and rebounding for the rest of the season.

“Randolph, I’m sure, is a lot more relaxed, and he is playing that way,” head coach Tubby Smith said. “He’s a junior now and he’s developing. He’s always had the athleticism there, and he’s starting to utilize all of his post moves and all of his abilities to score and defend and



Junior guard Ramel Bradley drives down court in practice yesterday in Memorial Coliseum. Bradley is expected to pick up the slack after the departure for the NBA by Rajon Rando.

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## Swimming and diving confident in ability to be competitive

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Though the swimming and diving team hasn’t had an official meet yet this season, the squad members still know they’ll turn to a handful of seasoned team members for big results.

The team as a whole consists of 51 swimmers and divers.

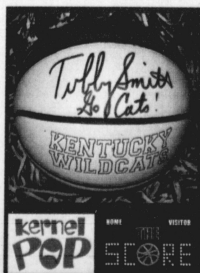
The diving team itself is made up only of six people. Diving team head coach Michael Lyden feels that the three girls on his team — seniors Taryn Ignacio, Joey Brown and junior Kari Retrum — are the best divers he has.

Lyden said divers need many different skills to compete in a season.

“They need to have a good kinesthetic

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## Cats aren’t thinking about last season

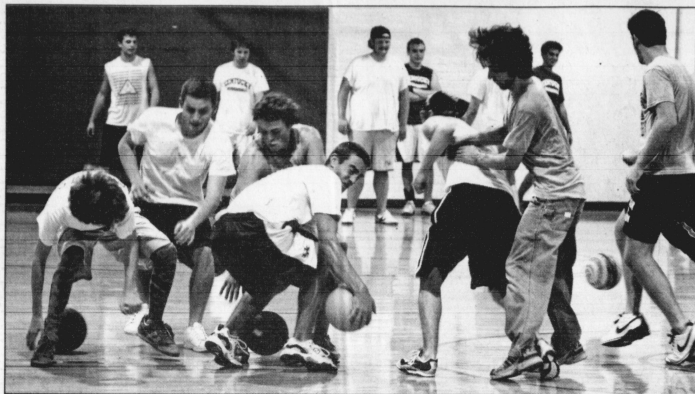


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At the beginning of every dodgeball game, the players from both sides run toward the middle to try to grab the balls before the other team. **HILLY SCHIFFER | STAFF**

## DODGEBALL

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of the court. The game starts with both teams racing to grab the neutral balls. From there it's pretty simple: just dip, duck, dodge. When players are hit or members of the opposing team catch their ball, they are immediately jailed. The number of wins in a given time period decides the winner of the match. Under Coach Ben Woodman, the team kicked off the season against reigning champs from Ohio State. The team quickly saw the experience of

OSU and used the trip as a learning experience. The team's first actual tournament was last year at the Chicago Dodgeball Open hosted by DePaul University. "We had a good group of guys with us and just playing dodgeball is the best part," Mechanical Engineering junior Clint McCrystal said. Overall the team ended the 2006 tournament season with a 2-5 record but hope the lessons they learned last year will carry them through this season. "We're a lot more experienced this year, and I'm pretty excited about the fact that there's a lot more people coming out to play this year," junior vet-

eran David Abner said. The team has been practicing in Alumni Gym on Wednesdays and looks to add 10 more players to the roster. "We have had a consistent 60 to 70 kids coming out to every practice; there's a lot of promising young talent," said senior co-president McFarland. The team has recently been having open practices for anyone, male or female, that wants to play. Mark Prigge is one of the many young hopefuls looking to join the dodgeball team this year. "Dodgeball is a fun sport to play, I like to hit people in the face," said Prigge.

The team will continue to hold open practices until the end of fall when the team has to make a decision on the final roster for the tournament team. According to Levi McFarland, a team calendar is in the works that showcases some of the star players, and the team is looking into getting sponsorship for a scholarship program to aid in recruiting efforts. The team has already achieved a portion of its goals in adding SOBE energy drinks as a sponsor. "Dodgeball is just fun to play... kids like me might not excel in other sports beside dodgeball," said Prigge.

