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FLORIDA 49, UK 28

Leak orchestrates laughable loss for UK

Florida crushes UK in first half with 49 straight points

By Chris Johnson
THE KENTUCKY KERNEL

The UK defense sprung a Leak Saturday afternoon.

And by the time they plugged it, they had yielded seven unanswered touchdowns in seven possessions.

Florida junior quarterback Chris Leak threw for 319 yards and four touchdowns, and DeShawn Wynn tied a career high and Florida school record with four touchdowns in the Gators' 49-28 roasting of UK at Commonwealth Stadium.

UK's season may have hit its breaking point in the second quarter, when Florida scored 35 unanswered points. UK has now been outscored 73-7 in the second period this season.

"Our second quarter is atrocious right now," defensive coordinator Mike Archer said.

"The second quarter has really killed us in a lot of games," sophomore tight end Jacob Tammé said.

In that frame, UK was outgained 250 yards to 53, lost three turnovers, and watched the stadium crowd dwindle by the thousands.

Leak went 11-for-13 for 161 yards and two touchdowns in the period, and Wynn carried six times for 17 yards and scored three touchdowns — two on the ground and one receiving.

"The second quarter took it out of us," Tammé said. "Losing takes its toll on anybody...we kept playing hard, though."

Behind backup quarterback Curtis Pulley and playing against Florida's second- and third-string defenders, UK scored three touchdowns in the second half to cut the halftime Gator lead of 49-7 to the final 49-28 margin.

Pulley scored two rushing touchdowns, finishing with 32 yards rushing on seven carries to go with 4-of-6 passing for 38 yards. He said playing well in the second half helped him believe in his ability to play at the college level.

"I gained confidence in myself for games down the road," Pulley said. "It's a great confidence boost knowing we can move the ball against the (second-string) and (first-

string)."

Florida head coach Urban Meyer was forced to return his starters to action in the fourth quarter, after Pulley's second touchdown, an 18-yard scamper after being flushed from the pocket.

The game began on the right foot for UK when Tammé blocked Florida's punt on its first possession and sophomore running back Rafael Little ran into the end zone three plays later for a 7-0 lead.

Leak and the Gators then proceeded down the field on the ensuing possession and the next six possessions after that, at one point completing nine consecutive passes and converting 11 straight third-down opportunities on the depleted and worn Wildcat defense.

"Our third-down defense is very poor," Brooks said.

"The most disappointing thing (about the defense) is the third-down play," Archer said.

Florida finished the game 12 of 16 on third-down conversions. UK's three previous opponents — Louisiana — Idaho State and Indiana — all converted at least 50 percent of their third-down attempts.

Florida's size, speed and sheer athleticism impressed the Cats.

"They really blitzed a lot," Tammé said. "They had the athletes not to get hurt by it."

"Overall, they're the best team I've seen since I've been here. They're extremely athletic, from defensive tackle to safety," Tammé said.

UK's players and coaches were impressed with their own ability to come back from the dire straits that was the 48-7 halftime score.

"We showed a little backbone and character," Brooks said of his team's second-half effort. "We didn't give in to what could have been an ugly situation."

After Pulley's first rushing touchdown midway through the fourth quarter, freshman cornerback David

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Mike Archer
UK defensive coordinator



Florida junior running back DeShawn Wynn leaps over UK freshman cornerback Shomari Moore during the first quarter of Saturday's game at Commonwealth Stadium.

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UK's game comes in twos — halves and personas



Derek Poore
SPORTS EDITOR

After a 3-0 start, including a 16-7 grinder against Southeastern Conference East Division rival No. 10 Tennessee, Gator fans wondered if Meyer had left his high-powered offense in Utah. But the Mountain West Conference is different than the SEC, where defense is a staple.

Frustration relieved.

Florida head football coach Urban Meyer let out a lot of offensive stress at Commonwealth Stadium Saturday.

And for a while, it looked as if he would send UK to one of its worst losses in a recently ugly series history.

However, Meyer's carnival offense returned to the road Saturday and there wasn't much of a sideshow against the thin UK defense. The Gators weren't flashy by any means. Meyer was sort of old-fashioned.

Saturday, Florida took a heavy dose of UK defense. And the Gators ground it up like an ingredient in one of Emeril's recipes: a little rushing here (187 yards on the ground) and a little passing there (the Gators completed passes to 10 different receivers).

"(Quarterback) Chris Leak played terrific. I think this was the best he's thrown the ball," Meyer said. "I'm very happy with the way he's taken care of the ball."

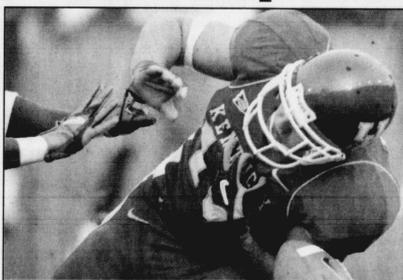
The points rained in — 14 of them before the grills cooled off in the Commonwealth Stadium

muter lot all cost \$88 per semester, or \$176 per year.

