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## Defense requests retrial for Ragland

Mike DiGiuro, the father of murdered UK football player Trent DiGiuro, speaks with the media after a Supreme Court hearing yesterday in Frankfort.

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Convicted in 2002, Ragland has been serving a 30-year sentence for the 1994 murder of a UK football player

By Megan Boehnke  
THE KENTUCKY KERNEL

FRANKFORT — Attorneys for Shane Ragland asked the Kentucky Supreme Court yesterday for the second time to overturn his 2002 murder conviction, citing new research that suggests a bullet test used in the case is unreliable.

Ragland, who has been serving a

30-year sentence for the 1994 shooting of UK football player Trent DiGiuro, was granted a new trial by the Supreme Court last November. But, after Attorney General Greg Stumbo petitioned the decision, the court decided to revisit it.

The defense focused much of its arguments on the bullet lead test, which was used in the trial to link bullets recovered from the scene to

ammunition found at the two homes of Ragland's divorced parents. The FBI, which was the only agency administering the test, announced in September that it would no longer do so after a National Research Council study on the test showed it to be inconclusive.

"The inference (is) that, because of the testing, two bullets allegedly match and what is found is that in subsequent scientific testing we presented to the court during pretrial arguments, the fact that science was

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## Speaker ponders life on Mars

By Chris Miles  
THE KENTUCKY KERNEL

Somewhere in the vastness of space there is an asteroid traveling thousands of miles a second called 5223 McSween.

The asteroid is named after Harry "Hap" McSween, a professor in the Department of Earth and Planetary Sciences at the University of Tennessee and a researcher for NASA, who spoke yesterday at the W.T. Young Library Auditorium about the current missions to Mars by the rovers Spirit and Opportunity, and the information they have sent back.

"The purpose of these missions was to find evidence that there was once water on the planet," McSween said as he put up PowerPoint slides with pictures of the Martian landscape the rovers sent back.

McSween has done work with NASA for the past 25 years. His career has included work with the Mars Pathfinder project and also with work on the Mars Global Surveyor orbiter project. The agency has also funded his research on meteorites. Currently, he is a co-investigator of images produced by the Mars Odyssey spacecraft that maps the mineralogy of the Martian surface.

"What we have found is more than we'd ever dreamt of finding," McSween said as scenes of rust-colored landscape popped up behind him. "Above all, we have found evidence that the places we've researched had a lot of water."

McSween explained in his presentation that the rovers looked to find both geological and mineral evidence that

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## Performance highlights ensemble's diversity

By Megan Stanley  
THE KENTUCKY KERNEL

This weekend, a public performance brings together a diverse cast of characters.

The UK dance ensemble will be putting on its fall performance this weekend at the Singletary Center for the Arts, in which students will perform their own choreographed pieces in a variety of dance styles.

"It gives us a time to let loose, have fun and enjoy what we love," said marketing senior Anjali Bhattacharyya, president of the ensemble.

Around since the early 1980s, the group now has 28 women and five men.

The group's members joined for different reasons, but they are all extremely passionate about dance, and by doing the concert, they are helping make the

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Anne Fuchs, a vocal performance junior, won a district competition for the opportunity to sing at the Metropolitan Opera House in New York.

ROBIN BAKER | STAFF

## Raising her voice

UK vocal performance junior moves closer to spot with the Metropolitan Opera

By Sean Rose  
THE KENTUCKY KERNEL

After singing in front of three judges in auditions for the Metropolitan Opera, Anne Fuchs' jaw "dropped to the floor."

Fuchs, a vocal performance junior, was one of the three district winners out of 15 students who auditioned in the Kentucky district of the annual Metropolitan National Council Auditions. The auditions search for new talent across the

country and will eventually pick one winner to join the Metropolitan Opera in New York.

"It was the most exhilarating experience in the world," Fuchs said. "I was entering the competition for the experience and to win was a shock."

"My jaw literally dropped to the floor."

Each audition consisted of two pieces, each contestant prepared five and picked one while the three judges picked the other.

Fuchs will travel to Cincinnati for regional auditions on Jan. 8. The region includes Kentucky, West Virginia and the southern half of Ohio and Indiana.

Fuchs said the regional competition was on her mind but that she was trying to remain calm.

"I'm just going to have to do it the same way I did it this time and try not to get too freaked out about it," Fuchs said.

Other vocal students shared

Fuchs' excitement on her accomplishment.

"It's pretty astounding really," said vocal performance and arts administration sophomore Nick Covault. "She is only 20 years old and made an impression on (the judges) other people six or eight years ahead of her didn't."

The other winners of the district were Anson Hanbury, 28, of Southern Baptist Theological Seminary in Louisville and Korin Kormick, 26, of the

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## UK cleans house with surplus store

By Ryan Toombs  
THE KENTUCKY KERNEL

UK's surplus could be someone else's gain.

Starting today, UK students, faculty and staff, as well as the general public, will be able to shop at the university's first surplus store.

The store, which is located downtown on West Main Street, is having its grand opening today from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

The store was developed by UK Auxiliary Services to make surplus items, such as bookshelves or computer equipment that are no longer

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Leonard Maxberry carries items from his truck to the UK Surplus store. Maxberry worked all day yesterday to prepare the store for its grand opening at 10 a.m. today.

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If you go:

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## Ragland

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not valid," said J. Guthrie True, an attorney for Ragland. "And I think what we've seen is that in subsequent scientific analysis and studies done by the National Research Council, I think that they've shown that our position was absolutely correct."