## SWIMMING

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sense, they need to know where they are in the air, they need to be able to jump high and get vertical," Lyden said. He thinks these skills make a good diver and believes Ignacio, Brown and Retrum have these. He's anticipating the girls to be back strong this year. "I'm hoping to get all the girls to nationals," said Lyden. Lyden said that the girls' experience should help during the Cat's season. One swimmer in particular has some expectations to fill in the upcoming season. "I certainly expect (freshman) Alex Forbes to be a real stand out when it comes to these dual meets; we're expecting a lot of him," Connelly said. "He was so fast coming out of high school; his junior year I believe he had the fastest time in the country in high school." The core of the swim team will also be comprised of this year's senior class, which includes Eric Weber and Nikia Deveaux. Connelly expects the team to be able to compete and win this season. He thinks the team is balanced in regards to the strongest stroke and weakest stroke. "On the men's side we're a little weak on the distance freestyle events, but the men are really strong in breast stroke," Connelly said. "On the women's side, the women only have one really strong breast stoker, Lindsay Myhre, so they're a little weak there. But we're a relatively balanced team." Swimmers, divers and coaches all agree that Indiana, Georgia and Tennessee will be UK's toughest competition. "The next three meets are real difficult. Indiana's a real tough team," Connelly said. "The next weekend we swim Tennessee and South



Senior diver Taryn Ignacio practices at the Lancaster Aquatic Center on Oct. 9. **ALLIE GARZA | STAFF**

Carolina, also very tough, and the next day we swim Georgia. Georgia's women were second at NCAAs last year and were the SEC champions. On the men's side both Georgia and Tennessee beat us at conference last year, so that's going to be very challenging." While the next month looks to be very difficult, the team knows that nothing is ever guaranteed. "In the SEC it's so competitive you can't take anything for granted, we don't want to look past any team because that's how you get beat. Anybody can beat anybody on any given day," Weber said.

## BASKETBALL

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play both ends of the court." With the disappointment of last season comes doubt about what direction the team is heading that's lead some people to think the Cats are down and that their reign as South-eastern Conference kingpin is over. "I think we've been counted out," said junior guard Joe Crawford. "I think it's going to work to our advantage, but I don't like it, I don't like being counted out." Smith isn't as concerned with the preseason chatter as some of his players are and said that everything will be decided on the court. "I don't think we should worry about what other people think," Smith said. "They need to concentrate on being the best players they can be. I don't put much stock in it." "I feel like I'm the expert in this game, not what other people think. I think they should feel the same way." The Cats hope that this season will run much more smoothly than last and won't feel like the rollercoaster ride that was their previous season. "It's definitely going to be different," Morris said. "We know what we have to do, what we have to prove to ourselves."

Junior midfielder Sarah Gaunt runs to gain possession of the ball against Florida on Oct. 8.

**KEITH SMILEY | STAFF**



## SOCCER

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might be enough to clinch a fourth consecutive SEC tournament birth. "Everyone is beating up on one another in the conference," senior goalkeeper Anne Ogundele said. "We just have to keep it in our heads to take it one game at a time." First up is Mississippi State who, along with Alabama, is trying to avoid having the worst record in the SEC. Ole Miss on the other hand controls the top spot in the SEC's Western Division. "We can't take any team lightly," Gaunt said. "If the season ended today we wouldn't go to the tournament." Gaunt and the Cats have shown

obvious signs of promise lately but have come up just short in their six losses. In those six games, they haven't lost by more than a goal. They also haven't been able to pull off a Friday through Sunday sweep in the last five weekends. The inability to put together back-to-back weekend wins could leave UK on the outside looking in when the post season arrives. "Every coach in America wants consistency," Lipka said. "That's everybody's goal - to match Friday's effort on Sunday." With only two games left in the regular season after this weekend, including showdowns with No. 21 Vanderbilt and fellow SEC bubble team Arkansas, the Cats perhaps control their own destiny. "We're good enough to go to the SEC and the NCAA tournaments," Gaunt said. "(But) the next four games are crucial."

