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Report: Airport not alone in controller understaffing

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The control tower at Blue Grass Airport was not in compliance with a verbal guidance from the Federal Aviation Administration at the time of the crash of Comair Flight 5191, according to a review by the Department of Transportation Office of Inspector General released earlier this week.

"The guidance called for at least two air traffic controllers on the midnight shift in airports that aren't particularly busy at that time, like Lexington's," said Kathleen Bergen, FAA spokeswoman. "It isn't a regulation, it is a notice. That

is how we communicate within the agency."

The Office of Inspector General reviewed 62 of the 138 facilities in the National Airspace System and found that three of these, including Lexington, were not in compliance with the guidance on the day of the Flight 5191 crash.

Since the accident, the FAA has formalized the guidance by putting it into writing, effective November 2006, Bergen said.

Doug Church, spokesman for National Air Traffic Controllers Association, said while staffing issues were overlooked, the FAA did make an effort in issuing the verbal guidance.

"Bruce Johnson (vice president for terminal services for the FAA's Air Traffic Organization)

gave the guidance," Church said. "When a verbal guidance is given, it doesn't matter if it came from his mouth, over the phone or by e-mail, that is an order."

To understand what happened with Flight 5191, one must understand the various roles of air traffic controllers, Church said.

The four main types of controllers are tower controllers, who monitor runways and clear flights for take-offs and landings; radar controllers, who guide flights and hand them off to the control towers; TRACONs (Terminal Radar Approach Controllers), who guide the take-offs and landings; and en route controllers, who handle the flights as they are traveling between point

A and point B, Church said.

In the case of Flight 5191, there was only one controller on the shift and he was responsible for three roles at once, Church said.

"The controller was working TRACON and tower at once, and was doing supervisor administrative work," said Church. "It's against FAA policy."

The NATCA believes that the lack of controllers on duty at the time was a contributing factor to the accident.

"One controller is never enough," Church said. "There should always be at least two."

Church also said the FAA should have been
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A bug's strife

UK should see fewer flea beetles, wasps, mosquitoes as a result of below-freezing temperatures in February

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Three weeks of sub-freezing temperatures in February might actually have an upside, UK entomologist Lee Townsend believes the cold weather may have helped reduce some of the pests that are frequently seen in early spring.

UK is likely to see fewer flea beetles, wasps and mosquitoes in early spring, Townsend said.

Insect populations suffer when the temperature drops into the mid-20s or below and there is little snow on the ground, Townsend said. Rainy periods accompanied by freezing temperatures are also hard on insects.

"Since insects are cold-blooded they cannot do much to regulate their temperature, so they are at the mercy of the temperature extremes," Townsend said.

A number of different insect species may have suffered from the cold spell in February.

The house mosquito, the most important vector for the West Nile virus, spends the

winter as an adult in hidden places like storm drains, making them susceptible to freezes.

Certain pests that come from the south, like cutworms and army worms, may arrive a little later in the year because of the unusual cold the south experienced.

However, Townsend said many insects will survive and will become abundant again by mid-summer because of their short life cycles.

Household pests, such as cockroaches, that feed on stored food have it easy during the winter, Townsend said. Since they are inside, the weather has no effect on them.

Some species, such as the Japanese beetle, spend the winter deep in the soil. These beetles are far enough underground that they are unlikely to be affected, since the soil insulates them. Once the days get longer and the temperatures start to rise, these species will become active again, Townsend said.

Other insects find cover under leaf litter on the ground or under tree bark and are not affected by the weather as much. Some of these species even have a type of anti-freeze

in their blood to keep them from freezing during most cold weather, he said.

"The amazing reproductive ability of most insects means that most can recover, even if their winter survival is reduced," Townsend said. "Never bet against the bugs."

The UK Grounds Department tries to limit pests in the landscape in regard to how they affect the health or appearance of the plants, said Maintenance Superintendent George Riddle.

The department first identifies the pests that are on the plant, then determines the extent of the problem both in terms of how many pests there are and if the pests are affecting a large number of plants. Riddle said after gathering this information the Grounds Department plans accordingly.

However, having fewer bugs doesn't necessarily equal fewer pest problems, Townsend said.

"There are probably around 16,000 species of insects in Kentucky and only a small percentage cause problems," he said.

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GPAC sponsors presidential debate

By Blair Thomas
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Student Government candidates will get their first chance to discuss campus issues tonight when the Greek Political Action Committee holds a debate and chooses a candidate to endorse.

In the past 18 SG elections, 17 of the candidates who won the GPAC endorsement went on to win the election.

"I don't know why that has been the case," said Jesse Parrish, Interfraternity Council vice president of chapter services, who is helping organize tonight's debate. "I think because the debate format is very general and a variety of issues are discussed. A candidate who can talk about so many different issues well, presents themselves better to the students."

Under the new format, presidential candidates Nick Phelps and Scott McIntosh will not be the only people answering questions.

"In the past, once the presidential candidates took the stage, the vice-presidential candidates fell into the background," said Parrish, who is running for College of Business and Economics senator.

Vice-presidential candidates Sen. Brittany Langdon, who is running with Phelps, and Sen. Emily Fortney, McIntosh's running mate, will also debate issues with each other and with the opposing ticket's presidential candidate.

"This year, we think it is important that we look at the entire ticket," Parrish said.

The topics of the debate will come from questions submitted to a box that was placed in the Greek Affairs office two weeks ago.

"We announced it and have been encouraging members of the Greek community to submit issues that they want to be discussed," Parrish said.

Parrish predicts the questions will cover a broad range of campus issues.

At the end of the debate, two delegates from each registered Greek organization vote to endorse one presidential ticket.

Women's Place will sponsor another debate for the candidates on Monday before the elections on March 28 and 29.

JESSE PARRISH
 Interfraternity Council
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 chapter services

Social icon to speak today at Student Center

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Students have two opportunities to hear Angela Davis, a social advocate, academic and African-American icon, today when she speaks on campus as part of the Black Women's Conference.

Davis is the featured speaker at the Mary McLeod Bethune Luncheon in the Student Center Grand Ballroom today from 12 to 2 p.m. Tickets are \$15.

She will discuss her stance on U.S. prisons as an industry in her speech titled, "The Prison Industrial Complex: Behind the Camouflage." In past lectures she has criticized the government's use of prisons as a source of profit and has emphasized the need to educate criminals rather than incarcerate them.

Beginning at 2:30, Davis will hold a separate question and answer session, which is free and open to the public, in the Student Center theater.

UK English professor Nikky Finney planned the conference activities and said Davis, who is a long-time friend of Finney's, was a perfect speaker for the discussion.

"I think she represents somebody who has been working all of her life to reveal the many different types of camouflage that exist in our society, politically and socially, and so I thought if this is the theme, then Angela Davis and what she has been working to reveal about society in America and the world would be perfect," Finney said.

Davis was born in Birmingham, Ala., in 1944, and although she was studying abroad in Europe during her 20s, she returned to America to participate in the Civil Rights Movement in 1967, according to Columbia University's Social Justice Wiki Web site. She began advocating

more rights for blacks and females and assisted other underprivileged members of society, such as individuals in prison without legal assistance.

"She's a deep philosopher, cares about world cultures, and as a young woman became involved in making the world a better place," Finney said.

What gave Davis acclaim, however, were the negative effects of her activism. She once lost her position at UCLA due to social activism and her involvement in the Communist Party. Soon afterward, in 1970, she was associated with the murder of a judge in the trial of George Jackson, a fellow Black Panther member, and was put on the FBI's Most Wanted list.

After spending about two years in prison, Davis was acquitted, according to the Web site.

During this time, while she realized



Davis

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SG approves press secretary, funding

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Student Government unanimously passed the appointment of a press secretary at last night's meeting after debate from several senators.

Corey Kline, a political science junior, has worked as SG's press secretary since Jan. 8, but the full Senate never approved her position because of an oversight by President Jonah Brown.

"I will take responsibility for this position not being approved," Brown said. "But it was merely an oversight and Corey has been doing a great job for us all semester."

Appropriations and Revenue

Chairman Jesse Parrish questioned Kline's objectivity in presenting SG to the press because she has recently become the campaign manager for Scott McIntosh's presidential campaign.

"I only accepted the campaign manager position two weeks ago," Kline said. "I have been working hard for SG all semester and I believe the jobs are two separate issues."

Kline also said bringing in someone to serve in her place for the remaining weeks of the semester would be ineffective.

College of Medicine Sen. Justin Rasmussen and Freshman Sen. Shaun Denney also debated the appointment after Parrish read

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THE RECORD

Back on the Road

Tim McGraw, 39, and his wife, Faith Hill, 39, will kick off their third joint tour, the 33-date Soul2Soul concert, June 6 in Omaha, Nebraska.

launching a new clothing line called Bitten.

Taser; Popper's manager said all weapons are registered.

Postponed

The release of Anna Nicole Smith's autopsy report was delayed because police turned over new evidence. Results are now expected later this month.

Laguna Beach's Jason Wahler, 20, was sentenced to two months behind bars for slugging a city worker and a tow-truck driver last year.

Heart Ache

Regis Philbin, 75, said he will undergo immediate triple-bypass heart surgery.

— Ian Drew

Grey's Pay Raises

Grey's Anatomy's Eilen Pompeo, 37, is getting a big raise, stat!

