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UK head coach Rich Brooks speaks at yesterday's new conference in Wildcat Den at Commonwealth Stadium. Brooks discussed the resignation of offensive coordinator Ron Hudson. SEE COLUMN ON PAGE 3 FOR REACTION.

JONATHAN PALMER | STAFF

UK assistant steps down

Offensive coordinator resigns; head coach will be back in 2005

By Jeff Patterson
THE KENTUCKY KERNEL

UK offensive coordinator Ron Hudson resigned yesterday, ending weeks of speculation that he and head coach Rich Brooks would not return next season.

Brooks addressed the team before practice yesterday about Hudson's decision to leave the team before the end of the season.

"I didn't really see it coming," said junior tight end Jeremiah Drobney.

Hudson talked to Brooks Sunday about the possibility of stepping down, Brooks said. Hudson handed in his resignation after sleeping on it.

"Because of the turmoil surrounding my future and the lack of production within the offense, I feel it would be in the best interest of the program that I relinquish my position at the University of Kentucky," said Hudson, who could not be reached for comment, in a press statement.

Brooks "reluctantly accepted" Hudson's resignation. "He felt there was so much going on that it would be better for the team," Brooks said.

"I tried to talk him out of it. I'm sick to my stomach about it."

Hudson served as an assistant coach under Brooks at Oregon from 1977-78.

Speculation on both coaches' future began Nov. 1, when Brooks said he'd quit if Hudson were to be fired.

UK President Lee Todd and Athletic Director Mitch Barnhart couldn't give a clear vote of confidence for Brooks Friday after the UK Athletic Board of Directors meeting.

However, the athletic director had no problem endorsing Brooks yesterday.

"Rich will be back next year," Barnhart said. Brooks said UK administrators did not pressure Hudson to resign.

"There was enough speculation," Brooks said. "He wanted to clear the air."

"He made it clear he didn't want to be the focus of this week."

"This was Ron's decision," Barnhart said.

Hudson signed a two-year contract in January 2003, paying him \$200,000 per year. His current contract was set to expire June 30, 2005.

Receivers coach Joker Phillips and offensive line coach Paul Dunn will call the plays in UK's season finale Saturday at Tennessee. Phillips will call the passing plays from the press box. Dunn will call the running plays from the sideline.

"Everything has happened so fast," Phillips said. "His last words to us were, 'Get them ready.'"

Hudson came to UK after being an assistant with Kansas State from 1995 to 2002. He was the offensive coordinator for his final six seasons there.

At Kansas State, his offense led the nation in scoring in 1998, averaging 48 points per game. In 2002, he coached the nation's second-leading offense, averaging 45.8 points per game.

But his results at UK didn't live up to the numbers produced at Kansas State. Last season, UK averaged 27.3 points per game and ranked 96th out of 117 NCAA Division I-A teams in total offense. This season, UK ranks 115th in scoring, at 14.2 points per game.

"I wouldn't point it at Ron Hudson," Phillips said.

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Ron Hudson

- Born in Oakland, Calif.
- He played basketball, track and rugby at Diablo Valley College and the University of California. He also played football while serving in the Marine Corps.
- He has coached for 36 years, including serving as UK's offensive coordinator for the past two seasons. He coached at Kansas State for eight seasons before coming to UK.
- He worked as an assistant under Rich Brooks at Oregon from 1977-78.
- He started coaching as a graduate assistant at California in 1969. He has also coached at Stanford, UCLA, Notre Dame, Illinois and with the now-defunct USFL's Memphis Showboats.
- He has coached in 17 bowl games in his career.
- He is married to the former Melissa Roth.

By the numbers

- UK offense in 2004
- 114th in total offense out of 117 NCAA Division I-A schools
- 115th scoring offense, averaging 14.2 points per game
- 17 touchdowns
- 270 yards per game
- UK offense in 2003
- 96th in total offense
- 57th in scoring offense, averaging 27.3 points per game
- 44 touchdowns
- 327.3 yards per game
- Hudson's offense at Kansas State
- 1998: Led the nation in scoring with 48 points per game
- 2002: Second in scoring with 45.8 points per game



"Rich (Brooks) will be back next year."

Mitch Barnhart
UK Athletic Director



Hudson



Phillips



Dunn

Student reports attempted assault

Burglary occurred at apartment while student, roommate slept

By Emily Hagedorn
THE KENTUCKY KERNEL

An unknown man broke into one of the Royal Lexington apartments and attempted to assault a female student, said Lexington Police and the victim.

On Friday at about 5:35 a.m., an unknown man entered a first-floor apartment at the Virginia Avenue complex through an unlocked window in one of the bedrooms, said Lt. James Curless, commander of the personal crimes section for the Lexington Police.

Laying the screen on the empty bed, the suspect walked to the living room, said the victim, Carrie Elizabeth Grimes, 20.

The man probably broke into Grimes' apartment because he saw her and her roommate in the living room, said the psychology sophomore.

"It was probably because we had our blinds open in the living room," Grimes said.

The suspect did not awake Grimes until he was on top of her and ripped her pants at the seam, she said. He also did not awake her other roommate, who was sleeping on another couch.

Grimes pushed him off and ran into her other roommate's room.

"I was really confused," she said. "The first reflex I had was to push him off me."

By the time that roommate ran out of the bedroom, the suspect was already jumping out of the window.

Curless said he fled on foot.

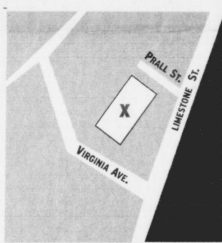
Grimes was not hurt, and the police report said she was not taken to the hospital.

Curless could not confirm many of Grimes' details because "we as an agency don't release specifics," he said.

The suspect is about 5'9", had close-shaven, dark hair, and was wearing a black, short sleeve jersey with white stripes on the sleeves and baggy, light color jeans, she said.

Grimes said she did not get a good look at his face because the first thing he did when she pushed him off was

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The burglary and attempted assault occurred in an apartment at the Royal Lexington complex near Limestone and Virginia Avenues early Friday morning.

CASSIE STOKES | STAFF

Number of athletes graduating may rise

By Dariush Shafa
THE KENTUCKY KERNEL

By 2009, the University of Kentucky will try to increase graduation rates of student-athletes to 70 percent, according to plans outlined by UK's NCAA self-study steering committee.

The most recent NCAA statistics — for freshmen entering school between 1994 and 1997 — show UK's student-athlete graduation rate at 46 percent. This figure is the second-lowest percentage in the Southeastern Conference.

The average graduation rate for all UK students is 61 percent, said John Piccero, a pharmacy professor who is serving on the committee.

Athletic Director Mitch Barnhart said athletics should strive to be on par with the university's rate.

"The present goal for us is to mirror the university," Barnhart said.

The committee agreed and said in the report that the admissions process is not the real culprit; instead, "issues of motivation and achievement" are.

The committee also discussed the possibility of increasing spots on UK athletic teams but said that even if team sizes are increased, the amount of financial aid and the number of scholarships would not increase.

Though the possibility was discussed, the committee called the move "negative" and declined to investigate it further.

Another issue the committee focused on was the gap in participation between men's sports and women's sports — a 25 percent gap was noted.

They proposed that UK Athletics begin searching for another women's sport. The plan suggests a dedicated search in fall 2005 with a sport selected by spring 2006 and a financial plan ready by fall 2006.

"I think it should be a commitment," said Barbara Young, a UK Board of Trustees member. "That's what a plan is."

The steering committee's chairwoman, Connie Ray, UK's vice president for institutional research, planning and effectiveness, said that though there are obstacles, the goals are within reach.

"That doesn't mean we can't improve," she said. "What we would like to do is not impossible."

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Suspect in 2003 sexual assault pleads guilty

By Dariush Shafa
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A former Eastern Kentucky University student who was charged November 2003 in a sexual assault of a student on Rose Street, changed his plea yesterday morning in Fayette Circuit Court.

Avery C. Roland, 26, pleaded guilty to first-degree sexual abuse, unlawful imprisonment and fourth-degree assault.

"It's kind of a personal decision," said Roland's

lawyer, Alex Rowdy, about the change in pleas.

"I think he felt it was the most appropriate resolution."

Roland was arrested Nov. 4, 2003, near the Boone Faculty Center after four UK students, Todd Seagrave, Jeff Turok, Scott Howe and Matthew Boone, said they heard screams coming from behind the faculty club.

The four students said



Roland

they found Roland with his hand around a woman's neck and chased him until he ran to a UK police officer for help.

"We were all there," Turok said. "We saw what happened. There's no way we were going to get refused."

Turok said he is also happy at the resolution to this chapter in his life considering it was in the legal system for a year.

As for being called he-

ros, Turok said he and the others were just doing what was right.

"It's how (we) were raised," he said.

"It makes you feel good about your gut instinct and knowing right from wrong."

Roland is currently being held at the Fayette County Detention Center and will be sentenced later in December.

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Trump casinos file bankruptcy

By Pradnya Joshi
NEWSDAY

Donald J. Trump's newest boardroom message is: "You're bankrupt!"

For the fourth time in the last 14 years, casino companies owned by the businessman turned pop-culture icon have filed for bankruptcy. This time, Trump Hotels & Casino Resorts Inc. is buried under \$1.8 billion in IOUs.

But despite the resounding flop, the Donald won't be hearing the words "You're fired!" In fact, he's keeping his title as chairman and chief executive. And the filing won't drastically hurt Trump's personal wealth, estimated at \$2.6 billion by Forbes magazine, making him America's 74th richest person.

Trump, the tireless self-promoter now seen by millions on the NBC hit show "The Apprentice," said he doesn't see bankruptcy as a stigma or defeat, but as an opportunity to fix the finances of the money-losing company. "This represents less than 1 percent of my net worth," Trump told Newsday on Monday. "It doesn't mean much financially from my personal standpoint but I think it's going to be very important in the future. I think it's going to be a great company."