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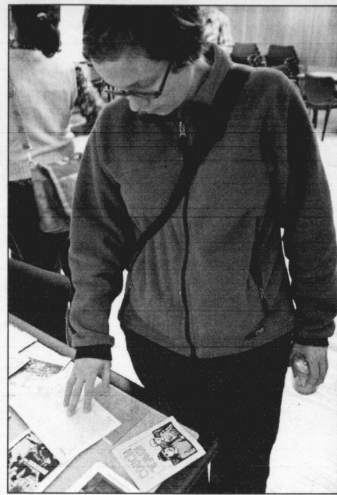
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UK Archivist Deidre Scaggs, who worked closely with Sanders and Smith on the project, said zines like those in the UK Zine Archive are a good record of the

culture of today's youth. "There's a lot of documentation about the rich white guys," Scaggs said, "and a lot less documentation about everybody else." Students in attendance were also positive about the UK Zine Archive. "I like it," said Heather Abdelghary, a marketing freshman, as she pasted pic-

tures into her zine. "It's spilling your emotions out on paper." The archive is a non-circulating collection open between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. Monday through Friday in the Breckinridge Room of the M.I. King Library.



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**Above:** Lauren Martin, a geography graduate student, reads a zine yesterday during the opening of the Zine Library.  
**Left:** Dietetics senior Karima Samadi and Brandon Absher, a philosophy graduate student, read zines featured at the opening. The library, which features zines from all over the country, opened yesterday in the Breckinridge Room of the King Library.

## Documentary calls war profit-driven

By Evan Israel  
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About 40 students and community members gathered in Room 211 of the Student Center last night to view a greedy portrayal of the war in Iraq.

Hosted by UK College Democrats, the documentary "Iraq For Sale: The War Profiteers" depicted large government-sponsored corporations inadequately supplying the military in Iraq to make larger profits.

The film showed U.S. government-funded corporations such as Titan and Halliburton providing poor services to soldiers, truck drivers and other people involved with the war effort in Iraq.

Richard Becker, a political science sophomore and president of UK College Democrats felt the film was an important one to show.

"We wanted to highlight some of the things in our government that people don't realize," Becker said.

The subjects of the film told stories of how the corporations they worked for didn't offer them the protection they needed.

Soldiers talked about poorly designed tanks, and in some cases family members talked about deceased loved ones who they felt were placed in the path of dangerous situations.

Truck drivers who transported fuel spoke of how their employer allowed them to be placed in the path of bomb attacks because they felt they were replaceable.

Alysha Lewis, a biotechnology freshman whose teacher invited students to attend the event, was surprised by what she saw.

"I thought it (the film) was shocking because I didn't know about that (what the film portrayed)," Lewis said.

Becker said he thinks now the key is for people to help fight for a change in the way the government operates.

"Tonight we took a step in the right direction with that," he said.

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chilling effect," she said. "Sources have said, 'I'm not talking to you guys anymore.'" As a precaution, some edi-

tors have given advice to their print journalists to throw out their notes after the completion of each story. Many broadcasters have taken to erasing outtakes within 72 hours of a story airing.

"You can't subpoena what's not there," Dalglish said.

A federal shield law, she said, is necessary to end cases

like this. Even though versions of a shield law are being discussed in both houses of Congress, only the Senate's version would likely be passed. In that version, "it will be virtually impossible for journalists who cover national security to be protected," she said. A Democratically-led House

would be "much more likely" to pass an adequate federal shield law, she said.