— Ian Drew

New Gigs

Rachael Ray, 38, signed on to star in Dunkin' Donuts TV ads through 2010.

Jennifer Hudson, 25, is the new face of Avon's Imari fragrance brand.

Lost and Found

Rob Morrow, 44, Chad Lowe, 39, and Fisher Stevens, 43, were rescued by Aspen Ski Patrol after getting lost in the Colorado mountains March 10.

Busted

Blues Traveler's John Popper, 39, was arrested for drug possession while stopped for speeding near Spokane, Washington. In his car, troopers found four rifles, nine handguns and

She'll earn about \$200,000 an episode, while Justin Chambers, 36, Chandra Wilson, 37, T.R. Knight, 34, and James T. Pickens, 52, will bank about \$125,000, per the Hollywood Reporter.

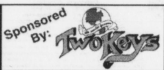
(Patrick Dempsey, 41, Sandra Oh, 35, and Katherine Heigl, 28, have yet to sign, though the studio says Heigl is under contract and has been offered more money.)

As for controversy-plagued Isaiah Washington, 43, an industry expert doubts he'll see any extra green — "He's lucky to have a job" — but his rep tells Us, "We'll conduct our business in a private manner."

— Ian Drew

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The tent is down... Let the Patio Party Begin



Horoscopes

By Linda C. Black
To get the advantage, check the day's rating. 10 is the easiest day, 0 the most challenging.
Aries (March 21 - April 19) Today is an 8 — Your friends are full of ideas, some of which are better than others. The one where you pay for everything is based upon a flawed premise.
Taurus (April 20 - May 20) Today is an 8 — The test is tough, but you can ace it. You're tougher and you're charming. You'll almost make it look easy. But you will have to make concessions.
Gemini (May 21 - June 21) Today is a 6 — This is the hard part of the job. You feel like you're slogging through mud. Actually, what you're doing is very important. Don't give up.

Cancer (June 22 - July 22) Today is an 8 — A social engagement takes up a lot more time than anticipated. It's fun to chat, but time is valuable. Don't waste it; you can't replace it.
Leo (July 23 - Aug. 22) Today is a 7 — Follow through on the orders you've been given. There are many benefits to be received for your loyal service. Don't mess it up by being confrontational now.
Virgo (Aug. 23 - Sept. 22) Today is a 7 — Your problem now is temptation. It's stronger than usual. You'd love to give in to it, and you know that could get expensive. You'd do better to prepare for a test that's coming up tomorrow.
Libra (Sept. 23 - Oct. 22) Today is a 5 — It's not a good time to gamble, or buy yourself frivolous things if you're not sure about your self-control, stay away from the stores.
Scorpio (Oct. 23 - Nov. 21) Today is a 7 — You're very competitive, but don't fall into a trap. Don't react and do something you'll later wish

you hadn't.
Sagittarius (Nov. 22 - Dec. 21) Today is an 8 — The more you get into the project, the more you realize it's not going to turn out exactly as you'd pictured. Abandon expectations to enable imagination.
Capricorn (Dec. 22 - Jan. 19) Today is a 7 — True love doesn't care about how much you have, except maybe to help you get more. Trust the person who encourages you to save, not to go further into debt.
Aquarius (Jan. 20 - Feb. 18) Today is a 6 — Some of your favorite fantasies are being severely challenged. You first response is anger. That won't get you anywhere. The right answer's not just a theory, it's also practical.
Pisces (Feb. 19 - March 20) Today is a 9 — You're able to explain what you're doing much better, as you go along. Choose your words carefully, using as few as you can. In communication and in art, you do best as a minimalist.
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STUDENT CENTER MADNESS

Tonight, the Wildcat WILD Night series will be celebrating March Madness from 10 p.m. to 1 a.m. in the Student Center with free food, basketball games, Velcro walls and more. The Sweet Sixteen will be shown on big screens while wings, pizza, nachos and cookies will be served. EA sports will give away a free game at the end of the night and free T-shirts will be available as well. A dunk contest will also take place during the night. For those not interested in basketball, \$100 Handshake will be performing, and Borat will be showing at 10 p.m. in Worsham Theater. All events throughout the evening will take place at the Student Center and are free to students with a valid student ID.

Ace in Debt

22-year-old dropped out of college to gamble

By Pam Louwagie
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MINNEAPOLIS — The allure of gambling calls out to Matthew Bowles-Roth wherever he goes. When he drives on the freeway, casino billboards entice him with riches. When he buys cigarettes at the convenience store, lottery tickets shine under the glass counter. When he flips through TV channels, guys his age appear in high-stakes poker tournaments, beaming like movie stars. Each time, Matthew pauses. He can't take that path again. He forces himself to remember what it was like when he did: Lying. Stealing. Dropping out of college.

"There's tons of things that I just wish I had never done," he says now, four years later.

At 22, Matthew has experienced the grip of gambling in a way most people never will. In just three years, he went from someone who had never gambled to compulsive gambler to recovering addict.

He is part of an age group that is drawing increasing concern from gambling-addiction counselors, government regulators and college administrators.

Card playing and Internet gambling have increased among college-age men in recent years, according to one study in Pennsylvania. And many of them learned the game in high school.

In many cases, "parents are actually strongly encouraging their kids to play poker," said Jeff Derevensky, co-director of the International Centre for Youth Gambling Problems and High-Risk Behaviors at McGill University in Montreal, Quebec. "They would prefer them to be in their basements playing poker than doing something 'more dangerous' like drinking and doing drugs."

Research is scant about college-age gambling participation over time. And studies conflict on the question of whether young people are more susceptible to become problem gamblers — some studies say yes, others cast doubt on that premise. Still, researchers are concerned that gambling accessibility could lead to more problems.

At Project Turnabout/Vanguard in Granite Falls, Minn., which has an inpatient gambling treatment program, the number of clients younger than 25 has gone from about three per year in 1992 to between 20 and 30 per year now, estimates Sandi Brustuen, gam-

bling program coordinator.

"It's just increasing all the time," she said. The program takes people who are 18 and older, but "most of them are doing it before then, in their basements and on the Internet and with their friends."

Late on a July night, Matthew stood with his friends outside the doors of Mystic Lake Casino, his driver's license in hand. When the clock ticked past midnight, he turned 18 and was legally old enough to gamble. He headed for the blackjack tables.

As he laid his first bet on the table — two \$1 chips — his heart raced. At that moment, nothing else in the world mattered except the cards being flipped over in front of him. He brushed his hand across the soft felt of the tabletop. He fingered the chips and was comforted by their sharp clicking.

"It was instantaneous," he said later. "I fell in love when I got there and fell deeper in love with every bet."

He walked out into the sunrise with an extra \$97 in his pocket.

I could come here and win \$100 every night, he thought. Throughout his senior year at the Academy of Holy Angels in Richfield, Minn., Matthew had watched his friends head to the casino to celebrate their 18th birthdays — a rite of passage for many these days.

Matthew didn't seem a likely risk for developing a gambling problem. The son of physicians, he grew up in Minneapolis and got good grades in high school. He played saxophone in the band and acted in high school theater. His parents, Carolyn Bowles and Craig Roth, said they never gambled. They didn't like it and discouraged it.

Gambling addiction is an "equal opportunity destroyer," Derevensky said. "Doesn't matter if you're rich or poor. Doesn't matter if you come from a good home."

After that first visit, Matthew went back. Again and again — almost every night after his shift delivering pizzas. He says he broke even by summer's end, when he went off to college.

At DePaul University in Chicago, he needed to be 21 to go to a casino. So



Matthew Bowles-Roth, a recovering gambler, holds up an ace of spades from Mystic Lake Casino. His first experience at this casino started his obsession. Roth began to go so often and stay so late at the casino that his friends stopped going with him.

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he didn't gamble, but he thought about it — all the time.

His classes went on without him. He fell behind and dropped most of them before the second semester ended.

Back home for the summer, Matthew headed to the casino. On his first trip, he said, he won big: \$4,000.

Gambling replaced his summer job. He made sure he was gone by the time his parents got home from work, because he knew they would disapprove.

At Mystic Lake, his bets grew bigger. Sometimes, he'd put \$200 or \$300 down on a single hand. He was treated like royalty. A valet parked his car. The casino gave him free meals. Workers brought him free cigarettes.

He sat in the high-roller room and reveled in the fact that people were watching him play.

A lot of his friends stopped going with him — none of them wanted to stay as late as he always did. But he still used them as cover, telling his parents he was staying overnight with them.

By that fall, Matthew said, he had won more than \$10,000. But after a marathon summer at the casino, who could concentrate on school?

Back at DePaul, he spent his winnings. A new computer. Designer clothes. A Louis Vuitton purse for his girlfriend. Golf accessories for dad. Perfume for mom.

He dropped his classes within about six weeks but stayed in Chicago for the rest of the school year. He came home for the summer, broke and depressed. And with one thought: to get back to the casino.

That summer was a haze of listlessness. He couldn't seem to get ahead at the blackjack table like the summer before. He kept thinking he just needed a little more money to make it work.

Matthew's parents were worried. They knew something was very wrong with their son, but they didn't know what.

So she and her husband questioned Matthew. They argued and pleaded with him. Matthew resisted. Lied. When nothing changed, they eventually kicked him out.

"We couldn't trust him," Roth said. "It scared us deeply. ... We felt like we were enabling him to ... live this kind of lifestyle."