Another advantage is that students who already have a car permit can obtain a motorcycle permit for free. Don Thornton, director of UK Parking and Transportation Services, said UK does its best to accommodate motorcyclists.

"For the most part, we have adequate motorcycle parking on campus, but in particular cases when someone needs motorcycle parking in an area that didn't need it before, we have to find an area for them to park within a reasonable distance," Thornton

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Sophomore tight end Jacob Tammé fumbles during the third quarter of the UK-Florida game on Saturday at Commonwealth Stadium. UK recovered the fumble.

Canadian, U.S. societies share hot-button social issues

By Clay White
THE KENTUCKY KERNEL

Although homosexuals have seen greater advances in Canada than in America, both nations have similar struggles with prostitution, a prominent member of Canada's Parliament said on campus Friday.

"There are victims who are in need of our understanding," John Maloney said. "They are often forced into unimaginable sex acts for the next dirty need."

Maloney, a Liberal Party member of the Canadian Parliament for almost 12 years, was the keynote speaker at the 10th annual Kentucky Canadian Studies Roundtable, where he spoke candidly about his country's social policies regarding gay marriage and sexual solicitation, among other issues.

Both issues have been particularly contentious in the United States and in Canada as well over the last several years, Maloney said.

"These issues are not uniquely Canadian," Maloney said to the packed room of interns and professors from UK and other universities around the state. "But the stuff I will share with you will offer a uniquely

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Parking lots filling up with motorcycles, scooters

Vehicles gaining popularity as better way to get around

By Alice Haymond
THE KENTUCKY KERNEL

Early on this school year, UK students have shown an increasing preference to get around on two wheels, not four wheels or two legs.

Motorcycle parking spaces, like the one outside the Chemistry-Physics Building, have been consistently filled on a daily ba-

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Canadian perspective.

Maloney said the gay marriage debate in America is still mired in the inertia of public discourse and judicial and legal wrangling. Canada, meanwhile, recently put the issue to the vote. In late July, the Canadian Parliament voted 158-133 to legalize gay marriage, giving same-sex partners equal rights of those of opposite-sex unions.

Parliamentary debate before the vote was impassioned, but the majority of Canadians have now accepted Parliament's decision, Maloney said. He contrasted this with America, where no clear majority has shown a comfort level with the idea of

gay marriage. Another contrast is the relatively lax attitude of Canadian religious leaders to gay marriage, Maloney said.

In Canada, "concerns exist among religious people, but very little if any," Maloney said. The United Church of Canada, the nation's largest Protestant denomination, has endorsed gay marriage. The law doesn't require religious leaders who disapprove of gay marriage to perform ceremonies of union.

UK political science professor Ernie Yanarella said there's a fundamental difference between America and Canada.

"There is a much freer and more liberal political culture that operates in

Canada," said Yanarella, a chief coordinator of the event.

"It is not infused with powerful moral concerns about how people should live."

Aside from differences in social policy, U.S.-Canadian relations remain overall positive, Yanarella said.

"We do a lot of business with them," he said. Canada has remained a key trading partner with America. Kentucky generates \$8.2 billion in trade annually, Maloney said.

Maloney said he sees more common ground than differences between the United States and Canada, and added that the two nations are a people "bound by marriage and family and commonly held Democratic values."

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Cycles

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on campus thus far, as well as how many spaces the university will need to accommodate the growing number in the future.

Motorcycles are a cheap mode of transportation off-campus, too. Most motorcycles use premium gas, which is currently about ten cents more per gallon than unleaded fuel, but they get about 10 more miles per gallon than most cars.

Anthony Stiltz, a biology senior, said a typical motorcycle gas tank holds a little more than four gallons, but one tank will often last about 160 to 180 miles, "depending on how you drive."

"I've been riding for a while, but I didn't start for the image," Stiltz said. Instead, he cited "the ease of getting to class" as the reason he prefers to ride a motorcycle.

But Alyssa Emmet, a kinesiology sophomore, be-



ROBIN BAKER | STAFF
Nursing sophomore Virgilina Wheeler, left, and computer science senior Jeff Wheeler ride away from the Chemistry-Physics building Friday. Motorcycles and scooters are slowly gaining popularity around campus.

lieves that the image completes the ride.

"There's definitely different bikes for different people," Emmet said. "You get an image of why someone's riding a certain bike the same as you do with cars."

Emmet rides a scooter to class, but she said she'd like to upgrade to a motorcycle someday. She added that her scooter gets her around campus faster than any other mode of transportation.