Dalglish's discussion will continue tomorrow with "Do we Need a Federal Shield Law for Reporters?" at 10 a.m. in Center Theater. That event is free and open to the public.

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lifestyle."

A game show-like segment helped ease the audience into a comfortable discussion of sexual orientation.

The crowd yelled guesses about the sexual orientation of a panel of nine participants from UK's faculty, staff and student

body based solely on appearances. The panelists were Associate Dean of Students Tony Blanton, family studies professor Jason Hans, and seven students.

The panelists were asked four rounds of questions by Brooks, who moderated the event, and numerous questions from the audience about a variety of topics. These answers were used when the members of the audience made their final guesses on the orientations of the panelists.

After listening to the panelists' answers the audience still had difficulty correctly guessing their sexual orientation.

Hands shot in the air when students were sure they knew the panelists' orientations. Some guesses were correct, but just as many were wrong.

Students commented that their questions regarding the panelists' religious views did not shed much light on their orientation. However some questions, like where Hans

shops for clothes, provided useful information.

The students were correct when they guessed someone who bought shirts at Sam's Club would be straight.

Following the game segment was a panel discussion addressing issues related to sexual orientation, including the nature versus nurture debate, the ambiguity of certain people's gender and awareness of the truths surrounding these topics.

## VAMPIRES

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it is made up of people who may view as Gothic, but who are obsessed with what the vampire represents and the freedom that comes from it."

This portion of the subculture may be seen wearing fangs and contacts and often view themselves as a vampire character that is sensual and provocative.

"We are everywhere," Belanger said. "Don't think it is restricted to an age group. My cen-

sus found the majority of vampires to be between the ages of 25 and 35 but I have some documented as old as 81."

Belanger found ten percent of vampires to be Christians.

"In today's society we are finding that it is okay to be an outsider," Belanger said. "The more static our society becomes, the more we find ways to break out as individuals. We create new languages and cultures because the homogeneity of life is too much to bear."

Belanger is an expert of vampires in literature and has participated in several documentaries about modern vampires.

"I want to break down stereotypes that society places on different groups of people," Belanger said.

"There seems to be an early fascination with these creatures," Belanger said. "Vampires are viewed as beautiful, immortal, seductive and dangerous. It is these traits that make people so fascinated by the idea of being or knowing a vampire."

A vampire obsession broke out in the late 1960's when vampires emerged on daytime television in soap operas and on widely popular sitcoms like "The Munsters" and "The Addams Family."

"Suddenly there was a cultural

explosion," Belanger said. "You could see vampires on Sesame Street teaching your children numbers. They were everywhere."

Belanger attributes this sudden fascination to a changing culture in the western world where people embraced vampires as a metaphor for sex, and dominant and submissive relationships.

"Vampires represented things that society told us we weren't allowed to talk about," Belanger said. "Suddenly, it was okay to find these primal, unleashed beasts (as) sexual and dangerous because they were monsters and only monsters could acceptably explore these traits."

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## Repeat offender Lexington cop should be fired

Police officers often bear the brunt of citizens' frustrations, especially when their jobs interfere with day-to-day routines. More often than not, complaints regarding officers' actions are petty and inconsequential, particularly when they come from individuals who have been arrested.

But when officers actually cross the line of acceptable conduct, it's important to bring the incident to light and punish those officers responsible.

Last February, six Lexington police officers posted jokes about arrests they had made on their MySpace.com pages. The Lexington Herald-Leader also reported the officers made disparaging remarks about gays and mentally handicapped people.

Following an internal investigation, five of the six officers were disciplined with suspensions without pay ranging from 80 to 320 hours, and the cases were closed, according to

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The Herald-Leader.

The sixth officer, Joshua Cromer has subsequently posted an apology on his MySpace.com page, but has not accepted his punishment.

In February, Cromer was the arresting officer in the John Michael Montgomery case. Montgomery was arrested and charged with driving under the influence after leaving Austin City Saloon.

