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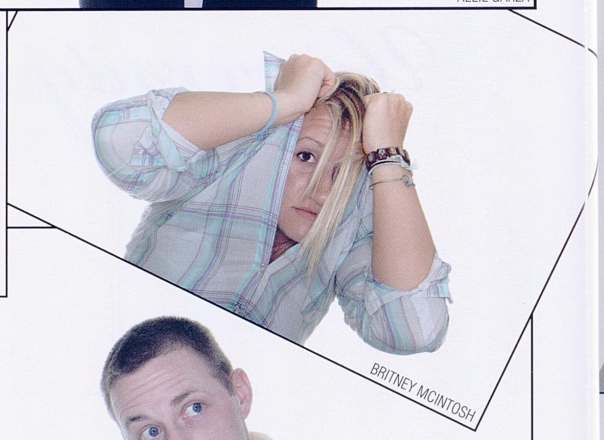
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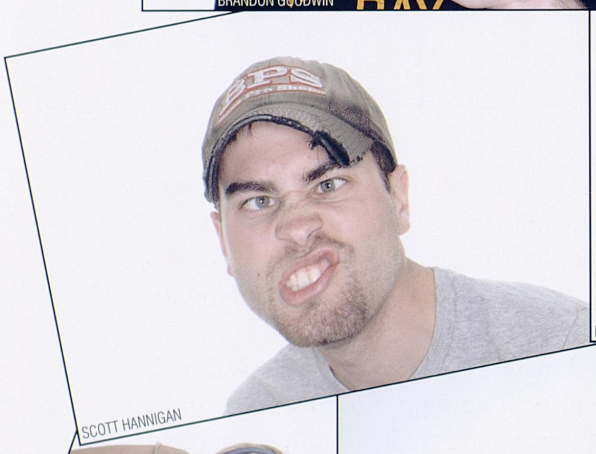
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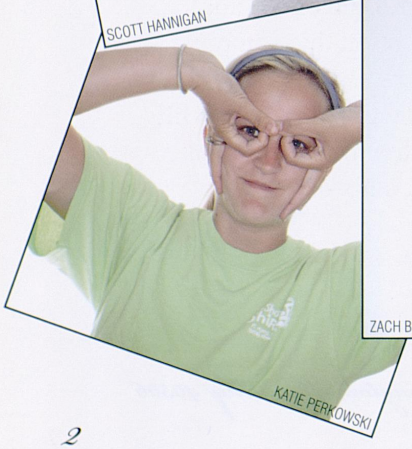

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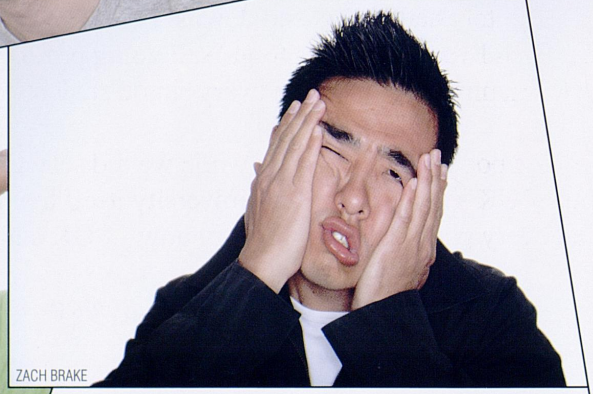

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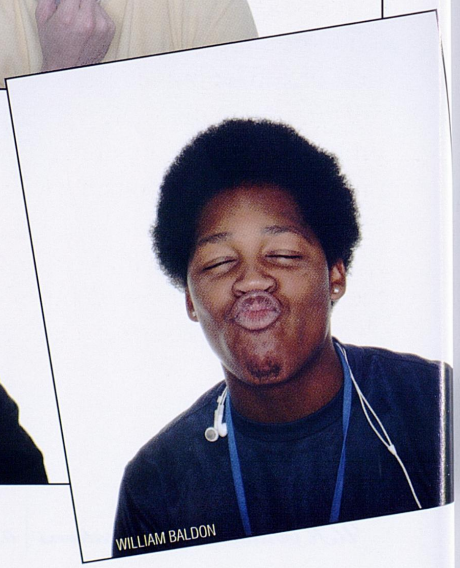

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About this book



Creating a 300-page book from scratch is no easy task. The long hours, exhausting nights and constant time crunch is not always pleasurable, but something that has to be done.

The 2009-10 Kentuckian was by far the biggest accomplishment of my college career. With the staff we had working on the yearbook this year, this book is *by far* something to look at and be proud of.

Throughout the year, UK definitely had its ups and downs. Between coal and tobacco protests, Coach Cal coming, Rich Brooks leaving, John Wall going pro, DanceBlue and many other events, this book is jammed full of what every single student on this campus witnessed.

So, as you thumb through this book, remember that while we did select the content to fill the book, it was the students of UK's campus and the university itself that made the book. Every event, every story and every photo is part of history now — UK's history.

— Kelly Wiley, 2009-10 yearbook editor



BRITNEY MCINTOSH

David and Richard Carter from Richmond, Ky., painted their faces for UK's Sweet 16 game against Cornell at the Carrier Dome in Syracuse, N.Y., on Thursday, March 25, 2010.



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A store burns in downtown Port-au-Prince, Haiti, on Friday, January 22, 2010

MIAMI — A powerful 7.0-magnitude earthquake struck near the capital of Haiti on Tuesday, Jan. 12, 2010, crippling the poor island nation and knocking out most of its communication with the outside world. -

There were no fatalities reported as of 8 p.m. EST, but there were growing reports of mass destruction — a hospital is believed to have collapsed and people heard screaming for help.

Sections of the National Palace have crumbled and there were reports of injuries.

"There are people injured in the palace," said Fritz Longchanp, executive director of the palace. "I'm calling for help and medical assistance for them."

Haitian President Rene Preval and the first lady have sought safe haven on the island, The Miami Herald has learned.

Part of the road to Canape Vert has collapsed, as have houses in the mountains of Petionville, where the quake was centered. Petionville is a suburb some 10 miles from Port-au-Prince, the capital.

Several aftershocks have followed the main 4:53 p.m. earthquake, according to The Associated Press.

A blanket of dust completely covered the city for about 10 minutes, USAID contract employee Mike Godfrey told CNN from Port-au-Prince.

"At this point I'm frustrated trying to find colleagues and staff," Godfrey said. "Phones are not working. ... I see some traffic, a little traffic on some of the routes," he said.

Raymond Alcide Joseph, the country's ambassador to the U.S., told CNN that the quake has crippled his country.

"I spoke to a government official on the island who I reached on his cell phone and he told me: "Tell the world this is a catastrophe of major proportions."

President Barack Obama is monitoring the situation in Haiti, according to White House officials, and the State Department is working to confirm the safety of its personnel at the U.S. embassy in Port-au-Prince.

"My thoughts and prayers go out to those who have been affected by this earthquake," Obama said in a statement. "We are closely monitoring the situation and we stand ready to assist the people of Haiti."

Former President Bill Clinton, U.N. special envoy for Haiti, issued a statement offering assistance. "My thoughts and prayers are with the people of Haiti. My UN office and the rest of the UN system are monitoring the situation, and we are committed to do whatever we can to assist the people of Haiti in their relief, rebuilding and recovery efforts," he said.

In Hawaii, Secretary of State Hillary Clinton said America's thoughts were "with the people of Haiti."

In Miami, U.S. Rep. Ileana Ros-Lehtinen

"You have seen the pictures, you know the numbers, more than 200,000 bodies picked up in the streets, counting those that are still underneath the rubble, perhaps we could arrive at 300,000 deaths."

— Rene Preval, President of Haiti

D E A T H



PATRICK FARRELL

A lifeless hand is exposed amid the rubble of a Port-au-Prince, Haiti, building on Wednesday, Jan. 13, 2010. The Caribbean nation experienced widespread destruction in the wake of a 7.0 earthquake.

NEW LIFE

In a day filled with more moans and cries, broken bones and infected wounds from Haitian earthquake victims, the USNS Comfort got a surprise on Thursday, Jan. 21, 2010: a 4-pound, 5-ounce preemie named Esther.

Her arrival seven weeks early in the Comfort's operating room marked a milestone of sorts. It's believed to be the first onboard delivery since the ship was converted to a floating hospital 22 years ago.

The expectant mother arrived on the ship Wednesday with a piece of paper on her chest that said simply: "open-book pelvic fracture," someone's way of explaining that the woman's pelvis was separated 6 centimeters. She also had a complex fracture of her right leg, and her amniotic sac had apparently ruptured when she was injured more than a week ago.

The woman told the ship's crew what has become a common tale: A building fell on her during the earthquake, and she had received virtually no medical care since.

"It's amazing that baby survived," said Lt. Cmdr. Susan C. Farrar, an OB/GYN physician from Portsmouth, Va., who delivered the child by Caesarean section."She's been in a bed somewhere, with those injuries, since last Tuesday."



ESTHER

4 POUNDS, 5 OUNCES

MATTHEW JACKSON

Baby Esther was delivered on Tuesday, Jan. 21, 2010, on board the U.S. Navy hospital ship USNS Comfort at Port-au-Prince, Haiti. The baby was delivered prematurely by C-section after her mother sustained fractures to her pelvis and femurs in the earthquake that hit Haiti on Jan. 12, 2010.

DESTRUCTION



CHUCK LIDDY

Rotor wash from Navy helicopters evacuating victims caused the large flag in front of the Haitian Presidential Palace to wave on Thursday, Jan. 21, 2010, in Port-au-Prince, Haiti. The flag was on top of the destroyed building before the earthquake.

of Florida, the ranking Republican on the House Foreign Affairs Committee, said: "Of one thing you can be sure: Haiti is not alone. The U.S. will move hand in hand with the people of Haiti to swiftly respond to and recover from this tragedy. I call on all responsible nations to work together to implement a response which is immediate, targeted, coordinated and resilient."

The American Red Cross was poised to move aid from a warehouse in Panama — blankets, kitchen sets and water containers for about 5,000 families — as soon as a flight or means of delivery could be found, said Eric Porterfield in Washington, D.C.

Field reports, he said, indicated "lots of damage and lots of aftershocks."

In addition, the American Red Cross had already released $200,000 for its counterpart Haitian Red Cross.

The quake rattled the U.S. Navy base at Guantanamo Bay, Cuba, just after 5 p.m. where there was no immediate report of damage or injury.

"It felt like when a building shakes when a subway goes by. But I know there's no subway here and the island's not moving," said Army Maj. Diana R. Haynie.

At Southern Command in Miami, the military was on standby for a formal request from the Haitian government for assistance. None had been made.

South Florida Haitians dialed friends and relatives in the island nation — to no avail. All connections were cut.

"My mother just went to Haiti on Friday and I'm terrified and I'm pretending I'm not," said Gepsie Metellus, a Haitian community leader.

"Enough of this moping, man, let's rebuild Haiti, let's show 'em how we do it where we come from!"

— Wycleaf Jean, A Haiti nativ



CARL JUSTE
A sea of hands reach to the air in prayer as tens of thousands of Haitians pour in the streets and alleys of Champs de Mars, in Port-au-Prince, Haiti, on Friday, Feb. 12, 2010, to pray and mourn.

R E B



AL DIAZ
Salvage of lumber and metal is a common scene as Haitians try to rebuild in earthquake-ravaged Port-Au-Prince, Haiti, on Tuesday, Jan. 26, 2010.

It's a big world out there, and we all have a lot of responsibility to look out for people that can't look out for themselves."

— George Clooney, "Hope For Haiti Now"



PATRICK FARRELL
Men work on the roof of an earthquake-damaged building in Leogane, Haiti, on Wednesday, Jan. 20, 2010.

U I L D



CAROLYN COLE
On the first day of a three-day national mourning period, some Haitians went to the National Cathedral in Port-au-Prince, Haiti, to pray and fast.

NATIONAL EQUALITY MARCH

MARCHING FOR A CAUSE

Story and photos by Adam Wolffbrandt



Monica Carr (right) from New York City yells in support of equal rights for all in front of the White House for the NOH8 Youth March on Oct. 10, 2009. The National Equality March is a fight for LGBT equality and fairness.



WASHINGTON, D.C. — The streets of D.C. were shut down on Sunday, Oct. 11, 2010 to make way for the nation's Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgender community and its allies.

Thousands of protesters marched through the streets of Washington for the National Equality March with rainbow flags and "boys need husbands too" signs held high. The procession stretched several miles, ending at the Capitol Building.

Molly Dunn, a UK gender and women's studies junior, said she came to Washington as an observer rather than a participant. She said she is unsure about her sexuality and is attracted to people based on personality rather than gender.

"I think people really want to label everyone and put them in a certain category," Dunn said. "I don't want people to label me based on who I'm sleeping with."

Her partner, Eli Gross, an arts administration junior and director of UK's OUTsource program, said she was at the march to fight for equal rights.

Gross said she thinks marriage rights are not the biggest problem the LGBT community faces, but it is one of the largest barriers to public acceptance.

At the Capitol, protesters rallied, listened to various speeches and demanded equal rights for all citizens, regardless of sexual preference, from President Barack Obama and the Democratic Party.

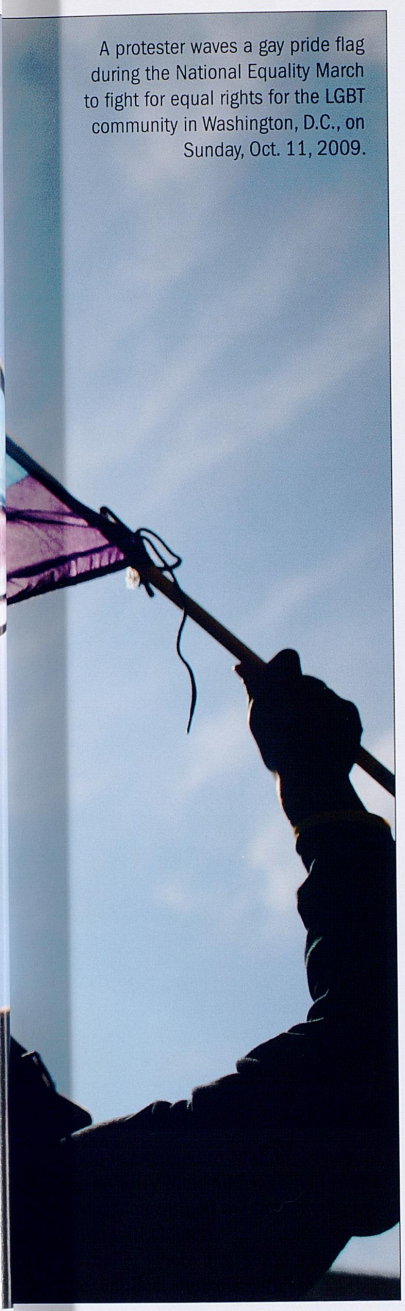
After Obama's speech Saturday evening about changing the ban on gays serving in the military, many protesters had mixed feelings about whether Obama addressed all equality issues.

D.C. resident Laura Wood and her partner Melissa Mahony felt the Defense of Marriage Act was adequately covered.

"Everyone was a little too excited after Obama's speech," Wood said. "He was great with the 'Don't Ask, Don't Tell' policy, but he was not as enthusiastic about other gay rights."

Wood said she has seen several protests and rallies come through Washington, but never one that had such a turnout.

"I had no idea there would be this many people here," Wood said. "It's really fantastic."



A protester waves a gay pride flag during the National Equality March to fight for equal rights for the LGBT community in Washington, D.C., on Sunday, Oct. 11, 2009.



Above: Sofia Davis, 3, participates in the National Equality March with her family to fight for equal rights for the LGBT community in Washington, D.C., on Sunday, Oct. 11, 2009. **Below:** Lt. Dan Choi, left, walks with his partner, Matthew Kinsey, during the National Equality March to fight for equal rights for the LGBT community in Washington, D.C., on Sunday. On Saturday, President Obama vowed to end the "Don't Ask, Don't Tell" policy during an annual dinner of the Human Rights Campaign in Washington.



Wood is engaged to Mahony. They plan to solidify their marriage within the next year, determined the laws with gay marriage will change.

No matter where they stood with their own sexualities, students with UK's OUTsource program marched on the capitol for equality.

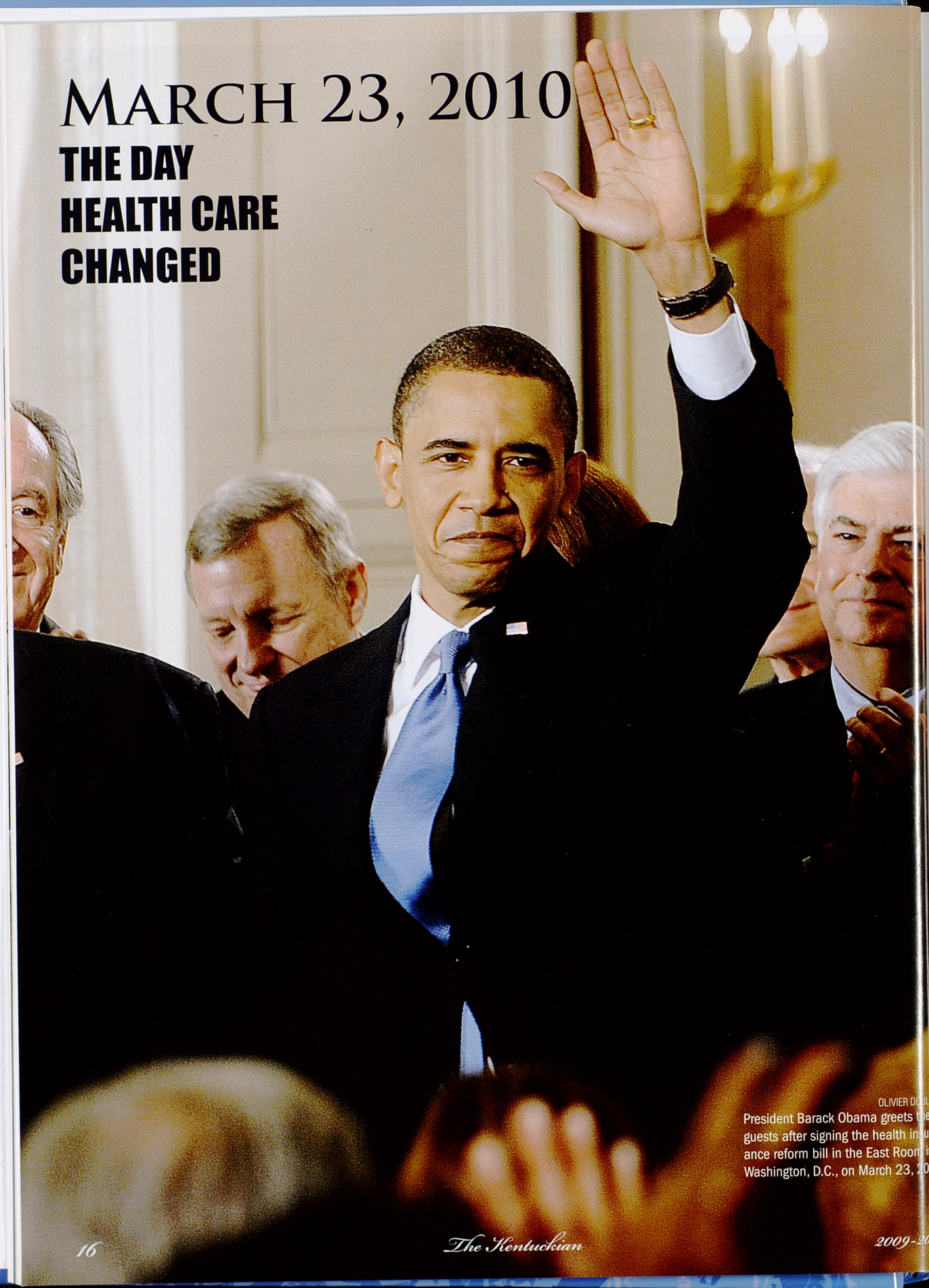
"I'm here not only for myself and my future, but I'm here fighting for my gay uncle, for my lesbian cousin, for every kid who has been picked on in school for being different," said Michael Canales, a student at Elizabethtown (Ky.) Community College. "I'm here marching to make sure everyone is protected."



Todd Belok, left, a student at George Washington University, kisses his boyfriend, John Lobb, a student at American University, during the NoH8 Youth March on Saturday, Oct. 10, 2010. Belok was kicked out of the Naval ROTC at GWU because he was seen kissing his boyfriend. Belok's life dream was to be in the Navy, but was stripped due to the "Don't Ask, Don't Tell" policy, he said.

MARCH 23, 2010

THE DAY HEALTH CARE CHANGED



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President Barack Obama greets the
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Washington, D.C., on March 23, 20

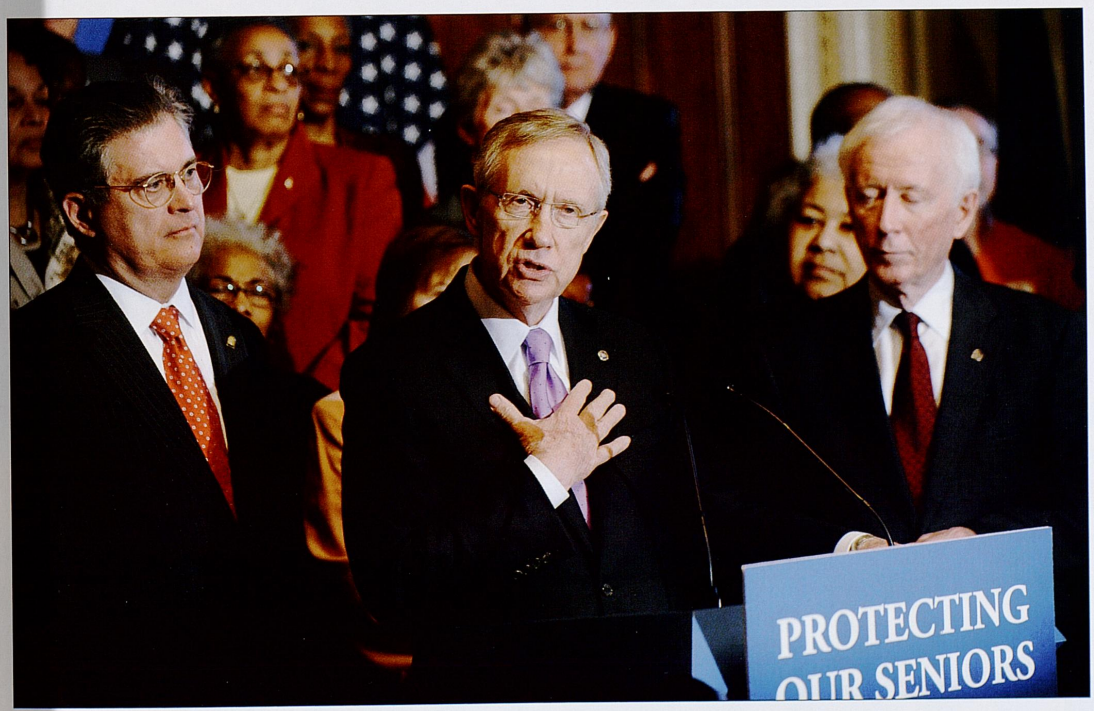
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OLIVIER DOULIERY

President Barack Obama signs the health insurance reform bill in the East Room in Washington, D.C., on Tuesday, March 23, 2010. A box of pens employed for the task is at right.



OLIVIER DOULIERY

Senate Majority Leader Harry Reid attends a discussion on how health reform supports America's seniors at the Capitol in Washington, D.C., on March 24, 2010.

Game Day in the Bluegrass



ED MATTHEWS

Students and fans alike gather at Rupp Arena on Saturday, Feb. 13, 2009. This years attendance of 22,144 nearly tripled the previous ESPN GameDay record of 8,159.

Fans pack Rupp for record-setting ESPN GameDay

By Metz Camfield

One sign said it all for the Big Blue Nation: "We're back baby."

ESPN's College GameDay returned to Rupp Arena on Saturday, Feb. 13, 2010 for the first time since Feb. 10, 2007 when the Cats played Florida. The 22,144 screaming fans, which nearly tripled the previous GameDay record of 8,159, ate it up from beginning to end.

"It was extraordinarily gratifying for us," ESPN College GameDay host Rece Davis said. "And it was great to just be a part of."

While the show started at 11 a.m., ESPN college basketball analyst and former Notre Dame head coach Digger Phelps pumped up the crowd before the 10 a.m. Sportscenter preceding GameDay. Phelps gave the pep band instructions and told the crowd when and what to chant for different spots.

After the broadcast finished at noon, Phelps told the fans it was "the greatest day ever at College GameDay."

The crowd fed off Phelps, the band and each other throughout the morning. The infamous "C-A-T-S" chant and "Go Big Blue" echoed through the storied arena and the party atmosphere never died.

The previous attendance record for GameDay was set a couple weeks ago when the crew visited Manhattan, Kan., for the rivalry game between Kansas State and Kansas.

Davis, an Alabama native and alum, said he has a good feeling for the passion the UK fans hold for the sport by growing up with Crimson Tide football, and UK head coach John Calipari is "perfect" for the fans.

"I don't think we're knuckleheaded enough to think they came to just see our show," Davis said. "They came out because they wanted to use our show to exhibit their passion that is, frankly, unmatched for their team, and for their sport."

The show featured its usual StateFarm halfcourt shot by a fan and signs littered the crowd, along with large cutouts of UK President Lee Todd, First Lady Patsy Todd and UK great Jodie Meeks. At the conclusion of the show, analyst Hubert Davis led the other two analysts, Phelps and Jay Bilas, in their rendition of



BRITNEY MCINTOSH

Fans brought various items to show their UK pride at ESPN GameDay at Rupp Arena on Saturday, Feb. 13, 2010.





BRITNEY MCINTOSH

UK fans cheer at ESPN GameDay at Rupp Arena on Saturday, Feb. 13, 2010.



the "John Wall Dance."

Fans weren't the only ones to watch GameDay. Many former players, including Kenny Walker, Richie Farmer, Cameron Mills, Wayne Turner, Chuck Hayes and Jodie Meeks, as well as former head coach Joe B. Hall were also in attendance to see the festivities.

Last season the GameDay crew was debating whether or not UK would even make the NCAA Tournament. Now they're debating whether UK will be the No. 1 overall seed in the tournament.

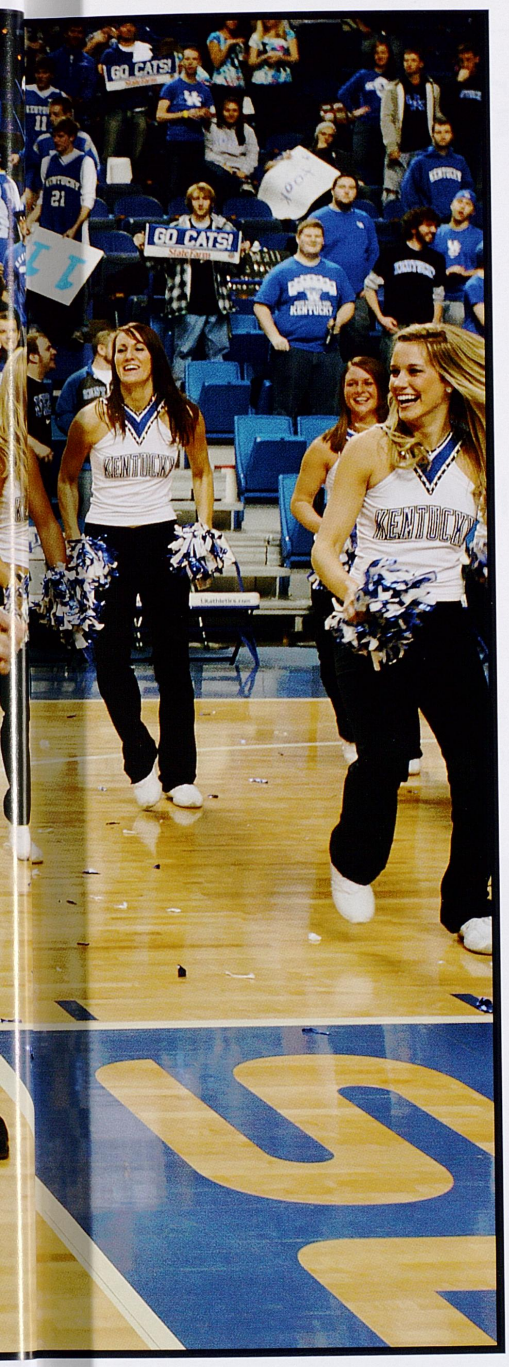
Rece Davis said having UK back in the national picture is very important to college basketball.

"When you have a fanbase that cares as much as they do, and when you have a brand name in college basketball like 'Kentucky,' they need to be good," he said. "It makes everybody else better. If the SEC has to keep up with Kentucky, it pulls up the entire conference."

Bilas said he had never seen anything like what he saw Saturday, and when he first heard UK was going to try to sell out Rupp Arena for the show, he couldn't believe it. When the show finished, Bilas said as far as atmospheres go, Saturday's GameDay was the best "by far."

"The idea that you would walk into an arena at 11 in the morning and have a packed house and it would be that kind of passion behind it is hard to imagine," Bilas said.

Digger Phe
GameDay



BRITNEY MCINTOSH

Digger Phelps dances with the UK Dance Team at ESPN GameDay at Rupp Arena on Saturday, Feb. 13, 2010.



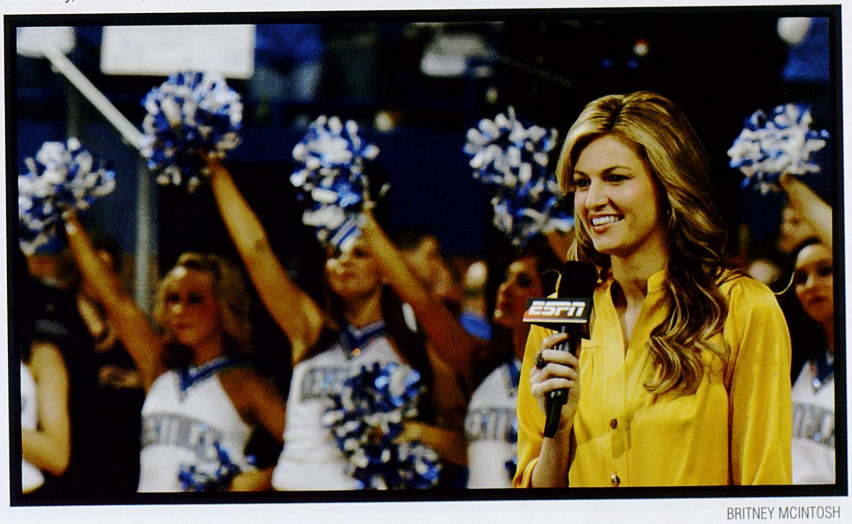
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Wildcat cheers with fans at ESPN GameDay at Rupp Arena on Saturday, Feb. 13, 2010.



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Former UK men's basketball head coach Joe B. Hall high-fives fans at ESPN GameDay at Rupp Arena on Saturday, Feb. 13, 2010.



BRITNEY MCINTOSH

Erin Andrews speaks to the camera at ESPN GameDay at Rupp Arena on Saturday, Feb. 13, 2010.



ADAM WOLFFBRANDT
UK students listen to speakers talk about the newly implemented tobacco ban at the Student Center Patio on Thursday, Nov. 19, 2009.

SMOKING FOR A CAUSE

Students take it to the 'bowl' to fight for rights

By Landon Antonetti

On a UK men's basketball game day, the usual chants of students were altered in response to the tobacco-ban — "C-I-G-S, CIGS, CIGS, CIGS!"



PHOTOS BY ZACH BRAKE

Above: As the smoking ban took effect, UK Police do their daily rounds and stop next to the White Hall Classroom Building on Thursday, Nov. 19, 2009. **Below:** Seth Thomas, a UK law student, smokes his pipe during the protest at the Free Speech Area of the Student Center on Thursday, Nov. 19, 2009.





SCOTT HANNIGAN

The statue of James K. Patterson in front of Patterson Office Tower received an extra accesory from UK students during the smokeout protest on Thursday, Nov. 19, 2009.

Under clouds of smoke, more than 100 smokers and non-smokers gathered to protest the campus-wide tobacco ban UK implemented on Thursday, Nov. 19, 2009 by continuously using tobacco products in front of Patterson Office Tower and on the Student Center patio.

The ban prohibits the use of cigarettes, pipes, cigars and chewing tobacco, and extends to all properties owned by the university in Fayette County.

"What are they going to do? Tell me that I can't smoke?" said Robbie Moore, a social work junior and one of the protesters. "I'm not going to stand idly by while the university tells me that I can't do something because it makes them look better on a national scale."

Students were joined by more than just their peers, as faculty and staff members protested the ban as well.

"I believe in freedom, I believe in individual rights," said Aaron Yellowitz, a UK economics professor and non-smoker. "I think that a policy like this is too paternalistic."

Several guest speakers applauded the crowd for their support, including Ken Moellman, Chairman of the Libertarian Party of Kentucky, and Lance Wheeler, a campaign worker for U.S. Senate candidate Rand Paul.

"Today we are all smokers," Wheeler said as he lit a cigarette. "This is the smoke of liberty my friends, enjoy it."

UK Police surrounded the Student Center patio and in front of POT. Assistant Vice President for Public Safety and co-chair of the Tobacco-Free Campus Task Force Anthany Beatty said the police were made aware of the protests beforehand, but no specific orders were given.

On Nov. 18, UK Physical Plant workers collected smoking posts and old trashcans from around UK's campus. Bob Wiseman, vice president for facilities management, said the total dollar amount for 15 new trashcans and 30 trashcan lids, in addition to 100 more ordered, came to $19,895.

The old concrete trashcans have been taken to the grounds compound near Commonwealth Stadium to be decided whether they will be sold or recycled or both.

John Nunnelley, an English sophomore and a nonsmoker, said he would not confront a smoker because he does not agree with the ban.

"If it's outdoors then it's fine," Nunnelley said. "It's not like you are trapped next to a smoker outside."

Political science sophomore Zach Schiff said he understands the ban but said UK's reasoning was not only for a healthy environment.

"I understand UK is trying to implement the ban, but I think they are too worried about the school's image (rather) than the students' interest," Schiff said.

History junior and former Student Government presidential candidate Tyler Owen said making the choice to use tobacco products should be the student's choice alone.

"They're trying to make it about our health and that's our choice," Owen said. " … I'm upset with people who smoke and walk through crowds. That's not polite. But I can sit here by myself and not bother anybody."



ADAM WOLFFBRANDT

Entrepreneuership junior Carter Padgett smokes five cigarettes at a time during the protest against the newly implemented tobacco ban at Patterson Office Tower on Thursday, Nov. 19, 2009.

DECISION DAY IN THE BLUEGRASS

Junior forward Patrick Patterson, freshman guards John Wall and Eric Bledsoe, and freshman forwards DeMarcus Cousins and Daniel Orton entered their names into the 2010 NBA Draft.



ED MATTHEWS

Freshman guard John Wall high-fives teammates after drawing a foul during the first half of UK's 92-63 win over Rider at Rupp Arena on Saturday, Nov. 21, 2009.



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Freshman forward DeMarcus Cousins sits on the bench after drawing a foul in the second half of UK's 92-63 win over Rider in Rupp Arena on Saturday, Nov. 21, 2009.



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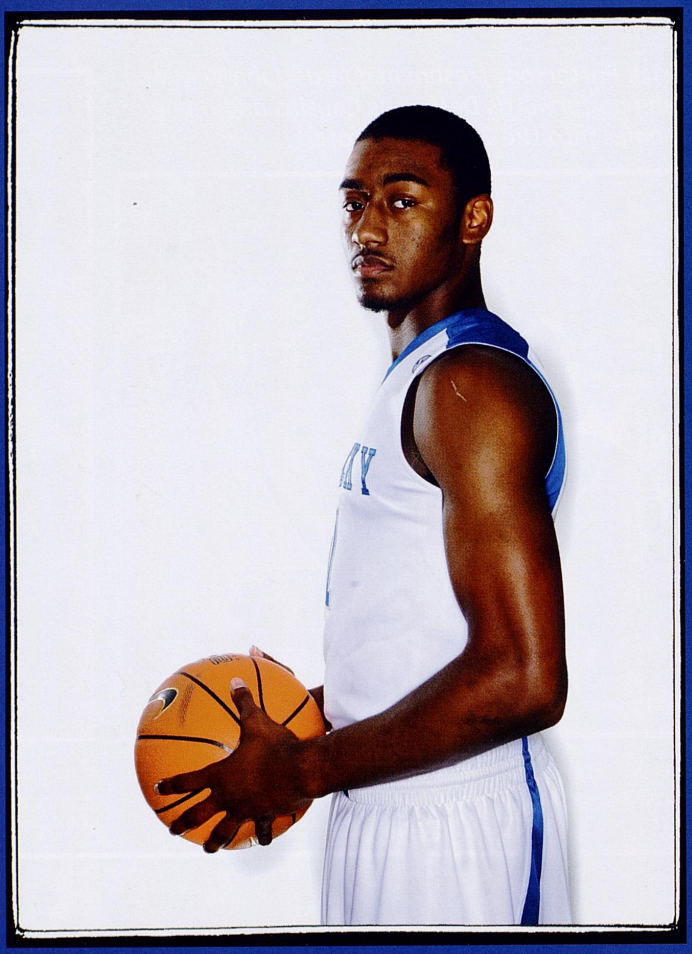
Junior forward Patrick Patterson dunks during the second half of UK's 68-66 win over North Carolina on Saturday, Dec. 5, 2009 in Rupp Arena.

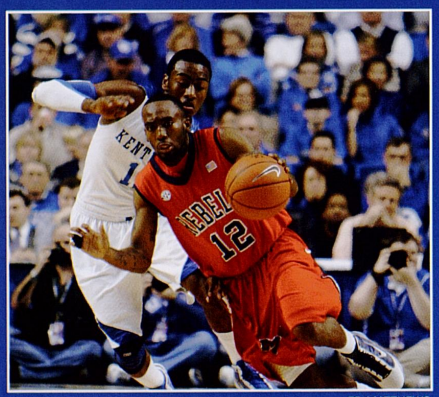


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Freshman guard Eric Bledsoe dribbles down the court during the second half of UK's 75-59 win over Morehead State on Friday, Nov. 13, 2009 at Rupp Arena. Bledsoe was the leading scorer of the game with 24 points.

JOHN WALL





ED MATTHEWS

Freshman guard John Wall tries to keep up with Ole Miss guard Chris Warren in the first half of UK's 85-75 win over the Rebels on Tuesday, Feb. 2, 2010 in Rupp Arena.



ED MATTHEWS

Freshman guard John Wall drives through North Carolina's Marcus Ginyard, right, and Larry Drew in UK's 68-66 win over the Tar Heels on Saturday, Dec. 5, 2009 in Rupp Arena.



ED MATTHEWS

Freshman guard John Wall blocks a shot from Rider forward Mike Ringgold in the second half of UK's 92-63 win over Rider at Rupp Arena on Saturday, Nov 21, 2009.

"I'm not the same player as when I arrived at UK. I believe I'm ready for the next challenge as Derrick Rose and Tyreke Evans were the last two years under Coach Cal. I want to thank my teammates and the fans for all their support this year. I love them."

— JOHN WALL

PATRICK PATTERSON





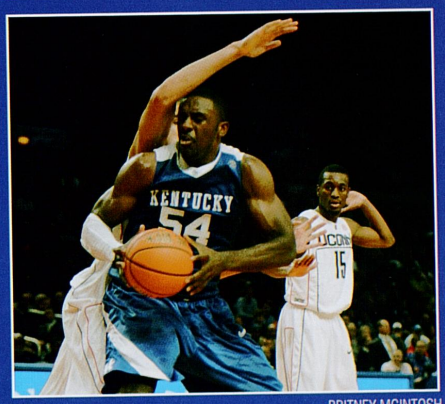
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Junior forward Patrick Patterson shoots a jumper over Florida's Alex Tyus in UK's 74-66 win over Florida on Senior Day, Sunday, March 7, 2010 at Rupp Arena.



ED MATTHEWS

Junior forward Patrick Patterson flies toward a dunk during the first half of UK's 71-62 win over Louisville on Saturday, Jan. 2, 2010 at Rupp Arena.



BRITNEY MCINTOSH

Junior forward Patrick Patterson fights the Connecticut defense during UK's 64-61 win over the Huskies on Wednesday, Dec. 9, 2009 at Madison Square Garden in New York City.

"I want to thank the fans who have supported me all three years. I also want to thank the coaches for putting me in a position to showcase other parts of my game as well as my versatility. Lexington and UK will always be a special place to me."

— PATRICK PATTERSON

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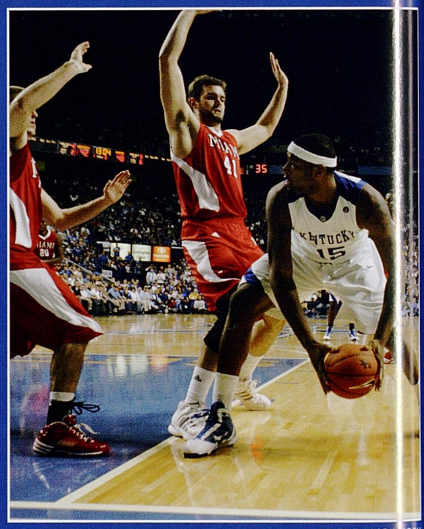
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Freshman forward DeMarcus Cousins jumps over North Carolina forward Travis Wear in the second half of UK's 68-66 win over the Tar Heels on Saturday, Dec. 5, 2009 in Rupp Arena.



ZACH BRAKE

Freshman forward DeMarcus Cousins pushes through the Indiana defense during the game at Assembly Hall on Saturday, Dec. 12, 2009. Cousins scored 14 points in the Cats' 90-73 victory over the Hoosiers.



BRITNEY MCINTOSH

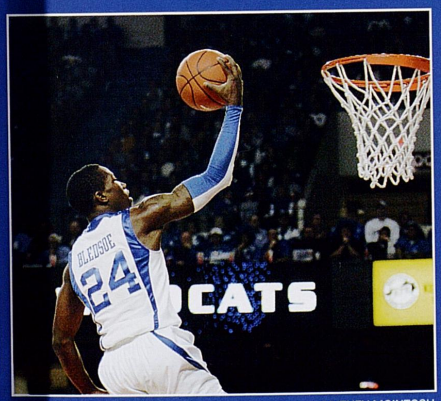
Freshman forward DeMarcus Cousins faces the Miami (OH) defense in the second half of UK's 72-70 win at Rupp Arena on Monday, Nov. 16, 2009.

"Coach challenged me to grow on and off the court this season. I believe my game expanded along with my maturity. This year was the most fun I've ever had playing basketball and a lot of it had to do with the support I got from our fans."

— DEMARCUS COUSINS

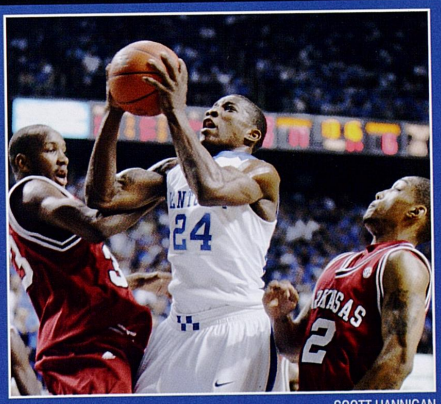
ERIC BLEDSOE





BRITNEY MCINTOSH

Freshman guard Eric Bledsoe makes a dunk in the first half of the game against North Carolina-Asheville at Freedom Hall on Monday, Nov. 30, 2009.



SCOTT HANNIGAN

Freshman guard Eric Bledsoe goes for a layup against the Arkansas defense at Rupp Arena on Saturday, Jan. 23, 2010.



SCOTT HANNIGAN

Freshman guard Eric Bledsoe plants his feet for a shot against Vanderbilt at Rupp Arena on Saturday, Jan. 30, 2010.

"I never thought I'd be in this position after one year. Coach Cal pushed us all to be the best we could be and he believes I'm prepared to take my game to the next level. I want to thank the fans for all their support this year."

— ERIC BLEDSOE

DANIEL ORTON





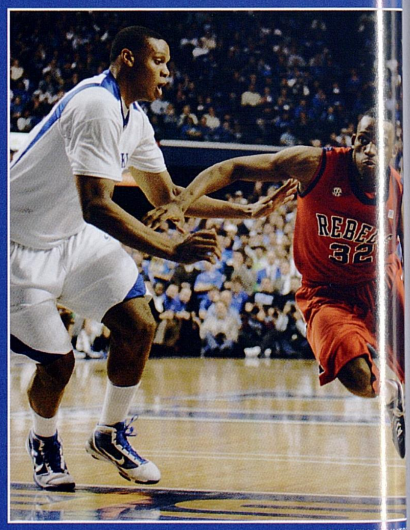
ED MATTHEWS

Freshman forward Daniel Orton blocks a shot by North Carolina forward John Henson during the second half of UK's 68-66 win over the Tar Heels on Saturday, Dec. 5, 2009 in Rupp Arena.



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Freshman forward Daniel Orton takes a shot in the first half of UK's 94-57 win over UNC-Asheville at Freedom Hall on Monday, Nov. 30, 2009.

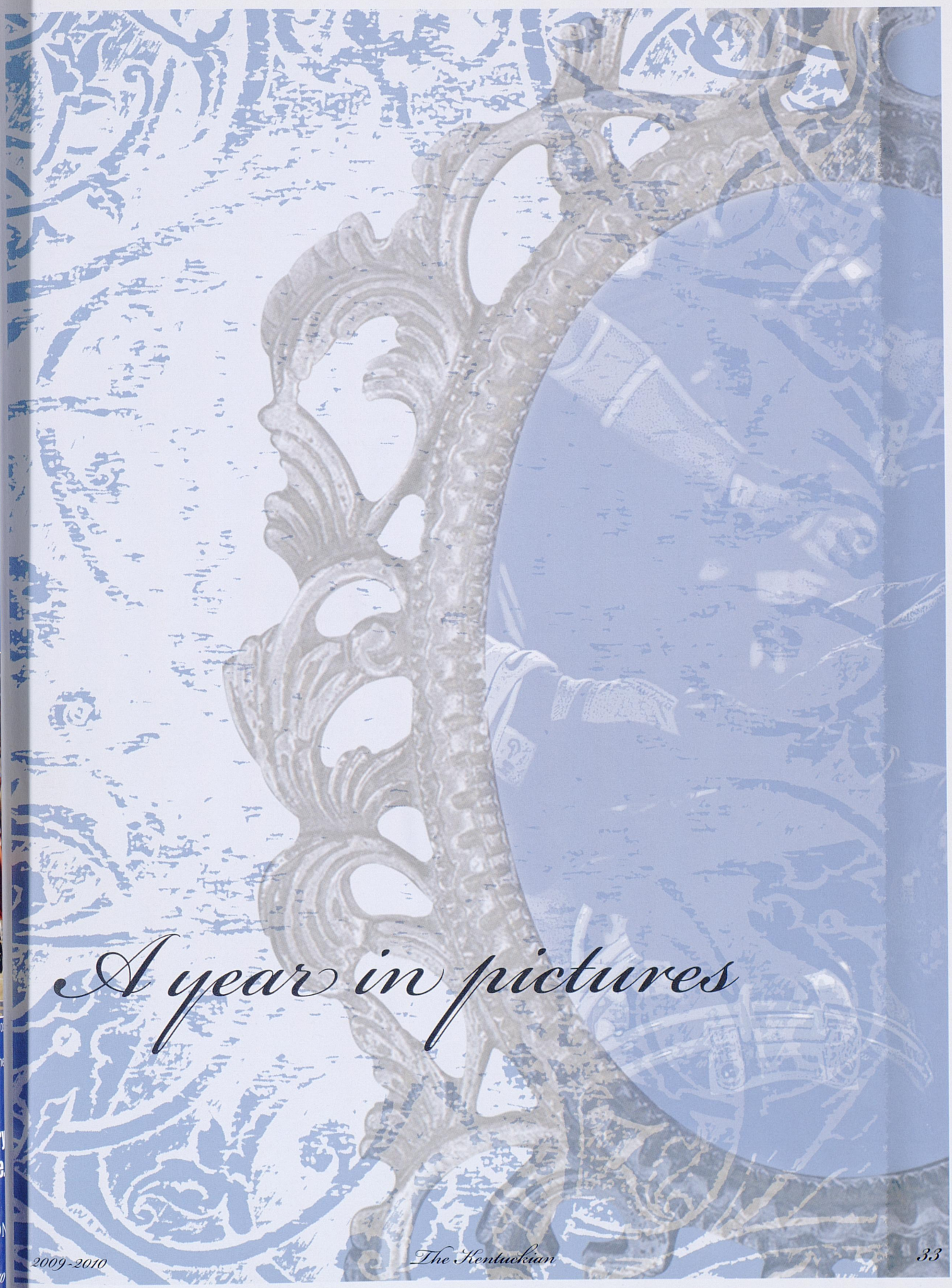


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Freshman forward Daniel Orton guards Ole Miss' Zach Graham in the second half of UK's win over the Rebels at Rupp Arena on Tuesday, Feb. 3, 2010.

"Being at Kentucky allowed me to play with some of the most talented players in the country. Battling with DeMarcus (Cousins) and Patrick (Patterson) every day helped improve my game. I want to thank the coaching staff for helping put me in a position to be drafted this year."

— DANIEL ORTON



A year in pictures





BRITNEY MCINTOSH
Cadets resurfaced to the water after the unexpected entry drill during Combat Water Survival Training at the UK Aquatic Center on Wednesday, Sept. 9, 2009.



BRITNEY MCINTOSH

UK football players shake hands with military men and women for Military Appreciation Day after UK's 36-13 defeat of Louisiana-Monroe on Saturday, Oct. 24, 2009.



ZACH BRAKE

Iron was poured into several different casts during the 17th Annual Iron Pour at the Reynolds Building #2 on Saturday, Nov. 7, 2009.





BRANDON GOODWIN

The fifth annual DanceBlue took place on March 5 and 6, 2010 at Memorial Coliseum. This year, DanceBlue raised $636,638.58 for the UK Pediatric Oncology Clinic.





ALLIE GARZA

A score keeper watches as a contestant cuts tobacco during the 28th annual Garrard County Tobacco Cutting Contest at G.B. Shell Farms in Lancaster, Ky., on Thursday, Sept. 3, 2009.





ADAM WOLFFBRANDT

Andrew Hannigan walks under a large rainbow flag during the National Equality March. The march was to fight for equal rights for the lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender community in Washington, D.C., on Sunday, Oct. 11, 2009.





BRITNEY MCINTOSH

Jeanne Jessop, left, and Emily Underwood hold candles at the AIDS vigil in Phoenix Park on Tuesday, Dec. 1, 2009. Jessop lost a family member to AIDS, and both Jessop and Underwood have friends who are currently living with AIDS.





TAYLOR MOAK

UK's campus was covered in snow on Monday, Feb. 15, 2010. While snow did not create any snow days this year, the university did cancel some morning and afternoon classes due to the weather.



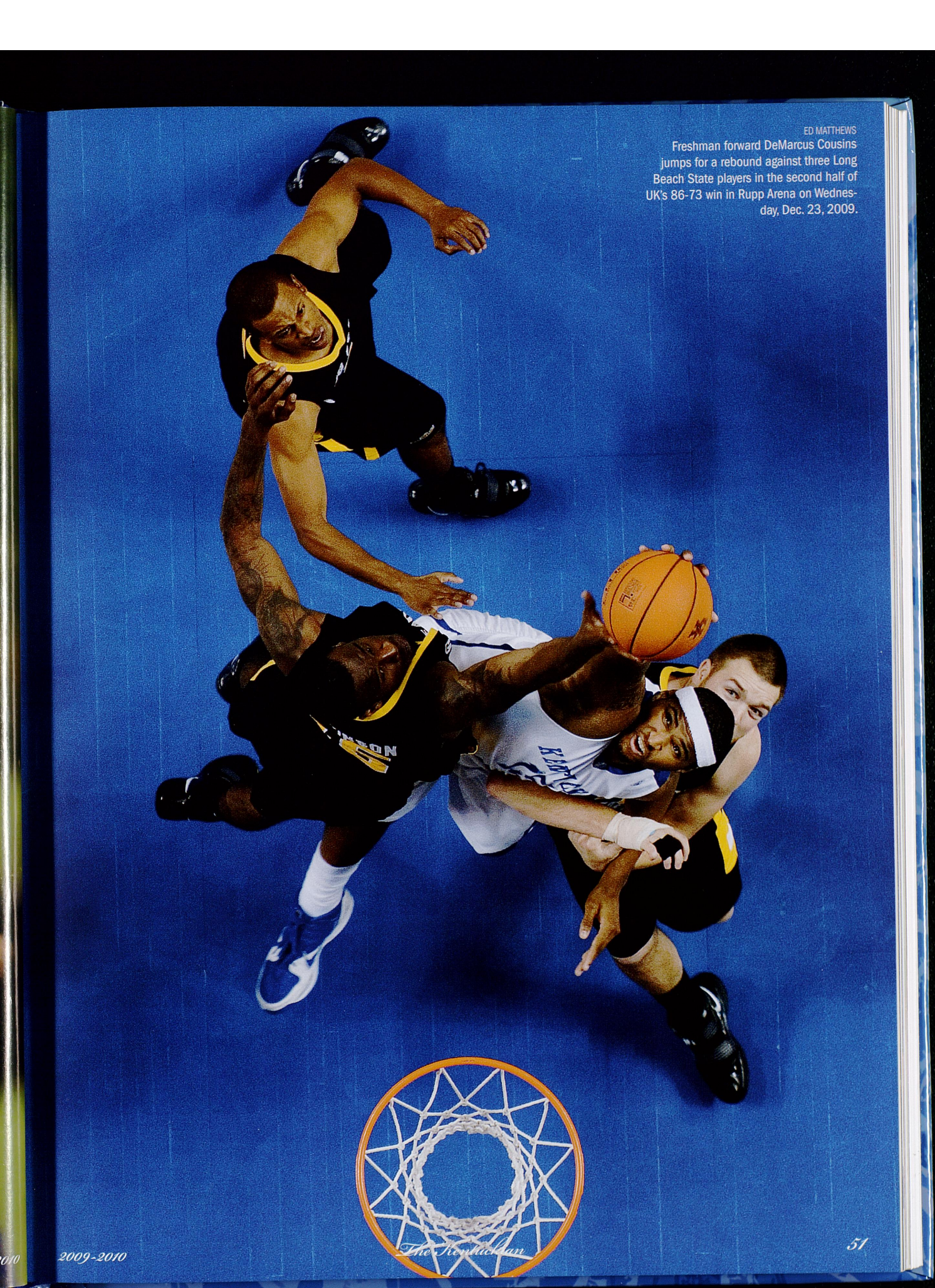


ADAM WOLFFBRANDT

Junior forward Patrick Patterson greets fans and cheers after the UK men's basketball game against Wake Forest in the second round of the NCAA Tournament at New Orleans Arena on Saturday, March 20, 2010. The Cats won 90-60 over the Demon Deacons.

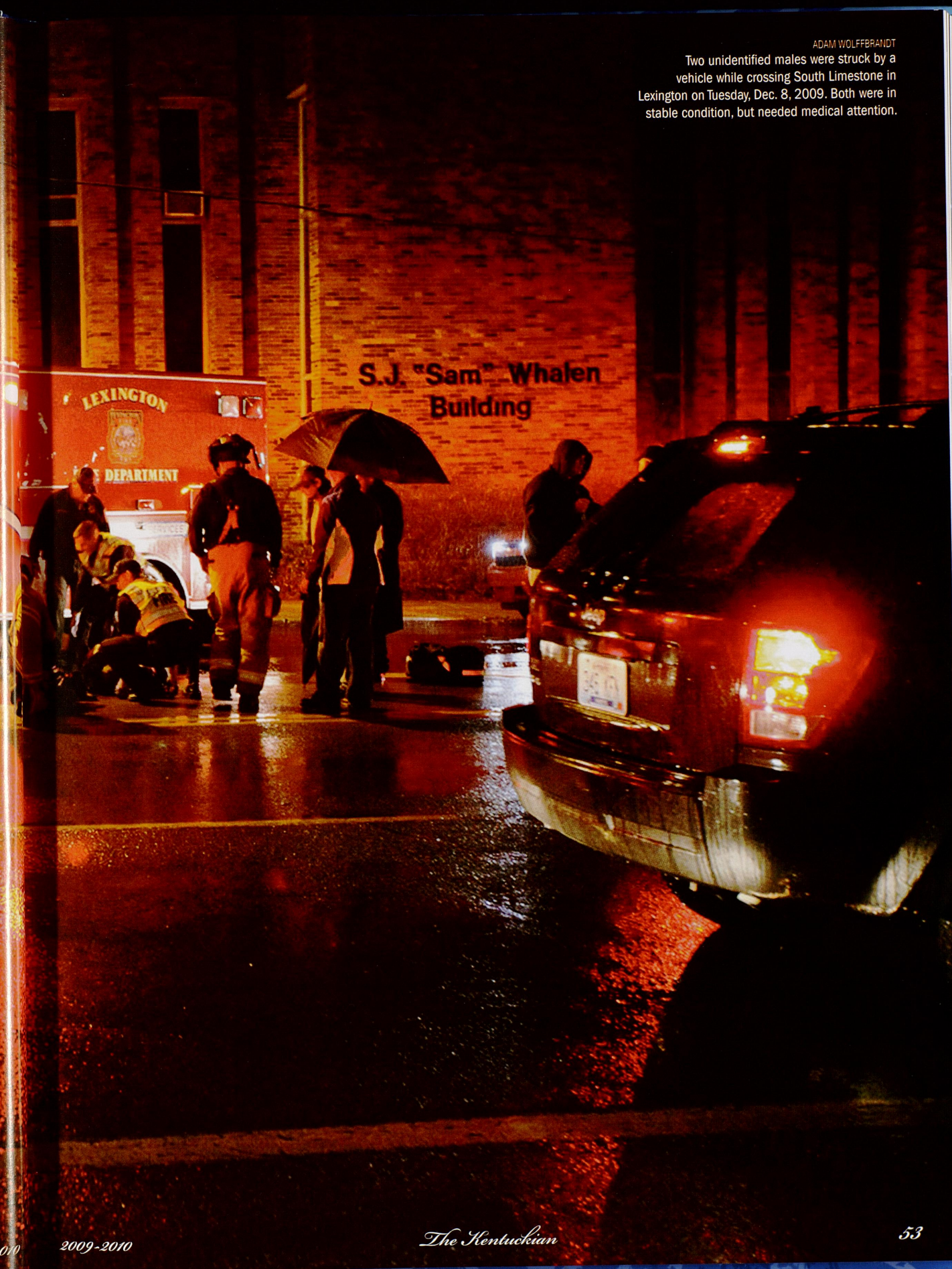


ADAM WOLFFBRANDT
Jenna Goblirsch, No. 11, hugs teammate Kiondra McGee as the UK women's soccer team goes on to defeat Tennessee Tech University 3-0 on Sunday, Sept. 20, 2009.