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Rita sets back Katrina recovery

By Cecil Connolly
THE WASHINGTON POST

NEW ORLEANS — Four weeks after Hurricane Katrina emptied this city of its 470,000 people, New Orleans remains a deserted shell, struggling to restore basic services, patch up tattered levees and pump out flood waters as business owners and residents of the Algiers neighborhood prepare to return for a second time today.

Hurricane Rita pushed the New Orleans recovery effort back by about five days, Mayor Ray Nagin said. But he remains determined to resume a re-entry plan that federal officials have questioned as too ambitious given the fragility of the city's utilities, hospitals and traffic controls.

"We want to bring New Orleans back," he said, acknowledging the process will begin only with healthy, hardy adults. "We're talking about people who are mobile. We're not asking people to come back who have a lot of kids, a lot of senior citizens. That's going to be the reality of New Orleans moving forward."

After evacuating for Rita last week, crews trickled back into New Orleans Sunday to find much of their work had been undone. In the wealthy Garden District, tree removal experts were hauling away limbs and branches from streets that had been cleared. Utility trucks returned to reconnect power in the city's West Bank and body recovery resumed, although state officials said the Katrina death toll remained at 841.

Most significantly, teams from the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers descended on the deep, wide Industrial Canal to repair temporary levees damaged by Rita. Working through the night Saturday, the Corps dropped 200 sandbags — weighing between 3,000 pounds and 7,000 pounds — into the largest breaks, said spokesman

Mitch Frazier. It will likely take a week to pump out the Lower Ninth Ward that was submerged for two weeks by Katrina and reflooded by Rita over the weekend. That would be sooner than expected as officials had projected it would take two weeks.

Even with those rapid repairs, the Corps does not expect the city's levee system to return to pre-Katrina levels until June.

With nearly two months remaining in hurricane season, "we should be eternally worried until the levee structure has been repaired to pre-Katrina heights," said Coast Guard Vice Adm. Thad Allen said on CNN's Late Edition.

This week, Nagin hopes to name a high-profile commission to oversee the reconstruction of a city that faces heart wrenching decisions about whether to rebuild in neighborhoods that were underwritten not once, but twice.

"Some of these houses are going to be uninhabitable, but the public does not know that yet," Allen told Fox News Sunday. "In my personal discussions with the mayor, I think he's desirous to have the public have a good appreciation for the condition of the city and then take next steps. That may not be explicitly stated, but that is my understanding."

Allen, named by President Bush to oversee the New Orleans recovery, publicly chastised Nagin a week ago when the mayor announced an ambitious plan to invite up to 280,000 people back into the city over a week's time. This time, Nagin is pledging a more gradual approach.

"We will begin the re-entry plan with business owners and residents of Algiers," he said Saturday. "Then we will stop, assess our progress, and move on to the previously targeted zip codes." Even as Nagin pressed ahead, officials acknowl-

edged a severe financial crunch is affecting teachers, the district attorney's office, hospital workers and the police. Schools are not expected to reopen before January.

The Orleans Parish district attorney's office announced it would lay off more than half its "non-essential, non-legal" staff primarily because the city of New Orleans has been unable to make its quarterly payment to the office. A statement warned: "Further layoffs may be required without additional funding."

The city received \$102 million in immediate salary assistance, but under federal rules the money may only be used for overtime.

"We don't know how we'll pay base salaries," Nagin said. Police officers were paid last Friday but the mayor said it will be difficult to make the next payroll.

The Louisiana State University health care services division, which runs a network of hospitals across the state, has pledged to pay workers through October. The system lost nearly half of its revenue when Katrina demolished its flagship Charity Hospital in downtown New Orleans and is in danger of losing staff members, said CEO Don Smithburg.

As thousands of residents and workers return to the New Orleans area "there's going to be a dire need for health care," he said in an interview Sunday. When that happens, "we're going to need those staff members and health care workers are a precious, precious commodity these days."

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Volleyball floors Alabama

Cats notch first conference win, snap Tide's 13-game winning streak

By Chris Delotell
THE KENTUCKY KERNEL

What a difference two days make.

Less than 48 hours after being swept by Auburn on Friday, the UK volleyball team bounced back in a big way yesterday, defeating Alabama 3-1 in an emotionally charged match at Memorial Coliseum.

The Wildcats asserted themselves from the beginning against the Crimson Tide (13-2, 1-1 Southeastern Conference), taking the first game with relative ease. UK (8-4, 1-1) entered intermission with a 2-0 advantage following a victory in game two.

Senior middle blocker Amy Kaplan attributed the fast start to a renewed confidence.

"Our attitude was calm but competitive," she said. "We stayed even keel and did a great job of executing key points (early)."

Head coach Craig Skinner, who was "embarrassed" with his team's lack of competitiveness against Auburn, noted a total change yesterday. "We completely reversed it tonight," he said. "We were composed and had a consistent focus and put pressure on Alabama. We never let up."

After dropping the third game, the Cats squeaked out a win in game four to earn their first victory over Alabama in eight attempts. "It was very important," he said.