True called the prosecution's original case "circumstantial" and said the test was the only piece of physical evidence linking Ragland to the murder scene.

Assistant Attorney General Todd Ferguson argued the test was never presented as conclusive. Instead, Ferguson said that it was up to the

jury to decide how much weight to put on the test results.

The defense also continued to press the argument from the original appeal that a prosecutor violated Ragland's Fifth Amendment right during his closing arguments by commenting on Ragland's decision not to testify.

First Assistant Commonwealth's Attorney Mike Malone wrote, "The only person who knows where that shot was fired from exactly is the person sitting in that chair over there, and he hasn't seen fit to tell us."

Ferguson argued that the comment was clarified following an objection in the trial and that Malone was actually referring to the police investigation and not the Ragland's decision not to tes-

tify against himself.

Investigators went five years after DiGiuro's death before getting a break in the case when Ragland's ex-girlfriend came forward. Aimee Lloyd told police that Ragland confessed to her in 1986 that he shot DiGiuro.

"Shane Ragland killed my son," said DiGiuro's father, Mike, after the hearing. "It's a pain in the ass," he said about having to return to court, "but you do what you got to do. We'll do it as long as we have to."

Jerry Ragland, Shane Ragland's father, said he thought the hearing went well for his son.

"We're very optimistic we'll get a new trial," he said. "That's all we're asking for is a fair trial."

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## Surplus

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used by departments, available to the public at a discounted price.

Store manager Leonard Maxberry said that this is the first time the campus and Lexington community have been able to buy surplus items without attending one of their public auctions.

"By having the store, surplus can be bought one item at a time," he said. "Now if someone wants one chair, they can find it without going to an auction."

The policy on surplus is to first offer the surplus items to other departments within the university before selling them. Prior to the opening of the surplus store, items have been stored in the Reynolds Building for use by other departments or put up for auction.

If no one in university claims the surplus, it will be

either put up for auction or placed in the surplus store.

"We're trying to save the university some money by recycling our resources, while also trying to provide for the community and keep this stuff out of landfills," Maxberry said.

Dr. Benjamin C. Withers, chair of the Art Department, said that, being in one of the poorer departments on campus, he uses the surplus to supplement his department.

"We're really happy to be able to get used equipment we wouldn't normally be able to afford," Withers said. "We wouldn't have a lot of stuff without the surplus."

Ben Crutcher, associate vice president of Auxiliary Services, said his vision for the store is not to necessarily make a profit, but to help the community.

"I doubt that we will make any money off of this, we may break even, but it's more of a public service," Crutcher said.

The store has a Web site and listserv that potential

buyers can join to receive email updates on new surplus that becomes available.

"We've already had over 100 people sign up for the listserv," Crutcher said. "This listserv will give us a way to notify people when new surplus items they are interested in are available."

During today's grand opening there will be a "name the surplus store" contest, in which a TV/DVD combo will be given away. To enter you must go to the store today to register your entry and the winner will be announced after the opening.

Initially, the store will be open every Friday from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. and may have expanded hours depending on the turnout.

"We will have limited hours first, and then possibly expand those hours depending on the response," Crutcher said. "We want to give this a shot and hopefully it will be well received."

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It might have been the seduction of the aromatic steam, or the tingly sensation that opens up your sinuses and eases your mind, but sipping tea is a soothing trick to combating mental and physical pain and my latest secret to divine relaxation.

**Elizabeth Troutman**  
FOOD COLUMNIST

ation.

In the prelude to finals stress, most students opt for the black brew of beaneries to manage the physical pains of an onerous winter, the headache of procrastination and the lingering anxiety of midterm grades.

But falling into the spell of tea is not tricky or distasteful. The taste and essence of tea often complements its health benefits.

My fascination started with the purchase of a chai latte, something I considered coffee disguised in the mild flavor of tea, but sweet and caffeinated, nonetheless. Then my interest in tea evolved into an exploration down the tea aisle of Wild Oats food market. I pursued the endless number of teas — tea for stomach pain, tea for prenatal symptoms, tea for concentration and tea for flu prevention. The list goes on.

Tea in the morning, tea



**TRICIA SPALDING / STAFF**  
Wild Oats has an aisle dedicated to a vast variety of tea brands and flavors. Caffeinated and uncaffeinated teas are also available for purchase.

with dinner — green tea with honey replacing dirty coffee filters and stained coffee mugs. Outside, inside, on the go, wherever it is needed. Drinking tea with milk, like the British, or tea with a spoonful of Splenda and a lemon slice.

Claire Felters, manager of Coffee Times in Regency Center said the store's tea section expands every year because of increasing popularity of tea. She thinks people opt for tea because it makes them feel good.

"We know a lot of people that often drink it to relax for mental health," she said. "Personally, I think anything that makes you stop and think is good for you."

Coffee Times sells a variety of brands and flavors of tea. One of their featured

brands, The Republic of Tea, offers white, red, black and green teas that may be served hot or cold. Simple green and black teas are easily found in any grocery store aisle.

Black and green teas contain antioxidants called polyphenols. Research studies suggest that these chemicals prevent strokes, heart disease and cancer. A cup of tea contains half the amount of caffeine in a cup of coffee and lowers cholesterol.

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Many customers of Wild Oats food market use tea as an alternative to harsher supplements, said Heather Miles, Wild Oats natural living manager.

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Wild Oats offers a tea called "Throat Coat" which combines a variety of natural herbs, including licorice, which help ease the symptoms of colds.