ED MATTHEWS
Freshman forward DeMarcus Cousins jumps for a rebound against three Long Beach State players in the second half of UK's 86-73 win in Rupp Arena on Wednesday, Dec. 23, 2009.


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ADAM WOLFFBRANDT

Two unidentified males were struck by a vehicle while crossing South Limestone in Lexington on Tuesday, Dec. 8, 2009. Both were in stable condition, but needed medical attention.

ED MATTHEWS
Students fire handheld strobes toward the UK President Lee Todd's house while shooting a light painting photograph on Thursday, Nov. 5, 2009. Photography professor Robert Dickes and his studio lighting class used a technique known as light painting – combining a camera set to a long exposure combined with several handheld flashes – to illuminate the house on Rose Lane.







ALLIE GARZA
The UK marching band color guard performs during the halftime of UK's home game against Florida on Saturday, Sept. 26, 2009.



SCOTT HANNIGAN
A Japanese harp is played during the Georgetown International Kite and Culture Festival on Saturday, April 17, 2010. The sounds of the Japanese harp are synonymous with Japanese culture.



SCOTT HANNIGAN
The UK women's basketball team celebrates their NCAA second round victory over Michigan State at Freedom Hall on Monday, March 22, 2010. The Cats defeated the Spartans 70-52.


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SCOTT HANNIGAN
Undergraduate studies freshman Zane Van Zuyen honors the victims of the Sept. 11th tragedy by styling his hair patriotically on Friday, Sept. 11, 2009.





BRITNEY MCINTOSH
UK Trap and Skeet president Daniel Birkenhauer shoots his gun on Thursday, Nov. 19, 2009 at the Bluegrass Sportsman League in Wilmore, Ky.



ZACH BRAS
ESPN commentator Dick Vitale entertains the crowd before the men's basketbal game against Tennessee game at Rupp Arena on Sunday, Feb. 14, 2010



Student Life

BID DAY 2009

Sororities pulled out all the stops — colorful, animal-themed balloons and loud cheers echoing through campus — to welcome their incoming classes. Girls doned finely pressed white dresses and enjoyed the perks of moving into dorms a week early, simply by participating in Bid Day. Overall, 850 women participated in the week's activities.



After a week of meet and greets, students finally received their bids. Sisters from numerous sororities on campus greeted their incoming classes with cheers and balloons.

ADAM WOLFFBRANDT



ALLIE G

The women of Alpha Gamma Delta cheer on their new pledge class who were walking back to the sorority house on Friday, Aug. 21, 2009 after receiving their bids.



ADAM WOLFFBRANDT

Alpha Delta Pi sorority sisters cheer for their incoming recruits on Friday, Aug. 21, 2009. Many sororities played music and danced to welcome their incoming class.



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After receiving their bids, the girls walk up the stairs of White Hall Classoom Building to learn cheers, meet chapter leaders and take the first steps to become active members.

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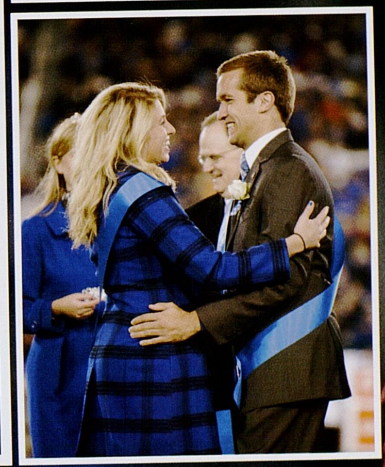


Homecoming two thousand ten









Las Vegas-themed paintings lined windows, doors and walls all around the buildings of UK's campus in celebration of the university's annual homecoming celebration.

Although the Cats did not come out on top as they took on Mississippi State, two winners were crowned on Oct. 31, 2009.

The student body chose Justin Linne of Phi Sigma Kappa fraternity and Barb Jackson of Chi Omega sorority as their 2009 Homecoming king and queen. Crowns were presented by President Lee Todd and First Lady Patsy Todd.

The overall Greek winners for Homecoming events were Farmhouse fraternity and Chi Omega sorority, and the overall non-Greek winner was the Black Student Union.





World's Largest WATER BALLOON fight

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ADAM WOLFFBRANDT
Participants broke the Guinness World Record for the largest water balloon fight on Friday, Aug. 28, 2009.







BRITNEY MCINTOSH
Over 119,411 water balloons were thrown within a six-minute span on Friday, Aug. 28, 2009. The field was packed with 3,902 students who took place in the World's Largest Water Balloon Fight sponsored by the UK Christian Student Fellowship.

Officially, 3,902 participants took part in the World's Largest Water Balloon Fight, sponsored by the UK Christian Student Fellowship.

In six minutes, 119,411 balloons were thrown, more than five times the seating capacity of Rupp Arena. UK's place in history was secured, beating the previous world record-holding battle by 1,053 people and 68,011 balloons.



Remembering Sept. 11

By Laura Clark

While 2,974 American flags waved in the slight breeze Friday in front of the Main Building, 2,974 names were read in honor of the victims who lost their lives on Sept. 11, 2001.

The Pershing Rifles, a group of cadets in the Army and Air Force ROTC, began the commemoration at 9 a.m. and read the names of the victims until 5 p.m. The American flag was then lowered and folded by members of the ROTC Color

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History sophomore Mark Roth participates as the rifleman for a Sept. 11 memorial put on by the UK ROTC on Friday, Sept. 11, 2009.



Guard.

Joseph Nichols, an electrical engineering senior, took one of the day's 30-minute shifts to read from the list of those who lost their lives on Sept. 11. Nichols, who was participating in an event with the Pershing Rifles for the first time, said reading the victims' names was a sign of honor.

"We do this to show respect," Nichols said. "That's what today is all about — showing respect to those who died."



The color guard, led by secondary education junior Adam Crawford, right, folds the American flag in the retreat ceremony for a Sept. 11 memorial put on by the UK ROTC on Friday, Sept. 11, 2009.



Members of the UK ROTC put flags in the field in front of the Main Building on UK's campus in remembrance of 9/11 on Friday, Sept. 11, 2009.



Electrical engineering sophomore Joseph Nichols reads off the names of the victims of Sept. 11 for a memorial put on by the UK ROTC.

Keeneland

A Lexington tradition

PHOTOS BY ADAM WOLFFBRANDT













When Keeneland's gates opened for its spring season and College Scholarship Day on Friday, April 2, 2010, 24,734 people walked through the turnstiles. The crowd set a Keeneland Opening Day record and was the track's second largest overall turnout in history.

The thousands of patrons who walked through the turnstiles brought with them more than just their sunglasses and a wad of bills.

They brought tradition, experience and a love of the sport — which, for many, lasts longer than their cash.





BLACK-OUT BLOCK PARTY

With music blasting and drinks flowing, more than 1,000 people ventured to different bars on South Limestone on Friday, Nov. 7, 2009, for a block party to raise money for cancer research.

Students hopped between The Paddock, Two Keys Tavern and The Tin Roof to participate in the event hosted by Happy Hour for Humanity. Money from ticket sales went to benefit the Huntsman Cancer Foundation and the Ronald McDonald House, and the bars donated 10 percent of their sales from the night to the cause.

Happy Hour for Humanity, a Kentucky-based non-profit, was co-founded by Rock Daniels, a Lexington realtor. While the organization has hosted several fundraising events over the past ten months, this weekend was an opportunity to get more students involved.

Daniels said when the organization first started, he chose recipients dealing with issues close to his heart, but once events started getting more publicity he was getting three or four requests a week.

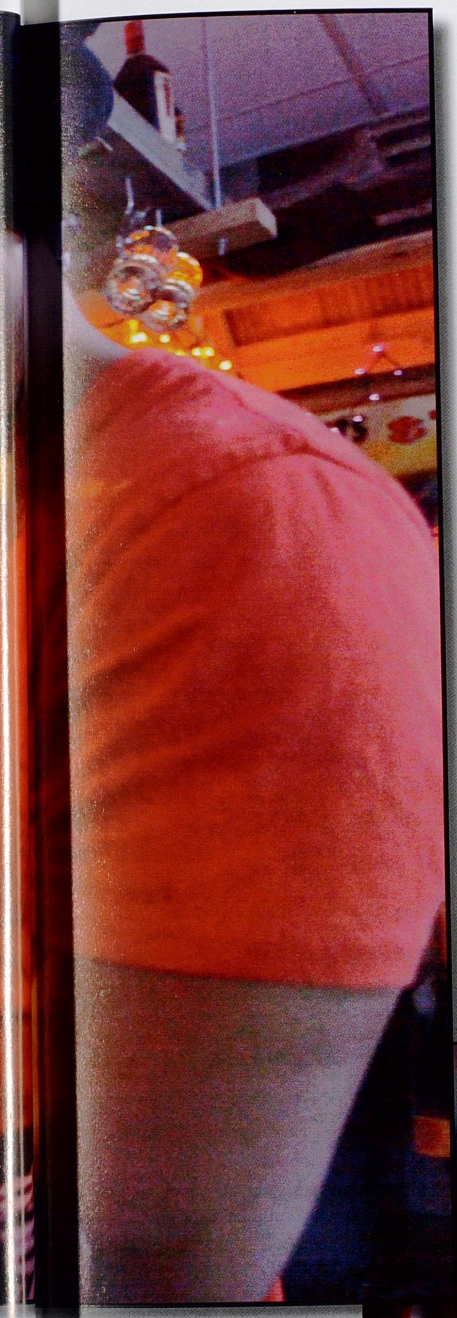
Daniels said the organization is looking at doing an event for the Make a Wish Foundation and another for DanceBlue.

Daniels did not know the total amount of money raised at the event, but said all of the 10 percent of bar profits would go directly to the charities.



ZACH BRAKE

Two Keys Tavern, like The Paddock and The Tin Roof, was packed for the South Limestone Block Party to benefit the Huntsman Cancer Foundation.





ZACH BRAKE

Above: UK alumnus Brennan Bandy watches UK alumnus and Tin Roof bartender Topher Aldridge make a drink on Friday, Nov. 7. 2009 during the South Limestone Block Party to benefit the Huntsman Cancer Foundation. **Right:** The South Limestone Block Party was held to raise money for the Huntsman Cancer Foundation. Table signs, like this one displayed at The Paddock, were displayed at the participating bars on Friday, Nov. 7, 2009.



Students react to cuts to dance minor

By Kellie Oates

The UK Dance Ensemble dances to the beat of its own drum — in an almost literal sense, considering the members choreograph the majority of their routines. The Dance Ensemble is a student organization designed to give students the opportunity to explore different dance styles, improve technique, present choreography and perform. UK and BCTC students are eligible to join, and students from all majors and years in school are accepted, according to the Dance Ensemble website.

The Dance Ensemble had its first concert in the spring of 1986, and has been performing ever since. Although the dance minor at UK has been suspended, UKDE adviser Rayma Beal hopes the members continue to dance through the student organization and showcase their talent to the university.

"If (Dance Ensemble) members continue to show ability in all styles of dance, then they shouldn't be affected by the cut," Beal said.

Beal said if the dancers are multifaceted enough to show they are capable of being trained in a variety of dance forms, then they shouldn't have anything to worry about in regards to pursuing dance after college, something UKDE encourages.

The organization requires auditions for members to prove a strong ability in dance and a desire to be a part of it. The Dance Ensemble uses many styles, and the dancers come from different dance backgrounds

D Dance



BRANDON GOODWIN

With the university getting rid of the dance minor, students gather to practice for the upcoming Spring 2010 recital. Dance Ensemble has created an outlet for many students who enjoy the performing art. "Getting to be a part of Dance Ensemble, and getting to choreograph my own dances, has changed my direction in life," said Audra Flanagan, UK Dance Ensemble publicist.

including modern, ballet, jazz, tap or a variety of other styles.

One routine featured at the concert symbolized life's burdens and being dragged down by life's obstacles. Every dance focused on a specific idea and had a meaning behind it.

UKDE publicist Audra Flanagan said being a member of Dance Ensemble was a life-changing experience.

"Getting to be apart of Dance Ensemble, and getting to choreograph my own dances, has changed my direction in life," Flanagan said. "I plan on owning my own studio or doing something with choreography after college."

Because the option to declare a dance minor is no longer available, management freshman Katelyn Banks said Dance Ensemble is an important outlet on campus for dancers to express their talents and do what they love to do.

"Since the dance minor is being cut, it is especially important to show what dance can offer to students as well as the entire community," Banks said. "It has an impact on all of those who experience it."

REYNOLDS BUILDING ANNUAL

IRON POUR



Event still heating up campus after 17 years

Protective gear was worn as sparks flew when members of UK's Department of Art demonstrated the trade of iron pouring, a process where smashed iron and coal are put into a furnace reaching about 3,200 degrees to be melted and created into artwork. More than 40 students participated in the 17th Annual Iron Pour, along with local and out-of-state artists.



ZACH BRAKE

Jim Wade taps the iron mixture, releasing it from the furnace, during the 17th Annual Iron Pour at the Reynolds Building #2 on Saturday, Nov. 7, 2009.



ZACH BRAKE

Above: Jim Wade prods the iron mixture in the furnace during the 17th Annual Iron Pour at the Reynolds Building #2 on Saturday, Nov. 7, 2009. **Below:** Many showed up to watch and participate in the 17th Annual Iron Pour at the Reynolds Building #2 on Saturday, Nov. 7, 2009.





JON REYNOLDS

Public health graduate student Jessica Jones ties together shoes for the Wildcat Warmth project at the Reynolds Building on Thursday, Nov. 12, 2009.

Wildcat Warmth

Wildcat Warmth, a student-organized charity project, aimed to gather used winter wear clothing such as coats, sweaters, jeans, hats, gloves and shoes. The items were transported to rural areas of the southeastern part of the state, to be distributed to needy families.

Support for Wildcat Warmth has spread out to different affiliations and institutions around Lexington, as well. Along with the College of Public Health, the UK Athletic Association and the Lexington Athletic Center placed collection bins at their establishments.



JON REYOLDS

Public health graduate students Jessica Jones, Greggory Dang, John Kim and Joe Bell sort through clothes donated to the Wildcat Warmth project at the Reynolds Building on Thursday, Nov. 12, 2009.



ZACH BRAKE

Bike officer Patty May impounds a bike that was parked illegally next to the White Hall Classroom Building on Tuesday, Sept. 15, 2009.

THE BIKE COPS

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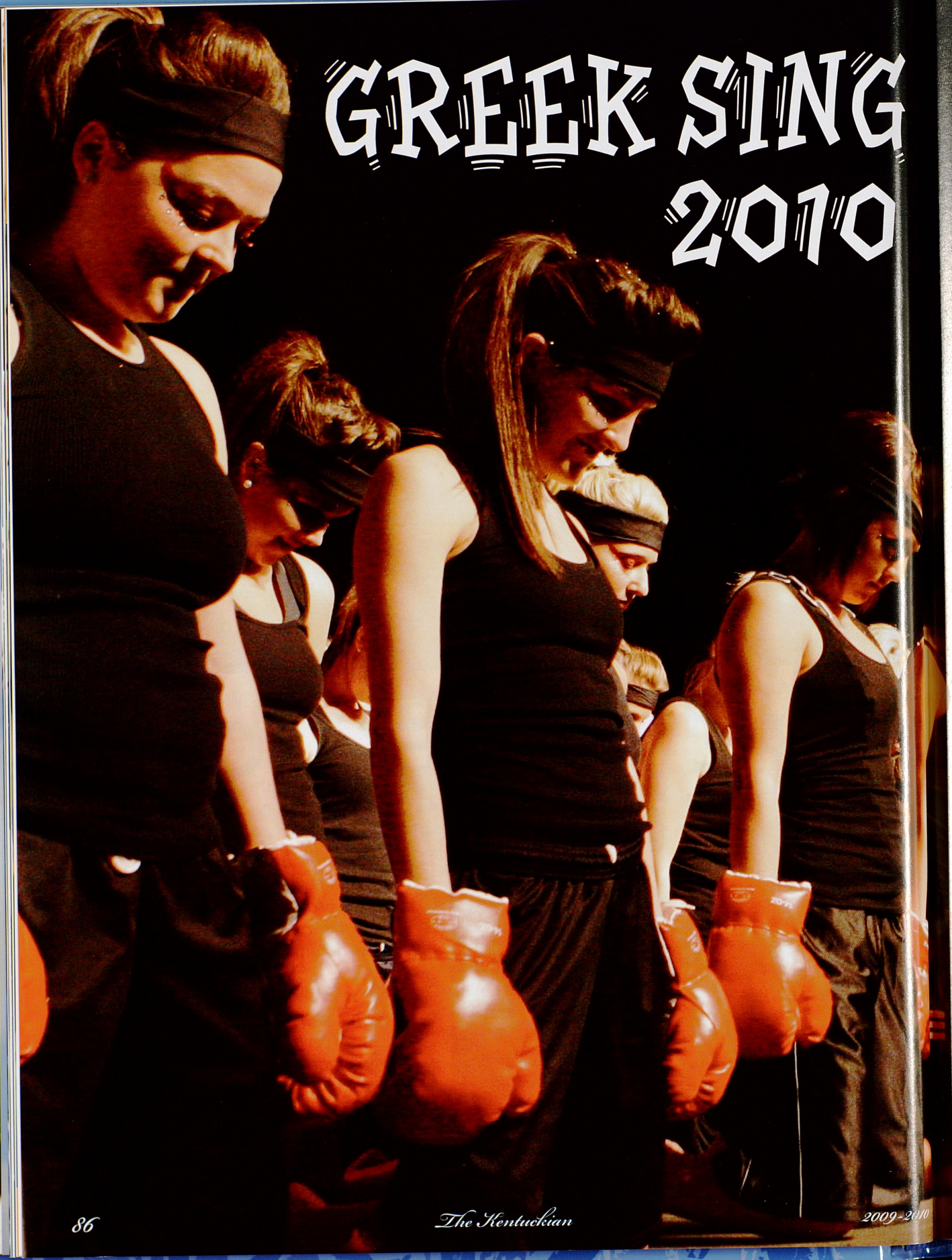
ZACH BRAKE

Psychology senior Brynn Allarie registers her bike online from her phone next to the White Hall Classroom Building on Thursday, Sept. 15, 2009.

On Oct. 1, 2009, students were required to register their bikes with the university and attach a registration sticker to the frame. The process was free but mandatory for any student or faculty member using bike racks on university property.

After Oct. 1, students not using bike racks, or who do not register but continue to park on campus, were given warnings and fines. After the third offense, the bikes were impounded and students had to pay a $40 fee to have their bike returned. A storage fee of $2 per day was added. Persistent offenders who were given more than six citations in a year would see their impound fee increase to $51.

GREEK SING 2010




Raising Cane's
CHICKEN FINGERS


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Greek Sing takes the stage

By Hope Smith

Walking into Memorial Coliseum on Saturday, Feb. 13, 2009 before Greek Sing, guys in too-short jean shorts and girls in strikingly bright and glittery eye makeup were met with uncomfortable stares, but the view was everyone's gain.

UK sororities and fraternities from 24 different chapters soon gathered separately onstage to perform four-minute dance routines to raise money for the Make-A-Wish Foundation.

"As a freshman, I was really excited," Delta Gamma member Jen Deluke said. "I like to see the different ideas people come up with … There were some tough acts."

The audience appeared too enticed to worry about the upcoming UK basketball game.

Weeks of work went into every routine. Last year, Greek Sing raised $100,000 for the Make-A-Wish Foundation. This year's goal was $115,000.

The FarmHouse Fraternity bared it all in tight bikini tops and wigs for its production of "The Little Mermaid."

The ladies of Pi Beta Phi showed the audience how to save the day with their own interpretation of classic superheroes, including the Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles.

Alpha Phi Alpha members imitated suave secret agents in their routine.

Alpha Phi held its own in the sorority's very first appearance at Greek Sing with their "A Phi's On Phire" piece.

Delta Delta Delta was determined to be the overall champs with its flashy "Let's Play a Delta Game" act. Characters from Call of Duty, Pac-Man, Donkey Kong and Mario all slugged it out onstage to bring home the win.

The smooth secret agents of Alpha Phi Alpha came in first place in the fraternity division, followed by Phi Kappa Tau in second and Sigma Pi in third.

Kappa Delta won first place in the sorority category for its "KD Anatomy" routine. Kappa Alpha Theta took second, and Delta Gamma took third.

For the first time ever, the highest points category tallied a tie. The judges could not decide between Delta Delta Delta and Kappa Delta.

Behind the many hours of practice each group put into its routine, all of the participants kept the people they will be helping in mind.

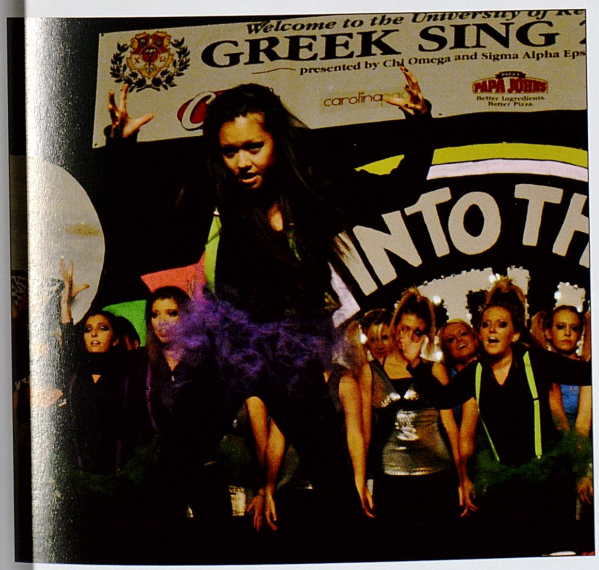
This year, Greek Sing raised money for a 16-year-old Tates Creek resident named Lauren who was recently diagnosed with ovarian cancer.

Lauren had already organized a fundraiser last fall to raise money and awareness for those battling cancer, and the Greeks at UK are rewarding her hard work and fighting spirit with a trip for her and her family to Hawaii. Her father was happy to say the cancer is now in remission in his thank-you speech after the acts.

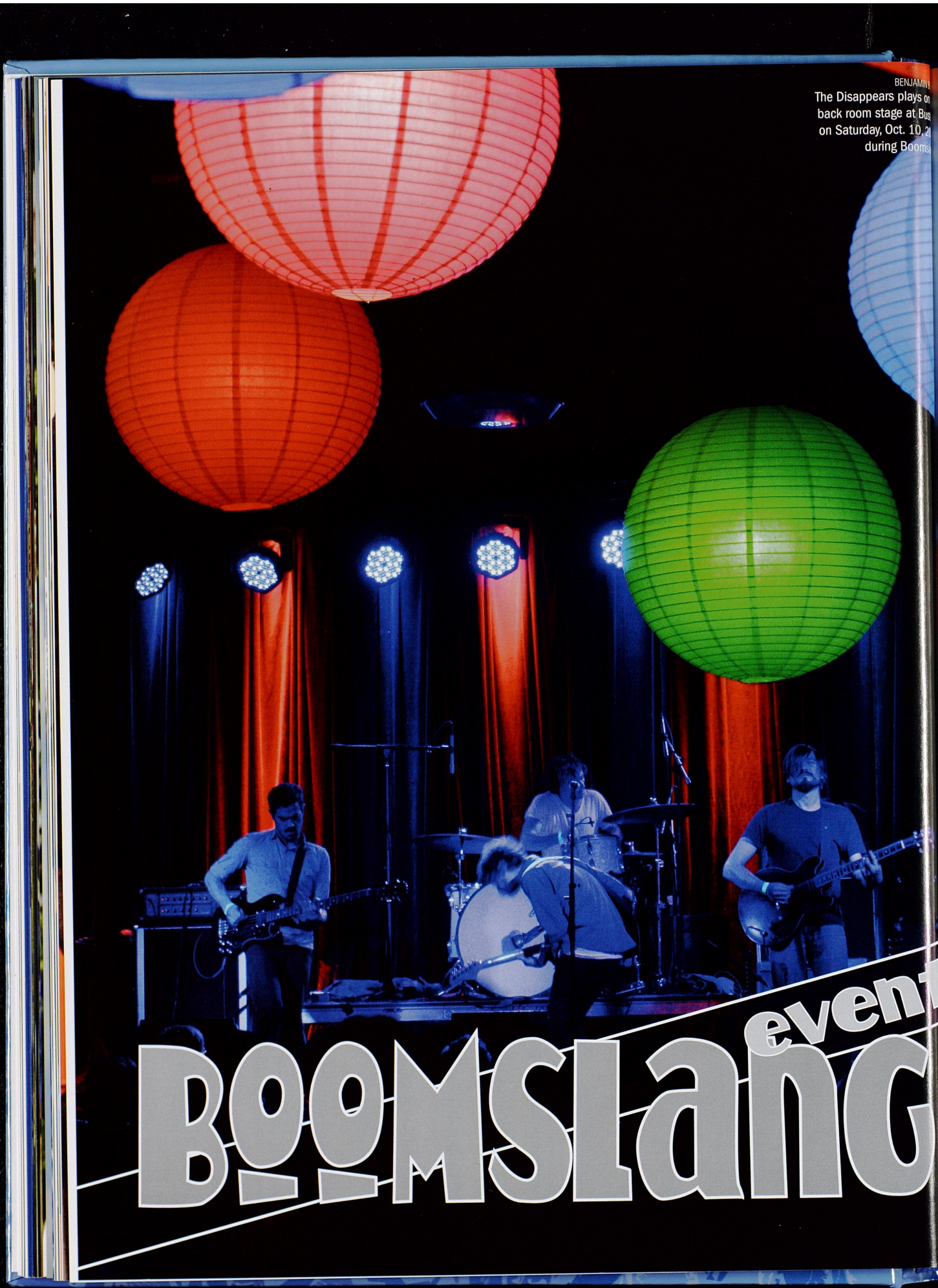
"This is just an awesome event because cancer really can touch everyone's life," Kappa Alpha Theta freshman Kristen Fries said. "Unfortunately, a lot of people I know are affected by cancer in some way."






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Paige Hankla of Passionfire puts on a show with her light-filled hula hoops during the
Boomslang carnival outside Buster's Billiards and Backroom on Saturday, Oct. 10, 2009



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Paige Hankla of Passionfire puts on a show with her light-filled hula hoops during the Boomslang carnival outside Buster's Billiards and Backroom on Saturday, Oct. 10, 2009.



SCOTT HANNIGAN
Eric Myers puts out flames with his mouth during the Boomslang carnival outside Buster's Billiards and Backroom on Saturday night. Eric Myers puts out flaming batons with his mouth at the Boomslang carnival outside of Buster's Billiards and Backroom on Saturday, Oct. 10, 2009.

Rings Big Bands to town

BY KATIE SALTZ AND ROY YORK

If there ever was a time for the cultural floodgates to be broken down in Lexington, the weekend of Oct. 9, 2009 was the spark to light that fire.

"It seems to me that we're experiencing a real cultural renaissance, and a lot of things are starting to happen," said Ainsley Wagoner, general manager of WRFL.

Boomslang was one of those things — a three-day music and art festival hosted by the UK student radio station. The event ran Friday through Sunday, Oct. 9 through 11, and encompassed music acts spanning all genres, art with no boundaries and circus acts that drew gasps of astonishment.

While WRFL orchestrated the weekend's events, Wagoner said the festival was an opportunity to merge Lexington's different facets.

"I think that's one thing that Boomslang really banks on, is that a part of all this is also about how we connect with the community because of all these art shows, all these local bands, and the carnival kids," she said.

Dressing for the occasion

Forget Valentino. Forget Oscar de la Renta. It may not be haute couture, but on Oct. 10, local designers made their mark on Lexington's fashion scene.

The Boomslang carnival included a circus-themed fashion show organized by Sarah Jane Estes, an art studio sophomore. The event came together through collaboration between Estes and members of FTR.

"Sarah Jane wanted to do a carnival-themed

fashion show, so we said, 'Well then let's do it — what can we do to make this more visually appealing, what can we do to make this a full carnival?' " Johns said.

Estes and other designers were already working with FTR on their carnival when WRFL approached the fashion show planners and offered to combine forces. WRFL made the show a focal point of the all-day event in the Buster's parking lot.

"We were really blessed to get the interest of WRFL," Estes said.

The designers, including Lamin Swann, Nani, Soreyda Benedit-Begley, Jamie McIntosh and Jordan Cox, agreed to a carnival theme for their pieces.

"I was really inspired by carnival and circus animals," Estes said. "We planned everything from the circus clothing to the circus music, the carnival colors and the animal (themes)."

Every designer brought a unique take on the theme to the runway. From a leopard print body suit with a transparent cutout around the middle, to a multi-colored skirt resembling a circus tent, designers danced between the subtly of the pieces and making bolder statements with their designs.

"The pieces represented every aspect of art seen in this town," Estes said.

Estes said events like Boomslang help young designers to get publicity, since there is currently no venue for extreme fashion in Lexington. Estes hopes to create a place for the fashion-hungry to get their fill from local designers instead of turning to major cities.

"We're creating a brand so we can represent Kentucky," Estes said. "Our main goal isn't to move away to New York. We want to be the face of design to Kentucky."

Small town sound

One band's casual is another band's crucial.

For some local acts invited to play at Boomslang, the festival was an opportunity to rock with the big acts and gain exposure. Local musicians stepped onstage along with veteran international groups to prove small bands are teeming with musical talent and are itching to break onto the national scene.

Shows were spread across Lexington at venues such as Al's Bar, The Void Skateshop, Natasha's Bistro and CD Central, who hosted musicians before and after the main shows at Buster's.

Lisa Walker of the band Wussy performed at CD Central with bandmate Chuck Cleaver on Saturday. Walker said the festival shows over the weekend were an opportunity for students to get out of their usual music routines and find something new.

"I think the kids who would go to Kings of Leon (who performed at Rupp Arena on Oct. 10) would go to Boomslang and find a lot of music they would like," Walker said. "The nice thing about this festival is it mixes local, regional, national and international acts ... It brings out people who didn't know there was so much in



D.J. WILLIAM

Casino Versus Japan uses a mix of live guitar and manufactured beats in order to produce a unique sound at Buster's Billiards and Backroom for the Boomslang festival on Friday, Oct. 9, 2009.



BENJAMIN BUCKER

Buster's Billiards and Backroom went all out for the occasion, hanging glowing, colorful lanterns from the ceilings on Saturday, Oct. 10, 2009.

the backyard."

Headliners such as Mission of Burma, The Black Angels and Os Mutantes may have brought the crowd to Buster's, but Lexington brought its own thunder to the stage.

Tiny Fights, a Lexington-based "cosmic electro-rock" group, who played on Buster's alternative stage following headliner Faust on the main stage, said they usually played for small bars and house parties.

Jamie Adkins, bassist for Tiny Fights, said playing in the same venue as larger acts was an awesome experience, but he would have liked to have seen his band have a more central role.

"I wish that Tiny Fights would have played on stage with Faust last night," he said.

Other Tiny Fights members were pleased with the festival as a whole and joked about the experience.

"Faust was a great opening act for Tiny Fights," said Adam Dickinson, who plays the guitar and uses a computer to synthesize sounds for Tiny Fights. "We hope they can play with us again. (They are a) pretty good little band."

All jokes aside, local bands invited to play at Boomslang said the festival was an integral part of the growth of Lexington culture.

Big Fresh, a Lexington-based band offering a sound "like progressive Beatles with synthesizer," said they were grateful to be asked to play at an event as large as Boomslang.

"This is the kind of place that Lexington needs, really needs," said Evan Belt, flugel horn player for Big Fresh. "I think it can thrive."

Peter Prescott, drummer for headliner Mission of Burma, a band formed in 1979, said the explosion of local and experimental music over the years was encouraging.

"When we started out, it was a barren wasteland of (bands like us)," said Clint Conley, bassist for Mission of Burma. "Now we're probably a lot more conservative than a lot of the bands here."

Almost every band said exposing new people to different types of music was important for Lexington to grow as a center for musical expression.

Adkins said now is the time to begin supporting local artists through festivals and venues like Boomslang to further the growth of local acts.

"I spoke with four people last night who saw Tiny Fights that had never heard us before, and they liked us," Adkins said. "So, if you can touch four people, I guess that's good."

When all is said and done

As Sunday night's events were heating up, Boomslang co-coordinator James Friley said he was not disappointed with the overall turnout for the Buster's main stage shows, but he had hoped for more attendance.

"Ticket sales could have been better," Friley said. Around 600 people attended Buster's on Friday night, and he estimated about 350 on Saturday. Numbers for Sunday's attendance could not be acquired, although Friley predicted a large turnout to see the "legendary" band Os Mutantes.

Friley said he thought an unbalanced distribution of the bands was the reason Saturday's crowd was smaller. Friday's lineup was overbooked, causing smaller bands to push back their showtimes. Friley said the music continued at one after-party until 5 a.m. Saturday.

"I think Friday was better. Saturday's lineup just wasn't as strong," he said.

While Saturday held a smaller crowd inside the venue, the outdoor carnival drew a crowd he hadn't expected — and in temperatures of 49 degrees.

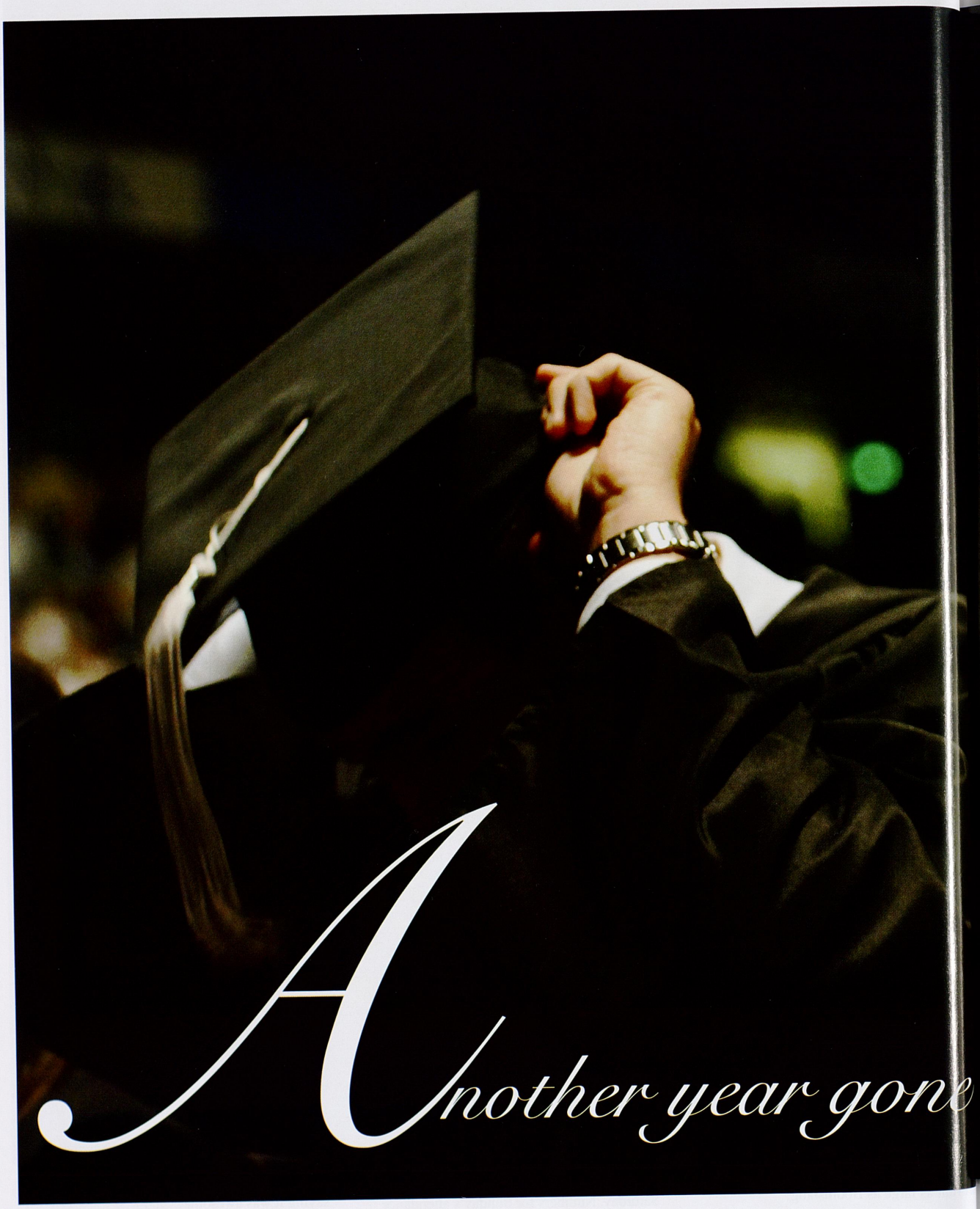
"The carnival was a huge success," he said. "It was weird, even at 11 p.m. there were still 100 people outside watching the burlesque show."

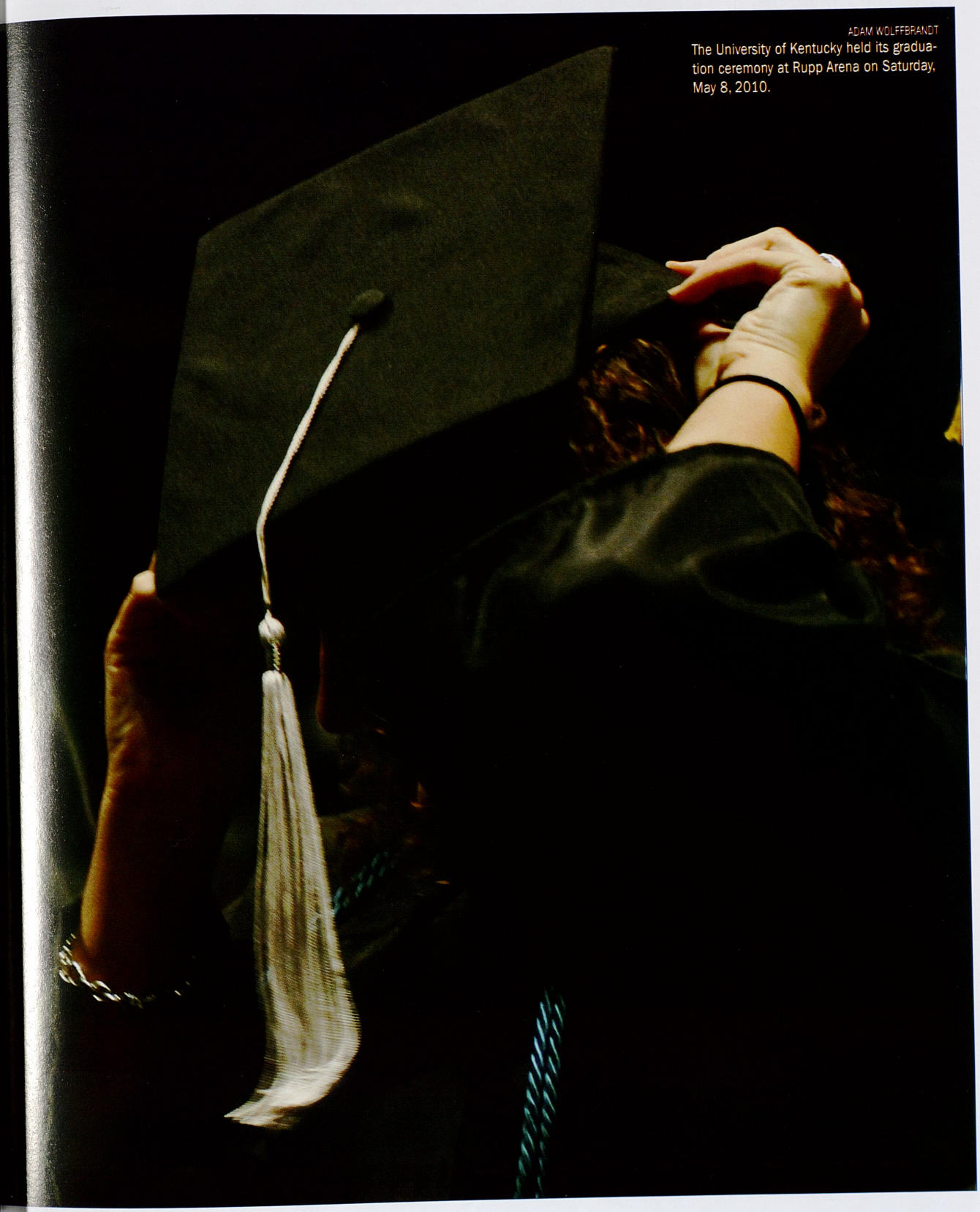
Boomslang didn't start heavily advertising until about two weeks before the festival began, Friley said, and more online marketing might have helped boost sales.

"It was not enough time to get 1,000 people in here," he said. "But I'm not disappointed."

Friley said for a future festival he wouldn't book any after-parties because they ran so late into the morning, but he considered the overall weekend to be a success.

"There is still so much excitement, even as it's over, people are still super pumped," he said. "I think it was awesome because everyone keeps saying it was awesome."


Another year gone

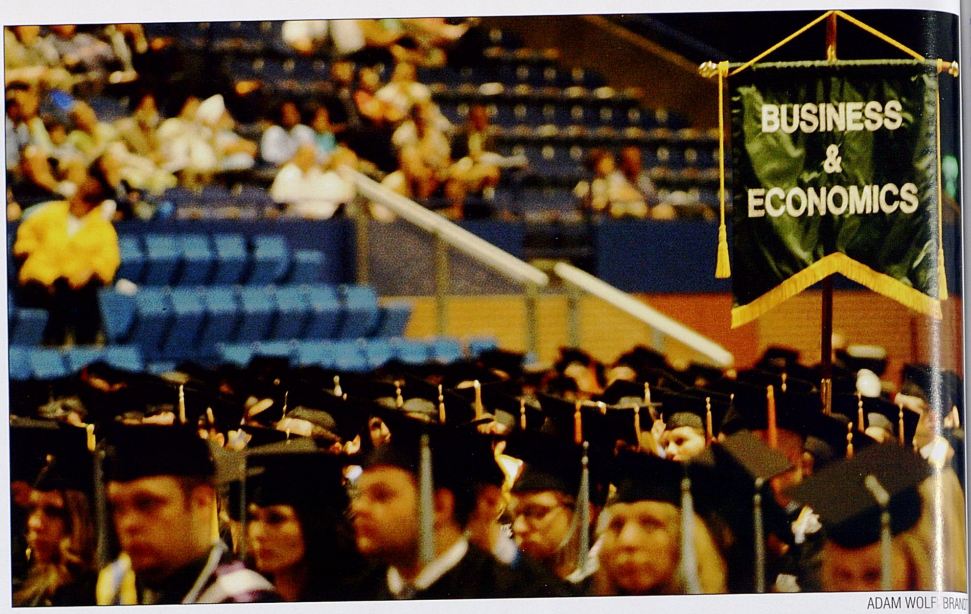


ADAM WOLFFBRANDT
The University of Kentucky held its graduation ceremony at Rupp Arena on Saturday, May 8, 2010.

On Saturday, May 8, 2010, the University of Kentucky held its 143rd annual commencement at Rupp Arena.

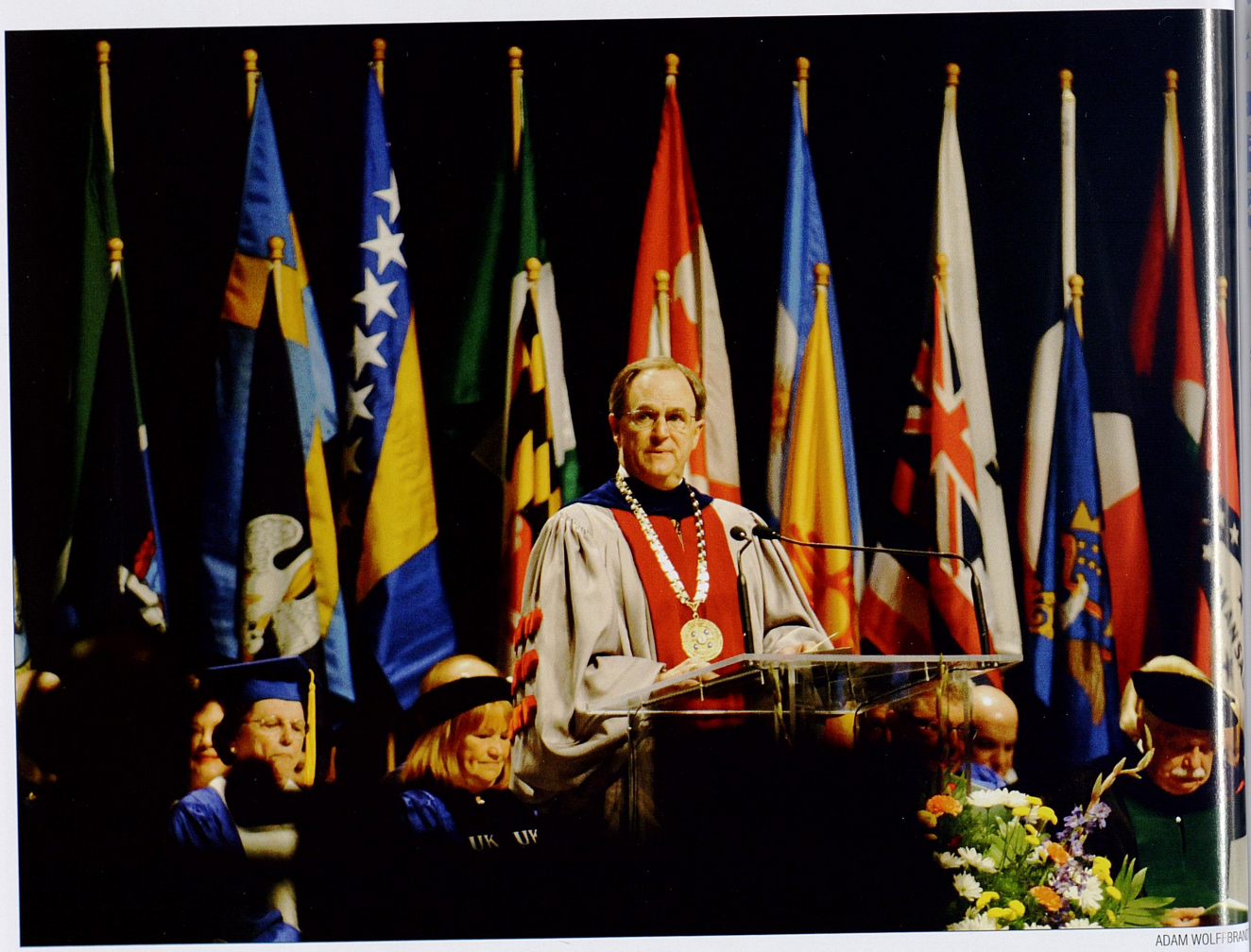
Nearly 7,000 students received degrees from a number of colleges.

There were two featured speakers, David Novak, CEO of Yum! Brands, a company based out of Louisville, and Kara Sutton, a featured graduate with a degree in both political science and economics.



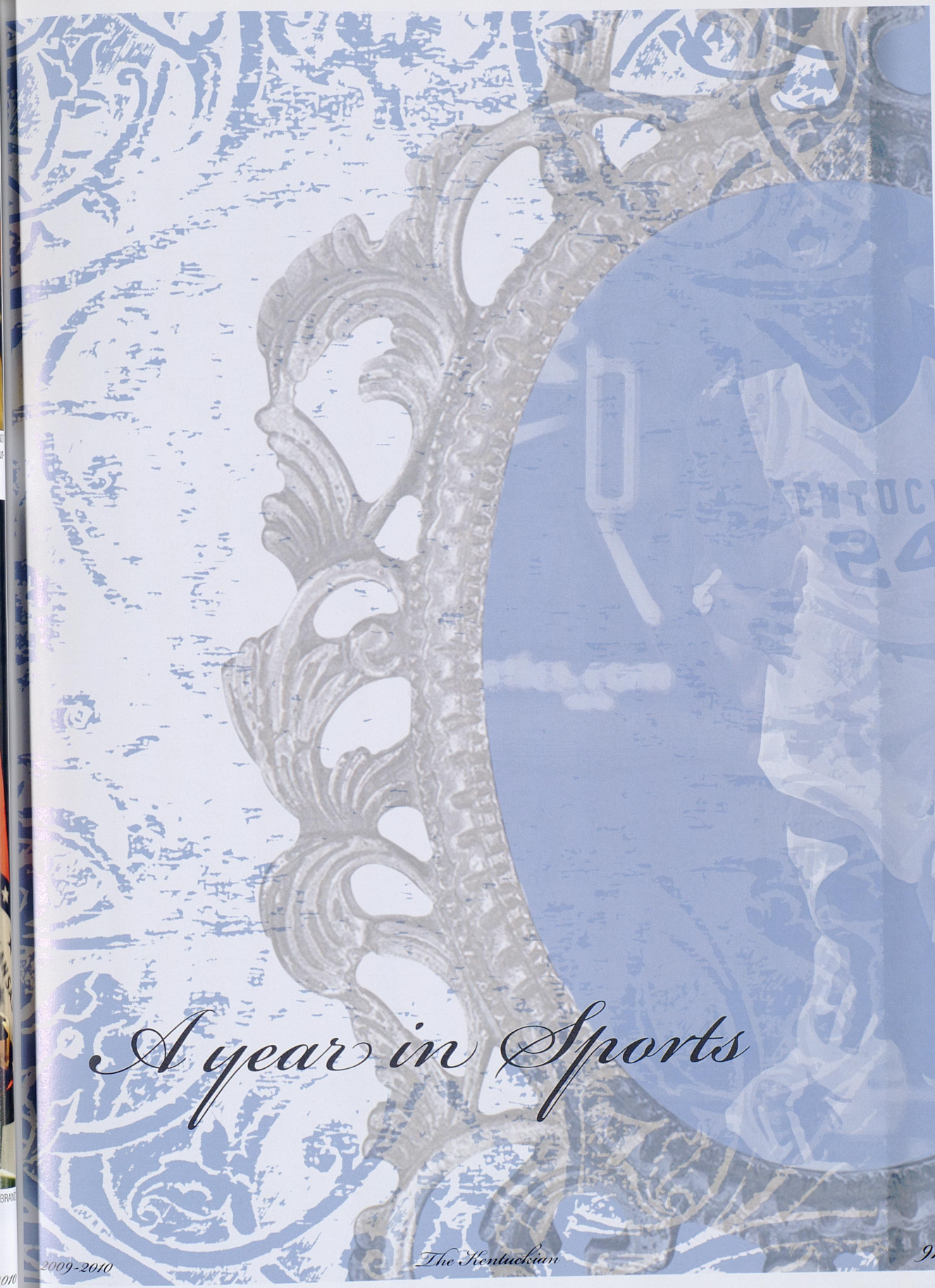
ADAM WOLF/ BRAND

Graduating students of the Gatton College of Business and Economics sit in preperation for the speakers to begin on Saturday, May 8, 2010.



ADAM WOLF/ BRAND

UK President Lee Todd addresses family, friends and graduates at the 143rd Commencement Ceremony on Saturday, May 8, 2010.



A year in Sports





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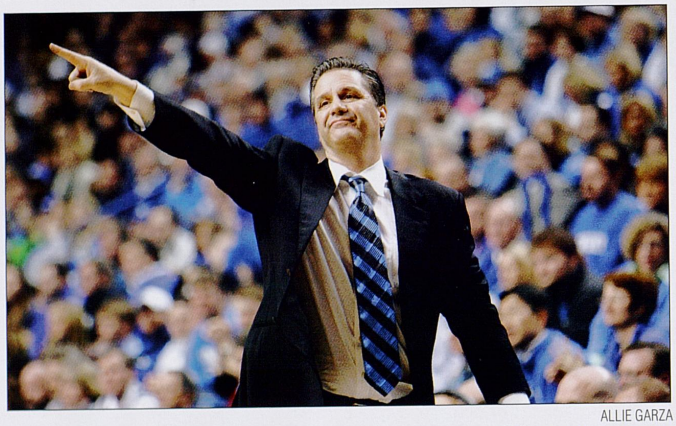
The UK men's basketball team sways to "My Old Kentucky Home" at the conclusion of UK's 74-66 win over Florida at Rupp Arena on Sunday, March 7, 2010.

men's basketball



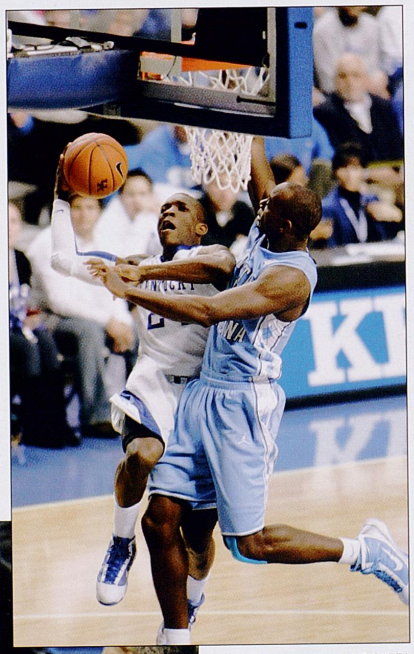
ALLIE GARZA

Freshman guard John Wall dribbles the ball down the court during the first half of the game against North Carolina on Saturday, Dec. 5, 2009 at Rupp Arena. UK defeated the Tarheels 68-66.



ALLIE GARZA

UK head coach John Calipari directs the Cats during the second half of their 82-61 win over the University of South Carolina on Thursday, Feb. 25, 2010 at Rupp Arena.



ALLIE GARZA



Above: Freshman guard Eric Bledsoe goes in for two points for the Cats near the end of the second half of their game against North Carolina on Saturday, Dec. 5, 2009 at Rupp Arena. **Below:** Freshman forward DeMarcus Cousins cheers on the bench in the second half of UK's 104-61 win over Hartford at Rupp Arena on Monday, Dec. 29, 2009.

For a season which tipped off with a dance that swept the Commonwealth and an inaugural address that reenergized the Big Blue Nation, a locker room filled with tears and mourning was not what the UK men's basketball team (35-3, 14-2 Southeastern Conference) had in mind as the final chapter.

The Cats won their first 19 games of the season, were a part of the program's 2,000th win, earned a No. 1 national ranking, and won UK's 44th SEC regular season crown and 26th SEC Tournament Championship. But after the Cats' 73-66 loss to West Virginia in the East Regional Finals, the Cats were only left thinking about what could have been.

"It hurts, and the part that hurts the most is that we'll never get a chance to play with each other again," freshman forward DeMarcus Cousins said. "That's the part that's killing me the most right now. I'll never be able to play with my teammates, my brothers, again."

The freshman-laden

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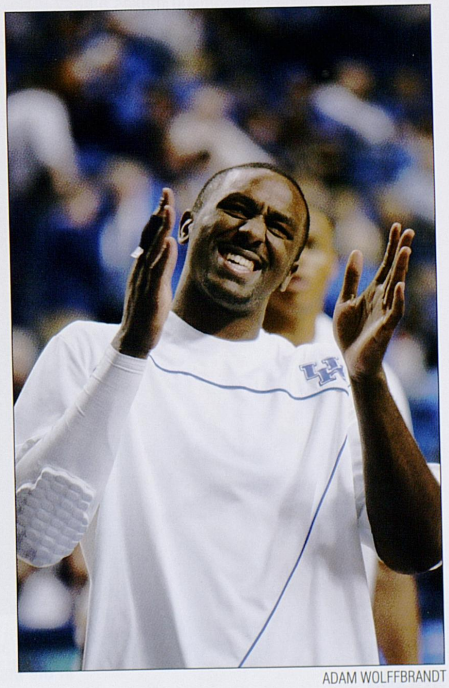
ED MATTHEWS

Sophomore guard Darius Miller attempts to block a shot by North Carolina forward John Henson during the second half of UK's 68-66 win over the Tarheels on Saturday, Dec. 5, 2009 in Rupp Arena.



BRITNEY MCINTOSH

Freshman forward DeMarcus Cousins takes a shot in the second half of UK's win over Hartford at Rupp Arena on Monday, Dec. 29, 2009.



ADAM WOLFFBRANDT

Junior forward Patrick Patterson has some fun warming up with his team before the UK men's basketball game against Alabama at Rupp Arena on Tuesday, Feb. 9, 2010.



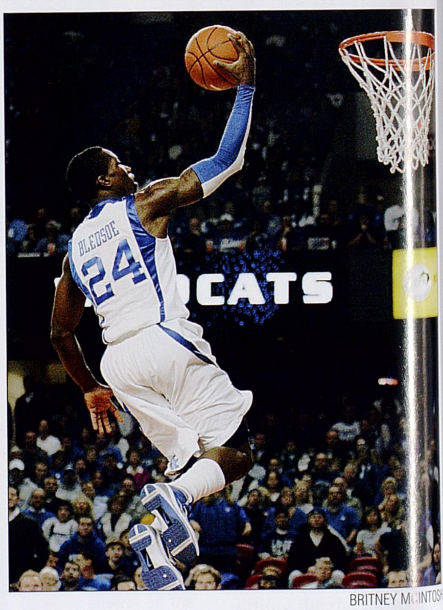
BRITNEY MCINTOSH

Senior forward Perry Stevenson makes a dunk in the first half of UK's 85-75 win over Ole Miss on Tuesday, Feb. 2, 2010 at Rupp Arena.



ALLIE GARZA

Men's basketball head coach John Calipari yells at his team in the first half of UK's 85-75 win over Ole Miss on Tuesday, Feb. 2, 2010 in Rupp Arena.



BRITNEY MCINTOSH

Freshman guard Eric Bledsoe makes a dunk in the first half against North Carolina-Asheville at Freedom Hall on Monday, Nov. 30, 2009.