Officials for the publicly held company had been negotiating with creditors since this summer to work out agreeable terms. On Sunday, Trump Hotels and more than 27 related holding companies officially made their Chapter

11 filing in U.S. Bankruptcy Court in Camden, N.J. The properties affected include the Taj Mahal and Trump Plaza in Atlantic City, N.J.

A Chapter 11 filing allows a company to keep operating and protects it from creditors while managers work out a plan to pay off debts.

As part of a deal worked out with creditors in October, Trump will put in \$71.4 million of his own money into the company. Trump will also get the former site of the World's Fair in Atlantic City and 25 percent stake in the Miss Universe pageant, but Trump's ownership stake will be cut from 56 percent to 27 percent.

Analysts say the bankruptcy shouldn't hurt Trump's image — he is the gambling business after all,

notes Sean Egan, managing director of Egan-Jones Ratings Co. But this may not be the end of Trump's problems. Analysts point to rising competition from inside Atlantic City such as the Borgata Hotel & Casino, and the spread of gambling to nearby Connecticut and New York. "Trump made the mistake of over-leveraging and under-investing in his properties," Egan said.

Trump himself was unbowed. "There's more competition, but we have the hottest brand in the business. I'm the biggest developer in New York."

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Hunters remember five killed by trespasser

By P.J. Huffstutter and
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LOS ANGELES TIMES

BIRCHWOOD, Wis. — Hundreds huddled in the dark town square yesterday night to memorialize six hunters — their friends and neighbors — killed in an attack so savage few could speak of it.

It was the community's first chance to gather since a trespasser emptied his semi-automatic rifle Sunday into a group of friends out for a Thanksgiving week deer hunt.

"We have come here tonight with many emotions," Paul Oman, pastor of the Trinity Lutheran Church, said. "Shock, certainly. Questions of why. Anger. Resentment. And the need for justice."

Some in the crowd cried. Most stared straight ahead. The pastor sang "Amazing Grace."

Authorities arrested Chai Sou Vang, 36, as he emerged from the woods just before dusk Sunday, a short distance from the carnage.

According to local law enforcement, Vang had come up from his home in St. Paul, Minn., with at least two friends. He started out hunting on public land but apparently got lost and wandered into a 400-acre tract of private property. After the shooting, he encountered several other hunters who guided him out to the road, where a game warden with the Department of Natural Resources arrested him.

Authorities are still looking for Vang's friends. The dead and wounded were from this rural stretch of northwest Wisconsin, a region dotted with small towns like Birchwood.

Many had connections to the largest village in the area, Rice Lake (population 1,300). The victims' part of a group of a dozen or so who came together each year — including a father and son and

several longtime friends.

Killed were Robert Croteau, 42, and his son Joey, 20; Al Laski, 43; Mark Roidt, 28; and Jesse Willers, 27. Dennis Drew, 55, died of his injuries at a hospital last night.

The party met up Sunday at a cabin in the woods. Poking walkie-talkies to communicate, they split up to search the shadows for deer.

Terry Willers, Jessica's father, came across the intruder first, officials said.

The man was perched in a platform in the trees, although the woods were clearly marked no trespassing. So Willers asked him to leave. The man climbed down as two of Willers' hunting partners arrived. He turned to walk away.

Then, without warning, he turned back and opened fire.

A burst of gunfire hit the three hunters. One was able to reach his walkie-talkie and call for help. Others in the party rushed to the scene. The man kept firing.

Willers, along with hunters Dennis Drew and Lauren Hesenbeck, was seriously wounded.

"I can't describe how I feel. How should you feel?" asked Karen Roidt. Her son Mark, she said, was "fun loving," an avid outdoorsman. He had been hunting since he was 12.

At the time of his arrest, Vang was wearing an annual license pinned to his orange vest, as required by law. That same tag number was scrawled in the dust coating one of the victims' all-terrain vehicles. The hunter apparently had tossed it down there, planning to tell a ranger about the trespasser, before the shooting erupted.

Sawyer County Sheriff Jim Meier said Vang was "extremely calm" at the time of his arrest and had been "showing some cooperation" with authorities. The 20-round clip of his rifle, an expensive Chinese-made SKS

assault weapon, was empty when he was arrested.

He has not yet been charged.

Police in St. Paul and Minneapolis have had contact with Vang several times in recent years. Twice in the past 18 months, they responded to a domestic disturbance at his house. And on Christmas Eve in 2001, he was arrested for felony domestic assault after his wife told police he had threatened her with a handgun. He spent two nights in jail but was released when his wife declined to press charges, according to Officer Ronald Reiter of the Minneapolis Police Department.

"We have nothing in our records that would ever indicate he was capable of the level of violence we saw in northwestern Wisconsin," said Officer Paul Schnell of the St. Paul Police.

Birchwood, famed for its bluegill fish, had just 518 residents in the last census.

"We're up here in the sticks... Stuff like this just doesn't happen here," said Wes Winick, who runs a hunting guide service in this lumber town.

But, as several locals pointed out, the nine-day fall deer hunt always draws plenty of outsiders.

Wisconsin counts on hunters for an economic boost estimated at \$1 billion a year. Some 640,000 hunting licenses are issued annually statewide, including 32,000 sold to visitors from every state in the nation and more than a dozen foreign countries.

In northwest Wisconsin, the deer is so plentiful and so prone to collide with cars — that carcasses line many roads. Hunting season is more than tradition here; it's almost a sacred ritual.

Some local schools close during the deer hunt. Many people take time off work. Generations of families go out to hunt together for meat they will eat all winter.

Some veteran hunters said yesterday that they have had problems with out-of-towners who don't know how to read the maps that mark which tracts of forest are private property and which are open to the public.

And several in this overwhelmingly white region voiced unease, in particular, with hunters from the Hmong community — immigrants from Laos who have moved by the thousands to Wisconsin and Minnesota in the past decade. "This is our own case of terrorism out here," one woman at the vigil said.

Acknowledging that "fear is running around the community," Oman urged his neighbors not to give into hate. "Tonight is just the beginning of us drawing together as a community," he told the crowd of about 300 who gathered in the biting cold.

The tragedy prompted at least a few hunters to put away their camouflage for the season. Cecil Celler said he had flown to northern Wisconsin from Riverside, Calif., to bag a deer, but turned around and headed back to the airport as soon as he heard the news. "I just don't want my deer that bad," he said.

Many others, however, headed into the chill with their rifles as usual yesterday, determined to enjoy the hunt even as law-enforcement officials from nearly a dozen agencies combed the crime scene for evidence. Many came to the candlelight vigil still wearing their blaze-orange caps and license tags.

"I don't care who that guy is, he's not scaring me away from my trip," said Roger Widiker, 61, who came up from Milwaukee.

His son, Mike, was a bit more cautious: "Yes, we went back out there today, but it's still scary," he said.

HUFFSTUTTER REPORTED FROM BIRCHWOOD AND SIMON FROM ST. LOUIS.

Hudson

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Hudson, said senior quarterback Shane Boyd. "This offense does work."

However, several current and former players have said it hasn't been used properly.

"In some cases you have to tweak to your personnel," Boyd said.

While the losses mounted up for UK (2-8, 1-6 Southeastern Conference), attendance dwindled in Commonwealth Stadium. Concerns over ticket sales for next season had some influence in Barnhart's evaluation of where the program is headed.

"We have a financial responsibility to this program," Barnhart said.

The search for Hudson's re-

placement would start after the Tennessee game.

"We are going to find the right offensive coordinator and move on," Barnhart said.

Brooks said he is open to promoting from within his own staff. "I would say the offense is going to change quite a bit, depending on who the people are running it," Brooks said.

Neither Brooks nor Barnhart said there is a timetable in selecting a new coordinator, but both said UK needs to hire someone quickly because of recruiting.

Hudson was in charge of recruiting junior college players.

Brooks said Hudson is trying to figure out where he's going to work and live.

"I'm sure he's making calls and getting his house ready for sale," Brooks said. "Wonderful life this coaching."

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Crime

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cover his face.

He is dark-complected, but she couldn't specify his race. Curless said he was white. Drugs were not present at the scene, the report said.

Curless said this seems to be an isolated incident. The man's description does not match descriptions from other crimes.

The crime is listed as a second-degree burglary, which is when someone knowingly enters or remains unlawfully in a dwelling with the intent to commit a crime. No items were listed as being stolen, he said.

As a Class C felony, second-degree burglary carries five to 10 years in prison. "Looking at the undertones is what makes it a personal crime," Curless said.

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UK wary of early season upset bug

By Chris Fisher
THE KENTUCKY KERNEL

As North Carolina and Arizona both found out over the weekend, the road can be a scary place — a place where an early season tune-up can prove to be anything but.

Santa Clara shocked the No. 3 Tar Heels 77-66 in the Pete Newell Challenge in Oakland, Calif., Friday, while Virginia, picked to finish eighth in the Atlantic Coast Conference this season, thumped No. 11 Arizona 78-60 Sunday.

UK coach Tubby Smith and his team look to avoid a similar pitfall when they make their annual trip to the U.S. Bank Arena in Cincinnati, where the Cats will take on Ball State for the first time in school history.

"It will be a challenge for us," Smith said. "Ball State has had some extra time to prepare, and they will present some problems for us. They do a good job in their

offensive screening — moving without the ball — and they have a veteran team returning.

"Tim Buckley's teams are always well coached and really do a good job of shooting the threes. We will be tested defensively, because they execute extremely well."

Senior forward Chuck Hayes said that such upsets are the nature of the college game and that the Cardinals will give the Cats all they can handle.