Miles won't go so far to say that these teas can "cure," but she is certain they provide the natural chemicals necessary to help certain conditions. She said these teas incorporate flavor in the consumption of healthy antioxidants.

Like any warm beverage, tea is refreshing in the winter time and feels good to consume. The health perks are just another reason to investigate into the endless variety of tea on the market.

The final benefit: Tea costs significantly less than a pound of Starbucks coffee or a caramel latte. So gather up the dimes saved and find a warm winter robe. That goes nice with a cup of tea as well.

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By Kristin Hogue  
THE KENTUCKY KERNEL

Josh Kelley, a 25-year-old singer-songwriter from Augusta, Ga., will be performing at UK, free of charge to UK and BCTC students, on Sunday night at 8.

Kelley will be singing hits from his first album, "For the Ride Home," which made its first appearance on the shelves in 2003, as well as songs from his newest album, "Almost Honest," which hit stores in August. Popular songs from his new album include "Amazing" and "Everybody Wants You."

Psychology junior LaShala Porter is on the concert committee for the Student Activities Board. Having read Kelley's reviews and hearing his newest hit "Only You" on the radio, she is sure the show will be great. "He's a great singer. The reviews were great, as well," she said. "UK is one of the last shows of his tour and we're happy to promote this up-and-coming singer."

Kelley's rise to fame was incidental, according to his Web site. While attend-

ing the University of Mississippi on a golf scholarship, he wrote songs on the side and played gigs at parties. From an Ole Miss library computer, some "Napstered MP3s" of his work accidentally made their way to an A&R rep for Hollywood Records, the label Kelley later signed with. His first album, "For the Ride Home" was released in 2003.

Kelley's newest album, "Almost Honest," was released in August 2005.

His music has been described as "earthy, carefree and reflective," according to [www.allmusic.com](http://www.allmusic.com) and has been compared to the likes of Jack Johnson, John Mayer, Gavin DeGraw and Ben Harper.

Kelley's achievements include performing at the annual Bonnaroo Music Festival in 2003, touring with the Dave Matthews Band and the Goo Goo Dolls at the debut of his first album, as well as having his first "critically acclaimed hit," "Amazing," placed on the soundtrack of Kate Hudson's 2004 romantic comedy "Raising Helen."

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## New Sony CDs pose computer security risk

First there was the Napster lawsuit in the courts, and then there was the Digital Millennium Copyright Act from Congress. Now the music industry has taken the fight to prevent music piracy straight to your computer — by installing a virus.



**Roger Chui**  
TECH COLUMNIST

In a quiet moment in the world's second largest record company began releasing music CDs with a specialized hacking program called a "rootkit." Rootkits allow unauthorized access to a computer's administrative capabilities. The rootkit that Sony CDs install is branded XCP (Extended Copy Protection) and is designed to prevent unauthorized reproduction and ripping of Sony-branded CDs.

Sony's rootkit prevents the copying of Sony CDs on the Windows operating sys-

tem by modifying core operating system settings and hiding files beginning with "Ssys." XCP does not affect Macintoshes, but another Sony-branded copy protection, called Suncom, does.

The existence of a rootkit in Sony's DRM poses a serious security: the execution of malicious code such as viruses, worms and Trojan horses. Sony legally authorizes itself to install its copy protection rootkit in a 3,000-word license agreement, which is packaged with every CD sold with XCP technology. Because so few people who buy a CD read the included license agreement, there is no telling how many computers have been affected by the XCP technology. To date, over 3 million CDs with Sony's XCP copy protection have been sold.

Last week, virus writers began spreading an e-mail containing a variant of the "BrepilBot" Trojan which hides itself behind Sony's copy protection by naming infected files with names starting with "Ssys," the string hidden by the XCP scheme.

One day later, hackers made a program, which used the Sony rootkit to evade the anti-cheating system on "World of Warcraft," a popular online game, by hiding the cheat files in a similar manner to the BrepilBot Trojan.

XCP has been found on over 50 albums released by Sony, from Frank Sinatra's "Great American Songbook" to Switchfoot's "Nothing is Sound." For a complete list of affected CDs, you can check the Electronic Frontier Foundation's Web site at <http://www.eff.org/>.

Sony/BMG is taking a lot of heat for including such a security risk with its music CDs. Antivirus companies have criticized Sony's DRM scheme, and Microsoft will include a removal tool in the December Windows Update package. The official Sony removal toolkit opens up yet more security holes.

The fallout has continued to accumulate in the past two

weeks. Workplaces have taken steps to restrict the use of personal CDs because of the threat of opening a security hole in the corporate network. California and New York have filed class-action lawsuits against Sony/BMG and British-based group First 4 Internet, who developed the rootkit for Sony. The Electronic Frontier Foundation is also gathering information about whether a nationwide class-action lawsuit can be filed.

Ironically, the rootkit, designed to protect copyrights, appears to violate copyrights itself, with large portions similar to publicly available programs like LAME, an MP3 encoder.

Because of the public backlash, Sony has promised to stop production of XCP protected CDs — temporarily. However, the entire fiasco brings up the question: how far will record companies go to control music listeners? When downloading music becomes safer than buying a CD, is the existence of file sharing networks justified?

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### Alumni Association honors professors

The UK Alumni Association is taking student nominations for the Great Teacher Award. The award is presented to six professors every year who have been a faculty member for the past three years and have not received the award within 10 years.

Recipients, who are selected by a committee part of the UK Alumni Association Board of Directors, can be assistant professors or professors who teach at UK, Bluegrass Community and Technical College or the Chandler Medical Center.