For the next month, Matthew crashed at the home of a friend. He slept on the couch and spent his days watching talk shows and poker tournaments on TV. He had stopped gam-

bling, but only because he was broke. "It was almost unbearable," he said recently. "I did absolutely nothing. I had no interest in anything."

One evening, there was a knock at the door, and in walked his parents. The parents of another friend were behind them. Matthew looked up, surprised, from what he was eating.

We think you have a problem, they told him.

They had staged an intervention. One by one, the adults told him what they had observed: He wasn't hanging out with his friends anymore. He wasn't talking to his parents anymore. He was spending way too much time on computer games.

Matthew's parents weren't at all certain they were right. But they were at the end of their rope. There's a gambling-treatment facility in Granite Falls, Minn., they told him. We want to take you there.

Matthew thought about it: If he sat through the 30-day program, he'd have 30 days with a roof over his head. And 30 days of food.

OK, he said.

At the assessment the next morning, Matthew now says he did his best to lie.

Still, the counselors at Project Turnabout/Vanguard found cause for concern. They admitted him, and for the first two weeks he played along. He learned the lingo and told them what he thought they wanted to hear. But he still believed there was nothing wrong with him.

His family drove to Granite Falls to participate in sessions. Halfway through the program, Roth began to believe his son's problems stemmed from gambling after all.

Matthew had begun seeing things differently, too. "I had a spiritual awakening," he says now.

He was ready to confront his addiction.

Two years later, Matthew is a student at Augsburg College's StepUP program for students with addictions. He checks in regularly with counselors. His parents help manage his money.

He made a 3.62 GPA last semester, holds a job refereeing youth sports and is meeting his responsibilities in the treatment programs, he says.

Matthew knows he's lucky that his addiction surfaced when he was young, when he didn't have a house, a career or a wife to lose.

He is telling his story now, he says, so that others might see in themselves what he didn't at the time.

From now on, his guard will always be up, he says. When he sees advertisements for gambling — billboards on the freeway or Powerball tickets at the convenience store — he plays out in his head what would hap-

pen if he started again. Sometimes he calls a network of people who can help him through it. Often, he goes to extra treatment meetings to listen, again, to the horror stories of people whose lives were swallowed up by gambling.

Gambling will always be around him, he knows. And he's learning to live around it.

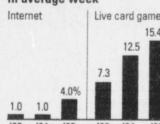
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The Web site www.beatthetbet.com is targeted at young adults that think they might have a gambling problem. It contains a self-assessment quiz.

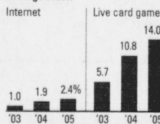
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Gambling among high school and college students, according to an annual survey of 900 U.S. youths:

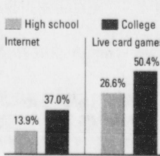
College males gambling in average week



High school males gambling in average week



College, high school males gambling in average month, 2005



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Matthew Bowles-Roth discusses the ups and downs of playing blackjack. His addiction caused him to become broke and drop out of college at DePaul. After a spiritual awakening, he has recovered from his addiction.

Fantasy league makes sport of pop culture

By Edward M. Veled
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You feel left out when friends gather to draft teams for their fantasy sports leagues, even a little envious of their passionate engagement.

The thing is, your passion isn't sports.

What you need is a league of your own.

Done.

Fantasy leagues are popping up that have nothing to do with sports. Leagues centered on everything from celebrities to politics to fashion to music are up and running, and they're attracting thousands of participants nationwide.

The leagues work a lot like their sports counterparts — assembling teams, tracking statistics and earning points — but on different playing fields.

Several folks in the Kansas City, Mo., area, in fact, were in on the ground floor creating new fantasy leagues. Tabloid Fantasy League, tablf.com, a guilty pleasure for celebrity-watchers, got its start at a neighborhood barbecue in Parkville.

And Lawrence native Ethan Andyschak is one of the Founding Four of Fantasy Congress, fantasycongress.com, which

makes a game out of the real-life job performances of our senators and representatives.

Last spring Amy Reif, who had recently moved, found herself chatting with Brett Burri at a neighborhood gathering. She told him about a game that she, her sister and her sister's boyfriend had devised as a fun pastime. Using *Us Weekly* magazine for fodder, they were drafting celebrity teams and competing for points.

Reif, softball coach at Park University, is a sports nut. The two others had been big into fantasy football. Reif has a master's degree. Her sister is a lawyer. Their celeb fantasy league, which they played on paper and via e-mail, tapped into their less-than-public VH1 habit.

Burri, who happened to be an Internet development consultant, was mesmerized.

"I immediately thought that this was an amazing idea," Burri said. "And I knew good ideas are urgent. If you're thinking it, thousands of people are thinking it."

At 2 that morning, Burri e-mailed Reif and her sister tabloidfantasyleague.com to make sure no one else grabbed the name. Later he registered the shorter tablf.com.

Beginning with impromptu conversations at the mailbox and across the yard, the Tabloid Fantasy League began to take shape. One of the big issues, Burri said, was how to create the substantial pool of statistics needed for teams to score points. Celebrities don't come ready-made with stats like sports stars.

They decided to mine four magazines — *US Weekly*, *People*, *In Touch* and *Star* — for celebrity mentions.

"We literally go through every single page of all four magazines and log every picture," Reif said. "Now I can say it's my job to buy four tabloids a week."

Burri and the team have devised other games to keep celebrity-watchers busy, including "Facefecta," in which players predict which celebrities will grace the covers of the week's upcoming celebrity magazines.

"The more vigilant you are at watching the celebrities, the more successful you'll be in the games," Burri said.

It helps, Reif said, that keeping track of celebrities seems to have gone mainstream.

"Maybe it's become OK to talk about Britney Spears at the water cooler," she said. "Of course, she makes it pretty

easy."

Many unsorted league players are actually former fantasy sports leaguers.

Meta Cunningham, a local player of the tabloid league for several months, had her fling with fantasy football, which she played with her husband and some friends, awhile back. She has passed the fantasy football baton to her son.

"I've been kind of a sports nut, but paying attention to sports statistics like that, for me it was more work than anything," Cunningham said.

Now she finds herself paying attention to celebrity news. For a while she was one of the top players in the country.

Ethan Andyschak went from Lawrence Free State High School to Claremont McKenna College in California, where he and several buddies loved following politics. But they didn't know how much fun it could be until one of the group, Andrew Lee, had his "aha" moment.

Lee said he was quietly reading in his room one day when his roommate had several incredibly exuberant outbursts, all related to the performances of the players on his fantasy football team.

Vegetarians becoming more accepted at home, in restaurants

By Owen Schoen
MCLATCHY NEWSPAPERS

SACRAMENTO, Calif. — For Keirsten Mihos, the decision to become a vegetarian 16 years ago was fueled by family genetics.

"My dad had high blood pressure and he died of a heart attack at the age of 56," says Mihos, 34. "I realized at an early age that I needed to take care of my health and keep my cholesterol low, so I stopped eating meat. Actually, it was an easy decision for me because I never really had much taste for meat."

But Mihos remembers when those who chose a vegetarian lifestyle were viewed in a different way.

"I remember having a vegetarian aunt when I was a little kid," said Mihos, who lives in Land Park, Calif. "We always thought she was odd. Now I'm a vegetarian and no one ever treats me as though I am unusual. It definitely has become more accepted."

"Even when I go out to eat, restaurants are very accommodating," Mihos says. "And there are so many options at places like the Sacramento Natural Foods Co-op and mainstream grocery stores that it just isn't an issue anymore."

There are many reasons people adopt a vegetarian lifestyle, says Jeannie McStay, spokeswoman for the Vegetarian Resource Group based in Baltimore. For some, like Mihos, the decision is based on health concerns. For others, it's a moral or religious issue.

"I became a vegetarian after living in Fiji and Guatemala and seeing how they prepared and sold meat," says Bronwyn Schweigerdt, who lives in midtown. "Now, after nine years, even the smell of meat grosses me out."

While the number of vegetarians in the United States is growing, they are still a very small part of the population, according to the VRG.

"The numbers have more than doubled in the past 10 years," McStay says in a phone interview. "Our most recent survey from 2006 shows that there are about 4.7 million vegetarians in the U.S."

Some estimates are higher. According to a 2002 Time/CNN poll conducted by Harris Interactive, more than 8 million adult Americans would

say they consider themselves vegetarians.

McStay, who has been vegetarian for 20 years and vegan for eight, says life is definitely easier for her now than it was when she first announced to her friends that she was no longer going to eat meat.

"It was difficult in the beginning," McStay says. "There were so few choices available. You had to shop at health food stores and when I went to a restaurant, about all I could find on the menu was sala."

"Now, vegetarianism is more understood and accepted," McStay says. "Mainstream grocery stores have a large variety of convenience products that make cooking and meal planning much easier. It's rare that I go into a restaurant and can't find something on the menu to order. And in most cases they are willing to prepare something like fresh pasta with vegetables."

Schweigerdt and Mihos say that for them, the easiest route is to go to Asian or Mexican restaurants, which nearly always have vegetarian selections.

"At Mexican restaurants I make sure they don't use lard. Then I can order burritos or tacos, which is simple. And at Asian restaurants it is very easy to get vegetable stir-frys," Schweigerdt says. "It's just not a big deal."