REGULAR SEASON RECORD

Campbellsville	Clarion	Morehead St.	Miami (OH)	Sam Houston St.	Rider	Cleveland St.	Stanford
W, 74-38	W, 117-52	W, 75-59	W, 72-70	W, 102-92	W, 92-63	W, 73-49	W, 73-65



ED MATTHEWS

Sophomore guard DeAndre Liggins shoots against Alabama's Justin Knox in the first half of UK's 66-55 win over Alabama on Tuesday, Feb. 9, 2010 in Rupp Arena.



BRITNEY MCINTOSH

Freshman forward DeMarcus Cousins makes a telephone gesture to the crowd at Mississippi State. Cousins had received harrassing text messages and phone calls from fans leading up to the game.



ADAM WOLFFBRANDT

Freshman guard John Wall jumps over Wake Forest's Tony Woods during the second half.



ED MATTHEWS

Senior guard Ramon Harris tries to block a layup by Ole Miss guard Eniel Polynice in UK's 85-75 win on Feb. 2, 2010.

UNC-Asheville	North Carolina	Connecticut	Indiana	Austin Peay	Drexel	Long Beach St.	Hartford	Louisville
W, 94-57	W, 68-66	W, 64-61	W, 90-73	W, 90-69	W, 88-44	W, 86-73	W, 104-61	W, 71-62



BRITNEY M...INTO

Starting players on the bench celebrate after senior Mark Krebs makes a 3-pointer during the second half of UK's NCAA Tournament second round win, 90-60 over Wake Forest at New Orleans Arena on Saturday, March 20, 2010.



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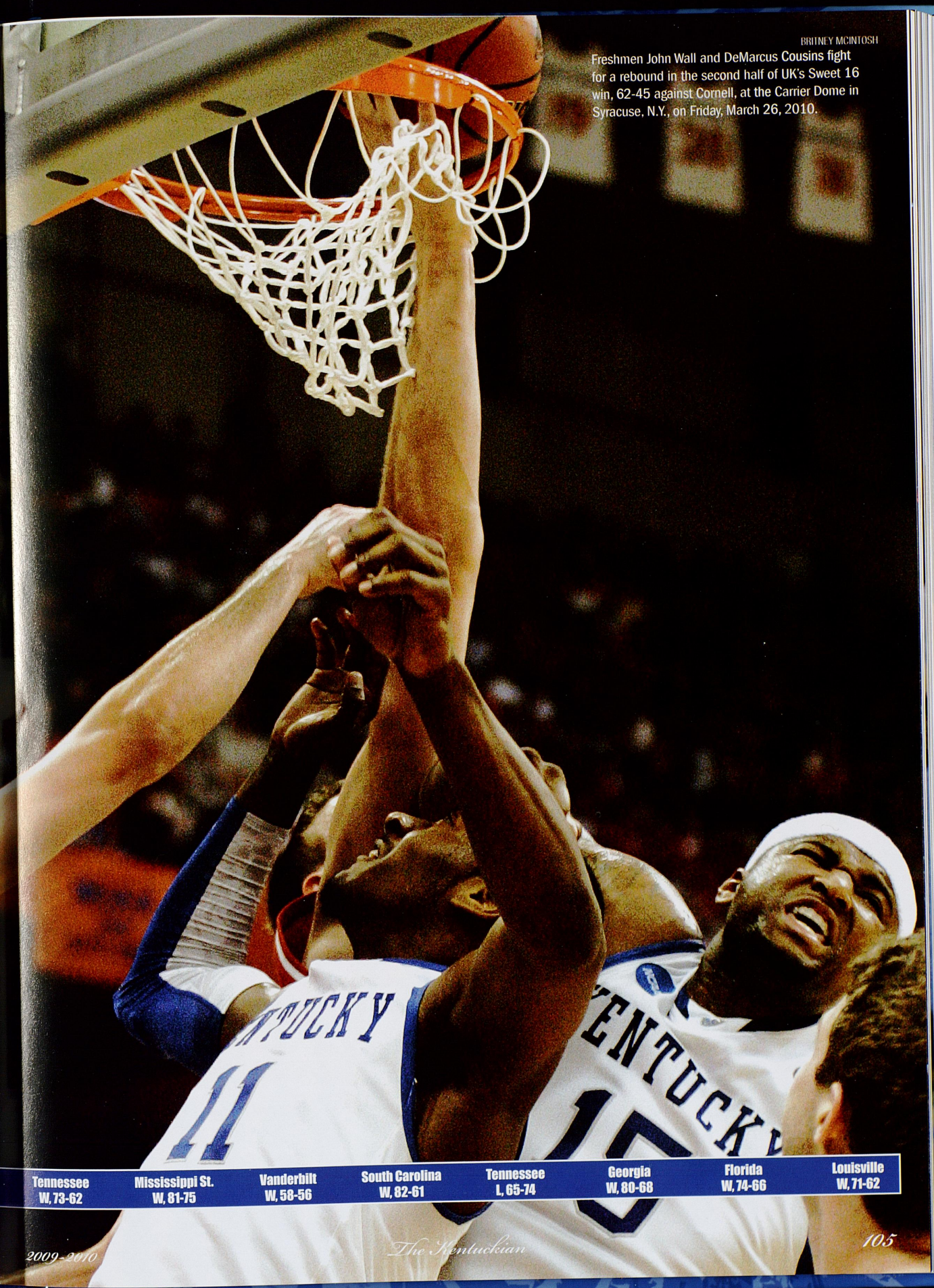
Freshman forward Daniel Orton celebrates after blocking a shot in the second half of UK's win over Ole Miss at Rupp Arena on Tuesday, Feb. 2, 2010.



ED MA...THEW

Junior forward Patrick Patterson shoots a jumper over Florida's Alex Tyus in UK's 74-66 win over Florida on Senior Day, Sunday, March 7, 2010 at Rupp Arena.

Georgia	Florida	Auburn	Arkansas	South Carolina	Vanderbilt	Ole Miss	LSU	Alabama	Tenn...
W, 76-68	W, 89-77	W, 72-67	W, 101-70	L, 62-68	W, 85-72	W, 85-75	W, 81-55	W, 66-55	W, 7...

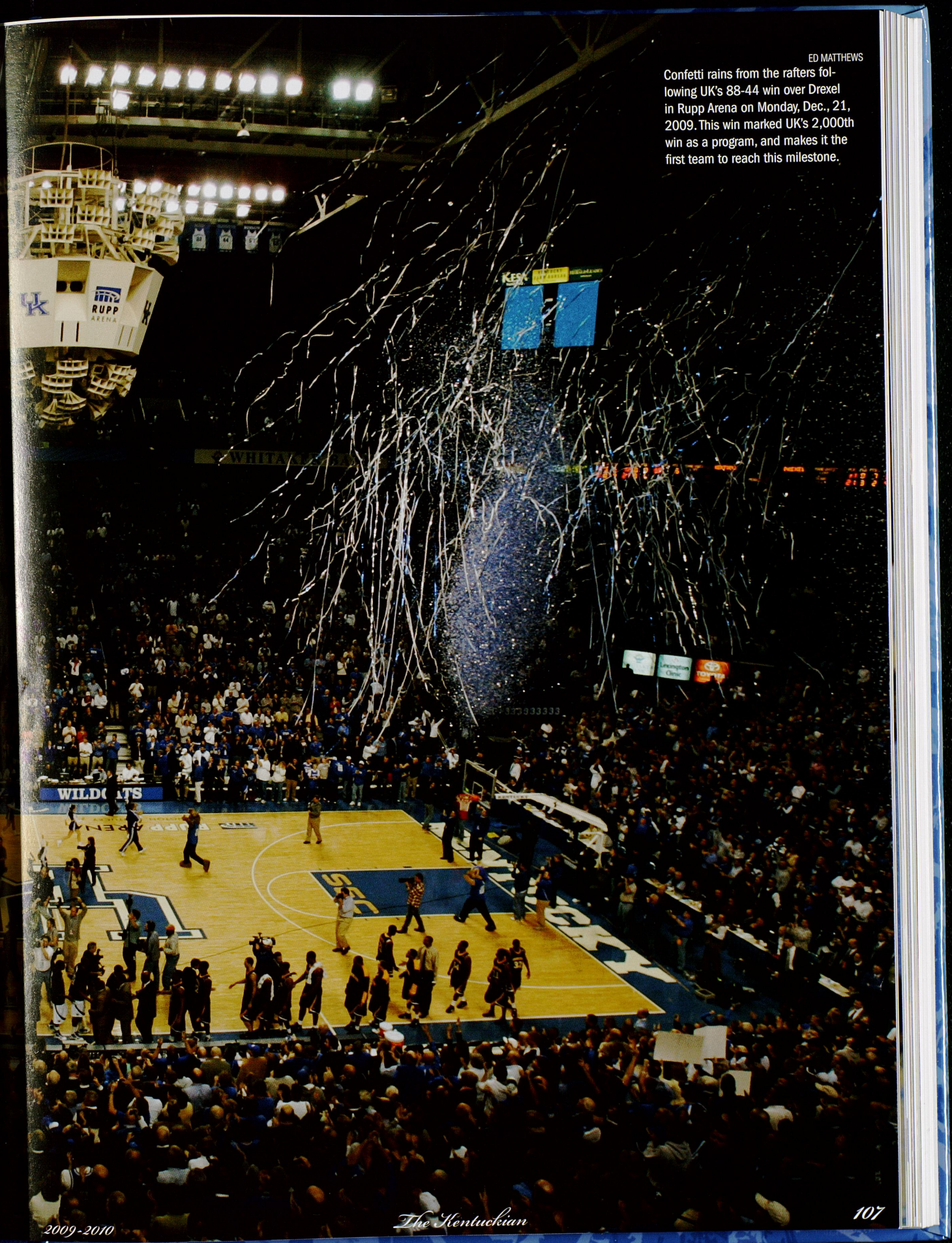


BRITNEY MCINTOSH

Freshmen John Wall and DeMarcus Cousins fight for a rebound in the second half of UK's Sweet 16 win, 62-45 against Cornell, at the Carrier Dome in Syracuse, N.Y., on Friday, March 26, 2010.

Tennessee	Mississippi St.	Vanderbilt	South Carolina	Tennessee	Georgia	Florida	Louisville
W, 73-62	W, 81-75	W, 58-56	W, 82-61	L, 65-74	W, 80-68	W, 74-66	W, 71-62


2,000
On Dec. 21, 2009, the UK men's basketball team became the first Division I team to win 2,000 games.



ED MATTHEWS

Confetti rains from the rafters following UK's 88-44 win over Drexel in Rupp Arena on Monday, Dec., 21, 2009. This win marked UK's 2,000th win as a program, and makes it the first team to reach this milestone.


SEC CHAMPS
MISSISSIPPI STATE
SOUTH CAROLINA
SOUTHEASTERN
SEC
Kentucky defeats Mississippi State
75-74 to clinch its 26th
SEC Tournament Championship

BRITNEY MCINTOSH

Josh Harrellson throws John Wall in the air while the UK men's basketball team celebrates UK's SEC Championship win over Mississippi State at Bridgestone Arena.



BRITNEY MCINTOSH

UK men's basketball head coach John Calipari yells at his team in the second half of UK's win 75-74 over Mississippi State at Bridgestone Arena on Sunday, March 14, 2010.



BRITNEY MCINTOSH

Junior forward Patrick Patterson gets knocked over by Kodi Augustus in the second half of UK's 75-74 win over Mississippi State at Bridgestone Arena in the SEC Finals on Sunday, March 14, 2010.



BRITNEY MCINTOSH

Freshman forward DeMarcus Cousins fights his way to the net in the first half of UK's 75-74 win over Mississippi State at Bridgestone Arena in the SEC Finals on Sunday, March 14, 2010.



BRITNEY MCINTOSH

Freshman forward DeMarcus Cousins fights for the ball in the second half.



BRITNEY MCINTOSH

The UK men's basketball team celebrates UK's SEC Championship win over Mississippi State on Sunday, March 14, 2010.



BRITNEY MCINTOSH

Mark Krebs walks out to hug John Wall after he made a shot in overtime of UK's 75-74 win over Mississippi State.



BRITNEY MCINTOSH

The UK pep band plays in the second half of UK's 75-74 win over Mississippi State.



BRITNEY MCINTOSH

DeMarcus Cousins and the men's basketball team get the crowd excited in overtime of UK's 75-74 win over Mississippi State on Sunday, March 14, 2010.



BRITNEY MCINTOSH

UK alumna Ashley Judd yells in the second half of UK's 75-74 win over Mississippi State at Bridgestone Arena in the SEC Finals on Sunday, March 14, 2010.



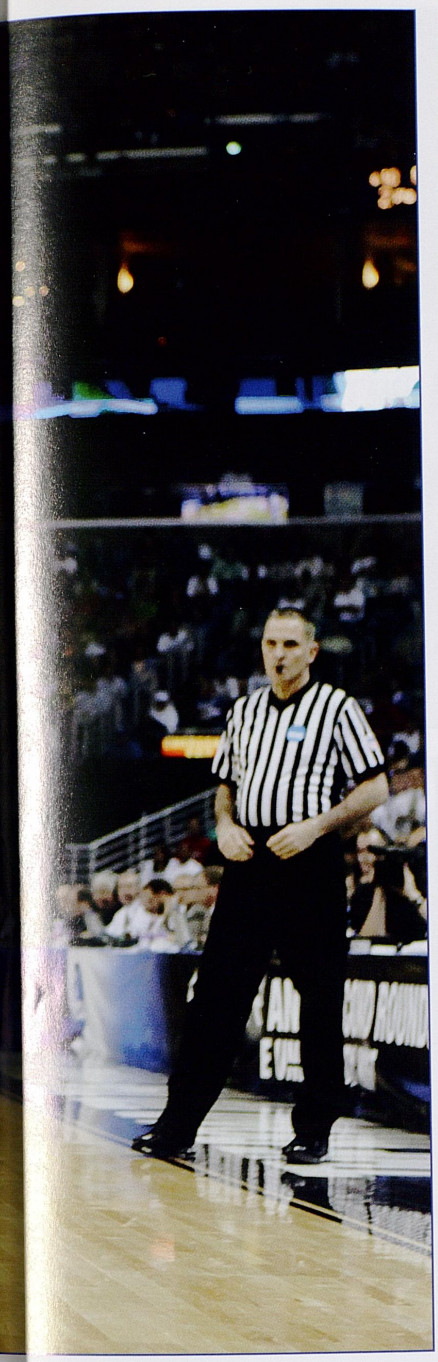
road to glory

team proved doubters wrong the entire season, winning games big from behind and in tight situations.

They did so around the country against small teams like Miami of Ohio, and big teams like North Carolina.

They did so in intimate settings like the hotel ballroom/makeshift basketball court in the Cancun Challenge, and on one of the biggest stage of them all, Madison Square Garden.

"We're a terrific team, everybody came together as brothers," freshman



BRITNEY MCINTOSH

Above: Junior forward Patrick Patterson and sophomore guard DeAndre Liggins guard Ishmael Smith during the first half of UK's second round win over Wake Forest in the NCAA Tournament at New Orleans Arena on Saturday, March 20, 2010. **Right:** Junior forward Patrick Patterson battles through Cornell's defense attempting to get to the basket at the Carrier Dome on Thursday, March 25, 2010.



BRITNEY MCINTOSH

Freshman guard John Wall jumps over Wake Forest's sophomore center Tony Woods during the second half of the UK men's basketball against Wake Forest for the second round of the NCAA tournament at New Orleans Arena on Saturday, March 20, 2010.







guard Eric Bledsoe said. "I've never seen a team like that, so talented, without too many egos coming together as one. I guess we did that."

Patrick Patterson and Ramon Harris were two players who got to see the good, the bad and the ugly during their years at UK. The junior and senior said the 2009-10 season was the best of their respective careers.

"It's the best year that I've had," Patterson said. "It's the (most fun) year that I've had. It's the most enjoyable year that I've had."

ADAM WOLFFBRANT

Left: Freshman forward DeMarcus Cousins falls to the ground after East Tennessee State's Micah Williams goes for a basket during the second half of the game against ETSU in the first round of the NCAA Tournament at New Orleans Arena on Thursday, March 18, 2010. **Below:** Sophomore guard DeAndre Liggins dives for the ball during the first half of the game against ETSU in the first round of the NCAA Tournament at New Orleans Arena on Thursday, March 18, 2010.





BRITNEY MCINTOSH

Players on the bench cheer for John Hood during the second half of UK's first round 100-71 win over East Tennessee State in the NCAA Tournament at New Orleans Arena on Thursday, March 18, 2010.



ADAM WOLFFBRANDT



Above: Freshman guard Eric Bledsoe avoids East Tennessee State's guards during the second half of the game against ETSU in the first round of the NCAA Tournament at New Orleans Arena on Thursday, March 18, 2010. The Cats won 100-71 over the Bucs. **Right:** Sophomore guard DeAndre Liggins goes in for a dunk during the second half of the game against ETSU in the first round of the NCAA Tournament at New Orleans Arena on Thursday, March 18, 2010.

end of the road





BRITNEY MCINTOSH

Eric Bledsoe sits in the locker room after the team's Elite Eight loss, 73-66 to West Virginia, at the Carrier Dome in Syracuse, N.Y., on Saturday, March 27, 2010.



BRITNEY MCINTOSH

Darius Miller and John Wall fouled out in the second half of UK's Elite Eight loss, 73-66 to West Virginia, at the Carrier Dome in Syracuse, N.Y., on Saturday, March 27, 2010.

"I've had my ups and downs, but like I said, this is the most fun that I've had since I've been in college," Harris said.

In the weeks following their loss to the Mountaineers, Patterson, along with freshmen John Wall, Daniel Orton, Cousins and Bledsoe all declared early for the NBA Draft.

While a program has been reborn, blue is back in the Bluegrass, and UK basketball is relevant again on a national level, the eighth national championship banner will have to wait.

"You're happy that you put the program back on the map, and we won a lot of games," Wall said. "But you're disappointed that you didn't reach your goals that you had as a team, and that's winning a championship."



SCOTT HANNIGAN

Freshman forward DeMarcus Cousins battles for a rebound against West Virginia at the Carrier Dome on Saturday, March 27, 2010.



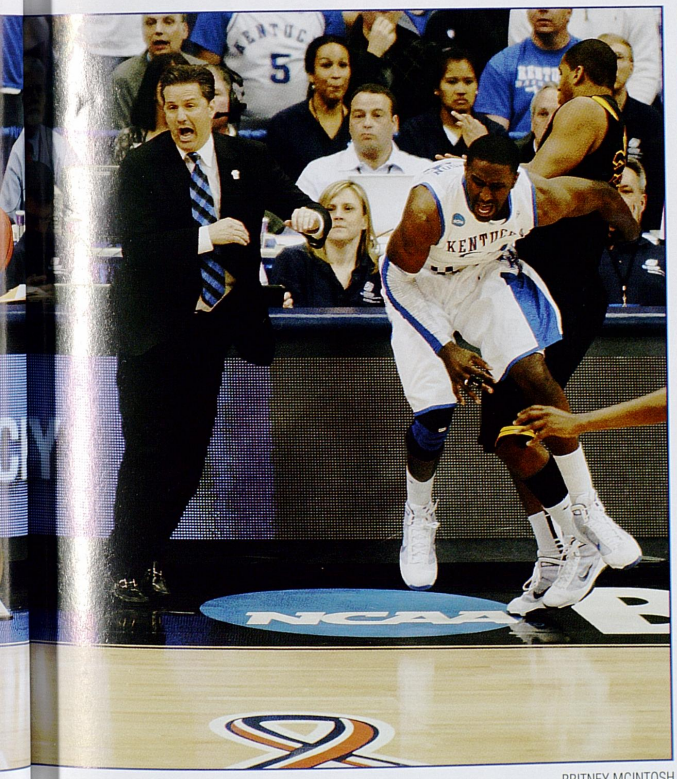
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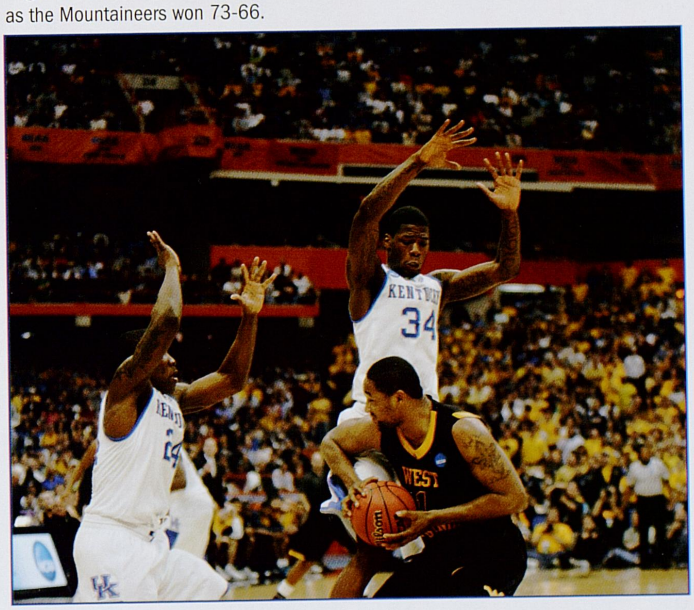
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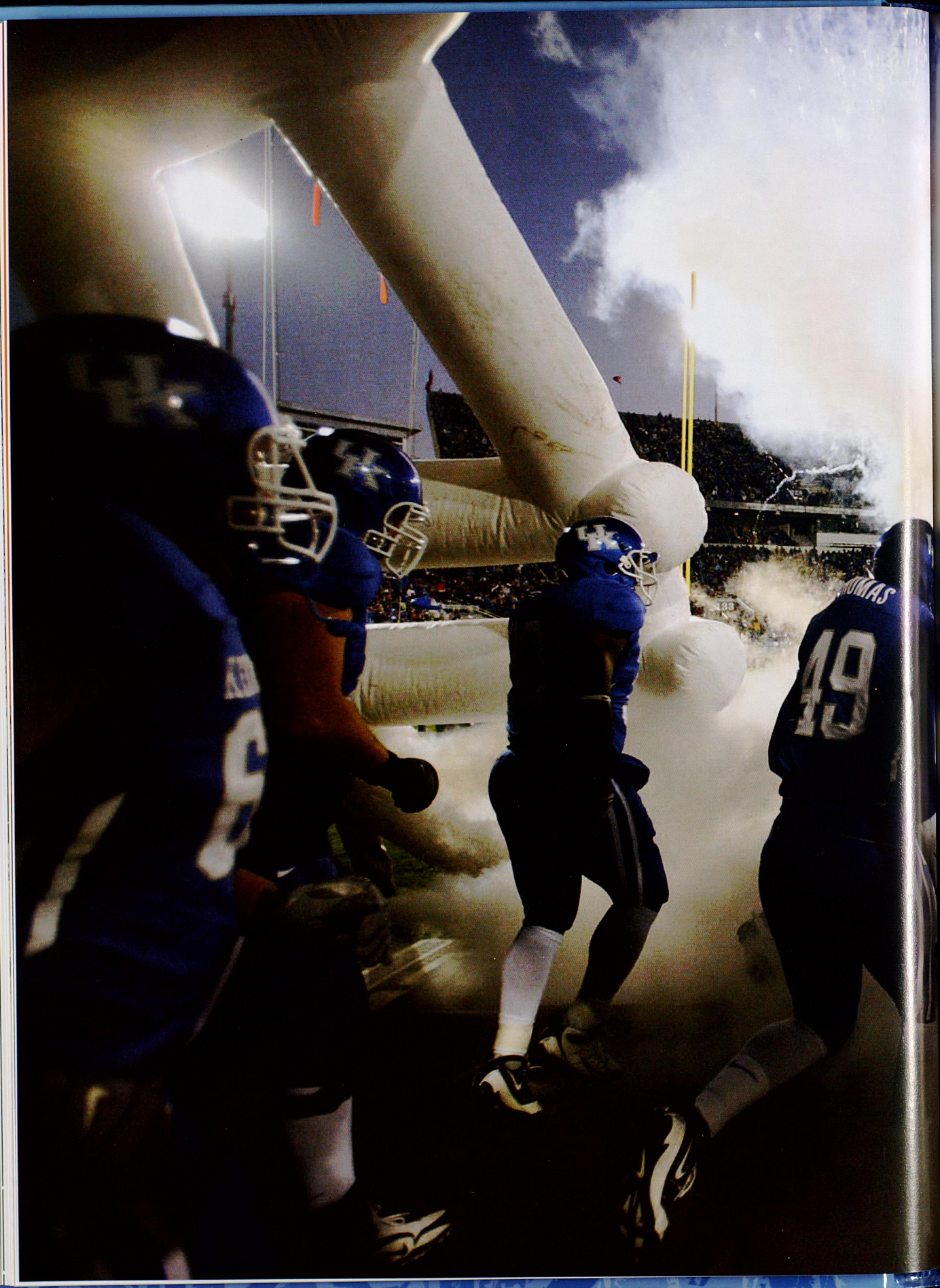
Above: Freshman guard John Wall moves past John Flowers to make a layup in the second half of UK's Elite Eight loss, 73-66 to West Virginia, at the Carrier Dome in Syracuse, N.Y., on Saturday, March 27, 2010. **Below:** UK attempts to press West Virginia at the Carrier Dome on Saturday, March 27, 2010. The Cats' efforts fell short as the Mountaineers won 73-66.



BRITNEY MCINTOSH

Junior forward Patrick Patterson loses possession of the ball and falls out of bounds in the second half of UK's Elite 8 loss , 73-66, against West Virginia at the Carrier Dome in Syracuse, NY on Saturday, March 27, 2010.




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ADAM WOLFFBRANDT

The UK football team runs out onto the field for the game against Louisiana-Monroe at Commonwealth Stadium on Saturday, Oct. 24, 2009.

FOOTBALL



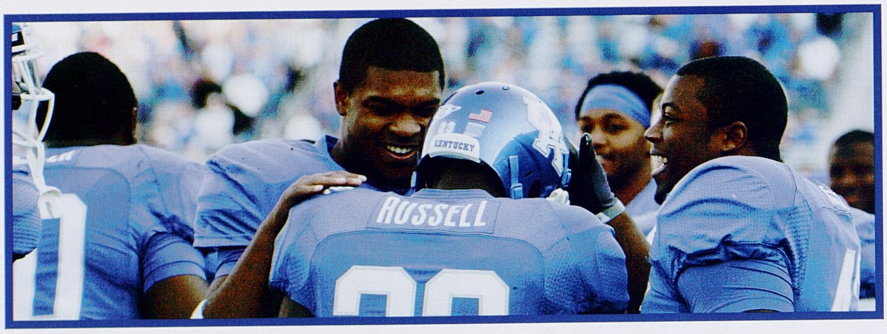
OVERALL RECORD

Miami (OH)	Louisville	Florida	Alabama	South Carolina	Auburn
W, 42-0	W, 31-27	L, 41-7	L, 38-20	L, 28-26	W, 21-14



BRITNEY MCINTOSH
The UK football team huddles before the game against Florida on Saturday, Sept. 26, 2009.

Louisiana - Monroe	Mississippi St.	Eastern Kenucky	Vanderbilt	Georgia	Tennessee
W, 36-13	L, 31-24	W, 37-12	W, 24-13	W, 34-27	L, 30-24 (OT)



BRITNEY MCINTOSH
Teammates congratulate freshman running back Donad Russell after he made a touchdown on a 79-yard run, making the score 37-6 in the second half of UK's win over Eastern Kentucky on Saturday, Nov. 7, 2009 at Commonwealth Stadium.

By Ben Jones

UK head coach Rich Brooks called it a disappointing season. But for all the ups and downs the UK football team had to overcome en route to a 7-6 year, Brooks' final campaign could still be remembered for the landmark wins the Cats had despite remarkable obstacles.



ADAM WOLFFBRANDT
Senior kicker Lones Sieber talks with senior wide receiver Randall Cobb before the game against Florida on Saturday, Sept. 26, 2009.

The Cats started 2-0 over nonconference foes Miami of Ohio and Louisville before being dealt two beatings by eventual Southeastern Conference division champions Florida and Alabama at home. With that, they looked to regroup with two road games ahead.

But in their first game away from Commonwealth Stadium, UK took another hit, losing a 28-26 heartbreaker to South Carolina when a 2-point conversion attempt in the final minutes failed. Worse, starting quarterback Mike Hartline was knocked out for the season in the midst of the best game of his career. With another road game approaching, the Cats turned to true freshman quarterback Morgan Newton as fans and analysts pushed the panic button on the season.

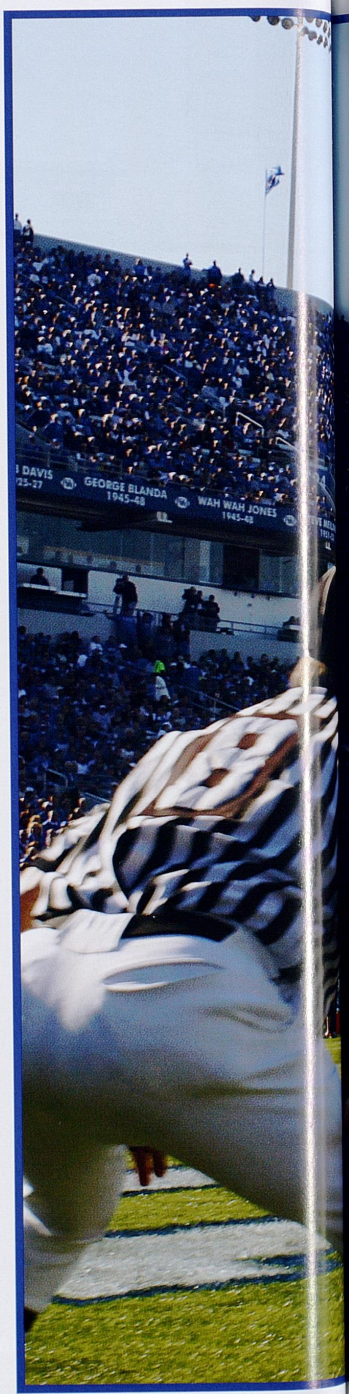
Against all odds, UK mustered a 21-14 win at Auburn to fight back to .500 on the season. It was UK's first win over the Tigers since 1966.

"I think this was close to a 60-minute game," Brooks said after the win, which breathed life back into the season. "This was ultimately a team win. There really wasn't one thing that stood out above the others."

The Cats kept on a roll the next weekend, beating Louisiana-Monroe 36-13. On homecoming the next Saturday, disaster struck as UK fell to Mississippi State 31-24 in a game many believed UK should have won. Brooks blamed the loss on a host of distractions during the week.and again the outcome of the season was in jeopardy.



ZACH BRAKE
Kentucky center Jorge Gonzalaez hangs his heads after the 31-24 loss to Mississippi State at Commonwealth Stadium on Saturday, Oct. 31, 2009.





BRITNEY MCINTOSH
Senior tailback Alfonso Smith falls two yards short of a touchdown in the first half of the game against Eastern Kentucky on Saturday, Nov. 7, 2009.

SCOTT HANNIGAN
Wide receiver Gene McCaskill attempts to catch the ball for a touchdown reception in the first half of play against Eastern Kentucky at Commonwealth Stadium on Saturday, Nov. 7, 2009.



BRITNEY MCINTOSH

Freshman quartback Morgan Newton sets up a play against Eastern Kentucky on Saturday, Nov. 7, 2009. The Cats beat the Colonels 37-12.

"For us to not come out and play with any emotion — this was a big night with Halloween, a lot of alumni in attendance for Homecoming, we had a blackout – just so many things and we didn't play with any emotion," sophomore Randall Cobb said after the loss. "I don't really know what to say right now."

After that, the Cats ripped off three straight wins to become bowl-eligible. The final win, a rousing 34-27 second-half comeback over Georgia at Sanford Stadium before a capacity crowd, would prove to be the crowning achievement on the season. Trailing at halftime, UK used four turnovers by Georgia in the second half and some late-game heroics by Cobb to topple the Dawgs.

"Hey, South Carolina and Mississippi State, coulda, woulda, shoulda," Brooks said. "All I know is that right now, we're 7-4 and we're playing Tennessee, and we'll see what happens and if we can shake something out and get to 8-4."

A win over Tennessee wasn't in the cards for UK. The Cats had a chance to win the game in the closing minutes, but were stopped short on the goal line by the Volunteers and lost in overtime.

"This (season) could have been better," Brooks said in his postgame news conference after the loss. "It also could have been worse. It's not the season I wanted or expected. I expected more, I think our players expected more."

The season ended with the Cats' fourth consecutive bowl game, a 21-13 loss to Clemson in the Gaylord Hotels Music City Bowl. But an even greater loss was yet to come, as Brooks announced after the game he would likely retire. He did so a few days later, stepping down after leading the Cats to their longest streak of bowl berths in over 50 years.

Head coach-in-waiting Joker Phillips took the reins shortly thereafter, and will look to help UK make the next step in 2010. After four years of lower-level bowls, Phillips wants nothing more for the Cats to explode on the national scene in the coming years.



ZACH BRAKE

Wide receiver Randall Cobb dives for a touchdown during the fourth quarter of the game against Auburn on Saturday, Oct. 17, 2009. The Cats defeated the Tigers 21-14 to gain their first conference win of the season.



BRITNEY MCINTOSH

Freshman running back Donad Russell scores on a 79-yard run, making the score 37-6 in the second half of UK's win over Eastern Kentucky on Saturday, Nov. 7, 2009 at Commonwealth Stadium.



ADAM WOLFFBRANDT

UK cornerback Randall Burden scores a touchdown after a 50-yard interception return in the fourth quarter of game against Louisiana-Monroe at Commonwealth Stadium on Saturday, Oct. 24, 2009. The Cats beat the Warhawks 36-13.



BRITNEY MCINTOSH

Senior tight-end Ross Bogue celebrates after scoring UK's only touchdown in the second quarter of Florida's 41-7 win over UK on Saturday, Sept. 26, 2009.



ADAM WOLFBRANDT

Wide receiver Chris Matthews celebrates with teammates after he made the first touchdown in the first half of the game against Clemson at L. P. Field in the Gaylord Hotels Music City Bowl on Sunday, Dec. 27, 2009. The Cats lost to the Tigers 21-13.

Cats end season heartbroken

By Ben Jones

Seniors Corey Peters and Zipp Duncan sat in their chairs with blank stares. UK's captains were still recovering from a bitter 21-13 loss to the Clemson Tigers in their final game with the program, but their minds were likely on another loss the program could suffer in the coming days.

UK head coach Rich Brooks announced he will likely retire after this season.

"I have told my team that, 80 percent, I'm probably not coming back," Brooks said. "I'm going to think about it. I've got my family coming home with me, we're going to talk about it and I'll decide in probably four to five days."

Brooks said a lot would factor into his decision, and he wouldn't elaborate on what could affect his decision to return or retire.

The loss ended a three-game bowl winning streak for the Cats (7-6, 2-5 Southeastern Conference) and a school record 18-game nonconference winning streak.

"It's one thing for me to go out on this note and the senior class, but finding out this is possibly the last game for him makes it hurt that much worse," Peters said. "You want to get the win for him especially, knowing that it could be possibly his last game. That's when it really hit me that it's over. It kind of made me regret a lot of things."

UK jumped out to an early 7-0 lead but trailed at halftime after giving, and never recovered. The Cats would only muster a field goal in the second half despite good field position on multiple drives, and Clemson was able to run the clock out in the closing seconds as UK turned the ball over on downs while driving in an attempt to tie the game.

Clemson's offense was able to break several big plays as UK's offense chipped its way down the field. Clemson's first two touchdown drives covered a combined 152 yards on just nine plays. Senior tailback C.J. Spiller's eight-yard run with 10:14 left in the fourth quarter gave the Tigers their final margin of victory and put UK in too deep a hole to recover.

"The first half, the difference to me was us giving up some big plays and just not converting when we got across midfield," Brooks said.

The Cats did get good news after the game when junior tailback Derrick Locke said he would definitely return for his senior season. Locke had considered leaving for the NFL but decided to return to improve his stock in his senior season. Locke finished the game 10th all time in career rushing yards at UK.

Brooks, however, was clear he was not 100 percent sure about his future. He began thinking about it in the week leading up to the bowl game, but wanted to get away from everything for a while before deciding whether turning the team over to head coach of the offense Joker Phillips.

"I just feel like maybe it's time," Brooks said.

Freshman quarterback Morgan Newton stalled with the rest of the offense in the



ADAM WOLFFBRANDT

The Clemson Tigers celebrate after the 21-13 win over UK at L. P. Field in the Gaylord Hotels Music City Bowl on Sunday, Dec. 27, 2009.

second half, throwing for just 36 yards after the break. He finished with 98 passing yards while completing 13 of 23 passes. He did rush for 37 yards. Locke carried for 64 yards and also added 30 receiving yards. Spiller paced Clemson with 172 all-purpose yards.

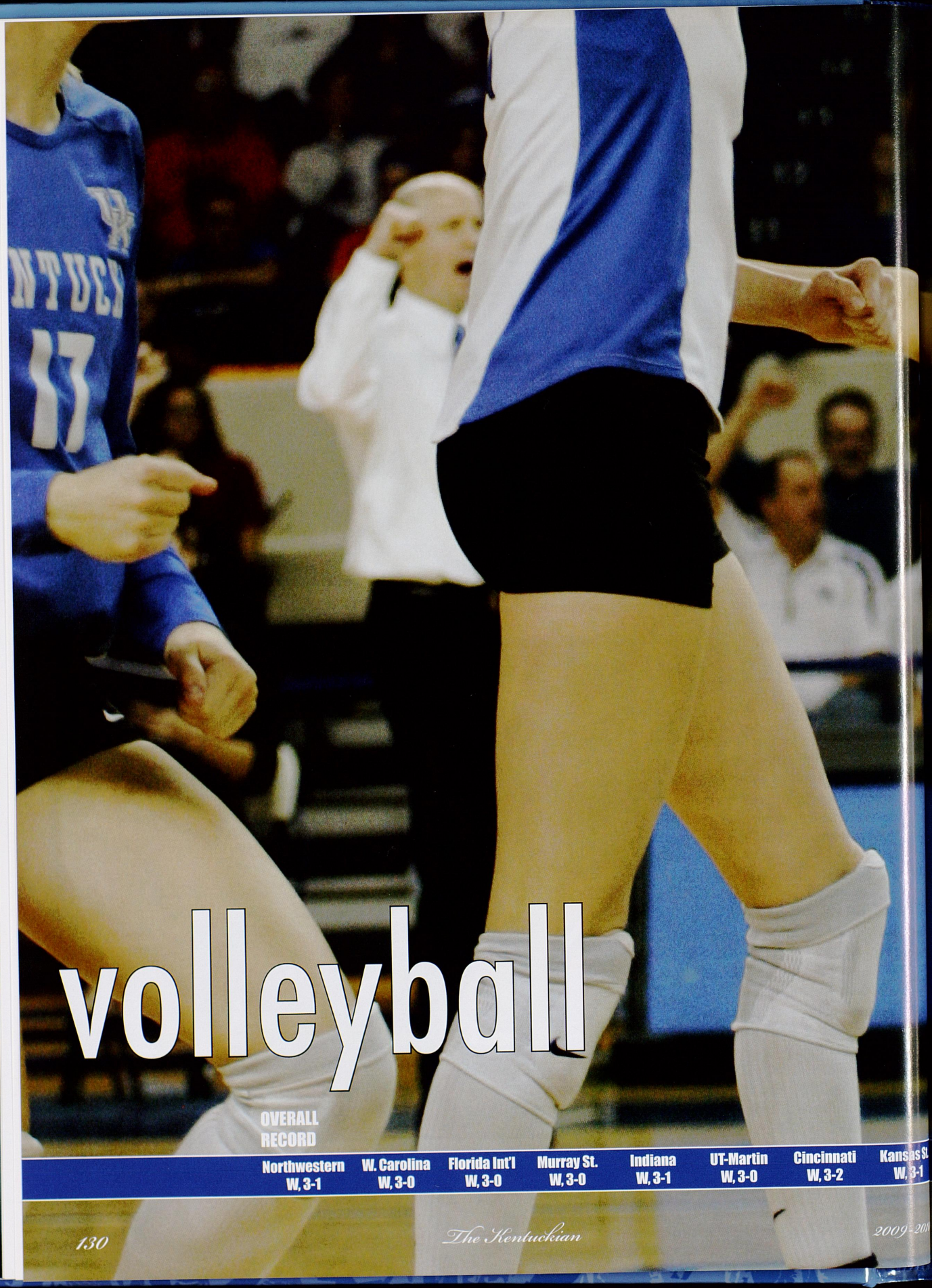
The loss bookends UK's four-game bowl streak under Brooks that began in 2006 with a 28-20 win over the Tigers in the Music City Bowl. Brooks' all-time record at UK stands at 39-47, though his players said his biggest impact didn't come in football terms.

"For me personally, five years ago he sold us on a dream and coming in here and working hard and turning this program around," Duncan said. "For me, I just want to thank him for the opportunity. I feel like he taught us a lot of traits that are going to help us be successful in life, not just on the football field. Things like being a man and raising a family. I'm proud to have been a part of that and been under him for five years."



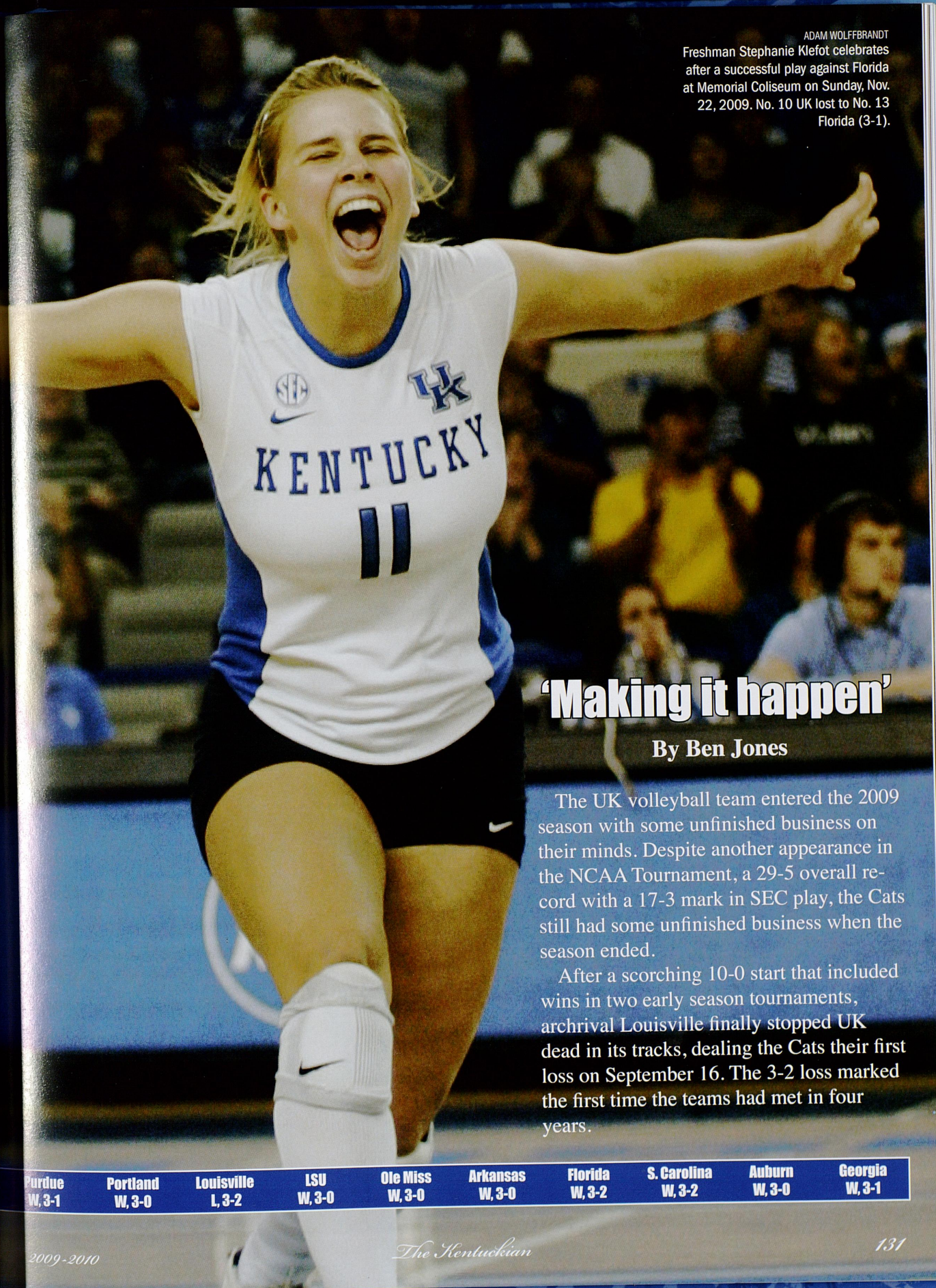
BRITNEY MCINTOSH

Sophomore safety Matt Lentz gets taken down by the Clemson defense in the first half of Clemson's 21-13 victory in the Gaylord Hotels Music City Bowl on Sunday, Dec. 27, 2009.



volleyball

OVERALL RECORD	Northwestern W, 3-1	W. Carolina W, 3-0	Florida Int'l W, 3-0	Murray St. W, 3-0	Indiana W, 3-1	UT-Martin W, 3-0	Cincinnati W, 3-2	Kansas St. W, 3-1



ADAM WOLFFBRANDT
Freshman Stephanie Klefot celebrates after a successful play against Florida at Memorial Coliseum on Sunday, Nov. 22, 2009. No. 10 UK lost to No. 13 Florida (3-1).

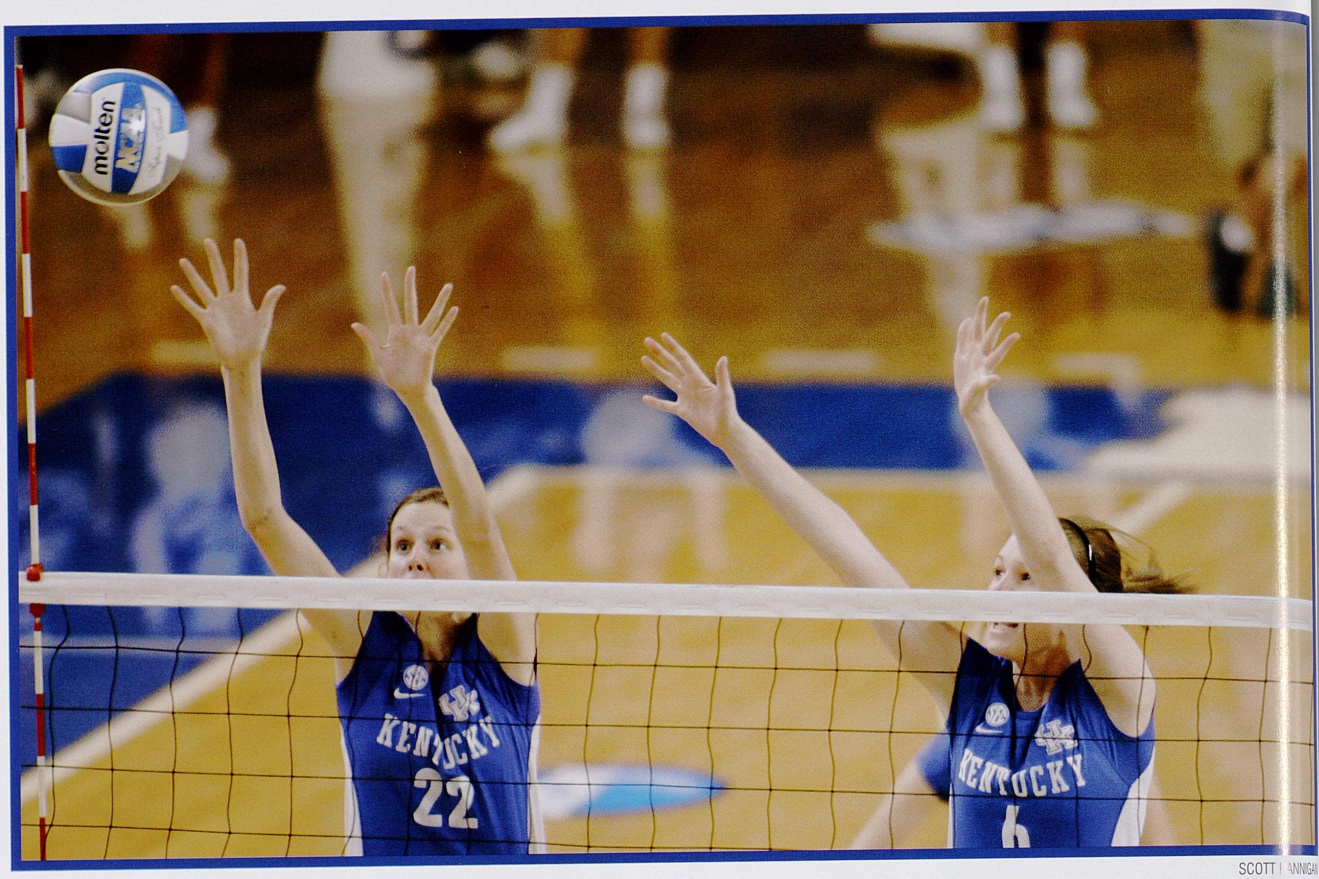
'Making it happen'

By Ben Jones

The UK volleyball team entered the 2009 season with some unfinished business on their minds. Despite another appearance in the NCAA Tournament, a 29-5 overall record with a 17-3 mark in SEC play, the Cats still had some unfinished business when the season ended.

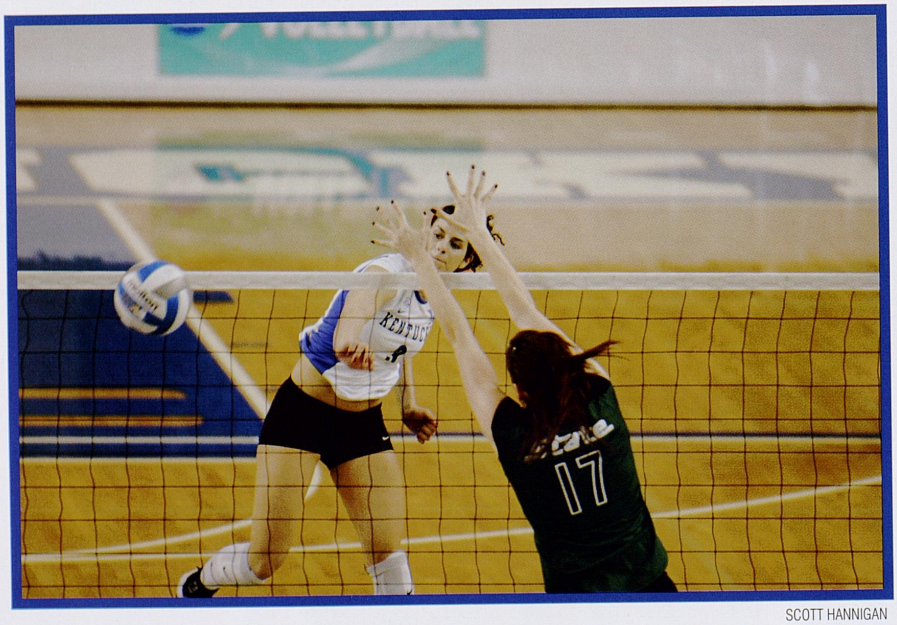
After a scorching 10-0 start that included wins in two early season tournaments, archrival Louisville finally stopped UK dead in its tracks, dealing the Cats their first loss on September 16. The 3-2 loss marked the first time the teams had met in four years.

Kansas St.	Purdue	Portland	Louisville	LSU	Ole Miss	Arkansas	Florida	S. Carolina	Auburn	Georgia
W, 3-1	W, 3-1	W, 3-0	L, 3-2	W, 3-0	W, 3-0	W, 3-0	W, 3-2	W, 3-2	W, 3-0	W, 3-1



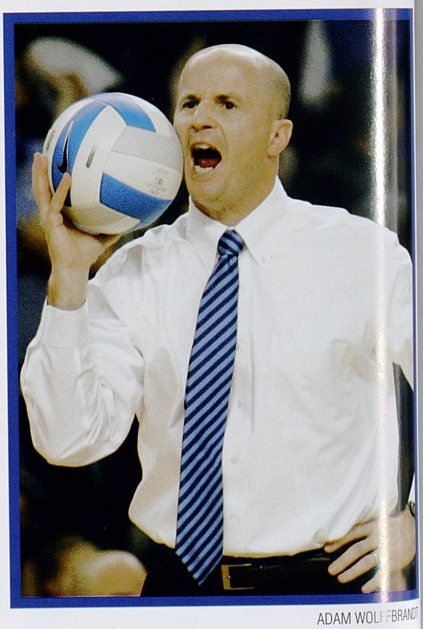
SCOTT HANNIGAN

UK's Becky Pavan, left, and Lauren Rapp attempt a block against Oregon at Memorial Coliseum during the second round of the NCAA Tournament on Saturday, Dec. 5, 2009.



SCOTT HANNIGAN

UK's Sarah Mendoza attempts a kill against Michigan State at Memorial Coliseum on Friday, Dec. 4, 2009.



ADAM WOLFFBRAND

Head coach Greg Skinner yells at his team during the game against Florida at Memorial Coliseum on Sunday, Nov. 22, 2009. No. 10 UK lost to No. 13 Florida (3-1).

OVERALL RECORD

Mississippi St.	Alabama	Tennessee	LSU	Arkansas	Ole Miss	Alabama	Mississippi St.
W, 3-0	W, 3-0	L, 3-1	W, 3-2	W, 3-1	W, 3-0	W, 3-1	W, 3-0



SCOTT HANNIGAN

Sarah Mendoza, left, hugs Sarah Rumely after scoring a point against Michigan State at Memorial Coliseum on Friday, Dec. 4, 2009. The feelings were felt throughout the night as the Cats defeated the Spartans in the first round of NCAA play.

"If people didn't get their money's worth then I'm not sure what to put on the floor to get that money's worth," UK head coach Craig Skinner said. "It was intense, exciting and Louisville made the plays. They made the hustle plays when it mattered, got the kills when they needed to in transition to make the difference."

That loss wouldn't faze UK, though. They ripped off nine more wins and again injected themselves in the conversation for the league championship by winning their first nine SEC matches.

The Cats were paced all season by veteran performers like senior setter Sarah Rumely, the 2008 SEC Player of the Year. Senior libero BriAnne Sauer and junior outside hitter Sarah Mendoza also helped to lead the Cats, while a handful of newcomers like freshman defensive specialist Stefanie Klefot made their presence felt. A team-building exercise at a ropes course in the preseason helped the squad mesh before hitting the court.

"Getting to actually bond with the team outside of the court was really good and I think that we all got a lot closer," Klefot said. "Seeing them on the court is really intense, so you kind of get their personality on the court, but off the court they are like completely different personalities that I would never expect. You get to see different sides of people. It helps me open up."

At 27-2, the Cats controlled their own destiny and had a chance to win the conference with two matches left. Like in 2008, the Cats only needed to win out to claim their first SEC crown in almost 20 years. After experiencing a nearly identical situation the year before, the Cats were sure they'd be able to end the season strong.

But it wasn't meant to be. UK lost the final two matches of the season to Florida and Tennessee, and Louisiana State won the conference by one game. Again, the Cats came up just short, letting their chance to make school history slip away in the process.

"We know what we have to do, it's about stepping up and making it happen and unfortunately we didn't get it done today," Skinner said after the Cats' 3-1 loss to Florida on November 22.

Not all was lost. The Cats still hosted some opening round games of the NCAA Tournament, and were able to advance to the Minneapolis regional. Their season finally ended at the hands of Florida State in the Sweet 16.

"The team deserves a lot of credit for how they responded," Skinner said after UK beat Oregon on December 5 to advance to the Sweet 16. "We don't want to just participate [in the tournament]. It's very difficult to get to the point where players believe you can get to regionals."

Georgia	Auburn	S. Carolina	Florida	Tennessee	Michigan St.	Oregon	Florida St.
W, 3-0	W, 3-1	W, 3-0	L, 3-1	L, 3-2	W, 3-0	W, 3-0	L, 3-2



men's soccer



ALLIE GARZA
Sophomore Brad Walker dribbles downfield in the game against Southern Methodist at the Soccer and Softball Complex on Wednesday, Nov. 4, 2009.

Starting strong, finishing stronger

By Clark Brooks

The UK men's soccer team followed the same formula it has been following for the past few seasons: starting strong, giving up a few games in the middle and then picking it up at the end of the season and making a run into the Conference USA Tournament.



ADAM WOLFFBRANDT

Senior forward Marco dos Santos prepares to headbutt the ball during the game against High Point University at the Soccer and Softball Complex on Sunday, Nov. 8, 2009. The Cats won 2-0 over the Panthers.

The 2009 Cats started their season strong by winning their first five games, which is a UK record for the best start to a season. While their start was impressive, they quickly started letting games slip through the cracks, only winning three of the next eight games. In that slump, they lost three straight games, and that's what head coach Ian Collins said was the toughest part of the season.

"The low point of this season was our three-game losing streak. It really cost us everything," Collins said.

The Cats didn't get a bid to the NCAA Tournament, despite turning their season around and finishing with a record of 13-6-0. They received a fouth seed in the C-USA Tournament, but fell to eventual C-USA Champion, Tulsa.

Even though the team had an up and down season, the Cats got solid play out of freshman Matt Lodge. He recorded 6 goals and 2 assists on the season. He was named second-team Freshman All-America by Soccer America and to the College Soccer News All-Freshman Team.

Winning these two awards made him the first freshman to be named to any All-American team. He will likely be playing for the Cats for another three years, to the delight of Collins.

"He is a real good player. I'm pleased with the way he adjusted, it was a very hard transition," Collins said.