The recipients each receive plaques and \$2,000. Nomination forms are available in the King Alumni House, Room 209 of the Student Center, W. T. Young Library and online at [www.ukalumni.net](http://www.ukalumni.net).

### Hospital hosts holiday card launch party

The Kentucky Children's Hospital will host a launch party for this year's holiday cards, designed by patients of the hospital. The four designs will be sold in packages of 12 for \$14.99 at the launch party at Joseph-Beth Booksellers at Lexington Green.

The four patients who designed the cards will be at the party along with their parents, Santa Claus and the UK mascot, Scratch.

### UK men's choir to perform at national convention

The UK men's chorus has been invited to perform at the Music Educators National Conference in April in Salt Lake City, Utah. UK's 70-person choir was one of 35 choruses chosen to perform and one of only 10 collegiate choirs.

UK was one of 200 tapes forwarded to the national panel as semi-finalists.

## NASA

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water once existed on the planet.

But that wasn't the most important reason NASA sent the rovers on a science project 50 million miles away.

"NASA has focused its search on water so much in past decades because one of the program's main goals is still a search for extra-terrestrial life and, of course, life is not possible without water," he said.

In the presentation, McSween explained that the rovers found no evidence of ancient Martian life.

"But consider this planet (Earth), teeming with life," he said. "You don't go out in your back yard and instantly find a fossil. It's hard to find

that kind of evidence."

And the evidence that has been found has pointed to the idea that life on Mars probably never went beyond the microscopic level.

Throughout his presentation, McSween gave a variety of chemical and mineral evidence of how there were once probable conditions that supported life on Mars. But in no way was the presentation the same as a chemistry lecture in Chemistry.

"(The presentation) was very exciting and very interesting," said Scott Hess, an undergraduate in the geological sciences department. "This isn't something you hear a whole lot about."

Mike Handke, a lecturer in the geological sciences department, agreed.

"It was a very good, informative talk," Handke said. "It addressed a wide range of

issues. It was great to learn about some of the similarities and differences of Earth and Mars."

There were a wide variety of subjects brought up in McSween's presentation, from geology and astronomy, to cutting-edge technology and engineering.

But one of the final topics McSween discussed was where the U.S. space program was going and why.

"In times like this, with hurricanes and wars, we should ask ourselves if planetary exploration is really worth all the money," he said. "As missions go, these (the Spirit and the Odyssey) were relatively cheap ones."

"This, what we do, is very important. The science and the discoveries and the technological spin-offs of this are very important."

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## Dance

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arts available to the area, said Kara Stacy, math education senior and second vice president for the ensemble.

"This brings arts to the student body as well as the university as a whole, it's something that isn't typically available," said arts administration senior Kimberly Best, treasurer for the dance ensemble.

The dance ensemble will perform many types of dance at their concert, including hip-hop, jazz, modern, lyrical, ballet and tap.

"Each piece we do tells a story," Stacy said.

"The variety we offer deals with serious matters as well as lighthearted and feel-

good movements." Best said.

Most of the members got introduced to the dance ensemble through taking dance classes at UK. The dance ensemble holds try-outs and a performance each semester.

"For my major I had to take a dance class, and Dr. (Rayna) Beal asked me to be in one of the pieces," said Leonard Burress, a kinesiology and health promotion teacher education senior.

A former UK football player and current Lexington Horsemen football player, Burress said that many professional football teams require their players to take a dance class during the off-season because it is a good workout and increases agility. Although the Horsemen, an indoor football league team, don't require their players to take a dance class, Burress enjoys the class and its benefits.

"It's fun and a chance to work out with a lot of cute girls," said Burress.

The members can let their personalities show in the dances because they are the ones who choreograph them, and then they are responsible for teaching the dance to the other members, said Bryan Howard, a merchandising, apparel and textiles senior.

"It's a creative outlet," said Best, adding that it was good "being around people who like being around the same arts."

The performances will be 8 p.m. Saturday and 2 p.m. Sunday at the Singletary Center for the Arts. Tickets are \$12 for general admission, \$10 for students and senior citizens and \$3 for children younger than 12 years old.

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## Voice

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University of Louisville.

Vocal professor and Fuchs' voice teacher Gail Robinson said Fuchs is young for this level of singing.

"It's very rare," Robinson said. "Anne is a baby star if you will."

"I'm very happy for her and very proud of her, she's so deserving and is an extremely hard worker."

Robinson won the Metropolitan Auditions at age 19 in 1966 and said that Fuchs is on the right path in her education and career.

"The audition of the Metropolitan Opera is about as competitive and prestigious as it gets," Robinson said.

Robinson added that although the auditions were intense she wants it to be a learning experience above all else.

"I just want her to enjoy the process," Robinson said.

"It's just an educational process, and I want this to be a growing experience and

something that will bring her to the next level."

Fuchs said she tried to not let herself think about the possibility of winning a spot in the Metropolitan Opera but that it would be a dream come true. Still, she favored singing over winning.

"It would be one of the most amazing experiences in my life," Fuchs said. "But anyway, for me, just singing as my career is all I've ever wanted to do."