Although eating out is simple, cooking at home is really the best solution. Both Mihos and Schweigerdt are married and each has a young daughter. Schweigerdt's husband and daughter are both vegetarians. Mihos' daughter is vegetarian but her husband is not.

"My husband has never been vegetarian," Mihos says. "I don't cook meat for him, so he is kind of on his own. Most of the time he either eats what I cook or he prepares his own meals — so he is sort of a vegetarian by default. If he wants meat, we go out."

"My daughter, who is 4, is vegetarian now, but ultimately it will be her decision whether or not to continue this lifestyle," Mihos says. "At her age, she isn't aware that she eats any differently from children in her preschool. And when she sees meat she asks what it is, but usually she isn't interested in tasting it."

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The Blood Brothers w/ The Celebration
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Winds of Thor (A Tribute to Led Zeppelin)
9 p.m., Madison Theater. Tickets cost \$5.

SATURDAY, March 24

All Stars w/ The Rudies
9 p.m., The Dame. Tickets cost \$15.

Breaking Laces w/ Sweet Amnesia, The Rusty Van Band and Wojo
8 p.m., The Mad Hatter.

Sexual Disaster Quartet
11 p.m., The Fish Tank. Tickets cost \$5.

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9 p.m., Madison Theater. Tickets cost \$5.

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7 p.m., The Dame. Tickets cost \$10.

Bluegrass Collective
9 p.m., The Fish Tank. Tickets are free.

Birdmonster w/ Mason Proper and Slart
8 p.m., The Mad Hatter. Tickets are \$5 in advance and \$7 at the door.

MONDAY, March 26

Kenny & Tyler w/ Bourbon & Toulouse
11 p.m., The Fish Tank. Tickets cost \$5.

TUESDAY, March 27

Lowbrow Nobility w/ The Project
9 p.m., The Dame. Tickets cost \$3.

WEDNESDAY, March 28

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7 p.m., The Mad Hatter. Tickets cost \$15.

Battles
9 p.m., The Dame. Tickets cost \$6.

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This Saturday at the Living Arts and Science Center at 10 a.m., the Lexington Philharmonic will be presenting "Peanut Butter and Jelly," a show featuring the Woodwind Quintet. The cost is \$4 in advance and \$5 at the door. For more information call 233-4226.

3. Like Father, Like Daughter

Jen Chapin, daughter of musician Harry Chapin, will be performing this Saturday at 1 p.m. at Old Morrison Chapel at Transylvania University. Jen Chapin will mix the sounds of music with discussion on world hunger and social activism.

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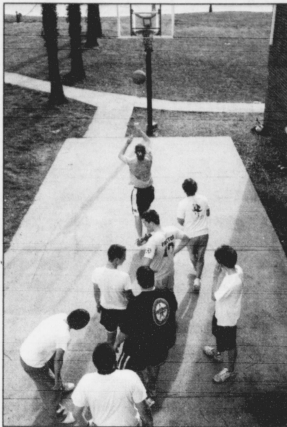
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ED MATTHEWS | STAFF
Members of the Alpha Tau Omega fraternity line up for the start of a game of Knockout yesterday afternoon. The 70 degree temperatures offered a warm welcome on the first day of spring.

DAVIS

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how bad the prison conditions were, the world had started a "Free Angela" campaign, creating in her a social icon with the famous "Afro" hairstyle, which she is still known for today.

"Students of this generation really, they might know her as a sound bite or visual image, but they really don't understand how much power is in what she says," Finney said. "People of her status often get reduced in our society — put into one line — and this is one of the brilliant minds and hearts of the 21st century, who has committed herself to injustice."

Davis returned to academia after prison, teaching at San Francisco State University. She now teaches at the University of California at Santa Cruz and continues to fight for justice for individuals that don't have many others on their side.

The most noticeable thing about Davis is her humility, Finney said. "One thing I would never forget is how much time she takes with all kinds of people for someone of her status and stature," Finney said. "She's really the southern girl from Birmingham,

Alabama; she really loves people and really will stop and engage in conversation with anybody. That's one of the lovely things about her."

Davis has recently published books about the prison industry, its lack of contribution to society and the need to abolish it.

Davis relates incarceration to a new-age slavery in her book, "Are Prisons Obsolete?" and her most recent book, "Abolition Democracy: Prisons, Democracy, and Empire," addresses

"This (Davis) is one of the brilliant minds and hearts of the 21st century."

NIKKY FINNEY
UK English professor

how U.S. democracy has been clouded by racist origins.

"Like many other educators, Professor Davis is concerned with tendency to devote more to prisons than to education," Finney said. "She urges for people to think seriously about a future world without prisons."

She uses a lot of info about privatization of prisons to get to this notion. "Finney encouraged students to attend both events."

"If students have this opportunity to hear her, I think they should come with the same type of fervor that they might attend a rock concert," Finney said. "There's nothing narrow about it; she's really talking to all of us. This is for anybody who cares about the world being not just tolerant, but a progressive-thinking world."

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Following on President Bush's trip last week to five Latin American countries, Ambassador O'Donnell will talk about U.S. policy in the Western Hemisphere, specifically the consolidation of democracy in the region through the Inter American Democratic Charter, signed five years ago. President Bush's visit also highlighted the U.S. Administration's efforts to advance the cause of social justice in the Western Hemisphere. Ambassador O'Donnell is the senior U.S. negotiator in the ongoing negotiations at the Organization of American States to achieve a Social Charter which would set goals and principles for social and economic development, especially addressing the problems of extreme poverty.

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FAA

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aware of the situation sooner.

"The FAA didn't have a handle on the situation and was scrambling to find all the airports in violation," Church said. "It's disturbing that they waited for people to lose their lives before they fixed the problem."

Randy Harris, an air traffic controller at the Blue Grass Airport tower, said the airport's tower was understaffed, which had negative consequences.

"Anytime your attention is pulled away from the job it can be dangerous," Harris said. "In the case of Flight 5191, that controller was performing his own duties as well as trying to

carry out other functions."

The FAA declined to comment on the causes of the accident. The crash is still being investigated by the National Transportation Safety Board.

The staffing problem is being addressed by the FAA in its national staffing plan, Bergen said.

"We have issued an updated hiring and staffing plan," Bergen said. "The plan will add 15,000 air traffic controllers over the next 10 years."

The FAA is taking steps to change the system to meet staffing needs, he said.

"We continuously monitor the air traffic control system," Bergen said. "It is a dynamic system that is constantly growing and changing as necessary."

SG

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negative comments Kline posted on the Web site Facebook.com regarding the current SG administration.

"There are things going on with the current Student Government concerning what funds are being spent on and other things that I don't approve of," Kline said. "That is why I want to stay with the organization and see it through."

Brown spoke in favor of Kline and the work she has done for SG since January.

"Anyone on my staff is doing what I have instructed them to do whether it be with spending or anything else," Brown said. "If any senator or member of my staff has a problem with

how things are being run, that is why they run for re-election."

Kline will receive the \$1,000 stipend salary that is allocated for the press secretary position at the end of the semester.

Parrish made the motion to vote Kline into the position after much discussion and the Senate passed the motion unanimously.

Also at last night's meeting, the senate unanimously approved the funding for three Senate special projects totaling nearly \$4,500.

SG will help fund the Hispanic Health Fair in May, the Graduate Student Interdisciplinary Conference in April and will provide students with free lemonade on Wet Your Whistle Wednesdays every Wednesday morning in April.

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Animal science freshman Lori Zocklein sits outside on the first day of spring yesterday afternoon in the North Campus Courtyard. "When it's a nice day, it's especially hard not to be outside," Zocklein said.

NEWS BRIEFS

Ambassador to speak about U.S. foreign policy in Latin America

Touching on issues brought up in international conversation by President George W. Bush's recent trip to five Latin American countries, Ambassador Edward O'Donnell will present a lecture on campus today about U.S. foreign policy in that region.

O'Donnell, special envoy to the Organization of American States, will discuss issues of social justice in the talk, titled "Pillars of U.S. Policy Toward Latin America."

Discussing U.S. policy in the Western Hemisphere, specifically the consolidation of democracy in the region through the Inter American Democratic Charter signed five years ago, O'Donnell will examine issues of social justice in the region.

The UK Patterson School of Diplomacy and International Commerce sponsors the talk, which is at 1 p.m. in the W.T. Young Library auditorium.

As the senior U.S. negotiator in the ongoing talks at the Organization of American States, O'Donnell is currently working to develop a social charter that would set goals for economic development.

The talk is free and open to the public.

Lecturers to discuss visions for Lexington's future

Architecture scholars will be discussing Lexington's status as an innovative city of the 21st century at this year's Lois Howard Gray Lecture.

The lecture, sponsored by the UK College of Design, features Michael Speaks, a Los Angeles-based educator and consultant, and Herman Diaz Alonso, founder of the award-winning design firm

Xefirotarch. College of Design Dean David Mohney will moderate the event.

The lecture, which is at the Kentucky Theatre's State Theatre at 5 p.m., will begin with a 30-minute presentation from Speaks and continue with Alonso's presentation, followed by a debate and question and answer session.

Speaks has published and lectured internationally. He currently serves as a cultural studies faculty member at the Southern California Institute of Architecture.

Alonso also teaches full-time studio design and visual studies and is a thesis coordinator at SCLARC. He also serves as an adjunct professor of design studio at Columbia University.