"That's college basketball," Hayes said. "It's not going to come easy. They have some experience, some athletes and some shooters on the team."

"We are not taking them lightly. We have our work cut out for us."

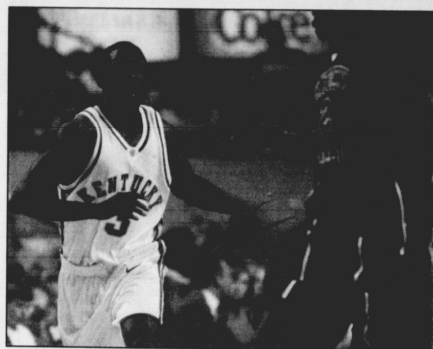
Junior guard Patrick Sparks knows what it's like to pull the upset while playing for a team from a mid-major conference. As a freshman at Western Kentucky University in 2001-02, Sparks led the Hill-

toppers into Rupp Arena and handed the then-No. 3 Cats a 54-42 defeat in the season opener.

"I know exactly what they're going through," Sparks said. "They're going to come out with a lot of intensity, and they're going to be ready to play. We played against them when I was at Western, and it's going to be a dogfight — we just have to match their intensity and let them know that we're here to play and get a win."

Some think the Cats, with so many underclassmen, might be susceptible to an upset, but Smith said that was not the case.

"We will rely on veteran players to give us the type of leadership they have been giving us," he said, "so the younger players understand what it takes to prepare and how you should prepare for a team."



UK freshman guard Rameel Bradley looks to drive past Kentucky Wesleyan junior forward Antonio Bright in UK's 79-54 exhibition win Nov. 9, Bradley. The Cats travel to U.S. Bank Arena in Cincinnati tonight to face Ball State at 7.

Hudson calls his own number

Ron Hudson finally called the right play.

After two years with UK, the offensive coordinator stepped

down yesterday in a move that instantly improved the psyche of many Cats fans.

It had to be a hard decision because as UK Athletic Director Mitch Barnhart said, "You have to remember that we're dealing with people's lives here."

But it was the right decision. Hudson's offense never caught on at UK — not last year and certainly not this year.

In 2003, the Cats' scoring average dropped from 32.1 points per game to 27.3 points per game.

This season, the drop was even more severe.

Through 10 games, the Cats have averaged 14.2 points per game, earning them a ranking of 115th of 117 NCAA Division I-A schools in scoring. Only Washington and Arizona

score less.

In total offense, UK ranks 114th. Only Buffalo, Central Florida and Duke are worse.

In 2003, UK scored 44 touchdowns. This season, UK has just 17.

"Offensively, we didn't get done what we wanted to get done," Barnhart said.

That's why Hudson needed to go. He simply wasn't getting the job done.

Former UK wide receiver Chris Bernard played for Hudson last year, and he said it was a frustrating season for the Cats' offense.

"The problem with this offense is that not everyone was buying into it," Bernard said. "Some of us did not understand the play-calling or the way plays were being drawn up."

This year, Bernard said he saw more of the same.

"I don't think (the offense) was ever going to get going," he said. "I don't think that offense was going to work in the (Southeastern Conference)."

Like most UK fans, Bernard winced when he saw quarterback Jared Lorenzen run the option.

"It makes no sense running the option with a 300-pound quarterback," he said.

Exactly.

That was Hudson's fatal flaw: his inability to adapt to the personnel he inherited at UK.

Instead of changing his ways to meet the strength of his players, he refused to stray from his playbook.

Hudson inherited UK's all-time leading passer in Lorenzen and a pool of wide receivers that included record-breaker Derek Abney. And he wasted them.

Lorenzen needed to do what he did best — sit in the pocket and throw the ball.

Hudson handcuffed him, and it cost the Cats a chance at a winning record.

With probation weighing on UK, this season was supposed to be tough.

It was not supposed to be demoralizing.

And so Hudson did the right thing, the reasonable thing, the honorable thing — he accepted the facts and stepped aside.

His departure might not equal immediate success for UK, but it was the right move at the right time.

"A change needed to happen," Bernard said.

Thankfully it did.

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Derek Poore (62-22)

last week: 5-2
Tennessee 28, UK 3
Virginia Tech 16, Virginia 10
LSU 21, Arkansas 17
Texas Tech 28, Oklahoma St. 14
Mississippi 31, Mississippi St. 20
Colorado 28, Nebraska 24
Southern Cal 70, Notre Dame 10

Leslie Wilhite (59-25)

last week: 2-5
Tennessee 34, UK 10
Virginia Tech 24, Virginia 17
Arkansas 27, LSU 24
Texas Tech 37, Oklahoma St. 30
Mississippi 14, Mississippi St. 13
Nebraska 20, Colorado 17
Southern Cal 34, Notre Dame 20

Ben Roberts (56-28)

last week: 3-4
Tennessee 58, UK 0
Virginia Tech 17, Virginia 14
LSU 31, Arkansas 21
Texas Tech 27, Oklahoma St. 21
Mississippi 54, Mississippi St. 52
Nebraska 12, Colorado 7
Southern Cal 38, Notre Dame 14

Steve Ivey (55-29)

last week: 5-2
Tennessee 21, UK 17
Virginia Tech 35, Virginia 28

LSU 28, Arkansas 14
Oklahoma St. 35, Texas Tech 31
Mississippi St. 9, Mississippi 7
Colorado 24, Nebraska 17
Southern Cal 31, Notre Dame 29

Lindsey Keith (55-29)

last week: 3-4
Tennessee 28, UK 21
Virginia Tech 21, Virginia 17
LSU 31, Arkansas 28
Oklahoma St. 24, Texas Tech 14
Mississippi 31, Mississippi St. 21
Nebraska 38, Colorado 34
Southern Cal 38, Notre Dame 28

Jeff Patterson (55-29)

last week: 3-4
Louisville 44, Cincinnati 27
Virginia Tech 17, Virginia 14
Arkansas 27, LSU 23
Oklahoma St. 31, Texas Tech 27
Mississippi 21, Mississippi St. 17
Nebraska 34, Colorado 23
Southern Cal 28, Notre Dame 20

Josh Sullivan (55-29)

last week: 3-4
Tennessee 70, UK 2
Virginia Tech 17, Virginia 10
LSU 35, Arkansas 21
Oklahoma St. 18, Texas Tech 7
Mississippi 10, Mississippi St. 7
Colorado 28, Nebraska 10
Southern Cal 17, Notre Dame 13

Tim Wiseman (54-30)

last week: 3-4
Tennessee 28, UK 10
Virginia Tech 17, Virginia 14
LSU 21, Arkansas 20
Texas Tech 31, Oklahoma St. 28
Mississippi 20, Mississippi St. 17
Nebraska 14, Colorado 13
Southern Cal 35, Notre Dame 32

Sara Cunningham (52-32)

last week: 1-6
Tennessee 43, UK 29
Virginia Tech 17, Virginia 16
LSU 35, Arkansas 32
Texas Tech 38, Oklahoma St. 35
Mississippi 24, Mississippi St. 21
Nebraska 29, Colorado 26
Southern Cal 41, Notre Dame 16

Adam Sichko (48-36)

last week: 5-2
Tennessee 28, UK 13
Virginia Tech 17, Virginia 17
LSU 37, Arkansas 10
Oklahoma St. 28, Texas Tech 27
Mississippi 17, Mississippi St. 10
Nebraska 24, Colorado 20
Southern Cal 35, Notre Dame 34

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IN OUR OPINION

UK's holiday policies have pros and cons

The group on campus that catches more ire from UK students than any other is doing something this week to lend some students a helping hand.

UK Parking and Transportation Services is supplying students leaving town for Thanksgiving with a shuttle ride from campus to Blue Grass Airport.

The shuttle service, which is free to all students, will operate today and tomorrow, with individual buses leaving campus at 7 a.m., 10 a.m., noon, 2 p.m., 4 p.m., 6 p.m. and 8 p.m. Students needing a ride should call UK Parking at 257-5757.

The assistance the UK parking office is providing is a great benefit to those students who live far from Lexington and should be utilized by all who can take ad-

vantage of it. With all of the distractions that go hand in hand with making preparations to go home for the holidays, transportation from campus shouldn't be one of them.

Students leaving town via BlueGrass Airport would otherwise have to find a ride from a friend and fight Lexington traffic or leave their vehicle in the airport lot and pay a ridiculous parking fee. Although we applaud UK parking for offering this service to students, we would like to see the UK administration alter its schedule regarding Thanksgiving break.

UK Parking is lending a helping hand with the shuttle service while university policy forces students to make an unfair choice.

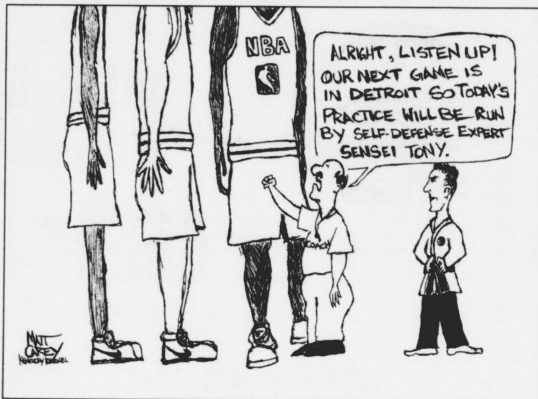
Students at the University of Louisville, Western Kentucky University, Murray State University, Morehead State University and Northern Kentucky University all get the Wednesday before Thanksgiving off. UK does not. Since most students — and really anyone else — who travel home for Thanksgiving do so

on the day before the holiday, students at UK are left with a dilemma.

They can either stay here, go to their classes and get their work done — or they can cut school and make sure they get home safely to celebrate with their families. In some cases, professors assign papers or even exams on the day before Thanksgiving, making the decision that much more difficult.