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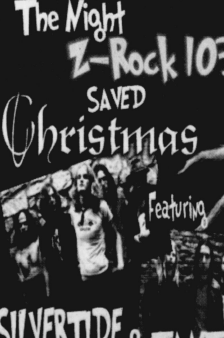
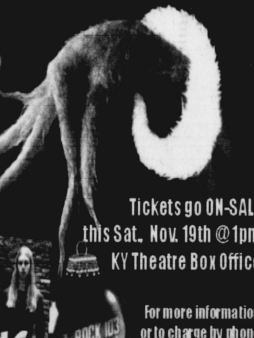
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## Cats 'thrilled' to face real opponent

By Chris DeIotell  
THE KENTUCKY KERNEL

The days of Blue vs. White are over.

As the team ushers in year three of the Mickie DeMoss era with tonight's regular season opener against IUPUI, the UK basketball players are happy to finally face an opponent that wears a different color.

"I'm excited," sophomore center Sarah Elliot said. "I know our freshmen are excited too. It seems like (Friday night) will never come."

Head coach DeMoss echoed her players' eagerness as the team made final preparations yesterday.

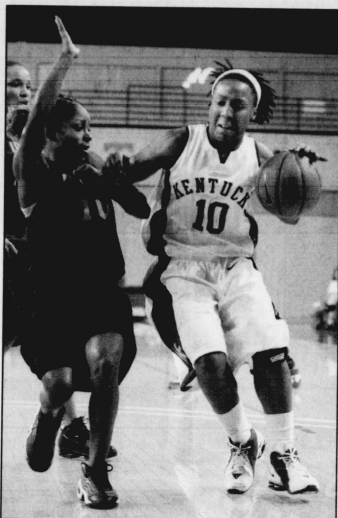
"I'm really excited about playing," she said. "I think the team is ready to play and the coaches are ready to play."

DeMoss said she doesn't know a whole lot about the Jaguars, who compete in the Mid-Continent Conference and return only five players from last season's 7-21 team. Because of the lack of information about IUPUI, UK's preparation has been focused internally, according to the coach.

"That's been our approach," DeMoss said. "We're going to spend most of the time on Kentucky. We will focus on playing our man-to-man defense, rebounding the ball and running the floor. We know very little about them."

DeMoss said she knows IUPUI will play a lot of zone defense because of the Cats' size advantage. She said the team will depend on the shooting ability of the guards.

"I just anticipate a lot of



UK Hoops junior guard Nastassia Alcuis dribbles around an Ohio Legends defender on her way to 12 points Nov. 10 at Memorial Coliseum.

zone," she said. "We're going to be tested to see if we can knock that outside shot down."

It appeared in the team's two exhibition games that much of the outside shooting emphasis will be on sophomore Sam Mahoney, who is making the transition this season to shooting guard.

She showed off a smooth mid-range shot in a 12-point performance against Ohio Girls Basketball Magazine. DeMoss is pleased with the advantages of moving Mahoney to off-guard.

"It gives her more of an opportunity to score," DeMoss said.

"Sam Mahoney can score in a variety of ways. She can

pull up and hit the jumper and she can drive past people to the basket. It allows us to be more versatile on offense."

DeMoss said fans will see the Cats' full-court press tonight, as UK hopes to utilize its significant advantage in quickness.

"We'll certainly throw it out at them and see how they respond to it," she said. "This team enjoys pressing. We have a lot of athleticism and depth, so I'd like to be able to press."

After spending her first two years at UK as more of a "motivator than a teacher," DeMoss feels her day-to-day tactics have changed this year.

"There has been a huge difference in my approach," she said.

"I felt like in the past I have to pull and will and get every ounce of energy out of those teams. Maybe now because we have two recruiting classes here, they're beginning to understand what I want out of them. It's allowed me to focus more on teaching than motivating."

While the final exam is far off, DeMoss' course begins tomorrow night and the Cats remain focused on IUPUI, the first assignment on the syllabus.

The players are simply concerned themselves with playing to their level of expectations.

"We're going to play our principles and play like we should and win our way," Elliot said. "We don't really worry about the opponent. We're just going to play Kentucky basketball."

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## Krystal Ball

Staff picks for the weekend of  
Nov. 19, 2005



### Derek Poore (56-21)

last week: 4-3  
Georgia 45 UK 24  
Ohio St. 23 Michigan 20  
Auburn 31 Alabama 17  
USC 38 Fresno St. 21  
South Carolina 24 Clemson 21  
Penn St. 17 Michigan St. 14  
Tennessee 28 Vanderbilt 21

### Chris Johnson (55-22)

last week: 5-2  
Navy 42 Temple 14  
Michigan 27 Ohio St. 24  
Auburn 31 Alabama 23  
USC 38 Fresno St. 21  
Clemson 27 South Carolina 24  
Penn St. 30 Michigan St. 7  
Tennessee 19 Vanderbilt 17

### Adam Sichko (54-23)

last week: 3-4  
Georgia 35 UK 24  
Ohio St. 28 Michigan 6  
Auburn 31 Alabama 28  
USC 41 Fresno St. 17  
South Carolina 24 Clemson 17  
Penn St. 21 Michigan St. 10  
Vanderbilt 16 Tennessee 13

### Megan Boehnke (53-24)

last week: 2-5  
Georgia 42 UK 20  
Ohio St. 24 Michigan 20  
Alabama 14 Auburn 10  
USC 38 Fresno St. 17  
South Carolina 28 Clemson 21  
Penn St. 21 Michigan St. 14  
Tennessee 27 Vanderbilt 10

### Doug Scott (53-24)

last week: 2-5  
Georgia 64 UK 3  
Ohio St. 25 Michigan 7  
Auburn 9 Alabama 5  
USC 100 Fresno State 8  
South Carolina 16 Clemson 10  
Penn St. 49 Michigan St. 6  
Tennessee 36 Vanderbilt 4