Mohney serves on the Frank Lloyd Wright Foundation, Frank Lloyd Wright Building Conservancy, Kentucky Board of Architects, Bluegrass Tomorrow and Lexington Downtown Development Authority.

Diversity Dialogue examines 'Economic Disparity'

Student Government and the UK Office of Multicultural Affairs are sponsoring a Diversity Dialogue panel discussion titled "Economic Disparity: When Poverty Becomes Personal and Wealth Becomes a Burden."

The discussion is in Room 359 of the Student Center at 7 p.m.

Panelists include UK students, Jeff Jones, of the UK Center for Prevention Research, and representatives of Kentuckians for the Commonwealth and Kentucky Jobs With Justice.

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Game gives medical students sense of seniors' health issues

By Bill Glauber
MILWAUKEE JOURNAL SENTINEL

MILWAUKEE — What does it feel like to be old?

April Peterson, 25, a second-year medical student, has some ideas. Her great-grandfather turned 101 last month and gave up farm chores only last year, after he fell off a tractor.

But Peterson admits she doesn't know it all.

So on a recent day, Peterson and scores of other young students at the Medical College of Wisconsin were "old," if only for a few minutes. They played "The Aging Game," simulating what life is like for seniors who have chronic health issues.

Peterson said the game showed her aging "is more difficult than you realize, especially the eyesight and the hearing."

Most of the Wauwatosa school's medical students won't be going into gerontology, but like it or not, they'll be dealing with aging. They are the doctors of the future, and they'll be treating the vast baby boom generation as it slides into retirement.

"If you're going to be a doctor in the 21st century, unless you're a pediatrician, you're taking care of old people," said Edmund H. Duthie Jr., chief of geriatrics and gerontology at the college.

Duthie said he and others constantly hear from elderly patients that doctors just don't get what it's like to be old. That's a problem that has to change, he said. So every year, students are brought together to play The Aging Game.

They're not learning empathy — they're learning sense and touch, and perhaps how to listen to elderly patients.

"When you're 20-some-

thing, it's kind of hard to put yourself in the shoes of someone 85 and disabled," Duthie said. "It's a chance to walk around in someone's shoes."

Peterson and Jennifer Hanson, 24, did the circuit together. They put on headphones and tried to make sense of muffled sounds, tried to decipher the words they heard. They each got one word right, out of 10.

Next up, wheelchairs.

"Do you want to race?" Hanson said.

They headed off in opposite directions. They struggled to open doors, get through small openings. They huffed and puffed. And they weren't even carrying any packages.

Their arms hurt. To simulate what it's like to struggle with arthritis, they each put on a glove and carefully picked up pills and opened pill bottles.

At the "taste" table, they

sipped diluted juices to get a sense of how some seniors experience sweet, sour and bitter tastes, to understand why some seniors might oversalt their food or put in too much sugar.

At the "smell" table, they held their noses and ate Hershey's Kisses, noticing how a lack of a sense of smell affects the sense of taste.

Peterson finally inhaled and said, "It does taste better. At least I can breathe."

They finished up with vision, putting on glasses smudged with Vaseline to replicate what it's like to have cataracts. Other glasses gave a sense of what it's like to have macular degeneration.

"This makes it real," Hanson said. "This makes you appreciate aging."

For a few minutes, the students learned that growing old is not easy and that aging is not a game.



JEFFREY PHELPS | MILWAUKEE JOURNAL SENTINEL
Jeffrey Phelps, a student at the Medical College of Wisconsin, tries on a pair of glasses that simulates what a person might see if they had glaucoma, as she and other students play "The Aging Game."

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Muslim designer dresses modestly, but designs expose plenty

By **Moreen S. Ahmed-Ullah**
CHICAGO TRIBUNE

CHICAGO — Turkish designer Rabia Yalcin wears modest clothes that cover her completely, and hides her hair with a scarf, in accordance with her Islamic beliefs.

But her haute couture designs bare plenty of skin with plunging necklines and exposed backs.

Yalcin, a rising star in the European fashion world who put on her first solo American show recently in Chicago, sees no conflict.

She believes women should have the choice to dress as they wish in public, whether it is provocative or demure.

For those who choose to dress modestly like her, Yalcin's dresses come with wraps and jackets that cover exposed skin — but, with the slip of a button, reveal plenty. What's underneath is meant to be worn in private, in front of one's husband, she explains.

Her objective: "To show the beauty of the flower, while covering the flower."

Last month, her designs debuted in America when she participated in New York Fashion Week's Designers-Ford/Darfur charity event, sharing the runway with designs from Donna Karan and Baby Phat. A flowing emerald green, ruby red and sage-colored gown with beading work on the bust was being auctioned off on eBay for the charity. Bidding started at \$800.

Across the Muslim world, Yalcin is part of a wave of designers trying to marry high fashion with Islamic sensibilities. Her promoters believe, however, that she is one of the only Muslim women who observes traditional dress codes while designing haute couture.

Her gowns run anywhere from \$3,000 to \$15,000, with clients including royalty and leading political families in the Gulf region. She has high-end customers throughout the Middle East, Turkey and Europe, but dreams

of seeing her dresses on the red carpet one day on stars like Angelina Jolie.

Her dresses often look to Turkey's Ottoman empire for inspiration, with trousers mimicking Turkish pantalons, ribbon-work embroidery and dresses in the style of the opulent Topkapi court.

One barely there, navel-exposing dress covers the model's bust with tulips, Turkey's national flower. Another, a black-and-brown velvet gown, is held together with a necklace of bronze and pearl, worn in the Turkish countryside by young girls at weddings.

A pink-beige gown modeled after an Ottoman era wedding dress is open

in front to reveal a lacy, sequined peek-a-boo bra.

"Women are full of surprises," said Yalcin, 40, looking chic in a less surprising way, clad in a red scarf, fitted jacket, calf-length skirt and knee-high boots. "You never know what to expect."

Huma Gruaz, the curator at Chicago's River North art house Gallery 415, where an exhibit of Yalcin's designs were displayed, first met Yalcin in Istanbul last summer. She found the designer's story inspiring.

Yalcin's mother was a seamstress. At age 6, Yalcin began sewing clothes for her dolls. She never studied fashion, never went to college, had not

even seen a runway show when she first launched her line of clothing in Istanbul in 1996.

What impressed Gruaz most was that, despite Yalcin's conservative attire and traditional upbringing, she embraced women from all backgrounds and religions.

"She has taught me the fact that she covers her hair doesn't mean she doesn't have the same passions and desires that I have," said Gruaz, a native of Turkey who chooses not to follow strict Islamic dress codes. "Only her dress is different."

Yalcin stresses that she designs for all women, regardless of faith or culture. Her faith, she says, does not

need to be reflected in her designs, which she calls "sensual," rather than sexy.

She steers clear of talking about Turkey's ban on the hijab, or head-covering, in universities, dismissing it as the law of the country. Still, when her 22-year-old daughter wanted to cover in college, Yalcin designed hats for her.

She says in the Muslim world, many of her wealthy clients have two wardrobes: a modest outfit that they wear in public and more revealing clothes that they may wear at home with their husband or at a party of female friends.

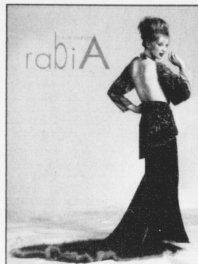
"So the religious woman needs to have a version of the outfit she can wear in private and a version of the outfit she can wear in public," Yalcin said, explaining the need for enveloping wraps and cover-ups. A dress may have a plain front but vines and flowers embroidered in the back; it may be covered in front but fully exposed in the back.

When she creates her designs, she says she's looking for mystery and the element of surprise.

"What I'm looking for is creating a mystery about the woman," she said, "and provoking curiosity without displaying her passions and feelings explicitly."



Above: Rabia Yalcin, a Muslim and a haute couture fashion designer from Turkey, with some of her designs at 415 Gallery Wednesday, March 7, 2007, in Chicago, Ill. Right: A design by Rabia Yalcin.



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University of Puget Sound distinguishes itself as gay-friendly

By Niki Sullivan
MCCLEATHY NEWSPAPERS

TACOMA, Wash. — Annie McCullough got busy and forgot to come out on National Coming Out Day last October.

She missed walking through the symbolic lavender door frame near a rainbow-draped table in the University of Puget Sound Student Union.

The 23-year-old senior said perhaps she forgot because she doesn't think twice about being openly gay on campus.

For UPS graduate Lisa Lusero, McCullough's forgetfulness is a mark of progress. Lusero came out over the phone to a counselor she'd never met when she was a college freshman 14 years ago. She'd found the number on a flier in the library, one of the few papers that hadn't been torn down.

The difference between McCullough's and Lusero's experiences might be a sign of the times. But UPS hasn't just followed the gay rights movement's trajectory: In the past 20 years, the small liberal arts college in Tacoma has earned a reputation as one of the most gay-friendly universities in the nation.

UPS was recognized recently as one of the top 20 universities for lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender students by "The Advocate College Guide for LGBT Students." It's the first year The Advocate, a gay and lesbian publishing group, has compiled such a guide — evidence in part that there's a growing demand among young people looking for colleges where they'll feel welcome with respect to their sexual orientation.