This is a choice UK students should not have to face.

If this administration would simply follow the lead of the other major universities in the state and give students the day off, those leaving town for a Thanksgiving celebration far away would have a much less stressful holiday weekend.



MATT CAREY, THE KENTUCKY KERNEL

Thanksgiving with the family is no holiday

I dread the holidays. Each year, as the semester dwindles and Thanksgiving rolls inevitably closer (invariably followed by Christmas), I cringe a little more inside.

It's not that I don't like turkey. Or dressing. Or pumpkin pie, even.

It means spending quality time with my family. Oh, come on. Don't be so shocked. If you were honest with yourself — really, really honest — proximity breeds contempt, so I know you don't look oh-so-forward to gathering with 40 eccentric members of an even more eccentric family to commemorate the occasion by stuffing your faces so you don't actually have to talk to each other.

It's these awkward family affairs that are hyped up as this be-all, end-all event — like Thanksgiving — that turn me (and my stomach) against the myth of the perfect family.

In an age when three of every four marriages end in divorce and blended families are the norm, we're still expected to conform to this Norman Rockwell ideal of Thanksgiving conviviality.

The pressure to have this experience is insane — not to mention unattainable.

After all, no family is perfect. Especially mine. So as I sit here, giving myself an ulcer contemplating the horror of an impending 72-hour stint with the Littles (and yes, I have a cousin named Stuart), I've had an epiphany of sorts.

I think families should stop putting so much stress on everyone in their quest for a perfect Thanksgiving break. The pressure is already on just by planning. Most of us students make plans far in advance to drive, fly or hitchhike home, packing Tuesday night (or frantically tossing clothes into suitcases and laundry baskets Wednesday morning, an hour before departure, if you're me) only to rush headlong into a facsimile of reality where everyone smiles, everyone hugs and world peace is completely within reach.

Does this reflect the other 364 days of the year (besides an hour on Christmas morning)?

In a word, No.

In the real world, your parents are late to your dorm room/the airport/the train station, or you're stuck in

traffic for five hours making the drive to western Kentucky/Ohio/Tennessee.

And when you do get home, you're not in the best mood. You don't want to sit by the crackling fire, bonding while talking about classes and finals and discussing the next day's menu. (It's turkey. Get over it.)

And in the real world, you most definitely do not get along with your siblings.

As for the next day, you don't help Mom in the kitchen. And she actually sleeps in.

C'mon, you really gets up at the proverbial crack of dawn to don an impeccably starched apron to bake picturesque pumpkin pies while the Macy's parade marches cheerily on in the background and the nearest eight-year-olds merrily set the table with Grandma's best china and managing not to break a single plate?

Instead of all the pressure from parents and extended family to act and behave according to this lofty tradition of politely breaking bread together, why not just embrace dysfunctionality?

I know I would feel a lot better — just think of the possibilities.

Home-cooked meals would be replaced by Thanksgiving carry-out from the closest home-style corporate restaurant giant around.

Siblings could just start yelling at each other without an intricate subtext lying beneath their tersely polite, "Please pass the instant potatoes — if you think you can manage such a simple task."

Parents could openly lambaste their black-sheep offspring for living with their boy/girlfriend instead of a demure "So, honey, how's your significant other?"

And someone would've had the foresight to realize it's silly to use the heirloom china — it'll only get broken by the crazed munchkins running circles around all the adult's ankles — so everyone can dine on paper plates. No dishes afterward, just bulging trash bags.

And after dinner, there would be no sitting around with coffee, making embarrassing small talk. Instead, everyone gets to go their separate ways, hanging out with actual friends instead of pretending to enjoy the far-too-close-for-comfort ramblings of their token drunk uncle.

So just by taking the pressure away from the myth of the perfect Thanksgiving, it'll become a holiday everyone might actually enjoy — in their own sadistic way.

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ONLINE POLL QUESTION

Who is most to blame for the brawl between players and fans at last week's Pacers-Pistons game in Detroit?

- Ron Artest
- Ben Wallace
- Detroit fans
- Arena security

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Melting pot heritage a lot to be proud of

Apparently, some of the minorities on campus feel left out.

At least, that's what someone in one of my classes said.

Now, I don't want to say she's wrong.

She certainly isn't from her own point of view, and I don't live in her shoes.

She could very well be right.

But I'm the guy who by all rights shouldn't feel at home anywhere.

My friends love to joke with me that I'm the United Nations.

I'm the half-Iranian, half-Puerto Rican guy.

Toss into that mix my stepfather, who is from Spain, and my step-

mother, who is half-German and half-Yugoslavian, and you get me: A mixed nut.

God only knows how this insane blend of cultures became me, but it happened, and I for one am very glad of who and how I am.

Sure, the culture shock all throughout my childhood about drove me off the edge of reason.

Seeing your dad kiss other men on the cheek like they're shaking hands (which, coincidentally, is the equivalent for Middle-Eastern cultures) — you're bound to wonder, at least for a few minutes.

Then onto the side that comes from the Caribbean.

The bombastic, wild, fun-loving, rum-drinking, salsa-dancing, hip-shaking, sandal-throwing, Puerto Rican side of my family.

That's right, I said sandal-throwing. You're not a true Puerto Rican child until you've been disciplined by a ballistic house slipper.

It's usually because your grandmother doesn't feel the need to use her hands, and she's too busy watching her Spanish soap operas.

I swear the woman didn't even look to throw, just aiming on pure instinct and peripheral vision and catching me dead center in the forehead.

Then you add in the stepfamily.

Aside from the learning table manners in German and Russian, it went OK. Of course, that was actually harder than it seems, because when you say anything in German it sounds like a death threat.

And Russian is basically Greek (that has had too much vodka and fallen off the barstool).

Let's not forget my stepdad, Don José (Don is a Spanish term for father — go watch The Godfather).

When he first came to the United States, he spoke pretty good English, and except for a rampant tendency to think the University of Oklahoma is the greatest (a holdover from his time studying there in the 1980s), he was a pretty cool guy.

However, my attempts to Americanize him took a horrible turn, and now, whenever he describes the cases he sees while working as a nurse, he does not say exactly what was wrong with the anonymous patient but instead prefers to say "Yeah, they were all messed up."

I have created a monster.

Meanwhile, my mother has fallen victim to reality shows and Animal Planet.

My father loves Alan Jackson, Eminem, hockey and beer.

If ever there was a stereotype to describe my family and me, the ethics manual it came from would probably burst into flames and make an apocalyptic little fire, whether from confusion, aggravation or disgust.

But on the flip side of that, my family is probably one of the greatest things that ever happened to me, aside from Starbucks and Wal-Mart.

My family decided from the get-go that knowing where I came from was essential, and learning about and accepting other people's cultures was one of the most important things I could have ever learned.

Because of what they did, I'm not one average college student. I am not one little group or another. I'm many of them.

I speak Spanish like a Puerto Rican, get angry like an Iranian, have a weakness for kids like a Russian, like beer like a German, live life like a Spaniard and wander the world with reckless abandon and curiosity of an American.

I am the definition of the melting pot, and you know what? I wouldn't have it any other way, because I like every last one of you out there.

Except for the clowns. I'm scared of clowns.

But hey, if smiling is what you like to do 24/7, go right ahead. I'm willing to be understanding of other people's way of life.

Just don't pop up behind me from under the furniture. That's creepy.

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TECHCHECK | not just for geeks Dink's Cafe: Gaming heaven

A common complaint I had growing up in Lexington was that there's nothing to do. As a kid, it seemed the only inexpensive and readily available entertainment worth my patronage was live music, and most of the local shows require an I.D. because alcohol is present.



Paul Ross
TECH COLUMNIST

A group of Lexington college students agreed with me about the lack of entertainment, but instead of complaining about it like the rest of us, they did something about it. UK computer science sophomore Kevin "Dink" Kearney, Lexington Community College computer science freshman Dave "Patch" Napier, Sullivan University computer science freshman Matt "Solo" Whitlock and UK theater sophomore Ashley "I don't have a nickname" Vannoy along with several others, opened the all-ages Dink's Internet Cafe, offering a late-night hangout and bar alternative.

So just what is the Internet cafe all about?

For just a couple of bucks, you and your buddies can use the hyped-up computer systems at Dink's to play a variety of multiplayer games. They have nearly 40 computers — all custom built, set up and networked by cafe employees — hooked up with fiber-fast Internet connec-

If you go

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Phone: 278-0888
Hours: 8 a.m. to 11 p.m. Monday through Thursday; 8 a.m. to 1 a.m. Friday and Saturday; noon to 11 p.m. Sunday
Web site: www.dinkscafe.com

tions with zero lag during game play, whether you play online or a game hosted from a computer in the cafe.

On top of the wicked computer setup and seemingly limitless selection of popular games, Dink's also offers a Starbucks-style gourmet coffee bar with a huge selection of coffees, smoothies, teas and highly caffeinated energy drinks, which have become very popular among avid gamers. That's right — they carry Bawls, kids!

Tables are available if you need to rest your eyes for a couple minutes, or dizzy from hours of onscreen action. Thankfully, however — unlike campus computer labs — food and drinks are definitely allowed while you game.

In fact, cup holders are at every gaming station so you don't spill your Bawls while trying to capture the enemy's flag. Dink's also has a great selection of

food so you don't have to miss any action grabbing grub between games.

If that isn't enough, Dink's also has two high-definition televisions with consoles to host gaming tournaments. As I sat down and listened to the founders of Dink's describe all they would offer the public and all the measures they have taken to ensure a fluid and safe gaming experience for everyone who visits, I had to ask where the idea for the cafe came from.

About four years ago, Napier, Kearney and a number of their friends held local area network parties — get-togethers where many people bring their computers to network together and play games simultaneously — and every time, they'd completely fill Kearney's house. So after seeing a similar cafe in Venice, Italy, serious planning began.