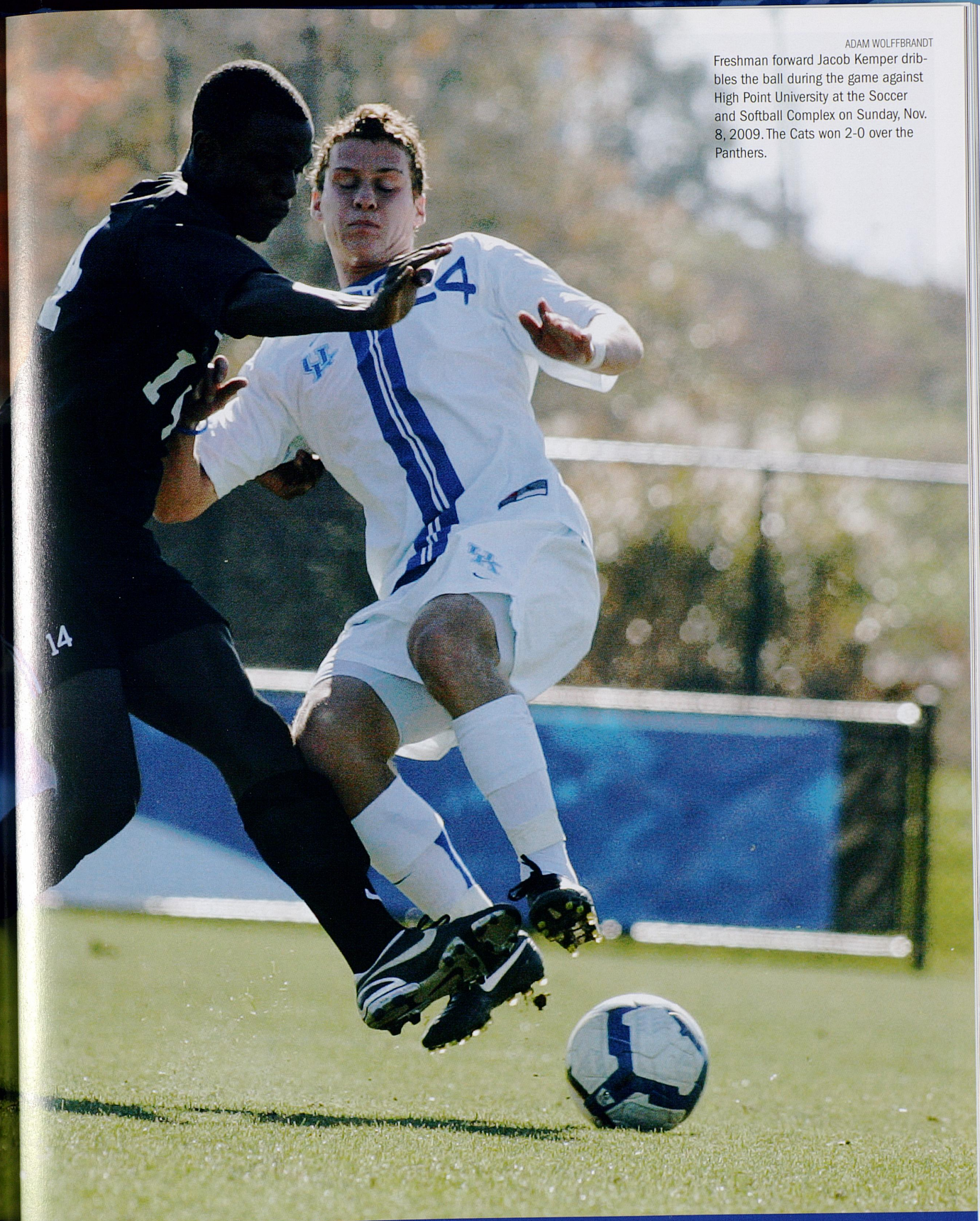
The Cats also had two players drafted into Major League Soccer. Jason Griffiths and Barry Rice were signed by the New England Revolution and the D.C. United, respectively.

Collins has an All-American returning, but on top of that, he has a large incoming class with a lot of talent. The Cats had nine players sign to play at UK as of February 17, 2010.

When asked about next season, Collins said, "We have a group of terrific players coming in, with a solid group of players to build on. But we have a difficult schedule ahead of us."



OVERALL RECORD							
Dayton L, 2-1	Marquette L, 4-2	IUPUI W, 2-1	Bowling Green W, 4-1	Illinois-Chicago W, 2-0	SIU-Edwardsville W, 2-1	Alabama A&M W, 1-0	Marshall L, 1-0



ADAM WOLFFBRANDT
Freshman forward Jacob Kemper dribbles the ball during the game against High Point University at the Soccer and Softball Complex on Sunday, Nov. 8, 2009. The Cats won 2-0 over the Panthers.

Xavier	UNC-Asheville	Indiana	UAB	Tulsa	Memphis	Louisville	S. Carolina
W, 1-0	W, 3-1	L, 3-0	L, 1-0	L, 1-0	W, 2-1	L, 1-0	L, 1-0



ADAM WOLFBRANDT

Senior midfielder Chad Haggerty passes the ball during the game against High Point University at the Soccer and Softball Complex on Sunday, Nov. 8, 2009. The Cats won 2-0 over the Panthers.

Central Florida	Florida International	Southern Methodist	High Point	Tulsa
W, 2-1	W, 2-0	W, 1-0	W, 2-0	L, 2-1



ADAM WOLFFBRANDT
Freshman forward Jacob Kemper kicks the ball across the field during the game against High Point University at the Soccer and Softball Complex on Sunday, Nov. 8, 2009. The Cats won 2-0 over the Panthers.



ADAM WOLFFBRANDT
Senior midfielder George Davis IV headbutts the ball during the game against High Point University at the Soccer and Softball Complex on Sunday, Nov. 8, 2009. The Cats won 2-0 over the Panthers.



ADAM WOLFFBRANDT
Sophomore Chris Jumalon slide tackles a Southern Methodist player during the game against SMU at the Softball and Soccer Complex on Wednesday, Nov. 4, 2009.


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ADAM WOLFFBRANDT

Junior goalkeeper Sydney Hiance warms up for the Cats' match against Ole Miss on Thursday, Oct. 21, 2009. Hiance was named to the Academic All-SEC team in 2008.

Women's soccer

Long season ends too early



ADAM WOLFFBRANDT
Junior forward Laura Novikoff goes for a goal as the Cats take on Ole Miss at the Soccer and Softball Complex on Thursday, Oct. 21, 2009.



ADAM WOLFFBRANDT
Junior goalkeeper Sydney Hiance gets rid of the ball after blocking a shot by Ole Miss on Thursday, Oct. 21, 2009.

OVERALL RECORD						
Cincinnati W, 2-1	Louisville W, 1-0	Wake Forest L, 1-0	Akron T, 0-0	Morehead St. T, 0-0	Texas L, 2-0	W. Kentucky T, 0-0



By Daniel Dilberto

UK women's soccer head coach Jon Lipsitz described the team's season with one word: "uneven."

Lipsitz said the team's attack and effort level was inconsistent; they would play well and be exhausted after one game and would slack during the next game.

The Cats' season came to a close when they lost to Vanderbilt 2-0 on Oct. 30. The team's final record was 5-10-4 with a 2-8-1 mark in the Southeastern Conference. Lipsitz said he thought the team played very well against Vanderbilt.

"I don't like coaching effort, I expect my players to bring it. And I feel like I spent a lot of time coaching effort instead of technique."

— HEAD COACH JON LIPSITZ

"The whole season I talked about how games are won in moments," Lipsitz said. "We had our moments, Vandy seized their moments and we didn't."

The Cats were ranked 11th in the preseason SEC poll and faced a conference schedule that featured two top 25 teams. Lipsitz said they played their best soccer in a 2-1 win against Auburn.

The main problem with the Cats this season was a lack of scoring. They scored 10 goals in their 19 games. Lipsitz took the blame for the offensive struggles on himself.

In his first year as coach, Lipsitz said he learned a lot about the players on the team, the SEC and the strengths and weaknesses of his team. He also came to love UK fans. His favorite moment

tucky -0	Tennessee Tech W, 3-0	Florida L, 2-1	S. Carolina L, 1-0	Georgia L, 1-0	Tennessee L, 1-0	LSU W, 1-0	Arkansas T, 0-0



ADAM WOLFBRANDT

Senior forward Stefani Kildare fights off Ole Miss freshman defender Brittany King on Thursday, Oct. 21, 2009. Kildare said she must chew gum and listen to musi in order to mentally prepare for a game.

this season was looking into the stands after the national anthem during the Louisville game and seeing all of the fans pouring into the stands.

Lipsitz is already looking forward to next season. While he is excited, he said there are some things that need to change.

"I don't like coaching effort, I expect my players to bring it," Lipsitz said. "And I feel like I spent a lot of time coaching effort instead of technique."

Lipsitz is expecting even more new players to join the team next year, and five players who didn't see the field this year are expected back. The team will look to strength and conditioning in the winter and spring to prepare fo next season.

"The good thing about the winter and spring is about development, not winning and losing," Lipstiz said.

Alabama	Auburn	Ole Miss	Mississippi St.	Vanderbilt
L, 2-0	W, 2-1	L, 4-1	L, 2-0	L, 2-0



ADAM WOLFFBRANDT

In his second year as head coach, Jon Lipsitz watches from the sidelines as the Cats go on to lose to Ole Miss 4-1 on Thursday, Oct. 21, 2009.



ADAM WOLFFBRANDT

Sophomore midfielder and forward Emily Rogers goes in for the goal against Ole Miss on Thursday, Oct. 21, 2009.

WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

Road ends in devastating loss in SEC Championship





SCOTT HANNIGAN
The UK women's basketball team celebrates after defeating the Liberty Flames in the first round of NCAA Tournament play at Freedom Hall on Saturday, March 20, 2010.



SCOTT HANNIGAN

UK's Amber Smith attempts to drive through traffic against Michigan State at Freedom Hall on Monday, March 22, 2010.



SCOTT HANNIGAN

Above: Keyla Snowden jumps into Amber Smith's arms while celebrating their win over Michigan State at Freedom Hall on Monday, March 22, 2010. **Left:** Keyla Snowden looks for a lane to the net against Bellarmine University at Memorial Coliseum on Monday, Nov. 9, 2009.



DULUTH, Ga. — The Cats found themselves on the wrong side of tradition and the tale of the tape against No. 4 Tennessee in the Southeastern Conference Tournament Championship game, falling 70-62 to the Lady Volunteers.

UK's starting lineup, which included only one player over 6 feet tall, gave up 26 total inches to the Volunteers' starters. All five starters for Tennessee (30-2, 15-1 SEC) were over 6 feet tall, capped by 6-foot-6 sophomore Kelley Cain, a first team All-SEC selection.

"It was pretty physical out there," junior forward Victoria Dunlap said. "I think mentally we weren't ready to box them out and we weren't ready as a team in the first half, so they got a lot of put backs and boards. But I thought we did a good job of turning that around in the second half."

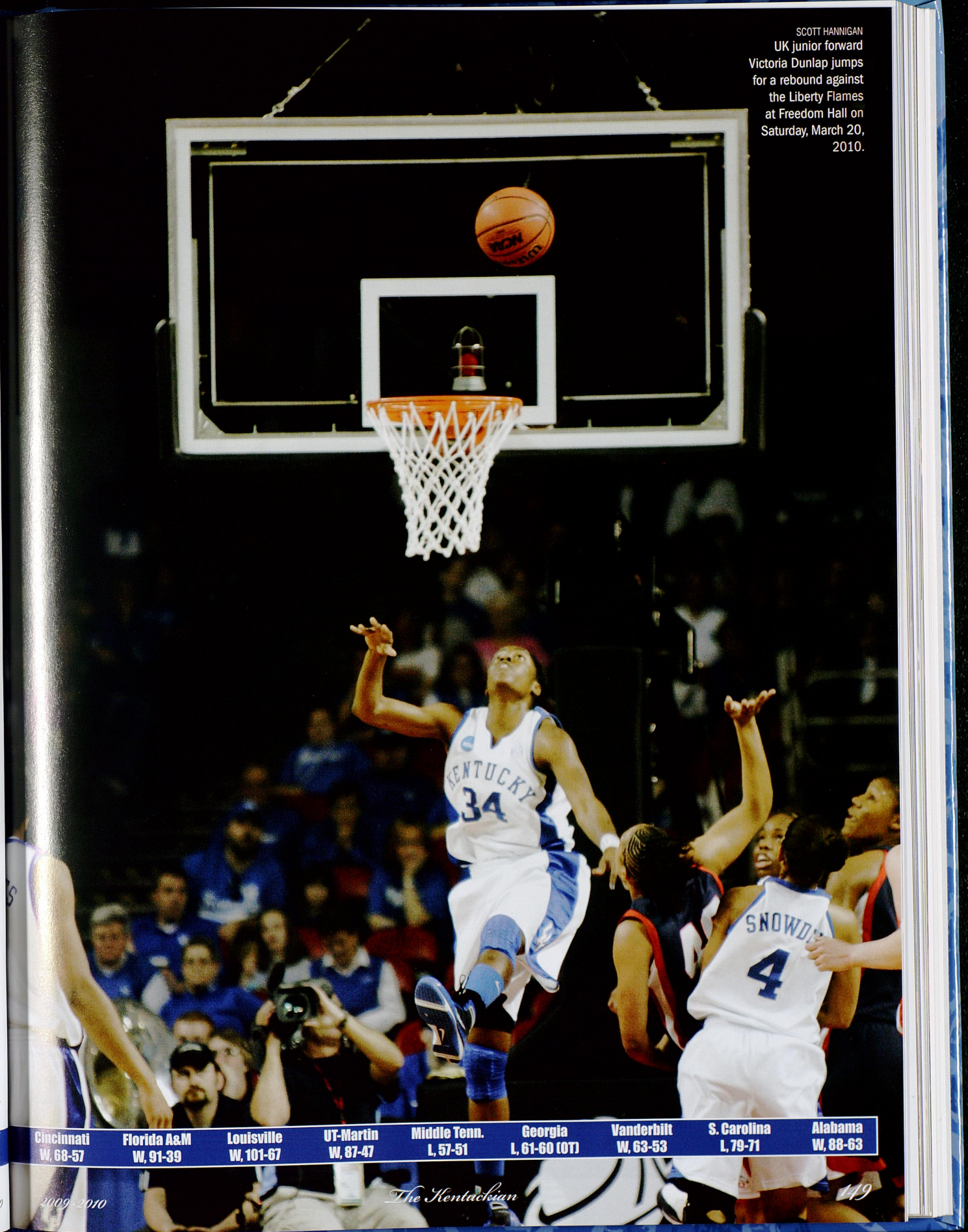
Tennessee used its size to their advantage early and often, and the Lady Vols scored 18 of their first 23 points in the paint, outrebounding the Cats 51-32. But when the No. 19 Cats (25-7, 11-5 SEC) could keep the ball from going inside, they were finally able to slow the Volunteers' attack and took a 25-23 lead after being down by 10 points early in the game. UK took the lead when Dunlap made a layup in transition and was fouled, converting on the freebie.

The Volunteers knew how to respond.

The two teams traded the lead until UK junior guard Amber Smith picked up her third foul in the first half, sending her to the bench. Smith had a slow start on the night scoring, but paced UK offensively and defen

OVERALL RECORD

Bellarmine	Boston	Butler	Morehead St.	UT - Chattanooga	UC - Santa Barbara	McNeese State	Miami (OH)
W, 107-57	W, 92-58	W, 87-66	W, 72-55	W, 65-55	W, 68-54	W, 85-50	W, 107-53

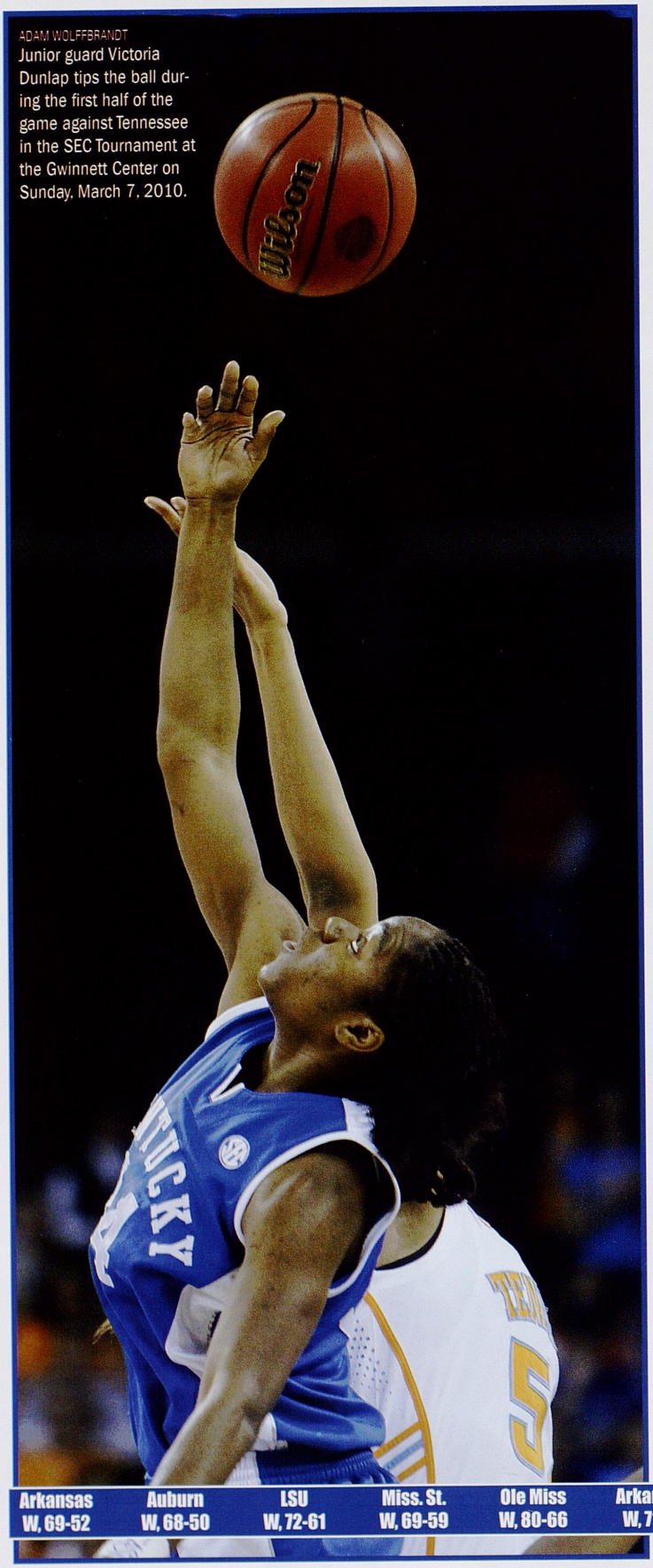


SCOTT HANNIGAN
UK junior forward Victoria Dunlap jumps for a rebound against the Liberty Flames at Freedom Hall on Saturday, March 20, 2010.

Cincinnati	Florida A&M	Louisville	UT-Martin	Middle Tenn.	Georgia	Vanderbilt	S. Carolina	Alabama
W, 68-57	W, 91-39	W, 101-67	W, 87-47	L, 57-51	L, 61-60 (OT)	W, 63-53	L, 79-71	W, 88-63

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Junior guard Victoria Dunlap tips the ball during the first half of the game against Tennessee in the SEC Tournament at the Gwinnett Center on Sunday, March 7, 2010.





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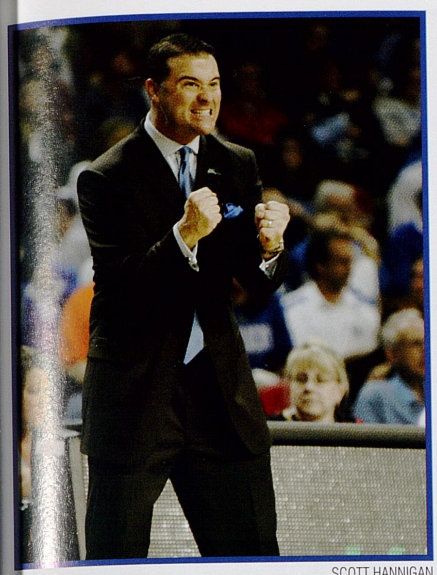
Lydia Watkins sets up for a layup in the first half of the NCAA Women's Basketball Kansas City Regional Finals on Tuesday, March 30, 2010 at the Sprint Center.



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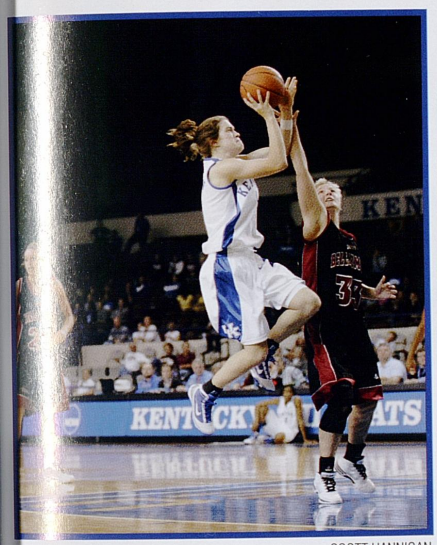
Junior guard Amber Smith fights for the ball in the game against Ole Miss on Saturday, Feb. 4, 2010.

Arkansas	Auburn	LSU	Miss. St.	Ole Miss	Arkansas	Georgia	Vanderbilt	Florida	S. Carolina
W, 69-52	W, 68-50	W, 72-61	W, 69-59	W, 80-66	W, 71-57	W, 68-48	L, 68-55	W, 77-51	W, 71-50



SCOTT HANNIGAN

Head coach Matthew Mitchell instructs his team against the Liberty Flames at Freedom Hall on Saturday, March 20, 2010.



SCOTT HANNIGAN

Guard Carly Morrow puts the ball up against Bellarmine University's Melissa Fitz at Memorial Coliseum on Monday, Nov. 9, 2009.



SCOTT HANNIGAN

Keyla Snowden looks to pass the ball under the basket against Michigan State at Freedom Hall on Monday, March 22, 2010.

...ively with five assists and three turnovers.

"They're a very good basketball team," UK head coach Matthew Mitchell said. "They have a lot of experience in this situation so I was not surprised by (Tennessee's ability to respond after falling behind). I was more encouraged by how we responded. Things were not looking good at times in the first half and I thought we responded."

But when Smith came back, so did the Cats. Smith made a basket, assisted on a 3-pointer and made another layup to tie the game at 38 before picking up her fourth foul and going to the bench again. She would re-enter the game before too long, but once the Volunteers finally heated up, there was little any UK player could do to stop them.

No Cat did more to lead the UK offense than Dunlap, particularly when Smith was out. Dunlap finished with 21 points and six rebounds, providing UK with most of its punch inside.

In the end, the Vols' poise that comes with 14 SEC Tournament championships and their 44 inside points were too much for the Cats to overcome. UK missed out on the chance to win just its second-ever SEC Tournament championship. The Cats' only other such title came in 1982.

"We have made tremendous progress," Mitchell said. "Tennessee has a great program and we have a lot of respect for their program. We talked today about what Kentucky is about and what we want to be about and I think you see out there players that play very aggressively, players that are willing to make some sacrifices for each other and play hard together, and I think we just need to continue to to do that … I'm really encouraged with what the team is doing right now."

Tennessee	Auburn	Auburn	Miss. St.	Tennessee	Liberty	Michigan St.	Nebraska	Oklahoma
L, 81-65	W, 65-53	W, 65-54	W, 76-65	L, 70-62	W, 83-77	W, 70-52	W, 76-67	L, 88-68


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1. Victoria Dunlap shoots over an Oklahoma guard in the second half of the NCAA Women's Basketball Kansas City Regional Finals on Tuesday, March 30, 2010, at the Sprint Center. **2.** Freshman guard A'dia Mathies attempts a basket during the second half of the game against Tennessee in the SEC tournament at the Gwinnett Center on Sunday, March 7, 2010. **3.** UK senior guard/forward Lydia Watkins steals the ball from Liberty's Danika Dale at Freedom Hall on Saturday, March 20, 2010. **4.** Amani Franklin prepares for a layup through two Oklahoma defenders in the first half of the NCAA Women's Basketball Kansas City Regional Finals on Tuesday, March 30, 2010. **5.** Sophomore guard Rebecca Gray huddles with her teammates during the second half of the game against Tennessee in the SEC Tournament at the Gwinnett Center on Sunday, March 7, 2010.

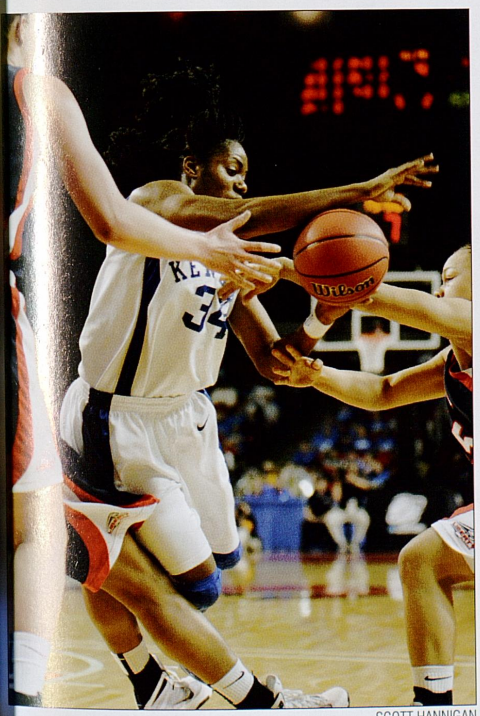


ZACH BRAVE
Junior forward Victoria Dunlap goes up for a layup during the first half of the Auburn game at Memorial Coliseum on Sunday, Jan. 24, 2010.



ADAM WOLFFBRANDT

The UK women's basketball team meets after their 70-62 loss against Tennessee in the SEC Tournament at the Gwinnett Center on Sunday, March 7, 2010.



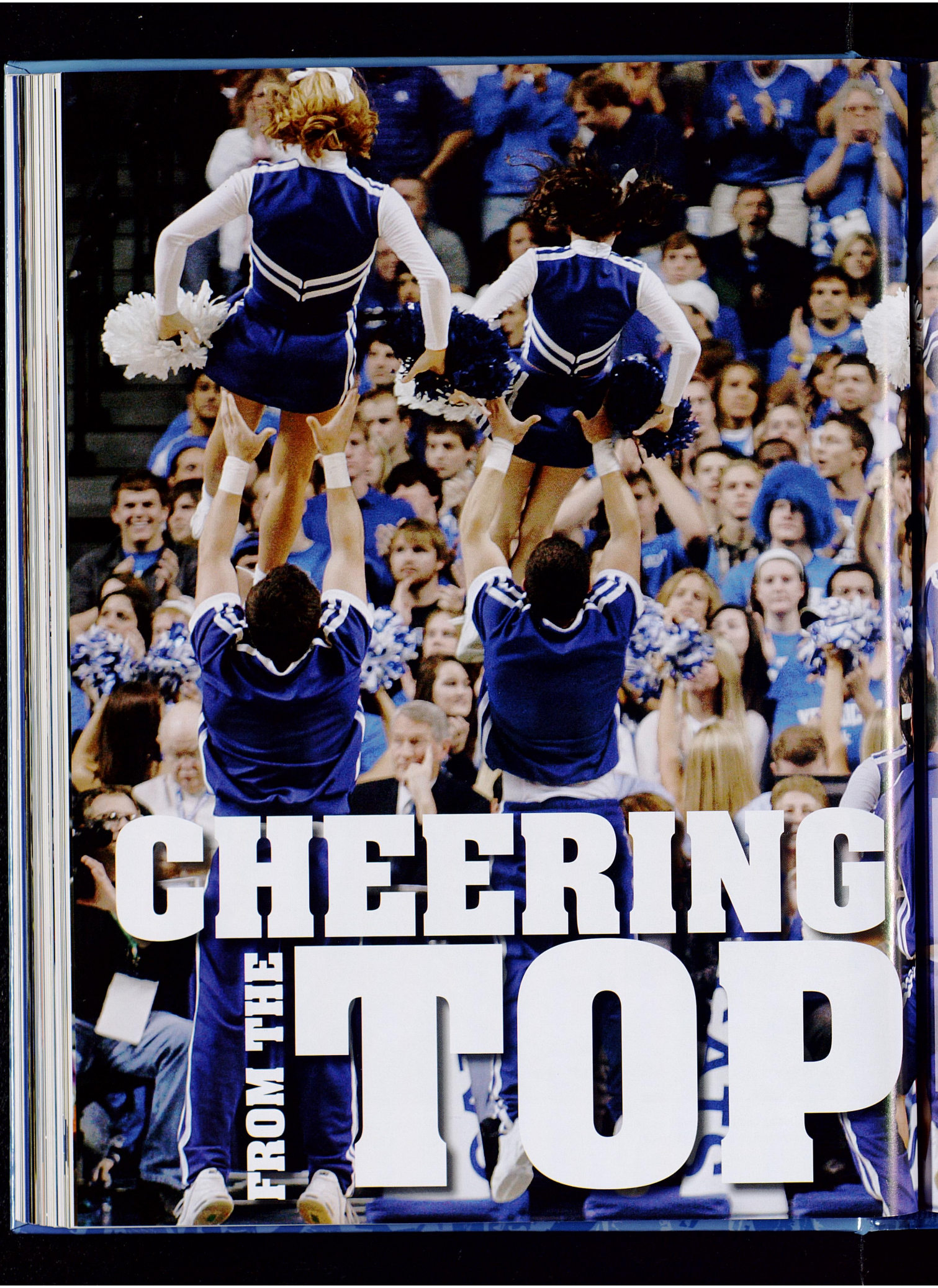
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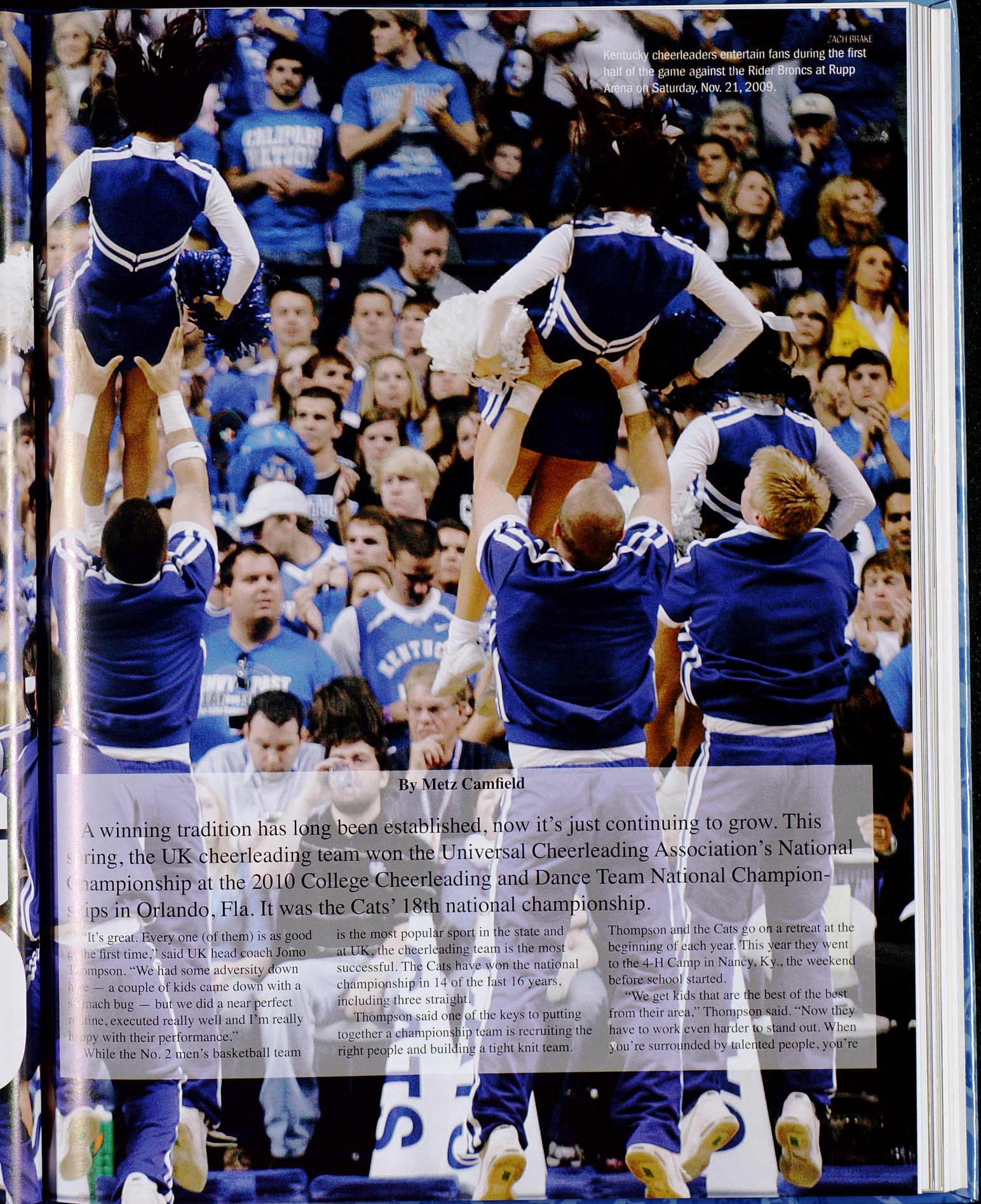
UK junior forward Victoria Dunlap battles for the ball against the Liberty Flames at Freedom Hall on Saturday, March 20, 2010.



ZACH BRAKE

Freshman guard A'dia Mathies fights for the ball against the Auburn Tigers during the first half of the game at Memorial Coliseum on Sunday, Jan. 24, 2010.


FROM THE
CHEERING
TOP



ZACH BRAKE
Kentucky cheerleaders entertain fans during the first half of the game against the Rider Broncs at Rupp Arena on Saturday, Nov. 21, 2009.

By Metz Camfield

A winning tradition has long been established, now it's just continuing to grow. This spring, the UK cheerleading team won the Universal Cheerleading Association's National Championship at the 2010 College Cheerleading and Dance Team National Championships in Orlando, Fla. It was the Cats' 18th national championship.

"It's great. Every one (of them) is as good as the first time," said UK head coach Jomo Thompson. "We had some adversity down here — a couple of kids came down with a stomach bug — but we did a near perfect routine, executed really well and I'm really happy with their performance."

While the No. 2 men's basketball team is the most popular sport in the state and at UK, the cheerleading team is the most successful. The Cats have won the national championship in 14 of the last 16 years, including three straight.

Thompson said one of the keys to putting together a championship team is recruiting the right people and building a tight knit team. Thompson and the Cats go on a retreat at the beginning of each year. This year they went to the 4-H Camp in Nancy, Ky., the weekend before school started.

"We get kids that are the best of the best from their area," Thompson said. "Now they have to work even harder to stand out. When you're surrounded by talented people, you're



ADAM WOLFFBRANDT
The UK cheerleading squad has won a total of 18 National College Cheerleading Championships, with their most recent win in 2010.

not going to slouch. There's a long legacy of winning here at UK, and you want to keep that going. We're not always going to win, but we're always trying to win."

Thompson is in his eighth year coaching the Cats after serving as assistant coach for three years. Thompson said his team relies on a group effort. He, the assistant coaches and the cheerleaders all help to create the routine.

Thompson said he believes putting the entire staff and team in the process of creating the routine makes everyone more invested in perfecting it.

The team started seriously working on the routine about two months before the championship. Thompson said they worked on parts of the routine throughout the season during the various games at which they cheered.

Thompson started cheering at UK during the 1997-98 school year when the men's basketball team lost in the national championship to Arizona. And he cheered again the next year when the Cats beat Utah in the National Championship. He said the excitement surrounding the team now is similar to what it was like back then.

"Those were some exciting times, and I feel like the excitement is back," Thompson said. "Now that we're No. 2 in the nation, that's a great accomplishment. That's the same thing we try to do with the cheerleading team — work hard, make the state of Kentucky proud."

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>
> Jomo Thompson - UK head cheerleading coach



ED MATTHEWS

UK cheerleaders laugh while a video of their National Championship performance plays before the start of the UK men's basketball game against Arkansas on Saturday, Jan. 23, 2010 in Rupp Arena. The cheerleading squad recently won its 18th national title.



SCOTT HANNIGAN

Above and below: UK cheerleaders lead a cheer at the men's basketball game against Florida at Rupp Arena on Sunday, March 7, 2010.





BRITNEY MCINTOSH

UK cheerleaders flip across the floor at the start of ESPN GameDay at Rupp Arena on Saturday, Feb. 13, 2010.

Tough season leaves Cool Cats defeated

By Chandler Howard

The UK hockey team's season didn't follow a nice, traceable arc. And while not many seasons do — every year seems to bring its ups and downs — this particular season was zigging and zagging all over the place.

"We started really strong, then hit kind of a low point in the middle but were able to come back and play well at the end of the season," junior forward Taylor Vit said.

UK got off to a blistering start, racing to a 14-1 record in the first 15 games, including a season-opening sweep of Niagara. The start propelled the Cats to a season-high No. 2 ranking in the Southeast region standings.

"We started off the season beating a great team in Niagara," head coach Rob Docherty said. "We put together a really tough schedule, and we went out and won a bunch of hockey games to start the season."

On the heels of that impressive run, UK split a series with Indiana. The win was UK's first against the Hoosiers since 1993. Defender Andrew Serres tabbed that game as the best moment of the year.

"We had played a lot of close games against them through the years, and when we lost the first game we thought it was going to be another year," Serres said. "It was awesome to pull through."

After that game, though, the zigs and zags came into play as the middle part of the season proved much more difficult than the beginning. UK lost senior center Dan Ampleford to a broken collarbone. They also dropped a crucial series with Ohio State, who was ranked first in the region at the time.

And then, coming back from Christmas break, senior forward Tony Valerino, who was leading the nation in goals at the time, was ruled academically ineligible and would not be able to play the rest of the year.

"When it came down to it, we played half the season without Tony," sophomore forward Billy Glass said. "It was like two seasons. We felt like we never got to conclude the first season. When we came back, it was like starting something new."

With those factors working against them, UK dropped seven of eight games at one point. But they were able to rebound by focusing on a team-oriented attack, rather than having a player-centered offense.

"We had lots of guys scoring, spreading the wealth around," Docherty said. "We weren't dependent on one guy. It made us grow as a team. Lots of players had to step up."

Perhaps the biggest two were Vit and Glass. The two ranked 5th and 16th in the nation, respectively, in points.

"It was exciting being that high in the rankings," Glass said. "This year, I was able to come out and consistently be a presence on the ice. It was something special."

Behind those two, UK was able to win six of its last seven games heading into the regional tournament. The Cats finished the regular season ranked sixth in the region.

"Lots of people thought when we lost Valerino we would lose every game," Docherty said. "That didn't happen. We showed a lot of heart, and if you have that you are happy with how it goes."





SCOTT HANNIGAN
Goalie Jim Borgaard congratulates teammates after they scored a goal against Kennesaw State at Lexington Ice Center on Friday, Oct. 30, 2009.





JON REYNOLDS
Left: Defender Chris Hubbard gets the team rile d up as the Cool Cats go on to defeat Eastern Illinois 11-2 on Friday, Nov.13, 2009.

SCOTT HANNIGAN
Below: Goalie Derek Steinbrecher makes a sav in the game against Kennesaw State at Lexington ce Center on Friday, Oct. 30, 2009. Steinbrecher o ly allowed two goals for the victory.

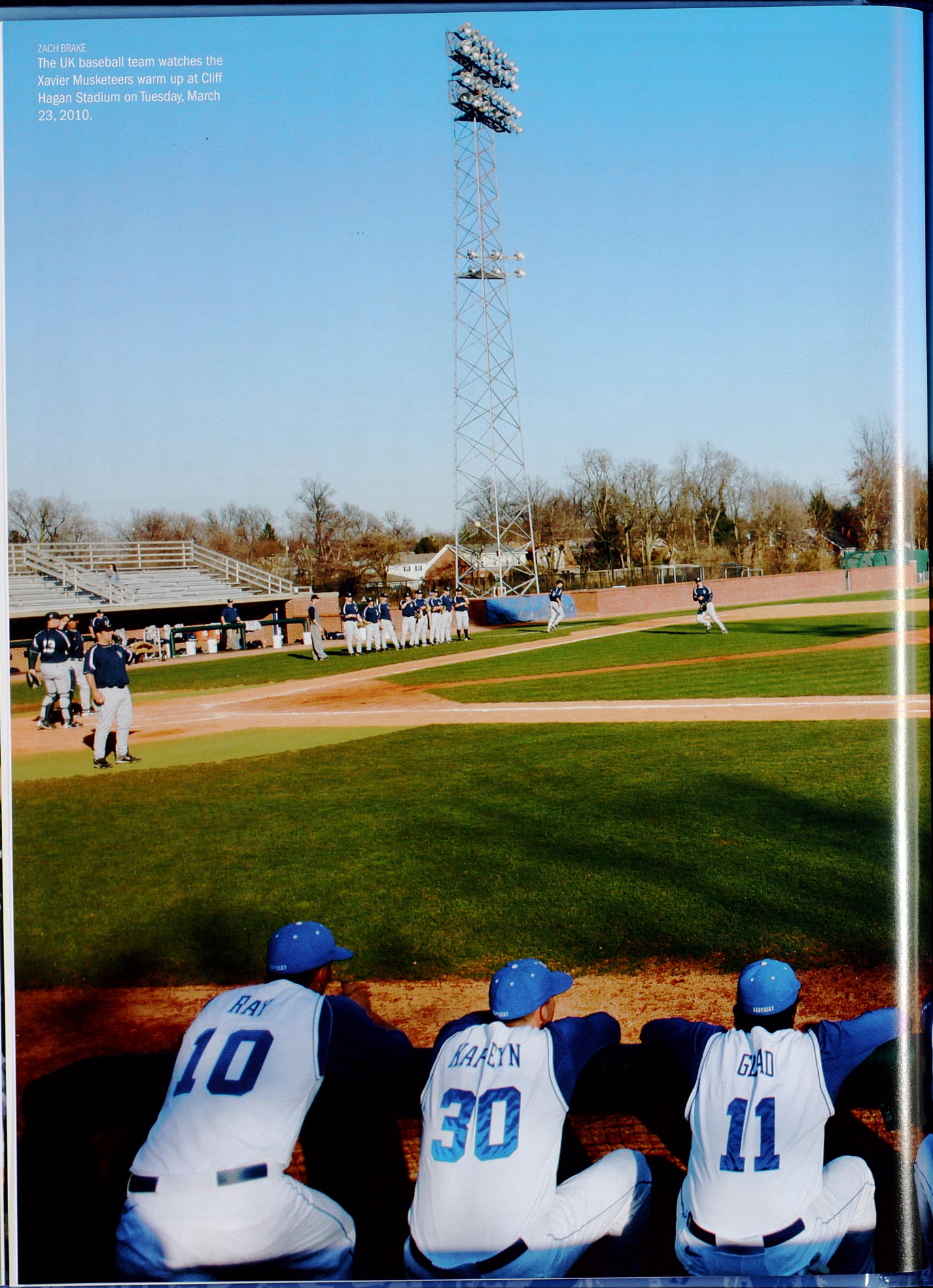




JON REYNOLDS
Left: The Cool Cats played Eastern Illinois at the Lexington Ice Center at midnight on Friday, Nov. 13, 2009.

ADAM WOLFFBRANDT
Below: The Cats take on the Dayton Flyers at Lexington Ice Center on Saturday, Jan. 30, 2010. The Cool Cats went on to defeat Dayton 4-3.





ZACH BRAKE
The UK baseball team watches the Xavier Musketeers warm up at Cliff Hagan Stadium on Tuesday, March 23, 2010.

baseball





ADAM WOLFFBRANDT
The UK baseball team plays the Evansville ACES at Cliff Hagan Stadium on Wednesday, March 10, 2010.



ADAM WOLFFBRANDT
Junior infielder Chris Bisson bats against Bowling Green at Cliff Hagan Stadium on Friday, Feb. 26, 2010.



ZACH BRAKE
Junior infielder Taylor Black hits helmets with Chad Wright after he scored a home run in the fourth inning of the game against the Xavier Musketeers at Cliff Hagan Stadium on Tuesday March 23, 2010.

OVERALL RECORD

Virginia Tech	West Virginia	Coastal Carolina	Bowling Green	Morehead St.	San Diego St.	Monmouth
W, 15-6	W, 6-0	W, 3-2	Series, 3-0	W, 5-2	Series, 1-1	W, 14-1

Keeping up the fight

Life on the brink.

That is what UK baseball faced as it entered the home-stretch of the regular season.

Look one way, and the golden promise of the Southeastern Conference Tournament awaited, where anything could have happened. Look the other, and it was a dull and bleak offseason, where nothing would have happened.

UK (24-20, 7-14 SEC) sat in tenth place in the conference, two spots behind the eighth and final spot that makes it into the postseason conference tournament.

Variable pitching was UK's biggest concern as it entered the final stretch. Starter Alex Meyer was out with mononucleosis, although he was able to return in time for one or two starts. The shaky pitching put more pressure on the offense to consistently produce runs.

"We're going to have to get more consistent at the plate," head coach Gary Henderson said. "We can't have the on Friday, off Saturday, on Sunday stuff. If you're going to win, you have to be consistent every game and give yourself the most opportunities you can."

This year, UK wanted to write an alternate ending — one that ended on the right side of the brink.

"We're going to figure it out," Bisson said. "We need to just keep on fighting."

ZACH BRAKE
Junior infielder Chris Bisson warms up as he waits to go to bat during the game against the Xavier Musketeers at Cliff Hagan Stadium on Tuesday, March 23, 2010.

Evansville Series, 1-1	Purdue-Ft. Wayne Series, 3-0	Murray St. L, 7-5	Wright St. W, 11-1	Ole Miss Series, 1-2	Xavier W, 11-6	Vanderbilt Series, 0-3



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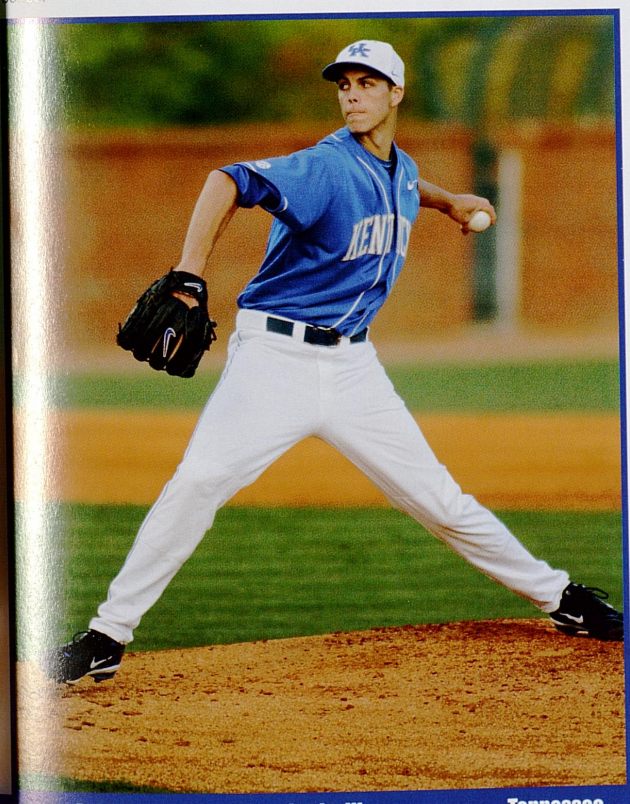
Freshman catcher Luke Maile hits the ball during the game against the Xavier Musketeers at Cliff Hagan Stadium on Tuesday, March 23, 2010.

Cincinnati	Western Kentucky	Arkansas	Louisville	Alabama	Florida	Western Kentucky
W, 11-2	L, 6-3	Series, 1-2	W, 5-0	Series, 3-0	Series, 1-2	L, 24-8



ALLIE GARZA

The UK men's baseball team played the Florida Gators on Saturday, April 17, 2010 at Cliff Haggin Stadium. The No. 30 Cats lost to the No. 7 Gators, 6-3, dropping the series.



ALLIE GARZA

Freshman pitcher Taylor Rogers throws a pitch during the game against Florida on Saturday, April 17, 2010 at Cliff Haggin Stadium.



ADAM WOLFFBRANDT

Junior infielder Chris Wade throws a pitch to the Evansville ACES at Cliff Hagan Stadium on Wednesday, March 10, 2010.

Auburn	Louisville	Tennessee	South Carolina	Indiana	Lipscomb
Series, 1-2	L, 10-9	Series, 1-2	Series, 1-2	L, 18-17	L, 10-8

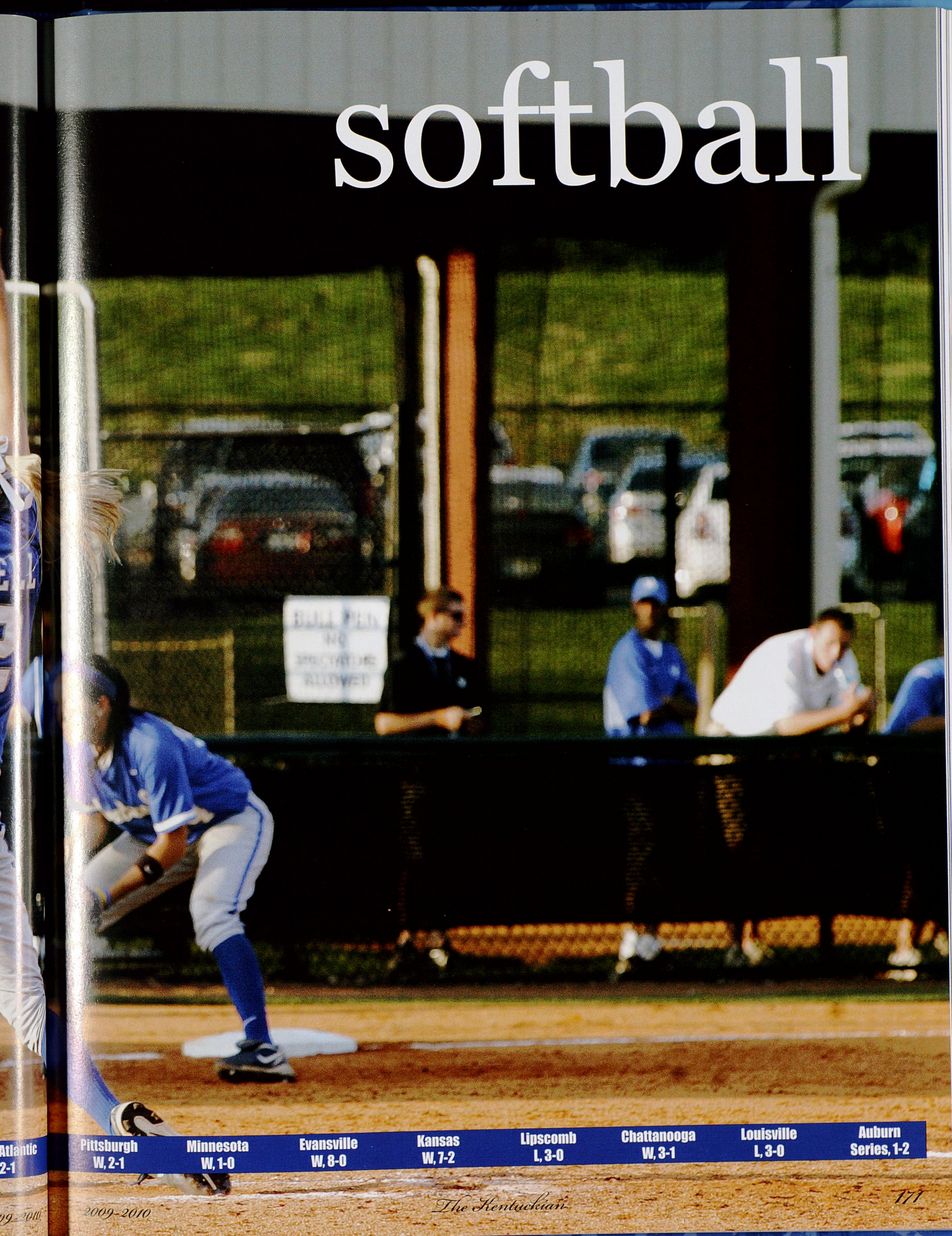


WILLIAM BALDON
Sophomore pitcher Chanda Bell throws a pitch during the game against Western Kentucky at the Soccer and Softball Complex on Wednesday, April 14, 2010.

OVERALL RECORD

Arizona St.	San Diego St.	Cal St.- Fullerton	Western Michigan	California	Maryland	Florida Atlantic
W, 5-2	L, 4-0	W, 2-0	W, 5-1	L, 6-1	W, 1-0	W, 2-1

softball



Pittsburgh	Minnesota	Evansville	Kansas	Lipscomb	Chattanooga	Louisville	Auburn
W, 2-1	W, 1-0	W, 8-0	W, 7-2	L, 3-0	W, 3-1	L, 3-0	Series, 1-2



WILLIAM BALDON

Junior outfielder Annie Rowlands gets a base hit during the game against Western Kentucky at the Soccer and Softball Complex on Wednesday, April 14, 2010.



Alabama	Morehead St.	Arkansas	Tennessee	Georgia	Mississippi St.	Louisville	South Carolina
Series, 1-1	W, 3-0	Series, 2-1	Series, 0-2	Series, 1-2	Series, 2-1	L, 6-0	Series, 3-0



BRITNEY MCINTOSH

Freshman infielder Kara Dill throws home at the game against South Carolina on Saturday, April 10, 2010.



BRITNEY MCINTOSH

Senior shortstop Molly Johnson runs to second base at the game against South Carolina on Saturday, April 10, 2010.



On Saturday, May 15, 2010, the UK softball team made history for the second straight year, receiving an at-large bid to the NCAA Tournament.

The Cats finished the season at 31-25, making this the second season in a row the Cats finished with 30 or more wins.

BRITNEY MCINTOSH

Chanda Bell warms up to pitch at the game against South Carolina on Saturday, April 10, 2010.

Western Kentucky	Florida	Austin Peay	LSU	Michigan	Ole Miss
W, 8-0	Series, 1-2	Series, 2-0	Series, 0-3	Series, 0-2	Series, 2-1

swimming & diving



BRITNEY MCINTOSH

The UK swimming and diving team practices at the Seaton Center on Thursday, October 22, 2009.



OVERALL RECORD

South Carolina	Arkansas	SIU/Cumberlands	Tennessee	Virginia
W (W), M (L)	W (W)	W (L), M (W)	W (L), M (L)	W (L), M (L)





The UK swimming and diving teams are going to let you know who they are.

Some of the fastest swimmers in the country can be found at UK.

A gold medalist, another Olympian and the owner of one of the 50 fastest butterfly times in the world were included on UK's 2009-10 men's and women's swimming and diving teams.

Both the men's and women's swimming and diving teams qualified for the 2010 NCAA Championship, finishing 16th and 34th, respectively.

Indiana	Alabama	Louisville	SEC Championships	Women's NCAA	Men's NCAA
W (T), M (W)	W (W), M (L)	W (L), M (L)	W (8th), M (6th)	34th	16th

new heights

Twelve feet, 10 inches; it's higher than the rims at Rupp Arena that John Wall throws his highlight-reel dunks through. It's higher than the goalposts at Commonwealth Stadium that many footballs have been kicked through. And it's higher than any woman at UK has ever gone before.

Twelve feet, 10 inches is now the new women's pole vaulting record at UK, set by an athlete you've probably never heard of: Samantha Stenzel, a 19-year-old sophomore from Lexington.

"The record means a lot to me," Stenzel said. "It shows how much I have improved since I got here last year. It is nice to see results from all my practice and hard work. It keeps me motivated."

The previous women's record at UK was 12 feet, 6 1/4 inches, set in 2008 by Mary Chris Durham. Stenzel broke the record at the Tyson Invitational, one of the biggest meets of UK's season. Hosted by Southeastern Conference rival Arkansas on Feb. 12 and 13, 2010, the meet included 62 teams, 42 of which were collegiate. Amidst all the competition, Stenzel's school record placed her fifth overall in Arkansas in the women's pole vault.

Before soaring over the bar and into the record books, Stenzel was a high school student at Paul Laurence Dunbar in Lexington. She didn't start pole vaulting until she was 15 years old. She had previously been a gymnast, but Stenzel made the transition from gymnastics to pole vaulting after an experience many hope to never go through.

"It's because I broke my back," Stenzel said. "When I broke it, everyone recommended that I try pole vaulting because gymnasts make good pole vaulters."

Yet despite being just a sophomore at UK and managing practice with her studies as a biology major, she is not surprised by all of her success as just an underclassman.

"I guess (I'm surprised), but at the same time, I've been working for it," Stenzel said.

As for the track and field program at UK, Stenzel has high expectations for the team. The SEC had six teams in the top 25, more than any other conference in the nation, but Stenzel is unfazed by the stiff competition.

"I expect us to be competitive with the rest of the SEC, and to qualify and place many of our athletes at nationals this season," she said.