"It's great to win, but the most important thing is that (now) the players believe that we can win. They haven't done much of that in a few years here."

With Skinner looking to boost his team's poise as he attempts to rebuild the program, he said the win can be used as assurance of the Cats' ability.

"The big thing for us is confidence," he said. "Our players believe we can win and compete with anybody." UK's chances yesterday seemed slim, especially after a disappointing performance on Friday against Auburn (6-3, 1-1 SEC).

The Tigers swept the Cats 3-0, (30-28, 30-26, 30-20) at Memorial Coliseum in a match that left Skinner and company searching for answers.

"Auburn out-competed us," Skinner said. "It wasn't execution. They just competed harder than we did."

Considering that Alabama swept Auburn when the two teams met last week, UK's success against the

Tide was all the more improbable. Senior outside hitter Danielle Wallace attributed yesterday's victory to the team's desire to bounce back.

"It was totally important for us to come back," she said.

"We re-proved to ourselves and the rest of the league that we are a force to be reckoned with."

The Cats now prepare for their first SEC road trip. They play at Georgia on Friday before traveling to Gainesville for a Sunday match with No. 5 Florida.

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Upcoming matches

Friday, Sept. 30 at Georgia

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Friday, Oct. 7 vs. Arkansas

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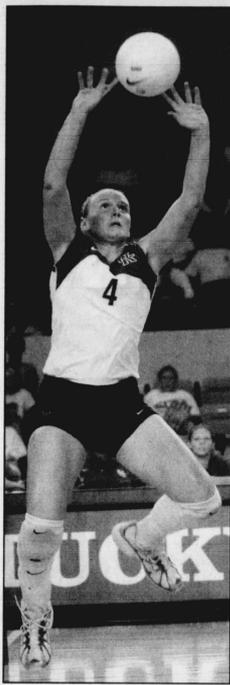
- Craig Skinner, head coach, UK volleyball

UK senior setter Leigh Marcum sets the ball during UK's 3-0 loss against Auburn Friday at Memorial Coliseum.

After the sweep, however, UK beat Alabama 3-1 at home yesterday to split the weekend and pick up its first conference win of the season.

The Cats are now 8-4 overall on the year, and travel to Georgia and Florida this weekend.

CHRIS REVOLDS | STAFF



Cats

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fourth quarter, freshman cornerback David Jones recovered Taylor Begley's puffed kickoff to give UK possession at the Florida 42-

yard line. After a nifty option play that netted the Cats a first down, and a shovel pass to Arliss Beach that moved the chains again, Pulley made his 18-yard scamper into the corner of end zone to set the Wildcats' final score. Little, who finished the game with 19 carries for 77 yards and a touchdown to

go with three receptions for 33 yards, was upbeat about the offense's effort in the second half.

"We showed we can move the ball," he said. "(Pulley) opens it up a lot. When we're both in the game, they don't know who to stop."

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parking lot, and 49 at half-time.

Sure, junior quarterback Chris Leak threw for 319 yards and four touchdowns, but most were small gains and dump-offs.

And he and the Gators also scored zero points after half-time.

Tale of two halves

UK has a split personality. In second quarters this year, they may as well be putting a middle school team on the field.

"The second quarter killed us. They (Florida) outscored us 35-0 in the quarter," sophomore tight end Jacob Tamme said. "As a team, we have got to learn what to do when we get in trouble like that."

Figuring it out ain't easy. "I don't know what it is, honestly," senior cornerback Antoine Huffman said. "It's not the game plan. We run the same game plan in the second half as we did in the first. It's just a lack of focus." Louisville - the Cards

score 21 unanswered in the second quarter.

Idaho State - the Bengals manage to score a go-ahead touchdown to lead 16-14 at half-time.

At Indiana - the Hoosiers tacked on seven more points in the second quarter to take a 17-0 halftime advantage.

Saturday the Gators reeled off one of the more impressive offensive outbursts you'll see in the SEC - 25 unanswered points in the second quarter.

Then, the Gators went silent.

Unknown inspiration

Face it. UK could have rolled over Saturday. Despite facing mostly second- and third-teams in the second half, UK did see Florida return to its starters.

That upset Meyer. "I was absolutely disgusted," Meyer said of having to put Gator starters back in.

"You shouldn't have to do that at Florida. I was disgusted."

Freshman backup quarterback Curtis Pulley and company led a familiar second half resurgence, throwing together four solid drives, including one from an outside kick and another that was a footstep from being

UK's 35th point.

"They are still an SEC team and they came back like that on Louisville," Meyer said. "There's some grit (in Kentucky). I know their coach (Rich Brooks) very well and I'm proud of him."

Perhaps he was just being nice, but the Wildcats are playing for somebody.

"I don't blame the fans for leaving when you're down that many points and we played as bad as we played," said senior safety Muhammad Abdullah.