Last spring, the Turfand Mall location was secured, and earlier this month, Dink's morphed from an idea sparked by some bored teens to a business venture that a group of enthusiastic entrepreneurs embarked upon.

So how did the "Dink's Cafe" moniker come into play?

"We like to think of it as the noise you make when you're shooting someone. 'Dink, dink, dink,'" said co-founder Napier.

Kearney, whose nickname is the cafe's namesake, had a simpler explanation.

"I just thought it was a funny word," he said.

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Affordable holiday airfare still viable

By Steve Lopez
THE KENTUCKY KERNEL

"Affordable" holiday airfare can seem like an oxymoron — especially with the holidays just around the corner.

Many students take the time off to go home or to take a trip with friends, and for these holiday travelers, several options exist to find a flight without blowing their budget.

"For the amount of money I pay for a flight, I feel as if the flight should be more enjoyable and comfortable," said communication senior Chris Schneider.

The key to finding an affordable flight for holiday travel is to plan early.

"It seems the only way for me to get a cheap ticket to fly on Christmas is to buy my ticket the Christmas before," said frequent traveler and telecommunications senior Tom Mazzocco.

Planning flights for Christmas and Spring Break now is a great way to

save money, according to STA Travel representatives — seats for these flights fill so the sooner a reservation is made the better chance a traveler has of finding an affordable fare.

But overbooked flights can also present opportunities for budget-savvy students.

"I've gotten great deals on flights by accepting an airline's request to lay over an extra day because of an overbooked flight," said English senior McKenzie Hudson. "Last Spring Break, I was able to fly to Arizona for \$7.60 because of a voucher the airline gave me for accepting a one-day layover."

Travelers can still find affordable fares for Thanksgiving. There are several options available, including search engines and travel agencies that can help last-minute travelers find transportation.

Well known Web sites such as Expedia, Priceline and Travelocity are great

ways to find discounted fares.

One way for students to find affordable airfare is to take advantage of being a student. The Web site studentuniverse.com offers airfare for up to \$100 less than conventional Internet travel agencies. To use the site, students must register using their school e-mail address.

On campus, STA Travel offers an affordable option, as employees help find reasonably priced flights by searching through a list of airlines that they have under contract for student fares.

Planning a trip around the holidays — especially Thanksgiving — can be frustrating, but certain steps can be taken to ensure stress-free travel.

"Pick days that perhaps aren't the most popular to fly, such as a middle-of-the-week flight," said Lees Ellis, branch manager of STA Travel. "The weekends are always the busiest times to

Travel tips

- Being flexible can drastically reduce airfare; consider departing and returning a day earlier or a day later.
- Check different airports — compare prices in Lexington, Louisville and Cincinnati.
- Consider taking a redeye flight, as they are usually cheaper than daytime flights.

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But most importantly, Ellis said, being patient and persistent will usually pay off when searching for a holiday flight.

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MARKING TIME Memorial Hall turns 75 years old

By Rachel Tierney
THE KENTUCKY KERNEL

This year marks the 75th anniversary of UK's most famous building.

Memorial Hall was built in 1929 with contributions from citizens of Kentucky as a tribute to the 2,756 Kentuckians who died in World War I.

Memorial Hall was designed as a meeting place, and through the years, it has hosted lectures, speeches, musicals, recitals and funerals, said Frank Stranger, a reference archivist. The building has also hosted small college graduations, organizational meetings and various public events.

Albert Kirwan, a former UK president, and A.B. Chandler, a former Kentucky governor, both had their funeral services in Memorial Hall. Also, the one-year memorial service for Sept. 11, 2001, was hosted there in 2002.

Memorial Hall stands 126 feet tall and seats about

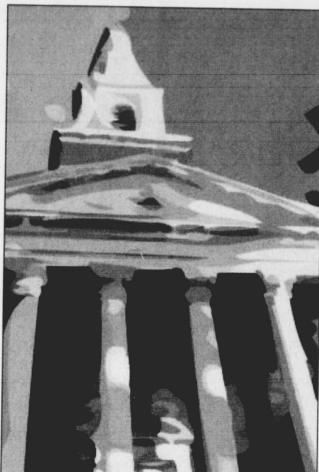
900 people.

"Memorial Hall was one of the first buildings that went up during President (Frank) MeVey's administration at UK," Stranger said.

It was designed with the New England colonial architecture of the 1920s in mind. A tower sits atop the building with a four-faced clock and bells. Eight white Corinthian columns run in the front of the building and a natural amphitheater was designed in back. Inside, four plaques enclosed in glass display the names of the soldiers killed in World War I.

Many design students at UK study this style of design.

"This architecture was so big in the United States at this time because it was thought of as grand, powerful and permanent," said Amy Reimann, an interior design senior. "Memorial Hall has mocked this architecture to make the same



JONATHAN PALMER & AMANDA WILLIAMS | STAFF
Classes, guest speakers and music shows are held in Memorial Hall.

statement."

In changing with age, the building has been through many renovations but has been preserved to keep the same overall style, Stranger said.

In 1994, a Public Works of Art fresco painter, Ann Rice O'Hanlon, painted a mural containing 24 different paintings depicting Lexington. Included in this mural are UK, the Bluegrass

Fair and Mary Todd Lincoln's home. Pipe organs and chimes were installed in Memorial Hall when it was built. Since then, the chimes have been replaced by a stereo system that is similar to a home stereo. For two minutes every hour, the sounds of Memorial Hall echo throughout campus.

In 1982, a new organ was purchased. See Memorial on page 2

Police chief resigns after 5-day leave

By Darush Shafa
THE KENTUCKY KERNEL

UK's chief of police resigned yesterday, and another UK official will step into his shoes and manage his duties.

Fred Otto III, UK Police chief since July 1, 2003, initially took a leave of absence Thursday, said Mary Margaret Collier, UK spokeswoman.

Otto declined to comment on the reason for his departure, citing personal reasons.

A UK press release said Otto's resignation is effective immediately. According to the statement, Otto resigned with the intent to pursue "educational opportunities."

Stepping in to run the UK Police Department is Ken Clevidence, UK's vice president for campus services.

Clevidence is also UK's director for public safety, and he said he is very familiar with the duties he will assume.

"The police department is one of the units that reports to my office," Clevidence said.

Also handling duties of

the day-to-day police operations will be Asst. Chief Stephanie Bastin and Maj. Joe Monroe.

When contacted yesterday, Monroe declined to comment on Otto's resignation, only saying that it was Otto's decision.

Otto will remain on special assignment in other capacities for the police department until March 31.

Clevidence will remain as director of public safety until a new chief is appointed, but no comment was available on how long that might be.

Otto, a Fort Thomas native, served as the University of Missouri's police chief prior to coming to UK. He succeeded Rebecca Langston, who resigned from UK in 2002 to become the current public safety commissioner for Lexington and Fayette County.

He is a former Kentucky state trooper and has also held posts as assistant director for public safety at Miami University in Ohio, public safety director at Northern Kentucky University and police chief for Highland Heights, Ky.

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UK 73, BALL STATE 53 Sparks ignites Cats' late rally

By Ben Roberts
THE KENTUCKY KERNEL

CINCINNATI — Walking off the court at the end of the first half, Patrick Sparks was noticeably frustrated.

With his team locked in a 29-29 tie with the underdog Ball State Cardinals, the junior guard entered the locker room mumbling to himself and shaking his head.

Walking off the court at the end of the second half, his demeanor was much less somber.

With less than two minutes remaining and the Cats enjoying a 21-point advantage, he sat at the end of the bench and laughed with junior walk-ons Ravi Moss and Preston LeMaster.

Sparks scored 14 of his game-high 20 points after halftime to lead UK to a dominating second-half performance and a 73-53 victory in front of 15,563 fans at U.S. Bank Arena last night.

"I was kind of mad that the score was tied," Sparks said. "We didn't come out with the kind of intensity Ball State did. They really took it to us."

After attempting three field goals in the game's first 20 minutes, Sparks came out firing in the second half, converting on five of his seven shots from the floor. He also led the Cats' transition offense, dishing out three assists and starting several fast breaks that led to easy UK baskets.

His 3-pointer with 15:05 remaining in the game gave the Cats a 37-35 lead, which they never relinquished.

UK head coach Tubby Smith pointed to Sparks' play in the second half as the turning point in the game.

"He really turned it around for us," Smith said. "We were struggling, and he stepped up and took it upon himself to create some momentum with his shooting and his passing."

Sparks' consistency coupled with uncontested shots near the basket from sophomore center Shagari Alleyne, pushed the Cats to 61 percent field goal shooting in the second half after they made 40 percent of their first-half shots.

See Sparks on page 6

Singletary celebrates silver anniversary

By Bennie Mills
THE KENTUCKY KERNEL

Throughout its 25 years of existence, two ghosts have kept a watchful eye over the development and growth of UK's Singletary Center for the Arts.

Construction for the center, which celebrated its 25th anniversary earlier this month, began in 1976. Three years, \$6.3 million and 355,000 bricks later, the Center for the Arts, as it was then known, was dedicated.

At its dedication concert, then-UK President Otis A. Singletary, for whom the building was renamed in 1987, said the center "provides a showcase for the performing arts comparable to the finest anywhere."

Two of the distinguishing features of the center are its ghosts.

While the center was being built, two men lost their lives working on the beams. Now, the men are said to haunt the center.

"They love country music," said Holly Salisbury, director for the Singletary Center.

"They are sick of classical, and they have not been as active as they used to be. You always hear doors shut, toilets flush, or see cables move."

About a year ago, Jeff Keller, a member of the tech crew, was recording a song on his tuba for a competition. As the tape was rolling, he heard footsteps on the catwalk above him. Shortly afterward, Keller said a stage door opened and shut violently.