### Andrew Martin (52-25)

last week: 2-5  
Georgia 48 UK 28  
Ohio St. 17 Michigan 14  
Auburn 20 Alabama 16  
USC 31 Fresno St. 7  
South Carolina 20 Clemson 17  
Penn St. 24 Michigan St. 20  
Tennessee 31 Vanderbilt 24

### Josh Sullivan (51-26)

last week: 4-3  
Georgia 24 UK 17  
Michigan 21 Ohio St. 17  
Auburn 35 Alabama 17  
USC 40 Fresno St. 30

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### Tim Wiseman (50-27)

last week: 2-5  
Georgia 35 UK 28  
Michigan 38 Ohio St. 24  
Alabama 17 Auburn 14  
USC 49 Fresno St. 24  
Penn St. 20 Michigan St. 17  
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### Hilly Schiffer (44-33)

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## IN OUR OPINION

### Keep UK basketball lottery

If it ain't broke, UK shouldn't bother fixing it. The men's basketball ticket lottery system was designed to get students out of the cold and let them have an equal shot at the coveted passes into the frenzied Rupp Arena. Instead of camping outside, the ticket distribution became a tradition on campus — an event that epitomizes the UK fan base.

So why change? Some critics have pushed for an online lottery system, including proposed referendums by the Student Government in recent years. (Former SG President Rachel Watts, when she was running for president, proposed a referendum so students could vote on an online lottery. The proposal never moved much past

that stage.) UK has said any possibility of a lottery change is only in the exploratory stages. This is where it should stay.

Thousands of students regularly get their hands on tickets during the three-hour process on select Monday nights throughout basketball season. It has become an event on campus and for the most part, has worked quite well. Rarely does a student leave the lottery empty-handed.

One reason online lottery proponents have pushed for Internet-based lottery distribution is due to students' scheduling

conflicts.

Three hours is a large chunk of time in a week meant for class, studying, jobs and generally being merry. But how would an online system change that? A 10 a.m. Internet release of tickets wouldn't allow students who had 10 a.m. classes to participate. At least at night, the lottery conflicts with the fewest amounts of

**Implementing an online lottery would destroy a great tradition for UK students.**

classes. The fact is, the lottery would conflict with someone's schedule, somewhere, regardless of what time of day it was held.

Another advantage argued for an online system is that it would allow a true first-come, first-serve ticket distribution. As it stands, it doesn't matter when a student arrives at the lottery. But what's wrong with everyone in the pool having an equal shot?

An Internet-based system would also place heavy computerized emphasis on valuable tickets. With all the ire over UK computer systems this semester, perhaps it isn't the best idea to slap those golden tickets on the Internet so even more global variables could impact the real point — getting tickets to students.

So before UK even starts considering an online lottery system — just sit tight. Don't change a

### It's time a compromise was struck on Iraq war

"Withdrawal" was a big buzzword in Washington this week, with debate in both houses of Congress on the issue of prolonged troop involvement in Iraq. The ensuing calamity that has resulted from the 2003 invasion has created a dichotomy on Capitol Hill, with one camp proposing immediate or phased withdrawal of U.S. troops, opposed by "stay the course" hardliners who support a sustained military presence in Iraq until we are, by whatever vague and ambiguous definition they decide to use, victorious.



Doug Scott  
COLUMNIST

Immediate withdrawal would remove the safety net that the Iraqi establishment, or lack thereof, has been relying on for the past two-and-a-half years. Having either destroyed or disbanded most institutions of power and authority, Americans have been tasked with rebuilding a country from the ground up and gaining the public's trust, while at the same time acting as a police force and as the sole buffer between innocent civilians and insurgents.

Although immediate withdrawal would bring our soldiers home and free us of the huge financial burden of financing a war, it is very probable that withdrawal, at this juncture in Iraq, would be the final block removed in the Jenga tower that is the Middle East.

The consequences of "staying the course" would of course involve more bloodshed, with more Iraqi civilians and insurgents killed, not to mention constant amassing of U.S. troop fatalities. Staying the course has, so far, resulted in diminishing poll numbers for support of the war and President Bush.

We must ask ourselves: how deep into the Iraq quagmire do we have to dig ourselves before the American people will collectively decide that it's time to dig ourselves out? How many more people have to die before we see the answers that are right in front of us? And when we do finally wake up and recognize the dire situation we are in, will we be too late?

Neither scenario, in its purest form, is entirely feasible or desirable. Leaving Iraq now would only enhance the power vacuum that currently exists and would most likely nullify any sort of progress, real or alleged, that the U.S. has achieved since 2003. But at least withdrawal is a plan. "Staying the course," despite all the regal pomp that has been attached to it in the past few years, in no way infers any sort of structured plan. It is simply the Bush administration dodging any sort of accountability.

At the same time, the war in Iraq, in its current form, will not withstand the combined pressures of an Iraqi insurgency, diminished public support and a legislature becoming increasingly hostile to the Bush administration. The skepticism of Congress was evidenced by this week's passage in the Senate of an amendment that requires the administration to provide regular progress reports on Iraq every 90 days, as well as requiring that Congress and the American people be provided with a clear plan for a "successful completion of the mission in Iraq."

After looking at both sides of this pressing issue, it becomes evident that a compromise will have to be met in order to satiate the American people, re-garner public support for the effort in Iraq, whether that be continuation of operations there or eventual withdrawal.