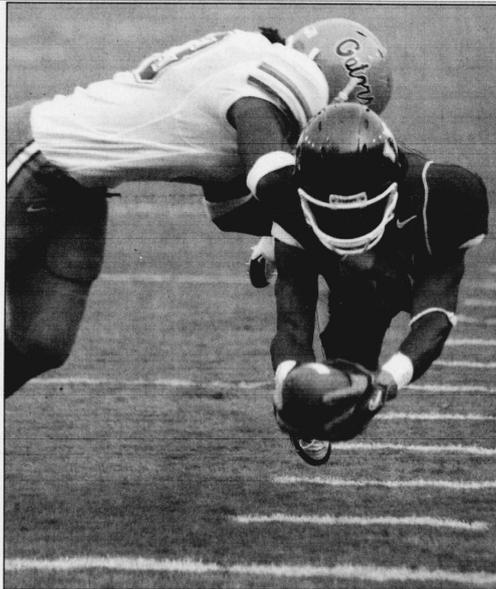
Senior center Matt McCutchan was content with what was left.

"I'm just glad the fans that stuck around," McCutchan said.

Whether it was the dwindled crowd who kept on cheering or some of the more inspirational coaches on the sidelines, UK fought blindly and forged ahead.

Whoever they are playing for may end up being the next head coach.

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KEITH SHAWLEY | STAFF

UK senior wide receiver Glenn Holt dives past Florida linebacker Brian Crum for a touchdown during the third quarter of the UK-Florida game Saturday at Commonwealth Stadium. Holt finished with one catch for 17 yards. He picked up his only touchdown of the day on this play, a 5-yard reverse around the left side.

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EDITORIAL NOTEBOOK

■ On Saturday afternoon the UK football team was embarrased on national TV, yet again. Florida starting quarterback Chris Leak called it a day before the first half even came to a close, making way for second-stringer Josh Portis after the Gators tallied their 42nd unanswered point to go up 42-7 on their way to a 49-28 victory.

But another team from the Sunshine State took some of the sting out of Wildcat fans' wounds — the University of Southern Florida manhandled Louisville 45-14, dashing the national-title dreams of the Cardinals.

Hey Cards, at least we beat the spread this weekend. T-minus six weeks until basketball season ...

■ In May 2004, Lexington Community College and UK parted ways, with LCC becoming a college in the Kentucky Community and Technical College System.

This year, LCC merged with Central Kentucky Technical College and has been renamed Bluegrass Community and Technical College. It's a confusing name game for sure, but these changes were necessary.

Before the split, LCC students enjoyed the benefits of their affiliation with UK — housing, recreational opportunities, parking and student tickets to athletic events — while paying a substantially reduced tuition. Most of these benefits will still be available to BCTC students on the Lexington campus, but they will have to pay fees to have them. Credits still transfer between BCTC and UK, so community-college students can still make the switch to UK at any time.

The change has been confusing and not without headaches, but it has helped UK and BCTC continue their goals of improving education in Kentucky.

■ Some of UK's faculty recently weighed in with their opinions about UK's new meal plan system. Not surprisingly, they feel the same way as many students do.

The complaints that faculty aired are the same ones often heard from students: namely, this year's "buy by the meal" setup comes at much too high a price and inconveniences consumers. Some professors also said the all-you-can-eat system encourages unhealthy eating habits.

Early in the semester, UK officials attributed similar discontent to growing pains, but a significant change such as this one. It's becoming increasingly clear that these complaints might not just be growing pains after all.

■ Gov. Ernie Fletcher is in a catch-22 of political proportions. Though Fletcher said last week he stands by acting Transportation Secretary Bill Nighbert, who was indicted for allegedly punishing an employee who cooperated with the special grand jury investigation of administration personnel practices, he doesn't know if the pardon he granted Nighbert on earlier charges will extend to this one.

And this one entails a Class-A misdemeanor: reprisal against a public employee. Nighbert allegedly denied Cabinet personnel officer Kassy McCray a performance bonus recommended by her supervisor and threatened her. According to the indictment, Nighbert told McCray "that if it were 20 years ago, I probably would have come back there and socked you in the mouth."

Fletcher has said he didn't contact McCray to get her version of the events in question.

Wise up and surrender, governor — this botched cover-up and the eight other pardons you granted aren't fooling anyone; belated honesty is much better than the legal fracas you've helped perpetuate.

■ The British Broadcasting Corporation received some public criticism from unexpected quarters regarding its coverage of Hurricane Katrina in its aftermath. According to News Corporation Chairman Rupert Murdoch, British Prime Minister Tony Blair complained privately to him when the two were attending President Bill Clinton's "Global Initiative" in New York earlier this month that the BBC was full of anti-American bias in its coverage of the Katrina response.