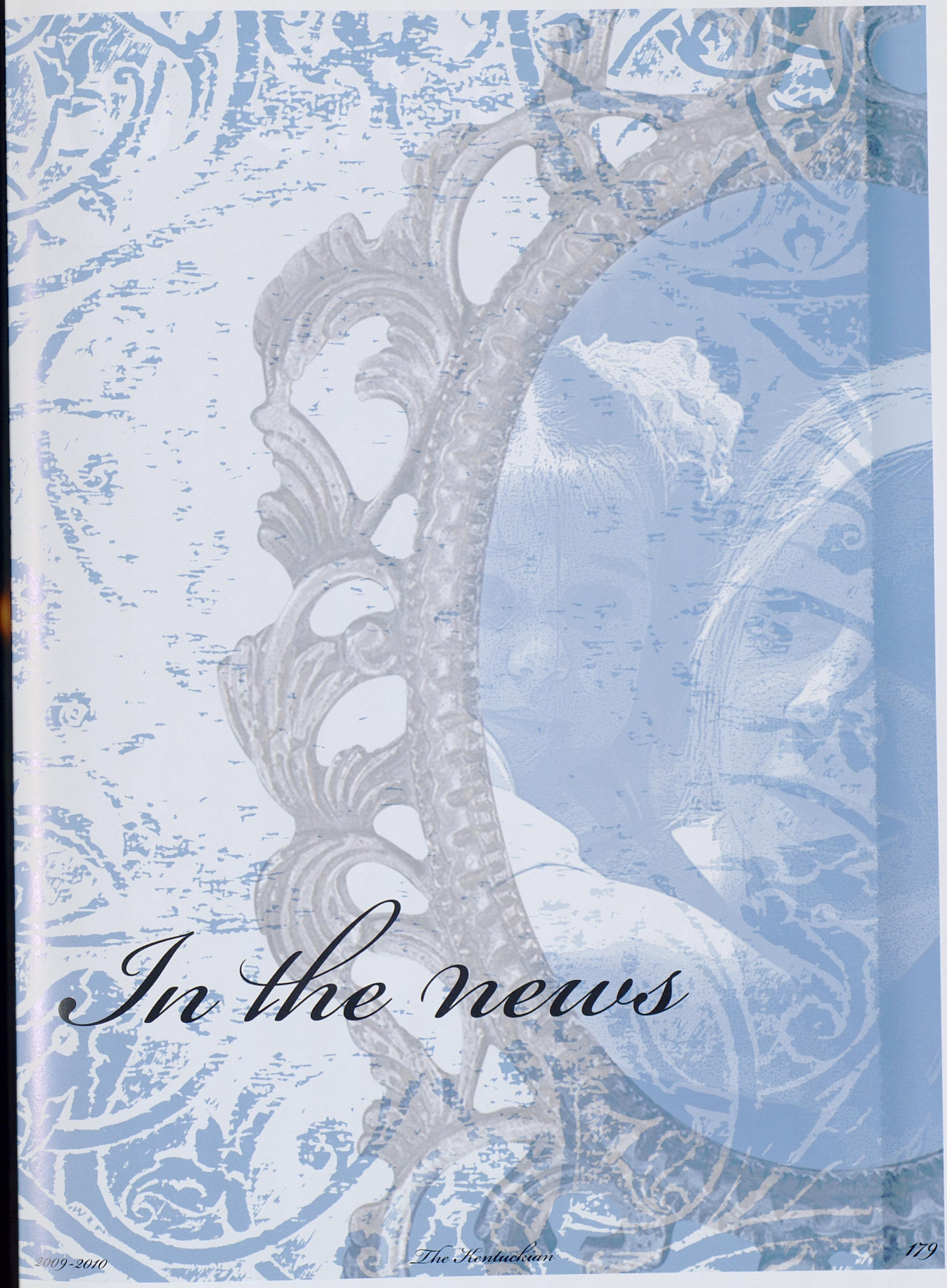
Stenzel also holds the UK freshman record in indoor and outdoor pole vault, but she is far from satisfied.

"I would like to continue to improve my record," Stenzel said. "Hopefully I will be able to help bring UK vault into the limelight, and improve the track and field program as well."


KENTUCKY



ADAM WOLFFBRANDT
Senior forward Perry Stevenson and freshman guard John Wall participate in the announcement of the starting lineup before the game against Georgia at Rupp Arena on Saturday, Jan. 9, 2010.



In the news

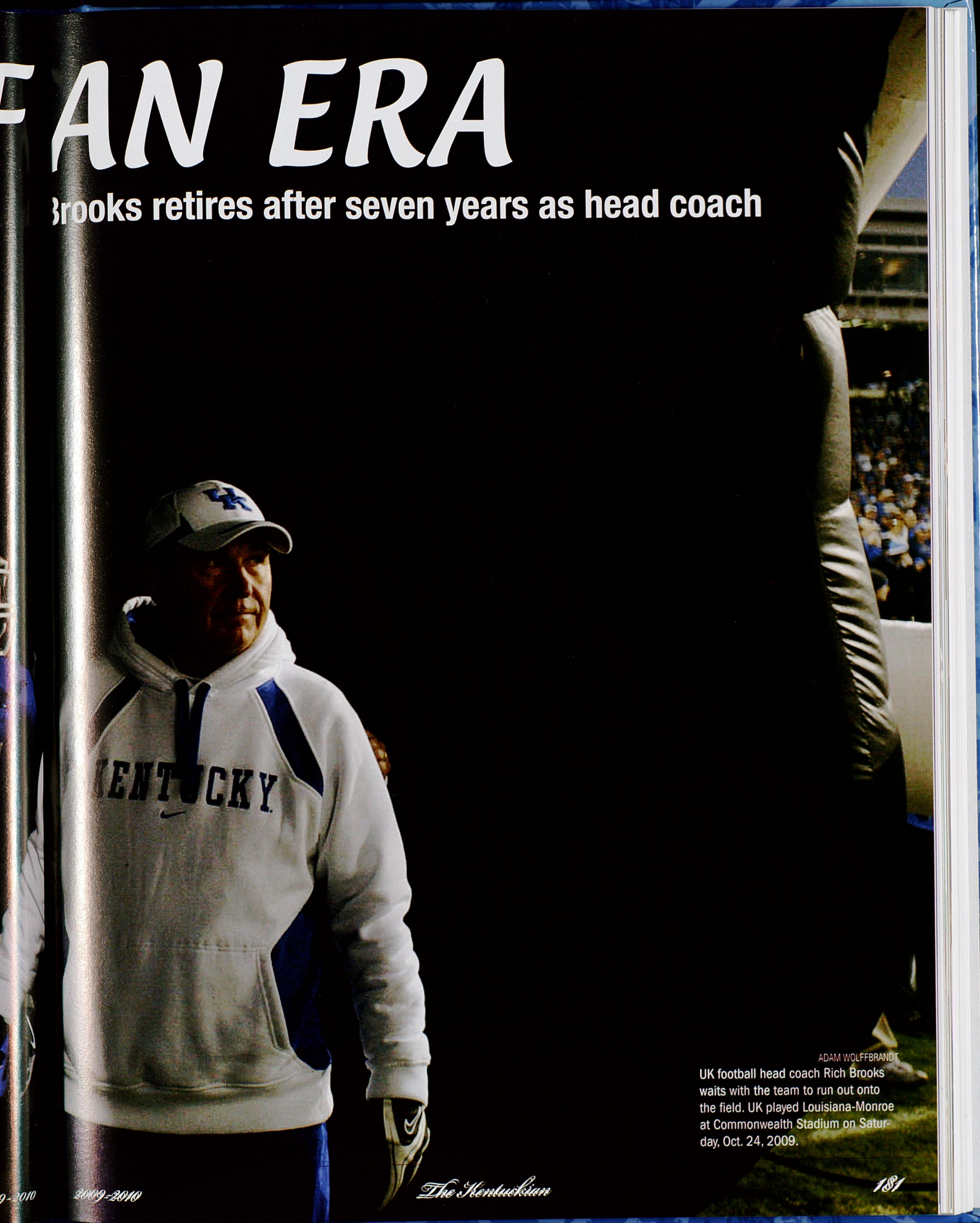
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FAN ERA

Brooks retires after seven years as head coach



ADAM WOLFFBRANDT

UK football head coach Rich Brooks waits with the team to run out onto the field. UK played Louisiana-Monroe at Commonwealth Stadium on Saturday, Oct. 24, 2009.



By Ben Jones

UK head coach Rich Brooks officially announced his retirement Jan. 4, eight days after UK's Music City Bowl loss to Clemson, when Brooks said he was "80 percent sure" he was leaning toward retirement.

Brooks thanked the people involved in helping him resurrect a UK program to what he termed a "level of respectability," but cited that it was the right time to make the change after seven years as head coach — his final head coaching job.

"It was a good ride, a bumpy ride," Brooks said. "The start of it was really, really bumpy, and the end of it also had some bumps because we were close to achieving some things that I feel unfulfilled by not having achieved them."

UK's head coach of the offense Joker Phillips assumed the head coach position on January 6, 2010. He will attempt to build UK into an upper-tier school in the Southeastern Conference.

To continue the upward trend the UK program has been experiencing, Brooks said that improvements to UK's football facilities, including additions to Commonwealth Stadium and an expanded weight room, are necessary steps UK should perform.

Brooks said he had received several texts and phone calls from players in the past week urging him to return next season. Even Brooks' family members, save for his wife,



BRITNEY MCINTOSH

UK football head coach Rich Brooks yells at the players as they return to the bench in the first half of the Eastern Kentucky game on Saturday, Nov. 7, 2009 at Commonwealth Stadium.

"The more I thought about it, I just felt it was right to make the change."

Rich Brooks, former UK football head coach



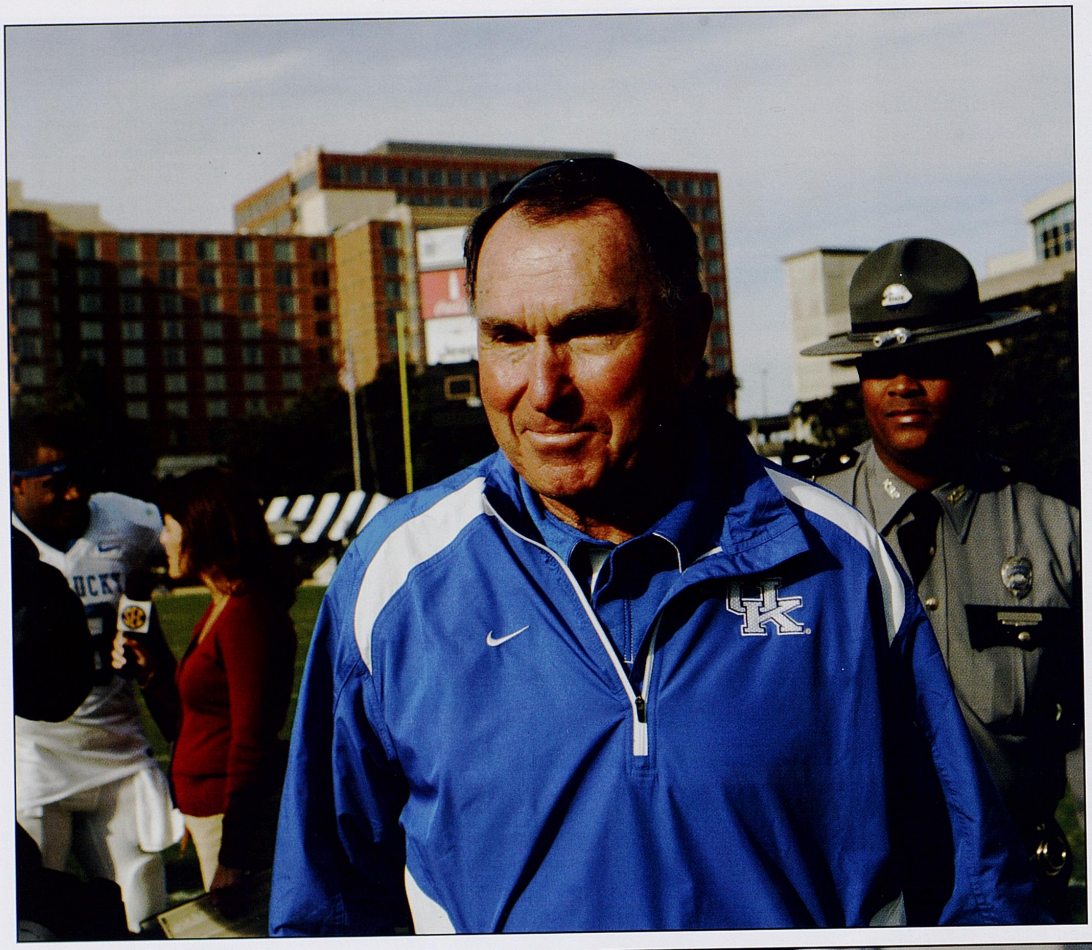
ALLIE GARZA

UK head coach Rich Brooks yells at his team as Florida advances to another touchdown. Florida beat UK 41-7 at Commonwealth Stadium on Saturday, Sept. 26, 2009.

wanted him to return for another season so he could "ride off on a white stallion." However, Brooks couldn't be swayed to postpone his retirement.

"The more I thought about it, I just felt it was right to make the change," Brooks said. "The losses take their toll; it's very, very frustrating to be close to something and not be able to grab it. I didn't want my frustration to change the direction of the program."

Despite his desire to not change the direction





ADAM WOLFFBRANDT

Above: UK football head coach Rich Brooks grins after a 24-13 win over Vanderbilt at Vanderbilt Stadium on Saturday, Nov. 14, 2009. **Right:** UK head coach Rich Brooks talks to tight end Gabe Correll before the game against Mississippi State at Commonwealth Stadium on Saturday, Oct. 31, 2009.



of the program, Brooks was instrumental in leading UK to a streak of four consecutive appearances in bowl games, after posting a 9-25 record in his first three seasons. Brooks thanked UK Athletic Director Mitch Barnhart and UK President Lee Todd for exercising patience during the more unsuccessful seasons in his tenure. Prior to the news conference, Brooks embraced Barnhart and Todd.

Todd said that despite public pressure, he and Barnhart never considered firing Brooks.

"I admire (Brooks) for sticking with it, I admire Mitch (Barnhart) for sticking with (Brooks)," Todd said. "I'm excited for the program going forward under Joker (Phillips)."

Barnhart would not comment on the status of any contract negotiations between he and Phillips, out of respect to Brooks, whom Barnhart said was entitled to take his time to make this decision.

"He was a heck of an assistant coach for many, many years, he's paid his dues," Barnhart said. "He's had the opportunity to work at the right hand of Rich Brooks the last eight years to understand what it looks like to run a program. To run it with dignity, class and respectability."



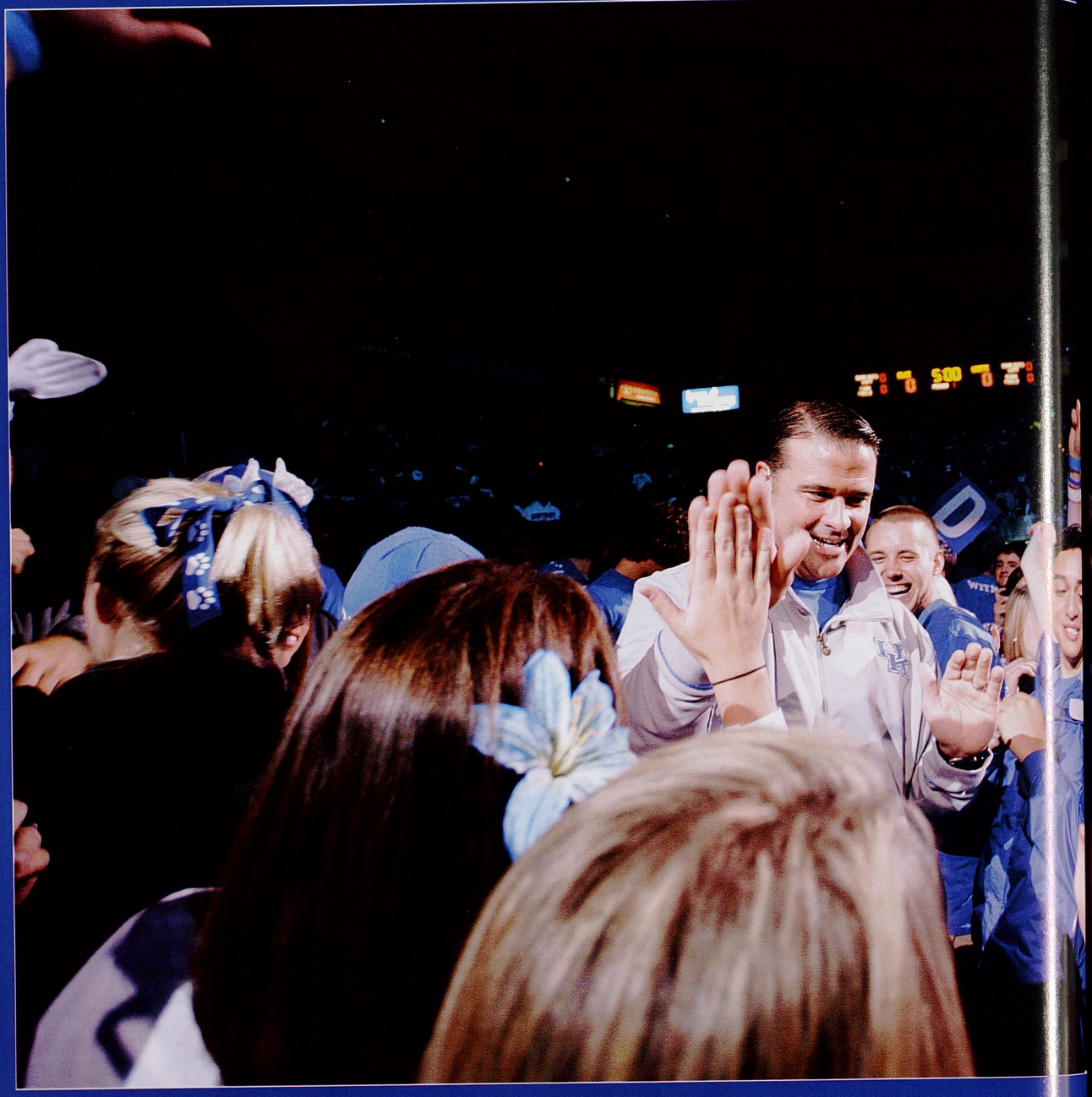
BRITNEY MCINTOSH
UK football head coach Rich Brooks talks to the team during a timeout in UK's game against Alabama at Commonwealth Stadium on Nov. 8, 2009.

BIG BLUE MADNESS



ED MATTHEWS

Sparks shower onto the stage during the introduction of men's basketball head coach John Calipari at Big Blue Madness on Friday, Oct. 16, 2009 in Rupp Arena.



By Metz Camfield

The season has begun.

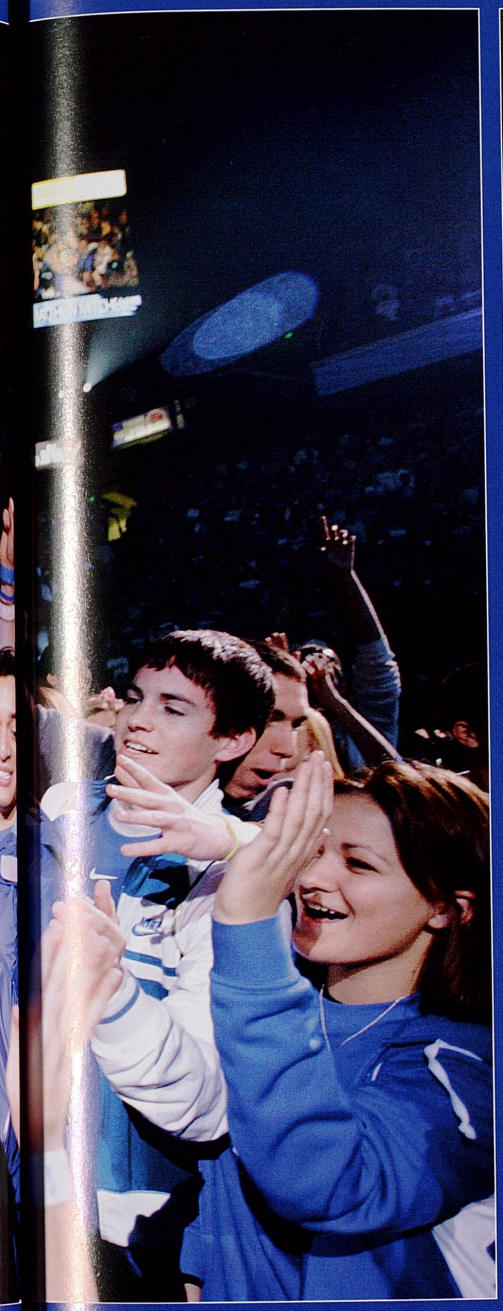
Big Blue Madness took place in front of a raucous crowd at Rupp Arena on Friday, Oct. 16, 2009 as musical guests, UK legends and current UK basketball players took the court for the season's first practice.

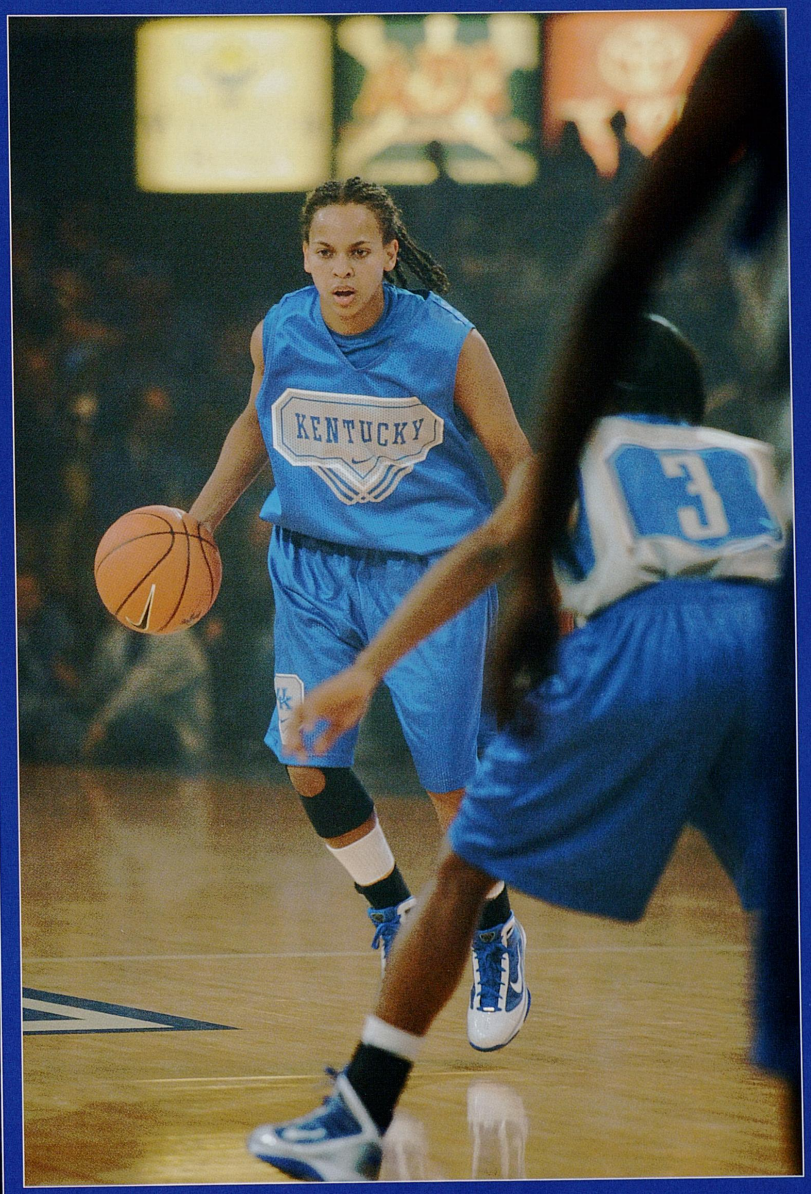
While cold and wet outside, the environment inside was filled with deafening music, showers of sparks and fireworks like the Fourth of July.

"I look at this team behind me and the passion in front of me and I see the foundation for my vision for our program," UK head coach John Calipari said in his speech during Big Blue Madness. "It's a vision where we are the gold standard — not just for college basketball, but for all college athletics."

The UK hoops team took the stage first. With an I-shaped stage on one end of the court in front of one large video screen and two smaller screens on each side, the hoops team was introduced in dramatic fashion.

Following their introductions, the girls took to the court for a warm-up





Above: Junior guard Amber Smith dribbles toward the basket during the women's scrimmage at Big Blue Madness on Oct., 16, 2009 in Rupp Arena. **Left:** Fans in the Erupption Zone high-five UK hoops head coach Matthew Mitchell as he is introduced at Big Blue Madness on Oct., 16, 2009 in Rupp Arena.

drill and then a five-minute scrimmage.

With anticipation building around the arena, UK women's head coach Matthew Mitchell told the crowd to be easy on Calipari, joking that he was a little shy.

That notion quickly disappeared after the men's team was introduced. After each player was introduced, Calipari arrived to a standing ovation followed by a C-A-T-S chant.

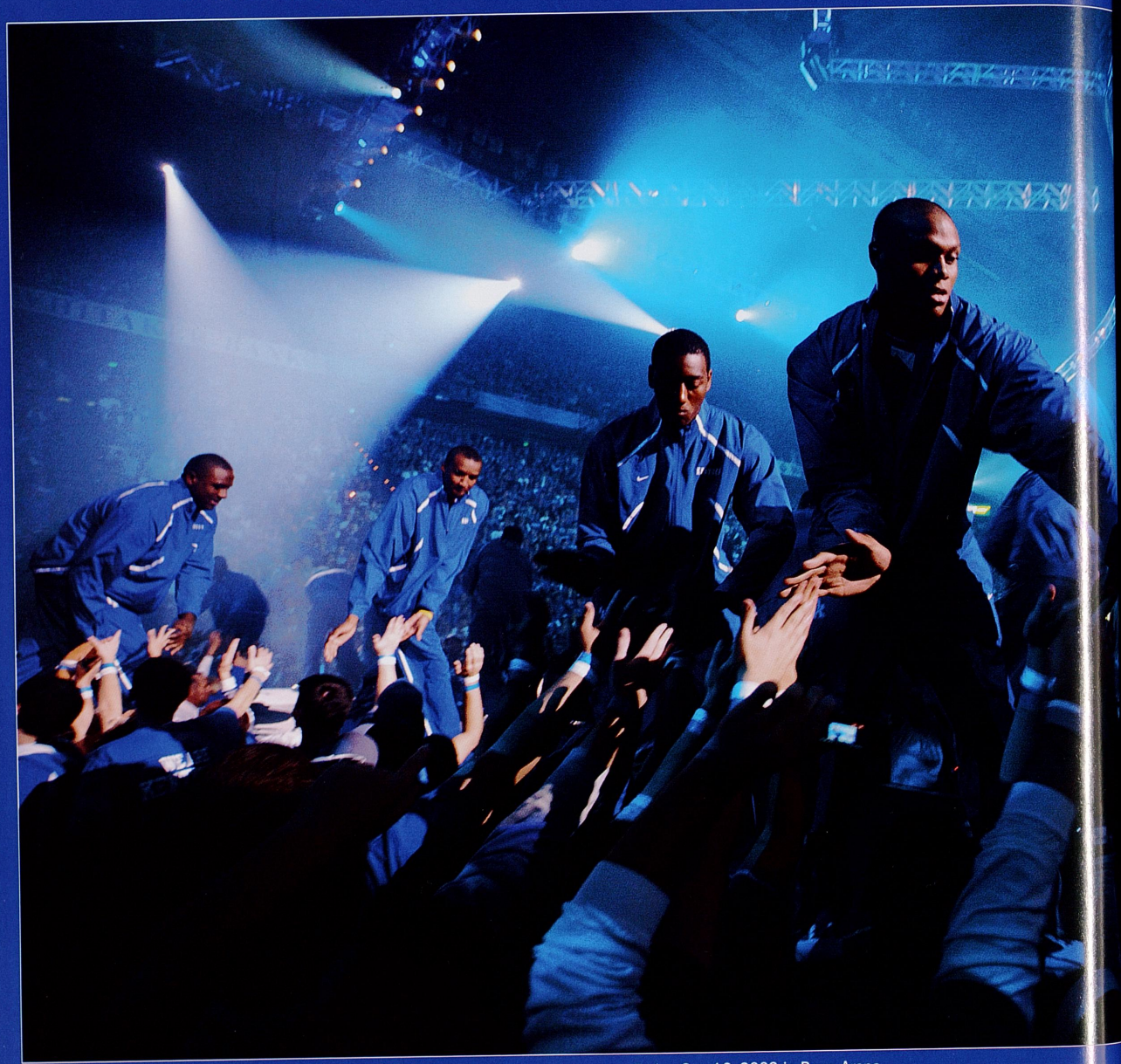
Calipari then spoke to the fans behind a podium with his players sitting in chairs in a semi-circle to his right.

"Look at this atmosphere you have created tonight," Calipari said. "It's that energy, this buzz that will attract the best and brightest student-athletes to our program.

"They will see our players hugging and high-fiving, chest-bumping and celebrating, and they will realize this is where they want to play — at the University of Kentucky. At the place where players are revered, adored and emulated."

Cal talked about the history of UK basketball, the legends of the school and, of course, winning. At one point

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The men's basketball team greets fans after its introduction during Big Blue Madness on Friday, Oct. 16, 2009 in Rupp Arena.

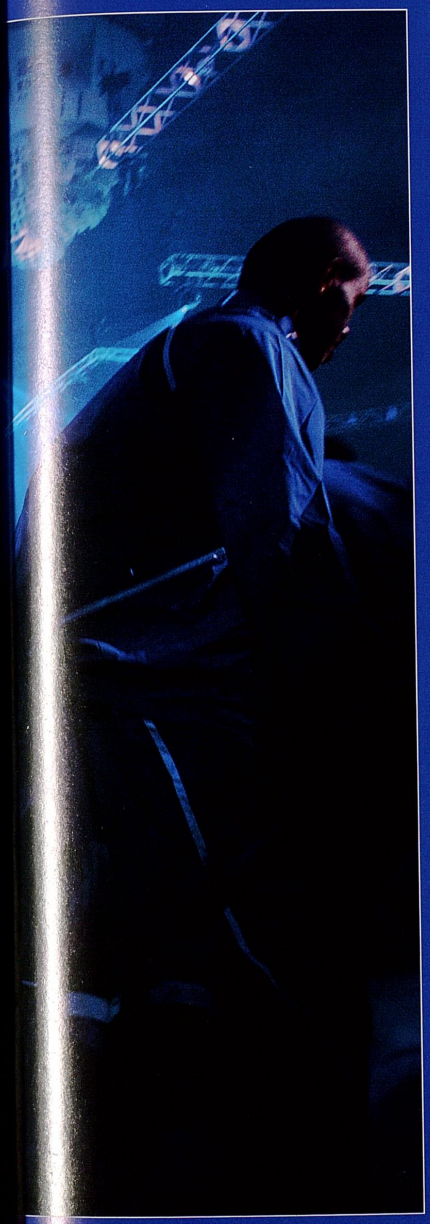
in his speech, Cal commented on the youth of his team by saying he would take talent over experience every time.

During their warm-up drills, the Cats put on a dunking clinic that received "oohs" and "aahs" from the crowd with every slam.

The scrimmage became the Josh Harrellson show. The junior forward made 3-pointer after 3-pointer, prompting senior forward Perry Stevenson, junior forward Patrick Patterson and freshman forward DeMarcus Cousins to give it a try as well.

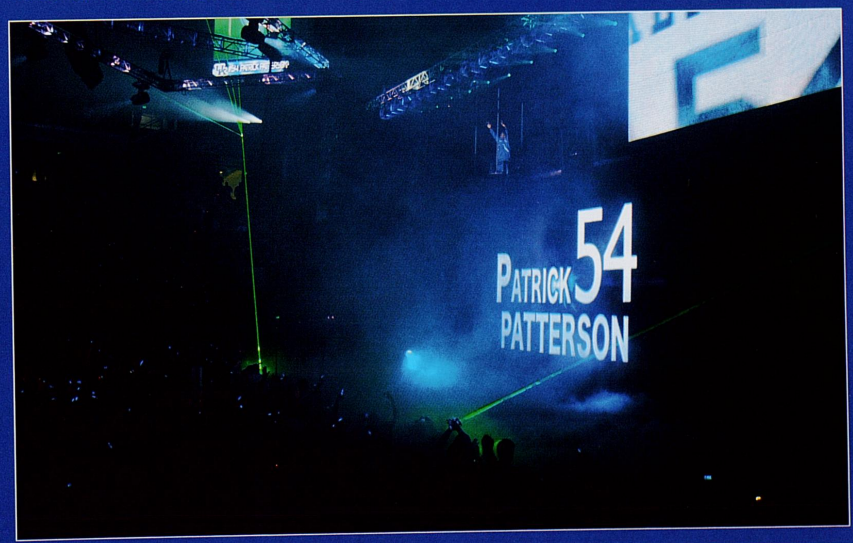
When the smoke and fireworks cleared, there wasn't a winner or a loser on the night, but the fans celebrated. The season had begun.

— Coach John Calipari, n the overwhelming welcoming at his first Big Blue Madness



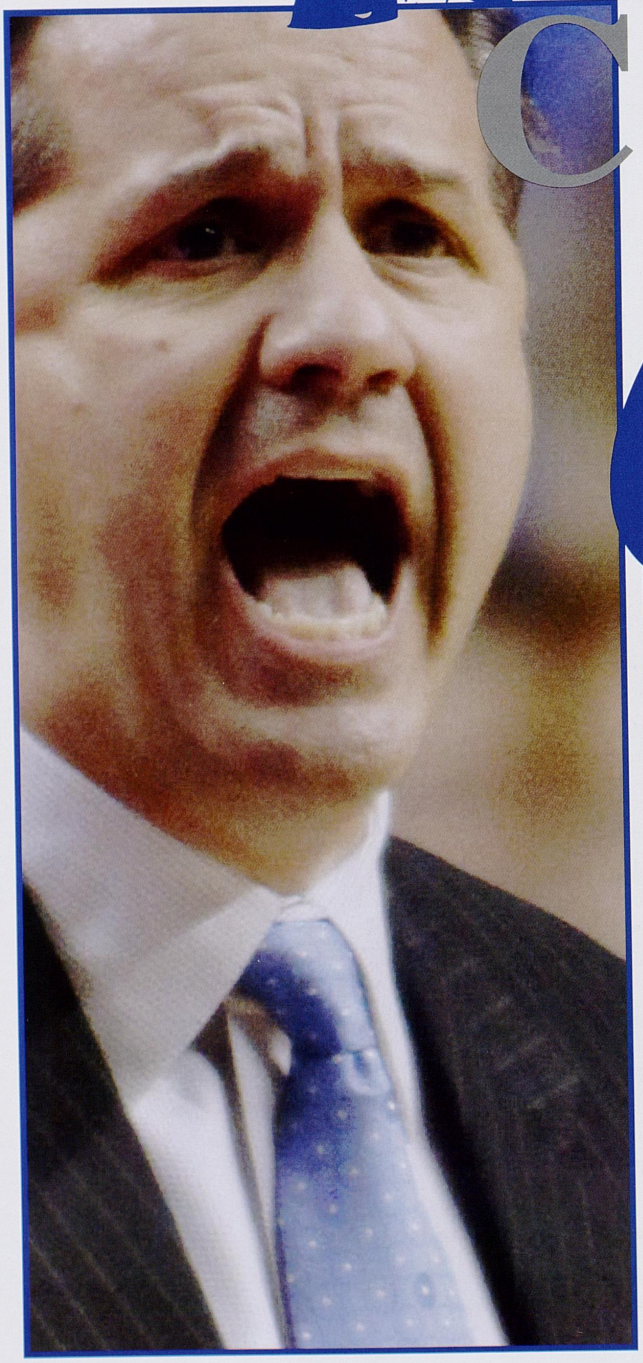


Above: Freshman guard John Wall dunks during warm-ups at Big Blue Madness on Friday, Oct. 16, 2009 in Rupp Arena. **Below:** Junior forward Patrick Patterson waves from above a video screen during the introduction of the men's basketball team during Big Blue Madess on Friday, Oct. 16, 2009 in Rupp Arena.

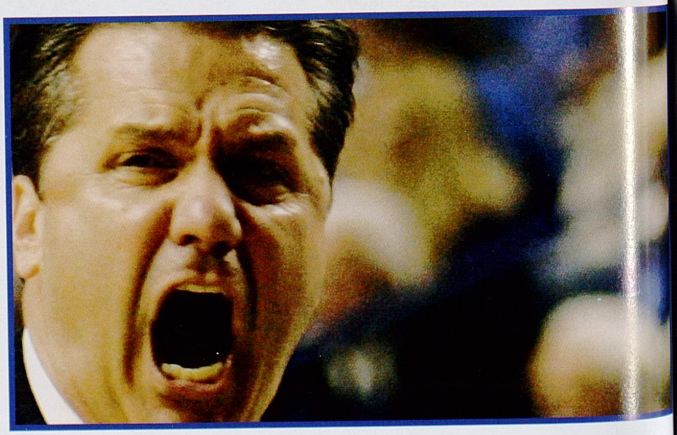


"My vision is one of celebrations and banquets, diplomas and banners, rings and parades," Calipari said. "A return of this legendary program back to its rightful place atop the mountain of college basketball."

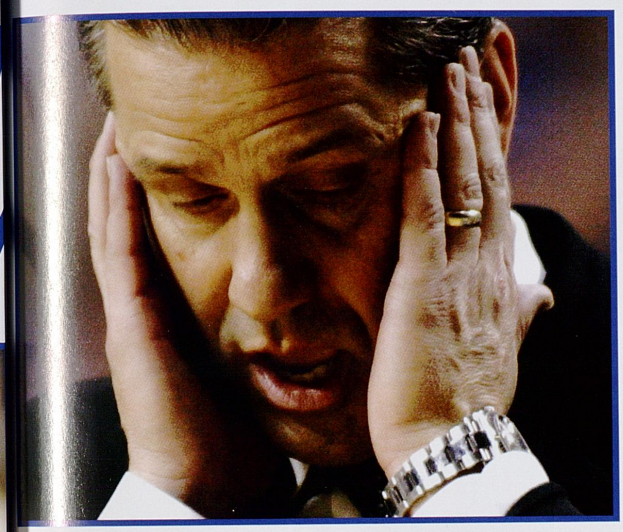
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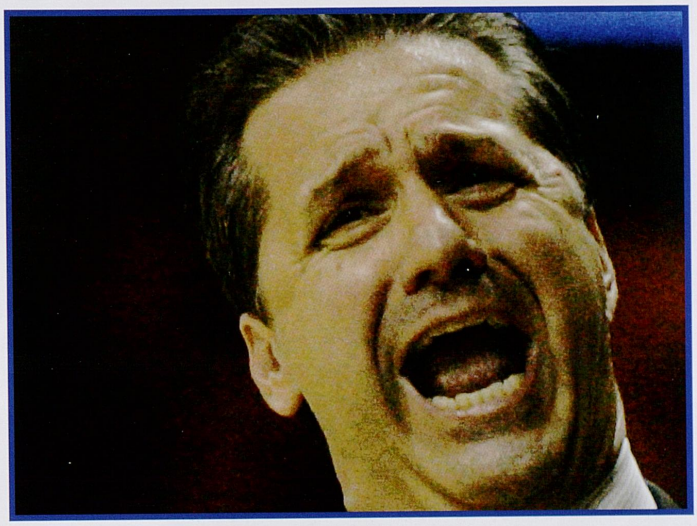








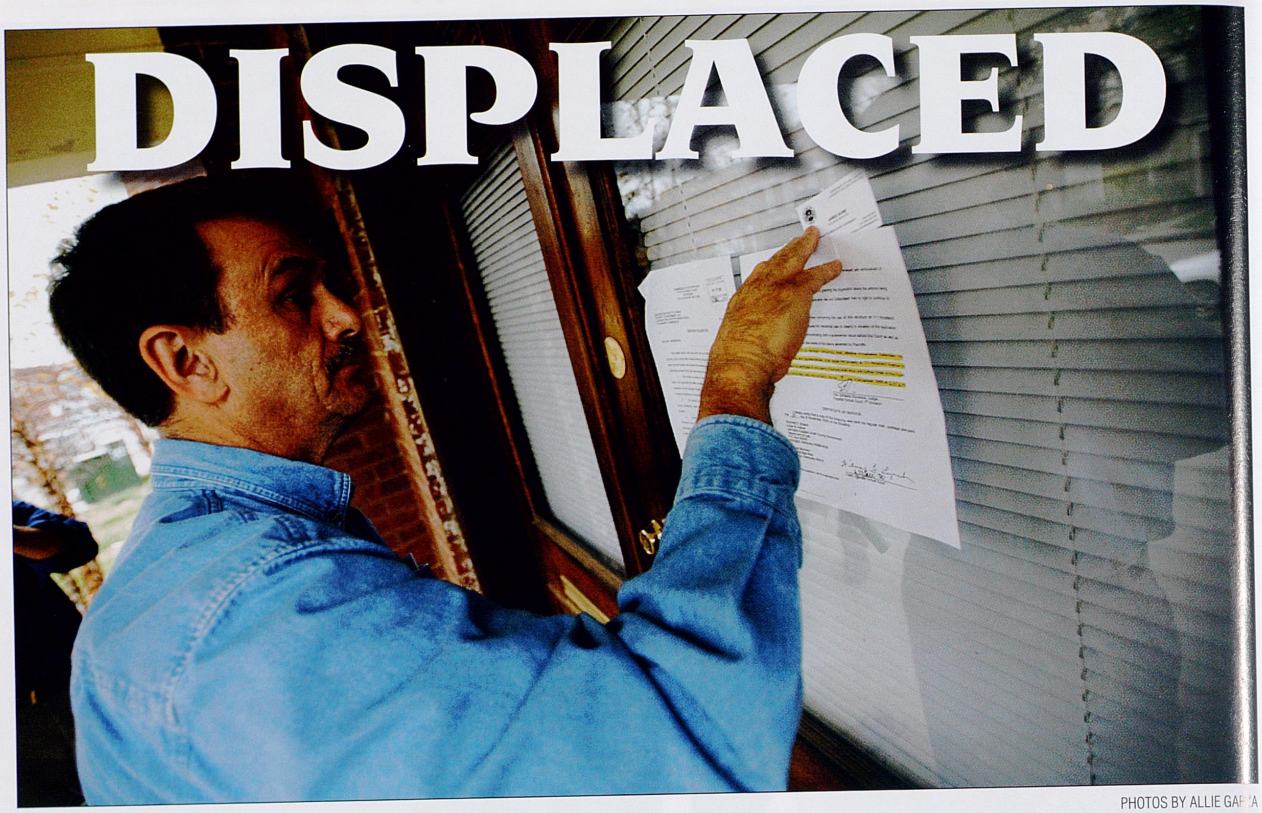






UK men's basketball head coach John Calipari has many faces, all of which are mostly on the court. Between yelling, joking and coaching, "Coach Cal" has fostered a reputation for animation. These are just a few of the faces that many devoted Cats fans saw throughout his first year as head coach.

DISPLACED



PHOTOS BY ALLIE GARCIA

Above: James Hume, building inspector with the Division of Building Inspection for the Lexington-Fayette Urban County Government, posts a temporary injunction on the front door of 171 Woodland Ave. on Tuesday, Nov. 10, 2009. The house was the first to be vacated due to violations of fire code after the push by Mayor Jim Newberry to enforce code in neighborhoods surrounding UK. **Below:** Business sophomore Chris Fike, right, and finance sophomore Taylor Allcott read a temporary injunction that was issued by the Lexington-Fayette Urban County Government on the front door of their house at 171 Woodland Ave. on Tuesday, Nov. 10, 2009.





A temporary injunction issued by the Lexington-Fayette Urban County Government was posted on the front door of 171 Woodland Ave. on Tuesday, Nov. 10, 2009.

Fire code violations force students to leave home

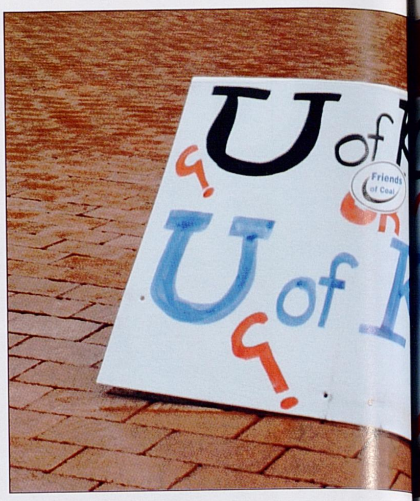
Living on a college campus that is roughly 144 years old, it is guaranteed that the buildings on and surrounding the campus are going to be that old as well, if not older. However, the appeal of college is the chance for students to branch out — to be adults. And living in a house, even if it is a rental, only adds to the appeal.

However, age comes back to the forefront of the issue plaguing campus this year: fire safety code violations. The first house to be hit with a temporary injunction was 171 Woodland Ave. The five tenants living in the house were forced out of their home and to neighboring residences surrounding campus.

This was the first house to fall victim to a pledge by Mayor Jim Newberry to properly examine the fire safety in the outdated houses in neighborhoods surrounding UK.



COAL HEATS UP CAMPUS



Student and community protesters filled the 18th floor of the Patterson Office Tower to express scathing disapproval as the Board of Trustees approved a motion to include "coal" in the name of the new Wildcat Lodge on Tuesday, Oct. 26, 2009. But the shouts fell on deaf ears.

In a quick vote, board members voted 16-3 to name the future Wildcat Lodge the "Wildcat Coal Lodge" at the request of Joseph W. Craft III, the president of Alliance Coal who donated $7 million to be given over a 10-year period for the construction of the new residence hall. The only three board members who dissented were faculty representative Ernie Yanarella, staff representative Robynn Pease and Student Government President Ryan Smith.

Smith said the new Wildcat Lodge will allow UK to house more students and has potential to be a model for clean coal technology on campus, but said he opposed the motion as a voice for the student body.

However, protesting students did not need Smith's words to have their voices heard.

After the vote, students and community members jumped from their chairs and approached the ropes separating board members from the audience. Shouts of "We all live downstream," "Move forward not backward" and "Remember Joe B." stopped the meeting cold.

The board adjourned for a short recess and several members, including President Lee Todd, retired to a back room as students continued



ZACH BRAG

International studies senior Katie Goldey and UK alumna Julia Lepping, along with many others, disrupt the UK Board of Trustees meeting on Tuesday, Oct. 26, 2009 after the board voted in favor of a proposal to build a $7 million Wildcat Coal Lodge. Lepping said that the students should have had a say at this meeting. The meeting had to recess after 30 audience members, mostly students, were deemed too disruptive.



ZACH BRAKE



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Above: UK students disrupt the UK Board of Trustees meeting on Tuesday, Oct. 26, 2009 after the board voted in favor of a proposal to build a $7 million Wildcat Coal Lodge. **Below:** Student Government President Ryan Smith speaks during the UK Board of Trustees meeting on Tuesday, Oct. 26, 2009 at the Patterson Office Tower.



"WE DIDN'T NAME THE LIBRARY THE 'PEANUT BUTTER LIBRARY,' WE NAMED IT THE 'WILLIAM T. YOUNG LIBRARY.' "

Danny Cotton, English senior and member of Kentuckians for the Commonwealth

criticizing board members. UK Police eventually approached the protesters and the group left the meeting. No citations or arrests were made.

Students and other protesters were not allowed to speak formally during the meeting because they did not follow the formal process to be placed on the meeting agenda, Todd said.

Todd said the name was approved simply because the university accepted a proposal from a group of donors who wished to fund the new residence hall. They had an idea for the name of the building and the naming committee approved the suggestion, he said.

"We sign agreements with all donors and there are always stipulations," Todd said.

Board members sparred over the issue as points were raised on both sides.

"This sets a precedent of identifying industry with university property," Yanarella said. "Had Phillip Morris given $7 million, there would be similar objections."

The UK Athletic Association reported the $7 million gift was the largest it has ever received.

The majority of the board felt the naming proposal would not harm the university, and many said coal was a natural resource and a vital part of Kentucky's economy.

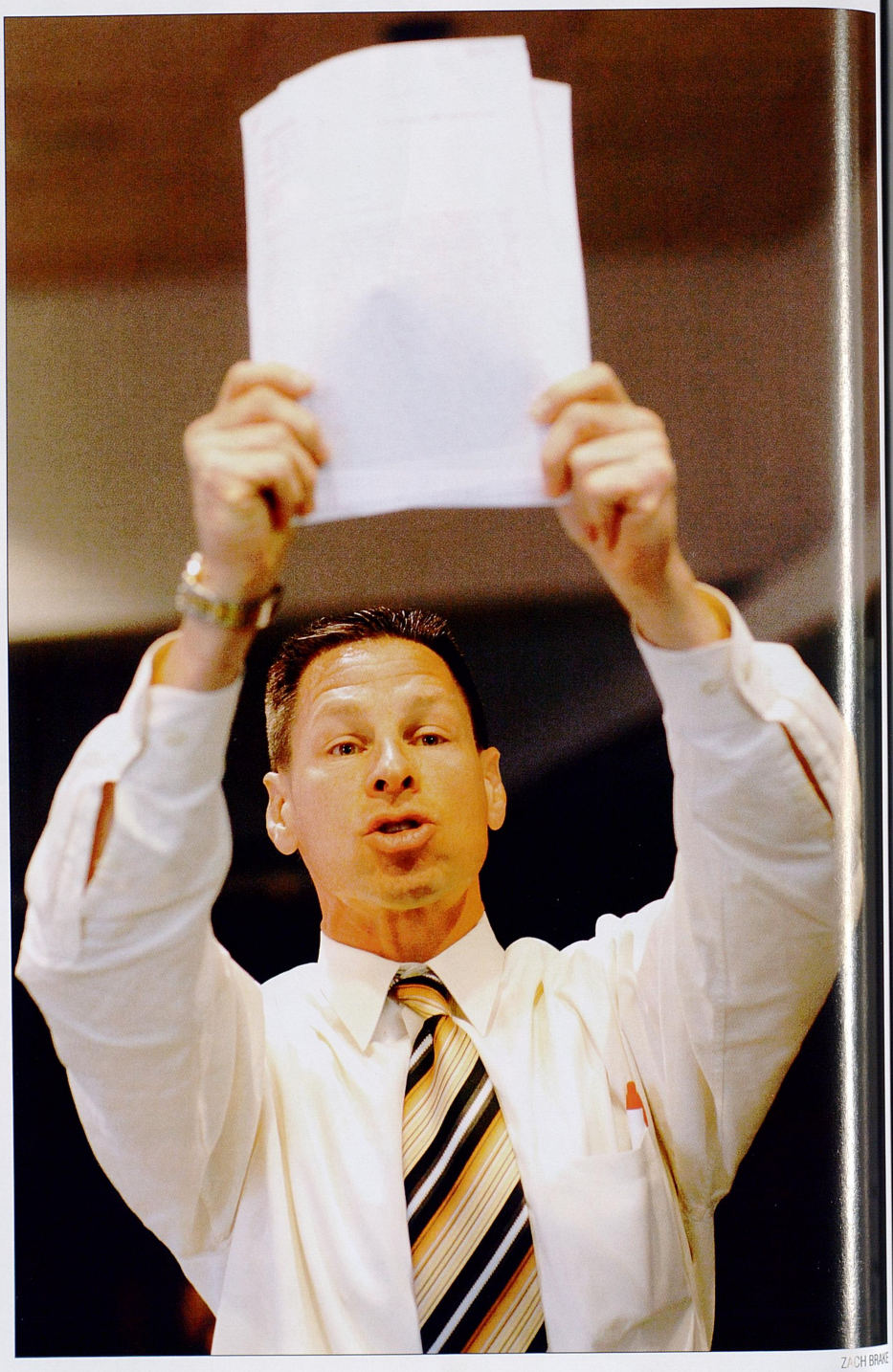
"I consider coal to be a source of great pride," said Jo Curris, a finance committee member. "Coal can very well be that mechanism that is going to retrigger the economy for the Commonwealth."

Pro "Wildcat Coal Lodge" board member comments drew angry shouts from the crowd and protesters were eager to share their outrage.

"It appears Lee Todd wants to have his cake and eat it too," said Nathan LeClaire, a philosophy junior and a member of UK Greenthumb. "He wants to appear green without walking the walk."

Danny Cotton, an English senior and member of Kentuckians for the Commonwealth, said UK has never named a building after a single industry or lobbying group, and he said the move makes Todd's sustainability initiative harder to be taken seriously.

"We didn't name the library the 'Peanut Butter Library,' we named it the 'William T. Young Library,' " Cotton said.



ZACH BRAKE

UK alumnus Chuck Hendricks protests during the Board of Trustees meeting on Tuesday, October 26, 2009, at the Patterson Office Tower after the board voted in favor of a proposal to build a $7 million Wildcat Coal Lodge. Hendricks held up print-outs showing coal pollution statistics.



ZACH BRAKE

Howard Myers argues with UK Police as he tries to reenter the UK Board of Trustees meeting on Tuesday, Oct. 26, 2009 in the Patterson Office Tower after it was recessed due to audience members, mostly students, being too disruptive.



ZACH BRAKE

Political science sophomore Leo Weisberger, left, and history and geography junior Watson Harding protest before the UK Board of Trustees meeting on Tuesday, Oct. 26, 2009 to vote on a proposal to build a $7 million Wildcat Coal Lodge.


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ALLIE GARZA

UK Police speak to a man who cried out during former Israeli Prime Minister Ehud Olmert's speech on Wednesday, Oct. 14, 2009. The man, who shouted out, "You are a murderer! You killed children!" left the Singletary Center after he, and others, became visibly enraged with Olmert's appearance at UK.

By Cassidy Herrington

Rose Street paralleled the divide between Israel and Palestine on Wednesday, Oct. 14, 2009, with the arrival of Israel's former prime minister Ehud Olmert.

Keffiyeh scarves and Palestinian flags signaled the passionate opposition to Olmert, while a flood of students, faculty and community members came to hear his speech intended to promote peace in the Middle East.

Upon entering the Singletary Center for the Arts, three rows of security inspectors lined the doors checking bags and coats. Inside, two to three security officers stood at every door, with Olmert's own security personnel at his side.

Before Olmert could complete an opening statement, Palestinian supporters throughout the crowded auditorium shouted comments, such as "shame on you" and "baby killer" to the former Israeli official.

Olmert's speech was part of the university's incentives to incite a global dialogue on peace between the two Middle Eastern states.

"We have to expose our students to global newsmakers," said UK President Lee Todd to open the event.

After a brief pause, Olmert began his lecture directed toward the protesting of some of the audience members.

"If one knows something about Israeli politics, this is part of our lives," Olmert said. "I hope they will also be patient enough to listen, they might hear something they don't know."

The Islamic Society of Central Kentucky, led by Khalad Ghoneim, initiated the Palestinian protests, with a two-pronged message.

"First, we applaud the initiatives for a peace house discussion," Ghoneim said. "However, we believe the choice of Ehud was not the proper choice."

In Olmert's speech, he attempted to explain his advocation of the killing of civilians on the grounds of terrorism by connecting them to a conversation with President Barack Obama.



ALLIE GARZA

Rasmieh Suleiman reads a protest sign while her daughter, Kawthar, a biology senior, helps tie her mother's wrap during a protest outside the Singletary Center on Wednesday, Oct. 14, 2009. The Suleimans came out to show their support for the Palestinian people and protest former Israeli Prime Minister Ehud Olmert's speech and appearance at UK. "I think it's important for people to know he's a mass murderer," Kawthar said. "For him to come speak at my university and for me not to speak out would speak volumes of me."



ALLIE GARZA
Former Israeli Prime Minister Ehud Olmert speaks about peace and his time as prime minister to UK students, faculty and the public on Wednesday, Oct. 14, 2009, at the Singletary Center for the Arts.

"When you find terrorists are shooting from houses of civilians, what do you do?" Olmert asked the audience.

Olmert asked the same question to the then-junior senator from Illinois while he visited the former prime minister's home.

"I asked him what would be your reaction (to the shootings). He said, 'If someone would shoot into the place where my two daughters are, and would endanger their lives, I would do everything in my power to destroy them.'"

In his speech, Olmert directed attention to Iran as a nuclear threat.

"There is only one leader in the world who openly, proudly and officially declared that he wants to liquidate another country," he said.

Olmert said dialogue with Iran will not be effective and waiting a year to address this issue will be too late.

At the end of his lecture, Olmert received a barrage of questions directed at the allegations of the murder of Palestinian civilians.

"We were attacked for 40 years by terrorists from the north and invaded on a daily basis by terrorists from the south," Olmert said. "It was not an invention created by Jews, it was created, performed and carried out by Arabs."

After this comment, screams and protests erupted from the audience and several women were escorted from the Singletary Center.

Islamic Society of Central Kentucky board representative for the Muslim Student Association, Heba Suleiman, contributed to the protest and attended the lecture.

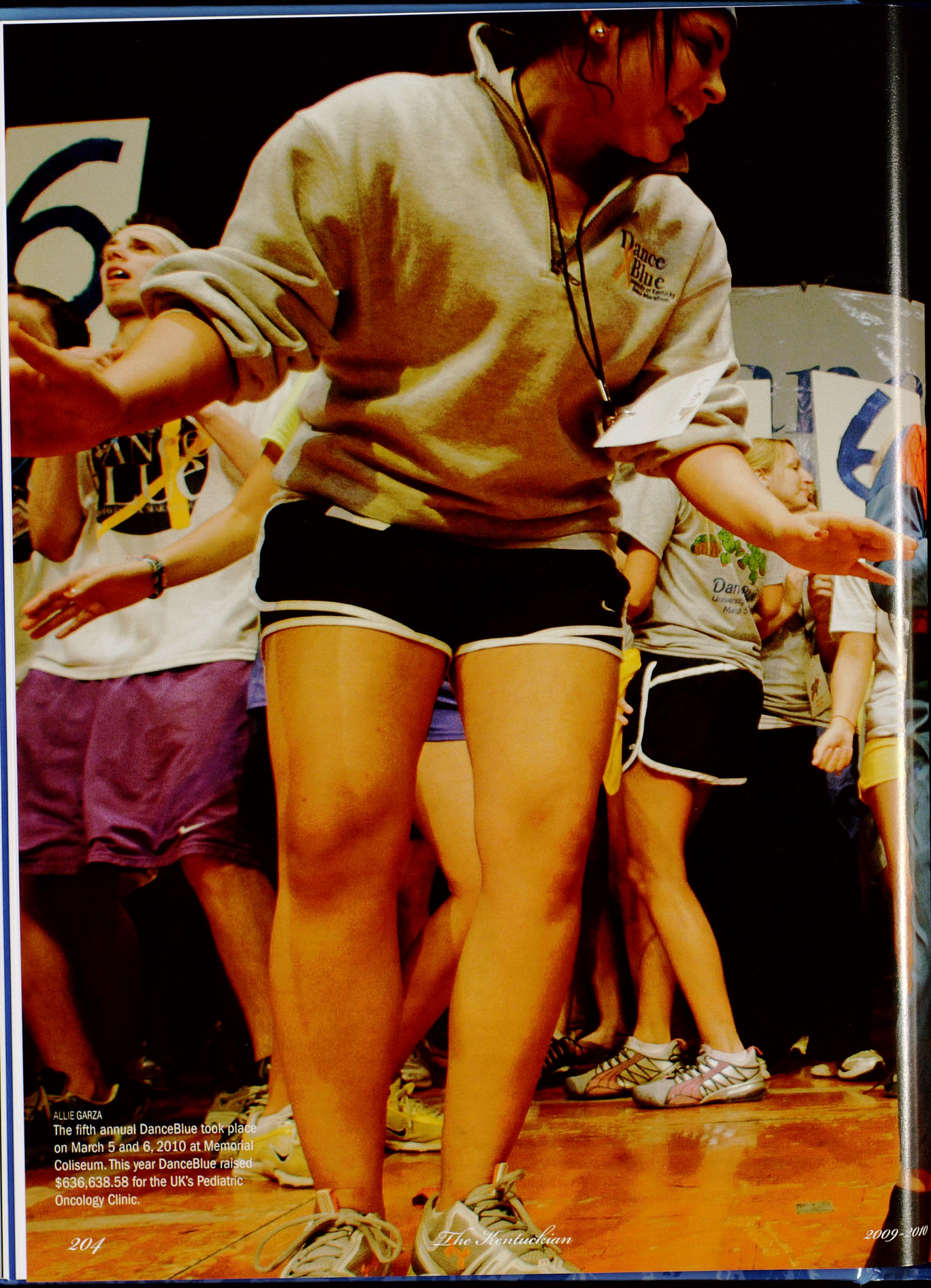
"Everything that he says is just wrong," Suleiman said.