Either way, the Bush administration will have to break from precedent and, for once, be clear about its plans for Iraq and our military.

We need a plan. And we need one quickly. Because "staying the course" doesn't do any good when that course is aimless, misguided and destructive.

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## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

### Story about vans appreciated

Thanks for your article on 15-passenger vans. Several years ago, I saw a convoy of three or four 15-passenger vans marked "University of Kentucky" driving at a very high rate of speed, and weaving in and out of traffic on Interstate 75 north of Georgetown. I couldn't believe how fast they were going. There were no passengers in the vans, but they were going so fast that I tried to call the Kentucky State Police.

As you mentioned, these long, high vehicles are prone to dangerous rollovers. The more passengers they carry the higher the center of gravity and the more likely they will roll over during turns or emergency maneuvers. UK should immediately remove these dangerous vehicles from their fleets before there is a tragedy.

UK doesn't care enough about the safety of the students, and its obvious everywhere you look around campus.

RICHARD CARR  
Lexington

### Student-athletes are here to learn

As a senior and a student-athlete at UK, I feel the need to respond to the Nov. 7 letter. "Athletes are disrespectful in class." I would like to start off by reiterating to everyone on campus that we are not here to simply play a sport. We did not work hard through four years of high school academics just so an accredited university would let us play a sport.

Every single one of us is here, like every other hardworking student, to earn a college degree and enjoy the experience. A great number of athletes do, indeed, pay the same thousands of dollars as every other student at UK.

Many non-scholarship athletes are sacrificing an income in order to fulfill a lifelong dream of competing in Division I athletics. This is a choice, but nonetheless, a sacrifice that is overlooked. I will gladly apologize on behalf of the small number of athletes who do, indeed, use their status for ulterior motives. What I will not do, though, is stand by while hundreds of student-athletes get stereotyped.

There are many perks to being an athlete at UK. We get to do what we love every day of the year and represent one of the great universities in the United States. However, for someone to claim that we abuse drugs and alcohol so freely is a shame. Six a.m. drug tests occur four days a week in order to keep these things out of our lives.

Student-athletes are punished for their actions, no matter what people may think. We sacrifice so many of the "college-life practices" in order to peak in performance and perform for the student body and the entire state of Kentucky.

Yes, it is true that a few student-athletes may be deemed

"God" on campus and given preferential treatment.

But next time you decide to stereotype student-athletes, please be aware that 99.9 percent of us are here to do our job in the classroom and on the field. There is no need to make unfair assumptions about hundreds of hardworking people, or any group of people for that matter.

KATHLEEN BIONDI  
health communications senior

### War column used questionable facts

Because Matthew Ballard felt it necessary to mislead in his column yesterday (a trait not uncommon among those attempting to justify the war in Iraq), I thought I'd make clear a few of his mistakes and distortions.

First he claims that the United States needs to spend more money on the war, as we are spending a smaller percentage of the gross domestic product than in previous wars. The truth is that the \$200 billion that he mentions in his article is only a small piece of the pie. For 2006 alone, the projected budget for the Department of Defense is \$401.7 billion. The \$200 billion figure refers to emergency spending requests made by the administration to cover the cost of the war beyond the already established budgets for 2003, 2004 and 2005.

Moreover, the Washington Post reported in October 2004 that, when adjusted for inflation, the emergency spending requests alone total more than half of what was spent on the entire Vietnam War.

Ballard further claims that the majority of the 30,000 Iraqi civilian deaths reported since the beginning of the war were at the hands of the countrymen. It is difficult to say where he found this statistic, since the U.S. government refuses to count.

However, www.iraqbodycount.org reports between 26,000-30,000 civilian deaths as a direct result of coalition forces' military action alone. This should not be surprising, since it was reported just yesterday that the United States used white phosphorus gas indiscriminately in its siege of Fallujah.

In fact, if the number of those Iraqis killed by their countrymen were included, the number would be much higher; hundreds are often killed in a day.

Perhaps it is necessary that we have soldiers to "defend our freedoms." Maybe they should even be "rough," as Ballard suggests. This unfortunately has little bearing on whether or not an imperial power should engage in aggressive wars against impoverished nations. Ballard's interpretation of the statistics is wrong and he uses this misinterpretation to ride a slippery slope all the way into Iraq.

BRANDON ABSHER  
philosophy graduate student

### Christians are not persecuted

I was deeply dismayed by the "Christians target of persecution" letter Wednesday. It is hard to believe that Donna Rayyan could honestly interpret the presence of beliefs disagreeing with hers as "persecution," that because she is exposed to people who do not agree with her and she is somehow being oppressed.

It is not persecution to teach a mainstream scientific theory. Science is the process of examining the world and seeing what conclusions you can come to. The meaning of theory in science is not the same as everyday people may think. It does not mean "some idea we came up with and haven't proven." It means "a model which fits the evidence we have at hand."

It's nice propaganda to say it's unproven, but by definition you cannot conclusively "prove" a theory, only find evidence to support or not support it. How can you perform an experiment or study to support intelligent design? By definition it is based on the faith that somebody is designing things. If it is inherently based on faith, it is by definition a religious belief, not science.

The theory of evolution is simply the idea that variations appear in life, and those variations that allow an organism to prosper will be passed along to its offspring, creating gradual change, eventually leading to new species. Somehow, unless there is a mysterious designer (i.e. the Judeo-Christian God), to some people this makes no sense.