Similarly, Clinton complained that coverage "was designed to be almost exclusively a hit on the federal response, without showing what anybody at any level was doing that was also miraculous, going on simultaneously in a positive way."

While we'll reserve personal judgment on the BBC, it's important that it and other organizations report responsibly on the news, and present a perspective that's at least accurate and fair. With America's political divide so sharp, it's especially interesting that claims of bias would be heard from a prominent Democrat such as Clinton in defense of Republican President George W. Bush and the federal disaster relief efforts.

■ Hurricane Rita, which hit the Gulf Coast early Saturday morning, did less harm than feared. Though the storm caused flooding that overtopped the New Orleans levees by 2 feet, just after the Army Corps of Engineers had pumped out almost as much water as possible from Hurricane Katrina, the loss of life so far seems to have been minimal.

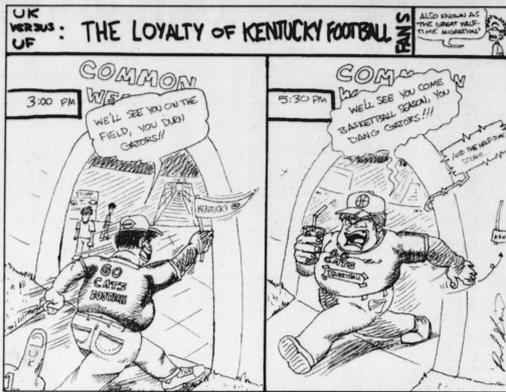
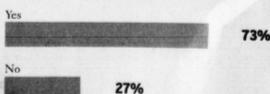
As of Sunday afternoon, no deaths had been reported so far in Louisiana. The only death reported in Mississippi was because of a tornado born out of Rita's remnants. And there had been no deaths directly caused by the hurricane in Texas, although 24 died in a bus explosion during the evacuation. The only major glitch in the whole process was the major traffic gridlock coming out of Houston.

It's good to see that officials learned from the mistakes made before and after Hurricane Katrina, but this should not be a cause for complacency. Local, state and federal officials need to remain vigilant and continue improving strategies for preparing for natural disasters and handling their aftermath. And it's our job as citizens to make sure this is a top priority for legislators.

— Kernel Editorial Board

Online Poll Results

Should UK fire football head coach Rich Brooks?



BRAD STURGEON, THE KENTUCKY KERNEL

IN OUR OPINION

Give students options in buying books

It's not just a hunch: Textbooks are getting more expensive every year.

A study released in July by the Government Accountability Office says textbook prices increased at twice the rate of inflation between December 1986 and December 2004 — almost as quickly as that other bane of students' pocketbooks: tuition.

The study also concluded that textbooks and supplies account for 26 percent of overall tuition and fees for first-time, full-time students at four-year public colleges.

Meanwhile, UK still doesn't release the ISBN numbers or even book titles for classes ahead of time, leaving students to either pay exorbitant costs at the on-campus bookstore or wait until they receive their syllabi to order online, at

the risk of falling behind in class while they wait for more reasonably priced books to arrive.

At a time when the cost of textbooks is becoming even more burdensome, UK has turned a blind eye to students' plight. That's the wrong attitude for a college administration.

We understand the logic behind not releasing the ISBN numbers ahead of time: It increases the chance that students will shop at the UK bookstore. But serving students should be a higher priority for UK than making money off of them.

Professors and academic departments could also give students a hand near the end of each semester by posting booklists and ISBN numbers for the next semester online, giving students the chance to get the

best deal on their books. Doing so is certainly not unheard of the Honors Program, for example, posts booklists for the vast majority of its classes on its Web site with more than enough time for students to order them.

We understand that professors don't always know what books they'll be using that far in advance, and sometimes, even the matter of who's going to teach a class is unclear until near the start of the semester. But it would be better for instructors and academic departments to give students as much information as possible, however incomplete, rather than nothing at all.

Finally, when it comes to selling books back, students should realize that what the bookstore offers for used books is often not the best

deal. In an interview with The Kernel last year, Kennedy Book Store general manager Carol Behr said many of the books that are bought back go to wholesalers, not onto bookstore shelves, which accounts for why students might get \$15 for a book that cost them \$80.

But in an age of ever-expanding online retail, the bookstore is far from being the only outlet students have to sell their books. You can often get more money for your textbooks by cutting out the middleman and selling them on the Internet.

Merely complaining won't change the status quo. But sidestepping a system that charges students too much and pays them back too little will send UK the message that it's time to give students a hand.

From UK football to Ted Kennedy, it's a mad, mad world

Sometimes so many issues are pushing me to the brink of a mental rampage that it's impossible to choose which one is the most imminent threat to my mental welfare. So in the interest of getting as many of them off my chest in one therapeutic stroke of the pen (or, keypad) as possible, here are some random thoughts from the past several days.