Cromer also happened to be at the bar that night, and even introduced himself to Montgomery while there. According to a Herald-Leader article, police phone records show someone called Cromer from the bar around the time Montgomery left. And Cromer's phone records show that he called the bar shortly after making the arrest.

On Cromer's MySpace.com page, officers

discussed Montgomery's arrest and congratulated Cromer on his high-profile arrest.

It seems that Montgomery's arrest might have been a set-up in favor of Cromer. Cromer did not stop Montgomery from driving away from the bar and conveniently was the arresting officer on the scene when Montgomery ran a red light.

Along with the charges stemming from the Montgomery case, Cromer has also been the subject of at least eight other complaints from citizens in the past two years.

The Herald-Leader reported that in one complaint, Cromer sprayed a Hardees drive-through employee with an inactive form of pepper spray, concerning another customer at the restaurant.

In 2004, Cromer was suspended without pay for 40 hours for intentionally keying his police microphone while another officer was trying to transmit information to dispatchers.

The charges against Cromer will go before a board made up of city officials and police officers, according to the Herald-Leader article. The board will consider an internal affairs investigation and interview Cromer before making a recommendation to the police chief regarding potential punishments.

The make-up of the board is somewhat alarming. Instead of including only city officials and police officers, the board should also include citizens. It could reasonably be argued that government officials will be looking out for one another, while citizen board members will be more impartial.

Regardless of the board's make-up, it's clear that something needs to be done about Cromer's behavior. His actions might represent a power trip or someone just not taking his job seriously enough.

Either way, Cromer's actions merit his removal from the Lexington Police Department.

## Recent campus crimes, upcoming breaks signal need for caution

It's that time of year again. It's the time of year to be careful what you leave in plain sight in your car. It's the time of year not to leave your textbooks unattended, because to do so is pretty much the same thing as leaving a cash-loaded wallet out for easy pickings.

A recent string of break-ins at K-Lot should have students taking action so they don't become the next victim. Also, with Thanksgiving break and Christmas vacation approaching, the not-so-scrupulous members of the campus population will be looking for a way to fund their shenanigans.

The goal of everyone else should be to avoid being the next victim. The easiest way of doing this? You can't be a victim if you're not a target.

Don't leave anything out in sight in your car. It's just asking for

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a brick through your window and whatever it is of yours in the pocket of some low-life.

Lock your doors. Why make things easy for the scumbag about to make you his next mark? Sure, this is Lexington, Ky. and crime isn't exactly reminding you of Detroit or Washington, D.C., but it's still necessary to be cautious.

Don't leave your books unattended. Think of them as little children. Don't give them reason to wander off in someone else's hands. Within an hour, they could be Lincolns and Jeffersons in somebody's pocket.

Use common sense. It's hard to be a victim when you haven't been encouraging it to happen in the first place.

## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

### Coverage of Venyahs was not balanced

I was present in the Free Speech Zone on Tuesday Oct. 17 and Wednesday Oct. 18 during parts of the Venyahs' campus witnessing.

The coverage of these events by The Kernel is laughable at best. I was present at a time in which a photographer took pictures of several people acting like thugs and flashing gang signs behind the preacher. The photographer was openly laughing and adding to the attempt to ridicule the speaker. If this photographer (using a professional camera) was not affiliated with the Kernel then I apologize for this presentation, however I doubt that this was the case.

Some semblance of fairness could have been presented (in spite of the overwhelming bias) had one of the "reporters" (I use this term loosely due to the lack of professionalism evident in this article) chosen to interview any of the people present who approved of what the preachers were preaching.

The comments from the crowd were the typical objections: "Who are you to judge?" "I'm a Christian you insert random curse word herez." "You are turning people off to Christianity." These objections are fallacious and irrelevant. Had these people actually read the Bible they would understand that judging isn't wrong for the Christian. Judgment is wrong for hypocrites.