For more than a century, scientists from around the world have looked at the evidence and seen evolution as the model that best represents the world. Now people who would happily discard science in favor of dogma would like to help us start taking steps backward into darkness.

Once we have sanitized biology of ideas disagreeable to one religion, where do we go next? What will be the next science to fall to dogma when its ideas are considered "oppressive" because someone disagrees with them on religious grounds?

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## From celebs to vertigo, the road has it all

By Chris Johnson  
The Kentucky Kernel

For 23 Wildcats, this weekend's trip to Athens, Ga., to play the Georgia Bulldogs will mark the final road game of their college careers.

With the Southeastern Conference being as competitive and talent-laden as it is, with football dominating the competitive atmosphere at a lot of conference campuses, and with southern fans having easy access to all different kinds of school "spirits," it's easy to see how competition could turn overzealous at times.

The seniors, who have seen 20-some road games in their careers, have witnessed some crazy goings-on in their travels. Between celebrities, lube-up SEC fans and vertigo, the UK seniors have run the gamut of road oddities.

Senior running back Arliss Beach has positive memories of the road.

"Two years ago at Georgia, I got to meet Herschel Walker," Beach said. Walker was a star running back for the Bulldogs from 1980-82, rushing for a then-record 6,397 yards in three seasons.

An All-American and All-SEC performer all three years he was in college, Walker finished third in the Heisman Trophy voting in 1980, as a freshman, finished second in 1981 and claimed the award in 1982. He went on to play in the United States Football League and then for Dallas, Minnesota and Philadelphia in the NFL, and is now enshrined in the College Football Hall of Fame.

While someone with that resume must have had some kind of advice to impart, Walker's words were not what Beach remembered most.

"That dude was huge," Beach said.

Wide receiver Draak Davis, who switched to receiver from running back this season, recalled fan insults at traditional SEC dormat Vanderbilt, of all places, during last week's UK victory.

"They were, like, two feet behind our bench," Davis recalled. "They kept saying 'Remember two years ago.'"

In 2003, the Commodore faithful tore down the Vanderbilt Stadium goal posts after beating UK to snap a two-season SEC losing



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UK sophomore linebackers Wesley Woodyard (holding ball) and Joe Schuler celebrate after Woodyard recovered a fumble during last week's UK-Vanderbilt game in Nashville, Tenn.

streak.

"They were sure they were going to beat us," Davis said, smiling mischievously with the satisfaction of beating the favored 'Dores, 48-43.

Davis and the rest of the seniors unanimously said the trash talk from fans is a motivational tool for the visitors, not a source of anger.

"It's just fun," he said. "That's the stuff I look forward to, I love getting booed. That's why I wanted to play big-time college football."

Wide receiver Scott Mitchell, who transferred from Mount San Antonio (Texas) junior college two years ago, said the taunting as a Wildcat isn't anything compared to what he faced as a marquee player for the Mounties.

"In junior college, when I'd line up on the far side their whole team would be calling my name," Mitchell

said. "One team had made up cheers for me and one of my teammates. It was funny, I think they went 0-10 that year."

Mitchell said even at the junior college level, being the recipient of trash talk is a motivation.

"It makes you feel like they're paying attention to you," Mitchell said.

Davis said it was more fun for him to hear a visiting crowd quiet down than to hear a home crowd cheer.

"The visiting crowd, man, it's fun to see them sit on their hands," Davis said. "You see their faces. You don't have to say much, you just put your finger over your mouth."

The Cats say there are usually more talkers at night games than day games.

"At Indiana this year, it was terrible," Mitchell said. "It was a night game, so they got more of an opportunity

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to get riled up."

"Most of them are drunk," Davis said.

Mitchell said the most exceptional case of home-field advantage he had ever experienced was last season in Gainesville, Fla., at the Swamp.

"After the third quarter, the fans move around, left to right, by row," Mitchell said. The swaying fans (i.e., Row A would sway right to left and Row B would move left to right, etc.) got to Mitchell after a short amount of time.

"I couldn't look at it for a while," Mitchell said. "It made me a little sick."

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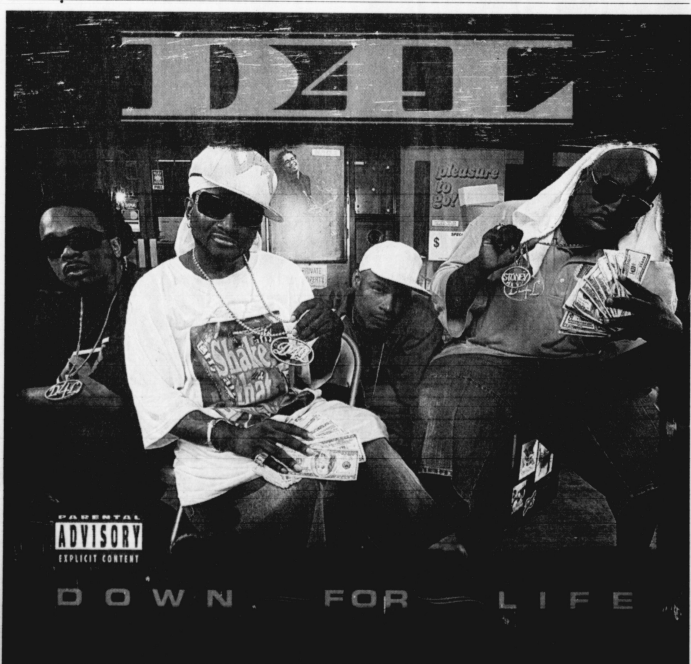
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