Journalism and political science freshman Drew Teague felt differently.

"With all the commotion going on, it made for a very interesting debate," Teague said. "He was very passionate about his cause and that helps a lot when you're in those kinds of situations and can stand your ground against the people against him."

Olmert closed his lecture with a statement on the future for peace.

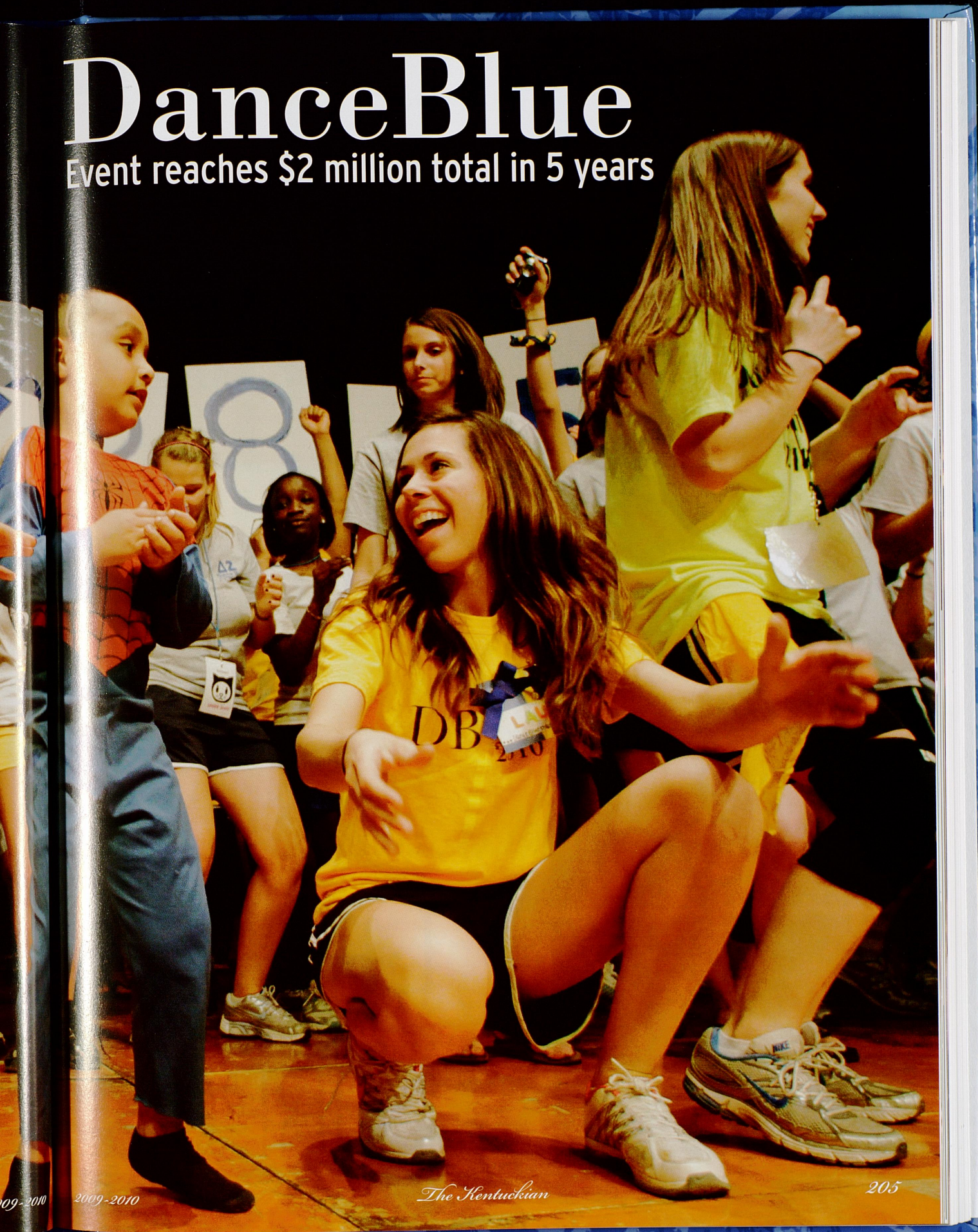
"We want to live here not at the expense of others, but alongside others, in peace, in mutual respect, in justice," Olmert said. "I am certain it will happen sooner than most people think."



ALLIE GARZA
The fifth annual DanceBlue took place on March 5 and 6, 2010 at Memorial Coliseum. This year DanceBlue raised $636,638.58 for the UK's Pediatric Oncology Clinic.

DanceBlue

Event reaches $2 million total in 5 years

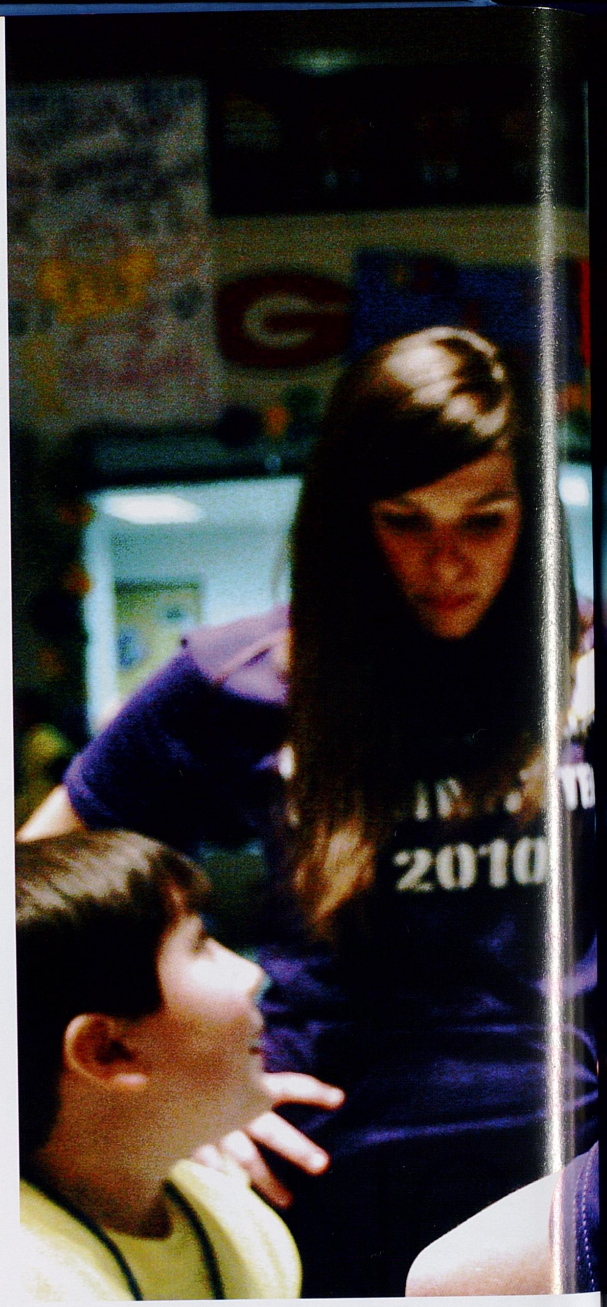


SCOTT HANNIGAN
One of the children being supported by DanceBlue dances with the UK students in Memorial Coliseum during the 24 hour dance marathon to raise money for children suffering with cancer.









DANCE WITH A PURPOSE



PHOTO COURTESY OF UK PR

By Brandon Goodwin

There's only one place where more than 600 students, UK head coach John Calipari, cancer survivors and more come together to do the most famous dance in the Commonwealth.

Hint: It's not Rupp Arena.

For 24 hours, all of the above tried their hands at line dancing, among other styles, but the John Wall dance was the most popular at Memorial Coliseum for DanceBlue.

DanceBlue, a 24-hour dance marathon, set a new record on Saturday, March 6, 2010 by raising $636,638.58, a $35,000 increase over last year's total.

The money supports the UK Children's Hospital Pediatric Oncology Clinic and the families whose children have been affected by cancer. Since its creation in 2006, DanceBlue has raised more than $2 million for the Golden Matrix fund. The clinic helps children like 7-year-old Jillian Smalley.

In August of last year, Jillian was diagnosed with lung cancer. Jillian's struggle is tough, but on Saturday, she stood on stage in front of more than 600 college students with a smile on her face, dancing and spinning.

Jillian's father, Jerry, said he watched how this event offered support and encouragement, but the effects are felt year round.

"It's refreshing to know there is someone out there who really cares," Jerry said. "And this money is helping hire new staff and support research, so it's just great."

With appearances from UK head coaches and many athletes, as well

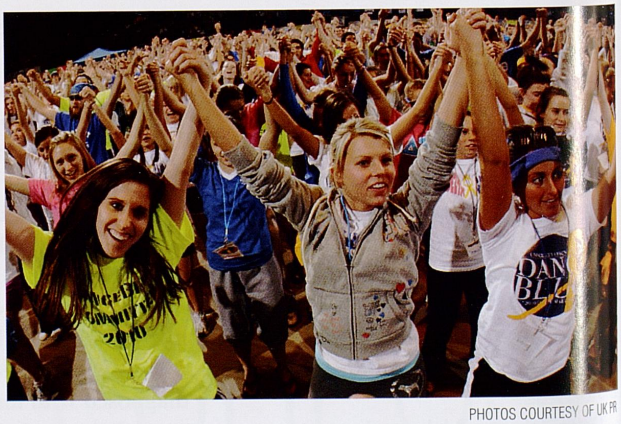


BRANDON GOODWIN
Students on the DanceBlue committee direct a dance during the 24-hour dance marathon.





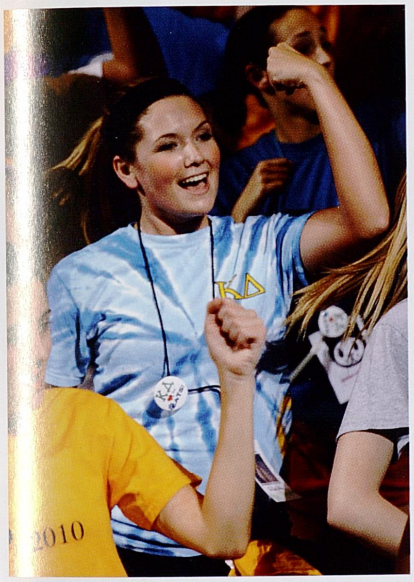




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Students and audience participants dance to different themes that were introduced throughout the night.







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as faculty, staff and administration, DanceBlue wasn't short on star power — especially when it came to the small survivors who where there to dance.

Just as it is crucial to prevent and to kill existing cancer cells, it's important that children be served with long-term treatment, said Robert Carr. His son, Gavin, was diagnosed with lymphoblastic leukemia.

Carr listed staggering numbers of long-term problems associated with treating cancer, including heart disease, stroke and even new cancers.

The problems arise when cancer patients are too old to be served by pediatric clinics and they are turned over to family physicians who aren't trained to recognize those problems, Carr said.

That's not the case at UK.

"(UK) offers follow-up clinics to all of their pediatric cancer patients," Carr said. "So these kids can have support for the rest of their lives.

"DanceBlue offers a lot of funding for that to happen," Carr said.

Kathy Bennett and her husband have been attending DanceBlue since the beginning. Their daughter, Katy, was one of the original dancers back in 2006.

Bennett said DanceBlue is special because so many people are touched by cancer, including her.

Bennett's mother had three different types of cancer in her lifetime: ovarian, stomach and colon cancer.

With so many connections to the organization, Bennett volunteers her time and money to make sure the dancers are well fed during the marathon.

"I stay until about eight," Bennett said. "Then, I come back around one or two with treats for the dancers. What they are doing is just amazing."

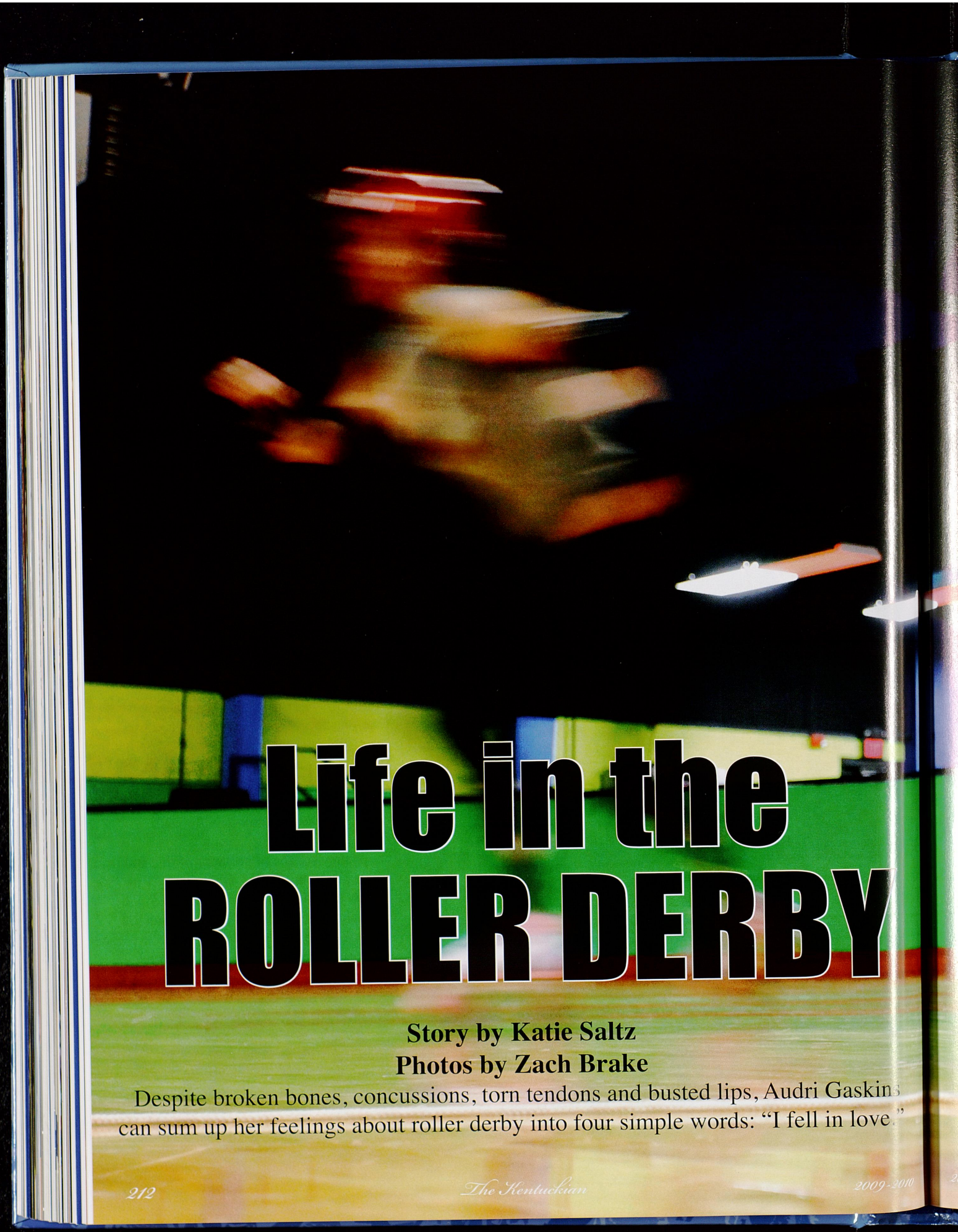
Jimmy Gilles came all the way from Owensboro, Ky., to support his sons Jim and Brandon.

"I just hope they see the importance of this and they try to get others involved," Gilles said. "I'm proud that they are good community leaders."

Nursing sophomore Madeline Neel volunteered to work because of her future career goals.

"Since I'm going into nursing, I'm interested in helping kids," Neel said. "I feel like I'm doing something for them already."

No matter how many times parents, spectators, families and speakers praise the students for dancing, in the end, the students always look toward the kids and chant, "We dance for YOU, we dance for YOU, we dance for YOU, all night long!"



Life in the ROLLER DERBY

Story by Katie Saltz
Photos by Zach Brake

Despite broken bones, concussions, torn tendons and busted lips, Audri Gaskins can sum up her feelings about roller derby into four simple words: "I fell in love."





Paris Howell, "Ellie Slay," pets her dog Hannah outside her home on Oct. 29, 2009.

WOMEN FIND RELEASE IN ROUGH SPORT

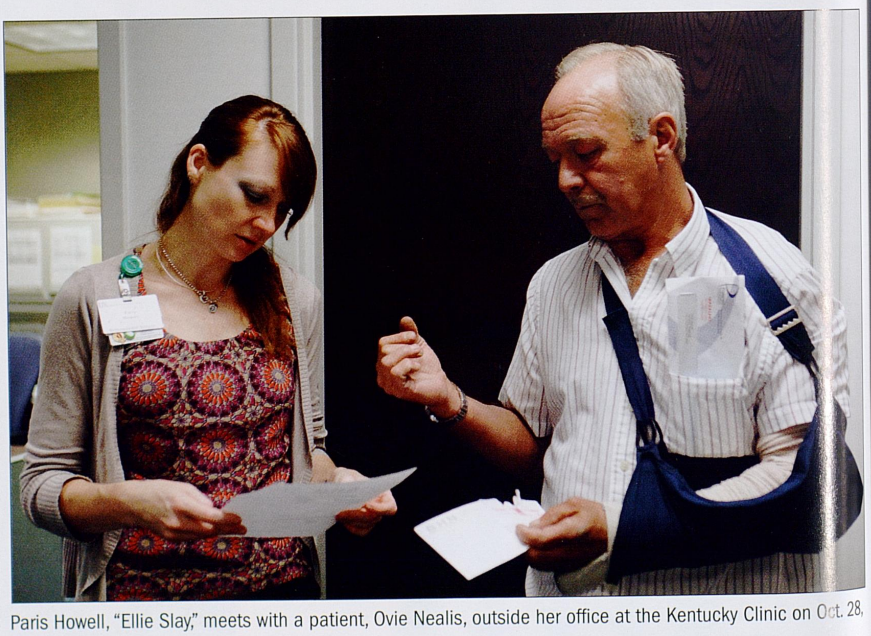
Lexington is home to the Rollergirls of Central Kentucky, and many members of the team double as UK employees or students. An intense contact sport, roller derby girls skate around a track using their bodies as weapons to clear a path.

Under the derby name "Audzilla," Gaskins was a member of ROCK in 2007-08, before a car accident left her with a broken back and took her out of the game. But watching her teammates practice from the sidelines, Gaskins said roller derby is something she cannot let go of just yet.

"I literally have dreams about games, I miss it so much," she said.

ROCK was formed in 2006 when an A&E show inspired team captain Paris Howall, aka Ellie Slay, to start researching roller derby. After merging with a team in Richmond, Ky., the Lexington-based team was formed. Most of the women coming in had not been on roller skates since elementary school birthday parties, but once they fell into the swing of skating, they found passion in the game.

The aggressive nature of roller derby has led many of the women to break out of their shells.



Paris Howell, "Ellie Slay," meets with a patient, Ovie Nealis, outside her office at the Kentucky Clinic on Oct. 28, 2009.

"I'M BUILT FOR BLOCKING AND I'M PROUD OF THAT. I'VE NEVER FELT SELF-CONSCIENCE ON THE TRACK. I'M OUT THERE IN MY TIGHTS AND BOOTY SHORTS, STUFF I WOULD NEVER WEAR IN MY REAL LIFE. BUT I'M PROUD OF MY THIGHS. I WANT (MY OPPONENTS) TO SEE WHAT'S ABOUT TO HIT THEM." - HANNAH TRUSTY, "KITTY O'DOOM"

In a sport where falls are hard and injuries real, the girls found an outlet in doing something so physical.

Hannah Trusty, or Kitty O'Doom, works as staff support in the UK statistics department. The soft-spoken 31-year-old said she was terrified before her first practice, intimidated by the girls with tattoos and big personalities. But her confidence soared after joining roller derby because it allowed her to focus on what her body can do rather than what it looks like.

"I'm built for blocking and I'm proud of that. I've never felt self-conscience on the track," Trusty said. "I'm out there in my tights and booty shorts, stuff I would never wear in my real life. But I'm proud of my thighs. I want (my opponents) to see what's about to hit them."

Howall, a worker's compensation liaison for UK Hospital, said every woman can find a way to use her body effectively in roller derby no matter how she is built.

"Once you start skating and you realize 'I can use my weight, my height, my smallness to my advantage.' It's very empowering because you let go of all those negatives you had before," she said. "If you were like 'I'm too little,' now it's 'I'm little — I can fit through that tiny hole,' or 'I'm too big — I'm so big I can knock three people down.' "

For art studio senior Lauri Appleby-Williams, letting go is something she hopes to get out of roller derby. Her first day on skates, she fell multiple times and sat out for a bit after landing on her tailbone. As she caught her breath, Appleby-Williams said she hopes to gain a new attitude from the team.

"I feel like I want to have a different side to me," she said. "I don't see myself as very aggressive. Being in this situation help me put myself out there and not be afraid."

Co-captain Meg Marquis, aka Rainbow Smite, said injuries are inevitable in roller derby — it is not a matter of if you will get hurt, it is a matter of when. But the game is not just the elbow-throwing, face-punching and clotheslining seen in the movies.

Marquis said the sport is more strategic than people realize. The rulebook is about 40 pages thick, all in the interest of safety, she said. But even a rulebook cannot keep the girls from getting shoved to the floor.

Throwing punches can cause harm, but the goal is to get the other person out of the way as effectively as possible, Marquis said.

"I could elbow Kitty in the face but she probably wouldn't fall down," she said. "It's more powerful to use your whole body. Kitty's signature move is she swings her butt out and slams



"Ellie Slay" rams the practice pad as referee Conn Craig braces himself for the impact during practice at the Champs Skate Center on Oct. 24, 2009.



Meg Marquis, "Rainbow Smite," leads her team in stretching exercises at the beginning of practice at the Champs Skate Center Oct. 24, 2009.

(a person) right into her hip."

With all the falling and shoving on the track, bouts tend to draw crowds to cheer on the girls. But their fans extend outside the roller rink. Marquis is an adviser in the UK Honors Program and said she has received tremendous support from her students and from UK administrators.

"When I first started, I was worried it would make me seem either intimidating or subversive in an alarming way, and I have not found that to be the case," she said. "Students are really supportive of it. They ask about it."

When Marquis is not in her office or playing with her 4-year-old daughter, Sophia Shannon, she finds an escape from everyday life on the track.

"It's one of those rare things where there's not room for anything else in your head," Marquis said. "I won't think about work or my personal life."

The double-life aspect of roller derby is appealing to many of the women, right down to choosing a derby name as an alter ego. That duality is something Trusty loves about the sport.

"Before bouts you see girls putting on make up, some wear push-up bras instead of sports bras to look good," she said. "But they are the toughest people I've ever seen."

Billie Harris, known as Paralethal on the track, was met with an "are you crazy" attitude when she started skating, even from her 18- and 20-year-old children. When she broke her elbow in a pile-up in early 2007, she had to weigh the risks against the rush.

"My job relies on me typing so I thought, 'Do I want to play for fun or do I want to pay my bills?' " Harris said. "It took two months (to get back on the track) but I never considered quitting even though my kids tell me I'm crazy.

"It's just a rush— where else can you legally hit people and get your frustrations out?"

Although she has suffered mostly bruises, scrapes and a busted lip, Trusty said she is lucky to have never been seriously injured on the track. But if that day comes, she knows what her first thought would be.

"If I break something it better heal up as quickly as possible so I can get back out there," Trusty said. "It's all about the moment."

Meg Marquis, "Rainbow Smite," plays with her daughter Sophia Shannon at their home on Oct. 26, 2009.





Above: Meg Marquis, "Rainbow Smite," and her daughter Sophia Shannon prepare the ingredients to make eggplant [illegible]zones in the kitchen of their home on Oct. 26, 2009. **Right:** Meg Marquis and Paris Howell meet at Buddy's Bar & Grill to have drinks on Oct. 29, 2009.



CUTTING ITS ROOTS

Kentucky crop's future unclear

Story by Austin Schmitt
Photos by Allie Garza



“It’s my livelihood, it’s my life, it’s what feeds my family. It’s what buys my vehicles so I can go from here to there.”

— Giles Shell, on farming tobacco



G.B. and Giles Shell ride a “tall boy” fertilizer sprayer through a field of tobacco. The Shells contract 440,000 pounds of tobacco a year to Phillip Morris.



Giles Shell, 24, and G.B., 83, are part of a history of Shell tobacco farmers, which began five generations ago. With Giles being the fifth generation of Shell tobacco farmers, he has a crop with himself and his family.

A single pack of cigarettes holds the power. The power to darken lungs, cause shortness of breath and bury people. It also has the power to put food on the table, send kids through college and buy pickup trucks.

Tobacco surrounds UK's campus, whether it is the fields lining the streets into Lexington or the smokers lining the hospital sidewalks on South Limestone.

Yet on Nov. 19, 2009, UK turned its campus into a tobacco-free environment. No more smoke breaks behind White Hall Classroom Building. No more strolls through campus with a lit cigarette in hand. No more late night smoke breaks outside Blanding Tower on a long night of studying. Tobacco no longer exists on this campus.

Some on this campus will tell stories of how cigarettes have killed their family. Others will say it provides a break to the stresses of college life.

But some are in the middle, like communications junior Derek Goode. Three weeks ago his mother was diagnosed with lung cancer. As a smoker, he sees the smoking ban as an opportunity to quit smoking. The struggle his mom will have to endure finalizes that decision.

"Just the fact that she has to go through it, I don't want to do it myself," Goode said.

But there is still opposition. English freshman Hannah Mayfield lights up a cigarette with her conventional grill lighter and talks about how the ban will inconvenience her while she is on campus.

"I really like to smoke before and after class, so it's going to suck," Mayfield said.

Leaving tobacco behind is something that many accomplished years ago, but in Kentucky this trend takes precedence. In this state a different, softer face emerges, a face that defines an entire industry – the wrinkled, sun-beaten face of a tobacco farmer.

Giles Shell is one of those faces. A May 2009 graduate of UK with a degree in biology, Giles grew up on the farm. Playing in the tobacco fields since the day he could walk, Giles woke up every morning and worked alongside his 83-year-old grandfather, G.B. Shell.

Starting at the age of 14, Giles worked in the tobacco fields. Known on the Shell farm as a quiet kid growing up, he was more likely to want to cure cancer than farm tobacco.

But after graduating from UK, Giles believed his skills were needed somewhere else, so he returned to the farm. He returned home to do the one thing he loves, the one thing he has known





Above: G.B. Shell drives his "tallboy" to fertilize tobacco on his farm in Lancaster, Ky., on Sept. 12, 2009.
Below: Tobacco ready to be cut at G.B. Shell Farm in Lancaster, Ky., on Nov. 14, 2009 for the Tobacco Cutting Contest sponsored by the UK Ag Extension program in Garrad County.



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all his life, the one thing that paid for him to attend UK: farm tobacco.

"I've tried to do something else but I can't do anything else," Giles said. "It's something I've done since I was young."

For Giles though, tobacco is more than just a crop. It's a way of life. He says that when people talk about how tobacco is bad for health, it bothers him. It's the overuse of the product, not the actual tobacco that causes the problem.

He hears the future of tobacco being disputed but thinks that there will always be a need for the crop. Even then, the sake of his family depends on the plant that grows in his backyard.

"It's my livelihood, it's my life, it's what feeds my family," Giles said. "It's what buys my vehicles so I can go from here to there."

Giles' story is not the only one. Will Snell, a UK agricultural economics extension professor, grew up on a tobacco and beef cattle farm in Bourbon Co., Ky. Tobacco was the main social function of Snell's hometown and a constant throughout most small towns in Kentucky.

The first day of school is affected by the tobacco season. Originally a Labor Day tradition, the first day of school turned into a mid-September start. The kids had to help on the farm, Snell said.

The opening of the markets was a social scene in itself. From the local pastor to the town health care provider, every person in the community came to market.

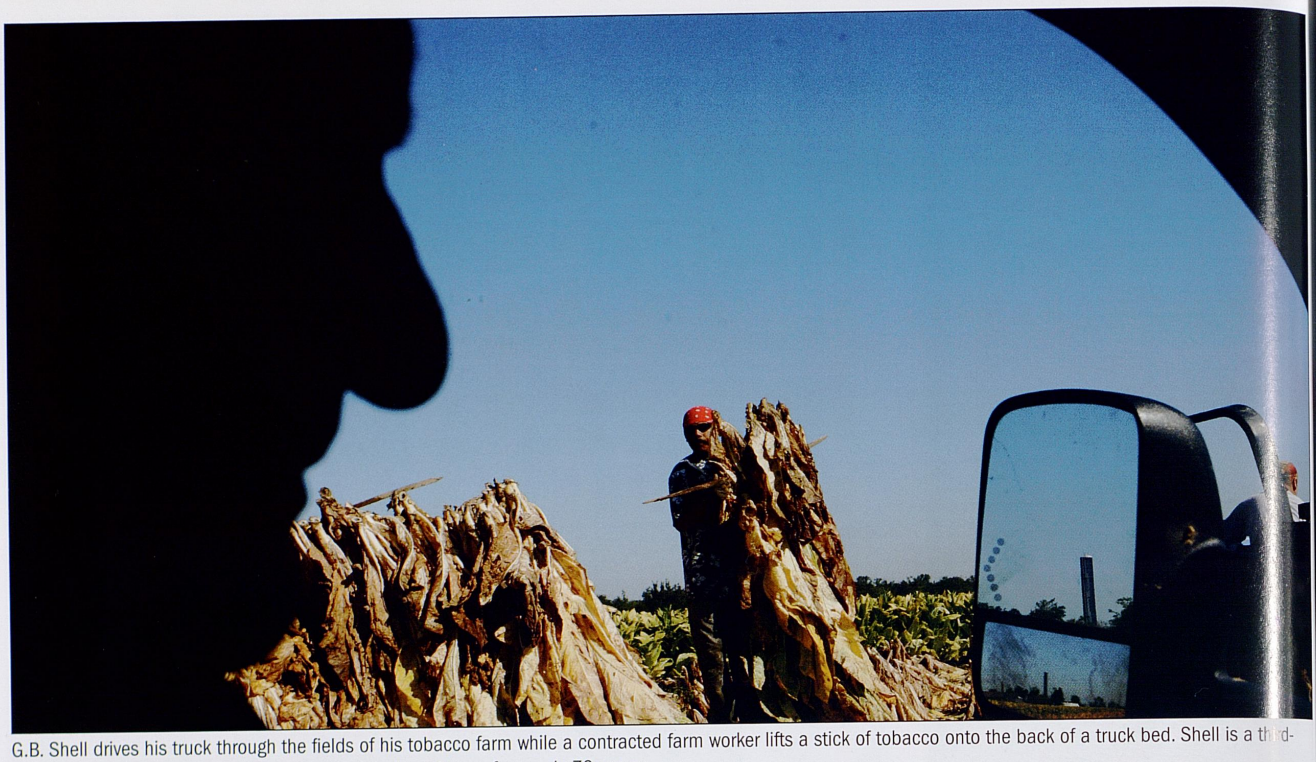
"It was very much the social fabric of many of those rural communities here in Kentucky," Snell said.

Most importantly for the Shell and Snell families, though, tobacco provided a way of living. Health ramifications aside, tobacco put food on the table and provided opportunities beyond the farm.

"During its hay day, tobacco paid the bills, it put a lot of kids through college, it bought a lot of new pickup trucks," Snell said. "It was pretty much the safety net for agriculture and the crop that everybody depended on to pay the bills."

The UK Agricultural Extension program provides the kind of support to the tobacco community that a flagship university is responsible for. By being active in the community, the program helps tobacco farmers yield productive crops every year and provides a way to connect the community to the university.

This year's 28th annual edition of the Garrard County Tobacco Cutting Contest in September was put on by the UK Agricultural Extension program.



G.B. Shell drives his truck through the fields of his tobacco farm while a contracted farm worker lifts a stick of tobacco onto the back of a truck bed. Shell is a third-generation tobacco farmer and has been harvesting tobacco for nearly 70 years.





Left: Giles Shell works on preparing the high boy to fertilize tobacco at G.B. Shell Farm in Lancaster, Ky., on Sept. 12, 2009.
Right: G.B. Shell, 83, and his grandson, Giles, are part of a history of Shell tobacco farmers, which began five generations ago. With Giles being the fifth generation of Shell tobacco farmers, the crop will continue to provide a source of income for himself and his family.

Every year they work with the Garrard County community to showcase tobacco and bring tobacco farmers and community members together.

While eight regular tobacco field hands work tirelessly through the eighth of a mile of tobacco stalks, competing to raise the plaque given to the winner, attendees socialize, crack jokes and eat fresh-grilled hamburgers. This is the way life is on the farm. Where even though the future of tobacco is in jeopardy, there are still no worries.

On UK's campus it's a different story. The plans for a tobacco-free campus have been on the books since January 2009 when the Board of Trustees, with the backing of UK President Lee Todd, announced a Tobacco-Free Initiative. The committee would be co-chaired by UK College of Nursing Professor Ellen Hahn and Vice President for Public Safety Anthany Beatty.

On Nov. 19, UK joined over 300 other college campuses in adopting a policy similar to this one, but they are one of the largest institutions to implement a ban. In a state where 50 percent of the domestic production of tobacco is performed, it has not come without controversy.

Despite the negative feedback of the tobacco ban, it has positives. The statistics on tobacco health are well-known. But the common college student may not know what just one cigarette can do to the body.

Casual smoking at the bars or having a couple cigarettes on the weekends can cause shortness of breath and lead to being more susceptible to other illnesses, said Joanne Brown, a UK nurse practitioner Even smoking one cigarette can lead to a possible long-term addiction.

"College students don't see themselves as smokers," Brown said."If I ask someone if they smoke, they'll say, 'No not really. I just smoke on the weekends, when I go out to the bars with my friends or do hookah once in a while.' They don't realize that even just occasional smoking affects their health."

Continuing to smoke into later life can lead to lung cancer and other diseases that are life-threatening. All these problems can occur from a natural plant grown in the same Kentucky dirt that UK students, staff and faculty walk over every day.

Snell says tobacco is still a profitable crop for farmers in this state. Hahn says the health effects are too much to overcome. But on Nov. 19 the main public university in the state of Kentucky will turn an eye toward combating the health effects of tobacco and attempt to make a better, healthier commonwealth in the minds of its administrators.

"I always say it's a good business decision, but the reason the Board of Trustees did it was for health reasons to create a healthy environment," Hahn said

While the debate will continue, UK hopes the use of tobacco on its campus – and its state- will decline. For some, tobacco is a health issue. For others, it's a financial issue. Many are torn between the two.

The debate may never be snuffed out, but neither will the people. Even if tobacco fades away, there will always be a farmer looking to make a living.

"If they ban tobacco, we're Shells, we'll bounce back," Giles said. "We always do."



Benjamin Bullens and Pam Carter of Berea, Ky., smoke outside of UK Hospital on Sunday, Nov. 15, 2009. Carter gave birth to her son, Camrin, on Nov. 13 and is at UK Hospital recovering.



Social work sophomore Nora Farmer smokes outside of the W.T. Young Library on Sunday, Nov. 15, 2009. Farmer, a four-year smoker, said the ban wouldn't affect her. "I live close to campus, so I'll just smoke before (I get there)."

LIFE UNDER FIRE

Story and photos by Britney McIntosh

Wind sweeps through the thickly wooded hills, muffling the crunch of branches under a squad of combat boots carefully creeping to the objective of their mission. An eerie quiet falls over the empty countryside as the camouflage-clad soldiers raise their guns to the top of a bunker, housing unfriendly forces in Arabian garb.

At the single-hand motion of the platoon leader, the quiet breaks. After seven minutes of machine gun booms and constant paint ball splattering, the mission is complete and the forces are taken hostage.

For the Army ROTC cadets at UK, these types of drills are a part of their biannual field training exercises meant to prepare them for life after college. The event is especially important to the 27 cadets in their third year of ROTC, MS 3's, who receive their final training before being evaluated at a summer course. This course, called LDAC, will essentially determine the cadets' careers upon graduation, said Captain Joey Orr.



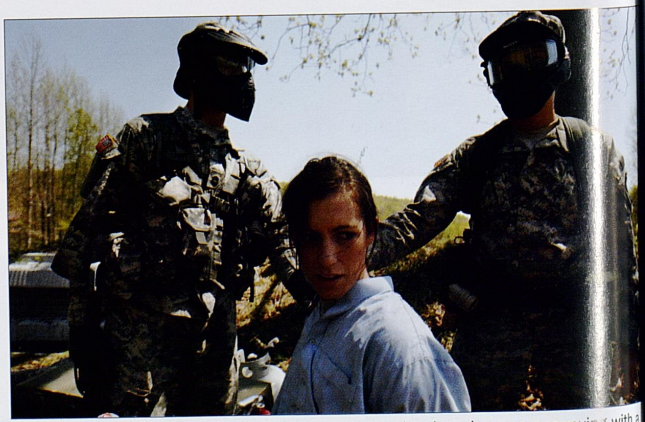


UK cadets Josh Lynch and Green rest at the UK Army ROTC's Field Training Exercises on Saturday, April 17, 2010.



MS 3 Cadet Mary Awoniyi executes an operation with the squad on Sunday, April 18, 2010. The situation replicated a chemical warfare emergency and the cadets had to complete their task with simulated blindness.

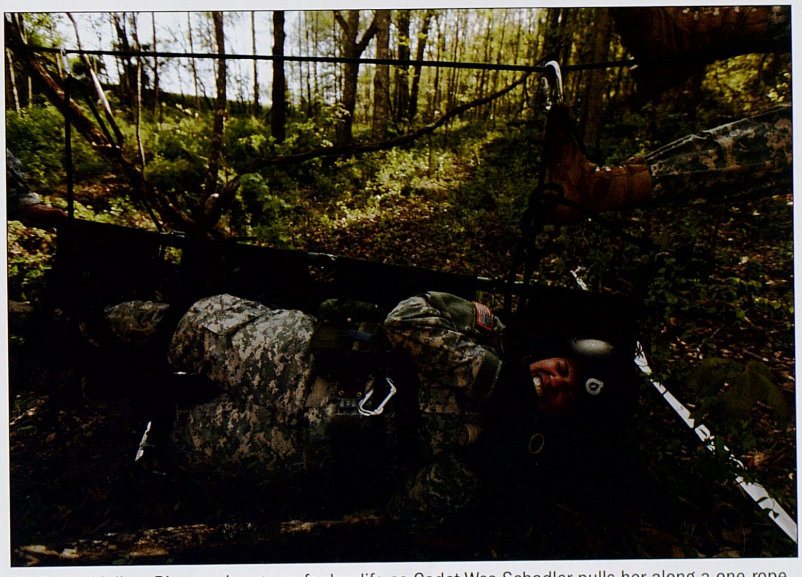




University of Louisville MS 4 Cadet Paige Young gets taken as a prisoner of war after MS 3 cadets executed a mission to take over the bunker she was occupying with a paintball machine gun.



MS 3 Cadet Houts waits with her platoon to execute one of their tactical missions on Saturday, April 18, 2010. For each mission, a platoon leader is selected and evaluated on their leadership skills.



UK Cadet Mallory Bierman hangs on for her life as Cadet Wes Schadler pulls her along a one-rope bridge in the woods on Sunday, April 18, 2010, at Artemus Training Base.

"This is our last chance to really train them before LDAC, and this training is imperative to their success," Orr said.The ROTC students arrived at Artemus Training Base on Friday morning, and the MS 3's immediately broke off from the rest, taking on a higher stress level of activity than the other cadets.

They began by doing day and nighttime land navigation on their own, going out on quests to find different points based on their ability to read a terrain map and follow it without any light to guide their way. They slept outside in the rain while on patrol as the other cadets slept soundly in barracks.

On Saturday, April 17, the cadets had to perform as a team by executing various paintball missions called lanes. They took their cooperative and leadership skills to the next level by mixing in with cadets from the University of Louisville.

"It was mission after mission after mission," said MS 3 Mary Awoniyi. "We had to eat on the fly, and when you were tired you had to suck it up because you knew your leadership would need you to be really motivated so you could get your mission done. It was tough to keep a smile on your face and just keep going."

MS 3 Dakota Lawler shared Awoniyi's sentiments about the hardships of the missions.

"This has been very difficult but the training we receive here is priceless and has prepared us for this summer at LDAC," Lawler said.

Lt. Colonel Cummins of the UK ROTC said the weekend was a great way to gauge the cadet's education thus far in their careers.

"This really forces them to do critical thinking and it is a great replica of what they will soon see as young leaders in the Army," Cummins said.

After three days living outdoors, strangers became comrades and painfully constructive criticism became lessons which will stick with the cadets as they continue in their careers to defend their country.

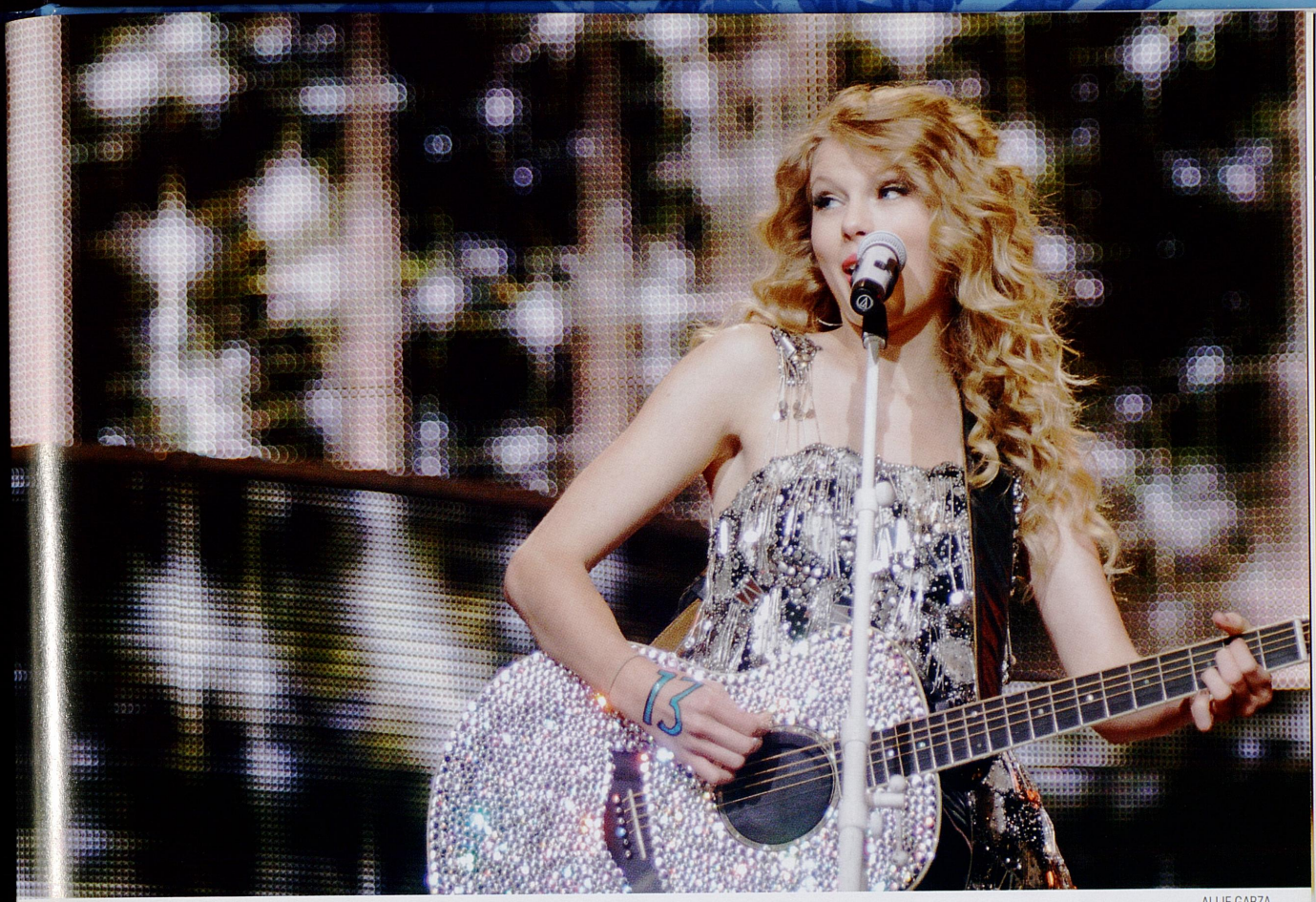
A cadence echoes across the hills on Sunday, falling in time with the steps of the tired cadets making their way back to the barracks to clean up and head out. Smiles and laughs appear where stress lines fell around their eyes just hours before as they head back to fall in step with their fellow Cats.

Taylor brings 'fairy tale' to Lexington



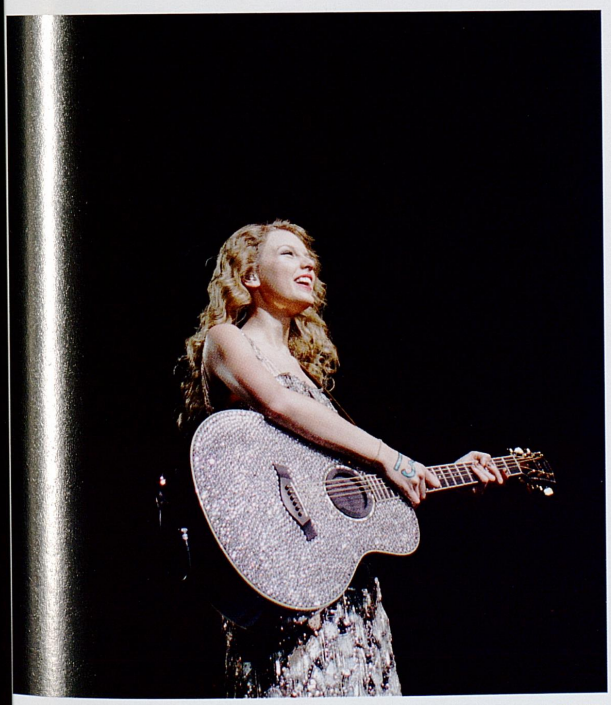
Taylor Swift performs before a packed house at Rupp Arena on Thursday, April 29, 2010.

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Taylor Swift headlined her "Fearless" tour, which was sold out in 52 cities around the United States, including Lexington.



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"Fearless" was the country star's second studio album, which also happened to debut at No. 1 on the Billboard 200.

By Matt Murray

Calling Taylor Swift self-indulgent would be an understatement. Criticizing her self-indulgence would be a crime — because it works.

Swift's "Fearless" tour made its way to Rupp Arena on Thursday, April 29, 2010, and the princess of country performed for a sold-out Rupp Arena crowd for nearly two hours.

The production looked like a glorified high school musical, with its thematics ranging from a marching band/cheerleader set, to a Shakespeare homage. Every step by every performer on the stage, whether it be the band, the dancers or Swift herself, looked specifically planned.

At times, the rigid structure of the show led to an apparent lack an organic presence, but the production kept the crowd engaged. Swift changed outfits more than she changed guitars, but her willingness to perform in every corner of the arena ensured there wasn't a bad seat in the house.

The majority of the crowd had to have been 15 or below, and it lead to deafening screams and applause after every moment Swift spoke. What is admirable is the sense one gets that she still enjoys every minute of it. She went so far as to perform a song from the crowd, and proceeded to make her way back to the stage, hugging every pre-teen that threw themselves at her along the way.

Let's not forget the music. Swift has a reputation of being a poor live vocalist, but Thursday night she showed what a tool time can be. Her voice was strong, not perfect by any means, but she was hitting her notes (no, she wasn't lip-syncing).

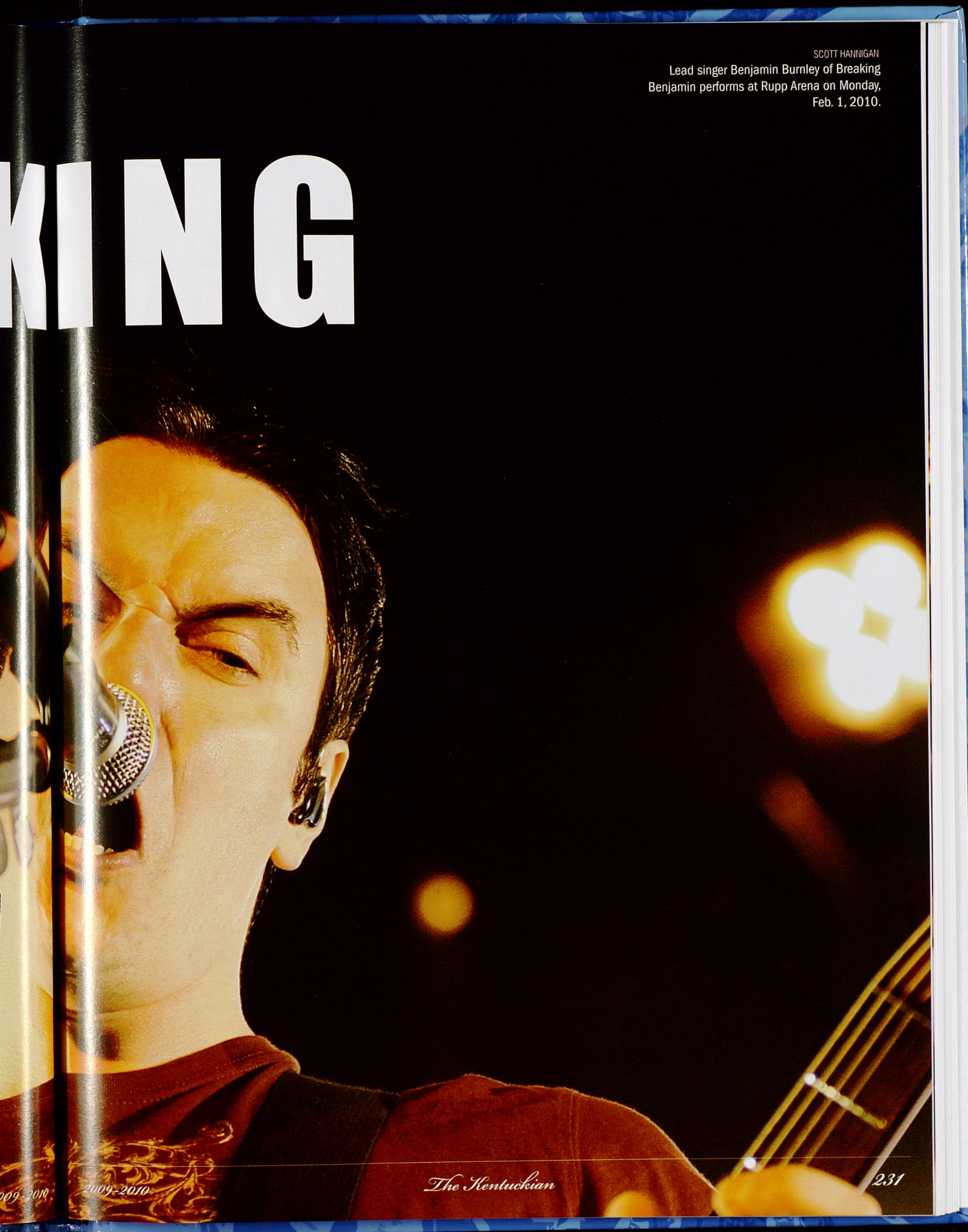
The set incorporated tastes of all kinds, including a hard-rock guitar solo during the midpoint of her show between two of her band mates, while she changed outfits, of course.

The "Fearless" tour won't alter the world of music, but all of the parents sagging their shoulders about having to take their kids to see their latest icon will be pleasantly surprised to see what Swift brings to the table.

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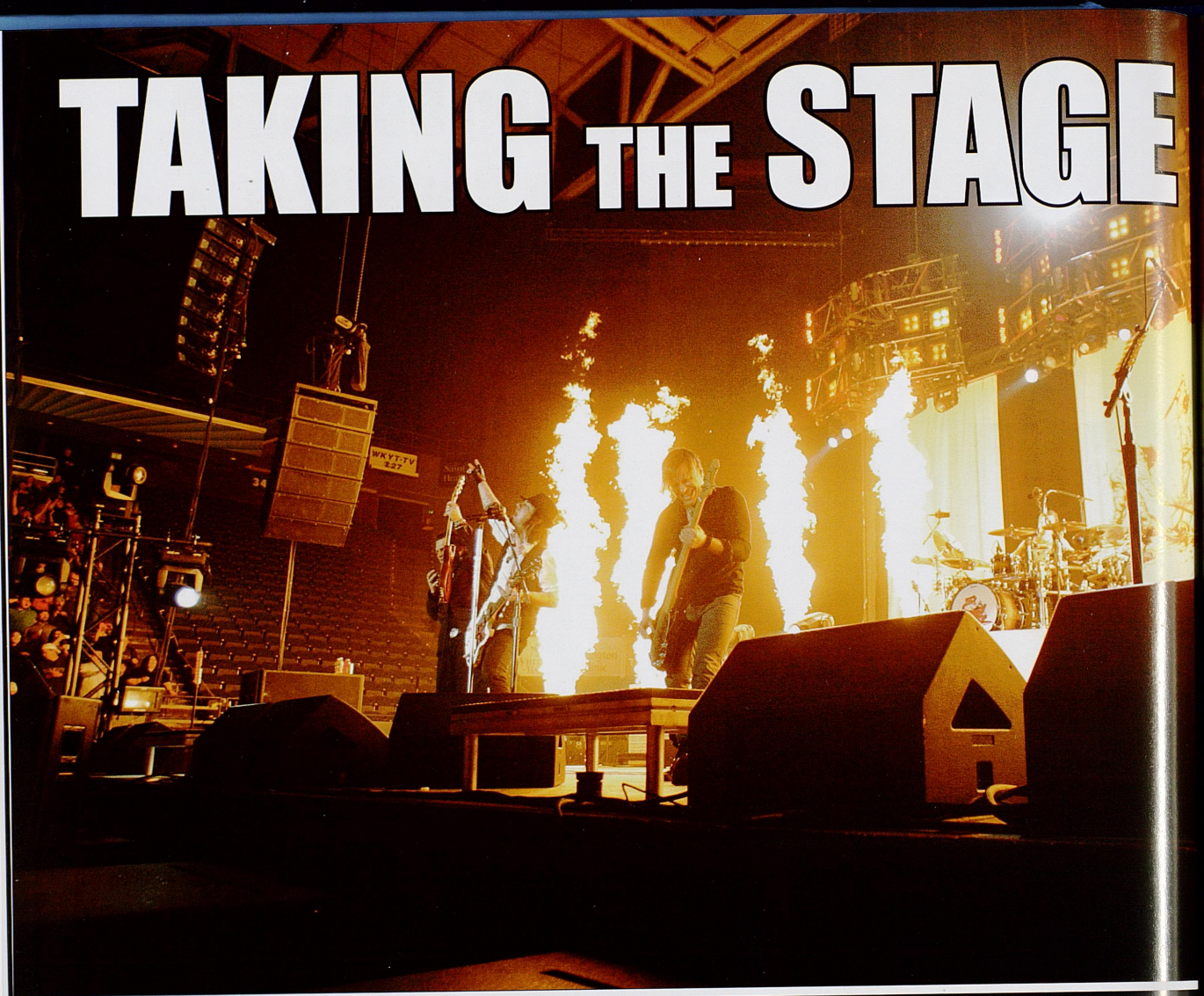
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Lead singer Benjamin Burnley of Breaking Benjamin performs at Rupp Arena on Monday, Feb. 1, 2010.

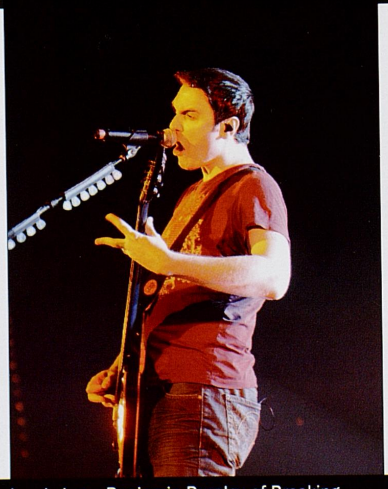
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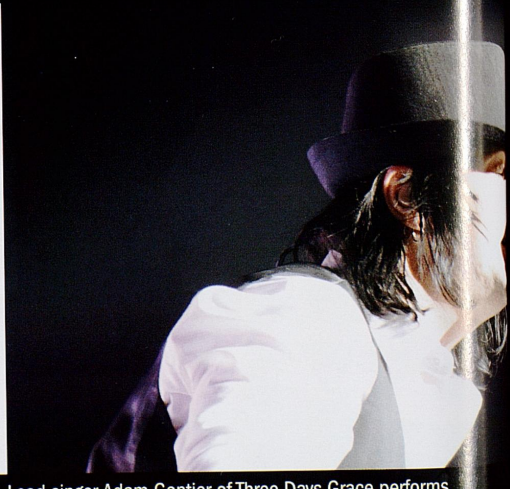
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Lead guitarist Barry Stock of Three Days Grace performs at Rupp Arena.



Lead singer Benjamin Burnley of Breaking Benjamin performs.



Lead singer Adam Gontier of Three Days Grace performs.



Breaking Benjamin, Three Days Grace rock Rupp Arena

By Matt Murray

Rupp Arena was thunderously loud on Monday, Feb. 1, 2010. The ground shook. People screamed. Only this time, it wasn't for the basketball team.

Amidst palpable testosterone, crowd surfers and drunken shouting, Breaking Benjamin and Three Days Grace put a stranglehold on a crowd of roughly 10,000, and didn't let go for 3 hours.

Texas-based band Flyleaf warmed up the crowd, and while they wouldn't live up to their peers that would take the stage after them, they certainly didn't put the crowd to sleep.