The mob mentality present was intimidating to me, and I wasn't the target or focus of the "fear and hatred." The fear and hatred I'm speaking of was the crowd present at these speeches. The crowd openly cursed and mocked the speakers, and then with astounding hypocrisy accused the speakers of hatred. The crowd mobbed around the speakers in a ring, continually put their hands on one of the speakers, and generally tried to intimidate them.

Please accurately cover an event and provide balanced coverage. This is the duty of news publication. Why hide views behind the guise of selected testimony?

Tommy Juanso  
political science and history senior

### Abortion: compassion or condemnation?

UK Students for Choice's Silent No More event, reported on in Tues-

day's Kernel, represents a shortsighted, albeit common, characterization of the American abortion debate.

The idea that the opposite of "pro-life" is "pro-abortion" or "anti-life" is something pro-lifers love to spout, and it's a point the pro-choice side too seldom challenges. Indeed, if I were heading a UK Students for Choice group, I would jump at the opportunity to host an event like Silent No More.

The pro-choice position is not that abortions are good, or even inconsequential. The position is that an abortion is a serious procedure and can be traumatic, and society should do what is necessary to help women avoid the need for abortions.

That means no more abstinence-only sex education, and it means adequate health care for all Americans. It means a living wage for all parents, and it means sincere concern for quality of life. We must not confuse cause with effect. Showcasing a woman's trauma following her abortion without asking what led her to have the abortion is asinine.

Having recognized that abortions are generally bad, the pro-life solution is to stop having abortions. That's about as logical as trying to solve unemployment by telling everyone to get jobs.

At some point, we cannot avoid seeing that the language of the debate is misleading.

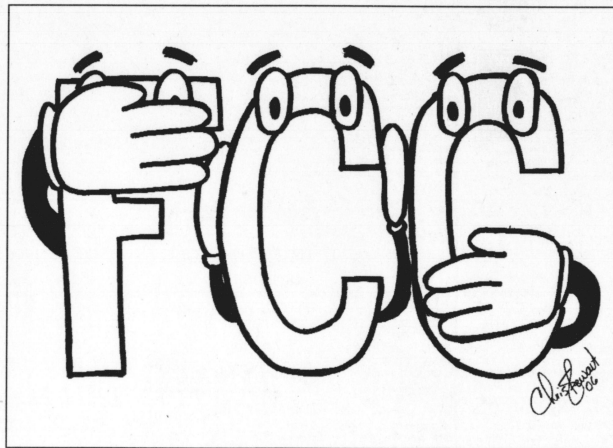
If in its shortsightedness the pro-life side can be so named, the pro-choice side ought to be called "pro-person." A pro-person advocate is one who envisions a society where abortions are rare, but also safe and not shameful for, as an example, a woman whose pregnancy threatens her life.

Naturally, we are compassionate to allow women the right to choose while we simultaneously work as a society to provide better for all citizens.

We cannot allow ourselves to be manipulated by perversions of language.

The American abortion debate presents to us a choice: We can either be compassionate, or we can revel in condemnation. We can choose to ignore the powerful social forces that influence people's lives, or we can work to make people's lives better.

Chris Kaiser  
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CHRIS STEWART, Kernel cartoonist

## Herald-Leader's witch hunt highlights McConnell's successes

It's no secret that the Lexington Herald-Mis-Leader hates Republicans. But until I read the unscrupulous assault on Kentucky's senior senator, Mitch McConnell, I thought at the very least they had the brains to hide it.



BRENT BURGETT  
Kernel columnist

While our lackluster Lexington paper can pay for its operating costs by disgracefully selling ads to degenerate ambulance-chasing attorneys seeking to profit off of the families of Flight 5191 victims, other institutions — like the University of Kentucky — have to fight to keep the lights on. Fortunately for UK students, we have a heavy-hitting senator who goes to bat on our behalf during each session of Congress.