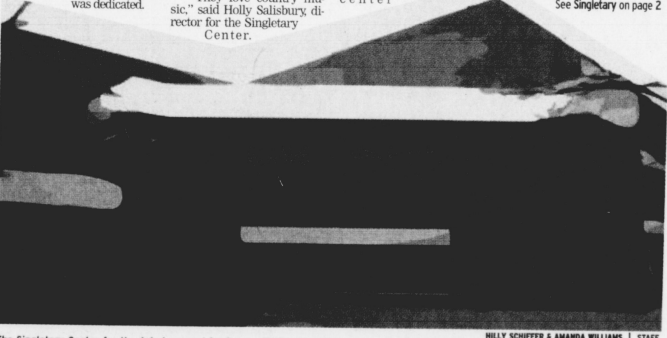
Keller said the center

was locked up, and he was the only one inside. He investigated the noise but found nobody.

"Dude, I was freaked out," said Keller, who still has the tape with the footsteps and the door noise on it. "After I heard the tape, I packed up my tuba, left my sound equipment and got the hell out of there."

Aside from performances held at the center, it is used by various colleges for lectures and is available to any student to practice speeches or play

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THE SINGLETARY CENTER FOR THE ARTS IS NAMED FOR FORMER UK PRESIDENT OTIS A. SINGLETARY. HIS GIFT FUND DONATED \$1.3 MILLION TO THE CENTER.

New funding lets LexTran drive forward

By Elizabeth Troutman
THE KENTUCKY KERNEL

LexTran officials are currently in the process of conducting a comparative analysis to determine how the funding brought in from this month's property tax initiative will be utilized in the coming years.

Amalgamated Transit Union president Tim Burnett said the public can expect the half-hour peak service to be restored in March. LexTran's Sunday service could be restored as soon as January, he said.

Before service cuts were made July 1 this year, the service provided stops every half-hour during peak ridership times, from 6:20 a.m. to 8:20 a.m. and 4:20 p.m. to 6:20 p.m. The analysis will determine where new services are needed, Burnett said.

"It's going to improve a whole lot," he said. "It will be a totally different service. We will be able to compete with other services." The analysis, conducted by RSL and Associates Inc., is expected to be complete in three to four weeks, Burnett said.

Because of the increased funding, LexTran

employees are pushing for a pay raise.

Melvin Turner, who drives UK Route 9 from Commonwealth Stadium to Limestone Street, has been a LexTran employee for 15 years. He said that until two years ago, LexTran employees went five years in a row without a pay raise.

"I'm waiting on that one," Turner said of a pay increase. "The top priority is service. The first thing would be to make it better for the passengers: more routes, running more frequent and extending the time the routes are run."

Burnett said LexTran workers are under contract for eight more months and will negotiate a pay raise next fall. Drivers that were laid off during the first job cuts in July have been sent letters to return to work. Twelve laid-off workers will be rehired, and LexTran will also hire 13 new drivers.

LexTran Director Terry Garcia Crews said officials are in the early steps of planning improvements.

"We are optimistic about the future," Crews said. "We are in the process of looking at what

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Lexington police boost patrols of campus area for holidays

By Darush Shafa
THE KENTUCKY KERNEL

Lexington police are advising students who are going home for the holidays to take precautions to keep from becoming a crime victim.

With the recent break-in and burglary at Royal Lexington Apartments on Limestone Street and Virginia Avenue, Lexington police are taking the opportunity to remind people of the dangers of crime during the holidays.

In addition, police said they will be increasing their presence in campus areas to help deter crimes to property with so many students out of town.

"Anything around UK, we pay a lot of attention to," said Capt. Steve Stanley with the Bureau of Patrol of Lexington Police. He said specific crimes such as property crimes or assaults are getting special attention. Stanley said because students tend not to

live in one campus-area residence for a long period of time, students may not be accustomed to dealing with a higher occurrence of property crime.

"The problem is the student may only live in that area for a year, and they may not be familiar with the crime," he said.

To combat the inexperience of students who are living away from home for the first time, Stanley said education is key.

"We love to educate the students," Stanley said. "We'd love for these students to 'harden their targets' and be more aware of their property."

"Hardening the target" means taking precautions to make possessions more difficult to steal, Stanley said.

"We know we're going to have a heavy presence in there," he said of patrols in campus-area housing. "We've got to be in that area real heavy because the students are gone."

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Memorial

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installed in place of the original. David Bottom, a UK graduate and piano and organ technician, still works to preserve the organ.

"I worked from 1975 to 2000 on tuning and repair work at the Singletary Center and Memorial Hall. Now I just do emergency repair work in a crisis situation," Bottom said.

In 1969, nearly \$500,000 worth of renovations brought a modern look to Memorial

Hall. Brass chandeliers and indirect lighting were added. Carpeting and drapery were replaced, and new seats were installed.

"The renovation totally changed the sound of the room when the drapery and padding was added," Bottom said.

He noted that the change was instituted to better adapt to the large classes that were, and still are, being taught in Memorial Hall.

In 1980, more major repairs to Memorial Hall were needed. The spire, or top, of Memorial Hall was replaced in 1983 after being struck by lightning.

"Still, it has a traditional look, with Corinthian columns and fan windows," said Jim Birchfield, curator of rare books for the Historical Preservation Society. "Memorial Hall is like a precious jewel box."

Through all the changes and decades, Memorial Hall has become one of the most photographed and iconic buildings on UK's campus and in Lexington.

"More than anything else, Memorial Hall is a visual symbol to this campus," Stranger said.

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struments.

"The Singletary Center provides space for students, guest artists, Kentucky citizens and faculty that want to perform on stage," said Salisbury, who has worked at the center since the day it opened.

The Singletary Center's first performances only consisted of classical music. But for the sake of evolving with a changing culture, the center has hosted pop culture artists like Nickel Creek and the Indigo Girls.

Salisbury said the most memorable performance she has seen there is that of singer Gregory Turay in 1986.

"I felt so much pride seeing Gregory Turay because he was a graduate here and he was a premier singer in his field," Salisbury said.



Holly Salisbury, the Singletary Center's director, sits in center's auditorium. She has worked at the center since it opened in 1979.

KERI SAMLEY
STAFF

Over the years, the Singletary Center has had financial issues.

"We're running a deficit; there is just a bigger need for funding than we can acquire," Salisbury said. She said she would like to see a \$2 million endowment in the future of the Singletary Center. She said one option for raising money could be awarding naming rights to the main concert hall.

Right now, the Singletary Center's expenses are \$775,000 annually. UK pays \$225,000 in

salaries. The center gets its income from rental fees, production charges, tickets sales, corporate sponsors and grants.

Despite the deficit, the Singletary Center is still trying to put on top-notch shows for both the UK community and the city of Lexington.

"We want (performers) to want to be here," said Tanya Harper, production director for the center.

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we can do in terms of service funding. We will look at restoration improvements.

"Basically we are looking at the phases, whatever we provide for this community must be sustainable," he said.

The property tax initiative increased funding for LexTran after 54 percent of Lexington-Fayette County voters ap-

proved the measure Nov. 2. LexTran is expecting \$10.9 million in annual funding for 2005, including a \$2 million Air Quality Grant and an expected \$3.4 million contribution from the Lexington-Fayette Urban County Government.

"It's a little easier now," Burnett said. "We don't have to depend on grants anymore."

"We know we have stable funding, and the public won't be hurt anymore."

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CORRECTION

An article in yesterday's Kernel incorrectly stated the student-athlete graduation-rate goal set by the NCAA self-study steering committee. The committee's goal is to raise the graduation rate by at least 5 percent by 2009.

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Internships are a great way for us college students to gain insightful business and work experience. No matter our major or career goals, job experience will help better our knowledge of the field of work we wish to pursue and can help us develop communication and organizational skills.

Matt Newcomb, a management junior, gained lots of experience this past summer working with the Professional Golf Association Tour.

Newcomb worked with a company called Retailix, which has a branch in his hometown of Dayton, Ohio. Week by week he would travel to many of the PGA's major championships, such

as the US Open, the PGA championship and the Ryder Cup.

"I found out about this company through a friend who had worked with them the previous summer before I started," Newcomb said. "I knew the boss also, so I pretty much walked into it."

A typical day during actual tournament play for Newcomb consisted of being on the course by 6 a.m., checking the correct operation of all the "point-of-sales" machines, training local volunteers, helping customers in the pro shops and finishing at about 10 p.m.

And you think 15 credit hours for school is tough? Summer jobs typically have the reputation of being filled with laziness and lots of sun. But during college, the summer is one of the only times we have the opportunity to gain this great work experience that will help us with our future careers.

"This job with Retailix gave me the opportunity to gain some incredible experience," Newcomb said.

"I worked with different merchandise company representatives, got to meet a

lot of the professional golfers, traveled around to different course sites and gained some great contacts."

He also explained how most of his closest colleagues were his age—and the pay was unbelievable. "Hotels and travel accommodations were both paid for," he said.

"And I was even given \$45 a day for food."

Newcomb said he had the ultimate summer job, and he plans on doing it again this upcoming summer.

Most of us will not have this exact opportunity, but with the right motivation and search technique, any of us can find the ideal summer internship suitable with our current major or career direction.

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THEATRICAL RELEASES

Alexander

Director Oliver Stone's epic biopic about the life of Alexander the Great is already steaming with controversy—and it doesn't have anything to do with lead Colin Farrell's hair color. The Greeks, in some manner, are threatening a lawsuit over the portrayal of Alexander as bisexual. The film itself also focuses on the nature of Alexander as a general and conqueror who was long known for his generosity in defeat and the undefeated generalship that led him to create the largest known empire up to that point. Colin Farrell is the titular character, with Jared Leto as his friend and officer, Hephaestion, Angelina Jolie as Alexander's mother Olympias, and Anthony Hopkins as Ptolemy, one of Alexander's generals. At Lexington Green, Regal and Woodhill.