Until recently, such a guide would have been "laughable," says John D'Emilio, an expert on the history of the gay rights movement who teaches at the University of Illinois at Chicago, because there was no such thing as a "gay-friendly" university. In the last decade, many universities across the country have made strides in creating a more accepting atmosphere, but only in the last few years have some schools, such as UPS, moved from acceptance to what D'Emilio called a "new plateau."

He said what sets these schools apart is "a sense of being welcomed, appreciated and integrated. I think that's something pretty new ... and that level doesn't happen unless the administration of the school is supportive."

At UPS, "we're looking for a campus community that is as broadly representative of different backgrounds and views as possible, and that's what diversity is," said George Mills, vice president for enrollment.



University of Puget Sound student Evan K. Thomas gets a laugh for his drag queen costume at the end of a B-GLAD meeting.

"Any good college campus should bring together students from different and varied backgrounds and who express and espouse different points of view," Mills said.

And other schools have taken notice: In the last few years, The Evergreen State College and Tacoma Community College, among others, have asked UPS for advice in creating a similarly gay-friendly atmosphere on their campuses.

Usual programs — and more

Like many colleges and universities, UPS offers a gender studies program, hosts speakers who talk about gay and lesbian political and social issues, and has a student group, Bisexuals, Gays, Lesbians and Allies for Diversity, or B-GLAD.

The university also has a nondiscrimination policy that includes protections for both gay and transgender students and staff, student-run "Queer 101" panels that allow students to ask their peers questions about sexuality, a Lesbians, Gay, Bisexuals and Transgendered leadership scholarship and a "lavender graduation" celebration for gay students and allies. There are also pink triangle "Safe Zone" stickers posted on classroom and dorm room doors alike, as a sign of support.

But creating an environment that welcomes and supports gay students

goes beyond policymaking and educational offerings, Dean of Students Jean Kim said: "You don't make significant progress in a short amount of time."

Over the past two decades, an attitude of acceptance translates to a more conscious environment. For example, McCullough said her professors often refer to their husbands or wives as "partners," in deference to gay students and staff who might never have the opportunity to legally marry.

"You wouldn't even think of it as meaning that much, but my emotional experience is that it really does make a difference," McCullough said.

She and other gay students say they haven't been subjected to intolerance directly, such as discrimination based on their sexuality or students making gay slurs and jokes. McCullough said she feels comfortable holding hands with her girlfriend on campus, talking about her in public and representing lesbian perspectives in classroom discussions.

Those same sentiments were echoed by other gay students. Sexual orientation "is not ever something UPS students seem to get worked up about," said Clay Harmon, a senior who is gay.

Attitudes from some straight students seem to back up Harmon's.

"We have a gay couple in our dorm. Everyone sees them as like the best couple — they're so cute and they nev-

er fight," said William Bushyhead, a 20-year-old sophomore. He said the guys in the dorm said if the two broke up "that would be the worst thing ever."

"The fact that it's not an issue is what really makes it nice," he said.

Starting small in the 1980s

Jim Davis remembers the first big step the university took toward creating an accepting atmosphere. Davis, a Methodist minister and the former chaplain at UPS, met with the director of counseling in 1985 and discussed presenting a program on sexual orientation.

Later that year, they held the first "Lifestyles Forum," featuring gay speakers.

"I would never call it that now," Davis said, explaining that the word "lifestyle" connotes choice, and he doesn't consider sexual orientation to be one. "We learned a lot over the years, we hope."

Despite the wording on the event posters — which was intentionally vague — hundreds of students attended the forum. Out of the discussions, gay students formed a support group, which drew two to five participants at first. And, at the time, they met in secret.

By 1992, when Lusero was at UPS, the support group was more visible — it had a table alongside other groups and clubs at freshman orientation, for

example — but it still met in secret. Gay students found the group through fliers like the one Lusero saw in the library.

When Lusero called the number on the flier, university counseling director Donn Marshall answered. He arranged for another student to meet Lusero and take her to the group's weekly meeting.

Lusero said she needed the support at the time: She'd just come out to her roommates, who asked her to move to another suite. "Basically, they said it's OK if you're gay, but we don't want to share a room with you," she recalled.

"In the moment, it almost kind of seemed generous," Lusero said, because she and her partner, Allison Hoffman, had feared far worse.

Although the two were stressed and felt isolated, attending the meetings left them emboldened, Lusero said. And a large part of that feeling came from Marshall, she said.

"It's just amazing what he's done for queer students at UPS. ... He's not trying to lead a movement, but he creates a space where a movement can happen."

"He's just an amazing champion," she said, her voice cracking. Lusero and Hoffman are still together.

'Foreign experience'

At a B-GLAD meeting last fall, Marshall passed around a now-yellowing flier: "Do you come out at work? How do you meet others? How do you tell your parents? Am I gay?"

It was a 20-year-old notice for one of the first gay student group meetings. Marshall was using it to illustrate a talk on the history of the gay movement at UPS.

Like most of the current group members, Harmon was born right around the time the first group met, and came of age in a time when being gay has become increasingly socially acceptable.

During the students' weekly discussion, Marshall remains mostly silent, guiding the discussion with an occasional question.

"Donn is the ultimate listener. He's a great person to talk to without any judgment or agenda or opinion," said Eden Maloney, who graduated in 1992.

"I respect him as much as anyone in the world," said Mark Anderson, another UPS graduate who, with Marshall and others' help, started the LGBT leadership scholarship, which is awarded to a student each year who demonstrates a dedication to the gay, lesbian and ally community.

"Without him, I'm not sure that groundwork could have been laid" for the scholarship, he said.

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UK 12, WKU 5



UK junior shortstop Ryan Wilkes slides into third base last night during UK's 12-5 win over Western Kentucky University at Cliff Hagan Stadium. The win gave the Cats their best 23-game start in school history.

9 pitchers lead UK rally over Western

By Eric Lindsey
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After suffering the first series loss of the year against Arkansas last weekend, the UK baseball team returned to its winning ways last night against Western Kentucky.

The Cats fell behind early but used a three-run rally in the third inning and two-run rally in the fifth inning to defeat the Hilltoppers 12-5 in front of a season-high crowd of 2,616 at Cliff Hagan Stadium. The win marked the best 23-game start in school history and ended the Cats 20-game home stand.

"(The win) is refreshing," said senior catcher Sean Coughlin. "It's always good to come back from a loss like that over the weekend. Western Kentucky is a good, solid team and we came out and stuck it to them."

The Cats (21-2, 1-2 Southeastern Conference) were the first on the scoreboard, plating one run in the second inning. Junior center fielder Antone DeJesus' groundout scored junior shortstop Ryan Wilkes from third base after Wilkes hit his second triple of his career and first of the season.

Western Kentucky (8-11, 3-3 Sun Belt)

stormed back and took the lead in the third inning with five runs off UK junior pitcher Tommy Warner. The Hilltoppers ripped five singles and a double and forced Warner from the game after just three innings of work.

WKU's lead would be short-lived though.

The Cats answered with three runs in the third inning to cut the deficit to 5-4. After senior Mike Brown and junior first baseman Sawyer Carroll reached base on a pair of hits, Coughlin lined a two RBI double down the right field line. Coughlin later scored on a single by junior second baseman Brian Spear to bring the Cats within one run.

The 2-for-3, three-RBI performance by Coughlin improved his RBI total to 44, which leads the nation, and extended his hitting streak to 16 games.

"I don't try to think about that streak," Coughlin said. "I just put the ball in the play, move the runners around and do my job in the four hole like I'm supposed to do. It's good to be seeing the ball as well as I am."

After a scoreless fourth inning, the Cats forced four straight walks in the fifth in-

ning to tie the game at 5-5. UK only managed one more run in the inning despite having the bases loaded with no outs.

The Cats used a six-run, five-hit seventh inning to extend their lead to 12-5 to bury the Hilltoppers.

"(Cohen) is all about the big inning," Brown said. "Whenever you can do that, as a team, it breaks the back of the other team."

After Warner was roughed in the third inning, eight different UK pitchers combined for six scoreless innings of three-hit baseball. Freshman Clint Tilford pitched a scoreless fifth inning to notch his first career victory.

"You don't want to eliminate one guy for the weekend," said head coach John Cohen. "As soon as you get into that 50-, 60-pitch range, you're eliminating a guy that can't pitch on the weekend."

The win improved the Cats to 28-20-1 all-time against the Hilltoppers.

"I thought we played pretty well," Brown said. "Our pitching staff did a really good job throwing strikes and I thought we drew a lot of walks and worked the strike zone really good."

Illinois AD apologizes for behavior in Tournament

By Teddy Greenstein
CHICAGO TRIBUNE

CHICAGO — University of Illinois officials do not plan to discipline athletic director Ron Guenther for his press-row outbursts Friday during the Illinois' first-round loss to Virginia Tech in the NCAA tournament at Columbus, Ohio.

Perhaps they believe Guenther already has taken enough of a beating.

CBS Sportsline.com's Gregg Doyel detailed Guenther's behavior in a column that was posted late Friday.

Doyel described Guenther as pounding on the table in front of him, standing up to glare at officials, yelling substitution advice to coach Bruce Weber and reacting to a Warren Carter turnover by calling Carter "an idiot."

The exact quote was: "Warren — you idiot." Doyel scribbled that into his notebook after becoming fed up with Guenther's antics.

"I've sat next to baseball general managers and NFL scouts for games, and I've never seen anything like that," Doyel told the Chicago Tribune on Tuesday in a telephone interview. "All game long it was going on. He was hitting the table so hard he was scattering cups."