The Herald-Leader has spent nearly \$40,000 in its political dirt finding expedition, money that was originally going to come from McConnell's political enemies hiding under so-called "watchdog" groups. While the paper will attempt to present its series of articles entitled "The McConnell Machine" as "investigative reporting at its finest," common-sense Kentuckians will see it for what it is: a grotesquely political attempt to take down the state's most powerful Republican on the eve of his rise to Senate Majority Leader.

Why now Herald-Leader? Did you just get around to figuring out that money plays a huge role in elections? I figured as much. Of

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course, the fact that the financiers and contributors to this "investigation" are all Democrats plays absolutely no role. What? Journalists motivated by politics? Get out of town.

Perhaps the Herald-Leader and other liberals in the Kentucky media should open their eyes. Kentucky is on the verge of having one of its own rise to the position of majority leader of the United States Senate.

In case you're not familiar with the way Congress works, McConnell's leadership position will bode very well for Kentuckians of all economic status, especially college students.

On the sausage-making floors of Washington D.C., budget allocations from the federal government are not doled out in an altruistic fashion — people fight for them. When things get nasty toward the waning hours of budget negotiations, Sen. Mitch McConnell is down in the trenches ensuring financial support for UK projects and initiatives. No other state has a senator with McConnell's political prowess and ability to deliver results.

I'm glad the geniuses at Herald-Leader want to vilify Kentucky's greatest asset and stifle the legislative success of Kentucky in our federal budget process.

I suppose liberal Democrats will send in their letters to the editor admonishing Sen. McConnell for his profound role in seeking out campaign contributions from businesses and corporate America.

They'll say that the senator spends more time filling the coffers of fellow Republicans than serving the citizens of Kentucky. Well don't buy that garbage for a minute! Go on to [www.uky.edu](http://www.uky.edu) and search for "McConnell." Watch the press releases roll down the screen detailing the millions of dollars Senator McConnell has secured for UK. That's Kentucky's senior senator at work.

Don't be misled by libelous work of Democrats in the media — use your brain.

Let the Lexington Herald-Leader try to take down the greatest friend of UK students in our nation's capitol. Kentuckians are too smart to let the media's undeniable zeal to ruin the Republican majority in Congress blind them of the obvious and unequivocal truth: Mitch McConnell delivers for Kentucky.

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Instead of vilifying Mitch McConnell, the Herald-Leader should be thanking Ky.'s senior senator for sending millions in federal funds in UK's direction.

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## FRAMEbyFRAME

By Risky Simpson  
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### "All The King's Men" with Sean Penn, Jude Law, Anthony Hopkins and Kate Winslet

This remake of the 1949 Academy Award winner for best picture has caused much anticipation among critics and moviegoers alike. Many critics even thought the new "All The King's Men" would be in the running for best picture. The film's premier was postponed for an entire year to give it a better chance at Oscar contention.

Now producers are beginning to wonder if the rewards will balance out their initial troubles. The estimated budget for the film was \$55 million, but the film's opening weekend grossed only \$3.7 million. These Oscar-hopeful producers are now struggling just to make a profit. To make matters worse, "All The King's Men" is getting lukewarm reviews from critics and being overlooked on many awards prediction lists.

Penn is electric in the classic role of Willie Stark, a southern politician who succeeds in becoming the governor of Louisiana. Penn is the attention-getter of this dark film and delivers Stark's emotionally charged speeches with eye-swelling passion.

"All the Kings Men" follows Stark's journey up the political ladder, his battles with large cooperation, and the disagreeing political rivalries once he reaches the governor's seat.

Although this political drama is having a tough time finding a strong following, the producers should not worry. The prestige behind their film should bring home a number of nominations before the Oscar season is over.

Despite some dismal critical

reviews, this film is compelling enough to be considered a winner even without the awards. Now showing at Lexington Green.

### "The Prestige" with Hugh Jackman, Christian Bale, Michael Caine and Scarlett Johansson

If you wasted your money on "The Illusionist," check out this new magician film.