■ The 49-28 final score doesn't even begin to illustrate the size of the mudhole the Gators stomped in the UK football team Saturday afternoon. By halftime at least a third of the crowd was back in the parking lot debating whether to stick a Budweiser or a shotgun in their mouths. Commonwealth Stadium cleared out faster than a daycare center during a visit from Michael Jackson.

If this level of mediocrity lasts a few more years, I may be forced to drop my last few shreds of dignity and become a God-forsaken soccer fan. (By the way, the Baylor Bears are 3-0 so far this season under former UK head coach Guy Morris — you know, the man who led the Wildcats to

a 7-5 record three years ago before Athletic Director Mitch Barnhart decided we'd be better off with Rich Brooks.)

■ Am I the only person whose head nearly explodes every time I see Sen. Ted Kennedy D-Mass. rant about morals and values? A regular American would be rotting in jail to this day if they had let a woman drown in their wrecked car while they ran off to call their lawyer. But a liberal politician gets re-elected and appointed to the Senate Judiciary Committee.

■ Would someone please remind President George W. Bush and most of the Republicans in Congress that true conservatives don't spend money like 18-year-olds at a strip club?

It's become clear that the federal government is going to spend some \$200 billion to rebuild New Orleans and surrounding Gulf Coast areas ravaged by Hurricane Rita. I'm sure it will happily foot the additional bill tacked on by Hurricane Rita, yet neither Bush nor the majority of Republicans in Congress are proposing spending cuts in order to offset the cost.

Bush's first step should be to nix the disastrous prescription-drug benefit plan set to take effect in 2006. Then the recent transportation bill should be reopened and audited. The feds are set to spend over \$250 million to build

a bridge in Alaska connecting to an island with 50 residents. Yep, 50. I might not be so angry every time I receive my bimonthly paycheck cut from the state and federal government if I knew my money wasn't being flushed down the toilet.

■ And why do they give hurricanes such friendly names? Katrina sounds like the name of some pretty cool chick I might like to take out to a nice, fancy restaurant like Denny's or Golden Corral, then maybe invite to a dollar movie. Rita sounds like your buddy's cool mom who used to make you grilled-cheese sandwiches back in high school, and maybe she caught you drinking Jim Beam when you were 14 and didn't tell your dad.

These cutesy names give people a false sense of security, so whatever 50-year-old science geeks they put in charge of naming these things needs to give them menacing names so that people know to get out of the way. Call them Adolf or Sauron or Atilla.

That would motivate me into action a lot quicker than Hurricane Willie.

■ Gas is holding steady at about \$2.60 a gallon right now. Supposedly, it's going to skyrocket again later this week on the heels of Rita. Is anybody else ready to really start a war for oil?

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

UK football needs coaching changes

I don't want to hear about injuries. I don't want to hear about lack of talent or experience. I don't want to hear about probation. Kentucky football fans are sick of excuses.

We are used to losing football games at UK. But it doesn't mean we enjoy it, and it certainly doesn't mean a team can't at least be competitive. Saturday's loss to Florida (on national television) was the second-worst football game I have ever seen, only after the loss to Ohio. But to the players out there, I know your 1-3 record isn't your fault. For the second year in a row, your coaches have failed you.

Something fundamental has been missing from all three of the Rich Brooks' teams at UK. This is not due to injuries, lack of experience or probation. This year's "kids" have potential. The coaching staff simply isn't helping them to realize it. Any run of years where this continues to be the case can only mean one thing: A change needs to be made.

We were told this was the year of change at UK. And as fall came, the "70,000 Strong" that Athletic Director Mitch Barnhart advertised so proudly, came to see if, for once, the season would match the hype. It hasn't. It hasn't for three years. Rich Brooks implemented a program that was 7-5 despite the strictest probationary restrictions of the Hal Mumme scandal. Yet he has rapidly dragged the program back into the cellar of the Southeastern Conference and reaffirmed the cynicism that has perennially surrounded the UK football program.

To the players, for what it's worth, I support you. To Rich Brooks: It wasn't a nightmare; you really are the coach of the

UK football team. And you need to go. I think you will find a considerable consensus among Big Blue Nation.

Quite simply, it's time for change in UK football. No more waiting, no more promises, no more disappointment. Just change, for which there can be no excuses.

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Rebuilding New Orleans isn't worth the cost

I'm aware that many people will think I am an American when I say we should not rebuild "The Big Easy," but I'm thinking logically, not emotionally. It would be so easy to say we should rebuild New Orleans so that its spirit will never die, and it will show just how strong the citizens of this country are, but let's face the cold, hard facts: New Orleans is a mess.

New Orleans is now a toxic waste ground. How can we as a nation ever really expect to cleanse the area of all the toxins? Then there is the need to rebuild the entire city because of all the flood damage. The government has estimated that it will cost \$200 billion or more to rebuild. And President George W. Bush has said that the United States will pay most of the bill.