Lead singer Lacey Mosley's voice is undoubtedly bigger than her 5-foot-and-change frame would suggest, however poor mixing led to it often being swallowed up by the group's muscular guitar riffs.

After a lightning-quick set change, Breaking Benjamin took the stage and took no time getting to the punch as they opened with their deafening single, "I Will Not Bow." Without a single ballad in their repertoire, the band's rendition of Aerosmith's "Dream On" was a refreshing change of pace as screens behind the band paid homage to dead musicians that had influenced the band, ranging from Kurt Cobain to Elvis to Michael Jackson.

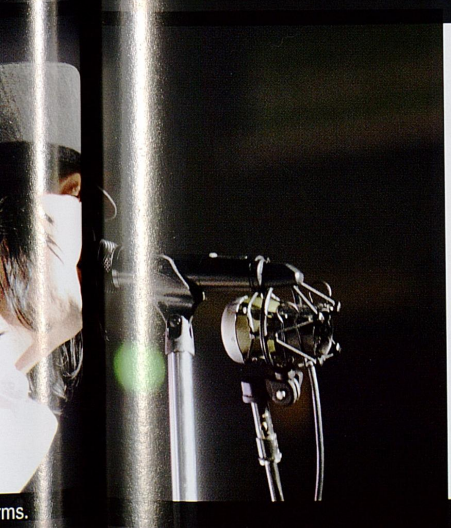
After what felt like 10 minutes (it had really been about 75) Breaking Benjamin left the stage, making way for Three Days Grace. The Canadians also opened with their current single, "Break" and ran through a well-selected set of songs ranging across all three of their albums.

The highlight of Three Days Grace's set came midway through the show as a staggering drum solo concluded, and led the audience to find that lead singer Adam Gontier made his way to the soundboard in the middle of the floor, where he sang the first refrain of "Never Too Late" before making his way back to the stage.

They too would pay tribute to their influences as they slowed their set down with an abridged version of Phil Collin's "In the Air Tonight."

As each of the individual acts wrapped up their sets, it was hard not to be left with a sense of wanting more.

But if the biggest problem an audience member has at a show is being left wanting more, it's safe to say the bands have done their job.





Drummer Neil Sanderson of Three Days Grace performs at Rupp Arena.

GIRL TALK COMES TO UK

By Roy York

When Girl Talk, the stage name of DJ Greg Gillis, walked on stage on Thursday, Aug. 27, 2009, it was as if the crowd had been asleep during the opening act. The audience awakened with roars of approval as Gillis asked if UK was ready to party.

The audience said yes. They were not disappointed.

"It was definitely my best night since I've been at UK," Julian Enochs, a nutrition junior, said. "I wish he could come back every day for the rest of my life."

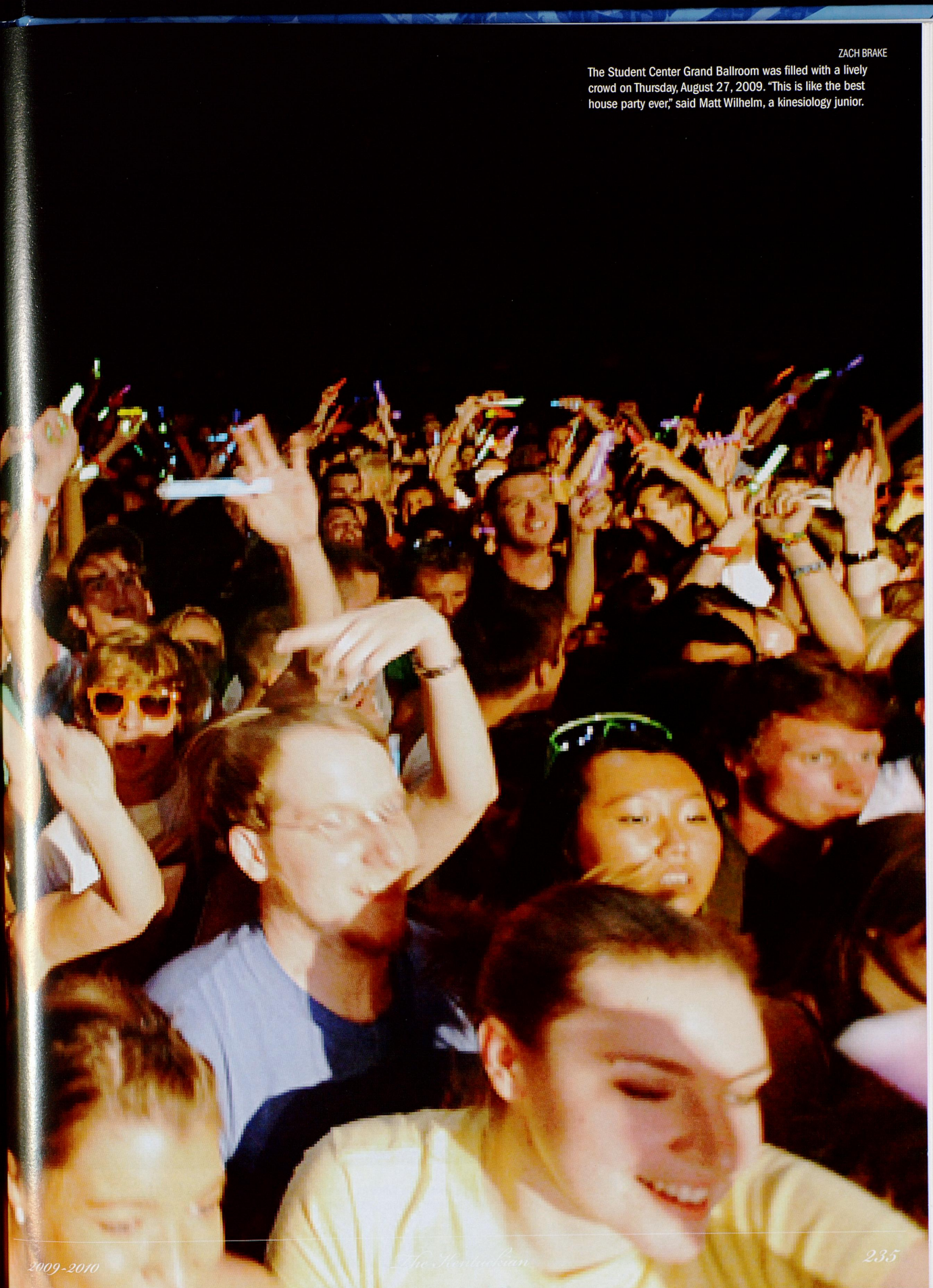
As people grooved to the first bass track of Gillis' hour-long performance, a bonfire of glow sticks burned in the waving hands of the audience. Student voices mixed with speakers playing Gillis' unique mash-ups when familiar verses were heard over new beats. Each song change or flow shift brought a roar from the crowd and rejuvenated dance moves from sweat drenched dancers.

"We were literally swimming through people," said Enochs. "The show was way more than we expected."



ZACH BRAKE

The Student Center Grand Ballroom was filled with a lively crowd on Thursday, August 27, 2009. "This is like the best house party ever," said Matt Wilhelm, a kinesiology junior.





ZACH BRAKE

Girl Talk performs at the Student Center Grand Ballroom on Thursday, Aug. 27, 2009.

A group of students selected by the Student Activities Board were allowed to dance on stage alongside Gillis, who tossed his soaked shirt to a lucky stage dancer.

Students filed into the ballroom on Aug. 27 an hour before Girl Talk and were showing off dance moves before Gillis took the stage. The energy and excitement at the venue was never less than palpable, and students were not shy about sharing their enthusiasm.

"My friends are all addicted fans," said Matt Wilhelm, a kinesiology junior. "This is like the best house party ever."

Gillis said that every show he performs is unique because the mixing of the songs is done on the stage. Gillis stores loops of parts of songs and uses his laptop to mash up a new song in front of the audience's eyes. He said that creating his music is simply trial and error, but he certainly has more successes than errors onstage.

The UK crowd never stopped moving, and Gillis' final mix of Elton John's "Tiny Dancer" lyrics and melody was mashed with a medley of hip-hop beats.

The exclamation point of the night came when Gillis leapt from the stage and bodysurfed through the crowd.

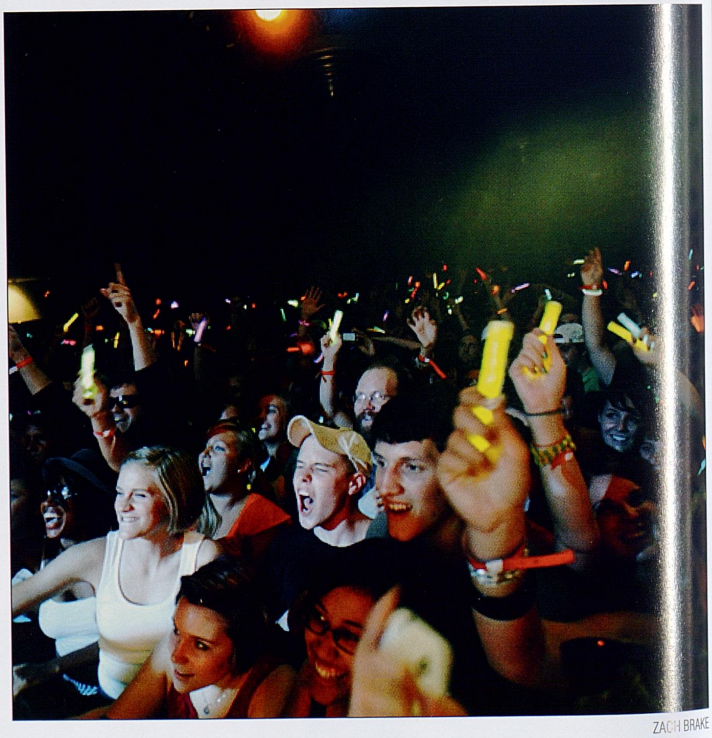
The night, however, was not without drama. A young student was removed from the party after she was found to have alcohol at the concert.

"She was found with a flask in the bathroom by student security members," said Officer Lipscomb of the UK Police Department. "Her flask was confiscated and she was removed from the event."

Despite this, SAB Concert Coordinator Chris Duncan said the show went very smoothly, and that it was more than he expected.

Enochs agreed.

"It was amazing," Enochs said. "I really hope they bring him back."



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DJ Greg Gillis spins tunes for the audience of students cheering as they waved their glow sticks through the air in anticipation on Thursday, August 27, 2009.



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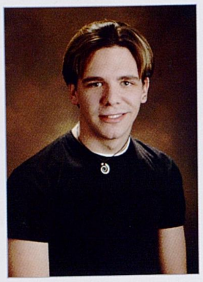
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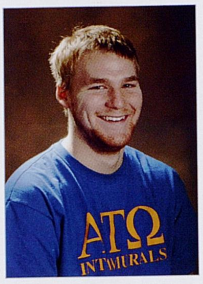
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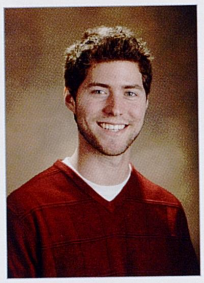
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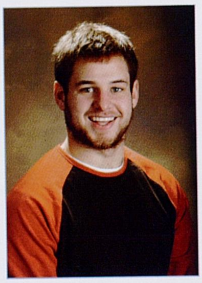
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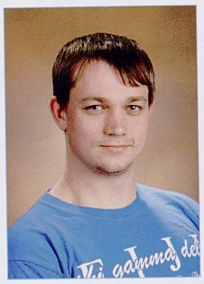
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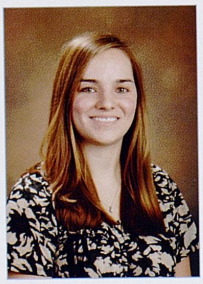
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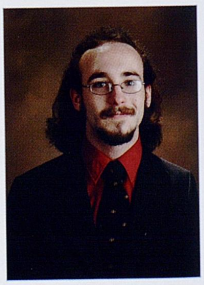
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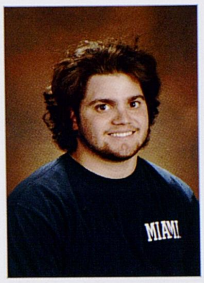
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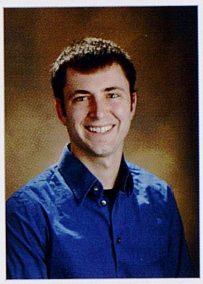
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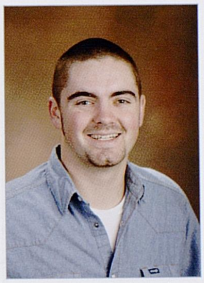
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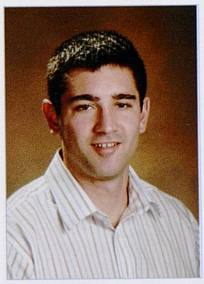
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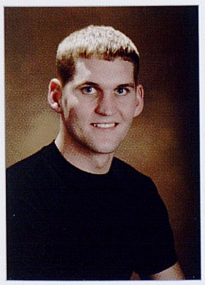
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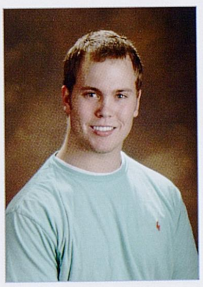
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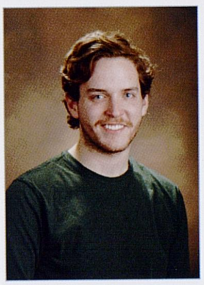
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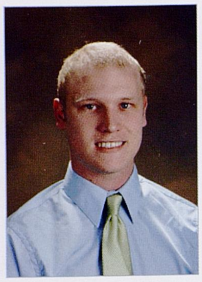
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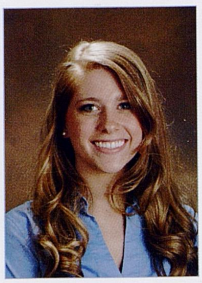
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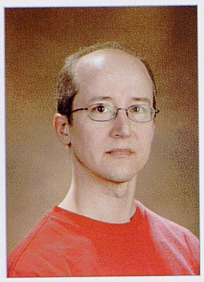
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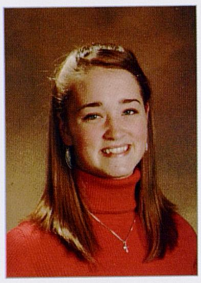
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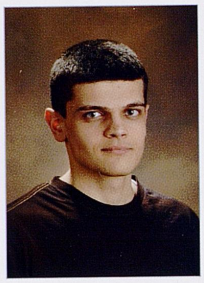
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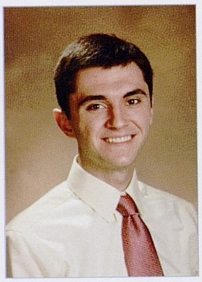
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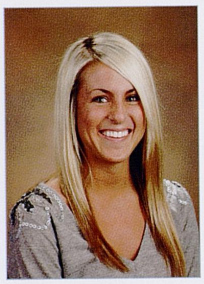
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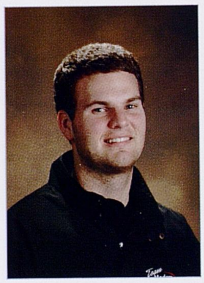
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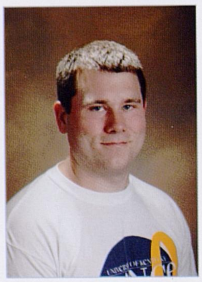
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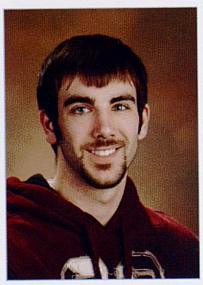
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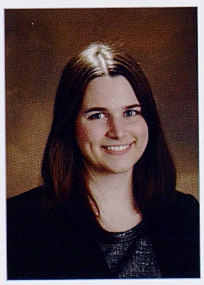
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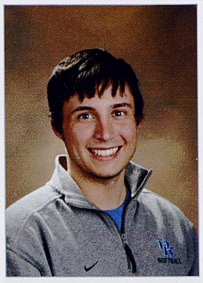
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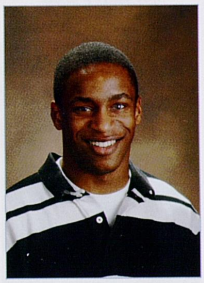
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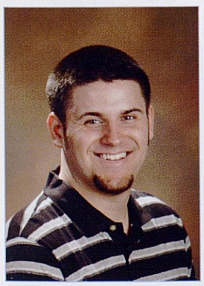
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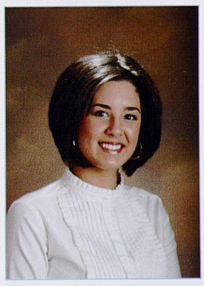
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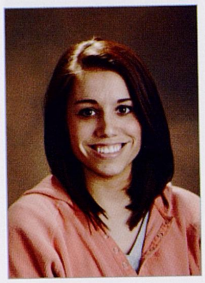
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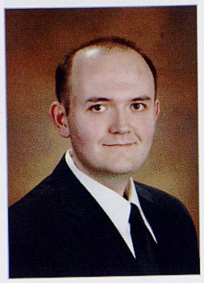
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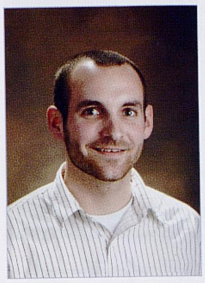
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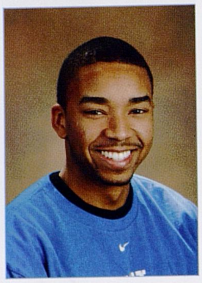
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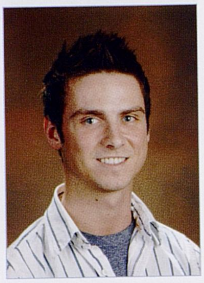
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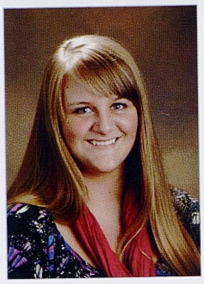
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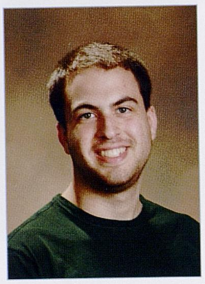
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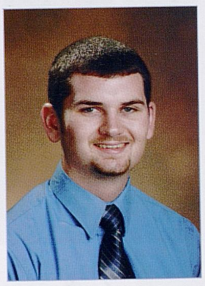
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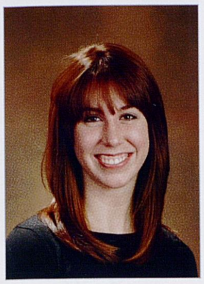
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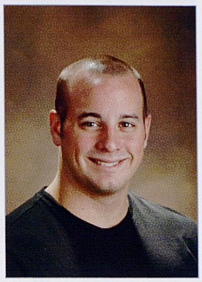
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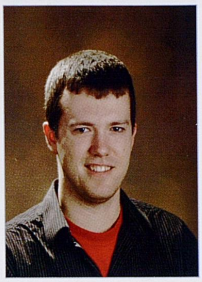
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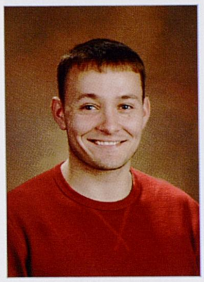
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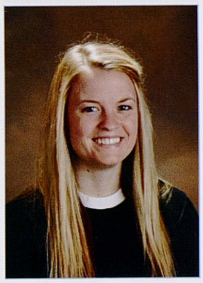
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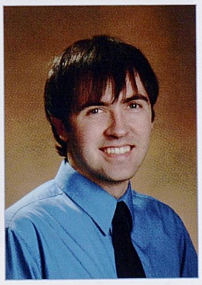
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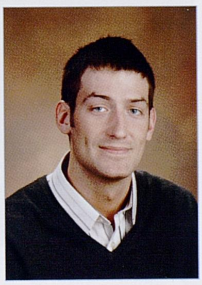
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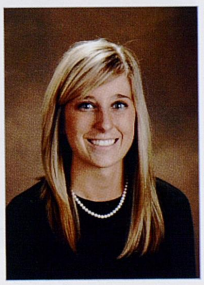
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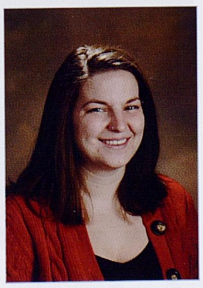
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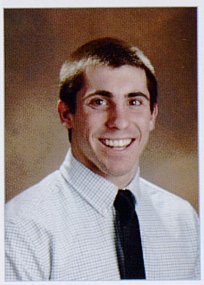
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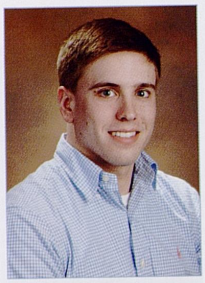
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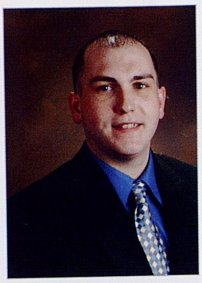
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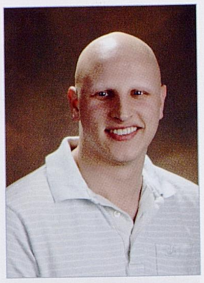
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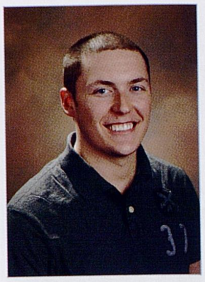
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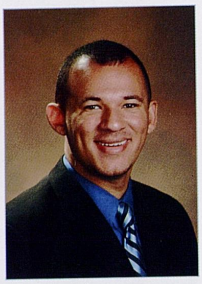
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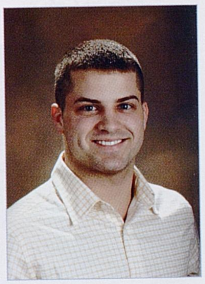
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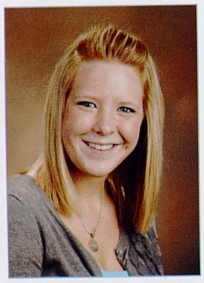
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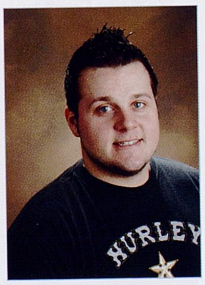
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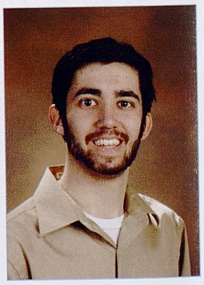
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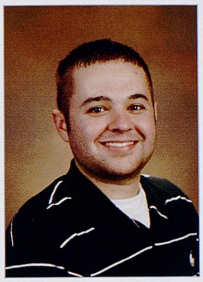
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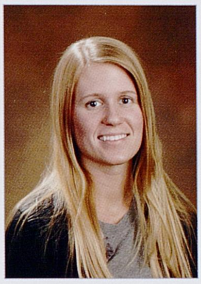
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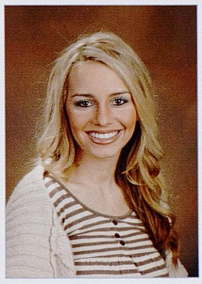
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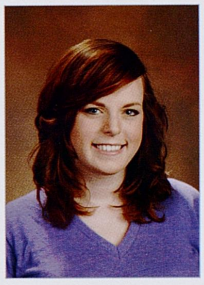
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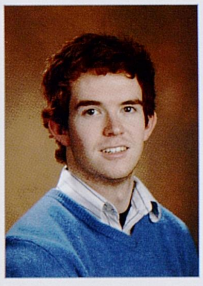
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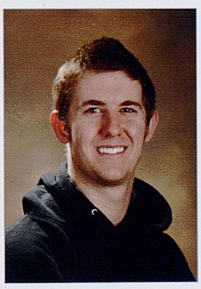
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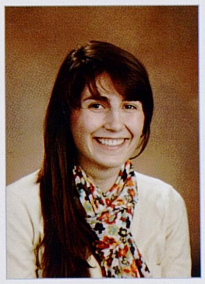
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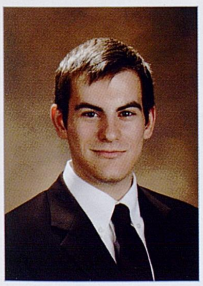
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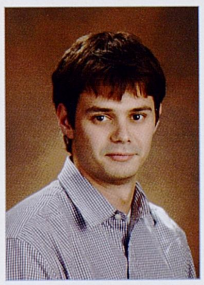
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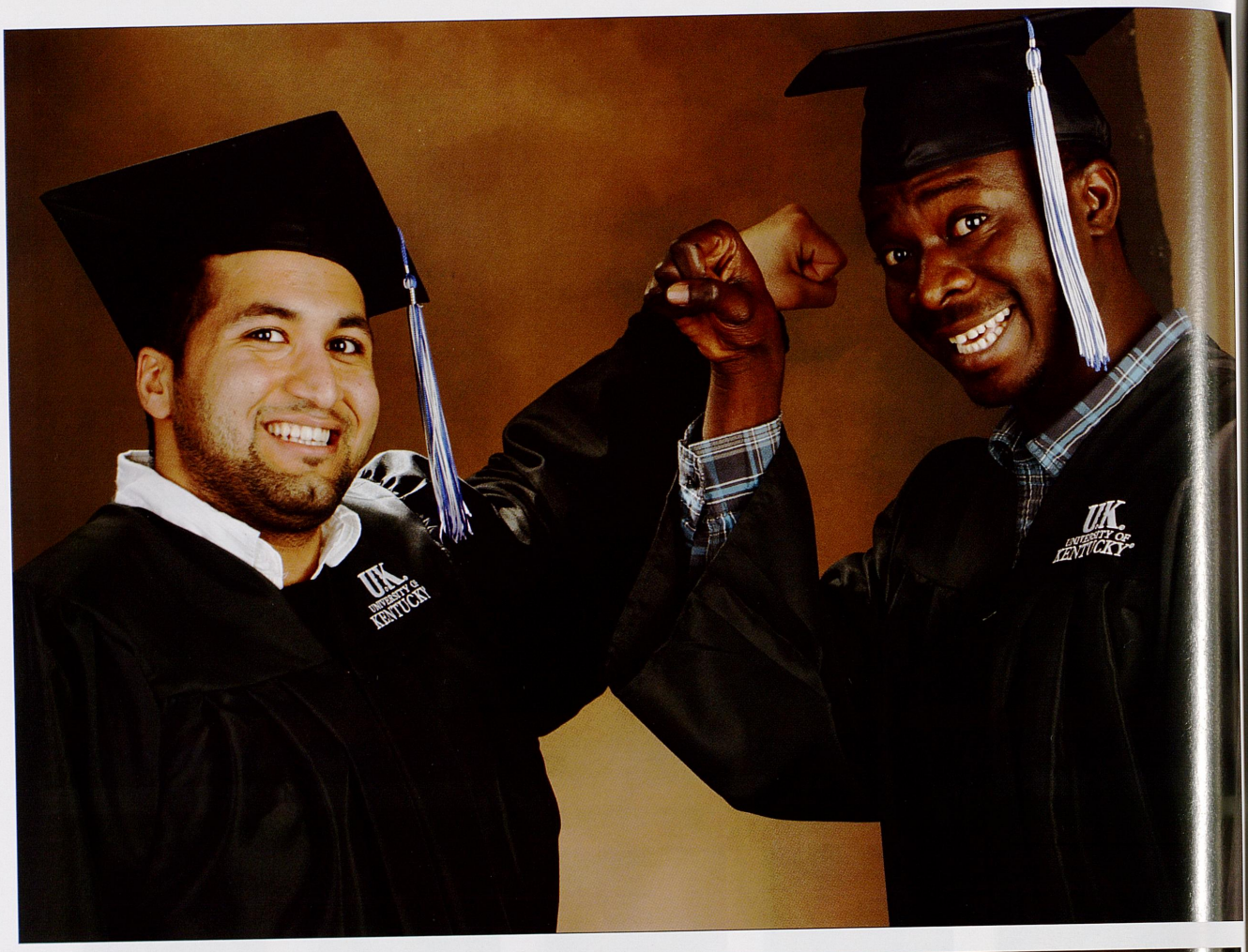


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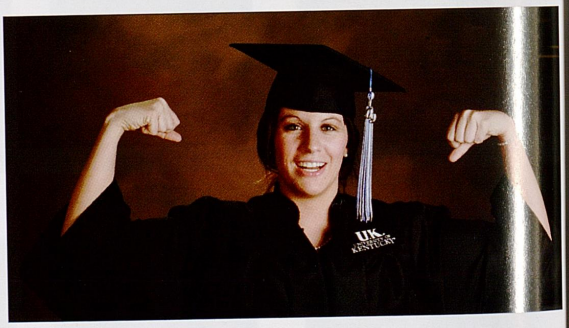


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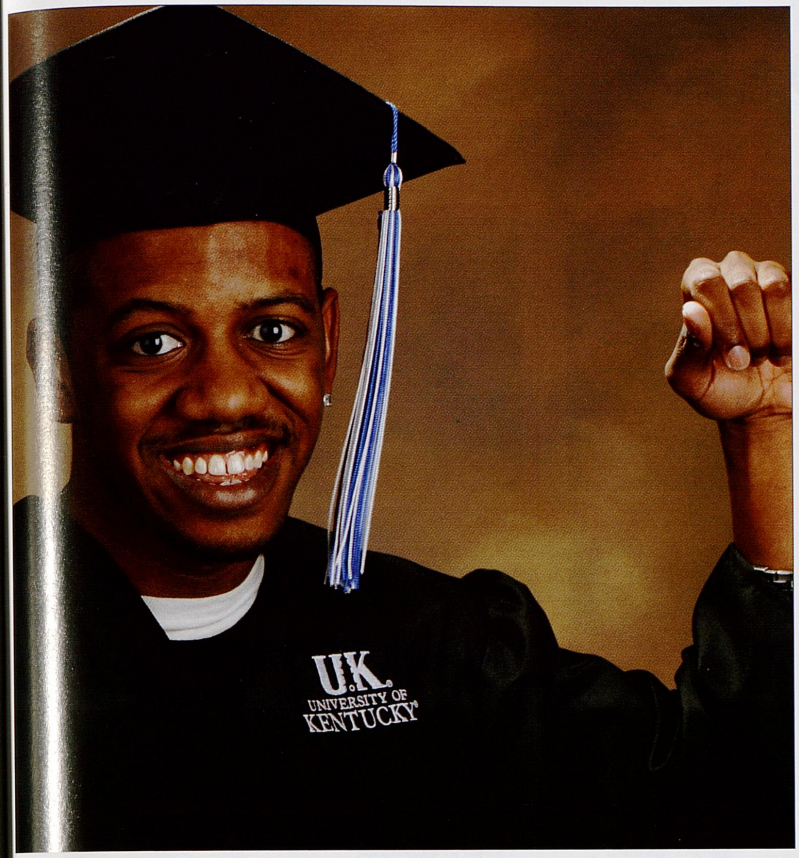
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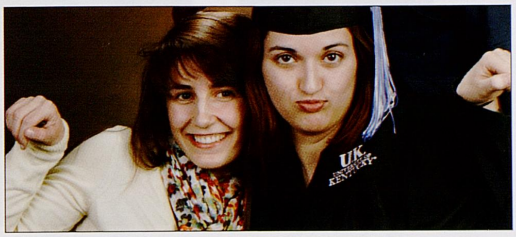

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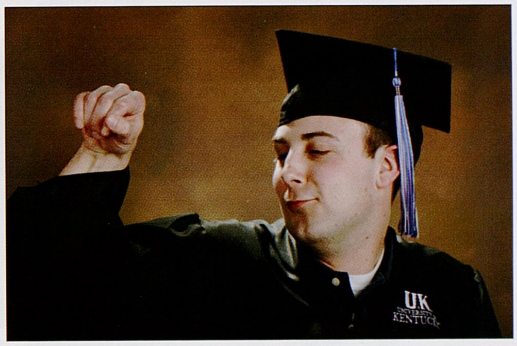

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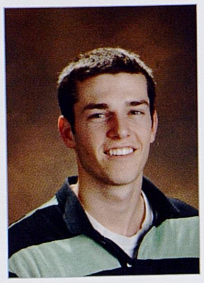

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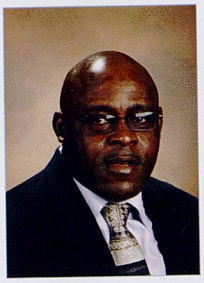
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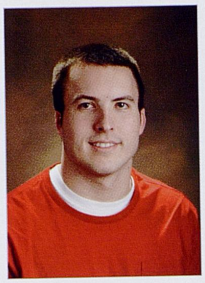
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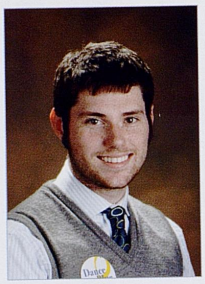
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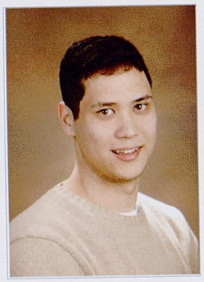
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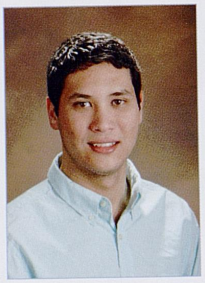
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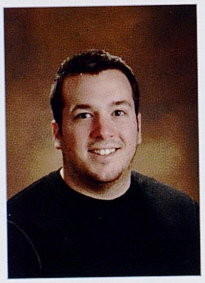
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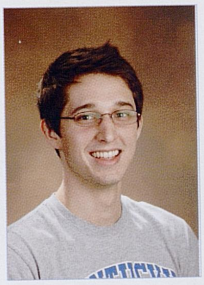
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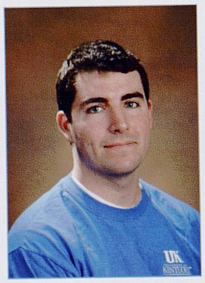
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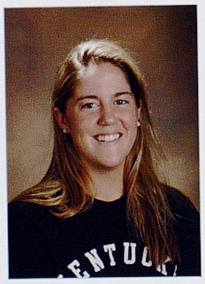
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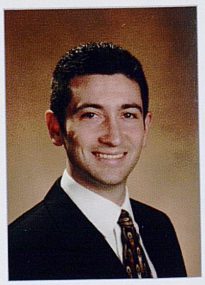
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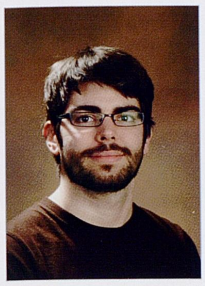
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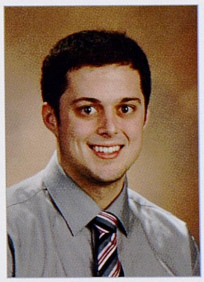
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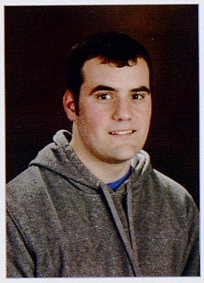
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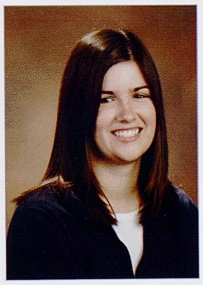
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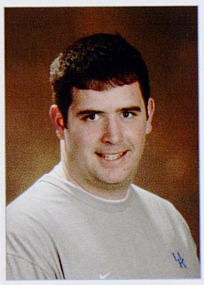
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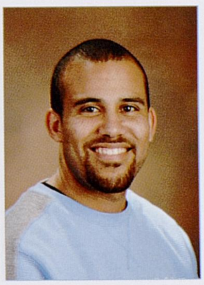
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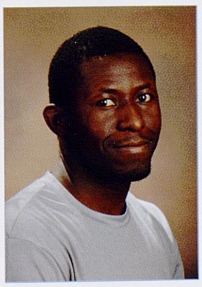
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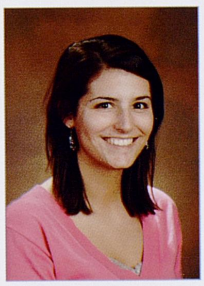
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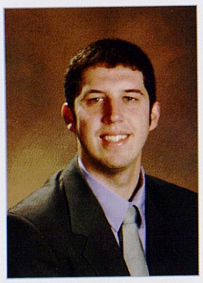
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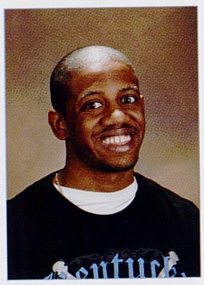
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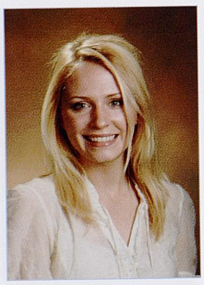
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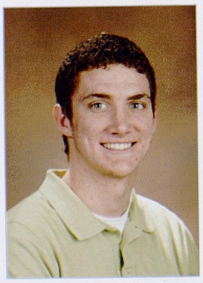
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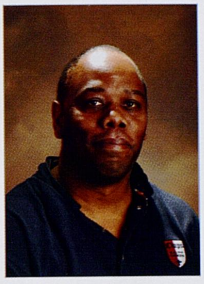
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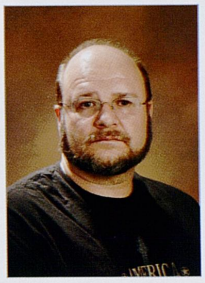
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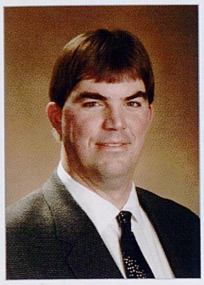
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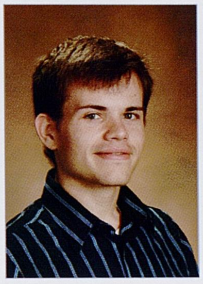
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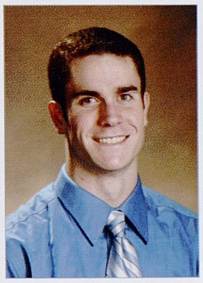
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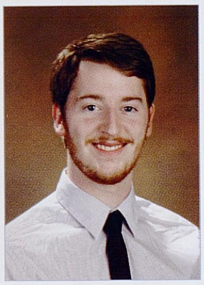
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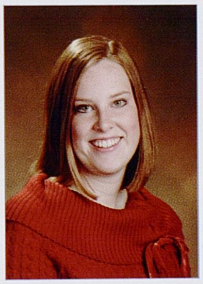
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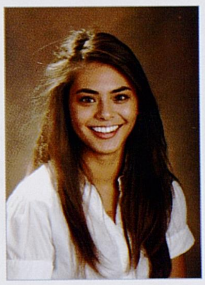
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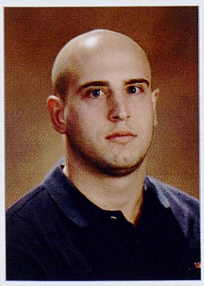
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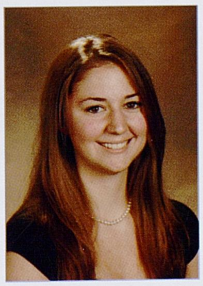
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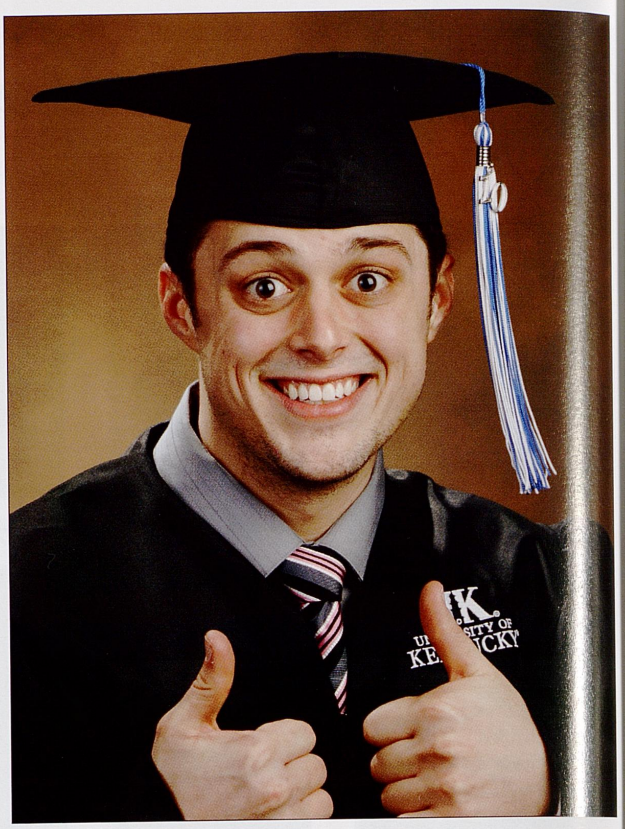
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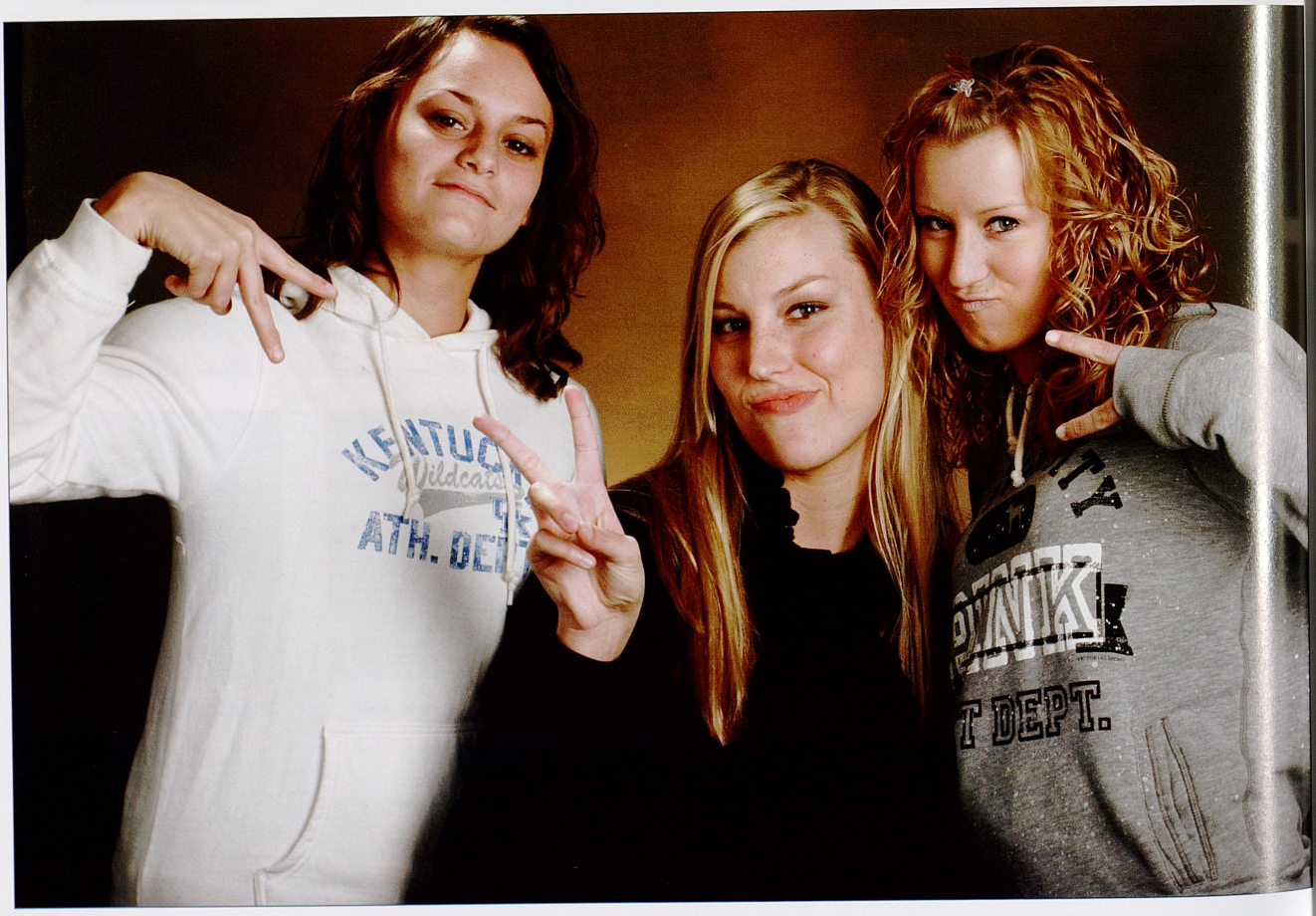


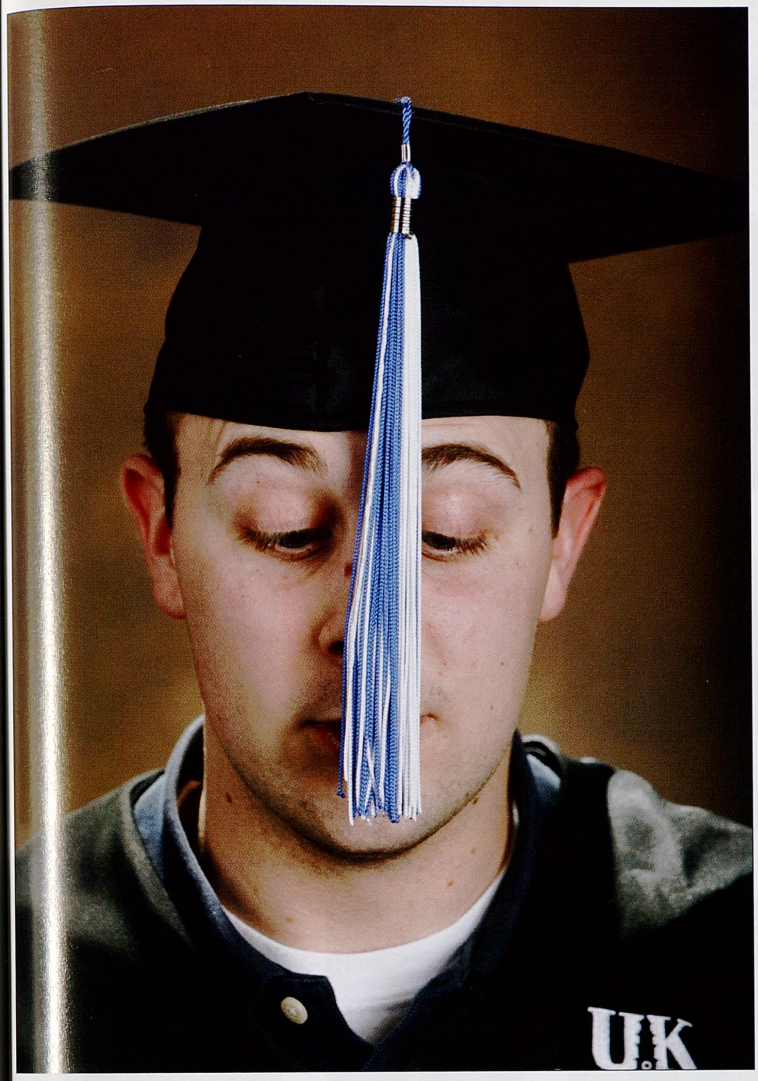
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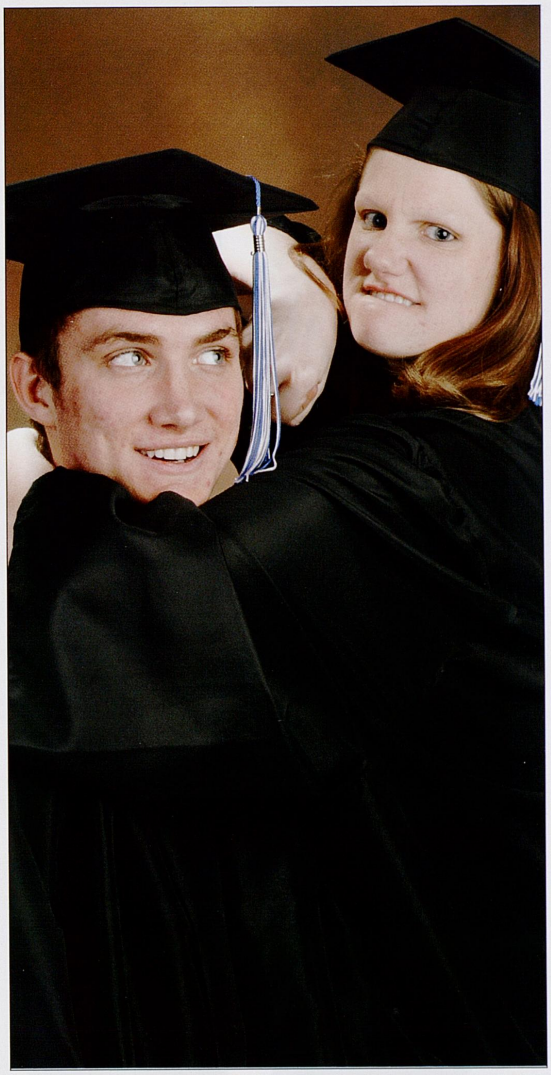
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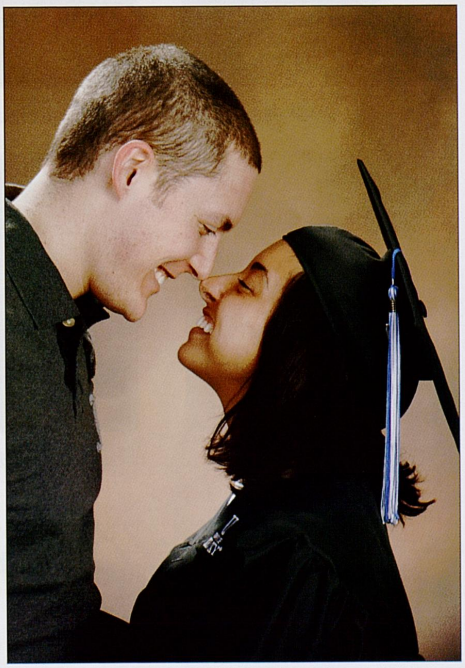