"The Prestige" is a tale of two rival magicians who are constantly competing to be the best. Alfred (Bale) performs the most amazing magic trick of all time, and Robert (Jackman) becomes obsessed with revealing the magic behind the trick. Opens tonight at Hamburg, Cinemark-Woodhill and Cinemark-Foyette Mall.

### "Flags of Our Fathers" with Ryan Phillippe and Jesse Bradford

With Clint Eastwood behind the camera of a sentimental and patriotic script, this has Oscar-bait written all over it.

"Flags of Our Fathers" tells the story of the six men who raised the flag at the battle of Iwo Jima and the effect the event had on World War II, the U.S. and the lives of American citizens.

Though the plot sounds touching, Eastwood has a tendency to be morbid in his direction, and this film may lose its inspirational message and turn into a dark and somber tale. Opens tonight at Hamburg and Cinemark-Fayette Mall.

### "Marie Antoinette" with Kirsten Dunst and Jason Schwartzman

Let them eat cake! Or at least let them eat Milk Duds.



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Kirsten Dunst stars in Sophia Coppola's "Marie Antoinette" which opens in theatres tonight. The film is modern and hip, despite telling the story of 1700s Marie Antoinette.

This Sophia Coppola film is a unique retelling of the life of France's legendary queen, Marie Antoinette.

While it's difficult to make a stand-out biographical film when so many people already know the story, Coppola has put together a hip and witty screenplay making this picture her own. Opens tonight at Hamburg and Cinemark-Fayette Mall.

### Upcoming DVDs

#### "Nacho Libre" with Jack Black

If you have a few dollars to waste, go buy a cheeseburger, a candy bar or even a pair of socks. It doesn't matter. Just don't spend it on this DVD.

Black's performance is forgettable and uninspired. With Black's poor accent and the unrealistic plot of the movie, "Nacho Libre" simply isn't worth seeing.

Available Oct. 24.

#### "The O.C.: The Complete Third Season" with Benjamin McKenzie, Mischa Barton, Adam Brody and Rachel Bilson

Three seasons ago, "The O.C." was fresh, hip and new. The countless spin-offs and copycats have made this show as dull as the rest. This is definitely the "Laguna Beach" viewers don't care about anymore.

Available Oct. 24.

#### "Mission Impossible III" with Tom Cruise, Philip Seymour Hoffman and Kerri Russell

Many may not remember that this film was actually released in theaters, but it was. This short-lived theatrical release is relying on its DVD sales to produce some profits.

Available Oct. 30.



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"Flags of Our Fathers" tells the story surrounding the six men who raised the American flag at the battle of Iwo Jima during World War II. Ryan Phillippe and Jesse Bradford star in this film, which was directed by Clint Eastwood.

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University Health Service is offering flu shots to students and employees at UK and BCTC, part-time and full-time, on the days and locations listed below.

→ \$5, all UK students & BCTC students with the health fee

→ BCTC students with the Health Fee may get their shot for \$5 at the Health Service by appointment

→ \$20, employees & BCTC students without the Health Fee

**Mon, October 23**  
Big Blue Deli, Ky. Clinic  
7:30 to 10 am  
Johnson Center Lobby  
4 to 7 pm

**Tues, October 24**  
White Hall Classroom Bldg.  
Hallway outside Rm. 102  
9 am to 4 pm

**Wed, October 25**  
W.T. Young Library  
South Wing entrance  
5:30 to 9 pm

**Thurs, October 26**  
BCTC Academic Technical Building Lobby  
10 am to 2 pm

**Fri, October 27**  
Big Blue Deli  
Kentucky Clinic Building  
10 am to 3:30 pm

**Students: You must bring your ID!**

Flu shots are egg recommended for people with hypersensitivity to eggs or egg products or anyone who has a fever. For information please call the UHS Phone Information Nurse at (859) 323-4636.

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