So I think that before we rush to bring people back to a ravaged city and start to rebuild it, our nation needs to really think about what is in the best interest of the citizens of this country. Are we ready to pay \$200 billion to rebuild a city that could flood again as soon as another hurricane comes in the area? Would you be willing to pay higher taxes to rebuild a city that is below sea level?

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UK nets last-minute, Razor-thin win

By Ryan Wood
THE KENTUCKY KERNEL

With just under a minute to play, the UK women's soccer team looked to be heading into yet another overtime, the second of the weekend and sixth of the year.

But, with the last 30 seconds ticking away in yesterday's game against Arkansas, sophomore forward Callie Lanphier played a ball to waiting senior forward Courtney McCrudden, who blasted in the go-ahead goal.

"Callie went down the line and kept her composure," McCrudden said afterward. "She saw me at the top of the box and passed it to me ... then I put it in." The goal was her fourth of the season, and first game-winner.

The Cats are now the only undefeated team in the Southeastern Conference, sporting a 5-0-5 record. They are also on a 10-game unbeaten streak, which is the second longest in school history.

In addition to yesterday's last-second win, the Cats also tied Louisiana State 1-1 Friday at the UK soccer complex. McCrudden also scored the Cats' lone goal Friday.

"It was extremely frustrating," McCrudden said of the tie with LSU. "It should have been a win, but we have to keep learning. The ties are killing us."

Filling in for head coach Warren Lipka, who was attending a funeral, was assistant coach Jerrod Roh. He couldn't have agreed more.

"All our hearts dropped when (Arkansas) tied it up," Roh said. "To our girls' credit, they had the strength and heart to fight on."

"That's all them ... they wanted the win, and they got it," Roh said.

Of the team's 23 goals for the season, 16 have come in the final period of regulation. Sunday was no different.

At the beginning of the second half, during the 53th minute, sophomore midfielder Sarah Gaunt tapped in her fourth goal of the season putting the Cats up 1-0.

"Courtney (McCrudden) played the ball in and went up with the keeper," Gaunt explained. "It bounced off one of them and I finished by putting it in."

With the win in sight for the Cats, Arkansas chipped in a shot over the head of junior goalkeeper Anne Ogundele, tying the score at one during the 87th minute.

"We've played enough overtimes," Gaunt said after the game. "We tried our hardest to make something happen in the last 3 minutes, and we did."

The Cats scored the go-ahead goal with exactly 24 seconds remaining.

This marked the 150th win for Lipka in his 14th season as head coach. The Cats continue SEC play this Friday at 7



UK junior defender Kristen Jedlo pushes for control of the ball with a Louisiana State defender during Friday night's game against LSU.

p.m. against Alabama in Tuscaloosa.

The team knows that their first away game in conference play isn't going to be easy. "Anything can happen,"

McCruden said. "Every team is going to be tough, and each game just keeps getting harder."

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Men's soccer fit to be tied after winless weekend

By Chris Miles
THE KENTUCKY KERNEL

The UK men's soccer team tied twice this weekend. Which was one more time than it believes it should have.

Friday, the Cats couldn't find the back of the home net against Western Michigan, finishing in a 0-0 tie. Yesterday, the men traveled to Columbus to face No. 11 Ohio State and couldn't hold onto a 1-0 lead, finishing in a 1-1 dead heat.

Junior midfielder Nathan Li scored his first goal of the season for UK against Ohio State on a pass from junior forward Riley O'Neill. O'Neill has had a hand, either by goal or assist, in six of the Cats' 10 goals this season.

Yesterday's game was unusually physical, as the Wildcats were whistled for 36 fouls and eight yellow cards. The Buckeyes were called for 21 fouls and four yellows.

Neither team Friday could get an opening, even though the Wildcats outshot the Broncos 9-1. Western Michigan held a one-man advantage after Kentucky freshman midfielder Bingy Lara was ejected from the game following a sec-

ond yellow card in the first overtime.

"We should have definitely won against these guys," senior defender Brandon Stewart said.

"We did not play with a lot of passion," assistant coach Jeff Chaney said. "Our fight wasn't there, we didn't look like we could win."

UK's best chance came when O'Neill weaved through the Western Michigan defensive line, drawing out the goalkeeper, and passed it off to junior midfielder Joey Grigsby who punted an open shot over the cross bar, several feet away from the goal.

"We didn't play at the level we needed to," O'Neill said after the game. "I really don't know what else to say. We should win every home game. I don't know what else to say about this."

This was the sixth straight Kentucky shutout at home.

"We defended well and played a fluid backfield game," Chaney said. "But we just couldn't bring ourselves to score a goal. That's what we need to work on."

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UK junior forward Riley O'Neill wins a header against Western Michigan's Dan Picmann during Friday night's game against the Broncos.

UK outshot WMU 9-1, but neither team scored a goal in the game.

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