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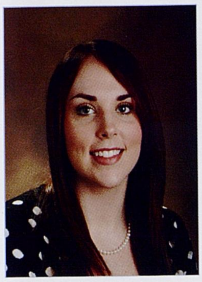
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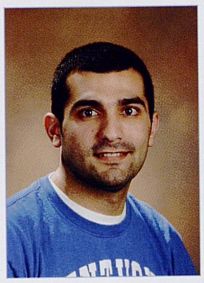
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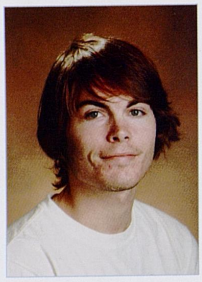
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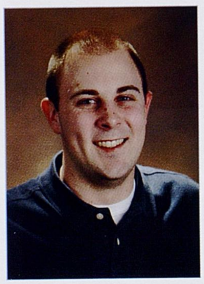
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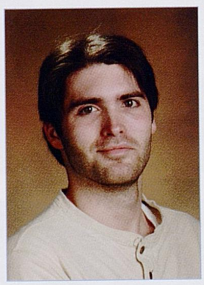
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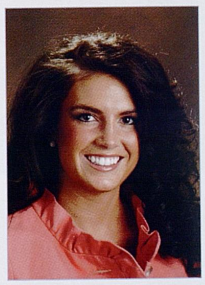
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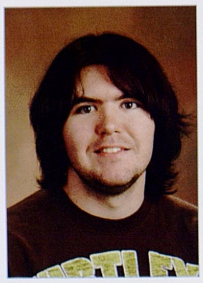
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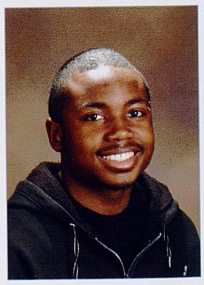
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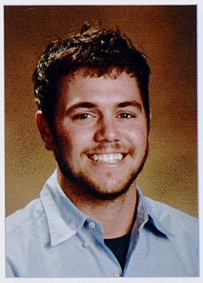
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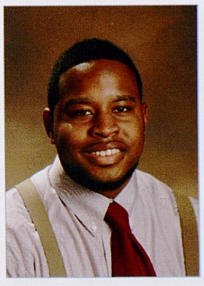
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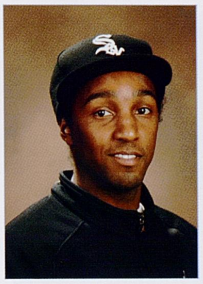
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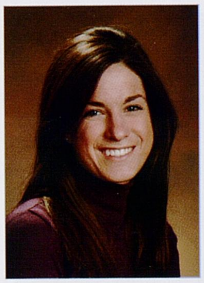
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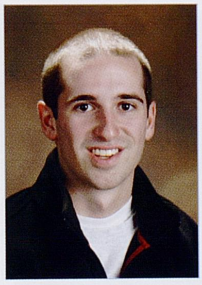
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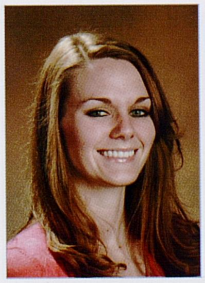
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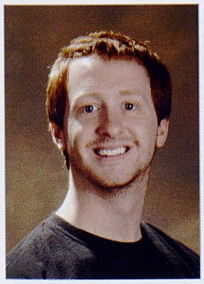
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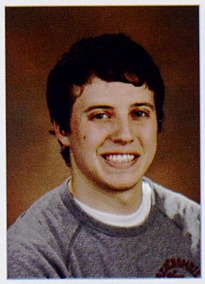
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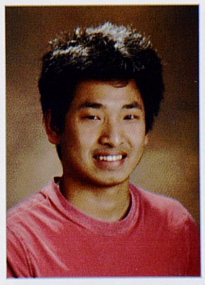
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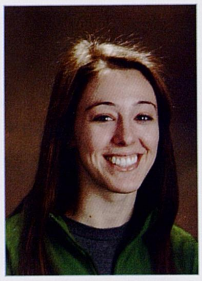
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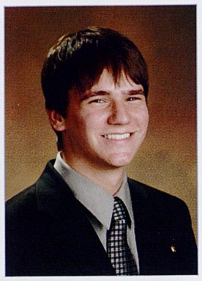
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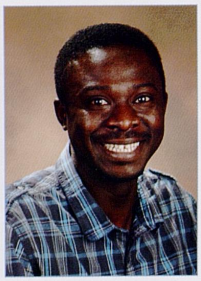
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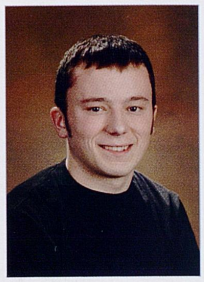
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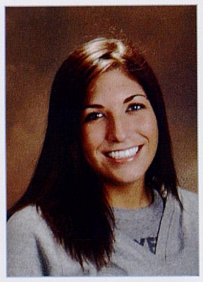
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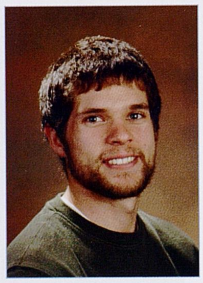
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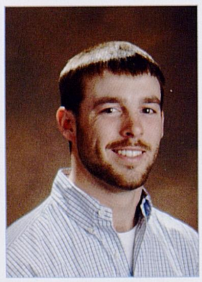
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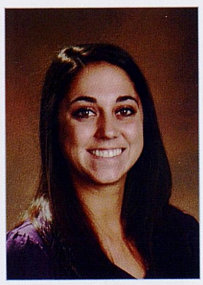
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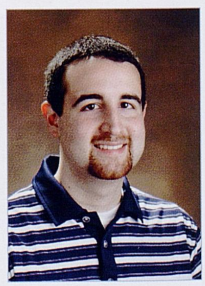
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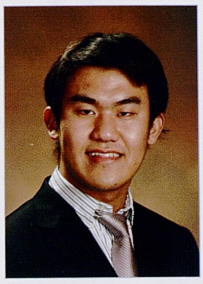
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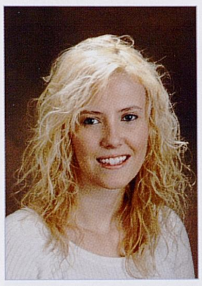
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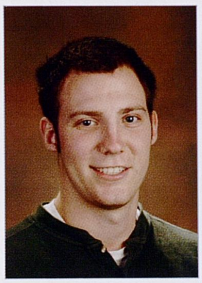
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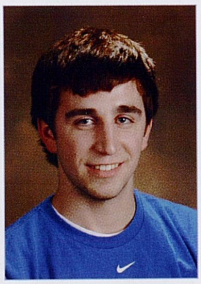
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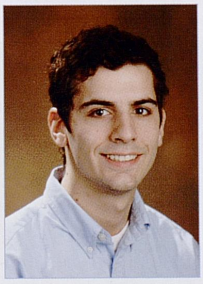
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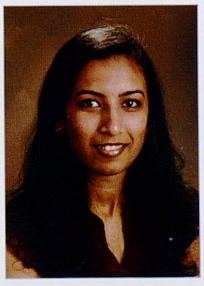
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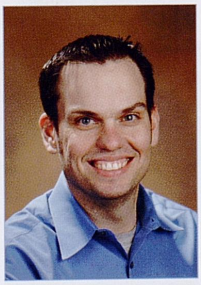
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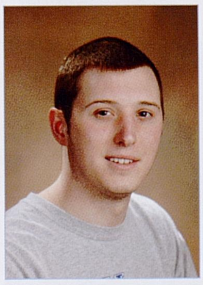
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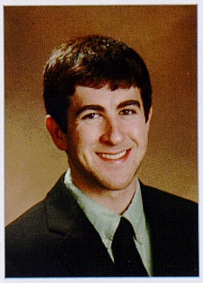
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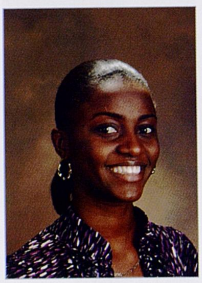
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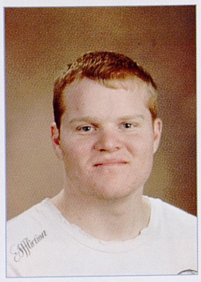
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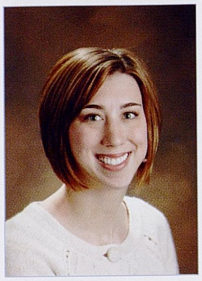
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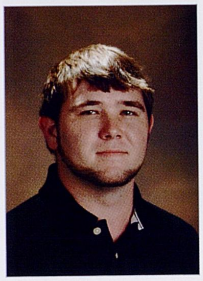
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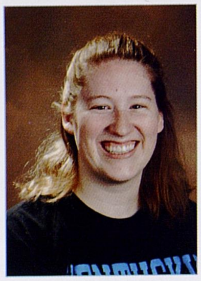
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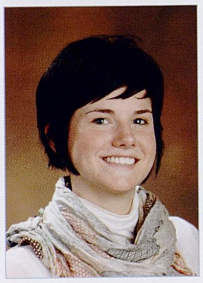
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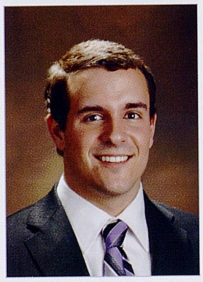
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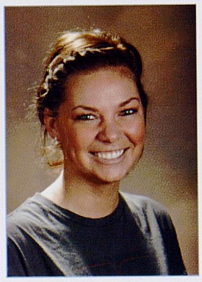
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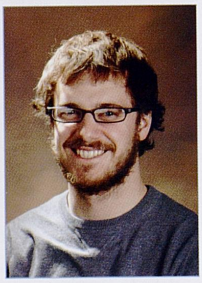
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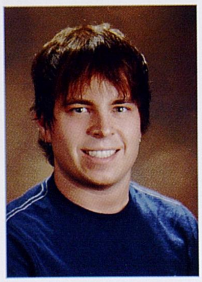
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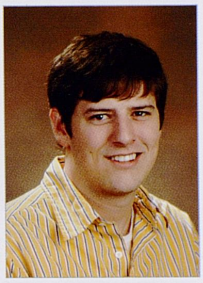
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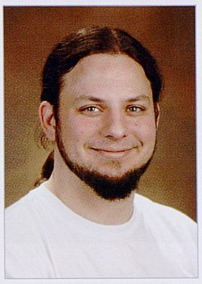
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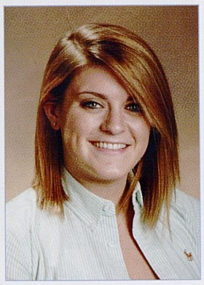
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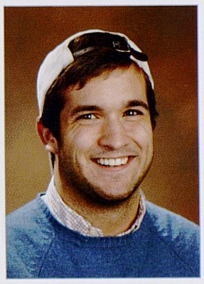
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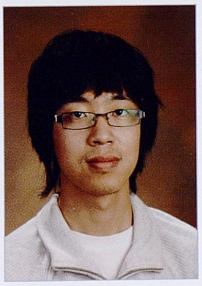
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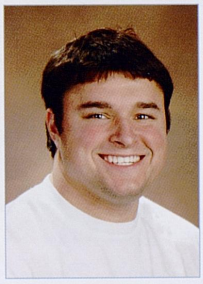
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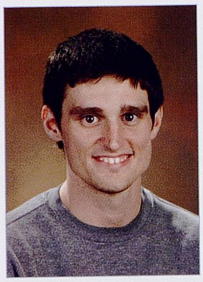
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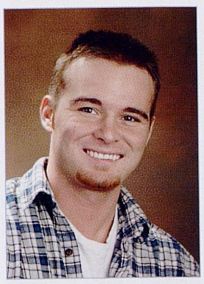
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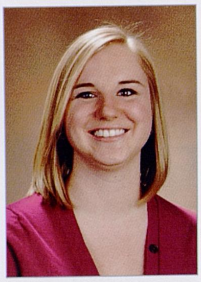
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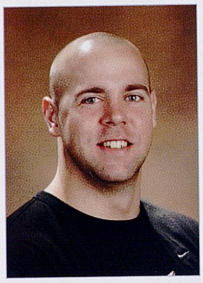
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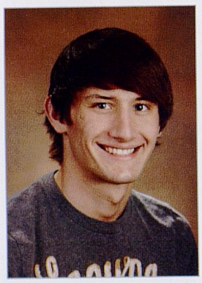
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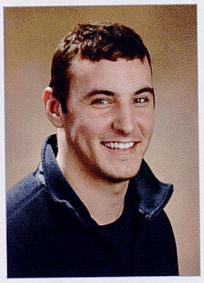
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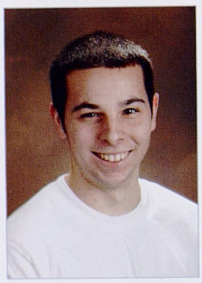
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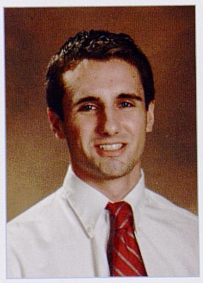
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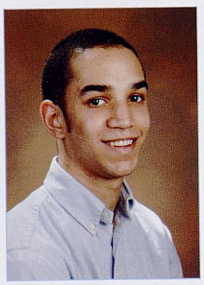
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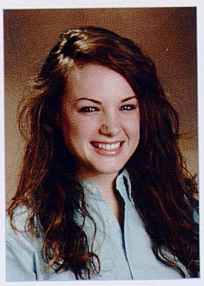
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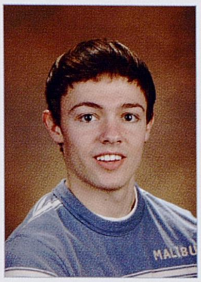
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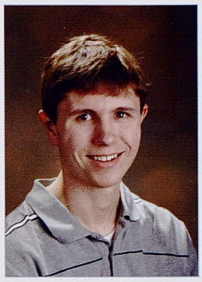
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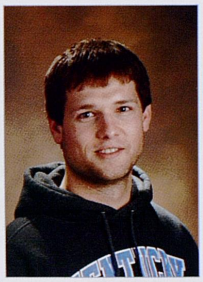
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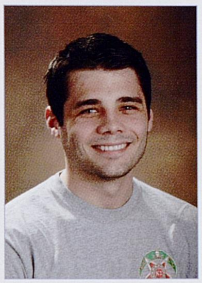
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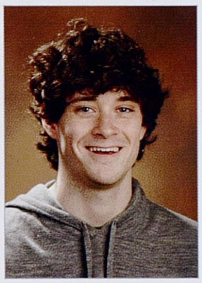
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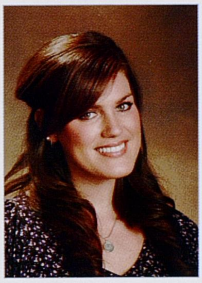
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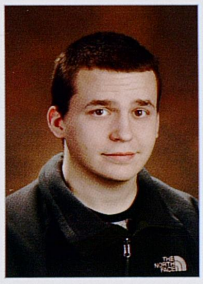
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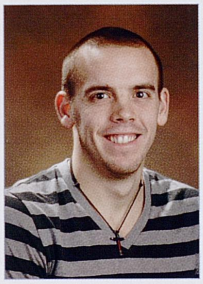
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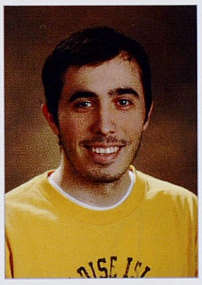
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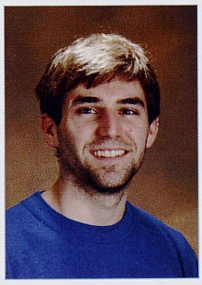
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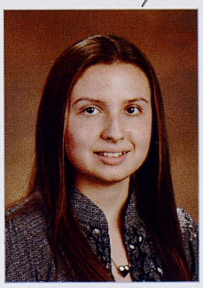
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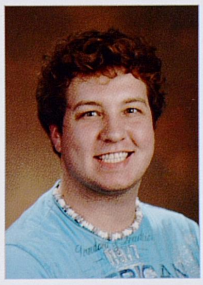
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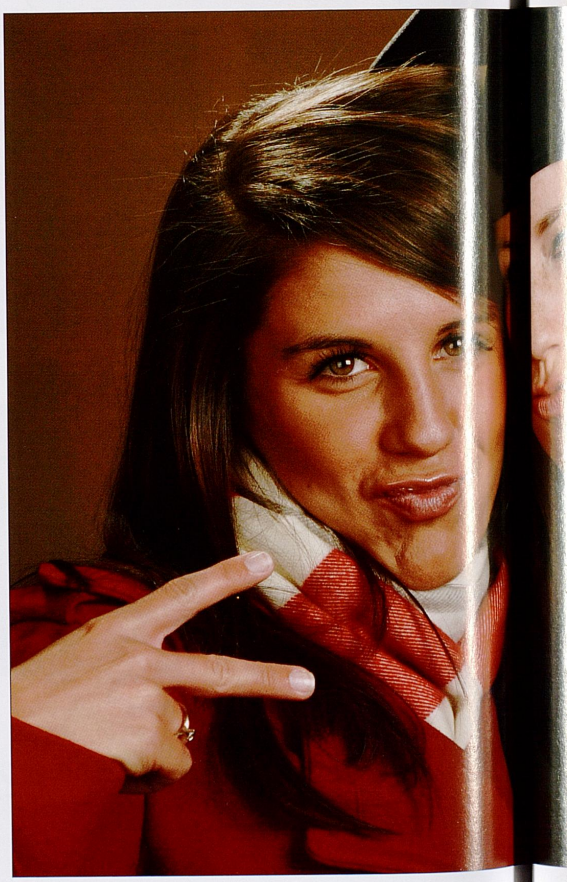
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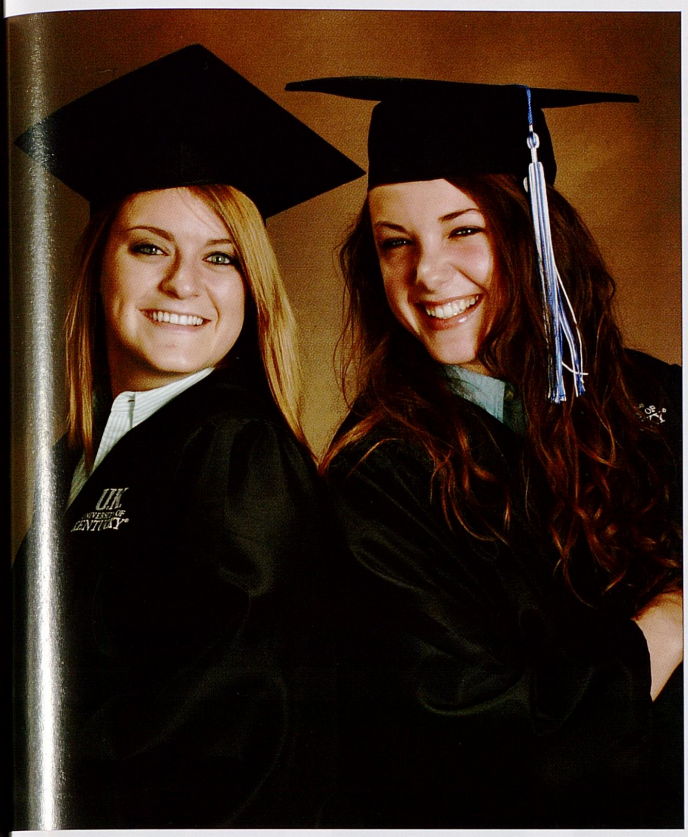
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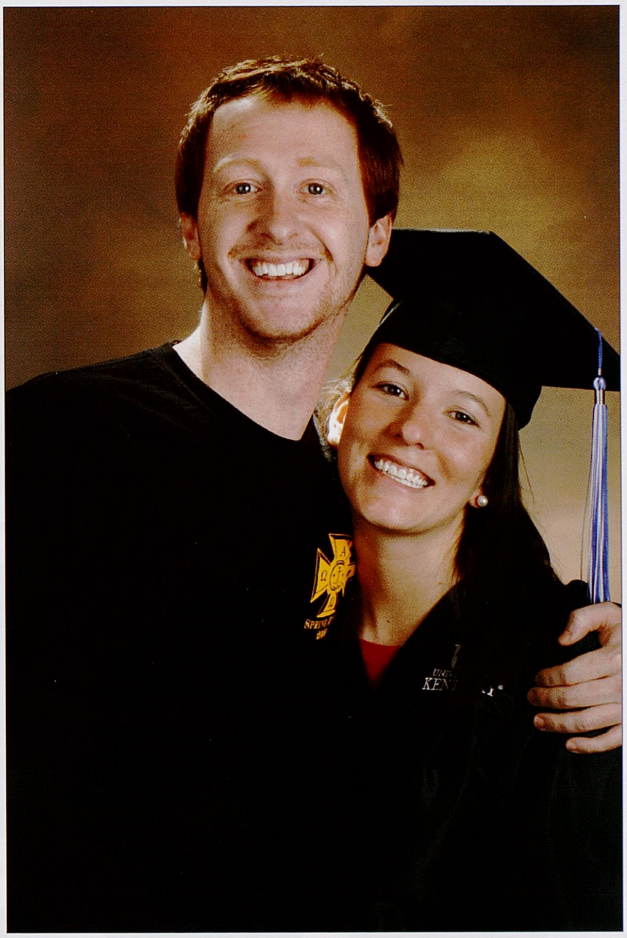




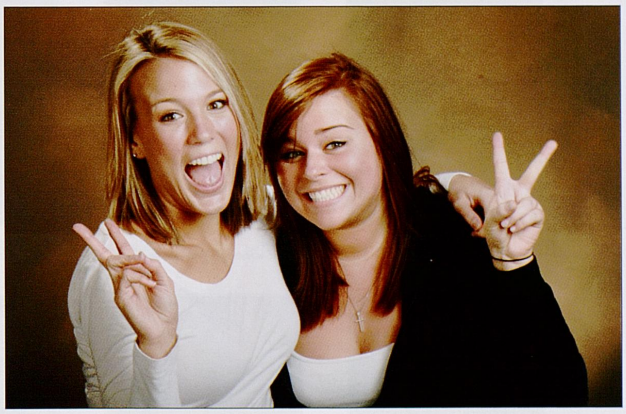










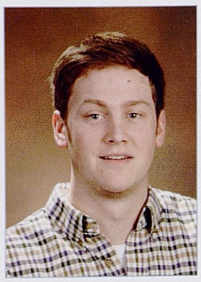




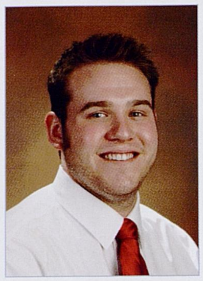
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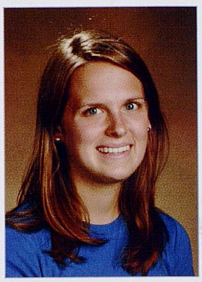
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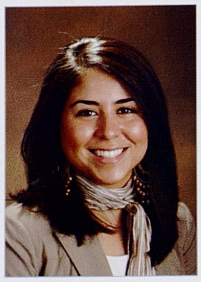
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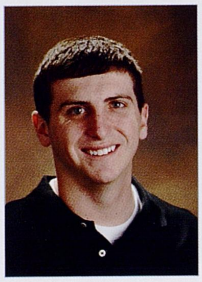
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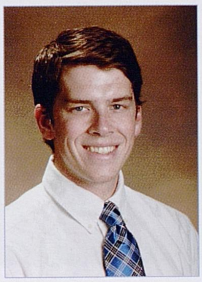
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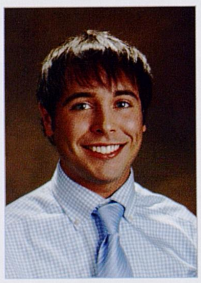
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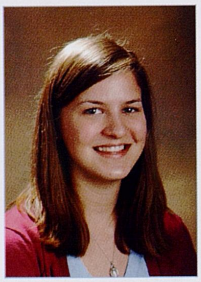
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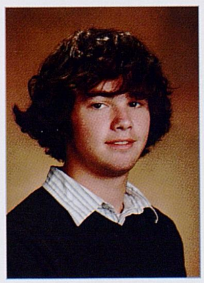
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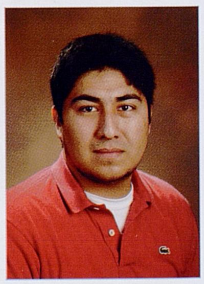
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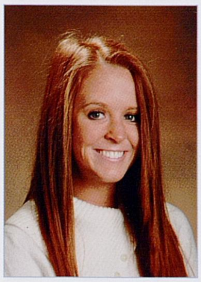
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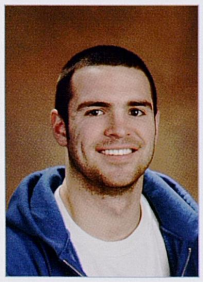
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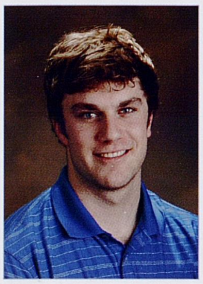
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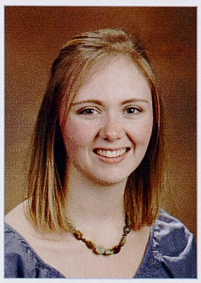
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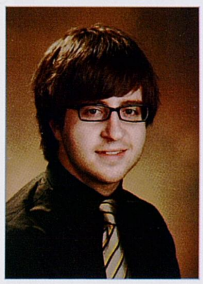
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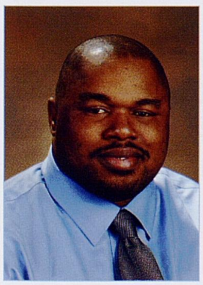
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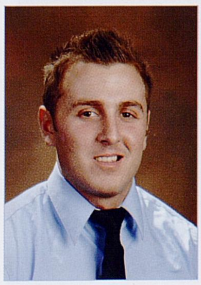
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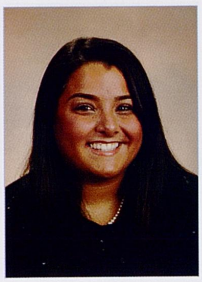
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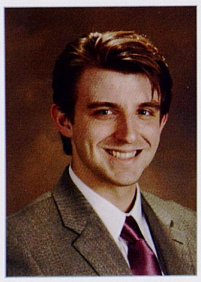
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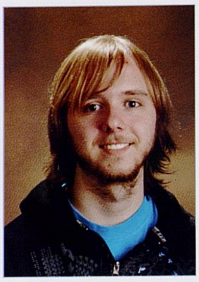
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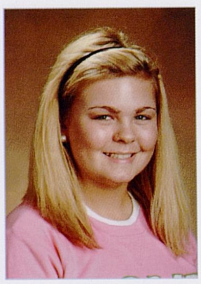
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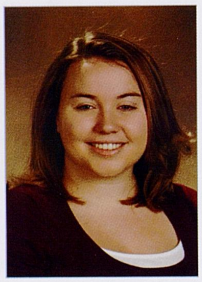
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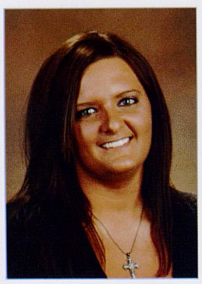
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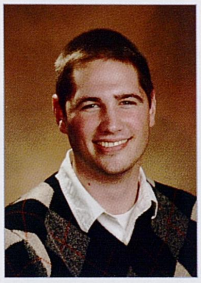
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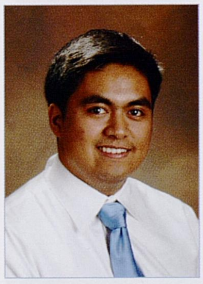
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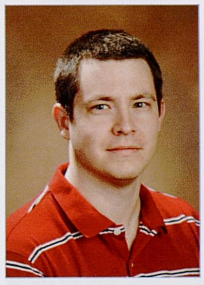
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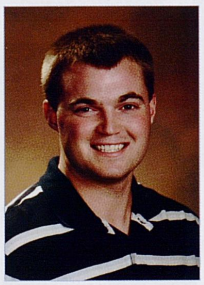
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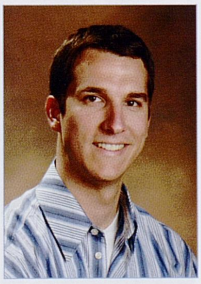
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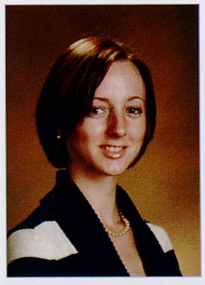
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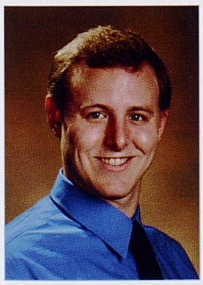
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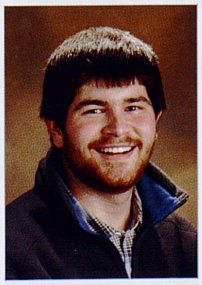
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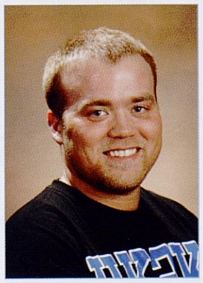
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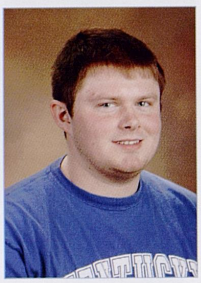
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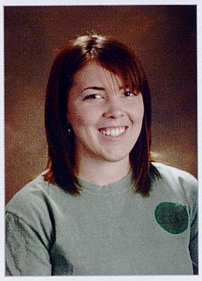
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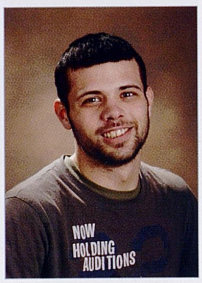
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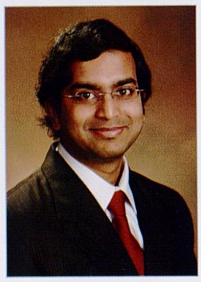
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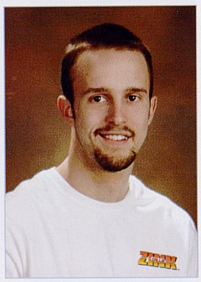
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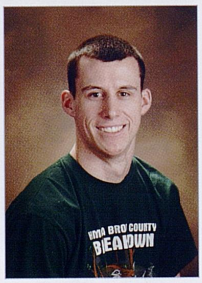
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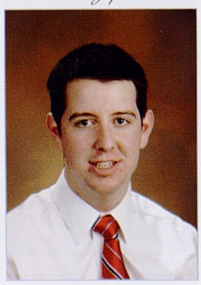
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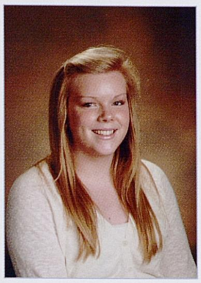
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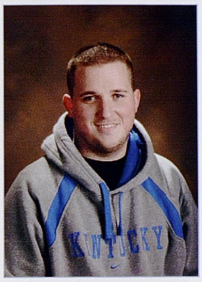
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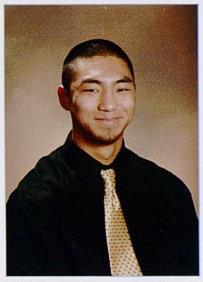
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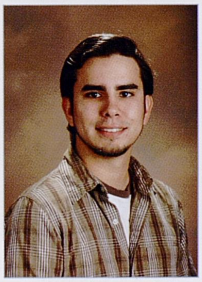
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We are so proud of you and all that you have accomplished at UK!

Love, Dad and Mom



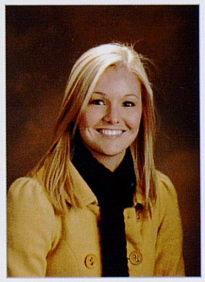
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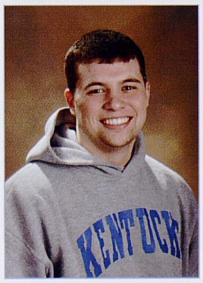
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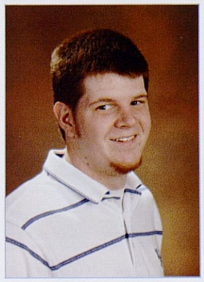
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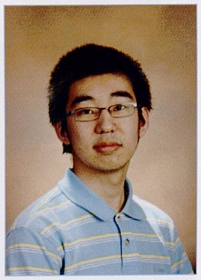
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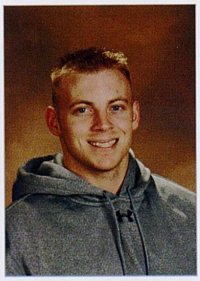
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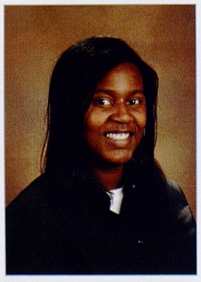
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Toni Shields



Karleen Shiner



BRITNEY MCINTOSH

Junior forward Patrick Patterson holds up his framed jersey before the first half of UK's win over Florida at Rupp Arena on Sunday, March 7, 2010.

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With love and support always,

Mom and Dad

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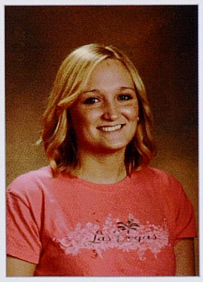
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ADAM WOLFFBRANDT
The students of the 2010 graduating class stand outside Rupp Arena Saturday, May 8, 2010, as they wait to head inside the arena to be honored.



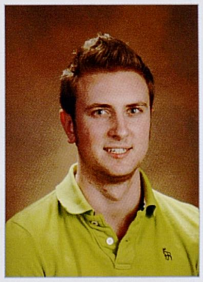
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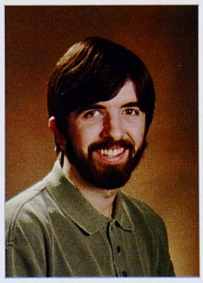
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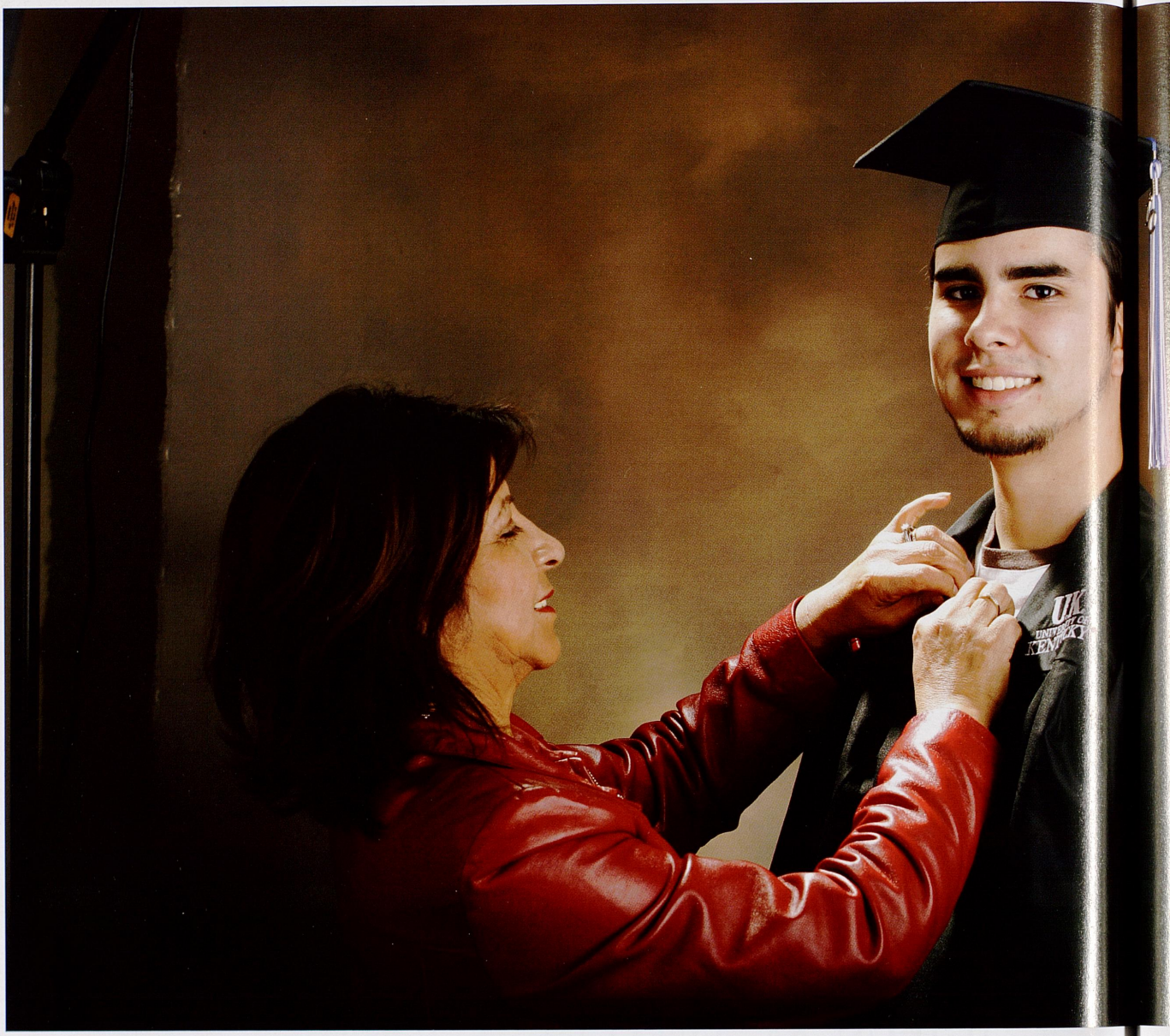
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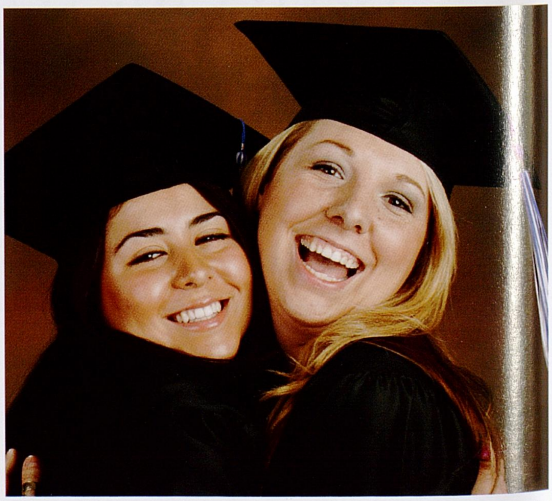
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God Bless! We love you!

The Whitts
Mom, Dad, Jeff, Maribel, Jada, Jael,
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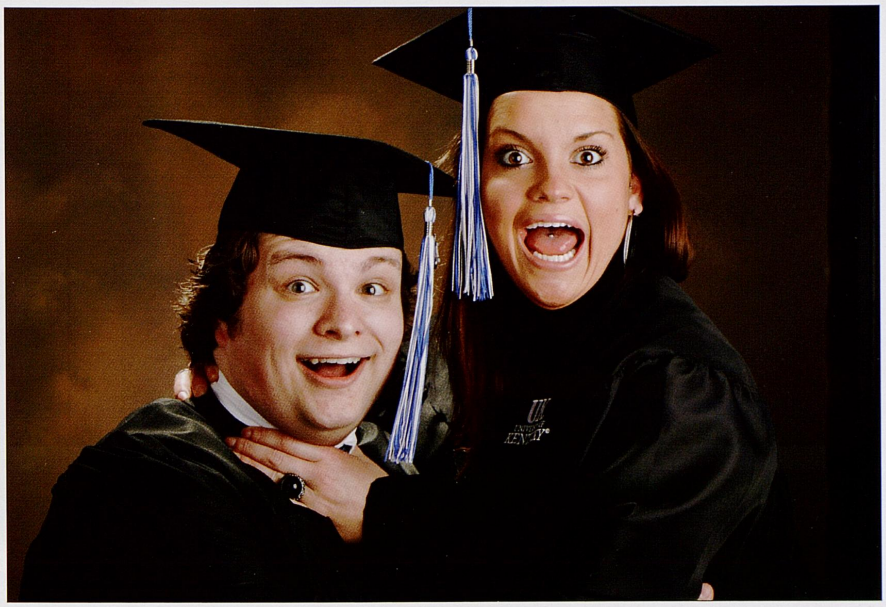
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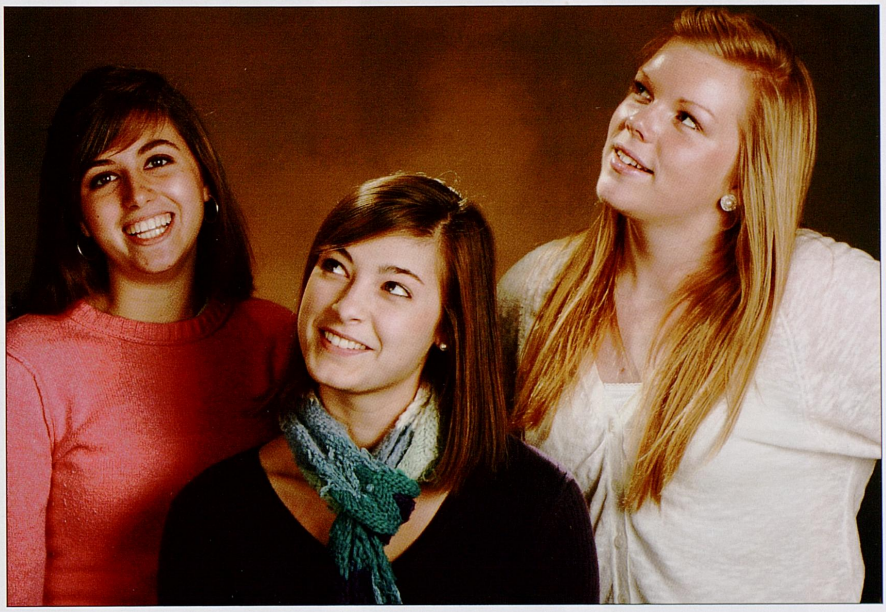


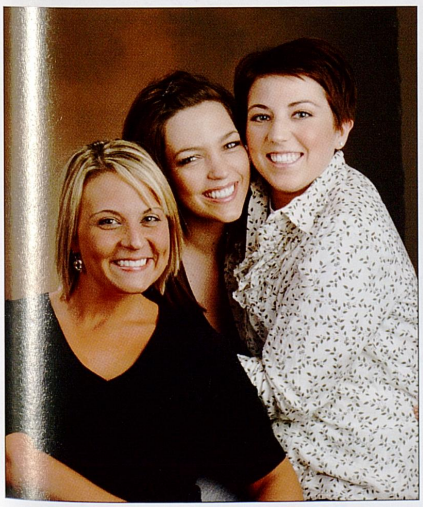

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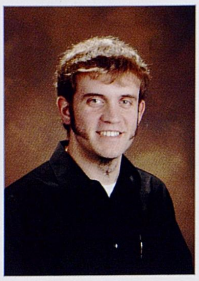




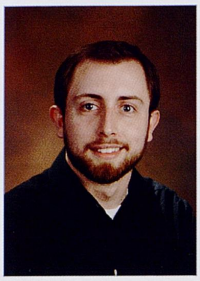
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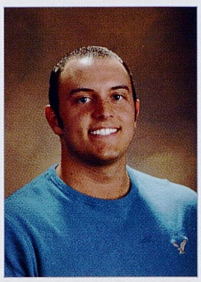
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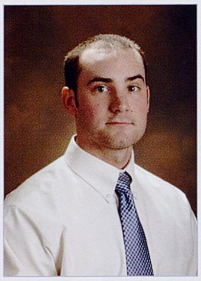
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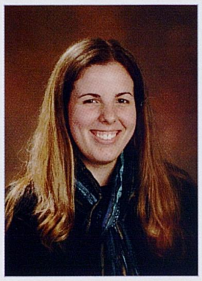
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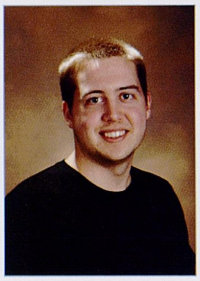
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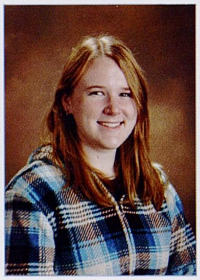
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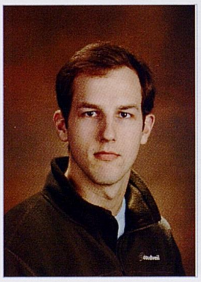
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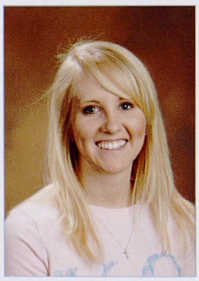
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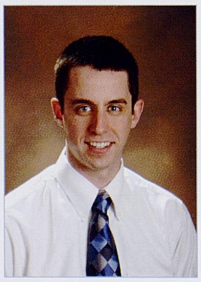
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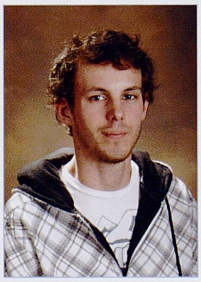
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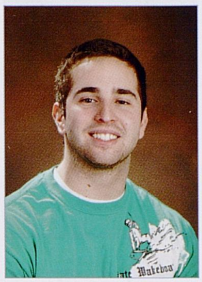
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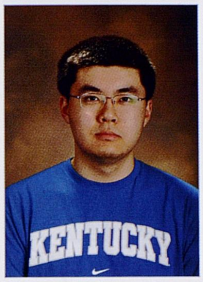
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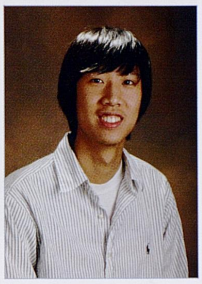
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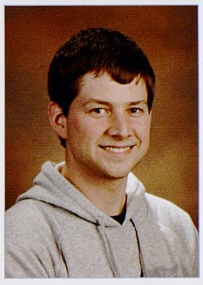
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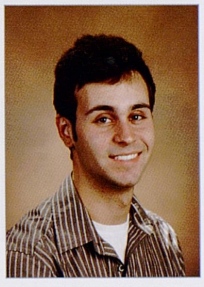
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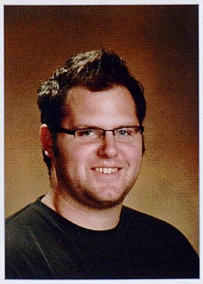
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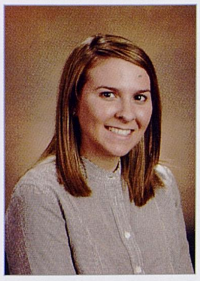
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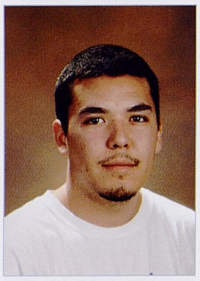
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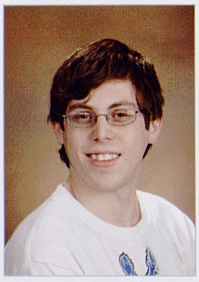
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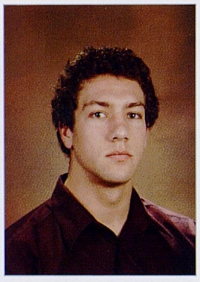
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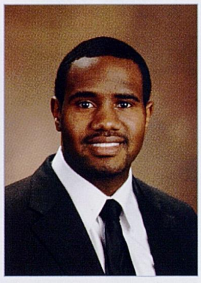
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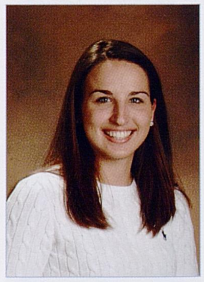
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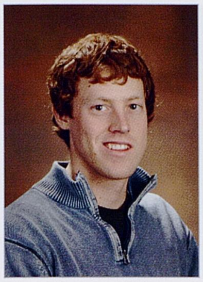
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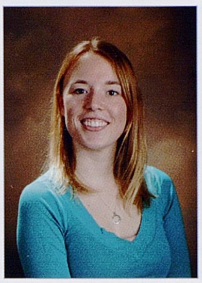
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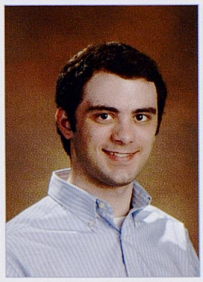
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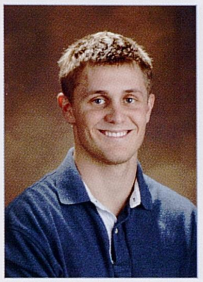
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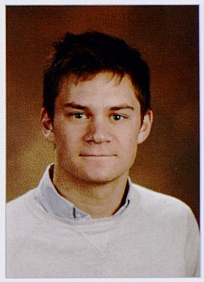
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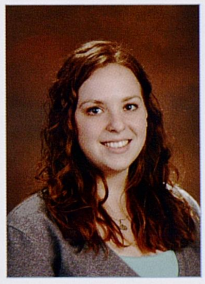
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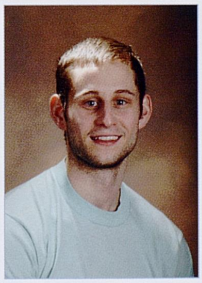
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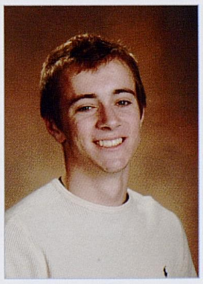
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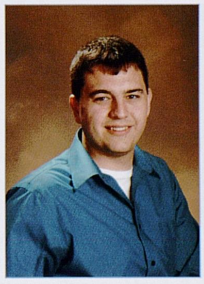
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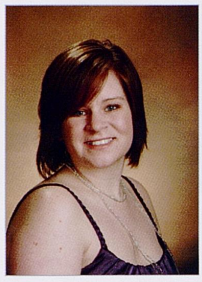
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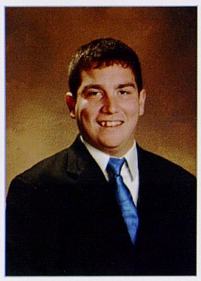
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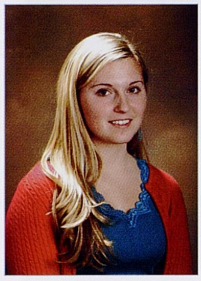
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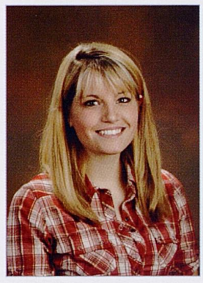
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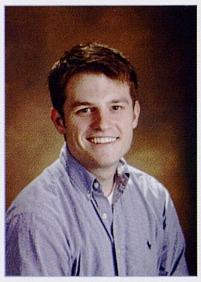
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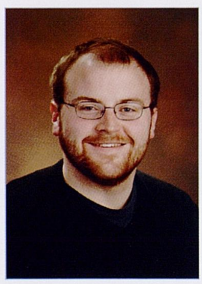
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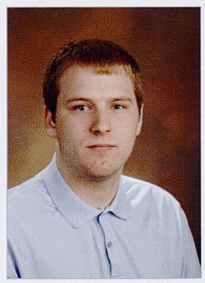
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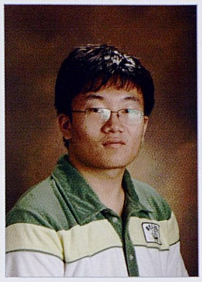
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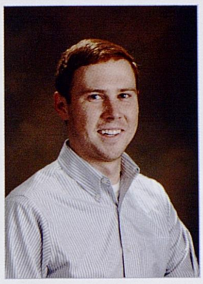
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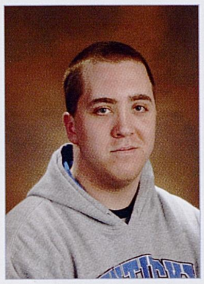
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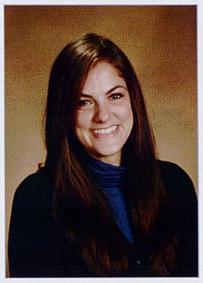
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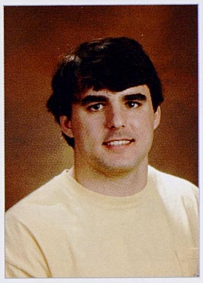
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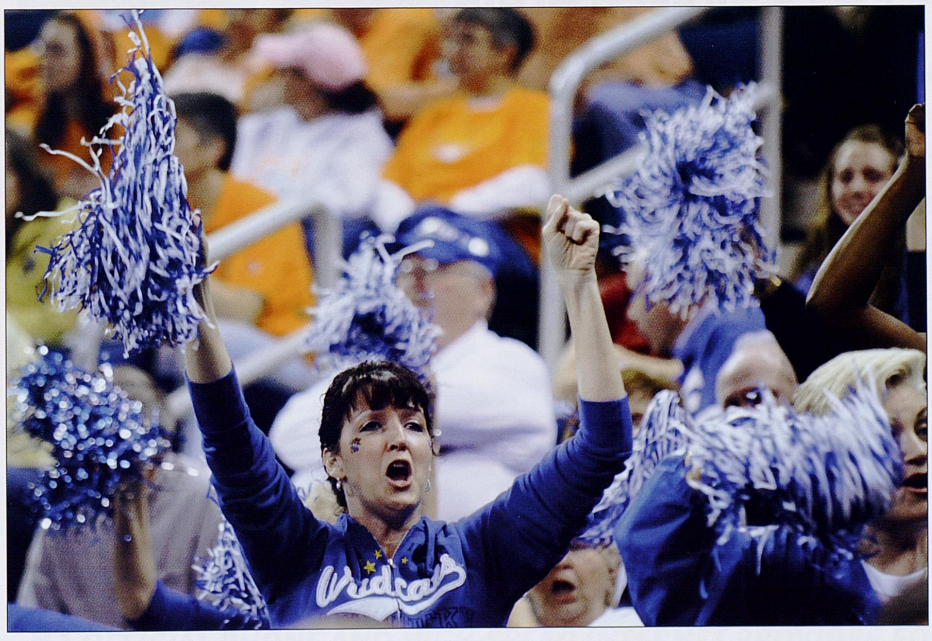
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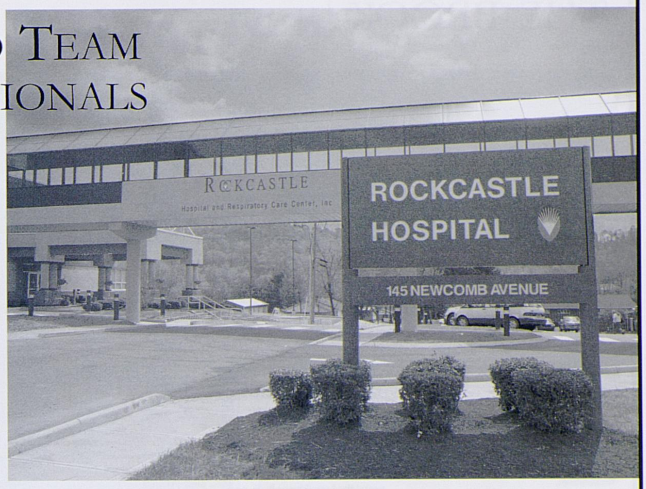
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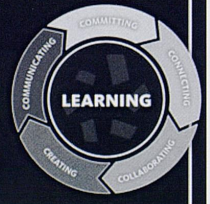
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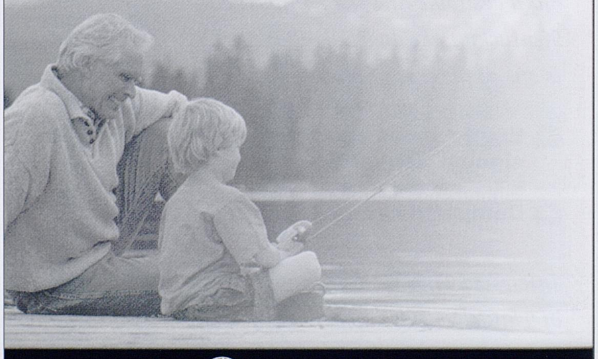
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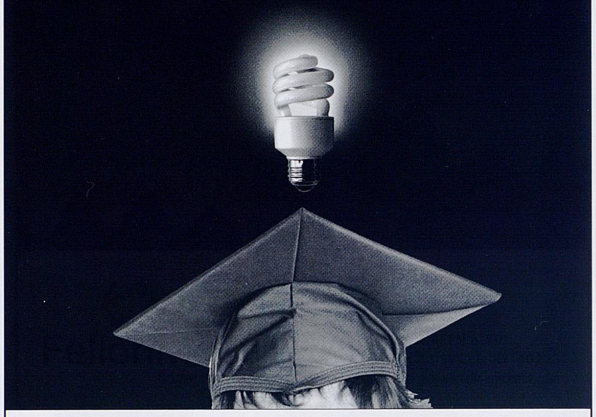
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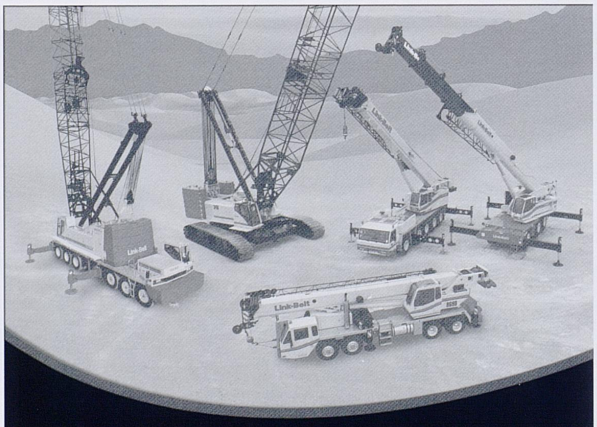
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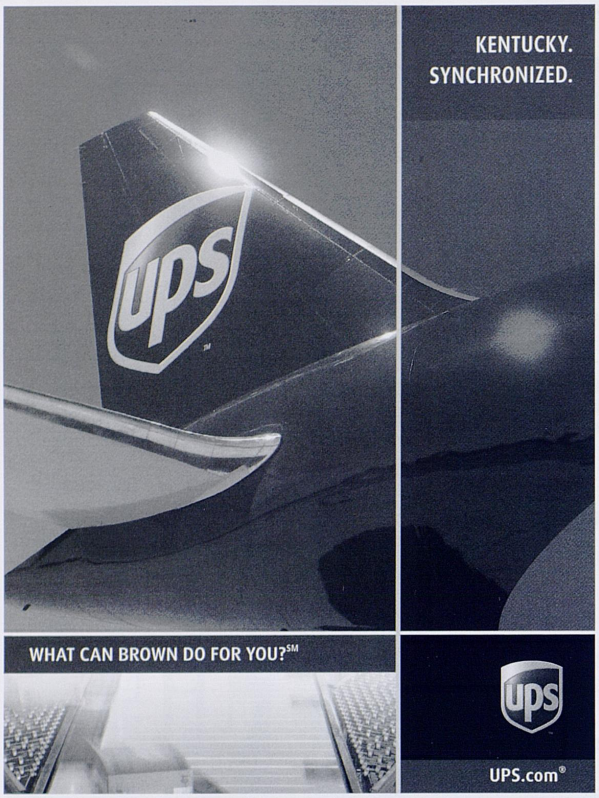


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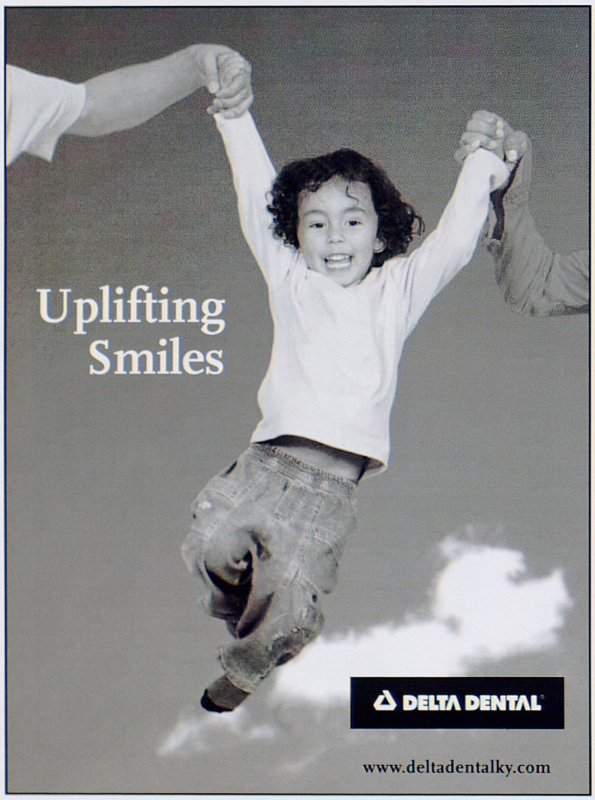
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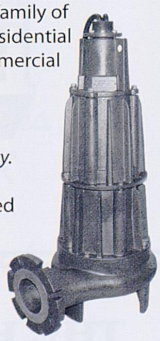
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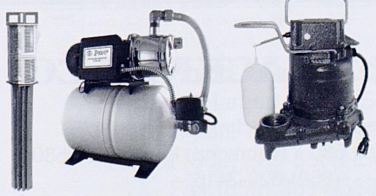
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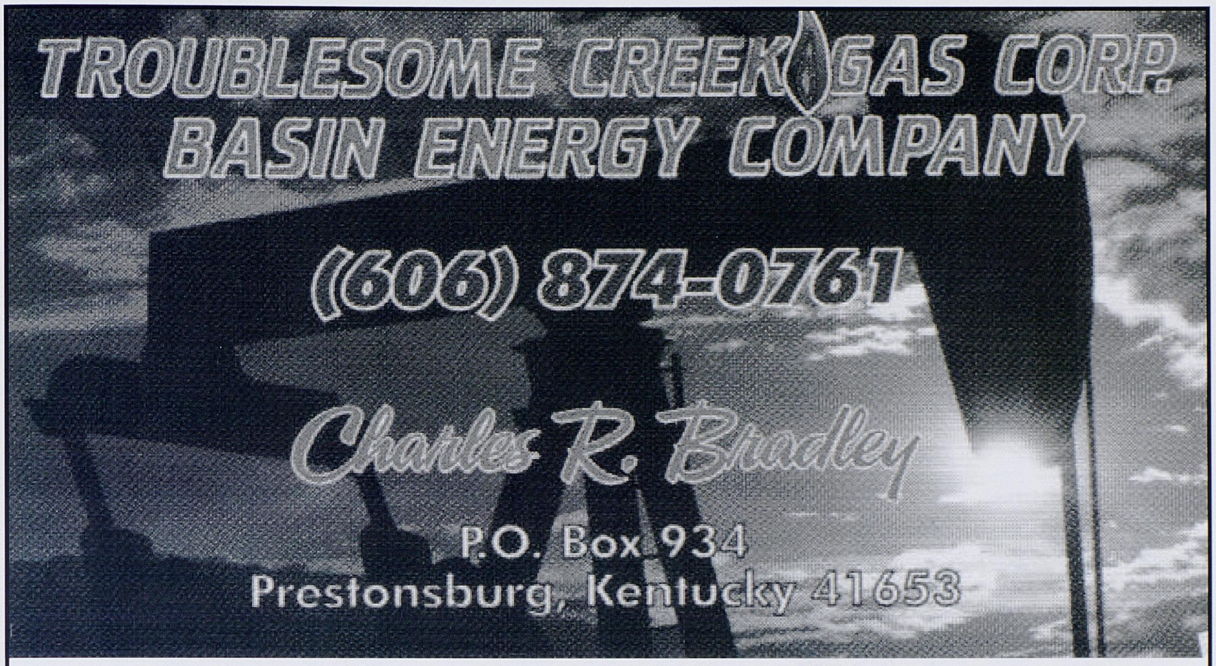
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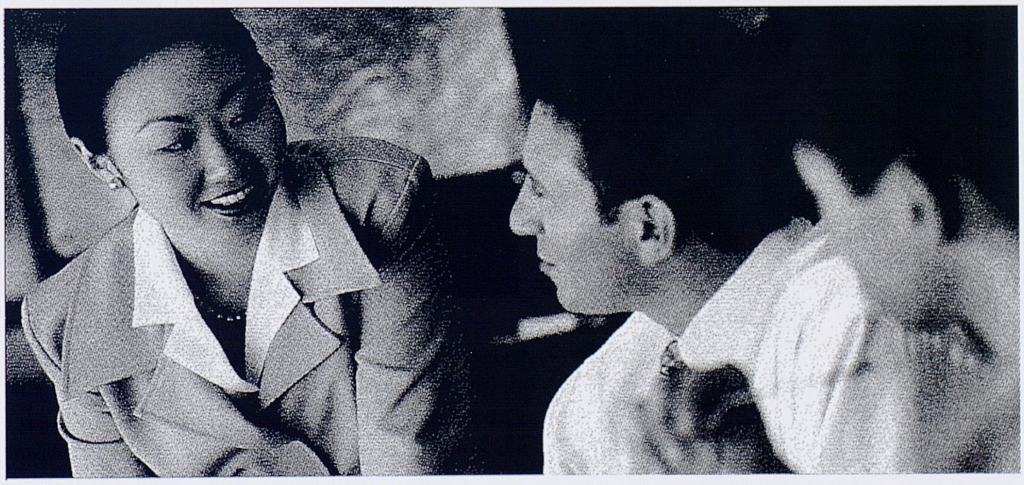
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