Christmas with the Kranks

The second come to the Christmas movie genre this year has arrived, courtesy of director Joe Roth. Tim Allen and Jamie Lee Curtis are the Kranks, parents whose college-age daughter will be spending Christmas abroad. They decide to take a year off from the Christmas hubbub and settle on taking a cruise over Christmas. However, their lack of Christmas orientation doesn't go over well with the heavily decorated neighborhood, including creepy neighbor Dan Aykroyd. When their daughter unexpectedly decides to come spend Christmas at home, the Kranks must engage in a mad scramble to present their daughter and the neighborhood with appropriate Christmas spirit. At Lexington Green, Regal and Woodhill.

DVD RELEASES

Harry Potter and the Prisoner of Azkaban

Just in time for holiday shopping, the third venture in the Harry Potter series comes to DVD. Directed by Alfonso Cuarón, this film finds an older and grimmer Harry confronting the darker aspects of his and his parents' past, as well as the usual magic and mischief of being a Hogwarts student.

The Terminal

Tom Hanks is an Eastern European traveler stuck in an airport after a coup overthrows his government and his passport is invalid. What follows are the likable shenanigans of somebody trying to fit in, get a job and survive in limited surroundings, all the while trying to date a stewardess played by Catherine Zeta-Jones. Steven Spielberg directs this film. Based on the true story of a man living in a Paris airport under asylum. This is a 540 release, so you can bet Spielberg is a big fan of the six documentaries about the making of the film included on the disc.

Seinfeld: Seasons 1 and 2 Box Set, Season 3 Box Set

After a huge delay and legal fracas, the hallmark "show about nothing" of the '90s is on DVD. This release certainly reveals a lot of development, as it's plastered with extras, including commentary on various episodes by creator Larry David (also of *Curb Your Enthusiasm* fame) and the four principal stars, Jerry Seinfeld, Jason Alexander, Michael Richards and Julia Louis-Dreyfus. Also in-



Angelina Jolie, Val Kilmer and Colin Farrell star in Oliver Stone's *Alexander*.

The Golden Girls: The Complete First Season

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Compiled by Staff Writer
Kevin Moser

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9 p.m. The Dame. Tickets cost \$3.

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9 p.m. High on Rose. Tickets cost \$3.

Emily Hagihara
9 p.m. Mia's. Free.

Stapletons w/Carl Clara, Vinyl Tones and The Swarthy Band
9:30 p.m. The Southgate House, Newport. Tickets cost \$8.

Eric Alirik
1 a.m. The Dame. Tickets cost \$1.

THURSDAY
Brad Alford and Saddletramp
9 p.m. Cadillac Ranch. Tickets cost \$3.

Deehawks
9 p.m. The Dame. Tickets cost \$3.

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8 p.m. Bogarts, Cincinnati. Tickets cost \$25.

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9 p.m. The Dame. Tickets cost \$5.

Psychodots w/Appalachian Cancer
9 p.m. Southgate House, Newport. Tickets cost \$10.

SATURDAY
The Yellow Belts w/The Vibrolas and Heartthrob Jesus
9 p.m. The Dame. Tickets cost \$3.

Crazy Ivan w/Culture Queer, Staggering Statistics and TechnoPUSSt333
9 p.m. Southgate House, Newport. Tickets cost \$5.

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10 p.m. Headlins, Louisville. Tickets cost \$8.

MONDAY

Zombie Cowboys
9 p.m. The Dame. Tickets cost \$3.

TUESDAY
Badly Drawn Boy
9 p.m. Headlins, Louisville. Tickets cost \$15.

COMING SOON
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9 p.m. Dec. 3. The Dame. Tickets cost \$12.

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*Lavender Society Mtg., 7:00pm, Student Center, Room 228
*Cats For Christ Mtg., 7:00pm, Student Center, Room 230
*UK Fellowship of Christian Athletes Mtg., 8:00pm, Upstairs of the Commons Market, South Campus
*Baptist Student Union "The Rock", 9:00pm, 429 Columbia Ave., Greeks building a solid spiritual foundation-one step at a time
*Lutheran-Episcopal Campus Ministry's Worship and Dinner, 7:00pm, St. Augustine's Chapel on Rose St.
*College Republican Mtg., 8:00pm, Commons Market, Room 306

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IN OUR OPINION

Dorm closing harms students

This afternoon, luggage, book bags and various other belongings will parade out of UK campus housing because students have until 5 p.m. to get out for Thanksgiving break.

Students will have to stay out until 2 p.m. Sunday when the residence halls reopen.

This may pose no more than a mere annoyance for most UK student living on campus, but for some, it creates a large problem.

Students may live too far away or cannot afford to go home for the break. Others may have jobs that require them to work in Lexington this weekend or find it impractical to have to go all the way home or find somewhere to stay off campus.

The only solution UK offers for an on-campus student is to make a permanent move to Blanding I, Jewell Hall or

Greg Page Apartments. Students would have to move all of their belongings across campus after calling one of these three buildings to see if any rooms were left.

Complicating this matter is the fact that evening classes run past 5 p.m. Every year, the issue of classes the Wednesday before Thanksgiving turns into a battle royal between students wanting to go home and professors who view massive absences as little short of mutiny.

Students may be forced to choose between leaving early and taking a hit on their grade or rolling their luggage into their evening class because they cannot go back to their dorm.

At any rate, UK's sink-or-swim attitude toward students over this short-term holiday break is dismaying. While most students will go home or find a

place to stay, not all students will be able to make suitable arrangements.

One issue with keeping dorms open over Thanksgiving break would be having desk workers and resident advisers to monitor the building. Many RAs go home over Thanksgiving and would not want the burden. Perhaps students living on campus that weren't straying too far from Lexington for Thanksgiving could be temporary RAs.

Students could meet with the administration to discuss possible alternatives. At the very least, UK should do more to help on-campus students during short academic holidays. Students already have to deal with living in old dorms and a dining system not designed to meet their individual needs.

UK should do more to meet the needs of on-campus students, especially during the holiday season.

Submissions

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Religious Americans are wrongly crucified

Meet the radical religious zealots who want to theocratize America.

Whew! Did I catch some fire 'n' brimstone from a slew of secularists over my column last week about the total illogic of morally groundless liberals undermining family values while sneering at conservatives for not having enough family values!

This week it should be easy enough to relax and recover, because tomorrow is Thanksgiving Day, a time to relax, enjoy our blessings and commemorate the 141-year anniversary of President Lincoln's nefarious effort to impose religion and theocracy in America.

For it was on Oct. 3, 1863, that this right-wing zealot issued his proclamation establishing Thanksgiving Day, saying Americans should "set apart and observe the last Thursday of November next, as a day of Thanksgiving and Praise to our beneficent Father who dwelleth in the Heavens."

And this year, thousands of morality-imposing Christians just like Lincoln will congregate in their homes to observe the holiday plotting to carry on Lincoln's tradition of expanding theocracy by these seditious techniques: meeting or re-meeting family and friends, watching the Macy's Thanksgiving Day Parade, eating dinner and of course, giving thanks to God.

Seriously regardless of your political persuasion, they're people you know, people with whom you grew up. They have families, they have careers, and they have convictions.

May I take a moment to shove the panicked lies about them aside and re-introduce them to you?

They do believe in God, an all-powerful, all-wise creator and savior. And they believe in the Bible, to varying degrees, but most hold it as God's revealed word, with standards we'd be wise to follow, and with the outline of his plan for the earth and his people.

They believe God created the universe, and some wouldn't mind that idea at least being mentioned in public schools. They are wary of evolution — although most Christians accept a few tenets of evolution, a growing minority don't buy any of it. But both sides would just rather not have secular scientific interpretations monopolize the discussion of origins in schools, if that's possible.

They believe in prayer, that special way of talking to God about things. Some are more "charismatic," seeing positive answers to prayer in just about every circumstance. Others also rejoice in what they see as answered prayer, but they take also believe God usually answers prayers according to his own plans.

Some would like to see voluntary prayer restored in public schools, but others don't really care. A dedicated minority doesn't care for government schools altogether, so they'll let the anti-prayer interests win, in favor of teaching their own children at home.

They believe in the value of human life. Most oppose abortion and would like to see less of it, but more of them are coming to realize that hearts and minds should be changed before national laws. (Many liberals apparently assume the Christians will do what the liberals do: have activist judges alter the laws from the top down regardless of what people want.)

They believe in the Ten Commandments and think we should see them around more often — but not because they think everyone should obey every single one. Here lies one of the greatest misunderstandings about persons of faith: The foundation of Christianity is that no one can follow the Commandments exactly. Biblical law codes only bring guilt and condemnation that only Christ himself can get rid of.

Rather, they believe the Commandments are a foundation of law in America and should be publicly represented to acknowledge that history. And they wonder why groups like the American Civil Liberties Union can't stand the Commandments in public, while many Christians easily tolerate other religious symbols all the time.

They also tolerate the existence of faith on TV — they'll do what the TV people suggest and just ignore it. But when the garbage hits them in the face on a program they thought was all right, like ABC's *Monday Night Football*, they'll protest loudly.

And they're a little perplexed by this whole "you're imposing morality/theocracy" myth and cliché. Of course they vote for people who uphold or at least lean toward their values, although that's contrary to the rules set by Christophobes like Maureen Dowd and Garry Wills, who evidently expect Christians to vote for the beliefs of Dowd and Wills.

All voters can support the candidate he or she believes will represent them and their principles best, so why not persons of faith?