Guenther declined to comment Tuesday, preferring to stand by what he told the *Champaign News-Gazette*: "Did I slap the table? Yes. But I didn't direct my comments to anyone in particular, and I certainly didn't intend for my words to be picked up. That did not represent the way I feel about our players, and they know it."

Guenther called Carter on Tuesday morning, but the graduating senior told him there was no need to apologize.

"When I make a bad pass, I say a lot worse things than that to myself," Carter said in a telephone interview.

Illinois spokesman Kent

Brown said Guenther was assigned the seat on press row at Nationwide Arena in Columbus, Ohio. Brown sat between Guenther and Doyel.

"Ron wishes he had watched the game in a different area," Brown said. "Anybody who has been with Ron during any kind of Illinois contest, whether it's volleyball, a wrestling match, women's basketball or football, knows he's very passionate and gets animated."

Baseball and football are governed by the "no cheering in the press box" rule. That's harder to enforce in a loud basketball venue, but it is accepted protocol.

"When you're on press row, you're better off to call like an objective media person," said Big Ten Commissioner Jim Delany, who was at press row for first- and second-round games at the United Center. "I'm sure Ron recognizes that. He's an adult and adults make mistakes."

Richard Herman, chancellor of the Urbana-Champaign campus, called Guenther "the ultimate fan."

"I think this was an unfortunate lapse and he is very embarrassed by it and certainly regrets it," Herman said. "You don't get to lapse into being just a fan when you are an athletic director."

Herman said Guenther had apologized to Weber and noted his plans to call Carter.

"My own view was it was less directed at any individual but toward the poor play on the court," Herman said.

Guenther, in his comments to the *News-Gazette*, sounded more upset with Doyel than himself.

"I feel badly that he felt he had to print it," Guenther said.

"The Internet has changed everything. Comments can be posted with no responsibility. It's hard to know who you can trust. I guess it's the world we live in."

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Legislative session provided some wins, some losses

One frequent complaint about Kentucky state legislators is their all-too-often lack of activity on important bills introduced in the General Assembly. This year proved to be no different as legislative inaction effectively killed several good bills.

Among these is House Bill 385, also known as the Streamsaver Bill, which would have made it illegal for coal mining companies to dump their waste into Kentucky's waterways. As commonsense as the Streamsaver Bill might seem, it's faced a hard road in the Kentucky House of Representatives. Thanks to mining companies' influence, the bill didn't make it out of committee.

Kentucky Coal Association representative Bill Caylor argued in a Kernel article that Streamsaver would effectively "shut down every form of mining (in Kentucky)." We hardly believe that requiring mining companies to put dirt and rock back where they found it rather than dumping it into creeks and rivers would force mining out of business in the state. But apparently, a significant number of state representatives did believe that, and that's unfortunate for Kentucky's rural landscapes.

Another bill that died in the General Assembly would have given UK and other state universities the authority to issue bonds to pay for capital projects. Bonding authority would have given UK an additional source of revenue, and could have deflected potential large increases in student tuition.

Now that legislators have denied UK bonding authority, it's up to them to keep the tide of state money flowing in. Current and future UK students can't afford huge tuition increases for four consecu-

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five years. Without bonding authority, the ball is in the General Assembly's court in preventing repressive tuition increases.

On occasion, inaction on a bill will result in a positive outcome, especially when that bill is based on a premise of bigotry. That was the case earlier this month when the House Health and Welfare Committee killed a bill that would ban state agencies, including UK, from offering domestic partner benefits to their employees.

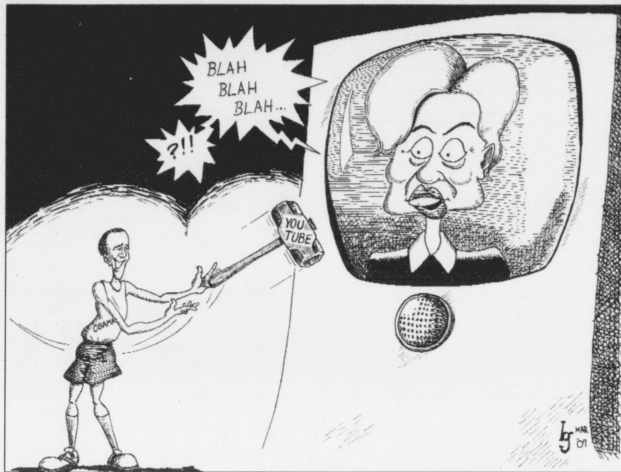
The University of Louisville began offering the benefits to unmarried opposite- and same-sex couples in January, and UK is considering offering the coverage to its employees.

Supporters of the bill frequently cited the 2004 Kentucky constitutional amendment to ban homosexual marriage in statements to the Kernel and other state newspapers. We fail to see the connection between allowing homosexuals to marry and offering homosexuals (and unmarried heterosexuals) the same employment benefits that are given to married workers.

After the Senate passed the bill last month, the House Health and Welfare Committee came one vote short of sending the bill to a full House vote. In this case, we are pleased that legislators on the committee denied a full vote on this bigoted legislation.

This legislative session, as per usual, some good bills passed, and some good bills died. Some bad bills passed, and we're glad to see that at least one bad bill died.

But for now, enjoy driving 5 mph faster on Kentucky's highways — that one passed.



BRIAN GOODLEY, Kernel cartoonist

Now is the time of year to get involved with SG, campus

Campus has been replete with a number of different issues affecting students. Before what I imagine was a much needed Spring Break for most of you, the Kernel reported that the Board of Trustees' meeting agendas would be embargoed until 9:00 a.m. the day of the meeting. I have spoken with several students regarding this issue and have taken their comments to a few of my fellow board members. One thing that I would like to make clear is that this was not a direct decision of the Board of Trustees. The University administration handed down this decision and the Board has been in discussion on whether to follow through with such a decision. I encourage students to stop by the Student Government office or contact us through our Web



JONAH BROWN
Contributing columnist

Site to voice their opinions and concerns on the subject.

Since March is Kentucky's Sexual Assault Awareness Month, Women's Place is hosting an incredible event on March 28, 2007, starting at the Flag Park across from Memorial Coliseum. The event is known as "Take Back the Night," and it is a historical event dedicated to supporting and empowering victims of violence against women. The event will begin at 6 p.m. and participants will march to Memorial Hall where a candlelight vigil will take place from 7-8 p.m. I hope to see a number of students turn out for this rewarding event.

Finally, as you all may know, we are closing in on the annual Student Government elections. This time last year, my campaign was buzzing with campaign initiatives, election strategy, meeting with student organizations, Greek tours and campus walks. Even with my campaign's stronger information effort, voting only increased slightly. This year, there are two qualified candidates to follow after I leave office.

With this election I hope to see students take a more active role in deciding their student leaders. I hope to see students asking the proper questions before casting their vote. Most importantly, though, I do not want to see the results be a popularity contest after your votes have been cast. Students should keep in mind that they are not only electing their student body president on March 28 and 29, but they should remember this individual will represent them on the Board of Trustees. The Board is the governing body for the University of Kentucky, and your student trustee is the strongest representation and voice you have at UK. In the next few days, information will be posted on the UKSGA website regarding the respective candidates and their tickets. I encourage you to visit www.uksga.org and make an informed decision this March.

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Elder Care program should be a model for other organizations

According to a recent study, UK's Elder Care program, a program that allows faculty and staff to use a range of programs that support them if they are caring for an elderly person, is one that many UK employees say they would use.

The study said that at least one in 10 employees currently use the Elder Care program and that the number is increasing significantly. Elder Care coordinator Terri Kanatkar said in a Kernel article on March 8 that she believes the program is one of the university's most valuable for employees.

"It used to be that childcare was more of the focus, but now we are seeing employees with elder care needs," Kanatkar said in the article. The program helps employees reduce stress and keep missed work days low.

Recently the Institute for Workplace Innovation honored the program as one of the state's best for accommodating personal needs.

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This should be a helpful model for the university that could learn from the program on how to better provide for faculty and staff.

In the Kernel article, Kanatkar said she hopes the Elder Care program will help encourage other businesses and departments, not only at UK but also elsewhere around the state, to build a workplace model that allows employees to reduce outside stresses and increase work capabilities.

"We definitely think this could be inspiration for other places to create their own programs for employees," Kanatkar said.

And she's right. This UK program could be a great model not only for UK but for the rest of the state. It is good that UK is spearheading this and shows the innovations that stem from the university and can be adapted for use elsewhere.

God help this child — I'm an uncle

I had always known that raising a child was the most serious of responsibilities.



SEAN ROSE
Kernel columnist

But I don't think I realized just how serious, and terrifying, until last week. After nine months of doctor's appointments and planning and excited phone calls among my family, I became an uncle at 1:05 p.m. on March 11.

Of course it was a great moment. Everyone close to me received a new title and I finally had the chance to be "Cool Uncle Sean" and teach my sister's daughter all the unconventional wisdom I had gathered over the last 20 years; the chance to be the fun uncle and leave the disciplining to Aunt Lauren or Grandma and Grandpa Rose.

But receiving the final call telling me I had a niece was a strange moment as well. Everyone (hopefully) knows where babies come from. But when the proud parents to be are 500 miles northeast and the only contact you have with them is a cell phone, the process of childbirth still seems mythical.