Most Christians believe the world will eventually come to an evil end anyway. Thus, trying to establish theocracy in America is a useless effort — which is why very few of them are working for that, despite the upsurge in hysterical lies to the contrary.

They just want to share their faith and beliefs with others, and vote for the people and values they like. Sure, they're not everyone's values, but no one is required to vote for everyone's values. Persons of faith don't expect anyone else to vote for them.

There. Finally, an accurate portrayal of the people who many liberals claim are plotting and scheming, during this Thanksgiving and any other time, to impose theocracy and enforce their morality on you. Now, which side sounds more extreme?

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Q&A with Teresa Isaac

Lexington Mayor



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Assistant Opinions Editor Ben Roberts sat down with Lexington Mayor Teresa Isaac to talk about the election, local issues and the city's relationship with UK.

Q. Since being elected, what have you done to strengthen the relationship between the city of Lexington and UK?

A. Lee Todd and I meet fairly regularly, and we've tried to work on projects together. One of the things we're most proud of is the College Town plan, and we're trying to encourage development in that corridor that connects UK to Transylvania along Limestone. And so we've started, together, the "Live Where You Work" program.

I try to spend as much time with students as I can. And I think it's important for the students to feel very connected to this government because they're a very important part of this community. And we want students to stay here after they graduate, open their businesses here, and we are very interested in keeping the best and brightest from UK here.

Q. As far as the College Town program, are there any specific plans in the future that we can look forward to?

A. Well, we've actually started developing our property on Martin Luther King Boulevard, so you're going to see 94 housing units right there. So we're very proud that the city took the initiative on that.

Q. Are there any other joint projects in the works?

A. Well, right now we're working on a community outreach partnership at the Phyllis Wheatley Center.

And UK has five or six different colleges that are offering support over there to help people with parenting skills and job training skills.

And when they do the graduation of their leadership program, Dr. Todd and I always go and meet with the graduates.

I think for many, many years, UK was perceived as not caring about the community and not giving back. But this program shows that UK really is involved and is using the resources of the university to make the city better.

Q. Do you have a good working relationship with Councilman Dick DeCamp, since he represents most of the area around campus?

A. I do. And I get many calls from students who disagree with some of his philosophies. But I think it's good to hear both sides.

Q. What are some of the major issues facing this new council?

A. Well, I think one of the things we're going to look at, obviously, is moving people from rental housing to home ownership.

That's important for our community. To try to get more people to actually own their home. And we'll be looking at creating more jobs because we want people who graduate to be able to have a job.

And Lexington is one of the few communities in this region that's seen job growth.

We've actually had 2,900 new jobs, while cities like Louisville have lost 3,500 jobs. So we're very proud of our track record on growing the economy.

Q. How do you interpret the results from the council elections earlier this month?

A. I think that people are very interested in what goes on in the Urban County Council, and I think new blood is good. And I think we want to encourage new ideas on the council. So I welcome the change.

Q. Do you feel a majority of Lexington residents are opposed to the attempted takeover of the water company?

A. I feel the majority want local ownership.

Q. Even though so many pro-condemnation incumbents were defeated and replaced with candidates opposed to the takeover?

A. The majority of votes cast were for local ownership candidates.

Q. So you plan to continue the condemnation process?

A. Yes.

Q. Even though you seem to be outnumbered on the council?

A. Well, no one knows how anybody will vote until an actual vote is heard.

Q. How do you think local ownership of the water company would positively affect the city of Lexington and its residents?

A. I think it would ensure that we had local control of our most precious resource, which is one of the things we're charged with in our charter: to adequately protect our natural resources because that allows us to control our own destiny.

Every household needs water. Every business needs water. And most municipalities have local ownership of their water, and I think people hate to see the money that they pay in this community be drained out of this community to support police and fire in German cities instead of supporting police and fire in our own community.

Q. You mentioned more funding for local law enforcement and fire officials. Some people say that the water company issue is taking money away from them.

A. Absolutely not.

Q. Well are there plans to give more money to those officials?

A. Absolutely. We did this year. We reinstated the STEP program. We added police. We added fire, and we gave them a pay raise.

FOOTBALL NOTEBOOK

McBride may also leave coaching staff

By Jeff Patterson
THE KENTUCKY KERNEL

One coach is already out the door, and another might soon follow.

UK inside linebackers coach Ron McBride has had informal discussions with Weber State in Utah about his head coach job.

"Nothing has happened, yet," McBride said yesterday after practice. "It's too early to tell what's going to go on up there."

"I've talked to them a little bit, but that's about it."

Weber State hasn't started its interview process for a new head coach, McBride said. Weber State coach Jerry Graybeal resigned Nov. 16 after leading the NCAA Division I-AA Wildcats to a 1-10 record.

"It is an open search at this point in time and will remain so until we find the right person," Weber State Athletic Director William Weidner told the Deseret Morning News in Salt Lake City.

McBride, 63, was the head coach at Utah for 13 seasons before being fired after the 2002 season.

UK's Web site, www.uky.edu, shows two job openings for assistant football coach. Both openings were posted yesterday. UK offensive coordinator Ron Hudson resigned Monday.

A move back to Utah would be logical for McBride, who bought a house in Salt Lake City last summer.

McBride's wife, Vicki, moved the family furniture back to Salt Lake City last week. She is recovering from



JONATHAN PALMER | STAFF
UK receivers coach Joker Phillips watches freshman quarterback David Hamilton (16) catch a pass during a drill in practice on Monday.

a July surgery for esophageal cancer.

"We've got some health issues in our family," he said. "Her doctors are out there, and she needed to go back. That's the best place for her to be right now."

McBride underwent heart surgery Oct. 6 to clear a blockage. He missed several weeks of practice recovering from the surgery. Head coach Rich Brooks had to send McBride home Oct. 13, after McBride disobeyed doctors' orders by returning to work.

But McBride said he is healthy enough to coach.

"If they contact me and want to talk to me, I'll talk to them," McBride said.

cornerback Earven Flowers, junior cornerback Warren Wilson, sophomore cornerback Karl Booker, freshman running back Tony Dixon, junior running back Andrew Hopewell and senior defensive ends Vincent "Sweet Pea" Burns and Ellery Moore.

Phillips calling pass plays for former recruit

Receivers coach Joker Phillips will call all of Shane Boyd's pass plays Saturday.

Phillips recruited Boyd, a senior quarterback, out of high school, when Phillips was a coach at Minnesota.

"We really wanted him, and we were sad when we didn't get him," Phillips said.

When Phillips returned to UK in 2003, Boyd was one of the first people to call him. Phillips is a friend of Boyd's family and he watched Boyd grow up.

"It's like coming full circle," Boyd said. "I know he's going to put me in the best situation possible."

Needless to say, Phillips will enjoy this one opportunity to help call a game for one of his former recruits.

"I'm excited about this weekend for him because it's his last game," Phillips said. "Five years ago, when he signed at Kentucky, I didn't think I'd ever see him play."

After recovering from numerous injuries during the bye week, the Cats are as healthy as they've been in a month, Brooks said.

Rodshirt freshman quarterback Andre Woodson returned to practice yesterday after spraining his ankle several weeks ago.

Also returning are senior

For now, McBride said he's focusing on recruiting and getting ready for UK's season finale at Tennessee Saturday.

"Every time a job comes up in Utah," McBride said, "people say 'He's going to come back.'"

Injury updates

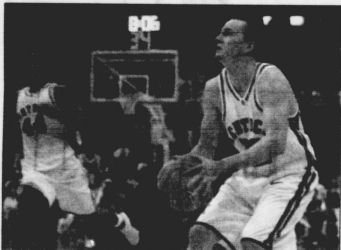
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Junior guard Patrick Sparks led UK's second-half rally in the Cats' 73-53 win over Ball State. Sparks scored 14 of his 20 points in the second half.

Sparks

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Aleyne came off the bench to earn career highs in points (10) and rebounds (three).

Six of his eight second-half points came on alley-oops, the first of which Sparks fed to the big man on a fast break with a no-look pass from near half court.

Ball State coach Tim Buckley said Aleyne was effective on both sides of the court.

"I think he has a presence when he walks out on the court," Buckley said. "When he checked in, we played a little too fast for us and took some tough shots."

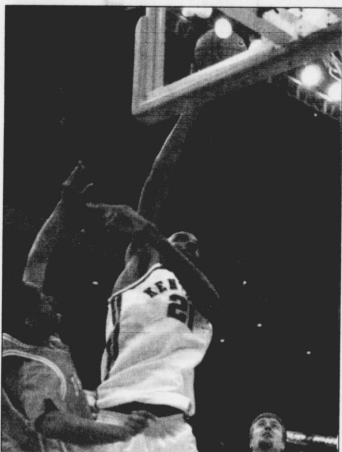
Senior forward Chuck Hayes played 34 minutes and logged his second straight double-double with 10 points and a game-high 11 rebounds. He also led UK with three steals and two blocked shots.

After the game, Smith compared his senior leader Hayes to the leadership he's beginning to see from the newcomer Sparks.

"Patrick did some good things, but that's what we expect from a veteran player," he said.

"He leads by example. He is one of those guys that has the same mental toughness as Chuck. He has no regard for putting his body on the line."

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Sophomore center Shagari Alleyne scored a career-high 10 points.

Ball State (53)					Kentucky (73)				
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McCollum	9	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0
Bennett	7	2-7	1-1	0-0	1	5	0	0	5
Stovall	36	6-14	2-5	0-0	3	14	0	0	2
Mills	30	4-13	1-5	2-3	4	11	0	0	0
Trammell	35	5-12	3-3	0-0	6	13	0	0	0
Kent	20	2-4	0-0	0-0	2	4	0	0	1
Chapman	38	1-9	0-4	0-0	11	2	0	0	2
Howland	15	1-3	0-0	0-0	1	2	0	0	2
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