It's more like the future daughter is the extended subject of conversation for nine months. I would see pic-

tures of my sister's belly growing to confirm that she was, in fact, pregnant. But besides that, this baby was just a thought in our minds, someone who didn't exist yet but who we were all waiting to meet. It was easy for me, in all the excitement of the future, to gloss over the fact that this was an actual person coming into the world.

And finally after all that time of waiting and speculation (Will she have hair? What color eyes will she have? Will she ever stop crying?) and conversation and planning, this tiny person named Lucy pops out of another one and boom: the miracle of life.

Things got more interesting when I visited my sister, her husband and Lucy in Baltimore over the break. I don't know what most people feel when they hold a baby who's part of the family for the first time. I'm sure joy is mentioned a lot. After the initial nervousness of how to support the wobbly head, I was fine. But the more time I spent with Lucy, after she slept on me for about an hour, I knew what I felt: absolute terror.

Of course I love her. Of course she's beautiful. Of course I have excellent premonitions of her making the family proud, but all that just adds to the fear. Perhaps I never sat down and thought about it enough, maybe I'm just stupid, but I never dwelled on the fact that this new addition to my life would be a living, breathing human being; mortal and

imperfect, and with a future.

It was suddenly strikingly clear how vulnerable Lucy was and how much she depended and would depend on her mother, her father and even — God help this child — me. Every mistake and awful decision I'd ever made rushed back to me. Was I really qualified for this sort of thing, to be an uncle? Could I even trust myself with partially caring for a kid?

I aged five years in that hour. Lucy wasn't going anywhere for at least 18 years. She was a responsibility that would last. I was grateful I was who I was, soon to be 21 and without a kid. I handed Lucy back to the arms of her parents.

I looked up at my sister, a mother now, and my brother-in-law, a father. Their eyes were locked on the closed one's of their new daughter. And as if I wasn't already swimming in life revelations, it hit me just what they had done. They made a human being, brought her into the world and now promised to bring her up strong and healthy.

It was something I'd never seen so close before.

I shook my past fumbles from my head and started making a list of new standards for myself and for Lucy. Parts of her are intimidating but I can't let that stand in the way of getting to know my niece.

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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Under-21 students have some options for local live music

I am writing in response to Chad Reese's column "Local venues need to make options for the under-21 crowd." Although he mentions that both the Cats Den and the Student Activities Board "do an admirable job of providing entertaining activities for students," he seems to have omitted any mention of WRFL. In the past week, we have sponsored three separate concerts that ranged from jazz to indie pop. All of these shows were ridiculously affordable and two of them occurred over the weekend.

Reese tries to suggest practical alternatives to 21-or-older shows, but there are several good reasons why his ideas haven't been implemented. First off, the "hand marking" system requires an unreasonable amount of liability insurance and would require small venues, such as the Dame, to hire more employees in order to enforce the policy. It all comes down to simple economics: the cost outweighs the benefit. While some venues have opted to have Sunday shows that are generally open to people over 18, they rarely, if ever, break even on ticket sales; hence the reason why many venues do not offer such concerts.

If you want Lexington to have more options for the under-21 crowd, you can always start by getting more involved with the local community. Get involved with WRFL, SAB or some other student organization and start making a real change.

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Marnitz ties record, powers UK past Marshall

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UK senior shortstop Brooke Marnitz began the year with 10 career home runs.

In just 25 games this season, she's surpassed that total.

Marnitz blasted two home runs yesterday, her 11th and 12th on the season, in UK's 8-5 win over Marshall at the UK Softball Complex. She is now tied for the single season record with former Cat Amber Janneck, who set the mark in 2004.

"It means a lot," Marnitz said. "It's a cool thing because I only hit two my freshman year, two my sophomore year and six my junior year, so coming out strong and being able to score runs is a big thing."

Both of Marnitz's home runs came at key times for UK (15-10, 2-6 Southeastern Conference), who jumped out to a 5-0 lead, but had to hang on to defeat the Thundering Herd (17-13, 3-3 Conference USA).

The first was a two-run shot in the first inning that gave the Cats a 3-0 lead. The second, a solo blast in the seventh inning, came after Marshall narrowed the lead to 7-5.

Marnitz's power hasn't come from a change in her approach to hitting but from a boost in confidence, she said.

"I step in the box and I feel a lot more confident than I've ever felt," Marnitz said. "After four years in a tough conference you learn what it takes. I'm swinging the bat well."

UK's lineup now boasts two record-holding home run hitters. Marnitz is the single season home run leader, and senior catcher Katie Campbell holds the career home run record with 25. Marnitz is second on the career list with 22.

UK's offense jumped out to a 5-0 lead after two innings. Marshall pitcher Abigail Harter

helped the Cats with her inability to finish off UK hitters. Harter had a 0-2 count against each of UK's first seven hitters in the first inning, but she gave up five straight hits that led to three runs.

Centerfielder Ashley Fertic started the streak when she doubled off of the left field wall. Fertic scored UK's first run when third baseman Molly Johnson singled to left. Marnitz's first home run followed.

UK added two more runs in the second, one on Molly Johnson's RBI single and the second on a Marshall throwing error.

After a home run by Herd catcher Rachel Folden in the fourth, UK right fielder Becky Bishop hit a two RBI double to push UK's lead to 7-1.

Marshall's offense was virtually non-existent early. UK junior pitcher Megan Jolly (4-4) needed only four pitches to retire the Herd in each of the second and third innings.

"(Jolly) controlled the game really well," said head coach Eileen Schmidt. "She stayed ahead of her batters, she hit her spots. They're a good hitting team, so I thought she really did well."

In the fifth inning, Marshall's bats arrived. The Herd began the inning with four straight singles but failed to score because of a base running mistake. Folden made up for the blunder in a big way by hitting her first career grand slam over the left field fence cutting UK's lead to 7-5.

Jolly battled through the inning, getting the next batter to ground out to preserve UK's lead.

Freshman pitcher Jennifer Young came in to pitch the final 1.2 innings and retired all five batters she faced.

With the win, UK is now off to its best 25-game start in program history.



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UK senior Brooke Marnitz hits her second home run of the day during UK's 8-5 win over Marshall yesterday at the UK softball complex. With the two blasts, Marnitz is now tied for the single season record.

Hot start hasn't turned women's tennis team into hot shots

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The UK women's tennis team is in the middle of its best

starts in 20 years after winning seven consecutive matches.

The Cats are 13-1 and are coming off a 6-0 sweep of Hawaii University on Saturday.

Senior Kim Coventry is one of the main reasons the UK women's tennis team is off to its best start in 20 years.

WHITNEY WATERS
STAFF



But despite the hot start, head coach Carlos Drada said the No. 22 Cats will head into this weekend's duel match with No. 65 Mississippi State and unranked Ole Miss ready to play to their "maximum capability."

"We're giving our best whenever we go onto the court, no matter who we play," Drada said.

In his second year as head coach of UK, Drada has the team at 4-0 in the Southeastern Conference, and with the win over Hawaii, UK recorded its fifth shutout of the season.

Drada has also put together the No. 5 doubles team in the nation in seniors Joelle Schwenk and Kim Coventry. The pair has won seven games against ranked opponents this year, including three wins over teams that are currently ranked in the top-12.

"(Coventry and Schwenk) are the backbone of our team and have led by example everywhere," Drada said.

They've had to with the youth on the squad. The Cats start two freshmen and two sophomores, as well as the two seniors in their singles rotation. Though the seniors have led the way for the Cats, Drada said the newcomers have made a significant impact.

"I wish I could point out one player, but they all are important," Drada said. "The freshmen are giving their best and pulling their weight."

Sarah Woestmann, a freshman from Germany, said the chemistry on the team is one of the primary reasons for the impressive record.

"We're having a lot of fun," Woestmann said. "Things definitely feel good and it's great to have such a good start."

Schwenk agreed. "The personalities of the girls mesh well," Schwenk said. "As seniors, we want to leave behind great leadership and work ethic. But these girls are 10 times more talented than we were."

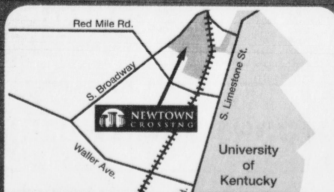
Even with all of the pieces coming together, Schwenk said the matchup with the Mississippi schools would not be taken lightly.

"Nothing ever comes easy," said Schwenk, who hasn't lost to Ole Miss or Mississippi State since she's been at UK. "Both teams are fiery, and it'll be a fight."

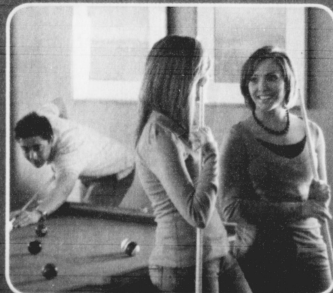
UK plays Mississippi State on Friday at 3 p.m. and Ole Miss on Sunday at noon. Both matches will be at the Hilary J. Boone Tennis Center.

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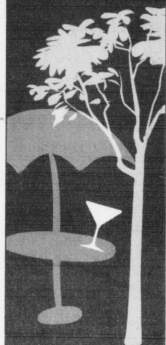
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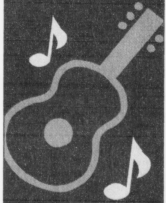
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